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Green light given to rodeo event centre

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council has passed Bylaw 2022-06, transferring nearly 60 hectares of land from an agricultural general designation to a direct control district.

The redesignation of the land is intended to facilitate the development of the Western Event Centre by the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society.

“What we’re putting together here is something where we can make Wheatland County home to the heart of western heritage,” said Strathmore Agricultural Society CEO Ryan Schmidt. “We see this as a branding opportunity to create in this area somewhere where people come to not only support (and) participate in but grow that western way of life that I believe the residents of Wheatland County tremendously support.”

The proposed facility is intended to support a seating capacity of between 1,500 and 2,000 people, as well as to be equipped for a variety of uses including an equestrian centre, entertainment venue and community and cultural facilities, among other uses.

The parcel of land in question is located approximately 0.8 kilometres northeast of the Town of Strathmore, immediately northeast of the Township Road 244 and Range Road 250 intersection.

In the report provided to council, County administration noted the parcel of land subject to redesignation is adjacent to a predominant residential development, as well as existing farmsteads scattered throughout the area.

Several county constituents wrote or presented to council during the regular council meeting on June 21 with objections to the idea of major development occurring in the immediate vicinity of their homes.

Calvin Murray, a concerned constituent of Wheatland County, wrote to council prior to the presentation to speak against the redesignation.

“If this redesignation is allowed, the excellent agricultural land on this parcel will forever be lost to a more urban facility,” said Murray.

“The County has a responsibility to protect the environment and maintain land that is in high agricultural production area ... the juxtaposition of this redesignation goes against what the County seeks to preserve.”

The debated plot of land is broken down into three cells within the development concept for the planned event centre.

The first cell is proposed to house the Western Event Centre - consisting of a riding arena, livestock rental stalls, roughstock enclosures, concessions, a commercial kitchen, parking, administrative offices and event space.

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Canada Day bike ride!

Families gathered in Kinsmen Park on July 1 to celebrate Canada Day. The popular kids bicycle decorating contest and parade returned this year with many youth decorating their bikes, and themselves, to enter the contest and parade. For more coverage on Canada Day celebrations see Page 5.

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Event centre plans

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This space will occupy most of the development area and the planned activities are encompassed under defined Entertainment Venue, Equestrian Centre, Restaurant Establishment and Drinking and Eating Establishment use cases.

Cell two is proposed to be largely overflow parking and designated areas for short-term overnight stays in association with ongoing events held onsite.

The third cell is proposed to maintain agricultural land uses which are suggested to be intended for supporting the event centre's activities, including livestock grazing, 4-H events and rodeo schools, among other initiatives.

Councillor Shannon Laprise acknowledged the concerns

of constituents who would neighbour the facility grounds, though ultimately believed it would be of tremendous benefit to the county.

"We ... see the benefits to having some commercial development in our county. I think we all realize that the increased taxes coming from these businesses help everybody in our county in terms of increasing revenues," said Laprise. "As an agricultural producer myself, this land is very important, but we have to weigh the benefits to commercial development as well."

Council voted ultimately in favour of the amendment. There is currently no established timeline for when development may begin on the event centre, however Schmidt had described early in his presentation that he intends for the facility to be complete by 2025.

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SWCC named Chamber of the Year for its membership size

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) has been recognized as the top chamber of the year for its size category.

SWCC Executive Director Scott Silva said he and his team are honoured to have been recognized and awarded.

“It’s quite an honour for the entire board and all of our members here in Strathmore, Wheatland County, so something we’re very proud of,” said Silva, who credited the award to the tireless work from the ground up by his team to engage chamber members, particularly during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regardless of their success, Silva doesn’t plan to stop there and rest on his laurels.

“I know, as always, there’s always more we could have done, but I think we started at a good point where we really were listening to our members, understanding what we can help provide, but also try to get them to the next level, and growth and events, get to get everybody out and back into that spirit of things,” said Silva. “There’s a lot of work that the chamber does behind the scenes and it’s a big part of everybody from our student liaisons to our directors, everybody involved, it’s a lot of teamwork.”

Prior to this occasion, the SWCC has never be-

fore been nominated for the category, let alone to take home the title for their size bracket.

Silva said the next steps for the chamber include continuing to grow their membership base and manageably upscale the organization.

