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New suite bylaw

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore hosted discussions regarding Land Use Amending Bylaw 24-14, being the bylaw about garden and garage suites, during the July 3 regular meeting of council.

Administration has recommended that council proceed with second and third readings of the bylaw, as it will provide support for more, as well as different types of housing to meet local residency needs.

A garden suite refers to an accessory building on a parcel of land that is to be utilized as a separate accommodation, secondary to the principal building, and may be a stand-alone unit.

In order for construction or development of an accessory dwelling to be potentially approved on a given plot, the plot must be more than 400 square meters in area, have a site width of more than 10 meters, a building permit must be acquired; the suite must be located in the rear yard, and it must not exceed the height of the principal building on the same lot.

Any garden suite must also be separated from the principal building by a minimum of five meters, and must be at least 1.5 meters from any other building on the same lot, as well as provide a minimum of one additional parking stall on the property.

A garage suite is defined as a secondary dwelling often constructed as an extension to, or as a separate structure adjacent to or above a garage.

Similar land size requirements apply to the potential development of garage suites, and internal pathways within the property must facilitate barrier-free access to the dwelling.

Currently in Strathmore, there are noted to be approximately 1,300 eligible properties which may host development of a garden or garage suite.

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Inflatable fun!

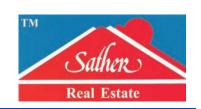
The Town of Strathmore hosted indoor inflatable fun at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre on July 5. The event featured two sessions, one for kids aged 6-14 and another for 14+. See Page 5 for more coverage.

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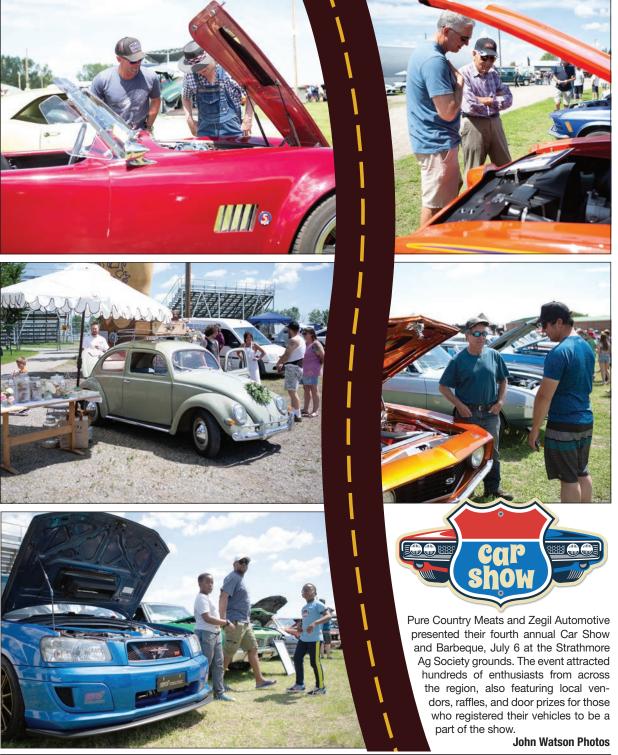


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Town updates support for new Wheatland Lodge

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Town of Strathmore council has authorized the mayor to sign a letter of support to the Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) regarding the ongoing new Wheatland Lodge project.

The letter of support was discussed in council during the July 3 regular meeting. Voting to authorize the signing of the letter resulted in passing 5-2 in favour, with Coun. Jason Montgomery and Coun. Brent Wiley in opposition.

Support for the ongoing Wheatland Lodge project by the Town of Strathmore has been indicated in the past, with the land on which the building will be located having been donated, as well as a previous letter of support having been written.

The town has also made prior financial commitments to the WHMB, for which they will contribute to the building.

Indicated in council's public meeting agenda, it was recommended that council rescind Resolution No. 085.04.23 and amend Resolution No. 071.04.24 to delete 'AND THAT the design work payment is contingent on all Wheatland Housing Management Body funding partners also authorizing payment for their proportionate share of the design work.'

"Recently, the Wheatland Housing (Management Body) has requested a new letter of support from the town, so in response to that and in response to ongoing development of the project, the report is to address that letter of support," said Town of Strathmore CAO, Kevin Scoble. "It is formalizing some of the commitments council has made in the past and it is also reflecting evolution

of the project."

Scoble added Town of Strathmore council has consistently shown commitment to the development of the new Wheatland Lodge, including the donation of the subject lands east of Kinsmen Park, valued at approximately \$1.4 million.

A capital cash requisition from the town has also seen support up to, but not exceeding \$566,625 for the project, accepting for any fluctuation in the market evaluation of the property. Independent of this are a cost sharing formula contribution, a Phase 2 remedial site assessment, and the preparation of a remedial action plan for \$59,950 also completed in advance of construction.

Real time cost estimates of the facility, including an 11 per cent contingency estimate, noted to be well within industry standard best practices, budgets the total cost at approximately \$6 million.

Concerns were raised in council regarding the elimination of a contingency written into the previous letter of support which saw Strathmore's support of the project financially be contingent upon it also receiving support from other surrounding and participating municipalities.

It was clarified that Strathmore is among the last outstanding municipalities to indicate their updated support for the project.

The full debate regarding the letter is available for public viewing via the town public meeting minutes from the July 3 meeting posted to their YouTube channel.

Background information surrounding the project and a summary of the Town's support is also available to the public via their meeting agenda, through the Town's website.

Town passes new fire services bylaw

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council hosted discussions regarding its local fire services bylaw during the July 3 regular meeting of council.

