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Indigenous learning

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore passed a resolution advocating the Alberta Government to provide financial support and resources for municipalities wanting to develop opportunities for residents to learn from Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

This resolution was passed during the July 5 regular meeting of council, following discussion regarding amendments from the original document.

Originally approved by council on May 29, amendments to the resolution were added following discussions with Alberta Municipalities.

A draft of the amended resolution has also been sent to the Village of Rockyford for re-seconding of the motion.

Alberta Municipalities has indicated to the town they are happy with the amendments, though it was also noted during the discussion, representatives from Siksika Nation had not had an opportunity to review the amended resolution prior to the July 5 council meeting.

Coun. Melissa Langmaid expressed her belief in the importance of Siksika being able to review the document and provide their input.

“That would be very important to me that it is not just us and Rockyford that are approving this, but also that it aligns with what the Indigenous community sees and what is needed throughout our province,” she said.

Coun. Brent Wiley said though he supports the resolution and believes the provincial government providing funding opportunities for Indigenous elders to provide education is really important, he does not support the amendments to the resolution.

“Some of the preamble at the beginning and the background information is so general as to be historically inaccurate and I just cannot attach my name to it,” he said.

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Great ride!

Lynn McGonigle was one of the many barrel racers to take part in the Double S Barrel Series on July 10 at the Strathmore Ag Grounds. There are four more weekend events until the final on Sept. 10.

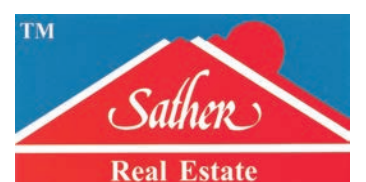
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Siksika Nation and the Government of Alberta signed a memorandum of understanding, July 6, regarding the construction of a new addiction treatment facility on Siksika land. The \$30 million facility, once completed, will consist of 75 beds, able to support patients for recovery periods of up to a year

John Watson Photo

Alberta Government, Siksika Nation sign MoU for \$30 million addiction treatment facility

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Nation and the Government of Alberta signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU), July 6, regarding the construction of a new addiction treatment facility on Siksika lands.

Once constructed, the new facility will have 75 beds which will be able to house patients for up to a year in order to support their recovery.

Expected to see groundbreaking in early 2024, the budgeted \$30 million facility is estimated to take between 12 and 18 months to complete.

“Addiction Treatment services is often limited or missing completely. This is unacceptable. We must do more to enable people to get the help they need to pursue recovery,” said Premier Danielle Smith. “Our government is actively working with First Nations to address these challenges and fund these projects correctly.”

Smith added the Government of Alberta is committing to fully funding the operations of the recovery community to alleviate the costs from Albertans who require the service.

Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, Dan Williams, said the Siksika facility is one of 11 being constructed throughout Alberta, with the goal of being able to provide treatment to any who wish to acquire it without barriers.

“It is our responsibility – I believe it is my responsibility, morally, for this government to step in and support immediately without waiting for the federal government to fund these supports directly,” he said. “For many people, this is the only opportunity they have to find some sort of support when they are drowning in this disease and this illness of addiction. To find that support through holistic, integrated

community is incredibly important.”

Upon completion of the Siksika facility, Williams said the goal is to have between 12 and 20 people in treatment there right away before the facility opens up to its maximum capacity.

The idea, he added, is to have some people go through the program and shepherd others along into also seeking treatment and support.

“There are going to be life skills learned in this program, financial skills, there is going to be work that they would do in the program – of course, we are going to see them transfer out of that into work in the community wherever they feel appropriate to wherever they decide to put down roots,” he said.

At the conclusion of the program for a given individual, there will also be supports into finding a new home to reside in, should they require a place to go.

Siksika Chief Ouray Crowfoot said he believes a stronger and safer Siksika will help lead to a stronger and safer Alberta as a whole, and wants to start the process at home.

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Siksika Chief
Ouray Crowfoot

“We have had far too many people from Siksika, and not just Siksika but Southern Alberta pass away in the last few years of overdose, of drug abuse and of alcoholism. These issues are not going to go away ... We cannot put our heads in the sand and hope that it is going to go away on its own,” he

said. “Having this facility on the nation will help our people to get in (and receive treatment) in that critical window that they need to get into a facility. It will also be open for Southern Alberta as well.”

The community-oriented care offered through the facility will also be culturally appropriate for those enrolled, being uniquely Siksika as opposed to following a more cookie-cutter style approach to treatment.

