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Family rodeo

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Budget planning

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has officially opened discussions regarding the 2023 budget process, which was introduced during a special meeting of council on June 22.

Budget timelines for 2023 were initially presented to council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 8 and was further adopted as part of the council agenda the following week.

Brenda Hewko, acting as a subcontractor supporting the Town's finance team, presented a workshop to council during the special meeting to discuss the process of how municipal budgeting is operated and what kinds of considerations go into establishing the Town's budget.

According to the Municipal Government Act (MGA), the Town must plan for a balanced budget and can not plan to run a deficit.

The Town of Strathmore operates primarily on four primary financial policies, as described by Hewko. These include the overall budget, cash and investment management, operating and capital reserves, and the Town's long-term financial plan.

"The purpose of the budget policy is to make sure that we are aligning and funding ... the various different activities, expenses (and) everything that we're looking to do so that it is in the budget," said Hewko. "The cash and investment management policy is looking at purchasing power, liquidity and maximizing returns that investments would earn and conform to the MGA."

Hewko explained that the operating and capital reserve policy focuses on the longterm financial stability and flexibility of the town

The long-term financial plan though is treated differently in process than the Town's other policies, still it must be approved by council before being implemented by the Town's finance department and is thus introduced similarly to other financial policies.

Also included among the Town's finance department's considerations within the budget are Town personnel, local debt, loans, intergenerational equity, and records of financial transactions.

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Eye on the ball!

Cavalry FC midfielder Ben Smith heads a ball during a practice with the three local U11 soccer teams on June 23 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. In March, the Canadian Premier League franchise and the Strathmore Soccer Association announced a partnership called the Cavalry FC Club Program, which professional players would hold practices for the local soccer teams, among other benefits of the club.

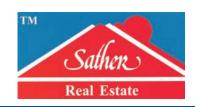
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Standard's sixth annual family rodeo was hosted in the village on June 25 after a two-year hiatus. Local youth were able to participate in mutton busing, tug of war, wild pony races and a wide assortment of other rodeo events. The family friendly event aims to grow each year John

Watson **Photos**





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Standard family rodeo returns following COVID-19 hiatus

IOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Folks in the Standard area were excited to celebrate the sixth annual family rodeo on June 25, with no shortage of events for local kids to participate in.

Dallas Nelson, president of the Standard Rodeo Society, said the event is geared largely for the enjoyment and participation of local youth and is a great opportunity for families to get out of the house.

"It's just an event to get kids out, we've got all events and they don't necessarily have to come from a rodeo background," said Nelson. "It's just for them to come out and have some fun on a nice day."

The rodeo was brought back to Standard after a two-year hiatus due to ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Although usually paired with Standard Sports Days, the annual community day featuring a baseball tournament took another break this year as volunteers are instead focused on planning for the Village's upcoming centennial celebration on Aug. 13.

Nelson said the turnout of people at the rodeo and who were excited to be back was beyond any of his expectations.

'(The turnout) has been awesome, it has blown our expectations with the amount of people who have come out today," said Nelson. "It's just gratifying to see the smiles on the kids' faces. That's what it's all about today is all about the kids. It's just to go have fun, no pressure. And that's what it's all about. It's for the kids."

Included among the festivities was wild pony riding, bloomer races, trick riding, mutton busting and goat tying alongside myriad of other classic rodeo

Despite the event's humble beginnings, Nelson said he is excited to see it gaining popularity within Standard, as well as the surrounding communities.

"There are a few families from Standard who went to other rodeos and saw how many people went with their kids to other rodeos, so we thought why not try here. We started something real small a few years ago and it's steadily grown since," said Nelson. "It's exciting to get everyone in the community together and everyone from surrounding communities who we don't typically see. That's pretty much the highlight and just the smiles on the kids' faces."

Nelson added that he was ecstatic about the efforts put in by volunteers to make the rodeo happen, especially given the adverse weather conditions which threatened to postpone the fes-

"This year, we had about four inches of rain about a week before and our grounds was a complete disaster ... we (debated) whether we would have to postpone it, but everyone put a lot of hours in and we got the grounds good to go. We're grateful that we stuck with 'er," said Nelson, adding that he would like to see the event continue to grow each year as the hosting tradition develops.



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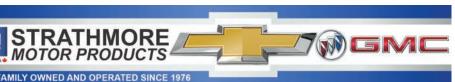
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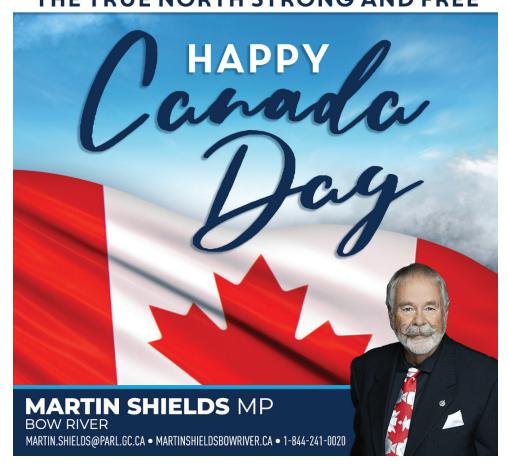
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While this might be unethical; it's perfectly legal. If you are buying a new construction home, be sure you understand your risks and responsibilities. Here are BBB's tips to make sure your experience goes



Tips for navigating new construction contracts

· Research your builder beforehand

Check online reviews to make sure previous home buyers were satisfied with their experience. Also, look up your builder on BBB.org and review any complaints.