“That includes everything from working with our partners like Community Futures Wild Rose, the Town of Strathmore, Wheatland County (and) such things like the digital economy program,” explained Silva. “Right now, we really are going to start to go back to those grassroots and help out those smaller businesses, especially in the areas that don’t have a lot of the digital ecosystem, if you will, and help to improve and build that for them.”

Over the next year, Silva intends to put a significant focus on regional events, which includes the recently established trade show that will be making a return.

“Right now, we really want to focus on that engagement and getting everybody out and that simple idea of knowing your neighbour. A lot of that was lost in the last couple of years,” said Silva. “Thank goodness, we’ve got a lot of new residents here in town, so it’s a great chance for them to get out meet their businesses and meet their neighbors.”

Among his other goals for the SWCC, Silva added he hopes to see the organization reach 150 members this year.

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Fun Runners roll in to host 27th annual show and shine

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Strathmore’s annual Fun Runners Show and Shine is set to return July 15-16 with organizers expecting it to be bigger and better than ever.

The show will once again be taking place in Kinsmen Park and is aiming to raise as much as possible to give back to the community.

Fun Runners secretary Rick Grey said the 27th iteration of the show has many in the community excited to return now that COVID-19 restrictions have lifted.

“A lot of times, it’s the same cars over and over again, but because of COVID-19 and (because) nobody had had shows for a couple of years, a lot of people have had time to get their cars finished and out of the woodwork,” said Grey. “Anybody that’s got a car takes pride in it and that’s kind of what they do is, they want to show people what they’ve done. That’ll bring people out.”

Anything from lovingly preserved antiques to modern muscle cars, motorcycles and anything in between will be present at the show.

Grey added the Fun Runners show is no stranger to raising upwards of \$1,000 to put back into the community and this year’s fundraising goal is

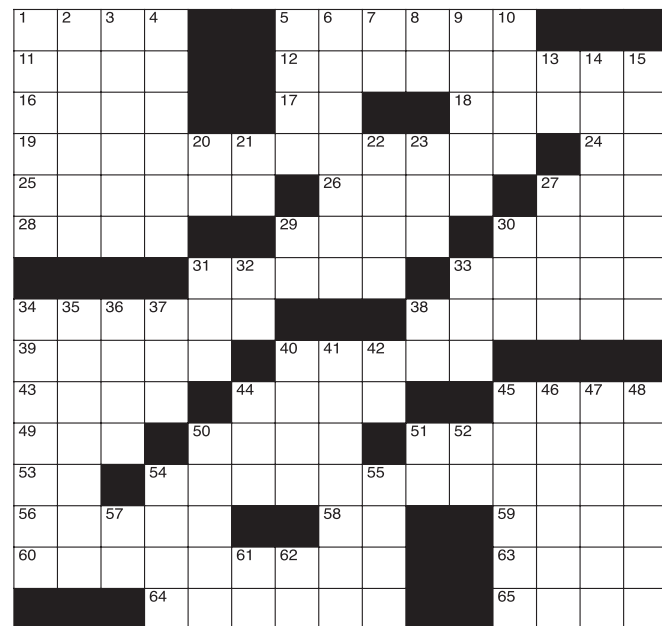
to meet similar numbers.

“In the past we’ve donated \$1,000, \$600, or \$800 depending on car count and how the weather is and stuff like that,” said Grey. “Any of the money that we earn or raised during the year goes to a local charity. It has been the Christmas Hamper or the Wheatland Food Bank in the past. I don’t think we have a specific sponsor this year that was signed yet, but we’re working on that.”

Ultimately, Grey explained, the turnout for the show is going to largely depend on the weather. If it’s all sunshine and rainbows, attendees can expect between 100 to 200 cars brought out for display.

“It’s been wall-to-wall people at some years when the weather is really nice. We still get quite a few people coming by when the weather is not so nice, but it just all depends on the weather,” said Grey who estimates that every year roughly 10 per cent of the cars at the show are new, the rest are an established crowd who tend to be regulars.

