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Spartans are off to provincials

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Langdon gathers for RCMP town hall

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore and Langdon RCMP presented their third quarter report and crime statistics during a town hall meeting in Langdon on March 9.

Also presented were the updated crime statistics recorded by Strathmore RCMP over the course of 2022, including past statistics dated back to 2019. Staff Sgt Mark Wielgosz with Strathmore RCMP made the presentation, speaking to the local detachment's priorities for the new year, as well as what many of the presented numbers mean for the community. "What we are trying to do is make sure that we are getting out into our communities, not only as a detachment target, but

as an Alberta RCMP priority to be engag-

ing with our residents (and) talking with tivity. the public to try and find out what are the public's concerns around public safety, as well as other issues and concerns," he said. "We are here as your police service, and we want to make sure we are hearing from you - what do you want from your police service."

He explained policing priorities are established at the start of a fiscal year, which are made to address the biggest priorities the detachment is looking to deal with during a given year. Such priorities are established twofold - via external scanning, which consists of seeking feedback throughout the year from the public and from elected officials, as well as via internal scanning wherein local crime statistics are examined to evaluate and estimate trends in criminal ac-

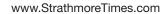
'We get feedback as far as, what are the perceptions of crime in our area, what are the issues and concerns our residents have, and we can try to tailor what we are going to do to satisfy those concerns or deal with those issues," said Wielgosz. "With that feedback, we are able to formulate what our main issues are that we are grappling with."

The three current priorities that have

Contact Us Today! 403.934.5589 info@strathmoretimes.com www.StrathmoreTimes.com been established for the year include reduction of property crimes, with a focus on break and enters, theft from motor vehicles and theft of motor vehicles; road safety being specifically a reduction of overall collisions, as well as collisions causing injury; and community engagement.

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County adjusts community aggregate payment levy bylaw

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County Council has voted to adjust the community aggregate payment levy in order to be more in line with other municipalities around the province.

The bylaw was introduced, and subsequently granted all three readings at the Mar. 7 regular meeting of County Council.

Under the Municipal Government Act, Part 10, Division 7.1, municipalities have the ability to pass a community aggregate payment bylaw which requires operators to report shipments based on tonnage and pay a levy up to a regulated maximum rate of sand and gravel extracted from an area.

Currently in Alberta, the maximum levy under the Municipal Government Act is \$0.40 per tonne of sand and gravel. This also applies to materials such as clay, marl, or shale excavated in the county.

Having a levy in place for the region is not new to Wheatland County, as what was formerly Bylaw 2018-05 imposed a similar levy.

The difference between the former bylaw, which has now been redacted, and the new levy, is an increase in the fee from \$0.30 per tonne, to the provincial maximum of \$0.40 per tonne.



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"What this bylaw does is it rescinds bylaw 2018-05, which was a bylaw to impose the same type of (levy), the rate just went from \$0.30 to \$0.40," said Brian Henderson, speaking on behalf of County Administration.

He also clarified to council, every year the county must file a return called the Municipal Information Return, in which, a community aggregate payment levy must be documented. "Many" municipalities within Alberta are already charging the provincial maximum for their levy.

According to information available through the Alberta Sand and Gravel Association, 40 municipalities had adopted the maximum levy by 2021.

Operators are also required to report their shipments in tonnes, accompanied with their payments on a bi-annual basis to the county, documenting their excavations and activities.

"Another change in this bylaw is the

potential for signage that an operator can put up," said Henderson.

This change notes that aggregate operators who have paid the levy and are members of the Alberta Sand and Gravel Association may request the installation of signage to promote or notify the public about specific projects or improvements funded by the levy.

All costs associated with the signage, including installation, fall to the responsibility of the aggregate operator, and must be approved by County Administration.

Henderson clarified for council upon request during the meeting that as the bylaw did not fall under municipal affairs, there was no need to schedule a public hearing, and could proceed immediately following discussion.

Bylaw 2023-04, following council's approval during the Mar. 7, regular meeting will be made into effect and come into force as of July 1, 2023.

RCMP hosts town hall

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The majority of criminal statistics recorded from Strathmore had decreased between 2021 and 2022, with some notable exceptions. These included, but were not limited to increases in assaults, abductions, criminal harassment, uttering threats, theft, possession of stolen goods, and arson.

More information regarding local crime statistics is available via the local RCMP detachment, or through their website.

Strathmore and Langdon RCMP hosted a town hall meeting in Langdon on March 8. The meeting was to discuss local crime statistics, as well as to talk about the local detachments' goals for the upcoming fiscal year.