• Understand your contract before signing:

Builder contracts are often written to protect the builder and provide many ways for them to terminate the

agreement. Don't ever sign a contract on the spot. Instead, take the contract home with you and have a

lawyer review it. Make sure you understand what's covered (and not).

• Find out if your contract includes a cost escalation clause.

This clause allows the builder to charge you for unanticipated costs, such an increase in lumber prices. If this is included in your contract, your lawyer can help you negotiate more favourable term

Review start and end dates.

Make sure you know when your build is scheduled to start and finish. Be sure your contract details your rights and those of your builder if your home isn't finished by the date stipulated in the contract.

- Ask for changes or stipulations before you sign.

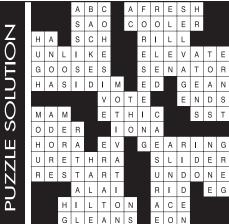
Once your contract is in place, it's too late to ask for edits. If you want anything changed, do it before you

 Monitor your home building project closely.
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Wheatland Wind Project makes long-term partnership with County

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Wind Project has entered into a deal with Wheatland County and will be providing long-term financial support to the community at large.

The agreement has established a Community Benefits Fund, under which the Wheatland Wind Project has committed to providing the County with financial contributions of \$25,000 annually for a period of approximately 25 years.

Through the agreement, the funds will go towards funding various scholarships, initiatives, events and organizations that will benefit the local community.

"Because the project is going to be operating within the County for a long term, they wanted to contribute as they were operating within that timeframe. It's a good long-term funding project for the community," said Dave Rimes, community services coordinator with Wheatland County. "I think all the community groups in the region will benefit. It's a substantial amount of money that will be added every year to grant programs for these community groups."

Rimes added the agreement has been under discussion between the Wheatland Wind Project and the County for several months and has now been given the green light.

The partnership will be established after the Wheatland Wind Project's first year of operation and following the completion of any associated construction.

This timeline would see the first contribution of funds into the community beginning sometime in 2024.

"Quality of life is enhanced through the provision of these support initiatives to community organizations, which nurtures the health and well-being of our communities and contributes to the sustainability of Wheatland County," said County Reeve Amber Link.

According to Rimes, the Wheatland Wind Project will be involved in evaluating requests and applications from the community that come in seeking funding, once contributions begin.

"It was offered by the Wheatland Wind Project. We've got another partnership similar to this with another energy company," added Rimes. "The Wind Project was offered to our community benefit and what was important was the energy company was (supporting an) environmental scholarship and supporting community organizations within the county and giving back to the community."

ooking at Siksika's brand

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Nation is looking to breathe some new life into its brand awareness, and to create a learning campaign for surrounding communities to be more in the know about the re-

Siksika Nation councillor Susan Solway said a need had been identified to create a brand awareness for the nation as

"Typically, when you think about brands, you think about business corporations and consumers and products and stuff, but I think with us, our takeaway was more or less about creating an awareness and learning campaign for some of our neighbours within the surrounding communities," said Sol-

Once the need was identified and

of time on their hands to dive right in and create these creative solutions on our own, so we definitely reached out to a recognized and reputable firm that does branding and marketing," said Solway, adding that they partnered with Pluto Pictures Advertising, a firm based out of Calgary.

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the goal was established, Siksika Nation Chief and Council began reaching out to experts in the field who would be able to help get their messaging out effectively. "(Chief and council) don't have a lot

Siksika Nation intends to be in collaboration with the Pluto team throughout the course of the summer.

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Town begins initial budget 2023 discussions

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Regarding the growth cycle of the town, Hewko referred to the municipal development plan, which estimates how the town is going to grow from a literal standpoint, and where such developments are likely to occur.

"When we look at the growth cycle, you start at the municipal development plan, which is, what do we think the town is going to do in the next 20, 25 or 30 years," said Hewko, who explained that those developments tend to be oriented more towards long term financial gain for the town based on area structure plans and what physically will be built to grow the town.

In the short term, as properties such as residences are constructed, there are one-time payments from sale of property, followed by the onset of reliable, regular revenue based on property taxes and utilities.

Summarizing the financial plan process, the proposed timeline presented by Hewko indicates varying stages which will progress into December, when final budget plan decisions will be made.