Participation will be free on July 15 as 2nd Ave will be occupied with the cars from 6 to 8 p.m. For July 16, vehicles will be on display in Kinsmen Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an admission fee.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Ancient Greek sophist
- 5. Genus of insects
- 11. Culinary herb
- 12. Neutralizing antibody
- 16. Plan
- 17. Pa’s partner
- 18. A city in S Louisiana
- 19. TNT sportscaster
- 24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
- 25. Well-known bug
- 26. Body parts
- 27. Monetary unit of Albania
- 28. Kids’ play things
- 29. Coastal city in Malaysia
- 30. Famed French physician
- 31. Flourishing
- 33. Excessively overweight
- 34. Pampered
- 38. Emerged
- 39. Order of tailless amphibians
- 40. Indian term of respect
- 43. Shift sails (Brit.)
- 44. Beloved Mexican dish
- 45. Scottish tax
- 49. Health insurance
- 50. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 51. Move about
- 53. Execute or perform
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Unit of dry measure
- 58. Blood group
- 59. Something you can up
- 60. In great need
- 63. Breezes through
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Become acquainted with

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A particular part
- 2. Spanish neighborhood
- 3. Business
- 4. Reddish browns
- 5. Extinct Hawaiian bird
- 6. Disney town
- 7. Part of the Bible (abbr.)
- 8. Atomic #22 (abbr.)
- 9. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
- 10. In a moment
- 13. Monetary unit of Vietnam
- 14. Submerge in a liquid
- 15. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 20. -, denotes past
- 21. Hoopster Morant
- 22. Not
- 23. Indian title of respect
- 27. Horsley and Marvin are two
- 29. One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
- 30. Hoover’s organization
- 31. Round globular seed
- 32. University officia
- 33. Spherical body
- 34. Iraq’s capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen lymph node
- 37. Anger
- 38. Technological marvel
- 40. Peruvian district
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. What Santa says
- 44. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 45. Late Heisman winner
- 46. Reveal the presence of
- 47. Long upholstered seat
- 48. Most wily
- 50. Sword
- 51. Respiratory disease
- 52. The Ocean State
- 54. Fleshy watery fruit
- 55. Lying down
- 57. Superheavy metal
- 61. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 62. Indicates position

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BBB Scam Alert: Spot this scary new twist in law enforcement impostor scams



By impersonating law enforcement, scammers intimidate victims into giving up money or personal information. But once a scam becomes widely reported, con artists need to change up their tricks. Watch out for this new twist: scammers using official-looking credentials to gain trust.



How the scam works:

You receive a telephone call, email, text message, or a message on social media by someone alleging to be from a law enforcement agency. Scammers claim to represent agencies ranging from the local police to Canada Border Services.

These impostors tell you there is a problem that you need to resolve immediately—usually by sending them a fee. In one recent version of this scam, the impostor claims to have seized a package with your name on it.

Now, they need a copy of your driver's license and money to fix the issue. Scammers often threaten fines, arrest, or other penalties in an attempt to scare you into immediate action.

Here's the new twist! If you are hesitant, the scammers will offer to text or email doctored credentials to you, to confirm their identity. The badge is either stolen or has been edited to include a different name. But no matter how convincing the "badge" or the impostor's story may be, always do your research before acting. If you send these scammers money, they will disappear, and you won't be able to get it back.

How to avoid law enforcement impersonator scams:

- Don't give into pressure. Even if the threats scare you, do not take immediate action. Hang up or ignore the message. If you think there is a possibility you have been contacted by a real law enforcement agent, call the agency directly using a non-emergency number to confirm.
- Never send money to strangers. Scammers will probably ask you to wire funds or buy prepaid gift cards to pay the required "fines." Scammers prefer to receive money this way because it is hard to trace. Plus, you won't be able to get your money back.
- Guard your personal information carefully. Don't share information like your address, social security number, or bank account information without first making sure you are speaking to a legitimate official—even if they already have some of your information.
- Don't answer messages from strangers. Don't click on links or attachments in messages from strangers. They are probably part of a phishing scam. Block unsolicited calls and text messages immediately.

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Library and Trellis celebrate National Indigenous People's Day

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

To celebrate National Indigenous People's Day, the Strathmore Municipal Library partnered with the Trellis Society to host an event geared towards introducing youth to Indigenous culture.

Called Circle Time Celebration, Trellis' Natasha Kavanah said the event was geared towards creating an easy and friendly way to be introduced to Indigenous cultures and ideas.

"We took some early childhood books — so our seven sacred teachings, we have these beautiful books written by Achilles Gentle and illustrated by Natalie Thiessen, and they are a really fun way to introduce younger kids to the seven sacred teachings," explained Kavanah. "It goes through each of the totem animals and their lesson and tells a story."

Kavanah explained that Trellis partners with the library, as well as a number of community organizations, to spread the word and create a cohesive message of support for reconciliation efforts.

The celebration at the library was one of a number of events supported locally by Trellis throughout the month of June, being National Indigenous History Month.

