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Pool celebration

## Students gain cultural experience

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Golden Hills School Division (GHSD) hosted their second annual demonstration powwow at Strathmore High School (SHS) on June 1, hosting schools from across the county.

Originally intended to take place in the field outside the school, SHS' powwow was migrated indoors due to unfavourable weather conditions.

SHS principal, Doug Raycroft, explained the powwow was a little different than a more traditional event, as it took place over a shorter period of time, and focussed more on learning and teaching than ceremony or competition.

"When they do something, our MC would talk about why they do it that way and the importance of it. And when they do the dances, they also talk about the significance of the different dances and the regalia," said Raycroft. "It is a more educational pow wow and a cultural experience for the kids ... I think it is really important because part of being culturally aware is to have the knowledge, which is a big part of the experience. The more you know, the more you are able to understand."

Prior to engaging all of their schools in one large event, schools across the GHSD would put on individual powwows for local students.

According to Raycroft, the switch to a larger, single event was to give some schools that may not have had their own powwows a chance to engage in the culture and learning, as well as to coordinate so students can share in a larger experience together.

"Schools that are a part of the Siksika Service Agreement, and they have students from Siksika in their school. We have been doing it, but some schools, there is no agreement, so there are not as many Siksika students in them," said Raycroft.

"It is important for the school division to share that experience with all the schools. This gives us a chance to do that ... if you have never been to a powwow and you didn't understand the significance to why they do it or the costumes, or the regalia, you will never have a full understanding."



### Powerful powwow!

Students from various schools across the Golden Hills School Division converged at the Strathmore High School for an unforgettable powwow on June 1. See more photos of the event on Page 14.

John Watson Photo

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Redneck Rumble

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### Special groundbreaking

Natasha Fyfe (l-r, right photo), Paul Brandt, Scott Silva, and Matt Haasen present the groundbreaking of Brave Park in Lakewood of Strathmore on June 1. The ceremony was not held on the actual site due to weather conditions, though hosted dignitaries from the town, riding, and investors gathered at a show home.

John Watson Photos



The Town of Strathmore hosted the Aquatic Centre's 20th anniversary on June 4 by offering free lane and public swims, treats, games, and prizes to mark the occasion.

Joe Lepage Photos

**YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE**  
Gord Morck Pharmacist  
**Capsule Comments**

There appears to be a *correlation* between gas stoves in a household and the incidence of asthma. Some people are changing out these stoves in favour of induction stoves which don't burn fossil fuels but are still very quick in heating things up.

Despite having a lower calcium intake, Japanese women have fewer hip fractures than white North American women. The reason is partly due to geometry and length of the femur connecting to the hip socket. In Japanese women the neck of the femur is shorter and even though the bone mass in this bone was less than in North American women, there were fewer hip fractures.

*Perfect pitch* is the ability to identify a musical note correctly upon hearing it. Famous musicians like Mozart and Ella Fitzgerald had perfect pitch. Only about one in 10,000 people are fortunate to have this ability.

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# Strathmore Aquatic Centre celebrates 20 years of operation

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Aquatic Centre hosted its 20th anniversary on June 4, opening up the pool for a day of free activities for the community to participate in.

The town attributed the milestone as a testament to the unwavering support of the local community, dedication of the staff, and their commitment to fostering healthy and active lifestyles for residents.

"The pool has been in operation for 20 years and we are pretty proud of the things that have been accomplished at the centre," said Budd Brazier, manager of recreation and culture with the Town of Strathmore. "In terms of the overall services that are offered and the longevity, there has been real attention from the aquatic centre to learn water safety skills on a daily basis ... and those components within the aquatic centre are being programmed year in, year out, to all the community schools and to the public."

According to the town, the aquatic centre has taught over 67,000 kids swimming lessons, and has welcomed 745,000 admissions to the public.

Additionally, the centre has hosted numerous swim-a-thons, kayaking courses, cardboard boat races, aquasize classes, scuba activities and triathlons. The Strathmore Aquatic Centre proudly boasts having been host to the 55+ Games

in 2015.