The infographics and presentation put forward to council on June 22 is available for public reference.



Rebecca Rider (far right) and her husband Michael Garnett (far left) welcomed two Ukrainian refugees in Canada. The couple have spent the last several months making efforts to provide aid to Ukrainians fleeing the ongoing war with

Photo Courtesy of Rebecca Rider

Former Strathmore resident on the ground to aid Ukrainian refugees

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A former Strathmore resident and her husband are on a mission to provide aid to Ukrainian refugees in any way they can, and to help bring people into Canada.

Rebecca Rider and Michael Garnett decided at the onset of the Russian invasion into Ukraine to do everything in their power to help relief efforts both in Canada and within Ukraine.

"I'm three quarters Ukrainian ... my family's all from that region (and) came over 100 years ago, maybe 125 years ago," said Garnett. "I grew up in the community with Ukrainian food, heritage, and traditions very near and dear to my heart. When this started, I was just devastated, and it was really affecting me emotionally."

Garnett, who had both a kindred background and Russian language experience, felt he would be a useful asset to contribute to relief efforts on the ground.

Rider, upon seeing her husband's motivation, was right behind him.

"When the war started, I was just returning to work after having time off during the pandemic and because of that, when I saw how upset Michael was, I told him 'Absolutely you need to be going, you need to go help and I'll come join you as soon as I can'," explained Rider.

The couple's first trip overseas saw them on the ground at the beginning of April. Rider stayed for two weeks before having to return to work, while Garnett remained for a full month.

Rider described the situation on the ground in Ukraine as "unnerving" with many fleeing refugees taking as little as a shopping bag's worth of essentials as they scrambled to flee active combat

"Our first trip, we saw the worst of the worst of the war, these people had escaped with nothing, they had no plan, they were so scared and so unsure of their future," said Rider. "It's very unnerving because there are air raid sirens going off every day and you never know when the city could be hit. We felt like limiting our time there was in our best interest for safety."

The first trip, Rider explained, was primarily spent shuttling people in a rented van to the Polish border. Their second trip was spent working with humanitarian aid centres and using donations to purchase essential supplies for those passing

The couple added they have decided to maintain their efforts to aid Ukrainian refugees over the long term, be it on the ground in Europe, or working to bring people into Canada.

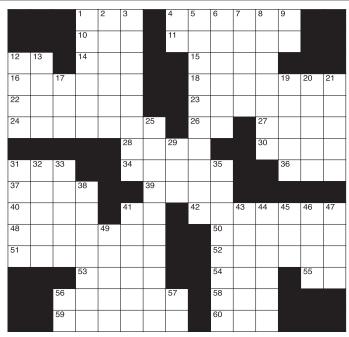
Currently, they have established a GoFundMe page to raise money for air travel. In the long term, the couple intends to launch a more formal nonprofit to continue aiding relief efforts on a larger scale.

"We just see that ... we're going to have long term involvement in this conflict and just helping the Ukrainian people, even after this war is over," said Rider. "We're working with a team in Warsaw to help transport refugees ... so that's taking up a huge amount of our time, (as well as) fundraising the remainder of the cost for these tickets, but also coordinating people to Canada."

Garnett and Rider have decided to cover the entirety of their overhead costs themselves so that 100 per cent of the donations raised through their GoFundMe go towards aiding Ukrainian refugees.

Those who are interested in supporting their cause can do so through the campaign at https:// www.gofundme.com/f/garnett-rider-ukrainian-refugee-fund

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- 4. In a new way
- 10. __ Paulo, city
- 11. Jailhouse
- 12. Expresses surprise
- 14. Trigraph
- 15. A small stream 16. Dissimilar
- 18. Promote
- 22. Gives a boost
- 23. Lawmaker 24. Orthodox Jews
- 26. Actor Harris
- 27. Wild cherry
- 28. Participate in democracy
- 30. Opposite of begins
- 31. A Brit's mother
- 34. Set of moral principles

- 36. Very fast airplane
- 37. Czech river
- 39. Private school in New York
- 40. Israeli dance
- 41. Electron volt 42. Adjusting
- 48. Duct by the bladder
- 50. Small burger
- 51. Begin again 52. Unstuck
- 53. Jai ___, sport
- 54. Get free of
- 55. For instance 56. Hotel chain
- 58. A team's best pitcher 59. Extracts from various sources
- 60. Indefinite period of time

Brand awareness project

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Solway added that there is intent to also make use of the production team's presence in the nation as an opportunity for interested nation members to get some hands-on training and experience helping with the project.

"We are still in the beginning stages. (They) have come out once and we have a work plan and scheduling that we still need to finalize," said Solway. (The team) will be in the community throughout the next two months capturing landscapes, capturing historical site footage, cultural site footage and event footage."

Ultimately, Solway added, the hope is to create an honest and positive appreciation of Siksika Nation through storytelling and relationship building. awareness campaign by the end of August, rolling out a media placement strategy, a short commercial and a brand collateral campaign.

