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> **Town of Strathmore Municipal Notices**

Watch Clerk **Program approved**

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has approved a Memorandum of Agreement with Rocky View County and Wheatland County for the continued funding of the RCMP Watch Clerk Program.

This funding agreement will cover the costs for three full-time equivalent watch clerk positions for a term of three years.

Under the agreement, it is noted that each of the participating municipalities will share the costs equally. Prior to the renewing of the agreement as presented, these funding agreements were renewed annually.

A series of one year funding agreements has been in place between Rocky View County, Wheatland County and the Town of Strathmore since 2018, though due to funding being contingent from year to year, this has contributed to staff turnover as opposed to retention.

According to the Town of Strathmore, establishing a multi-year agreement creates a predictable funding model which is able to offer competitive salaries, and facilitates both better recruitment as well as retention for these positions.

Funding for a full-time, permanent watch clerk position with local RCMP was approved by the Town of Strathmore in June 2018.

The desired outcome, as indicated by town administration in the June 7 meeting agenda, is for all of the partners to approve the document, and ensure a consistent, predictable funding model for the positions.

"This is a great opportunity to extend a regional partnership in a meaningful way. Ensuring we can attract and retain talented candidates for watch clerk positions will improve the efficiency of our RCMP detachment



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and their ability to serve our communities,' said Mark Pretzlaff, director of community and protective services.

The intent of the RCMP watch clerk program is to allow RCMP members to increase their presence on roads, as well as in the community by entrusting administrative duties and obligations to watch clerks. Continued on Page 4

Bronc battle!

Despite some cold and wet weather, the Gunner Bronc Battle - presented by the Gleichen Ag Society - was a huge success on June 14 in Gleichen. Novice and pro riders from all over Canada and even the US battled it out in the rain and mud to a solid crowd of excited fans kicking off the rodeo season. **Melissa Piche Photo**







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Library Summer Reading Program registration open

IOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The summer reading program hosted through the Strathmore Municipal Library is open for registration, and spots to participate are already filling quickly.

According to Erika Dewald, one of this year's summer reading program coordinators, the program is not just about helping to maintain and improve literacy in local youth, but also to present them with fun, engaging activities related to their reading.

"We are trying to improve children's literacy and get them excited about reading. We really want to encourage kids to make friends, be able to have fun, and associate fun with reading," said Dewald.

"Reading is really fun, so we want the kids to be able to enjoy their summer and also learn things."

Dewald explained each group of kids enrolled with the program will come into the library for two hours once a week to participate in the program and do an activity.

This can include making crafts, playing games, solving puzzles, and other activities, all the while being presented with an opportunity to make friends along the way.

At home, the kids are able to log their reading minutes, with prizes available for the kids and their groups for the top readers with the most minutes.

"The theme this year is curiosity, so we decided to go a little bit more specific and we are doing a safari. We have a whole bunch of really exciting safari crafts and animals - it is going to be great," said Dewald. "We are preparing all the crafts, we are getting all of the supplies set up for this ... we are also doing community Fridays, so we have events on Fridays that are completely free for anybody from the community to show up to. You do not have to register or anything like that."

Though the summer reading program through the library formally has limited spots for registration to participate in the activities, those who are not registered are still able to participate and engage with the reading logs for prizes.

In total, the library is able to support six groups of kids, with 20 spots per group, in a host of diffe-

rent age ranges. According to Dewald, the Kindergarten to Grade 2 group has already been registered to capacity.

Dewald added several local businesses from around Strathmore, as well as surrounding areas have donated to support the library with their prizes and operational funding.

The Strathmore Library's summer reading program will run from July 4 until Aug. 18. More information about the program is available through the library's website. The team is also seeking volunteers to assist in operating the program during times where the kids will be in the library for their activities.

Mobile mammography scans returning to Siksika

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Alberta Health Services has announced the mobile mammography service will be returning to Siksika Nation near the end of June, and will be locally available for several days.

The mobile mammography trailer, operated through the Alberta Health Services Screen Test Program, will arrive in Siksika Nation June 28 and will be stationed there until June 30.

Women ages 45 to 74 will be eligible to book an appointment with the trailer, which will be free to access with their Alberta Health card.