"The fire services bylaw has not been reviewed since 2018; a major rewrite was necessary to update the fire protection emergency response for the community. It also provides guidelines for fire prevention and outlines the responsibilities of individuals and property owners for fire safety," said David Sturgeon, Strathmore fire chief. "The fire services bylaw establishes authority and responsibilities for the Strathmore Fire Department, defines roles and powers of the chief and department members, and empowers the fire chief to establish rules and regulations for operations of the department with council approval."

Sturgeon explained the proposed changes would bring the fire services bylaw in line with current practices and operations at the fire depart-

Detailed in the drafted bylaw, there were no direct financial implications to the town, though proposed changes included penalties associated with fire related offences, which was not included in the previous bylaw.

"The updated fire services bylaw describes and enforces specific elements related to open burning, fireworks, fire bans, and fire restrictions. It also discusses the enforcement of environmental

protection regulations, as it restricts the burning of prohibited debris, and making permits necessary." said Sturgeon. "Fire services bylaw 1802 was approved by council in 2018. As part of the current practice of reviewing policies and bylaws, administration has identified this bylaw as it is no longer aligned with our current practices.'

In the report submitted to council, it was detailed that the bylaw is designed to ensure the safety of residents in Strathmore, and protect properties from fires and other emergencies.

Additionally, the bylaw governs the use of alarm systems, permits for open burning and fireworks, and the enforcement of fire protection measures.

A draft of the bylaw 24-10 was presented to Town of Strathmore council during the June 12 Committee of the Whole meeting.

The draft of the bylaw was also included in council's publicly available meeting agenda for the July 3 meeting.

Both administration and fire services recommended that council approve all three readings of the bylaw during the July 3 regular meeting.

"Altogether, the new fire services bylaw addresses any inconsistencies in the existing bylaw by adding clarity and enforceability, it addresses emerging fire safety concerns and ensures bylaw continues to meet the needs of the community,"

Council passed all three readings for the new fire services bylaw following Sturgeon's presen-

County passes first reading on new electoral boundaries

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County discussed and passed first reading of the new proposed electoral boundaries bylaw during the July 2, regular meeting of

Periodic review of the county's electoral boundaries is conducted in order to ensure the populations within each division is relatively similar.

Due to population changes within the county-'s borders being inconsistent between divisions, electoral boundaries may be redrawn in order to maintain relatively equal distribution.

"Administration initiated review of the electoral boundaries at the Feb. 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. At the Mar. 28 Committee of the Whole meeting, the committee directed administration to proceed with the process of amending the electoral boundaries bylaw," said Jessica Russel, who presented to county council on behalf of planning and development services. "At the May 7 regular meeting (of council), council accepted the terms of reference for the project, which outlines a process for the electoral boundaries review, including public consultation, advertising, and implementation."

According to administration, public consultation is required in order to inform the public regarding electoral division boundaries amendments, and to facilitate understanding of the bylaw.

Public consultation is not a legislated requirement of a bylaw to amend electoral boundaries; however, is included in the terms of reference

in order to ensure adequate communication and transparency with county residents.

Following acceptance of the terms of reference, the electoral boundaries bylaw and associated maps were drafted and uploaded to the county

Notice of the proposed bylaw was circulated to county residents by mail, and three open houses were held to provide opportunities for public consultation through in-person information ses-

No members of the public spoke during the July 2 regular meeting of council in support or in opposition of the new drafted boundaries.

During discussion regarding the proposed new electoral boundaries, Coun. Shannon Laprise suggested making a final adjustment to Division 2, being Reeve Amber Link's division, such that one of its boundaries would be in line with the border of the Town of Strathmore on the north side, as opposed to cutting through it.

According to the Municipal Government Act, there is a required 60-day petition window that will have to expire before council is allowed to vote on second reading of the electoral boundaries bylaw.

Council was able to pass first reading of the bylaw and directed administration to return to council with an updated draft to reflect Laprise's suggestion.

More information regarding the county's proposed new electoral boundaries is available on their website.

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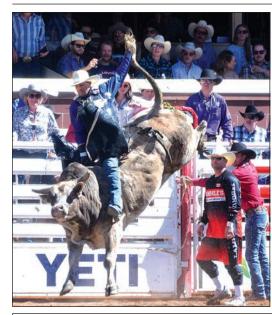
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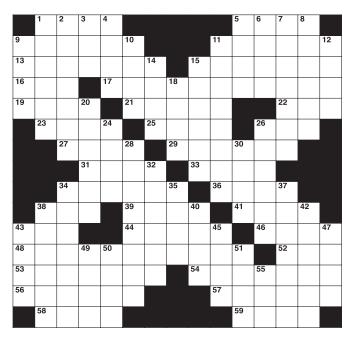
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Tough cowboy

Edgar Durazo of Speargrass oh-so-close to finishing his bull ride on Day 3 at the Calgary Stampede on July 9. Despite being thrown off in two of his three qualifying Durazo pocketed \$2,200 for his 78.5 ride on Day 1 of the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth.