"The success of it would be to have more people come out to Blackfoot Historical Park or visit our small businesses that we do have on the nation, and just having people overall feel comfortable enough to reach out to any one of us and be open to dialogue," said Solway. "We're hoping that this branding campaign will allow for ... business partnerships or organizational partnerships to flourish. We do have a lot of opportunities where we could bring in a lot more partnerships and relationship building within the nation to help assist us in all areas whether it's education for secondary education, health and wellness, just overall community development."

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- 2. Supported
- 3. United in working
- 4. It cools your home
- 5. Predicting
- 6. Irritated
- 7. Popular talk show host
- 8. Fabric edge 9. A resource for employees
- 12. Broadway's Jackman
- 13. Small water buffalo
- 17. City of Angels: __ Angeles
- 19. Asteroids
- 20. Tailless amphibians
- 25. What drives you

- 29. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
- 31. Gold coin used in British India
- 32. Have deep affection for 33. Ponds
- 35. Breaks between words
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- 41. Print errors 43. Family of iron alloys
- 44. Sidelined in bed
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The nightshade family of foods contains vegetables like potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, bell pepper and spices like cayenne and paprika. Historically, these foods were no-nos for people wth arthritis. The offending ingredient in these foods is a chemical called *solanine*, toxic in large amounts and can promote inflammation. However, solanine is found mostly in the leaves and stems of these plants not in the parts that we eat. So if you have arthritis and like these foods, you <u>can</u> eat them in moderation. But since everyone is different, start slowly.

This might make you cringe a little. The first practical power drill to be employed by dentists was developed in 1790. It was powered by a foot pedal. We've come a long way since then.

The use of melatonin to aid in sleep rose considerably during the COVID pandemic. The evidence on its efficacy is limited but because of its easy accessibility many people want to try it. If you do, start with the 3mg strength. Most people won't need more than 6mg per night. It is usually well-tolerated and shouldn't result in any next-day sedation. Evidence on safety of melatonin during pregnancy and breast-feeding is limited and should be avoided.

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SHS community greenhouse dome now constructed

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Staff, students and community members involved in Strathmore High School's (SHS) community greenhouse project were excited to finally put up the structure on campus last week.

With the underground work and foundations laid ahead of time, construction of the dome began on June 20 and was completed before the end of the week.

Cole Hintz, the instructor at SHS who has been overseeing the project since its inception, was glad to have the help of so many students and community members to get through construction so quickly.

"We started early (Monday), currently we've had a lot of help (from) students, ex-students, teachers, some members of Communities in Bloom stopped by. Little by little, we're working," said Hintz, who added that he had originally aimed for the dome to be completed earlier this year, but having now gone

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Teachers, students and community volunteers came together last week to construct the dome of the community greenhouse now presiding on SHS grounds. The frame of the structure, as pictured, was largely assembled on June 20.

John Watson Photo

through the process, admitted his original timeline idea was ambitious.

Going forward over the rest of the summer and into the next school year, Hintz said there are plenty of ideas to keep students occupied in there and to help the community to find year-round growing success.

"I think in researching, it fits exactly

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with what should be expected ... we have lots of plans come September for the inside, we just got another couple of grants for the solar photovoltaic on the electricity side of it ... it'll be nice to have something that we can start adding to on the inside and go from there," said Hintz, adding they also received a grant from Inside Education to help finish the establishment of the solar photovoltaic grid for the greenhouse.

According to Hintz, Fortis donated a transformer box which SHS students will be customizing during the 2022-23 school year into a suitable device for managing the greenhouse's electricity.

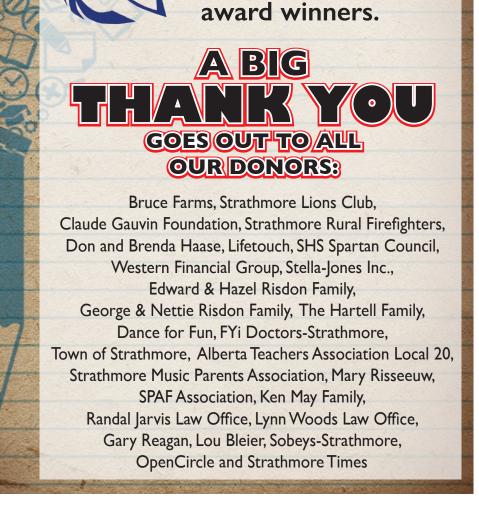
"We've had a ton of support. I always knew Strathmore is an amazing place with amazing local businesses and true to form, once we started, people were just stepping up and willing to pitch in," said Hintz. "Every step of the way, Strathmore's businesses, individuals (and) community members have just been amazing."

Anna Sobolieva, a SHS graduating student who was involved in the planning and construction, said it was surreal to see the project finally come to fruition.