"The library is a lovely space to reach people authentically

so (people) don't necessarily have to be registered or know that it was happening. There's a bit more foot traffic at the library sometimes for that kind of authentic connection to happen," said Kavanah. "I don't think people have realized yet that we're back ... so (we've) been trying to get the word out through this kind of programming that we are here and offering these kinds of things for all ages."

Events such as a paint night, a pow-wow and a Blackfoot medicine session, among others, have been supported if not hosted by Trellis throughout June to spread awareness and support for the cause.

"It really is our commitment to reconciliation to be educating and to be educated ourselves and always learning and providing these opportunities," said Kavanah.

Though attendance at the celebration was not what Trellis, nor the library was hoping to have seen, there continues to be a surplus of events hosting locally which residents are encouraged to seek out and attend.

Virtual reality job training to be hosted in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON
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The Strathmore Family Resource Network (SFRN), Trellis, and the Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth (USAY) have partnered up to host a unique type of job training for Indigenous youth.

USAY director Jennifer Fournier said the team is working to develop a virtual reality (VR) job training model to teach young people about what it's like to be employed in certain workplaces.

"We're creating an augmented reality skill base for Indigenous youth ... the first one we did was the 'working in a fast-food restaurant,' and then we did a grocery store ... and what we're doing right now is we're just beta testing everything with our Oculus' (VR equipment)," said Fournier. "What we're doing is we are coming out to youth organizations and getting them to try out our augmented reality to see how we can improve it."

The project is currently in its beta stages and is intended to be fully operational within the next two years. At which time, it will be made available both to youth and employers to help build employable skill bases.

The idea is to adapt learning to the way youth like to learn as opposed to continuously offering static teaching methods that may not be the best way to approach modern youth.

"It's like bridging the gap between non-Indigenous and Indigenous people and then also a training for indigenous youth and employers," said Fournier. "What we're hoping is that our youth come out with the knowledge about what they can expect in the actual real world when you're working at McDonald's, or Wendy's or wherever, flipping burgers, doing customer service, or using the POS machines."

Reina Gardner, a youth worker with the Strathmore Family Resource Network, said the team is excited to be partnering with USAY both to contribute to the program and offer the unique experience to local youth.

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Happy CANADA DAY

There was plenty to do for folks who attended the Town of Strathmore Canada Day festivities on July 1 in Kinsmen Park. The day started with an Indigenous memorial and recognition daybreak ceremony followed by a pancake breakfast hosted by the Strathmore Fire department, then many family friendly events such as canoeing, a bike parade, watermelon eating contest and farmer's market, among other events.

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Daybreak Ceremony

The Town of Strathmore and Siksika Nation hosted a special Indigenous Memorial and Recognition Daybreak Ceremony in Kinsmen Park on Canada Day, July 1. Dignitaries present for the ceremony included Siksika First Nation elders, Chief Ouray Crowfoot and Mayor Pat Fule.

VR job training

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"It's not like your average employment readiness class or anything. It's designed to be fun and something people want to do," said Gardner. "This is the first time we're doing something exactly like this ... we do a lot of Indigenous-focused events and things, it's a huge part of who we are as an organization, but this is the first time we've had a full-on virtual reality set."

The target ages are 12 to 18 but interested parties outside those ages are welcome to attend.

A training event in Strathmore is scheduled for June 30 and any who are interested are encouraged to email Gardner at rgardner@growthwithtrellis.ca for more information, including time and location details.

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In China, 26.6% of the population over the age of 15 are smokers. What is amazing is the gender difference. Statistics show that 50.5% of men smoke while only 2.1% of women do. China has 308 million smokers and 2.5 million die from tobacco-related diseases each year. Canada is doing well with only about 13% of the population are smokers.

The lure of a donut as a treat is enticing. However to work off the calories in a standard 52 calorie donut would take 15 minutes of walking, 8 minutes of cycling, 6 minutes of jogging or 4 minutes of swimming. But if you add a glaze to that donut, you can at least triple the times quoted. Raw carrot, anyone?