"It's so exciting to hit this milestone. Over these years we've worked together to provide recreation, fitness programs, and water safety in our community," said Natasha Barron, who has served as manager of the facility for its entire lifespan. "I'll be celebrating alongside past and present staff and patrons, whose vibrancy and commitment to aquatics makes the Strathmore Aquatic Centre so much more than a pool. We're really a hub for foundational learning, career development, personal growth and inclusive fitness opportunities."

First established in 2002, the Strathmore Aquatic Centre is advertised as a leading facility in aquatic safety, swimming education, and community wellness, with a focus on providing a wide range of programs and services for the local community.

Brazier added the facility serves as a destination of choice for locals, and serves to aid the town's initiative in promoting community wellness, and to have a variety of recreational options available to residents.

"The overall impact to the swim community is ... the ability to have convenient public lane swim times for our users, and the amount of swim lessons that are produced and run out of the facility as well," he said.

During the free use event that took place, games, activities and a host of recreational options were made available to the public to enjoy, courtesy of the town for the occasion.

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# Nutrien campaigning to raise awareness for World Hunger Day

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As World Hunger Day took place, May 28, Nutrien worked to raise awareness for the occasion and for the rising issue of global food insecurity.

“The big thing for Nutrien is, our purpose is feeding the future, and so for us, that really is about being the world’s largest provider of crop solutions, and bringing awareness to global food insecurity,” said Katrina Huack Miller, Nutrien’s Carseland general manager. “If you look at the basic facts about world hunger, and you look at 2021 statistics, 2.3 billion people, which is slightly under 30 per cent of our po-

pulation worldwide ... they were either moderately or severely impoverished.”

Though Nutrien did not host a specific event for World Hunger Day to fundraise or increase awareness, instead the team is working to actively campaign for the topic.

Huack Miller said in addition to their efforts to increase world hunger awareness, the team is working to reduce the environmental impact of agriculture and their product developments.

“Our team manufactures nitrogen products from natural gas, air and steam. It’s amazing that the work we do here is enabling farmers to speed plant growth and aid in animal growth and development,” she said. “Across the business, we’re focused on reducing GHG emissions during the manufacturing process of low-carbon ammonia, the basic building block of all nitrogen fertilizers, by up to 80 per cent through carbon capture technology and other low-emission production technologies.”

According to their release, local talent at the facility just south of Strathmore are using world-class technology to reduce costs and their environmental impact, enabling better yields for farmers to feed the world.

At the Redwater nitrogen facility here in Alberta, approximately 500 tonnes per day of CO2 are captured for use in enhanced oil recovery and permanently sequestered deep underground.

Local facilities are also lowering carbon intensity through N2O abatement technology and the use of low-carbon by-product hydrogen, produced from other processes to create a lower carbon intensity than conventional hydrogen.

Huack Miller added Nutrien is aiming to help local farmers adapt to changing climate patterns in order to yield larger crop outputs, as well as to develop innovative new agriculture solutions.

“Our growers are experiencing wetter springs, hotter and drier summers and the winters are becoming much more challenging,” she said. “Being able to produce more food with the environmental footprint that is ultimately shrinking on us means that there is a lot of work that has to go into making sure our crop services are going to be able to increase to meet demand.”

More information regarding Nutrien’s World Hunger awareness campaign is available online.

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# Bronc battle

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

The second annual Gunners Bronc Battle, hosted by the Gleichen & District Ag Society, will take place at the new location beside the Gleichen Arena on June 14.

“A year ago, we moved the Gleichen rodeo grounds into the Village of Gleichen,” said Marci Wilson, a volunteer with the Gleichen Ag Society.

Last year was the inaugural saddle bronc riding competition, which had a great turn out and Wilson is hopeful that this year will be just as successful.

The saddle bronc riding competition is a major fundraising event for the ag society; not only can people see some professional bronc riding, but they can also purchase tickets for a pre-show barbecue beef dinner. The money raised will stay within the Gleichen area to help local organizations.

While the evening won't feature other typical rodeo events, the solely saddle bronc format will feature 30 or so of the top riders in Canada and the US.

The stock for the saddle bronc riding will also be some of the top in the country, coming from the Calgary Stampede, Big Stone Rodeo and Northcott Yule Rodeo.