"The mobile trailer is owned by Screen Test, (which) is a service of the screening programs division of Alberta Health Services that provides breast cancer screening mammograms around the province," said Chidi Okoli, health promotion facilitator, who spoke on behalf of Screen Test. "Currently, Screen Test has two mobile trailers, and these trailers are equipped with digital mammography machines, and they travel to 121 communities across the province. This includes 28 Indilers did not visit their communities, they would not receive screenings, and who acknowledged the importance of the mobile trailers.

"Sometimes transportation can be a barrier, having to drive all the way into a city to receive a screening. For the trailers, we also have evening appointments to also accommodate for people who work during the day," said Okoli. "The mobile schedule is planned in such a way that the trailer gets to a community when clients are due for another mammogram. Some clients have their mammogram once a year, while some have their mammograms once every two years."

Through the trailers, mammograms are not offered to cisgender males, as the program is not designed for them. If a male has concerns regarding his breasts, Okoli advised that assistance can be obtained via his regular health care provider.

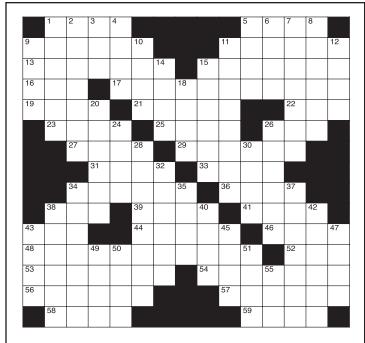
Symptoms of breast cancer to keep an eye out for can include lumps in the breast or armpit areas, unusual chance in the shape and/ or size of the breast, unusual rash on the breast or nipple, discharge from the nipple, or the nipple turning inward upon itself.



Show time

Strathmore's Double S Barrel Series hosted their Junefest barrel racing on June 17 at the Indus Recreational Centre. Many locals from Strathmore and Wheatland County competed for many of the prize buckles. Joe Lepage Photos





31. One-time Yankees rookie

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genous communities - so Siksika is one of them."

Okoli explained having routine mammograms has proven to be the most effective way to discover breast cancer early, when tumors are still small, there are more treatment options, and patients have a higher rate of survival.

Feedback from visited communities, she added, includes comments from folks who said if the trai-

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Appointments with the trailer can be scheduled online at screeningforlife.ca or by phone at 1-800-667-0604. More information about breast cancer, as well as cervical, colorectal and lung cancer screenings is available online. Screening appointments are generally estimated to take between 10 and 20 minutes to complete.

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24. The very top

43. Extra seed covering 45. "Survivor: Panama" winner 47. Six 49. One who inspects lamps 50. Small parrot 51. Primordial matter of the universe 55. _____fi (slang)

35. A place to get off your feet









Great start

The Strathmore Scorchers U17 soccer team improved to 7-1 on the season after shutting out West Hills United on June 9 at the Ranch Market Soccer Field. After that game, the Scorchers were the top team in the Boys U17 Tier 3 Division.

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Close game The Strathmore Swells U12 soccer team lost a

U12 soccer team lost a close 2-1 battle to the Lion's Soccer Club and Academy at the Ranch Market Soccer Field on June 9.

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Lambert Centre to see development of new public art

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has approved the Lambert Centre to be the location for a community-driven art mural to be painted through the local Skills for Success program.

The public mural will see installation at the Lambert Centre following final concept approval. Town of Strathmore administration has been directed to work with Prospect Human Services and return with a mural concept for council's consideration.

"This was an opportunity to support a local initiative that embodies council's strategy for Community Wellness," said Mark Pretzlaff, director of community and protective services. "Public art installations strengthen a community's identity and fosters a sense of local pride. I'm grateful to Prospect Human Services for coming forward with this idea and look forward to seeing it come to life."

As part of its overall strategic plan, council has prioritized the maintenance, protection and improvement of wellness services in the community.

In council's June 7 meeting agenda, it is indicated by administration that public art is a vital ingredient in the cultural fabric of the local community.

The idea is that art can connect communities in cultural experiences, creating a sense of belonging and connectedness to people, places, stories, and creative ideas. Art also engages citizens and artistic leaders in planning and building a thri-

ving community for the future. According to a release from the town,

the project also touches on council's strategy for Intentional Community Development.