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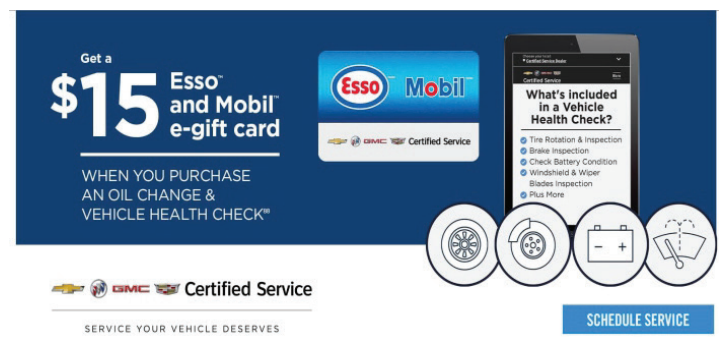
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August 16: Council Meeting

August 23: Municipal Planning Commission

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The 2022 Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Seedling Program is open and accepting applications.

This program offers support to landowners in planting seedlings including drip irrigation and mulch materials. Wheatland County will pay \$2.50 per plant up to \$1000 for seedlings, and 50% up to \$500 for drip irrigation or mulch materials. GST and shipping costs are not eligible for funding.

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ASB will provide up to \$6000 in Bursaries annually with a minimum award of \$500 and a maximum award of \$1500 depending upon the number of applicants that meet the criteria. Bursaries are available to high school graduates (within 3 years) residing within the boundaries of Wheatland County. Funding is not available to persons qualifying for or participating in job training assistance grants or previous bursary recipients.

Application packages are available online at wheatlandcounty.ca

For additional information contact Michelle Van Haarlem at 403-361-2000 or agandenv@wheatlandcounty.ca



Address: 242006 Range Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4
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Rockyford Bull-a-rama

Rockyford put up with no bull as they hosted their annual bull-a-rama on June 30 at the Rockyford agricultural grounds. The evening featured mutton bustin', wild pony racing and of course, plenty of bull riding, among other events.

Joe Lepage Photos





GREAT WAR MEMORIAL HALL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Friday July 8th – Monday, July 11th

DAILY OPEN HOUSE
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The history of the Great War Memorial will be on display for all to see!

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- ★ **Centennial Dinner**
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6pm Social Hour ★ 7pm Dinner
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- ★ **Community BBQ**
Join the fun ★ Noon – 4 pm
- ★ **Centennial Mixed Team Dart Shoot**
10 am – 4 pm
Limited teams – Pre-register early to join in the fun!
Contact: 403-523-9226 or sylvia.a@telus.net
- ★ **Community Dance with Live Entertainment**
7 pm – midnight
Space is limited, come early - door prizes, raffles, FUN

SUNDAY

- ★ **Community Pancake Breakfast**
8 am – 10 am
Bring your appetite! Donations gratefully accepted.
- ★ **Centennial Golf Tournament**
Ox Bow Golf Course – 9 holes
10 am Shot Gun Start
Limited space – pre-registration required
Contact: StacheDRH@gmail.com or 403-361-4705

MONDAY

- ★ **Great War Memorial Hall Re-dedication Ceremony**
1pm - Join us as we celebrate 100 years of support to Veterans and the Community



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Parading through town

A parade was held in the Village of Standard on June 25 in conjunction with the Standard Youth Rodeo. Parade entrees included horses pulling wagons, trick riders, classic cars, old tractors, fire departments, Village Council and businesses who paraded through downtown tossing candy out to kids.

Adelle Ellis Photos

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Grace and Glorie actor performs comedy, 'The Bear'

LAUREN F. GUENTHER
Times Contributor

Sarah Robinson, an emerging actor who performed the role of Gloria in Rosebud Theatre's Grace and Glorie this spring, is producing and performing a short comedy called 'The Bear', to be played from July 14-16 in Rosebud.

'The Bear', written by Russian playwright Anton Chekhov in the 1800s, is Robinson's final project as a student at Rosebud School of the Arts. She's producing a translation of the comedy by Laurence Senelick.

"Popova, a young widow, is mourning the loss of her recently deceased husband when one of his creditors shows up to collect his loan," said Robinson in an email. "Smirnov needs the money now. Popova doesn't have the money now."

Popova and Smirnov decide to settle their conflict with a duel of pistols – except that Popova doesn't know how to shoot.

Robinson said the comedy is a "a humorous whirlwind of emotions, a comedic look at love."

While Robinson plays the role of Popova, Smirnov will be played by Mike Thiessen and the faithful servant Luka will be played by Maki Van Dyke. Heids MacDonald is directing the show.

When Robinson was choosing a script for her final project, she thought she needed a piece that was big and intense, something that would address

the issues of our time.