“It's a PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association) and CPRA (Canadian Professional Rodeo Association) (event) ... approved by both associations,” said Wilson. “(We've) doubled our prize money – doubled it from last year. It's one of the Top 5 paid (saddle bronc events) in all of Canada.”

Besides the pros, there will also be novice bronc riding, a Calcutta event and wild pony races.

Thirteen-year-old trick rider Piper Yule, who has performed at the Calgary Stampede and the Canadian Finals Rodeo, will also provide exhilarating entertainment.

“That particular week there is another very big bronc riding competition up in Wild Wood, Alta,” said Wilson of the weekday event. “So, we wanted to play off of that, hoping to draw more of the top guys up here so they could come to both of the bronc riding events.”

“We had a fantastic crowd last year; the word has been pretty positive.”

Tickets to Gunners Bronc Battle are \$25 for people 12 and up, while kids younger are free. To purchase tickets, you can call 403-901-9104 or you



The second annual Gunners Bronc Battle, hosted by the Gleichen Ag Society, will take place on June 14 in Gleichen.

Photo Courtesy of the Gleichen Ag Society

can buy tickets online ([www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)) by searching Gunners Bronc Battle.

To make the event more fun, there will be food trucks, beer gardens, free parking and free camping.

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- 16. Where teens spend their days (abbr.)
- 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Cluster cups
- 22. Footballer Newton
- 23. They make up a forest
- 25. Split pulses
- 26. Self
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- 28. Test for high schoolers
- 30. Large, flightless bird
- 31. Expectorated
- 33. Falsehood
- 35. Prickly, scrambling shrub
- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Cathedral city in Cambridgeshire
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers, abbr.
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. A type of "cast"
- 56. Encourage
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Relating to position north of south of equator
- 63. Gadget whose name you forget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Small blisters
- 67. Dark brown or black

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- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of the stem
- 6. Angry
- 7. Ceramic jar
- 8. Scraped a car
- 9. \_\_\_ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Strong hostilities
- 13. Vitamin of the B complex
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. A Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Characterized by crying eyes
- 32. Soft touch
- 34. American spy organization
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind to win
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie \_\_\_, journalist
- 43. Great places to kayak
- 44. Suffer patiently
- 46. Majestic bird
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Organic compound used as an antiseptic
- 51. Objects connected to the web (abbr.)
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- 61. Judge in OJ Simpson trial
- 62. One's grandmother
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**June 20: Council Meeting**

**July 4: Council Meeting**

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Wheatland County Council Chambers June 20, 2023 at 9 a.m.

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The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

**Bylaw #s:** 2023-08 and 2023-10

**Legal Description:**

NE-10-22-26-W4M & a portion of SE-10-22-26-W4M

**Proposal:** To amend the Goldfinch Industrial Area Structure Plan, adopt a new Area Concept Plan (2023-08), and redesignate the subject lands from Agricultural General District to Intensive Industrial District (2023-10) in order to facilitate the future development of a wallboard manufacturing plant.

Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 40 (1) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 33 (c) and subsequent versions of the Act.