Prospect Human Services originally presented to council a desire for a public art mural back in February as part of their Skills for Success program.

This is the same initiative which saw the "Welcome" mural established within the Strathmore Municipal Library in October 2022.

Skills for Success is a program funded by the Government of Alberta and is designed to help unemployed, and underemployed Albertans in the greater Strathmore area to improve their foundational and digital literacy skills, as well as to learn essential communication skills.

The program has also been involved in development of public art at a local pizza parlour, and has expressed interest in developing a mural on the exterior of the 85 Lakeside Blvd. building on the Happy Gang side.

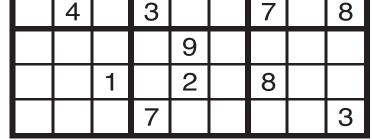
Administration has since met with The Strathmore Municipal Library and the Happy Gang to ensure their support. Once a concept for the mural has been finalized, council will give their final approval prior to installation.

There is currently no set date as to when a concept will be presented before council for approval.

Town approves agreement for renewed RCMP Watch Clerk Program

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Wheatland County council had approved their participation in the Memorandum of Agreement prior to the June 7 Town of Strathmore regular meeting of council.

Rocky View County has voiced their support for the Memorandum of Agreement, and their ultimate approval is expected to be finalized in the near future, though no formal date or deadline has been indicated.

Via a release, the Town of Strathmore has stated it is looking forward to finalizing this ongoing partnership, and the continuation of effective policing services in the region.

Siksika Health Services hosts 21st annual Health Fair

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Health Services hosted their 21st annual Health Fair, June 13 and 14, raising awareness for and celebrating culturally appropriate services available to nation members.

"This is to showcase the wellbeing of people, and coming together is one of the medicines you use for welcoming each other, knowing each other better, and also to interact with other people who want to get to know Siksika Nation," said Floria Duck Chief, senior culture advisor for Siksika Health Services. "It is to maintain the wellness of the people, the surrounding areas, and also to showcase what kind of things that we do with health services."

Duck Chief explained she was asked to chair the event, though she praised the entire team who orchestrated the event, hosted at the Deerfoot Sportsplex for their efforts in making the occasion a success.

She added she hopes that by hosting the Health Fair, it spreads the word to people who may need it that a local health center is here, and people are invited to make use of it.

"One of the main ideas is to work together as one. As we know, when we had CO-VID-19, I found that everybody was really silent, and I think that is where we picked up where everybody needed to watch out for one another

... this was the time to gather our thoughts and say 'we are here to help you," she said. "That is how I see the surrounding communities and towns ... let us come together as one ... this is what we are about, is community wellness and traditional wellness for our Siksika Nation Health Services."

This year's Health Fair featured a number of guest speakers, including Chris Koch, Lisa Bowes, Dr. Cindy Blackstock, and several Calgary Flames alumni. On the other side of the building, a trade show was set up for participants to browse and enjoy other activities.

Also hosted as part of the Health Fair, Dungeon Wrestling presented a show for participants they referred to as "Healthmania."

"The guest speakers were a big highlight because a lot of them, they have really given us a lot of support, especially for the youth. Having the Calgary Flames alumni here, the Hitmen, and then having the Every Child Matters game, you can see all the support we are getting from these sports individuals," said Duck Chief. "I am hoping that the youth walk away with something, that they are able to have learned more about what Siksika Health Services is all about and the people who work here. They are hardworking people; everybody helps one another and I just hope they see us as role models for the whole community."





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Health Fair at the Deerfoot Sportsplex, June 13 -14. The event largely consisted of a trade show, wrestling showcase, participation by the Calgary Flames and Hitmen, and talks from several influential speakers. John Watson Photos

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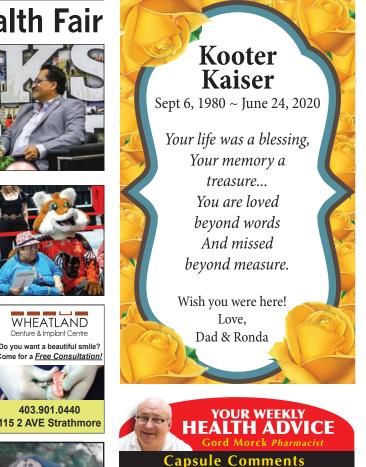


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Wheatland County Council Chambers July 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Bylaw #: 2023-15, Special Events Bylaw

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Council welcomes public participation and encourages individuals to share their comments or attend the Regular Council Meeting on July 4, 2023, at 10:30 am. If you wish to speak during the meeting, we ask that you register with Administration by sending an email to admin@ wheatlandcounty.ca.