"It was a lot of pressure and not a lot of fun," she said, before adding that her younger sister then challenged her that "maybe you don't have to do something big and deep. Maybe you can just do something small and fun, something that will bring you joy."

"In that moment, I felt freed," said Robinson. After a couple of years that have been challenging for many people, "The thought of doing something fun gave me hope."

Robinson thought of 'The Bear', which she'd studied in Art History class.

"It made me laugh then and it makes me laugh now," she said. "I decided that was reason enough to do it."

When people come to see her production of 'The Bear', Robinson hopes it will bring them the same joy.

"My hope is that patrons who see 'The Bear' will have an experience of fun, joy and play, that they will be able to set aside their cares and worries for 30 minutes and just laugh," said Robinson. "I hope each person comes away looking at themselves, and others, with more grace and that their belief in the power of love is renewed."

'The Bear' will open for three days in Rosebud's Akokiniskway Gallery on July 14 at 8 p.m., July 15 at 11 p.m. and a final performance on July 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased online (thebearfinalproject.eventbrite.com).

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The Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club held their annual year-end achievement day on May 29 with each member showing off their projects for the year. Photo Courtesy of Shelly Neal

Crowfoot 4-H Club wrap up

ALANNA NEAL
Crowfoot 4-H Club Reporter

The Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club held their achievement day at Crowfoot Community Hall on May 29. We started off with the sheep show. Thank you to Kylee Hebbes for evaluating and sharing tips with members on showing and grooming their sheep. After the sheep show, everyone went to different stations which were archery, display boards and pistol shooting.

While the members were at their station, they would talk about their project and show off what they made. Thank you to Dallas Stickle for evaluating the quilts that were part of the sewing displays.

After that we had our canine show where we

watched members and their dogs on the agility course which had jumping, a tunnel, sit and stay, around, and then they showed us their dog's favorite trick.

After we had supper and then awards. Congratulations to the communications and portfolio winners. The 4-H Alberta Award of Excellence was also earned by four members. Genevieve, Katie and Alanna earned Bronze and Corbin earned Gold. The members and families really enjoyed all of the activities on achievement day.

On June 18 the club had a camp day. We met in Rockyford and learned how to build campfires, tie knots, make paracord bracelets, and made fire starters and survival kits. It was a fun day for everyone.

Thank you to our leaders for a great 4-H year.

Ground meats exempt from health label

FROM THE OFFICE OF MARTIN SHIELDS

Martin Shields, Member of Parliament for Bow River released the following statement on June 30 on the announcement from Health Canada regarding the exemption of ground beef and pork from front-of-package health labeling:

"I am pleased Health Canada came to its senses and listened to concerned Canadians regarding the introduction of front-of-package labeling for single ingredient whole foods like ground beef and pork. These ground meat products are part of Canadians' everyday diet and an important source of protein

and iron among other nutrients.

"This warning label could have been perceived as ground meat being unhealthier compared to whole cuts. It also would have added additional costs to consumers at a time when the cost of living is already sky high. Canadians can rest assured knowing the ground meat products they are purchasing are home-grown, healthy, and of the highest quality in the world.

"I'd like to congratulate my Conservative colleagues on our steadfast work on this issue. Our daily pressure, questions, and evidence-based reasoning turned a positive result for all Canadians."



Archibald Biodiversity Centre Opening

The Archibald Biodiversity Centre, a new wildlife conservation centre operated by the Wilder Institute and the Calgary Zoo, held a grand opening of their facility near Strathmore on June 28. Dr. Clement Lanthier, president and CEO, presented during the grand opening.

Joe Lepage Photo

Village of Hussar NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Land Use Bylaw No. 543-22

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, The Village of Hussar has given 1st reading to Bylaw No. 543-22, a draft Land Use Bylaw (LUB) with the purpose of regulating the use and development of land and buildings in the Village of Hussar. The LUB provides a framework within which the orderly, economical, and beneficial development and use of land can take place.

A public hearing for Bylaw No. 543-22 will be held in person and Via Conference Call at the Village of Hussar Office at 109 – 1 Avenue East, Hussar, AB on **July 20th, 2022 commencing at 7:00pm**. Members of the public who are unable to attend the meeting in person may attend virtually:

Microsoft Teams Meeting
+1 587-774-9765, 453218950# Canada, Calgary
Phone Conference ID: 453 218 950#

Council will hear from any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw.