"I just feel honoured to be part of it and I wish I could have put more effort into this ... it's just one of those things that everyone always talks about and it feels much different to actually do it and make these dreams and ideas actually come to life," said Sobolieva. "It feels much different when you theoretically think of all these things, versus when you actually get to do it and build this. Seeing it come to life and learning about it, I just feel like we are making the world a better place, especially because we do and not only talk about it."

SHS maintains a Facebook page for community groups to connect with the school and potentially get involved.

For those in the community who are curious about the process of how it all came together, Hintz encourages folks to check out Awkward Aquaponics on YouTube, where much of the documentation of the project is posted.





STRATHMORE

Storefront School







Golden Wills Learning Academy













Missing: Cassandra Dahl, Colin Elmer





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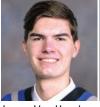
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Aaron Todd





Cassidy Van Bavel Lucas Van Haarlem



Anne Villote



Siksika Nation High School

Missing: Devon Medicine Traveller, Ty Turning Robe-Olds, Terrell Wells, Jada First Charger









Ethan Daniels



Aiden Duck Chief







Annie McMaster



Hannah Poor Eagle





Tenaya Spring Chief Tray Spring Chief



Scott Stevens

Shayla Woods













Missing: Leeanna Breaker, Kiana Doore, Alexander Many Heads, Jaren Medicine Shield, Quwayde Spotted One, Amelia Red Crow



Joely Backfat











































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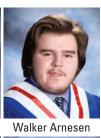
Strathmore High School

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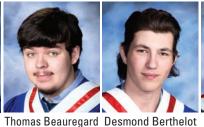






















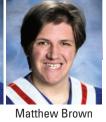












Best of Luck to all the Graduates of 2022





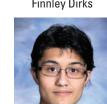
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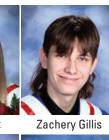


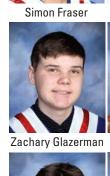
























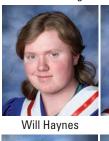






















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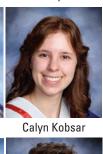




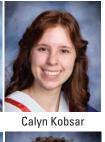




























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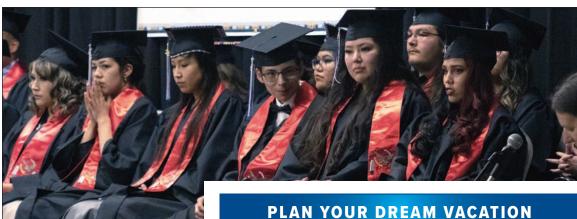






Siksika Outreach School celebrated its ninth graduating class on June 23 with 30 graduating students. This year's graduates will join over 200 alumni who have successfully received their high school diplomas from the school.

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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.

July 5: Council Meeting
July 6: Agricultural Service Board
July 12: Municipal Planning Commission
To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when

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Public Hearing: Wheatland County Council Chambers July 5, 2022, at 9 a.m.

BYLAW 2022-12 ROAD CLOSURE S 5-23-23-4, Plan 0915311, Lot 1, Block 1 & NW 32-22-23-4 Applicant: Stobart Farms Ltd.

Proposal: to close that portion of undeveloped road allowance TWP 230 that lies between the S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 5-23-23-4 and Plan 0915311, Lot 1, Block 1, and RR 234 lying between NW 32-22-23-4 and Plan 0915311, Lot 1, Block 1 (excepting for a 75' stub at the north end to permit an approach if required). The proposed area of road closure would be transferred to the Applicant and consolidated with their lands. A Public Hearing will be held July 5th, 2022, at 9 am in Council Chambers.



Address: 242006 Range Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4 Phone: 403-934-3321 www.wheatlandcounty.ca @wheatlandcounty Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.











Change of Mailing Address

In 2021, Canada Post changed over 1400 addresses in Wheatland County from rural route address to the rural address as noted on the 911 blue sign. If Canada Post changed your mailing address recently, please follow the instructions below.

We usually only accept address changes from the Land Titles Office, but due to the changes made by Canada Post and delays at the Land Titles Office, we will accept a completed '<u>Change of Mailing Address Form</u>' directly from property owners until 30th of July 2022.

To change your mailing address:

The property owner should visit www.wheatlandcounty.ca, click on 'Property Taxes' and select the 'Change of Mailing Address Form'. Need help filling out the form, please look for the SAMPLE FORM. Please complete the form and email it to tax@wheatlandcounty.ca. If you have any questions, please contact the property tax department at 403-361-2020.

Please be sure to mail the original Change of Address form to the Calgary Land Titles office.

Property tax notices were mailed April 21, 2022; if you have not received your tax notice by mid May, please contact the Wheatland County Office. Taxes are due June 30 and late penalties apply on July 1.