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Safety first

The Kiwanis Club of Strathmore hosted their first annual free Bike Safety Day on June 11 at Kinsmen Park. Kids aged four to 14 were invited for bike safety tips, to learn the rules of the road, and have their bike and helmets inspected. Joe Lepage Photos











Three times the fun The Town of Strathmore hosted their annual 3 on 3 hockey tournament at the Strathmore Family Centre on June 17. There were 28 teams, ranging from U7 to U17, participating on six indoor/outdoor playing surfaces. Along with the ball hockey games, there were corn hole games, face painting, free balloons and food trucks. Joe Lepage Photos





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Langdon celebrates public park revitalization

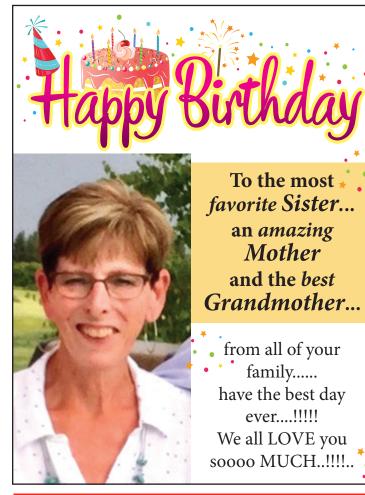
JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Langdon Community Association hosted a grand opening for the revitalized Langdon Park on June 14 to mark the completion of the project.

According to Chrissy Craig, executive director for the Langdon Community Association, the revitalization of the park has been a donation and grant-funded project that has taken place over the past two years.

"We have worked really hard to change our park from an



empty field to what we see today. We had our grand opening for the tennis courts, basketball courts, the connection courts, as well as the gathering gardens, and our new Qualico Resource Centre which is the home to our library and youth centre," she said. "It has been a very big project over the last two years. There has been a lot to it, (and) a lot of moving pieces. It has been very challenging, so it is amazing to be able to come together and celebrate this amazing new space for our community."

Craig explained the project was kicked off thanks to a donation from a community member who wanted to see basketball courts installed within the community for youth to use.

Following that, support for a revitalized recreational space snowballed, including the receipt of several grants and donations. Ultimately, \$1.2 million was raised to support the redevelopment project.

"The community is loving it. They have been out, the library and youth center have just opened up this (past) week, the courts have been opened up for about a year now, and the gathering gardens were used all winter from the girl guides, to the scouts, and families gathering together," said Craig. "This space is going to totally change what we can use for our community. We can have so many meetings and so much recreation, and just a place where our community can come together and be together."

She added despite the influences and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, a large majority of the project goals for revitalizing the park were met on time and on budget.

The only delays, Craig explained, were in regards to opening the Qualico Resource Center, and even that only suffered a three-month delay due to requiring specific permits to be in place, and similar documentation.

"We are a community of just under 6,000, and to not have a library is uncalled for in Alberta. It is absolutely amazing to have this space now for





The Grand Opening of the newly revitalized Langdon Park was celebrated June 14. The event was originally scheduled to take place outside in the community gardens, but was moved indoors due to an ongoing tornado warning at the time. John Watson Photos

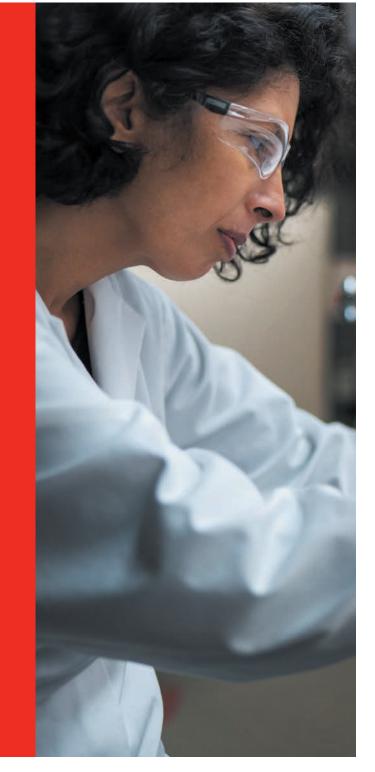


everybody to come and not only get books, but also have a place to do homework and all the stuff that they need to in here," she said. "We had to really think outside the box to come up with a home for this place, and we thought of a few different locations, but they just did not pan out. Then, we came up with the idea for these portable structures to be here and to make it more of a permanent installation."