Written comments or concerns may also be submitted for Councils consideration. Written submissions will be received until 4:00pm on July 20, 2022. Submissions should be addressed to The Village of Hussar, and may be submitted Via Mail- P.O. Box 100 Hussar, AB, T0J 1S0 or Via Email - office@villageofhussar.ca

Please be advised that the personal information in submissions made, is collected under the authority of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 33(c) and subsequent versions of the Act. All submissions provided to the Village Council will be publicly available, in accordance with Section 40(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Proposed Land Use Bylaw No. 543-22 can be reviewed online at <https://www.villageofhussar.ca/planning-development>, or copies may be picked up Tuesdays & Thursdays at the 109 – 1 Avenue East, Hussar, AB from 8:30- 4:30 pm.

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Village of Rockyford NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Bylaw 2022-005

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act (MGA), The Village of Rockyford intends to consider a proposed amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2014-002. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to redistrict a portion of Plan 5728CC; Block 5 (Civic Address: 320 Main St), in the Village of Rockyford, from Central Business District (CB) to Residential Single Unit Detached (R-1) & Public Service District (P-1) as shown on the plan below. The redistricting is being proposed in conjunction with, and as a condition of an approved subdivision application (File #59/005). The redistricting and subdivision will accommodate the development of future residential lots along 2 Ave W.

Legal: Block 5, Plan 5728CC
From: Central Business (CB)
to: Residential Single Unit Detached (R-1) & Public Service (P-1)

Should you wish to address council in person, a **public hearing for Bylaw No. 2022-005** will be held in The Village of Rockyford office at 110 Main St, Rockyford, AB T0J 2R0, on **July 13th, 2022 commencing at 6:30pm**. Council will hear from any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw.

Additionally, written comments may be delivered to Village of Rockyford, PO Box 294, Rockyford, AB Canada T0J 2R0 or emailed to cao@rockyford.ca; submissions will be received up to Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 4:30pm.

The proposed bylaw 2022-005 can be reviewed online at <https://www.rockyford.ca/>, or copies may be picked up Monday through Friday at The Village of Rockyford Office at 110 Main St, Rockyford, AB T0J 2R0 from 8:30- 4:30 pm.

Inflation concerns continue

LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

As I write this article, I am honoured to acknowledge our American neighbours celebrating their Fourth of July celebrations. On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress, separating the United States from the British colonies, after Thomas Jefferson drafted the historic document. It has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941. We wish our American families the most beautiful day as they celebrate their independence.

We have been talking about inflation. Alberta has not seen this level of inflation since the early 1980s. I remember being a young girl and my dad seeing his friends losing their houses and businesses, it was terrifying, and we knew folks that lost everything. Our family had to change our entire way of life and like most others, that included how we bought our groceries and spent on what we wanted versus what we needed. It was a huge sacrifice for all Albertans, but we made it. We as a provincial government have reduced the gas tax by slashing 13 cents per liter to help alleviate some of the pain and the extension of this relief is necessary.

We will be in this for a while, so we must plan as families and government on how to proceed. We have the lowest gas prices in the country. We hope the Federal government will take this lead and consider how they can also bring relief. In April, the Federal carbon tax was increased by 11 per cent, this was not helpful and needs to be reconsidered. It raised gas prices by 3 cents per liter after Alberta had already reduced the tax by 13 cents per liter. The problem with inflation is that it impacts purchasing power, which is why keeping inflation within manageable ranges is so important. It helps to promote stable prices and then growth. The question is, how do we do this? It can be managed through wages and price controls, but there is no tried-and-true solution, all have benefits and collateral damage. All are impacted by the economic environment such as floods, fires, pandemics, and global conflicts. Therefore, we see interest rates climbing as a control to slow economic growth and reduce spending. This could lead to more stable rates of return from the banks, but none of these methods are guaranteed to work. Governments and families need to focus on critical priorities, helping those who are vulnerable or on fixed incomes, and watching our spending. We need to take on debt sparingly.

Finally, I would like to thank all the mayors and councils of all municipalities in the riding of Chestermere-Strathmore which I represent. I have been so fortunate to be a part of many events and groups working towards the growth of our communities. Thank you to Rocky View Councillor Al Schule for his amazing advocacy alongside the provincial government to get so much work done in Langdon, particularly for the new school. Thank you to Mayor of Strathmore Pat Fule for his economic work in the region and his great heart that has the keys to reconciliation and is always thinking of people first. Amber Link, the Reeve of Wheatland County, thank you for all your work on economic growth in your area and for being so generous with your time in helping me to understand your region's needs. And last but certainly not least, Chestermere Mayor Jeff Colvin, with whom I shared the pleasure of being part of the Chestermere chamber of commerce panel, seeing your advocacy for our city and your council's work was terrific.