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Local recruited to Huskies

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore High School (SHS) footballer Brady Johansen has been recruited to play for the University of Saskatchewan (UoS) Huskies next season

Johansen established himself as an extremely versatile player while with the Spartans, taking positions all over the field. This past season, he also helped to co-captain his team, leading them to the provincial finals.

The Huskies went to a national championship last season, losing out only to Laval Rouge et Or, establishing themselves as one of the strongest teams in the country. Johansen said he is excited to play at such a high caliber.

"It's really exciting for me and my family," he said. "It's been a dream for me to go and play football at the next level for the last couple of years, and going to Huskies, it's a pretty big deal."

Also on the Huskies roster is SHS alumnus and

"The biggest thing for me is just learning as a rookie, it's definitely going to be a new experience, definitely going to be a learning curve for me," said Johansen. "Just getting to know the experienced players and having them teach me new things, helping me improve and develop as a player to hopefully get on the field as soon as I can."

Off the field, Johansen said he intends to major in finance, with aspirations to lead toward a career path such as a financial manager or stockbroker. The young athlete is also looking forward to the prospect of moving away from home for the first time.

Over the course of the off season, he added it certainly is not a time to slack off, and he will need to continue working hard in order to earn his time to be on the field.

"It takes years and years of practice and working out in the weight room and taking things in the off-season pretty seriously, spending hours and hours in the weight room just trying to get ready for the three months of the year that I get to go out and show my talents on the field," he said.

Day of prayer

Lynne Fair was the host of the interchurch World Day of Prayer on March 10 at the Strathmore United Church. Roughly 40 participants from the United, Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican churches took part in the event.



Joe Lepage Photo

Canada West Rookie of the Year, Jack Warrack. Johansen added he is looking forward to practi-More information regarding the UoS Huskies, cing with and against Warrack not only because from their upcoming roster to their schedule next of their similar roots, but due to his exceptional season will be made available online. attributes as a player. Strathmore Sobey's participating in **Toonies for Tummies**

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Sobey's is participating the national charity initiative, Toonies for Tummies, helping to raise money to finance healthy breakfasts for children.

Toonies for Tummies is a program which operates incrementally from January through March with various grocery store chains in order to meet their goals to provide food for school children.

Based on information available via their website, 100 per cent of donations raised during the campaign go toward feeding hungry kids.

"All of our funds go toward Hope Community Covenant Church which runs a program called School Fuel and they provide free breakfast and nutritional snacks in the morning for children who are in need," said Niel Kennedy, owner of the Strathmore Sobey's.

Toonies for Tummies, as well as School Fuel are a part of the Breakfast Club of Canada, which operates to ensure kids are going to school well fed and have access to proper nutrition in a safe and supportive environment.

The Toonies for Tummies program has been operating with different grocery chains this year since Jan. 16, working in two-week increments.

Aside from directly in store, options have also been made available to donate online to support students, including one-time donations, monthly, and the option to feed a student for a year.

School Fuel Coordinator Brandi Bobee said School Fuel is currently feeding approximately 320 kids within the Strathmore community. "Currently we are providing breakfast for all the elementary schools, junior high, high school and the Storefront School, just not the Catholic schools or Trinity, but every other school in town," she said.

Kennedy added the volunteers who provide support for the School Fuel program will typically spend a day preparing snacks for kids, while others work to distribute the food once prepared.

"We (Strathmore Sobey's) also give a discount on some of the most popular items that (the volunteers) buy. They get staple-items that they come back for every week," he said. "Things like fresh fruit, cheese (and similar snacks), and the ingredients for the muffins that they make."

Via their website, the Grocery Foundation has committed to adding supported programs through Toonies for Tummies every year when the initiative operates. They currently boast over 3,000 supported children's health programs across Canada.

More information regarding Toonies for Tummies, the programs and locations it supports, as well as how to donate is available via the Grocery Foundation website.

Information regarding how to volunteer to help with the local School Fuel program is available by contacting schoolfuel@

hope-community.ca or by contacting the church at 403-934-2424.



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- 4. Pass or go by
- 10. Partner to cheese
- 11. Subjects
- 12. U.S. State (abbr.)
- 14. Bits per inch
- 15. Forest-dwelling deer
- 16. Illinois city
- 18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
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- 23. Cuddled
- 24. Bane
- 26. Global investment bank (abbr.) 55. For instance 27. Oh my gosh!
- 28. Arrive
- 30. Famed Spanish artist
- 31. Home of "Frontline"
- 34. Group of quill feathers

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- 1. Stain one's hands
- 2. Nocturnal hoofed animals
- 5. City of Angels
- 6. Peaks
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29. Egyptian mythological

31. Supportive material

32. Subatomic particle

goddess

33. Expired bread

35. Cereal grain

40. Pole with flat blade 41. Football play 42. Makes unhappy

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Share with care. Posts on social media last a long time. Consider who will see the post, how readers might perceive it, and what information it might reveal about the individual posting it.