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Local cosplayer takes second place

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore cosplayer Autumn Desjardins claimed a second-place finish at the GamesCon Calgary Cosplay Competition, June 24, netting her a \$750 prize alongside the accolade.

This year's event was the debut of GamesCon in Calgary, which invited judges from across Canada, and saw competitors from across the continent in attendance.

"I entered online into the masters' division, and because it was the convention's first time around, we entered a costume that we had previously made ... but that ended up working out. We just upgraded what we brought to Calgary Expo," said Desjardins. "The judges at Calgary Expo told us the costume was perfect, but there were things that, because I know the costume, I wanted to do. I was basically touching up paint, making sure the electronics were still good, and changing the little bits that probably only I noticed."

The masters' division is a segment reserved for veteran competitors who have already won previous awards on stage for their craftsmanship and performances. The costume quality is expected to rival that of industry professional and Holly-

wood-grade craftsmanship.

Desjardins created a costume in the likeness of Link, a character from the Legend of Zelda franchise, which was worn on stage by her partner, Conor Anderson.

She expressed particular excitement regarding this competition, as she had only expected it to be attended by local creators, as opposed to faces from across the continent.

"I think it was great ... it ended up being a competition that people flew in for. What we thought was going to be a local competition ended up being a continental competition. People traveled from B.C., Montreal, a couple people we know traveled up from Ohio - so it ended up having a much bigger impact than we were expecting," she said. "I was really happy because some of the people we competed against, I actually met in Toronto last year, and they have competed internationally. I was excited to compete against these amazing people who I have been a fan of for years."

Always one to take on a new and greater challenge, Desjardins said she intends to continue learning new skills and putting them to the test in her next competition costume.

The project this time will be to bring Mitsuba Sousuke, from the "Toilet-Bound Hanako-Kun" se-

ries to life, portrayed on stage by Desjardins herself.

"It is a crazy mish-mash build that is going to pull every technique that I know out of the book to get it done," she said. "I am learning how to knit for it, this project is going to (require) tailoring, quilting, paneling, leatherworking, wig styling, latex prosthetic work, electronics, resin printing, PLA (polylactic acid) printing, foam sculpting ... it has everything in it."

She joked at her apparent dislike of free time, as the costume build will be a labour and time-intensive process to complete.

If she is deemed to have qualified, Desjardins intends to compete again in Switzerland in April, and in France, come November.

Town launches business needs assessment to support local economy

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has launched a new approach to addressing the needs of local businesses, and fostering economic growth with the start of a business needs assessment.

Recognizing economic development as one of their top priorities in the 2022-25 Strategic Plan, the town aims to foster growth and enhance economic development.

"We also recognize that the economy is tough right now, there are workforce challenges, supply chain issues, housing shortages, and all of these things affect our businesses," said Mayor Pat Fule in a release. "We need a clear picture of where we should start and a plan on how to support local businesses and intentionally position for sustainable growth."

Town of Strathmore Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Kevin Scoble explained the assessment is a process designed to gather information and insight from participating businesses.

The idea being to better understand the needs, challenges and available opportunities to local businesses and their proprietors.

"By engaging with the businesses and getting their input, the town can better understand their current economic situation, and that helps us to allocate our resources in the most effective way to enable the businesses and contribute to their success," he said. "Economic development is one of the town's top priorities ... and so as part of that priority, an outcome is to achieve a healthy and resilient business community."

Having collected local business and economic data pre, and during COVID-19, Scoble added the town is now looking to collect post-pandemic

data in order to better understand what has changed and what some of the new challenges and opportunities are for businesses.