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

Obituary



BRASSARD, Joseph Roland

Joe Brassard passed away in Viking, AB on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at the age of 76 years. He is survived by his children, Stacey (Sandie) Brassard, Deanna (Greg) Butler, Cory (Christine) Brassard and six grandchildren. Joe was predeceased by his parents Roland and Rosa Brassard, and his brothers Aime and Albert. Thank you to the nurses of the Viking Hospital and his close friends, Chris and Marcy, for taking care of him in his final days. A private memorial was held in Bruce, AB.

Obituary



FOSTER, Kelly Remington

Kelly Remington Foster of Strathmore, Alberta, passed away on June 29, 2022, in Calgary, Alberta at the age of 23. Kelly was born in Taber, Alberta to Terry Foster and Kris Paxman on May 27, 1999. He attended school in Strathmore and worked as an Industrial Painter and Sandblaster for Wheatland Blasting for over 4 years. He enjoyed many activities such as skateboarding, snowboarding, fishing, hiking, camping, painting, and spending time with his friends. Kelly is survived by his father Terry, mother Kris, and brothers Kyle and Jake. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at Wheatland Funeral Chapel at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Heidi Wiebe of Hope Community Covenant Church officiating. A gathering will be held at Strathmore Legion following the service. To send condolences, please visit Kelly's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

Wheatland Funeral Home
Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

Obituary



THIESSEN, Ed

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, Ed Thiessen. He passed away Monday, June 27th at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. He was born December 1st, 1941 on a farm just 2.5 miles NE of their current house. His first 3 school years were at the Namaka Farm School, and upon its closing, he attended the 'large' 4-room schoolhouse in Carseland, AB. Following his High School graduation at the age of 16, he loaded up his used Volkswagen and moved to Winnipeg, MB to study Engineering at the University of Manitoba. He graduated with his Mechanical Engineering degree 1964, and as he put it, "he was firmly convinced that city life was not for him!" From there, he started working for Schlumberger in Dawson Creek, B.C. wherein he met the love of his life, Donna Ellis. After repeatedly asking for her hand in marriage, Donna agreed, and they were married on May 27th, 1966. He continued to work in the oilfield until the spring of 1967, after which he, Donna, and little Stuart all moved back to the farm, where they happily resided and where they raised their 5 children (Stuart, Doug, Andrea, Bryan, and Amy). His return to the farm led to working alongside his dad, and together they started feeding cattle in 1968, and, as he put it, "not knowing any better" they continued increasing the size of their cattle operation. With Ed's guidance, this operation has continued to grow in both Strathmore, Alberta and in Outlook, Saskatchewan, and is now run by his sons, Stuart and Bryan.

Ed always said that his best decision was marrying Donna and he took great pride in their 56 years of marriage and the family that they created. He considered himself lucky, in that his work was also his hobby - he dearly loved building and running his business alongside his children and working with the wonderful people in the cattle industry. He enjoyed remaining involved with the operation even after his sons Stuart and Bryan took over. Throughout his life he delighted in spending time with his friends and family - skiing, dining, motor biking, discussing politics and travelling. His sincere and gracious personality, his thoughtful insights, and his genuine, hearty laughter will be dearly missed by many. He truly was the family's North Star and guiding force. He was predeceased by his father (Jake), mother (Manja), daughter (Andrea), and grandson (Derek). He is survived by Donna, the love of his life and wife of 56 years, and the rest of their family: Stuart (Leta) and their children Evan, Kira, and Carter; Doug (Lisa) and their children Dustin, Reanna, Jennifer, and Chelsea; Bryan (Amber) and their daughter Remington; Amy (Matt), and by his son-in-law Darcy (Sarah-Lynn) and daughter Isabelle, and Darcy's other children Annalisa, Mayafaye, and Adaline.

A private family service will be held on Friday, July 8, 2022, followed up by a celebration of life for all who knew and loved him, on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Ed and Donna's house. If the location of the celebration of life is required, please email dat210@telus.net, and the location will be provided. To send condolences, please visit Ed's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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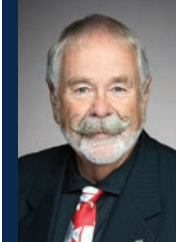
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