> **Mario Prusina Photo**



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Six (Spanish)
- 5. Invests in little enterprises
- 9. Large dung beetle
- 11. Gored
- 13. Partially paralyzed 15. Still a little wet
- 16. Legal field media company
- 17. Not working
- 19. 500 sheets of paper
- 21. Church structure
- 22. Sheep disease 23. Small drink of whiskey
- 25. Weaving tradition
- 26. Pestilence 27. Body part
- 29. Nabs
- 31. Places to stay

- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Looked for 36. Arranges
- 38. Political action committee
- 39. Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)
- 41. Hair-like structure 43. Parts producer
- 44. Greek city
- 46. Subway dwellers
- 48. Norm from "Cheers"
- 52. Clean a floor
- 53. Vied for
- 54. Canned fish 56. Inspire with love
- 57. Sent down moisture
- 58. Wrest
- 59. Partner to carrots

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mounted
- 2. Assign
- 3. Wrath
- 4. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 5. Parts of an organism
- 6. Person from England
- 7. Tropical plants of the pea family
- 8. Body part 9. Practice boxing
- 10. Containers
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. Bleached 14. Pre-Islamic Egyptian
- 15. A group of similar things ordered one after another
- 18. Innermost spinal cord membranes
- 20. Cassava

- 24. A restaurant's list of offerings
- 26. Annoy constantly 28. Orchestrate
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. Astute
- 34. Highly decorated tea urn
- 35. Teach to behave
- 37. Endurance
- 38. Urinating
- 40. Barbie friend dolls 42. Repents
- 43. Man-eating giant
- 45. Jewish calendar month
- 47. Accelerated 49. Husband of Sita in Hindu
- 50. Lump of semiliquid substance
- 51. Lying in wait
- 55. Cease to exist





Golden win

The Strathmore Venom U15 B lacrosse team claimed the gold medal at the Canada Day Tournament, hosted by the Calgary District Lacrosse Association (the CDLA). The Venom defeated the Denver Elite 7-4 on July 1 to claim the championship. Just a few days later, the Venom punched their ticket to the Provincial Championship when they defeated the Calgary Axemen 6-4 on July 4 in the City Championship. The U15B provincials will take place in **Photos Courtesy of Kurtis Bressler**

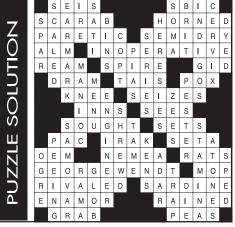


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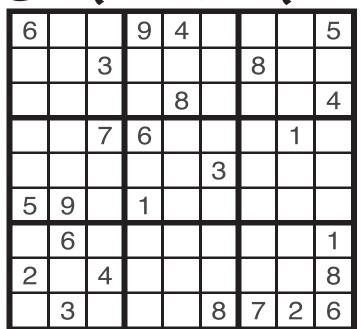
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Langdon Days expands children's activities

FERNANDO MORENO-PRADO

Times Contributor

The Langdon Days 2024 is expected to proceed as planned during the upcoming weekend of July 19-21 as part of a collaboration between the Langdon Community Association (LCA) and the Langdon Softball Association (LSA).

Visitors from all over the province are expected to attend including from Strathmore and Rocky View County.

"Many people have their friends and family stay for the weekend," says Nicole Porquet-Seitz, LCA chair.

The revenue generated from the event will be put towards maintaining recreation facilities in Langdon such as tennis, basketball courts and the outdoor rink, explains Langdon Porquet-Seitz.

"It's our major fundraiser for the year," she says. "It's a festival that we've had around for many, many years that we get thousands of people come out from the community, get together and enjoy time together."

The main day will be Saturday, July 20 with a free pancake breakfast in the morning, followed by a parade. The fire hall will hold a free barbeque lunch and showcase

their tools and equipment. Then in the afternoon the Children's Festival will take place with free food, games, horse wagon rides and a new petting zoo. LSA will host a cabaret in the evening.

Rounds of Bingo will be held on Friday for ages 12 and over and a car show on Sunday.

The LSA will be holding a baseball tournament all weekend.

Visitors can expect to find vendors including some local businesses that specialize in jewelry, soaps and food products.

This year the children's festival has been expanded by using up the whole park.

We're hoping to see more families and try to bring in events that are for kids of all ages," says Porquet-Seitz. She points out that there will be bouncy kids for kids of different ages.

Street parking will be available around the park as the main parking lot will be closed.

Further details and schedules can be found online (goodlucktown.ca/ langdon-days).

"People can look there and plan their day," says Porquet-Seitz.

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Town passes garden, garage suite bylaw

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Coun. Debbie Mitzner requested of administration that a clarification be made regarding the number of potential additional dwellings that may be added to a property, provided that the subject parcel be large enough to support the additional structures.

Concerns from residents in attendance at the meeting included potential crime, hazard and parking increases due to an increased population, garbage pickup, and a lack of local advertising regarding the bylaw.

Strathmore's currently existing land use bylaw regulates existing garden suites, though it is not currently possible to apply for a new garden or garage suite development permit in town without first acquiring a site-specific land use bylaw amendment.

Both second and third readings of the bylaw 24-14 were held and passed by council during the regular meeting, following the public hearing.



Hello, Summer!



Park re-opened after Strathmore went from Stage 4 to Stage 3 Restric-Water tions over the weekend. It was perfect timing as temperatures will soar to the mid-30's this week.

> Joe Lepage **Photos**





Time to bounce

Strathmore hosted inflatable fun for residents to enjoy on July 5 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre.

Joe Lepage Photos





When children become constipated (fewer than 3 bowel movements per week), parents worry. but often, it's not serious. Try giving extra fluids, increase the amount of fibre the child eats (more apples, cereals with extra fibre, etc) and help them become more active. Works for adults, too!

Do you like to nap during the day? New research says this could be a good thing. A 15-20 minute nap is a good but certainly no longer than 30 minutes. New research show that it can improve alertness and performance as well as helping to reduce irritability, stress and fatigue.

It seems that there are more and more articles discussing the perils of a meat-based diet. This is especially important in men with erectile dysfunction (ED). ED is an early warning sign of heart problems. Recent studies on the positive effects on those who follow a more plant-based diet showed they had a lower risk for fatal prostate cancer and were less likely to have ED. They also found that men with ED (but without prostate cancer) who ate a more plant-based diet, were less likely to have ED.