Note: Under the Municipal Government Act, Section 337, "a tax notice is deemed to have been received seven days after it is sent." Non-receipt of your property tax bill does not exempt you from late payment penalties

Inflation hits close to home

LEELA SHARON AHEERChestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. I do not need to explain rising inflation to all of you. You know it and you feel it every day. Inflation rates in Canada are reaching new highs and are continuing to rise as they hit 7.7 per cent in May. This is up 0.9 per cent from April, when Canada's inflation was 6.8 per cent. Here in Alberta, our inflation rate is rising, but we remain below the national average, at 7.1 per cent in May. This is important, but we still feel it in our groceries, gas and everyday items. There are a couple of things to look out for as we work to navigate this in government and help with some relief; and hopefully, more

One of the ways our government is working to make life more affordable for Albertans is by extending the fuel tax cut on gas and diesel. This means that Albertans will continue to save the 13-cent provincial fuel tax on every litre of fuel they purchase until at least the end of September. I don't know if you have traveled outside our province, but the difference in gas pricing is huge. This extension is necessary and I will continue to advocate to find more ways to help. This program has helped countless Albertans during these challenging economic times and is now remaining in place for longer. We are paying less for fuel than anywhere else in the country.

We also took the advice of our amazing school boards by providing them

with fuel cost relief on their transportation budgets by reinstating the Fuel Price Contingency Program for school authorities, which provides \$8.2 million in fuel cost relief to school boards for the current school year and planned additional relief for next school year if required. The program is being retroactively enacted in March 2022 and will remain in place for the upcoming school year. These are your tax dollars hard at work. This is an ongoing commitment to further help school authorities to provide consistent student transportation services. We must ensure that budgeted dollars remain in the classroom and that rising costs are not passed to parents through additional school fees. Students and their education must remain the top priority and your tax dollars will help in preventing the burden of inflation from being unfairly placed on parents.

The electricity rebates will start arriving next month. Alberta electricity ratepayers will begin receiving a series of electricity billing rebates in July. Approximately 1.9 million households, farms and small businesses will receive \$50 for three consecutive months. With the natural gas price protection program, Albertans will receive nine months of support on utility bills. The difference between this and the former government's rate cap is that the electricity rebate will reach ratepayers on all types of contracts, offering relief to those on the variable regulated rate and those on competitive contracts. We hope to help ease the burden of inflation. I will continue to advocate to help our families and businesses.

We continue to be concerned about the impact of inflation and its effect on over-all-affordability for every Albertan. That is why we will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure the cost of living remains affordable. The steps we have already taken represent more than \$2 billion in annual savings for Albertans.

Despite all these steps, Alberta cannot solve this problem alone. We continue to call on Ottawa to get their irresponsible spending under control and immediately suspend the federal carbon tax and fuel tax to provide relief to Canadians.

The Alberta government's new Community Policing Grant will help Indigenous and municipal communities develop a business case for their stand-alone police service or a regional equivalent.

The Community Policing Grant will offer up to \$30,000 to Indigenous and municipal communities to assist in preparing a business case outlining local needs, capital requirements and transition considerations. This grant formalizes funding that the govern-

ment provided in the past but makes it more accessible to all municipalities and Indigenous communities. In 2018, a separate, one-time grant for about the same amount was provided to an Alberta First Nation that developed and submitted a business case that the Alberta government is now reviewing.

Finally, a new bursary will provide \$15 million over three years to help low-income Albertans prepare for rewarding careers in high-demand programs critical to Alberta's economic recovery.

The New Beginnings Bursary will increase access to post-secondary education for students who face financial barriers. A total of 1,000 bursaries valued at \$5,000 each will help recipients pay for tuition, fees, supplies and living costs. Supports will be available to students studying key economic sectors identified in Alberta's Recovery Plan, including: energy, agriculture and forestry, tourism, culture, technology, aerospace and aviation, finance, and financial technology.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More publishers need a fair deal

To the Editor

During the 2021 federal election campaign, several political parties made commitments to introduce news remuneration legislation.

Why is such legislation needed?

First, the need for strong, independent local news has never been higher – it keeps communities connected and informed on issues that are impacting them directly. Covering city hall, provincial and territorial legislatures, our courts, and holding parliamentarians to account is vital to our democracy. We asked Pollara, a leading research firm, to put a question to Canadians. 90 per cent of respondents said they believe it's important that local media outlets survive. And for those outlets to survive, they must be commercially viable.

Second, there is a significant imbalance of power between tech giants and Canadian news outlets. To put this in perspective, the market capitalization of Google is about \$2.3 trillion; Meta is over half a trillion. Together, that's larger than the GDP of Canada, Brazil, Italy, or India. On a combined basis, what these companies take of online ad revenues stands at more than 80 per cent. And the pandemic has only worsened the situation.