More information regarding the library, as well as the youth center, is available online. The public outdoor recreation spaces are open 24/7 to the community.

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Ellen Van Noordenburg crowned Miss Strathmore Stampede

IOHN WATSON Local Iournalism Initiative Reporter

Following the conclusion of the contest to become the next Miss Strathmore Stampede, the title, sash, and fancy hat have been given to Ellen Van Noordenburg.

She was crowned, June 12, after the competition wrapped up the previous night, being selected by a panel of judges and contest organizers over two other competitors.

"I am beyond excited. This is going to be such an incredible opportunity. I look forward to representing Strathmore moving forwards here in the upcoming year," said Van Noordenburg. "It is going to be great to be able to represent not only the rodeo, but also the town as their ambassador as I travel from rodeo to rodeo this summer and into next year."

Van Noordenburg said she developed a passion for rodeo pageantry in 2019 when she was crowned the Peak Night Rodeo Queen through her local 4-H club rodeo.

This year's competition kicked off June 8, and consisted of a speaking competition, fashion show, horsemanship showcase, written test, and

personal interview. Contestants were evaluated in each category before Van Noordenburg was ultimately crowned.

"It was a wonderful competition. (Breanna Correia, and Kailyn Simpson), they are incredible competitors and I could not have asked for a better group of girls to spend the weekend with," said Van Noordenburg. "Each of the components of the competition were very wonderfully put together by the committee and I owe a big 'thank you,' to them, as without them, this weekend would not have been so successful. Each part of the competition was something new and exciting and it was very well organized."

Van Noordenburg added she is particularly excited to be able to mentor upcoming youth, answer questions, be a part of a growing interest in rodeo and to be a part of the behind-the-scenes.

Much of her excitement for the role stems from the ability and opportunity to educate people about the backstage aspect of organizing, facilitating and putting on rodeo events, from getting athletes on the road to participate, to looking after the animals that are critical to each event.

"I look forward to being able to share a little bit of that with the world and as



The Rockyford 4-H Beef Club hosted their Achievement Day Show & Sale on June 7. Anna Newell was named the Grand Champion while Carson Harwood was named the Reserve Champion.

Photos Courtesy of Tiffany Campbell

Great 4-H season capped off

JAXON CAMPBELL Rockyford 4-H Beef Club Reporter

This was my eighth year with the Rockyford 4-H Beef Club and it was another fun and successful year. Like always, we learned to do by doing with each member gaining and sharing new skills.

Our Achievement Day Show & Sale was on June 7 at the Rockyford Ag Grounds. After seven months of raising, feeding, and breaking steers - things finally paid off for the myself and fellow club members.

We had lots of spectators and buyers despite the heat. All our members had a fun day with some really great looking steers.

Congratulations to each one of our members:

Anna Newell - Grand Champion & Sr Champion Showmanship & Sr Reserve Champion Grooming - Purchased by Great West Kenworth

Carson Harwood - Reserve Champion -Purchased by Big Country Drilling Timbree Desmet - Jr Champion Show-

Air Haliegh Harwood - Purchased by Strathmore Seed Plant

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Zachary Piper - Purchased by Westveiw Co-op

Daniel Jensen - Purchased by Core Ag A big thank you to all the buyers for your support of 4-H and our members. We hope you have some full freezers.