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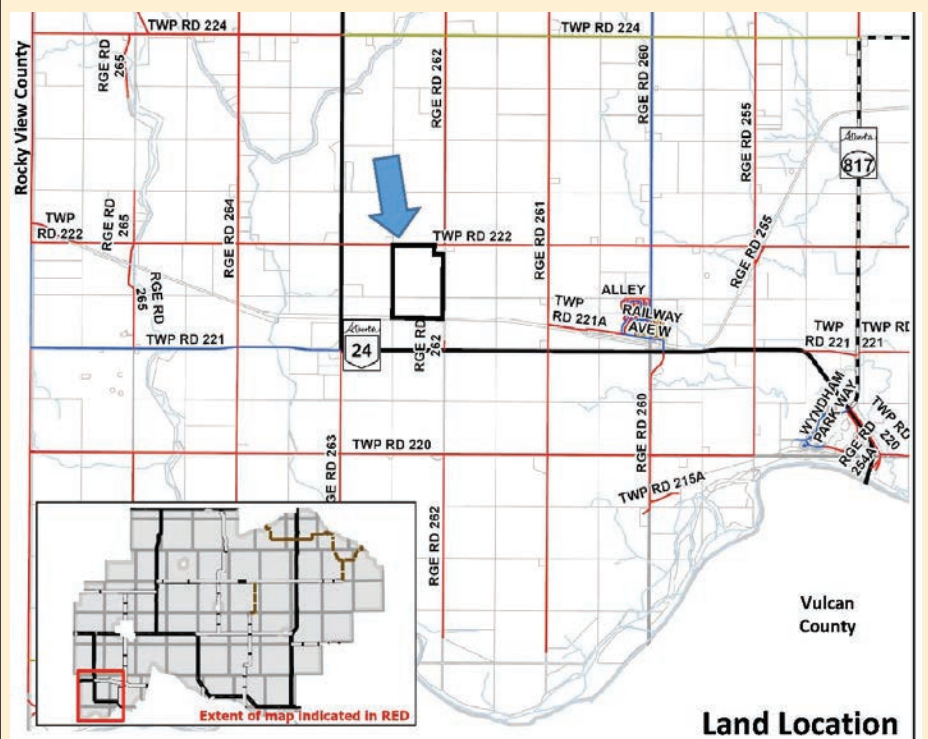
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**Proposal:** To amend the Goldfinch Industrial Area Structure Plan, adopt a new Area Concept Plan, and redesignate the subject lands from Agricultural General District to Intensive Industrial District in order to facilitate the future development of a wallboard manufacturing plant.



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### Double duty

The Strathmore Thunder U15 Div. 1 fastpitch team hosted an exhibition double header on June 4 when they took on Medicine Hat.

Joe Lepage Photos



The Strathmore High School Girls Rugby Team completed an undefeated season by winning their provincial championship. Taking both the gold, and doing so undefeated were both firsts for the school. The team also competed in Edmonton shorthanded, as many of their senior players stayed behind to celebrate their graduation.

Photo Courtesy of Jerry Flaws

## SHS girls rugby concludes undefeated season as provincial champions

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore High School (SHS) girls rugby team concluded an undefeated season, bringing home the gold from their provincial tournament, May 26 and 27.

According to Head Coach, Jerry Flaws, though the girls team has medaled at provincials before, becoming champions and running an undefeated season were both school firsts.

“The tournament went really well. The first game against Peace River from the North Zone ended up being our closest game. We scored with about 30 seconds left to secure victory in that one,” he said. “They played super physical and just slowed down the game where our team prefers to run and keep it wide open. We got a couple of lucky breaks and scored.”

After Peace River, the Spartans took on Vulcan, who Flaws said brought a star player of sorts who was a particularly challenging opponent.

“In that game, they had this one really amazing player and in the first half; she got away from us a couple of times and scored,” he said. “In the second half, the girls were able to hold her back and then we took over. All weekend, we would take over in the second half.”

The tournament took place over the two days at the Pirate’s Rugby Club in

Edmonton. Flaws noted the venue was smaller and more restricted than in previous years in order to accommodate for unrelated games elsewhere in the park.

Moving into the finals, SHS was up against Frank Maddock High School, hailing from Drayton Valley. Flaws explained right out of the gate that he knew it was going to be an uphill battle for his squad.

“They scored immediately off the first kickoff and I knew we were in trouble here. And then we just slowly kept clawing our way back in,” he said. “We were able to put up 22 points and hold them to one more try after that. At no point did I feel relaxed. Every game we were on the edge and then we would score in the last minute to kind of pull away.”

For the Spartans, the girls took on their provincial tournament largely shorthanded, as all but one of the Grade 12 players stayed behind from the tournament to celebrate their graduation.

Flaws said it was a challenge to play without the depth and strength of most of their senior players, but being able to claim the championship speaks volumes about the juniors who will be returning next season.

“For the Grade 10s and 11s to pull that out is pretty amazing, and then we got a couple of good Grade 9s coming up next year, so we should be strong again,” he said.

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Forty-four teams took part in the Strathmore Lacrosse Club's annual Redneck Rumble Tournament from June 2-4 at the Strathmore Family Centre.