This doesn't mean you have to cut out meat altogether. Start slowly. For example have Meatless Mondays and work up from there. You'll find it easier to try new plant-based foods than cutting meat out entirely. It's never too late to make a change in your diet. And eating less meat could be an amazing tool to help with erectile dysfunction.

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CGC hosts fundraiser for Trellis Society

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The CGC hosted its third annual "Cowboy Corral," a Calgary Stampede event on July 10, celebrating their investment and manufacturing presence in Western Canada.

As part of the celebration, attendees of the event were presented with an opportunity to participate in a silent auction benefitting the Trellis Society in Wheatland County.

'We are very focused on engaging with the community and this is a great way to bring community together. It celebrates our investment in Western Canada and in the Wheatland facility that we are building, but it also helps us engage our customers, our people, different levels of government that have helped the project come together, as well as other community members," said Sid Tetz, vice president of sales and marketing for CGC. "It is just a great opportunity for us to keep the momentum going on the project, but also engage a wide variety of folks in our community event that people are very familiar with, not just in Western Canada, but also globally when you consider the Stampede and its reach. Leveraging that is a great opportunity as a community builder

Trellis Society to benefit from the silent auction of its Cow-

Tetz explained they were chosen because of their broad reach, as well as their contributions within the local Wheatland County community.

The Trellis Society offers parent and caregiver support, as well as early childhood, youth, and family programs both within Wheatland County, and across Alberta.

"We are just happy to partner with them. They certainly were appreciative last year and we felt that the funds went to good use, and they can go a long distance in terms of community support," said Tetz. "Our customers and people really felt that they enjoyed that aspect of the event because then it was a little bit more than just a mixer, which these things generally tend to be where you have an opportunity to spend time with different folks in the community."

Tetz added CGC anticipated a turnout between 80 and beyond 100 people, with representatives from multiple levels of governments, customers, employees, and community members in attendance.

Though no pressure is meant to be added to attendees, CGC is aiming to breach \$25,000 in support for Trellis through its silent auction again this year, similar to last year's result.

CGC is aiming to continue hosting their Cowboy Corral as This is the second year running that CGC has selected the an annual event in Calgary roughly around the time of the Stampede.

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Prairie Thousand fundraiser to pass through Strathmore

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Sgt. Rob Nederlof, a mechanic with the Canadian Armed Forces, is cycling 1,100 kilometers from Edmonton to Regina to raise money for the Wounded Warriors PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Service Dog Program.

As part of his route, he is planning to pass through Strathmore Aug. 13-14 as he completes the Calgary to Brooks leg of his ride.

"Starting on Aug. 11, for the fourth year in a row, Rob is going to be cycling through what is a new route on the prairies for us. Every year, we try to do a different route and we have not done the Edmonton-to-Calgary road yet," said Marina Nederlof, Rob's wife. "What we are going to be doing is, giving awareness ... to let (people) know that Wounded Warriors Canada is a place for first responders, for veterans, and their families to get help with mental health injuries and issues."

She explained she and her husband often like and try to spread the word to smaller towns, as many first responders such as firefighters are volunteers who also deserve assistance for any trauma they may experience as a result of their work.

According to publicly available information, Wounded Warriors Canada has contributed over \$8 million for the training and pairing of PTSD service dogs to benefit veterans and first responders since 2012.

The average cost to train and pair a service dog is approximately \$15,000 and is a process which takes an average of two years to complete.

'Thanks to COVID-19, we were kind of going a little stir crazy in our house not being able to do anything, so in the summer of 2020, my husband was extremely bored, (so he suggested) going for a ride to a town 130 kilometers away," said Nederlof.

"Along the way, a person stopped and asked what we were raising money for, and we said we were just cycling ... as he was doing some more cycling, he (said) 'we can actually do something ... we can raise money.' Wounded Warriors Canada is the service that aligns best with how we want to help."

In 2021 during the first Prairie Thousand ride, Rob Nederlof rode from Wawanesa to Lethbridge, with a goal to raise \$5,000. The following year, riding from Edmonton to Minnedosa, the goal was \$7,000. Last year, riding from Saskatoon to Kenora, the goal was \$10,000.

To date, the team has reported they have raised \$91,243.42, and are aiming through this year's ride to breach the \$100,000 mark.

'We are remaining conservative, we do not ever put expectations ... we are extremely grateful for the incredible support we have had - the prairie provinces are amazing when it comes to their generosity and supporting people." said Nederlof.

For those who are interested in getting in touch, getting involved, or supporting the initiative, more information, as well as a donation link are available online (www.prairiethousand.com).



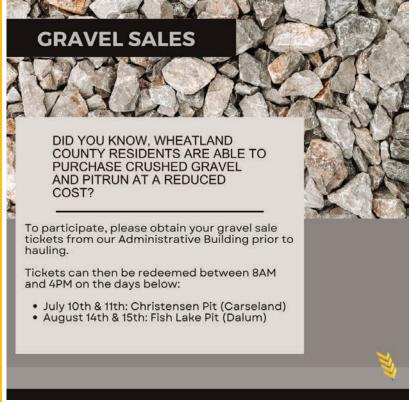
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Raising funds

The Sacred Heart Church hosted their seventh annual golf tournament fundraiser at the Strathmore Golf Course on July 6. All proceeds from the tournament went back into supporting the new Sacred Heart Church, which saw its doors open to the public in June.

John Watson Photos









Thunder strikes bronze

The Strathmore Thunder captured a bronze medal at the U19D Softball Alberta Provincial Championship on June 5-7. The Thunder, who hosted the top teams in the province, won first in their pool before losing in the semifinals. However, the team rebounded to earn a well-deserved bronze medal.