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Day we do without your support. Thank you to the Rockyford Lions for our fantastic beef on a bun lunch and for letting us use the rodeo grounds to hold our show and sale. Thank you to Taggert Desmet, Chris Jensen and Pat Newell for being our show and sale committee, we appreciate everything you do. Thank you to all the parents who get us to meetings and events, make sure we are fed, watered and safe all day and volunteer and support our club. Thank you to Tamara Newell and Tiffany Campbell for being our 4-H Leaders for three years. You got us through a few uncertain years, helped plan our 75th anniversary and made sure we learned and still had fun. Enjoy retirement!! I can't wait for October when I will start my ninth and final year of 4H. I have enjoyed three years of being your club reporter but now it's time for someone else to update you on all we do.

well, to focus on the upcoming opportunities for our youth in rodeo," she said. "No dream is too big. If you are willing to put the work and dedication into your goals, do so, because the hard work always pays off, and no matter if you are faced with a downfall, do not give up, that is what will make you stronger."

Van Noordenburg will succeed Martina Holtkamp to represent the Strathmore Stampede, following a training and orientation period.

Bark in the Park returning for fifth year

IOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's Bark in the Park event is returning to Kinsmen Park for its fifth year running and is expecting to be the largest ever hosted in town.

Hosted and sponsored by Debbie Mitzner, she continues to be excited to bring the event back on an annual basis because of the consistent positive feedback and support from the local community.

"This is our fifth year, so we have opened the park to people to bring their pets down on leashes. It is a social event; there is a DJ there for music, and there are different vendors who support us," she said. "The Rescue Dog Association, they are there, there are pet stores ... (and) it keeps getting bigger and better every year. It is very well attended.'

Prospective new pet owners will have an opportunity to potentially bring home a rescue dog, as an adoption site will be present at the event.

New pet owners will also be able to find a host of resources on site to learn about training and socializing for their new family members and best friends.

"It is free to the public to come, so it is affordable for everyone to be able to attend. I sponsor it to give back to the community; we have a hydration station for the dogs, and more just gets ad-

ded to it every year," said Mitzner. "There are more people, more vendors, and more services. It is just good to be able to give back to the community."

According to Mitzner, there will be no designated off leash zone for the dogs to run around in this year, so the event will be strictly on leash.

She added it is a fantastic way for pet owners, especially new owners or for those with shy animals, to be able to come out and get their pet socialized.

Mitzner explained the inspiration for the event to get started in Strathmore in the first place came from a similar event hosted in Calgary.

"I went to an event in the city - a Bark in the Park event, and Strathmore had never had anything like that, so we brought it to Strathmore. Now, there is actually one running in Airdrie, and there is also a Bark in the Park event in Okotoks," she said. "We started getting calls something like two months ago asking when the event is. People are booking it on their calendars, there are food trucks, and people come out and make it a family event."

A highlight of the event will be the "Cutest Puppy Contest," which will be held at 1 p.m. on the day of. Onsite registration for the contest will begin at 10 a.m.

Bark in the Park will take place on June 24 in Kinsmen Park and will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Van Ellen Noordenburg has been crowned the new Miss Strathmore Stampede for the 2023-24 rodeo season. Photo

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Constituent responses

MARTIN SHIELDS

Member of Parliament Bow River Riding

As I write this column for our great newspapers in the Bow River Riding, I'm reminded how important it is to keep our weekly newspapers alive. Recently I had the opportunity to question the Minister of Heritage at committee about the main estimates (government spending). I asked him how his government, that purports to wanting to promote Canadian journalism, can justify splashing over \$60 million in advertising dollars to online foreign tech giants while local outlets like in the Bow River Riding are seeing federal advertising dollars dry up – sometimes to zero. This money used to go to our papers and now they've lost it. He didn't have a straight answer for me, but I pressed him to re-think about his government's priorities.

The reason I mention this interaction is because I'm always hearing from constituents about the issues that matter most to them. In fact, keeping our local newspapers alive is an important topic for many. If you weren't aware, I publish a monthly survey released along with my e-newsletter that you can sign up for through my website. But in my regular snail mail correspondence, I'm also asking constituents their thoughts on relevant issues. The mail surveys can be returned to my office in Ottawa postage free. It's one of the best ways for me to stay up to date with your thoughts.

In my latest mailer, I highlighted some of the work my Alberta MP colleagues and I have been focused on in this Parliament. Included was a survey with 10 questions on a variety of topics, including: inflation, government spending, internet regulation, community safety, firearms laws, foreign interference, among other topics. When the responses to this survey start trickling into my office, I always read and respond to them.