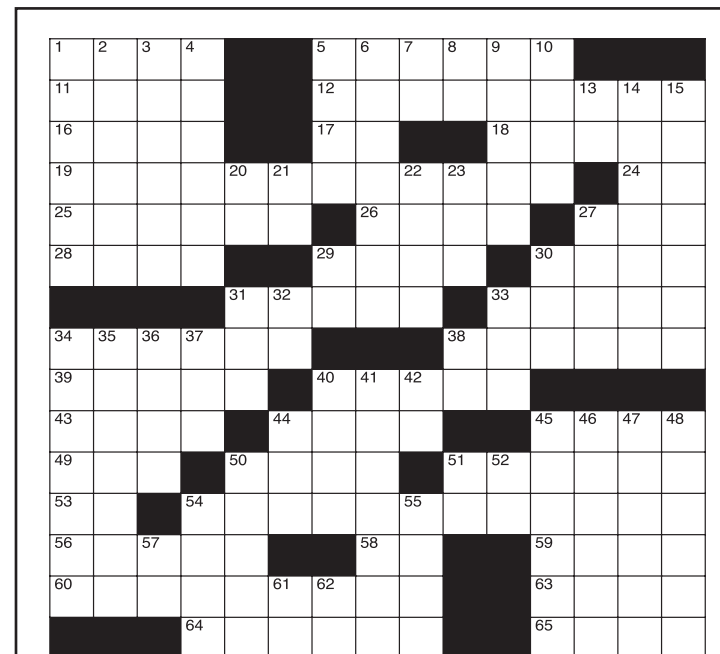
Partnering with InnoVisions and Associates, the Town of Strathmore intends to engage with local businesses through events such as Business Cafes, one on one interviews, and discussion groups.

"The Town of Strathmore is committed to providing a business-friendly environment and opportunities for local businesses to thrive. We need comprehensive information about our local businesses to make informed decisions and support their success," said Angela Groeneveld, economic sustainability and investment officer with the Town of Strathmore. "By creating an action plan that keeps existing businesses in the community, preserves jobs, and creates new employment opportunities, we will work with the business community and regional partners to understand the economic situation and come up with a plan to allocate resources effectively."

The first Business Café was hosted with roughly 50 businesses in attendance at the Strathmore Station, July 6, to kick off the process and begin gathering data. The event also served as a networking opportunity for those in attendance.

"We have put economic development on steroids, so to speak ... we have got some top-notch economic development people from Southern Alberta working for us now so we are taking a fresh eyes approach to it," said Scoble.

The results of the assessment are scheduled to come out this fall, likely in September or October, prior to the start of town budget discussions. The outputs of the assessment will contribute to identifying the economic needs of the upcoming year.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Database management system
- 5. Medical procedures
- 11. ___ Clapton, musician
- 12. Defender
- 16. Exert oneself
- 17. Indicates position
- 18. Prevents river overflow
- 19. Atrocities
- 24. Mister
- 25. Ends
- 26. Slope or tilt
- 27. Taxi
- 28. The very ends
- 29. Actor Sean
- 30. Japanese persimmon
- 31. Sours
- 33. Beneficiary
- 34. Baseball official
- 38. Muddy, boggy ground
- 39. Not worldly
- 40. Actress Lathan
- 43. Soil
- 44. ___-Cola
- 45. Asleep
- 49. ___ Angeles
- 50. Give birth to a child
- 51. Beach shelter
- 53. Commercial
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Local jurisdictions
- 58. It cools your home
- 59. Dismounted from a horse
- 60. Charge with a crime
- 63. Close in
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Famed garden

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Draw a scene
- 2. Its sultan is famous
- 3. Unlucky accident
- 4. A way to ski
- 5. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 6. Saw
- 7. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 8. Belonging to me
- 9. Shoe lace tube
- 10. Takes to court
- 13. Early multimedia
- 14. In a way, produces
- 15. Bowlers
- 20. Of I
- 21. Equally
- 22. Gets some sun
- 23. A place to stay
- 27. Town in Galilee
- 29. Aronofsky film
- 30. Klingon character, "Star Trek"
- 31. Equal to 100 square meters
- 32. Atomic #58
- 33. Arrived extinct
- 34. Loosen grip
- 35. A distinctive odor that is unpleasant
- 36. Membranes
- 37. Some is poisonous
- 38. Partner to Pa
- 40. Small brown gray rail
- 41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 42. Sodium
- 44. Military official (abbr.)
- 45. Lighted
- 46. Took off
- 47. All
- 48. Ohio city
- 50. More abject
- 51. A radio band
- 52. Controversial tech product (abbr.)
- 54. Monetary unit
- 55. Passed with flying colors
- 57. A way to win a boxing match
- 61. The Golden State
- 62. Home of the Longhorns

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County approves Rosebud land redesignation

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Wheatland County council has voted in favour of Bylaw 2023-06, amending the land use of Lot 15, Block 4, Plan 5272CG in the Hamlet of Rosebud.

The discussion was held during the July 4 regular meeting of council and consisted of a public hearing prior to motioning to amend the land use bylaw, 2016-01.