Manage privacy settings

Check the privacy and security settings on web services and apps and set them to your comfort level for information sharing. Each device, application, or browser used will have different features to limit how and with whom you share information.

Personal info is like money: Value it. Protect it. Personal information, such as purchase history. IP address, or location, has tremendous value to businesses – just like money. Make informed decisions about whether or not to share data with certain businesses by considering the amount of personal information they are asking for and weighing it against the benefits you may receive in return.

Make your passwords long and strong. Use long passwords with a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and symbols - eight characters for most accounts and twelve characters for email and financial accounts. Don't use the same password for multiple accounts, especially email and financial. Keep a paper list of your passwords in a safe place, not on or near your computer. Consider using a password vault application. See BBB's tips for creating a strong password strong password.

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Fraud prevention campaign

ALBERTA RCMP

This March, the Alberta RCMP will be sharing a variety of tips and resources in support of the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association's (ACCPA) Fraud Prevention Month campaign. The campaign, which will include a weekly theme, seeks to educate Albertans on the many ways that fraudulent activity negatively impacts their communities.

This week, ACCPA and other supporting agencies including the RCMP, are focusing on business fraud and scams. This includes, but is not limited to:

Scams targeting businesses and/or businesses targeting consumers;

Businesses targeted by phishing scams and/or phone ٠ scams:

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To better protect yourself from business fraud and scams, consider the following: keep personal information private; always remember that businesses don't ask for banking information via phone; and, check the website URL by: Typing the URL into a search engine;



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"Whether you are a member of the public looking for a business or a business owner, you must always be diligent about keeping your personal information private and familiarizing yourself with the warning signs," said Cpl. Sean Milne of the Alberta RCMP Provincial Economic Crime Team.

If you are unsure of whether or not you are being targeted by a scam, visit the Government of Canada's website to learn about common scam-types. If you have been the victim of fraud, report it to your local law enforcement and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre online at www.antifraudcentre.ca, or by calling: 1-888-495-8501. Be sure to contact your bank and credit card company if you believe your personal or financial information has been compromised.

For more fraud prevention information and resources, follow us on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) and Twitter (@ RCMPAlberta).

Alberta RCMP remind you to buckle up this March

ALBERTA RCMP

The Alberta RCMP is reminding both motorists and passengers to buckle up this month. Using safety restraints while driving can be the difference between life and death in the event of a motor vehicle collision.

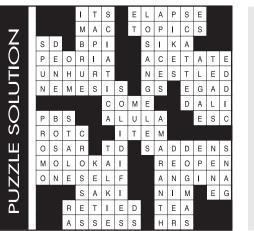
Last year, the Alberta RCMP ticketed 3,993 motorists for seatbelt-related offences. To reduce the risk of serious injury or fatality, keep in mind the following:

· Motorists are responsible for ensuring both themselves and passengers under the age of 16-years-old are using proper occupant restraints.

• Ensure the lap belt is positioned low across your hips and the shoulder belt is always sitting across the centre of your chest. Do not allow the seatbelt to become twisted.

· Seatbelts aren't just for personal motor vehicles. Always use the restraints provided on off-road or recreational vehicles. · Going without a seatbelt costs you your safety as well as a possible \$162 fine. "Fastening your seatbelt should be the first thing you do when you get into a vehicle. Make it a habit," says Insp. Chris Romanchych, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "Why take the chance when it's your life and even someone else's on the line?' For more traffic safety information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and Twitter @RCMPAlberta.

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Lady Spartans capture gold!

The Strathmore Spartans senior girls basketball team captured the South Central Zone AAA Championship on March 10 in Olds. After beating Canmore and Bow Valley to open zones, the Spartans defeated Cochrane 69-23 the finals, earning a berth in the 3A ASAA Provincial Championship March 15-18 in Wetaskiwin. The Spartans, who beat Canmore 87-21 on March 7 at home to open the tournament, are entering provincials as the No. 1 ranked team and will face the winner of the No. 8-9 ranked teams (R.F. Staples versus Monsignor McCoy) on March 16.



nked Joe Lepage Photos Championship Photo Courtesy of Strathmore High School





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Munchkins free sports set to restart this spring

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The parent-led Munchkins program will be returning in Strathmore this spring to offer free soccer and t-ball opportunities for young children to participate in.

Jessica Conti has taken over facilitating the program from Denise Sobol-Geremia, who began the initiative prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I recently took it over because her kids are older and my kids are younger," said Conti. "Essentially what it is, is we run soccer and t-ball four days of the week, it is free and drop-in program, though not everyone participated regularly.