Ultimately, Members of Parliament are accountable to their constituents, and I believe MPs should be doing everything they can to stay in communication with their constituents. Be it through social media, email, letters, or phone calls, I always enjoy hearing your thoughts.

So, I will leave you with this ask: next time you see an email



FENTON, Elizabeth "Betty" February 6, 1938 – June 5, 2023

Betty Fenton of Strathmore, passed away at the Strathmore Hospital on June 5th, 2023 at the age of 85 years. She was

the loving mother of Joseph Flemming of Strathmore, Darryl Flemming of Calgary, and Neil Flemming of Strathmore. She will be dearly missed by her 2 grandchildren Jasmin Dominique Cosh-Flemming and Kate Ruby Cosh-Thiessen. She will also be lovingly remembered by her 2 sisters Lily and Margaret and many friends. Betty was predeceased by her husband Gerald Fenton, granddaughter Sasha Nadine, brother Bernard, Ray, Larry, Jim, Jack, and Joe; sisters Regina, Valarie, Bernice; her mother Genevieve and father Frederick.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Happy Cat Sanctuary Society of Alberta (P.O. Box 2311 Strathmore, AB T1P 1K3).

A Funeral Service was held at Mountain View Funeral Home on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

To express condolences and share memories, please visit: www.mountainviewmemorial.ca.

Funeral Home 403-272-5555

<u>Obituary</u>

LUPYCZUK, John William July 5, 1936 - June 18, 2023

John was born in a community 80 kilometers East of Odessa, Ukraine and immigrated to Canada with his parents at the

age of three where they settled into farm life at Serviceberry Creek, Alberta. Never one to shy away from hard work, John painstakingly built his farm and rental properties with a desire to leave a legacy for his family. John was fascinated by, and passionate about, living things - from his cattle, sheep, chickens, and pheasants, to the tiniest grasshopper. He showed his love by providing for and teaching his skills to his children and grandchildren. John is survived by his wife Isabella; his children Paul, Stan, Leonard, Isabell, and Ken; and grandchildren Heather, Chelsey, Breanna, Taylor, Jordan, Graysen, and Kingston. John was predeceased by his parents Anna and Bill, as well as his son Peter and grandson Christopher.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at Lord of All Lutheran Church (112 Lakeside Blvd., Strathmore) at 11:00 a.m.

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

Wheatland Funeral Home Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

Obituary HAGEN, Charlotte Isla October 25, 1935 – Strathmore, AB

March 16, 2023 – Strathmore, AB Beloved mother and nana Charlotte Isla Ha-

gen of Strathmore, AB passed away on Thurs-

day, March 16, 2023, at the age of 87 years. After retiring as a bookkeeper for many years in the Oil and Gas industry she dedicated her life to family. Mom/Nana forged a very strong connection with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

After living in Calgary, she returned to Strathmore where she joined the Legion as well as becoming a member and volunteering with the Ladies Auxiliary.

Isla loved to putter in the garden, tending to her flowers. She enjoyed horseback riding, bowling, curling, and playing darts. Isla was an avid traveller, taking many road trips to California's Disneyland with her grandchildren as well as family trips to Scotland.

Isla is survived by her daughter Sandra Hagen, son Roger "Bud"Hagen (Marguerite), three grandchildren, Ryan Morkin (Allison), Jacelyn Morkin, and Eric Hagen; six great-grandchildren, Nolan Morkin, Owen Morkin, Julien Morkin, Desiray Pelland, Freya Hagen, and Isla Hagen; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Isla was predeceased by her husband Roger Hagen, parents, Helen and Andrew Scott; sisters, Margaret Christensen (John) and Kay Day (Mick); as well as her brother Andy Scott (Bonnie).