In April, Pablo Rodriguez, Minister of Canadian Heritage, introduced bill C-18, the Online News Act. According to that same Pollara survey, 80 per cent of Canadians support parliament passing a law that would let smaller outlets negotiate collectively with the web giants. Our organizations represent hundreds of trusted news titles in every province and territory, they support this legislation for three reasons:

First, it allows us publishers to come together and negotiate collectively. Currently, the Competition Act bars us from forming a collective. Given the overwhelming power imbalance, we will be in a stronger bargaining position if we stand together.

Second, it includes an enforcement mechanism. Baseball-style final offer arbitration ensures that parties put their best offer forward and the arbitrator picks one or the other. The hammer of arbitration incents both sides to reach a fair settlement on their own.

Third, similar legislation in Australia is working. According to Rod Sims, the former chair of the Australian Competition &

Consumer Commission, the amounts paid to news organizations were over \$200 million. More important than how much is who reached content licensing agreements. Country Press Australia, an affiliation of 160 smaller regional newspapers, was able to reach settlements with Google and Meta. More recently, a group of 24 small Australian publishers reached a deal with Google. We believe that Google, to their credit, has signed a content licensing agreement with every eligible Australian publisher.

Bill Grueskin, Professor of Professional Practice at Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism wrote in a paper for the Judith Neilson Institute, "Monica Attard, a journalism professor in Sydney, says she can't persuade most students to take internships these days because it's so easy for them to land full-time jobs — and she assumes the code deserves much of the credit: 'I swear to God, I have not seen it like this in 20 years'."

While there are clear benefits to publishers from collective negotiation, the question is: How should members of each collective organize themselves it in a way that is inclusive, fair and transparent to all its members?

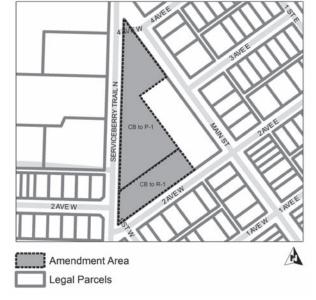
As a matter of principle, News Media Canada and the National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada believe that publishers large and small should benefit equally from any settlement – based on their proportionate investment in newsroom employees. Simply put, any settlements from collective negotiation would be shared among publishers on a pro rata basis – based on their total salaries and wages paid to eligible newsroom employees – less the expenses associated with this collective negotiation.

C-18 builds on the success of Australia's News Media Bargaining Code. While not a silver bullet, it brings the value of trustworthy, high quality Canadian journalistic content to readers through more licensing deals, which will allow more publishers to reinvest in their newsroom and in their digital business transformation.

Paul Deegan
President and CEO
of News Media Canada
Maria Saras-Voutsinas
Executive director of the National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada

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.

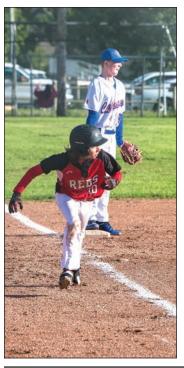


Legal: Block 5, Plan 5728CC
From: Central Business (CB)
to: Residential Single
Unit Detatched (R-1) &
Public Service (P-1)

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 TOJ 2RO, **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 TOJ 2RO 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 TOJ 2R0 from 8:30- 4:30 pm.





Tough battle

The Strathmore Reds U13 AA baseball team hosted the Calgary City Royals on June 20 at the Strathmore Ad Grounds. Despite a valiant effort, the Reds fell to the Royals.

Joe Lepage Photos



Reds battle

The Strathmore Reds U15 team hosted the Calgary Redbirds on June 20 at the Kinsmen Park Ball Diamonds.

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RCMP warn businesses of bitcoin scam

ALBERTA RCMP

Alberta RCMP have received a number of complaints from businesses who have fallen victim to the Head Office Bitcoin scam. Over the past several months, fraudsters have been targeting businesses throughout the province in a sophisticated scam in order to receive Bitcoin currency, defrauding both employees and businesses out of thousands of dollars.

Staff would receive a call from a person claiming to be a regional or district manager. In many cases the fraudster has researched the names of staff and

managers. The fraudster had detailed information about the operations of the businesses, including the names and roles of various staff persons and store policies. This familiarity with the stores convinces the employee that the fraudsters were who they claimed to be. The staff are told that an important shipment is imminent and receiving it is vital.

The staff are then advised that there has been a problem with the payment for the shipment and the only way to not delay it is an immediate payment in bitcoin.

A second caller claiming to be an

employee of the shipping company then calls to confirm the shipment and provide a tracking number and advises that payment is required before delivery.

In some of the incidents, employees took money from the store to the bitcoin ATM. In the others incident, the employee took both funds from the store and from their own personal account to the bitcoin ATM to make the payment.

The first caller would stay on the line with each employee until they completed the bitcoin transaction.

It was only after completing the transaction that the employee realized they had fallen victim to professional fraudsters.

Alberta RCMP encouragbusinesses ing to protect themselves by providing in-house fraud awareness training and sharing warnings like this alert with their staff. Institute clear, two-step approval processes, using a code word or id number for financial transactions, and empower your employees to say "no" to potential frauds.