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# Strathmore Venom hosts annual REDNECK RUMBLE

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Venom hosted their annual Redneck Rumble, June 2-4 at the Strathmore Civic Centre, attracting teams from across the province to compete.

A total of 44 games were scheduled to take place over the course of the weekend event, which included the local teams from Strathmore, ranging from U11 to U17 hitting the floor.

Though typically an annual event, this year's tournament marks the second time it has been hosted since the onset of COVID-19 public health measures had been set in place.

"It was exciting; there was a lot of stuff going on in the arena too between raffle tables and giveaways, and we had the (Calgary) Roughnecks come out too," said Travis Gauthier, vice president of Strathmore Lacrosse. "We had DJs going on both floors during the games, so it kind of had that Roughneck atmosphere with music playing and all the activities."

He added there was a progressive 50/50 draw which took place, as well as "chicken poop bingo" amidst the host of events.

The overall tournament takes place outside of the regular competitive season for participating teams, so rather than gunning for league stan-

ding, it's mostly for fun and for bragging rights.

According to Gauthier, the Redneck Rumble attracted teams from Medicine Hat, Tabor, Lethbridge, and all over the province.

With the majority of the round robin format taking place over the first two days of the tournament, each team was to play three games in order to determine their standing going into the finals on Sunday.

Gauthier added he was excited to see that Strathmore Venom lacrosse is growing in numbers at an extremely rapid pace, as participation from athletes more than doubled since last season.

"We are one of the largest growing clubs and we have a lot of new kids. With new, comes the bumps and bruises of learning a new sport, but it has been overall really good. The general consensus from parents and kids is that everybody is loving it," he said. "I have heard nothing but good from parents who are absolutely loving it and the excitement for the sport is a change up from hockey. It is a little bit faster than all the outdoor sports, so it is really exciting."

Gauthier said last year, the Redneck Rumble as a tournament ran extremely smoothly, but the goal for this year was to see more people coming out to fill the stands, enjoy the activities and to bring more exposure to the sport.

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# PREMIER AUCTIONS



The contest to decide the next Miss Strathmore Stampede kicks off June 8. A fashion show which will be open to the public, will show off and introduce the three candidates vying for this year's crown.

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## Strathmore Stampede to introduce 2023 royalty candidates

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Stampede Royalty Committee has announced they will be hosting a fashion show on the Agricultural Society grounds and will be introducing their royalty candidates for this year.

Program Coordinator Nikki Peltzer said the Miss Strathmore Stampede competition will be kicking off June 8, the same day of the fashion show, and will run until June 11.

"We have a few events going on in the morning, and then the evening ends off with the fashion show," she said.

The competition to claim the title of Stampede Royalty for Strathmore consists of a written test, personal interview, speech, and horsemanship competitions. Contestants will be evaluated in each category before a winner is crowned.

Three young women have thrown their hats into the ring this year, including Breanna Correia, Kailyn Simpson, and Ellen Van Noordenburg.

Last year, Martina Holtkamp was crowned Miss Strathmore Stampede, and represented the organization throughout the rodeo season. She, as well as Miss Rodeo Canada, Mackenzie Skeels, will both be attending the Strathmore fashion show.

"It is definitely a job. Martina had a very busy schedule this last year. I asked her to summarize how many events she has been to, but pretty much every weekend she has been to at least one, if not two or more things," said Peltzer. "It is a lot of travelling around the province and attending not just rodeos, but community events and fundraisers – all kinds of different promotional things put on by our community."

Tickets for the June 8 event have been made available at The Rack on Third, Lamble's, Maggie's Nest, and at the Strathmore Agricultural Society office.

Doors to the event are scheduled to open at 6 p.m. to a cash bar, trade show, food, and prize tables. The fashion show is slated to begin at 7 p.m.

"Last year, because it was our first year of getting the program up and running again, we just did a small fashion show at a boutique ... we probably had 150 people come. We have 225 tickets available this year," said Peltzer. "We have been so thrilled with how much the community has supported this ... we have got a great number of supporters, and then we have got a lot of other businesses that are kicking in and helping with the door prizes and raffle table."