Joe Lepage Photos

RCMP reminds residents of the 9 p.m. Routine

ALBERTA RCMP

Alberta summers mean late nights with the sun shining bright, however, it's still important to remember a nightly routine. On average, property crime tends to rise during the summer months. In July 2023, in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions, there were 2,798 reports of Theft Under \$5,000.

Property crimes are often crimes of opportunity, and maintaining a nightly routine can help deter thefts. The "9 p.m. Routine" is a movement followed by police services around the world, encouraging people to follow a nightly checklist to ensure their property is secured.

- A 9 p.m. Routine checklist consists
- Locking your doors at night (yes, even if you live in a small town).
- Locking your garage or shed.
- Ensuring all yard tools and recreational equipment is safely stored, preferably in a locked garage or shed.
- Removing all keys from vehicles and locking the doors; securely store any off-highway vehicles.

- Consider installing a home alarm; if you already have one, set your alarm before going to sleep.
- Use motion sensor lights on the exterior of your property.

If you have a seasonal property or trailer, there are still 9 p.m. Routine tasks you can follow, such as:

- Using motion sensor lights on your property, especially at the entryways or near your shed or garage.
- Use a hitch lock and ensure it is properly secured.
- Remove the battery from your trailer when you leave for an extended period.
- Ensure all tools and recreational items are securely stored once you are done with them.
- Ensure your vehicle is locked and the keys and garage door opener are removed.
- Ensure your garage or shed is locked each night.

For more tips and crime prevention information, follow #9PMRoutine and our social media accounts on X (@RCMPAlberta) and Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta).







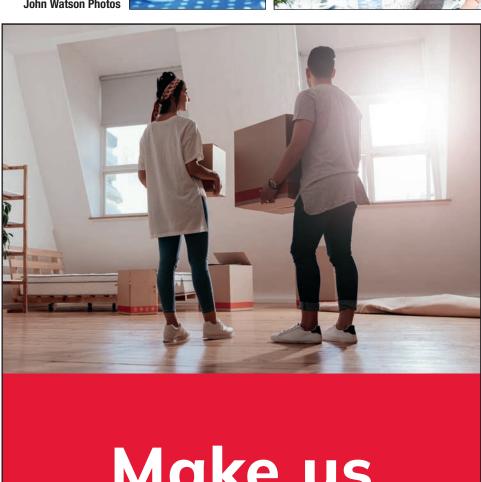
Tea time

Strathmore Family and Community Support Services hosted an English culture experience in Kinsmen Park on July 6. The activity featured an afternoon tea experience, with information and history about the custom being provided to those who were in attendance.









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Scouts Canada launches 'camptastic' helpline

SCOUTS CANADA

Scouts Canada, the country's leading co-ed youth organization, is 'going to the phones' to help camping-clueless Canadians navigate common camping

Starting June 8, expert advice on top camping conundrums will be available for free, 24/7, when calling Scouts Canada's 'Camptastic' Helpline at 1-844-SCOUT101 or 1-844-SCOUT10 (dropping the second 1) for Bell Canada users.

WHY A CALL-IN PHONE LINE?

While Scouts Canada is all about 'being prepared' and planning ahead to anticipate challenges, this call-in line is designed for campers who are caught in a pinch, already at campsites and struggling with common camping con-

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I CALL IN?

Confused Canadian campers will be able to call in, use simple number selections, and be directed to pre-recorded solutions from real Scouts and volunteer Scouters to get advice for real-time campsite concerns, like wildlife encounters or 'how do I go to the bathroom outdoors.'

HOW ELSE CAN SCOUTS HELP ME?

In addition to the 1-844-SCOUT101 helpline, Canadians who have internet access on-site or while preparing for their trip, who may be less confident with their camping skills, can access helpful resources, guides and videos https://www.scouts.ca/CamptasticHelpline. They will find helpful tips and guides like: The BEARmuda Triangle (how to avoid attracting unwanted wildlife), BUG OFF! (how to avoid getting eaten alive), and Don't be a crappy camper (your outdoor options for bathroom breaks).

"The great Canadian outdoors are calling this summer camping season, but that doesn't mean that everyone is 100 per cent ready to take the call," said Kaelem Moniz, a vouth volunteer of eight years with Scouts Canada. "The Camptastic Helpline is all about giving Canadians 24/7 camping confidence on call to get out in the wild with wonder, not worry.

In preparation for the 2024 camping season, Scouts Canada also surveyed 1,000 random Canadians on their current command of camping. Here are the key results from the survey:

1) 'Number 2' with a view?

The Majority of Canadians (82.5 per cent), are ok going to the bathroom outdoors; 43.3 per cent say 'it's part of the experience and 39.2 per cent say 'they don't like it but when nature calls ...' A further 10.8 per cent say 'they can do outhouses - but draw the line at that.' Only 6.4 per cent call it a 'dealbreaker.'

2) Cool with a cathole?

Nearly half of Canadians (47.7 per cent) say that they would use a cat hole (dig a hole to use the washroom outdoors) but a combined 40.8 per cent would not and say they would 'basically do anything to avoid using a cat hole'

(11.6 per cent). 10.6 per cent would give up coffee for two days, 8.9 per cent would use leaves instead of toilet paper; 7.4 per cent would give up Netflix for two weeks, 6.3 per cent would not use their phone for two days. 3.6 per cent would sleep outside in the woods and 3 per cent would 'pet a wild squirrel' if they didn't have to use a cat hole.