Three letters of support for bylaw 2023-06 were received prior to the July 4 meeting that were not added to the agenda package, as they were received post-deadline from the public. The letters were read into the record during the meeting of council.

The application to redesignate the land use district from hamlet commercial to hamlet mixed use was proposed in order to facilitate the development of the existing dwelling into a mixed-use facility.

The goal is for the building to accommodate commercial use on its main floor to showcase a model train display made available for public viewing, as well as to support associated retailing. The upper floor of the building will be comprised of a secondary suite for short and long-term accommodations.

Mixed-use is not a listed use case for buildings located within the Hamlet Commercial District, but it is a discretionary use within the Hamlet Mixed-Use District. The subject lot is located at 230 Martin Avenue and Main Street (Highway 840).

“The proposal aligns with the municipal development plans’ policies for tourism and community-oriented commercial development,” said Brian Henderson, speaking on behalf of County Administration. “Several policies within the Area Structure Plan (ASP) require redesignation applications for mixed uses to include an environmental site assessment and stormwater management plan in support of the proposal. These studies are required to identify potential environmental impacts new development may have on their perceiving environment.”

Henderson added there is little benefit in undertaking the studies, as the applicant had not proposed any new construction. Instead, the application describes the adaptive reuse of the existing structure.

It was stated in the county’s meeting agenda the proposal

aligns with the objectives and policies of Section 3.5 of the municipal development plan (MDP), referring to tourism and visitation.

The proposal was also noted to align with the Economic Growth and Responsible Development Guiding Principles of the MDP, which promote growth within existing communities and support a variety of housing types and tenures.

Second and third readings of the bylaw were passed by council without opposition, following the closure of the public hearing.

Town advocates financial support for Indigenous learning from province

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“There is a couple of problems, but I know for the sake of time, that it needs to get moved forward, but I will not be able to support the resolution.”

Langmaid added though she was in support of the resolution and would be voting in favour of the amendments, she felt the revised version did not carry the same weight as the original.

“I want to express that I am slightly disappointed in the amendments that have been made and that from my perspective, I see them as lessening the impact, should the resolution be passed, in a way municipalities who want to develop opportunities for residents to learn,” said Langmaid. “From my perspective, I see that as a lessening of what we are asking for and I know that there are many reasons for that. I know we received some feedback from Alberta Municipalities on this resolution and some suggestions from them on some amendments to be made for the success of the resolution.”

Coun. Denise Peterson motioned to approve the resolution as amended, which was passed 5-1 in favour.

The document will go before the Alberta Municipalities convention in the fall to be discussed among participating municipalities. The original and amended versions of the resolution are publicly available via the town meeting agenda.

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The Town of Strathmore and InnoVisions & Associates hosted a business café, July 6, for local businesses and proprietors to attend, network, and learn about their needs to grow and improve their businesses.

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Town hosts business café as part of business needs assessment

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore, in partnership with InnoVisions & Associates hosted the first Business Café as part of the newly launched Business Needs Assessment, July 6, at the Strathmore Station.

Local businesses and proprietors were invited to attend the event as an opportunity to network, as well as to discuss their current needs in order to facilitate growth.

“This is the beginning of what we call the business needs assessment. So, prior to COVID-19, during COVID-19, and now after COVID-19, we are experiencing a new economy for businesses unlike anything we have ever seen,” said Natalie Gibson, principal with InnoVisions & Associates, who led the business café. “What is important is we measure the pulse of the business community to say ‘what are your chal-

lenges, what are opportunities that we can maybe come alongside and help support your business to thrive and grow?”

Gibson described meeting with local businesses as Phase 1 of the needs assessment. Going forward, the next steps will be to meet with business owners one on one, and as part of focus groups in order to follow up and gather more information.

This fall, InnoVisions & Associates will release a report to the town which will indicate recommended priorities and what local businesses are looking for in order to grow.

“Our goal is to look for resources or support services that may be local, maybe provincial partners or regional partners, like Community Futures. Then, we would work together with a 12-month action plan of who does what and when do we start,” explained Gibson. “Growing the community in a planned and sustainable way is easier

said than done. The starting point is local businesses – 70 to 80 per cent of all new investment comes from the businesses, the job creation (and) the opportunities that are already here.”

Strathmore town council has established economic development as one of its current strategic priorities and is seeking to establish a better understanding of the local business ecosystem in town, and how to best support it.