The new Miss Strathmore Stampede will be crowned as the competition comes to a close on June 11.



### Great Grease show

The Strathmore High School drama students' debut performance of Grease played to a sold-out crowd on June 2. The flawless performance didn't disappoint and left the audience with a feeling of nostalgia as they were transported back in time to a period of leather jackets and high school hops.

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### Hope Bridges concert

Bekah Peterson and her daughter Greta (8) performed on June 6 at the Hope Community Covenant Church to a full house. This concert is part of the Hope Bridges Intuitive Music concerts that are held every two months and feature local artists. Coincidentally the concert was scheduled during senior's week, which provided many of Strathmore's local seniors an opportunity to attend. Pictured are Bekah Peterson at the piano, Greta Peterson, and Kate Ager (right) with Dandelion Music, an accredited music therapist who works with the Hope Bridges for their Music Discovery program.

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## SHS student wins Scotts Canada Young Gardener Award

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore High School (SHS) Student, Beth Ostrowski, has been awarded the Scotts Canada Young Gardener Award for her work and contributions to the SHS greenhouse project.

Ostrowski was nominated for the award by her instructor, Cole Hintz, who felt she should be recognized for the work she has put into local horticulture over her time at SHS.

"She has been with us from the beginning when we started to take on a lot of these projects, including doing some work experience with our aquaponic system and doing a couple courses through Lethbridge College," said Hintz.

The Scotts Canada Young Gardener Award hosted an open nomination process that aims to recognize young Canadian community leaders who show a keen interest in gardening.

Ostrowski said she started gardening at a young age with her family, though found an interest in agriculture are horticulture as she entered high school.

"I like the ground, I like sustainable ways to grow things like aquaponics and hydroponics, they are all very cool," she said. "My dad started me out on this journey and Mr. Hintz helped me immensely to

grow, so it was awesome."

Ostrowski added when she was informed by Hintz that she had been nominated for the award, she initially did not think much of it.

Hintz said Ostrowski has often been willing to jump in and help out in regards to the greenhouse, regardless of what needed to be done for it.

"She is always willing to chip in ... she gave up her time to be there and help with big jobs, small jobs, whatever needed to get done," he said. "She can usually be found out there on her spare and is always asking if it is open so she can pop in and water things or do a little bit of weeding."

As a part of the award, Ostrowski will receive recognition through Nutrients for Life and Scotts Canada, as well as receive a swag bag as a prize.

Ostrowski explained she has plans to continue her learning in the fields of agriculture and horticulture as she looks to post-secondary education.

"I am looking at Olds College to take mainly technician classes to learn more about things like watering and fertilizer in all sorts of stuff," she said.

This summer, Hintz said Ostrowski will also be working with the Junior Forest Rangers to complete a seven-week program in northern Alberta.

SHS will be hosting a grand opening of the greenhouse, June 27 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. to showcase the development.



Strathmore High School's Beth Ostrowski has received the Scotts Canada Young Gardener Award for her contributions to the SHS Greenhouse, and around the school. She was nominated by her instructor, Cole Hintz for the recognition.

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### Celebrating culture

Strathmore High School hosted a powwow for fellow students across the Golden Hills School Division. The purpose of the event was to engage as many students as possible in a cultural experience and teach them a little about what goes into a powwow.

John Watson Photos



## Kiwanis hosting free bike safety day for local youth

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Kiwanis Strathmore is hosting a free bike safety day for local youth, June 11, to talk about road safety, as well as to ensure kids have adequate helmets for riding their bikes.

The organization is aiming to provide local kids, aged four to 14, with proper safety instruction, and to ensure that both their bikes and their helmets are fit to ride.

With contributions from the Town of Strathmore, local RCMP, Canadian Tire, and The Joker Bicycle Company, this event will be the first annually of its kind hosted by Kiwanis in Strathmore.

"I do not think this is a novel idea. The Bike Safety Rodeo has been held in Strathmore a few times previously ... but basically this is an effort by Kiwanis to bring some level of awareness to safety issues amongst our youth for the upcoming summer," said Bob Sobol, who spoke on behalf of Kiwanis. "There will first be a bit of a discussion in regards to general safety issues, and that will be presented by a peace officer either from the RCMP or from municipal enforcement ... then there will be a track course complete with road signs."