3) BEAR basics:

We asked what they would do if they encountered a black bear in the woods, 31.3 per cent of Canadians said they would 'Act Loud and Weird (a reasonable strategy), and 2.5 per cent would 'intimidate with eye contact.' However, a combined 54.2 per cent would do the wrong thing such as 30 per cent would (incorrectly) 'play dead,' 21.5 per cent would 'run' (bad idea - you should slowly back away and maintain eye contact), 1.5 per cent would 'attack first' (also not recommended). Interestingly, .6 per cent would 'pretend to be a harmless baby cub,' and .6 per cent would sing 'The Bear Necessities.'

4) 'BASIC' in the bush?

Asked which provinces people they thought were 'basic in the bush,' Canadians cited Ontario (36.7 per cent) followed by B.C. (16.70 per cent), Alberta (15 per cent) and Quebec (12.1 per cent). The least basic provinces were cited as New Brunswick (3.4 per cent), PEI (3.5 per cent), Newfoundland (3.7 per cent) and Nova Scotia (4.2 per

5) Canadians are (sorta) confident in camping skills:

Asked how they would rate their personal camping competency, 45.7 per cent of Canadians said 'good,' and 27.4 per cent said 'passible - I can glamp.' 12.8 per cent said 'Meh' at best, 10.1 per cent said excellent and 4 per cent said 'dangerous - I am my own worst camping enemy.'

6) 'Tents' situation:

Asked how long it would take them to set up a tent, 28.4 per cent of Canadians confidently said '10 minutes.' 24.3 per cent said 15 minutes, 14.2 per cent said 20 minutes, 14.2 per cent also said 30 minutes. 13.5 per cent admitted it would take 45+ minutes and 5.4 per cent said they have no idea.

7) Camping coordinates:

Asked where they would most like to camp this summer 38.2 per cent said Ontario, followed by BC (19.2 per cent), Alberta 13.9 per cent and Quebec 11.3 per cent. A combined 14.3 per cent would like to camp in Atlantic Canada and 2.7 per cent in Manitoba.

8) Battle of the Ryan's:

Asked who they'd most like to hang around a campfire with, Canadians ranked Ryan Gosling No. 1, followed by Les Stroud No. 2, Margaret Atwood No. 3, Keanu Reeves No. 4 and Ryan Reynolds a distant No. 5.

9) The Politics of Camping

Asked which politician Canadians think would be 'most likely to keep them alive and well in the wilderness,' Canadians said Pierre Poilievre (32.1 per cent) followed by Justin Trudeau (23.4 per cent), Jagmeet Singh (19.4 per cent), Elizabeth May (17.3 per cent) and Yves-Francois Blanchet (7.8 per cent).

Strong Alberta

CHANTELLE DE JONGE Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

A strong Calgary Stampede is a sign of a strong Alberta, and early numbers suggest this year's Stampede could be the biggest and the best ever.

Over the first couple days, the Stampede saw 340,000 visitors – nearly an all-time attendance record. These booming numbers show that not only is the Stampede strong and dynamic, but so is our economy.

Whether the Stampede sets a new attendance record or not, the success of this year's celebration is great news for all Albertans. The Stampede has an average annual economic impact of approximately \$540 million to Alberta's economy. And Stampede activities create thousands of good-paying jobs for Albertans and support businesses and industries across the province. The importance of the Stampede, not just for Albertans' morale but for the economy, is tremen-

The Stampede is a celebration of Alberta's western history, culture, and traditions. Our Government MLAs were out in full force this year, attending Stampede barbecues, breakfasts, rodeos, and community events. The strength of this year's Stampede is a testament to the strength of Alberta's

Protect yourself from heat and sun

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES

Albertans are encouraged to take some simple precautions so they can safely enjoy activities when it's hot and sunny this summer.

Many factors can cause heat stress, such as UV radiation, temperature and humidity. Make sure to check on loved ones, especially those who may be socially isolated or live in housing without air conditioning, to see how they are coping. Older adults, infants, pregnant women and people with underlying health conditions are at greatest risk from extreme heat.

Heat stroke is a life-threatening medical emergency, which requires medical attention as soon as possible. Symptoms of heat stroke include confusion, severe restlessness or anxiety, nausea and vomiting, fast heart rate, lack of sweat, dizziness, fainting, or unconsciousness.

For emergencies, visit your nearest local emergency department or call 911.

Here are a few ways to avoid the heat this summer:

Keep cool at home:

- · Close your blinds or curtains and use awnings and shutters.
- Do activities early or later in the day when it is cooler.
- Use air conditioning if possible. If you don't have air conditioning, go into the basement or visit a cool location, such as a shopping centre or library.
- Take frequent cool showers or baths and apply a cold towel to your neck.

Keep cool when outdoors:

- Plan a place to take breaks in the shade to cool off.
- · Drink lots of water and other non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages to stay hydrated.
 - Avoid strenuous activities if possible.

Protect your skin from the sun:

- Wear a broad-rimmed hat, long-sleeved shirts and pants that cover skin with UV-protective-labelled clothing.
- Be aware certain medications increase the health risks from extreme heat exposure. Find out if your medication causes you to be more sensitive to sunlight or heat stress.
- Choose a water-resistant sunscreen that has a broad-spectrum sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Apply sunscreen generously 20 minutes before going outside and reapply frequently and especially after swimming, strenuous exercise or toweling off.

Pay attention to your pets:

- Make sure they have fresh water and keep them out of the heat as much as possible.
 - Never leave a pet unattended in a vehicle.
- Brush your pets coat to promote air circulation. Do not shave them as their fur protects them from the sun.
 - Use a spray bottle to give pets a cool misting.
- Walk pets on the grass if possible and take walks during cooler times of the day.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services to more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

economy, which is drawing in families and businesses from across the country who want to participate in our freedom and prosperity. Our team is laser-focused on continuing to grow and diversify Alberta's economy, to ensure Alberta remains the best place in the world to live, work, and play for generations to come.