From listening to businesses in attendance at the café, Gibson said some of the primary comments made regarding workforces as a challenge in several respects, as well as a lacking in resource awareness that is available to businesses at a local, provincial, and federal level.

Further meetings, surveys and resources will be made available for businesses to participate in the needs assessment throughout the summer, prior to the release of the report come September or October.

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Wargaming tournament debuts in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A first of its kind to be seen in Strathmore, Hob's Hobbies hosted a triples team Warhammer 40,000 tournament at the Strathmore Civic Centre, July 8-9.

The tournament attracted competitive players from across Alberta, as well as western Canada to compete for a trophy, as well as to show off the artistry that has gone into their armies.

Darren Jack, who served as a tournament organizer alongside John Hilton-O'Brien, said it was exciting to see a new tournament kicked off so successfully, and with the players excited to be there.

"It is a beautiful day here; we have a barbeque ... everyone is having a great time. Some of the rounds will finish early, depending on the matchups ... and a lot of individuals have come out from Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, and Manitoba to be here today," he said. "Usually at similar events to this, we get more of a turnout from B.C. as well, but it is players from all over western Canada who will come to this type of event ... it is nice to expand to outside of Calgary to come to a new location and be at this venue."

The tournament was set up for five rounds of play. After matchups between teams were determined, each team would elect a member to square off against an opponent. The other two players not elected would go toe to toe with each other.

Warhammer 40,000 is a tabletop wargame played with miniature soldiers and six-sided dice. Par-

ticipants in the hobby community often refer to the game akin to being "chess on steroids." Between the two players, games have the potential to consist of hundreds of models deployed to the tabletop to represent fantastical battles in the sci-fi setting.

Prior to playing the game, hobbyists and players must build and paint their models themselves. Depending on the desired quality and aesthetic one wishes to achieve, this process may occupy hundreds of hours to complete.

... it builds the community and you get to meet and become friends with people from across Canada.

Darren Jack

Competitive players will also have dedicated time to becoming experts in the core rules of the game, as well as the rules associated with their respective armies.

"It is definitely a labour of love. You are definitely motivated by your own creativity and what you enjoy ... it is a passion project for sure," said Jack. "Overall, tournaments are about the camaraderie, travelling across provinces with your best buds ... it builds the community and you get to meet and become friends with people from across Canada."

Jack added the goal is to be able to make Strathmore an annual location to host a Warhammer tournament, and to grow the occasion into the greater competitive circuit.

He expects the turnout for the tournament to double every year, with players from across the country, as well as the United States to be in attendance.

Planning for the expansion of the tournament, the team anticipates completely occupying the Civic Centre, if not requiring to expand out into the Agricultural Society grounds.

Strathmore's first triples team warhammer tournament was hosted at the Civic Centre, July 8-9, which saw competitors participating from across western Canada. Players and their teammates engaged in the five-round tourney, each hoping to take home a trophy and part of the prize pool.

John Watson Photos



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.

- August 15: Council Meeting**
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Perfect parade

Members of Siksika Nation took part in the annual Calgary Stampede parade on July 7 in downtown Calgary. Most of the members then attended the Elbow River Camp at the Stampede grounds.

Mario Prusina Photos

Enjoy summer safely

ALBERTA RCMP

RCMP has some tips to share to ensure everyone has a safe summer. Whether you are enjoying the sun from your boat, bike, or vehicle, here are some ways to make sure everyone has a fun and safe experience.

Practice motor vehicle safety:

- Slow down and follow posted signs in construction zones.
- Be courteous; share the road with cyclists. Keep a 1-metre distance from cyclists and never block bike lanes.
- Driving high is just as dangerous as driving drunk. Always designate a driver or find a safe ride home.

When outdoors enjoying the summer sun, make sure to:

- Take extra care when boating; make sure to have a pre-departure checklist before going out on the water.
- Always wear a properly fitted helmet when riding your bike and obey the rules of the road.

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Raising money for local charity

CGC hosted a charity and silent auction event in Calgary, July 10, with government and their customer representatives in attendance. The event was to celebrate the CGC's investment in western Canada through their wallboard manufacturing plant in Wheatland County. The silent auction portion of the event directly benefited the Trellis Society in Strathmore via the CGC's partnership with the Home Depot Foundation.