Technicians will be on hand during the event

to evaluate participants' bikes to ensure all of the major components are functioning properly, and to offer suggestions to improve safe handling.

A check will also be available with regards to kids' helmets, and to replace them if they are discovered to be defective.

Kiwanis has stated they will host a maximum capacity of 40 kids for the event, broken up into two groups of 20 for an assigned period to make their way through the event stations.

"We want to emphasize that there has to be a respect for vehicles and that, especially in crosswalks, that is one of the most important areas bicyclists have to learn that when they are on their bike, they are considered a vehicle," said Sobol. "Cyclists have to dismount in order to be treated as a pedestrian, so if you are in a crosswalk and are zipping across, you should not expect to necessarily have vehicles stop for you ... dismounting your bike really is the way to do it, and is the legal way to do it."

For the kids who are in need of new helmets, they will be granted a gift certificate for the Strathmore Canadian Tire to get their helmet replaced free of charge.

The event will take place from noon until 4 p.m. June 11, hosted outside at the Kinsmen Park pavilion, regardless of weather conditions.

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**Notice of Preparation of 2022 Assessment Roll used for 2023 Property Taxation Year for Village of Rockyford within the Province of Alberta**

Notice is hereby given that the 2022 Assessment Roll for Village of Rockyford used for 2023 Property Taxation, completed under the provisions of Municipal Government Act, has been prepared and is open for inspection Monday to Friday during business hours of 8:30am to 4:30 pm MST at Village of Rockyford Administration Office located at 110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB T0J 2R0. If you have any questions or concerns about your assessment, please contact the Village of Rockyford at 403-533-3950. Any person who desires to appeal the assessed value placed upon their property must, on or before 4:00pm of **August 2, 2023** lodge their complaint(s) in writing, with the fee of \$60.00, to the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board, Village of Rockyford, Box 294, 110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB T0J 2R0.

Combined 2023 Assessment and Tax notices have been mailed May 25, 2023. If you have not received your combined notice, please contact the Village of Rockyford at 403-533-3950.

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**Upcoming Council Meetings**

June 7, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting  
 June 14, 2023 | 6pm Committee of the Whole  
 June 21, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting

**Want to speak at a Council Meeting?**

Members of the public are welcome to speak at Council or Committee of the Whole Meetings during the Public Comments or Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Learn how at [Strathmore.ca/CouncilMeetings](http://Strathmore.ca/CouncilMeetings)

**Summer fire safety**

Strathmore is under a Fire Advisory. This means you can still have a BBQ or use your fire pit, but please remember to follow the regulations in place for doing so safely.

Don't engage in any activities that are always off limits, like discarding cigarettes out your window or setting off fireworks without a permit.

Visit [Strathmore.ca/FirePits](http://Strathmore.ca/FirePits) to learn how burn safely.

**Free compost**

It's free, it's nutrient rich, it's brown and it's back!

Get your hands on some free compost made from your organic waste - here's how:

1. Pick-up a compost tag from the Strathmore Municipal Building
2. Bring your tag to the Strathmore Recycling Facility and give it to the attendant
3. Self-load roughly 10 gallons of compost for your own personal use (BYOB, bring your own bucket)

**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.

Contact the Town of Strathmore Property Tax Clerk for more information or to sign up for the Tax Installment Payment Plan.

Learn more about conserving water at [Strathmore.ca/WaterSmart](http://Strathmore.ca/WaterSmart)

**Be a part of Canada Day**

We're seeking various acts to entertain the crowds in Kinsmen Park on Canada Day. If you're interested in promoting yourself and gaining exposure this is your chance.

Juggling, magic, balloons, comedy and music - if this sounds like you, get in touch with us at

[Strathmore.ca/BookaGig](http://Strathmore.ca/BookaGig)

**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](http://Strathmorelibrary.ca/SeniorsWeek) to get all the details!

**Notice of Public Hearing  
 June 21, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.**



**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 [lsadmin@strathmore.ca](mailto:lsadmin@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.