Alberta is back and the success of the 2024 Stampede is sure to translate to communities across the province, as they prepare to host their own summer and fall events, such as the upcoming Strathmore Stampede on the first weekend of August.

Until then, we look forward to the Stampede finishing strong and hopefully setting a new attendance record. More than anything, however, we urge everyone attending Stampede to be safe as they enjoy all the fun Stampede has to offer. We also thank the more than 2,500 passionate volunteers who support the Stampede year-round. Volunteers are the lifeblood of these kinds of events, and without them, events like the Stampede would not be possible.

We are all so lucky to call ourselves Albertan, and the Stampede is a reminder of all that makes our province great and all that binds us as a people.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions at Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.

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

Mother Goose

Ten-month-old Hailey Denny enjoyed the sunshine during the Mother Goose in the Park on July 9 at Kinsmen Park. The event, hosted by the Strathmore Municipal Library, Trellis Commons and 5 for Life, is a program for children six and under to enjoy songs, stories and crafts. The program runs Tuesday every from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. until Aug. 13.













Stampede parade

Siksika Nation (top), the Many Gun Ranch & Adventures (left) and Ellen Van Noordenburg (right), Miss Strathmore Stampede, took part in the 2024 Calgary Stampede Parade on July 5. **Mario Prusina Photos**

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<u>Obituary</u>



LAUSEN, Josephine Marguerite Oct. 30, 1935 - July 8, 2024

Josephine Marguerite Lausen (Jo) of Strathmore, Alberta passed away on July 8, 2024, at the age of 88.

Jo was a remarkable woman who found joy in gardening and cooking. She especially loved baking chocolate chip cookies for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In addition to her culinary skills, Jo had a passion for writing poetry, often composing heartfelt verses about her family.

Jo's dedication to farming was evident throughout her life. She and her husband Len worked side by side, cultivating the land for 63 years. Their commitment to agriculture extended beyond their own farm, as they hosted trainees through the International Agriculture Exchange program, welcoming them into their home as part of their own family.

Community involvement was important to Jo. She held various volunteer positions, with the Wheatland Whirlers square dancers and Rural Crime Watch. The holiday season held a special place in Jo's heart, she loved hosting family Christmas dinners. Preparing feasts for 20-24 loved ones was fun for her, seeing the table filled with delicious food would bring a smile to Jo's face, and she would eagerly exclaim, "let's eat."

One of Jo's fondest memories was her trip to Denmark and Europe with Len. They cherished the experience and often reminisced about the treasures they brought back.

Jo is survived by her son, Lorne (Deb), grandsons Chad (Melanie) and Curtis (Natasha), and great-grandchildren Cade, Josh, Amy, Luke, and Isabel. She is also survived by her sister Gwen Lausen (Robert), Brother and Sister in law Maynard and Emilie Lausen and numerous nieces and nephews. Jo was predeceased by her loving husband of 68 years, Len Lausen, her brother Dick Stollery, sister Dorothy Kermack, brother-in-law Ron Kermack, and her parents Frank and E. Grace Stollery.

Jo was a dedicated farmwife and best friend to her husband Len. She will be remembered for her love for the farm and her family.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Allison Clarke and her staff for the exceptional care provided to Jo and Len throughout the years. Thanks also to the staff and physicians at the Strathmore Hospital for their care and support during Jo's stays, and to the friendly registration staff, who always greeted us with a smile. Special thanks to Strathmore Homecare and Bayshore Health for treating Jo and Len like family and assisting them in their desire to remain on the farm.

"When I die vou need not weep, For with the lord my soul will keep, My life on earth has been the best, But now it's time to take a rest, Chad and Curtis the light of my life. My husband, our son and his wife, My ashes you can put somewhere, To be buried with Len, that's all I care. Our goodnight kiss will have to wait, Until we meet at a later date. by Jo Lausen

In honor of Jo's memory, the family kindly requests that any donations be made to a charity of your choice. A private family service will be held for Jo and Len at a later date.

> God saw you getting tired, And a cure was not to be So He put his arms around vou And He whispered "Come to Me" With tearful eyes we watched you And saw you pass away. And though we loved you dearly. We could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, Hard-working hands at rest, And although our hearts were broken We know God knows best.

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Obituary



MEDGYESI, Edna Mae October 19, 1934 - July 4, 2024

Edna Mae Thibeault was born on a small farm near Big River Saskatchewan on October 19, 1934, to Mike and Ella Thibeault.

Edna left the farm when she turned 14 and went forward like a force of nature. She boarded with a family in Big River and worked at the Red and White store and moved to Kamloops in 1954 with a friend. There she worked in the kitchen at the Royal Inland Hospital. In 1954 Edna moved to Calgary. There, in 1955, she met the love of her life Stephen Medgyesi, and they married on July 16, 1956.

Edna began married life as a homemaker and children soon followed, Mark in 1958, Micheal in 1959, Wanda in 1962 and Corey in 1969. She was a loving mom to the end.

From 1972, Edna ran a home daycare. Over 25 years she became beloved "Aunty" Edna to 35 children. Many started as young as six months old and stayed until they were 12. Many remained in touch with her over the last years.

If all of that was not busy enough, Edna loved to volunteer. She recruited and coordinated volunteer fundraising canvassers for the Heart and Stroke Foundation in her neighbourhood for many years. She was a member of her parish Catholic Women's League. Edna was also a dedicated member of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE), becoming President of George Kirby and then Calgary Municipal and Alberta Provincial Chapters.