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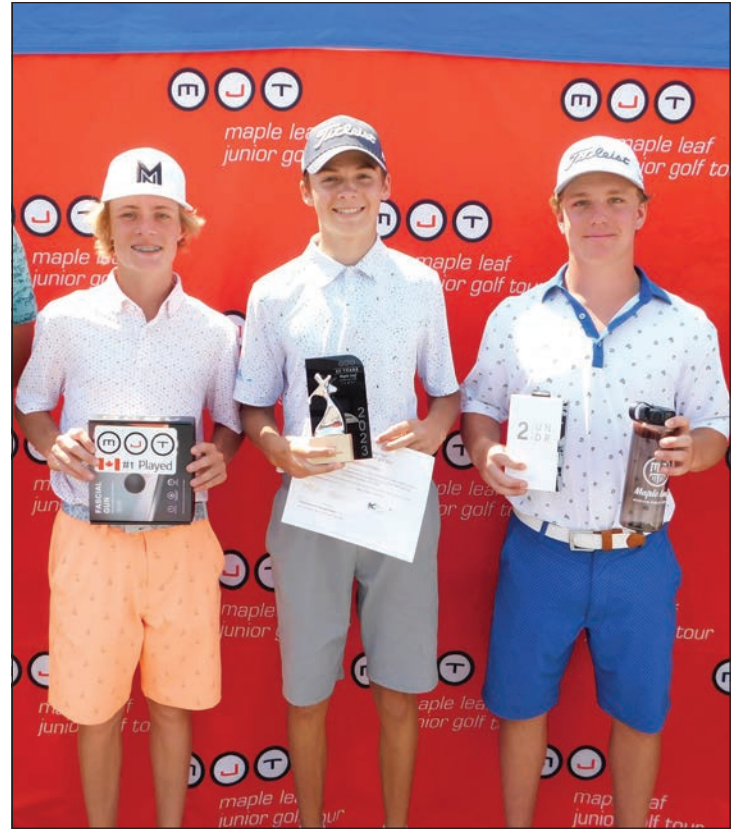
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Nice shot

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church hosted their sixth annual HIS Charity Golf Tournament, July 8. The goal of the tournament was to raise money for the new church under construction in Strathmore. Golfers were invited to a Texas scramble, which was followed by a meal.

John Watson Photos



Great tourney

Strathmore's Parker Riou (left) had a solid outing during the 2023 Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour (MJT) Ford Series / PGA of Alberta Junior Championship at McKenzie Meadows Golf Course in Calgary from July 3-5. Riou shot a three round 71-74-67 to finish second in the MJT Juvenile Boys.

Photo Courtesy of Trent Matson

Summer crime prevention tips

ALBERTA RCMP

Don't let your green thumb become someone else's five-finger discount this summer. Alberta RCMP is sharing some tips to keep your property safe from theft this summer.

With the return of warm weather there is an increased in outdoor activities.

After a long day in the sun, it's easy to forget items outside.

To help prevent theft make sure to:

- Keep your yard well lit at night.
- Safely store all valuables in a locked, enclosed space, or chained to a post.
- Don't leave your keys in your off-road

vehicles when you're not using them.

- Create an inventory of valuables, including pictures of each item, in case they are stolen.
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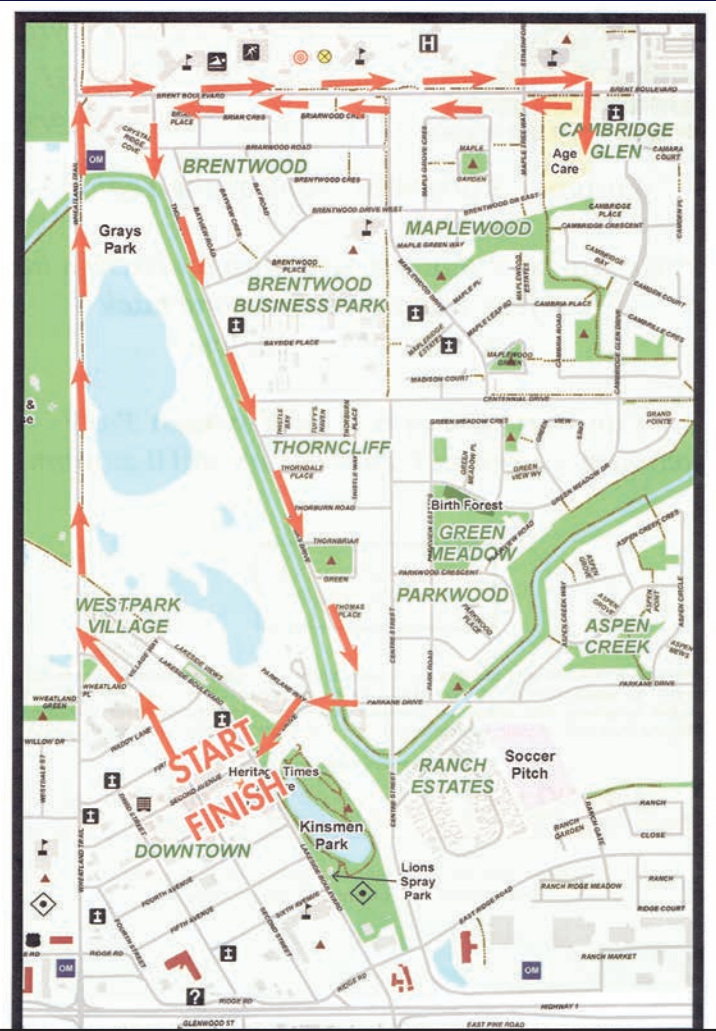
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Super show