If you have fallen victim to this, or any other financial scam, please contact your local police service for assistance. If you experienced a similar fraud attempt, but did not lose any money, please report it to the Canadian Anti-fraud Centre online (https:// www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/ report-signalezeng.htm/).

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<u>Obituary</u>



PASKEVICH, Anne Lorraine

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beautiful wife, daughter, sister, mentor, teacher and friend, Anne Lorraine Paskevich.

Anne was born in Bassano on September 8, 1960, the third child of Vernon and Johanna Hoff. Ever an outgoing and entertaining personality, Anne was dancing, singing, and performing whenever an audience could be found.

After graduating high school in 1978, Anne pursued a degree in Education at the University of Calgary. While there, she also played volleyball with the Dinnies.

Through the volleyball team she forged many lifelong friendships and was able to travel to parts of Canada. the USA and to Poland. Also, while playing volleyball, she caught the eye of a handsome, charming gentleman by the name of Paul Paskevich, who was a player on the Dinos men's team. It was clear Paul was the one, because he was taller and bigger than all four of her brothers, so they knew she'd be safe! Paul and Anne were married in Calgary on July 30, 1983. Anne began her rewarding teaching career in Rockyford in 1983. She transferred to Strathmore in 1988 where she taught Phys. Ed, promoted student activity and school spirit, and developed community leaders until her retirement in 2019. During Anne's teaching career she carried on the annual grade 9 Eastern Canada trip, which was a highlight to many students and still is to this day. Anne's absolute favorite part of teaching was the social dance unit. She and her department are attributed with having instructed thousands of students to waltz, fox trot, jive, and two-step. Anne influenced and touched the hearts of countless students and staff during her time as a teacher. Known for her infectious laugh, bountiful enthusiasm, noteworthy voice and entertaining costumes, everyone was always aware when Anne was around. Anne made people smile whenever she entered the room. Anne and Paul traveled the globe, exploring different cultures, meeting people, and embracing adventure as they visited just shy of one hundred different countries! Some highlights included going to Greenland, climbing to base camp at Mt. Everest, visiting the island of Madagascar, and summiting Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest point in Africa. On their journeys, Anne would take the time to send family and friends postcards highlighting their experiences.

Anne asked that we acknowledge the overwhelming, heartfelt care and treatment she received from all the nurses, doctors, caregivers and staff at the Bone Marrow Treatment Clinic and Unit 57 at Foothills Hospital. Anne is survived by her loving husband Paul; father, Vernon Hoff; brothers David (Laura), Eldon (Ellie), Michael (Dorrit), and Erich (Tammy); sister-in-law Janis (Dave), brother-in-law Dave (Cindee); nieces and nephews Kira, Declan, Carlee, Lonnie, Janelle, Rachel, Logan, Sarah, Simon, Beth, Keith, Matthew, and Hayley.

She is predeceased by her mother Johanna and mother and father-in-law Barbara and Stan Paskev-

A celebration of Anne's life will be held on Saturday, July 9th, 2022, at Hope Community Covenant Church in Strathmore, at 11:00 am.

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

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BRETON-SHORT, David Joel 1989 – 2022

We are saddened to announce the sudden passing of David Joel Breton-

Short at the age of 32 years old on May 22, 2022. David was born in Golden, B.C. and resided in Strathmore, AB. David had an incredibly kind and gentle soul, he was smart, caring and always saw the positive side of things in life. David will live in the memories of our family forever and will be missed more than words could ever describe. We are devastated by this loss. David was survived by his parents Mardell and Steve; siblings Alysha (Brian), Darin and Kristine; nieces Avery, Elizabeth, Kasey and Maya; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and wonderful friends. David was predeceased by his grandparents Robert, Lois, Roy and Phyllis.

We would like to thank all of the medical staff from Calgary and Strathmore for their care and support. We would also like to acknowledge South Calgary Funeral Centre for their compassion.

A Celebration of David's Life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers/gifts, our family requests that you hold your loved ones close and treasure every moment you have with them.

Messages of remembrance may be left for the family at www.southcalgaryfuneralcentre.ca
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Wishes to extend a sincere thank you to the following people who so willingly donated their time to work at the Ace Casino, Blackfoot, on May 5 & 6, 2022:

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Tom McDonald, Jo Anne Hauck
Keenan Hauck, Loretta Keegan
and Heather Kelly

All proceeds from this casino go toward purchasing Equipment for Strathmore Health Services, and without the assistance of these volunteers, we would not have been able to hold this casino

Mardelle Bazant, Casino Chairperson for the S.D.H.S. Auxiliary

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Applications to ADD parcel(s) that consist of:

Name of

Landowner

Frances Elaine Mullen

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Number of

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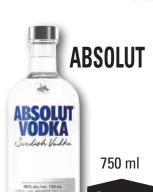


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