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Notice is hereby given that the 2022 Assessment Roll for Village of Standard used for 2023 Property Taxation, completed under the provisions of Municipal Government Act, has been prepared and is open for inspection Monday to Thursday during business hours of 9:00am to 4:00 pm MST at the Village of Standard Office located at 120 Elsinore Avenue in Standard Alberta, and at www.villageofstandard.ca. If you have any questions or concerns about your assessment please contact service provider, Wheatland County Assessment Department at 403-934-3321 Any person who desires to object to the entry of their name or that of any other person upon the said roll or to the assessed value placed upon any property must, on or before 4:00pm of August 22, 2023, lodge (file) their complaint(s) in writing to the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board, for the Village of Standard. Please contact Village of Standard at 403-644-3968 to obtain more information on the Assessment Complaint process prior to considering filing a complaint. Notice of Mailing 2023 Property Tax & Assessment Notice from Village of Standard. The 2023 Assessment and Tax notices have been mailed on June 15, 2023. If you have not received your notice in the mail, please contact Yvette April, CAO. at the Village of Standard office, 403-644-3968.



from my office in your inbox or a constituency mailer in your mailbox, fill it out with your thoughts! I'd like to hear from as many constituents as I can. In a riding with such a vast geographical footprint and such a diverse population like Bow River's, it's important to hear your thoughts – no matter where you live.

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Be sure to follow me on social media and sign up for my e-newsletter to keep up with federal news and updates: Facebook (@ MartinShieldsBowRiver), Twitter (@MartinBowRiver) and Instagram (@MartinShields_BowRiver). Funeral Services will be held at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 (230 2nd Avenue, Strathmore, AB) on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared with Charlotte's family here.

The family would like to thank Dr. Young, the staff at George Boyack in Calgary and some of Mom's caregivers at Sagewood in Strathmore.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10, 230 2 Ave, Strathmore, AB T1P 1K1 Telephone: (403) 934-5119. In living memory of Isla Hagen, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes, Eastside, 5388 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, AB T2A 3V9, Telephone: 403-248-8585.

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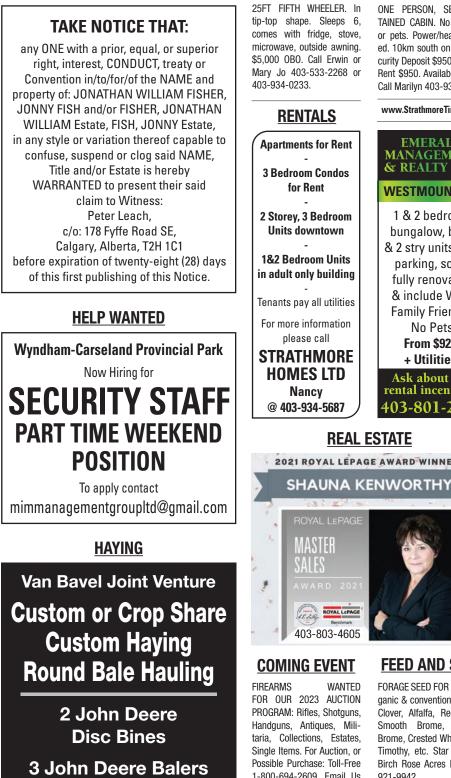
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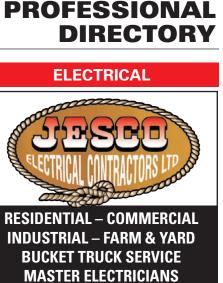
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Tax payment deadline

Property tax notices were mailed on May 24, 2023. The deadline to pay property taxes without a 10% penalty is June 30, 2022.

Upcoming Council Meetings

June 7, 2023 | 6pm June 14, 2023 | 6pm June 21, 2023 | 6pm

Regular Council Meeting Committee of the Whole

Regular Council Meeting

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

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Seniors week is June 5 to June 11

Senior's week is coming up!

The Strathmore Municipal Library has a full week of free events lined up - including free walking and Aquasize events at our recreation facilities.

Head to Strathmorelibrary.ca/SeniorsWeek to get all the details!



Bylaw 23-15

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 14-11 to redesignate Lot 9, Block 1, Plan 781 0935 (9 Bayside Place) from M2 – General Industrial District to R2X – Medium Density Attached Housing District & R2X – Medium Density Attached Housing District, District Overlay.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed Bylaws may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB), or can be found on the Town website (https:// strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/public-hearings.aspx). Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.





The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, commencing at 6:00pm with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #22-10 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services at Isadmin@strathmore.ca by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 in order to register to present.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Legislative Services Department prior to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 as outlined in Bylaw #22-10 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

Please contact Legislative Services at (403) 934-3133 prior to attending a Public Hearing to determine the order of Bylaw presentations in the Council Agenda to ensure efficient use of your time.