Zegil Automotive & Transmission and Pure Country Meats hosted a car show and barbecue on July 8 at the Strathmore Ag Society. The event also featured door prizes, raffles, awards and delicious food.

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Local photographer donating gallery proceeds to library

JOHN WATSON
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Sean McCormick is the featured artist at the Strathmore Municipal Library for the month of July, showcasing and selling his photographs created from around the local community.

McCormick said he was honoured to be asked by the staff at the library to join in and showcase a gallery.

“I used to have my own private gallery in Oyen about a decade ago. I ran a PC repair shop, but the space was larger than I needed, so I set aside a portion of the space as a gallery of my work. I’m usually happy to just display work online and network with other photographers there,” he explained.

Formerly a professional photographer, McCormick stepped back from the scene to rediscover the joy in the hobby, as opposed to working strictly for a profit.

He added his love for the art began with a No. 2 Kodak Brownie gifted to him by his grandmother at the age of five, which encouraged him to explore and start shooting.

“My grandmother and grandfather had run a portrait studio in Innisfail, Alta. after WWII so there is some history of photography in my family. Anyhow, the Brownie introduced me to exploring the world through a camera. I only got to do it in fits and starts because of the expense involved,” he said. “I was also the child of a blind, single parent so there wasn’t exactly an emphasis on photography in my childhood home. I got deep into photography in my early thirties when digital cameras became

good enough and cheap enough to be feasible. I hit the ground running at that point and I haven’t stopped.”

McCormick explained he keeps excited about continuing to pursue photography by advancements made into the available technology. Upgrading to a mirrorless camera from a traditional DSLR (Digital Single Lens Reflex) several years ago, he said he has found a lot of joy in experimenting with the new gear.

“I also didn’t expect mobile phone cameras to become as exceptional as they are now – the quality of their images exceeds what I was getting with my 35 mm rangefinder film camera back in my twenties and at almost no cost,” he said. “Exploring new technology as it comes out is really a lot of fun for me.”

The sale of McCormick’s photographs will go entirely to the library for the duration of his gallery, as well as until the end of this year.

He explained the decision to donate the proceeds stems from an appreciation of the local artist community, and a wish to support them, as well as to continue to see a healthy and active library in town.

“I feel libraries are important hubs in our communities offering inexpensive and free programs needed by many,” he said. “Having a healthy library is part of having a healthy community. As well, literacy and literacy programs are important to me.”

McCormick’s photography can also be viewed and purchased online via his website during and following the display of his gallery.

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- Do not swim or wade or allow your pets to swim or wade in any areas where cyanobacteria is visible.
- Do not feed whole fish or fish trimmings from this lake to your pets.
- Consider limiting human consumption of whole fish and fish trimmings from this lake, as it is known that fish may store toxins in their liver (people can safely consume fish fillets from this lake).

As always, visitors and residents are reminded to never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any recreational body of water, including Eagle Lake, at any time. Boiling of this water will not remove the toxins produced by cyanobacteria. An alternate source of drinking water should also be provided for pets and livestock, while this advisory is active.

Cyanobacteria is naturally occurring, and often becomes visible when weather conditions are calm. Ap-

pearing like scum, grass clippings, fuzz, or globs on the surface of water, cyanobacteria can be blue-green, greenish-brown, brown, and/or pinkish-red, and often smell musty or grassy.