When Edna and Steve moved to Strathmore in 1999, Edna volunteered at the Wheatland County Food Bank and joined the Ladies Auxiliary of the local Royal Canadian Legion. She continued to do phone call duty into her late 80s.

There was no job that Edna didn't do within an inch of its life. There was no child that couldn't be loved - her own always and forever, and the ones who came to her as Aunty Edna. She was a writer and a poet. In later years the telephone was her lifeline – she stayed in close touch with brothers, sisters and people who were her friends for decades. Up to the very end, Edna loved a good conversation, a good laugh and a good game of crib or dominos. We miss her.

Edna is predeceased by husband Stephen and son Michael, her mother, father and 9 siblings. She is survived by her eldest son Mark (Lynette) and his children Sara. Andrew and Nicholas (Kylee); daughter Wanda (Wes) and her children Michael (Tori and great grand daughter Everly) and Tyler; and son Corey (Anita) and his children Helena and Oliver.

She was a beautiful woman, inside and out, who loved to make everyone smile

She had a long, wonderful life full of love and laughter. She will be dearly missed.

Edna was not fond of black so please be free to wear another colour of your choice...she loved blue. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Lung Health Foundation (https://lunghealth.ca/copd).

Edna's Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday July 11, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (221 4 Ave, Strathmore) at

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DE RYBER, Gerarda April 13, 1938 – July 1, 2024

Our loving mother and Oma, Gerarda de Ryber, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 1, 2024, at the age of 86 years.

She leaves behind the love of her life Frans de Ryber for over 65 years. Gerarda is survived by her children, Marianne (George), Pauline (Joe), and Juanita; as well as her grandchildren, Robert Payne, Jessica Payne, Christopher Payne, Nicole Payne, Robert (Nika) Hammel, Francesca Hanmel (Dallas), and Ellena Hammel (Bryson); and her great-grandchildren, Atlanta Payne, Scarlett Hammel, and Daniel Hammel.

Gerarda always stood ready to help her family, friends, church, or anyone needing it. She was active in the Roman Catholic Church with the Catholic Women's League, Prayer Tree, choir, and many other ministries.

Gerarda will be so missed here on earth, while she is being welcomed home in heaven

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Strathmore (221 - 4th Avenue, Strathmore, AB) on Friday, July 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Graveside Service to follow at St. Anne of the Prairies Catholic Cemetery in Trochu, AB. Family and friends will proceed to the Graveside Service after one hour.

For those who are unable to attend in person, a recording of the service will be posted. Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Gerarda's family at www.MHFH.com.

In living memory of Gerarda de Ryber, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes.



<u>Obituary</u>



HOSICK, Sandra 'Sandy' Gail

Ms. Sandra 'Sandy' Gail Hosick of Strathmore, Alberta passed away peacefully on Friday, June 28, 2024 at the age of 68 years. Born on June 29, 1955, in Taber, Alberta, Sandy was the beloved daughter of John and Annie Hosick. Sandy was born into a large family as the

fifteenth of sixteen children. She cherished memories of Sunday picnics in the park and spoke fondly of how her siblings cared for each other. Growing up in such a vibrant environment, Sandy developed a remarkable capacity to love and care for everyone she met. After moving to Calgary, Sandy pursued her passion for beauty and graduated from Beauty School as a talented stylist. Her family and friends often benefited from her expertise in perms, colors, and cuts. Sandy furthered her education at SAIT, earning her Journeyman Cook Certification. She began her career at the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary and she later transferred to the Strathmore Hospital. Over the years, she dedicated herself to serving her community while raising her daughters, instilling in them a strong work ethic and profound wisdom. Among Sandy's cherished memories was a European and Mediterranean cruise, which she counted among her favorite life experiences. Sandy had a deep love for travel and embraced every opportunity to explore new places with her loved ones. She enjoyed socializing, playing cards, and spending quality time with family and friends. Above all else, Sandy found her greatest joy in being a devoted grandmother. Her grandchildren were the recipients of her boundless love, unwavering encouragement, and infectious joy. Sandy's enduring legacy of faith, resilience, strength, love, and kindness will live on through her beloved family and cherished friends. Sandy will be lovingly remembered by her children, Lisa Lahey (Maurice) of Red Deer County and Tara Baldwin (Gord) of Strathmore; and her grandchildren, Charley, Oliver, Isla, and Niamh. She will also be sadly missed by her eight siblings, Annabelle, Sharon, Patricia, Caroline, Marilyn, Gordon, Brenda, and Deborah; and the loving relationships she had with Curtis Lien, Crystal Lien, Becky Allan (Orlando) and (Marina (Elijah), and Kristy) who held a special place in her heart; and her numerous cherished nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Sandy was predeceased by her parents, her four brothers, her three sisters and her cherished grandson Mitchel Benoit.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew

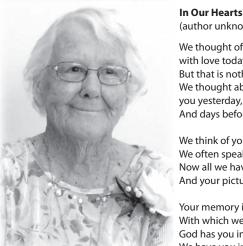
A Celebration of Sandy's Life will be held at the Strathmore Alliance Church, 325 – 1 Avenue, Strathmore, Alberta on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

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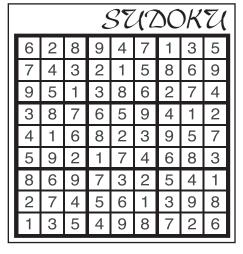
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Notice Date: July 3, 2024 Notice Date: July 10, 2024

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Upcoming Council Meetings

July 10, 2024 | 6 p.m. July 17, 2024 | 6 p.m. September 4, 2024 | 6 p.m.

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

Come Sav Hi

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



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