People who come in contact with visible cyanobacteria or who ingest water containing cyanobacteria may experience skin irritation, rash, sore throat, sore red eyes, swollen lips, fever, nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea. Symptoms usually appear within one to three hours and resolve in one to two days. Symptoms in children are often more pronounced; however, all humans are at risk of these symptoms. Exposure to the bacteria may be fatal to pets.

Weather and wind conditions can cause algae blooms to move from one location in the lake to another. As such, this advisory will remain in effect for Eagle Lake, until further notice.

Please note that waters of Eagle Lake in which the cyanobacterial bloom is not visible can still be used for recreational purposes, even while this Health Advisory is in place.

If you suspect a problem related to cyanobacteria or if you require further information on health concerns and cyanobacteria, please call Health Link at 811. Additional information is also available online, (www.ahs.ca/bga).

Obituary



BELLAMY, Keith Arthur

Keith Arthur Bellamy was born in Thorne, England to Margaret Wainwright, and Arthur Bellamy and passed away in Strathmore, Alberta, on July 6, 2023, at the age of 78. When he was 21 years old, Keith worked very

hard to earn the money to emigrate from England to Calgary, Canada arriving with just a suitcase. Even after many years in Canada he still retained a little of his British accent. In 1971 Keith met Elaine Will, and they enjoyed dates rollerskating at Lloyd's in Calgary. After getting married, they farmed together in Husar, Rosebud, Rockyford, and Beiseker as part of Will Farms. Keith drove every model of New Holland combine and was an expert operator - yellow was definitely his colour! One highlight of his life was a trip to Belgium to tour the factory where the combines were manufactured. If you got Keith started talking about machinery, you had a hard time getting him to stop. He was passionate about tools, keeping equipment well taken care of, and the shop organized. Keith took pride in doing every job well. Augers were always cleaned out properly, equipment was greased and washed, and tools were put away. He organized mini tool kits for the combine operators, and looked after a multitude of details to keep everything running smoothly, from judging when the soil was ready for seeding to determining when the crops were ready for harvest. His years of experience gave him a vast knowledge of every aspect of running a successful farm. Overseeing all the farm operations was his job, and he loved it.

Keith was passionate about trains, there was always at least one model train set in the works, sometimes multiple sets. His latest model trains included a garden railway and an HO train set. Besides model trains, Keith would jump at any chance to ride a train - his favorite trips included riding the Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014 steam train in California when it toured the United States in 2019, the Canadian Pacific Via Rail and the North Moors heritage railway from Pickering to Whitby in England.

Backpacking with his family in the Canadian Rockies was something Keith enjoyed - especially Lake O' Hara. Later in life, Keith finally convinced Elaine and they purchased his dream 5th wheel.

What else did Keith enjoy? Double dipped cones from the DQ, radish sandwiches, banana sandwiches with NO peanut butter, strawberry jam, mashed potatoes and gravy, English pickled onions, Licorice All-Sorts, butter tarts, building models especially heavy trucks, western shirts with snaps, and good steel toed work boots along with a pair of clean coveralls.

Keith was actively involved in the children's ministry programs in his church, constructing many of the props Elaine used in teaching the children. Keith cut many Bible figures out of felt so his children could hear Bible stories each day in worship time, and later he cut out the same sets for his grandchildren. It always brought him joy to hear Elaine playing hymns on the piano and he especially loved the hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine".

Keith was very sentimental. Every anniversary, birthday, Christmas, and Valentine's Day he always brought Elaine a card and wrote a big "E" on the envelope, and sometimes there were flowers too. When he could no longer go to the store himself, he asked daughter Heidi to buy the cards for him. He constantly did many little jobs around the home and yard, and took care of the vehicles. He was the best sweetheart a girl could ever have!

The hymn written by Austris A. Whithol aptly describes Keith's life.

*"My God and I go in the fields together
We walk and talk as good friends should and do
We clasp our hands, our voices ring with laughter
My God and I walk through the meadow's hue..."*

Keith is at rest now, but he will be dearly missed by his family, and friends.

Keith is survived by Elaine, his wife of 52 years, daughter April (Travis), daughter Heidi (Justin), son Paul (Kari) and grandchildren Anna, Noelle, Grant, and Benjamin.

A private memorial service will be held in August.

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