Munchkins operates four days a week in the late afternoon, previously offering soccer programming for kids aged three to eight with no financial commitment.

Conti added there was a lot of demand from participants to add more different sports to what Munchkins is able to offer, such as t-ball being introduced for this season.

This year, Conti expects the program to continue growing, as she reported there were over 150 registrants on the first day it was made available.

"It is a bit out of pocket, and we do



and parent-led." als

Parent-led in effect means the parents of participating children will be responsible for helping with set up, take down, coaching and organizing the kids who attend.

Conti added she discovered the Munchkins program originally while looking for activities her daughter could participate in, as well as to better feel apart of the local community.

"I started my business here in town recently and (Sobol-Geremia) was giving me some ideas to connect with the community a little bit more," said Conti. "I was also looking for something to do with my daughter and I did not love the idea of dropping her off. She does not handle that particularly well, so this was a good way to do a bit of both."

Last year, she explained, there were over 200 registrants to take part in the also accept donations from the participants, but we do not require any. When we put out registration, I just add as part of the form if anyone is interested in providing additional funding then we use that," added Conti. "Otherwise, we pay out of pocket just for the little things like popsicles and rewards for the kids and if we need to replace soccer balls and stuff like that. Usually, we get enough donations to cover most of it."

Conti said her goal this year is to test the waters with running more than one sport through the Munchkins program. Assuming this year goes according to plan, she may introduce one or two more next year.

Munchkins will run from May until the end of June. More information regarding the program is available via their Facebook page.



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.

March 30: Committee of the Whole **April 4: Council Meeting April 5: Agricultural Service Board**

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- Visit the Wheatland County Administration Office to fill out the form in person.

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The hearing will be held at the Wheatland County Council Chambers: 242006 Range Road 243 (East of Strathmore off Hwy 1) (mail: 242006 Rge Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4) on Monday, March 20, 2023, commencing at 9 a.m. regarding the following:

File: SDAB SO2023-001 Re: Appeal of Stop Order Issued February 3rd, 2023

Legal Description: SE-4-27-18-4; 270014 Hwy 564

At the hearing(s) the SDAB will hear from the appellant(s) and/or the agent; from any person who claims to be affected by the proposal; and from any other person who wishes to make representation AND whom the SDAB agrees to hear. Comments may be made verbally at the hearing, OR if you wish to present a written submission, you must have copies of the same to be distributed at the commencement of the hearing. Any submissions you make are collected under the authority of subsection 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purposes set out in sections 678 and 686 of the Municipal Government Act. Submissions will form part of a report available to the public and may be referenced in the Board's public written decision. If you have any questions regarding the collection or retention of this information, contact the Wheatland County FOIP Coordinator at (403) 934-3321.

A time limit may be imposed on verbal submissions, at the discretion of the Chairperson. No comments via telephone will be considered by the SDAB. We would appreciate receiving your written comments by end of day Monday, March 13, 2023, regarding this matter. The complete file for this application may be inspected in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information will be posted on the Wheatland County website for public to view prior to the Hearing date.

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Small town rumors coming

MELISSA PICHE Times Contributor

The Strathmore Theatre Players Guild (STPG) is proud to present their Spring 2023 performance of Rumors by Neil Simon.

Director Robert Cole, who also acts as the technical liaison for STPG, has been with the group for the last 15 years and brings with him a lengthy theatre background. "For me this is strictly relaxation and having fun," he said.

The cast consists of 10 performers and an equal number of production crewmembers.

"The cast is really excited," said Cole. "(The cast) is really kicking in and having fun."

The actors start off with rehearsals pretty light, twice a week.

Coles says they read through the script and basically just figure things out. Halfway through they throw Saturday practices in to do a full run through.

"Now that we're into March here, two and a half weeks until opening, actors are reading off script," he said.

As their performance gets closer, they are up to three day a week, three to four hours at a time. It is quite the commitment for the actors and production

crew. The last week before a show they increase the schedule 10-fold with daily rehearsals to ensure they have the show perfected.

"The actors are trying to bring together their characters and bring together the show," he said.

On March 5 they completed the build on the set that will be used for the performance.

"From a rehearsal hall to a live set, so it's totally different," he said.

When there is a set in place the actors have to figure out their stage presence with the props that weren't there before.

Along with the main actors, the production wouldn't be successful without the support of the production crew. From building sets, adding lights, sound, designing props and costumes, front of house volunteers, ticket table organizers – every volunteer plays an important role.

Cole emphasizes that the volunteers behind the scenes are equally as important as the actors on stage.

Rumors is the first production of the 2023 season, the STPG will be presenting a second show later this fall

If you would like to get involved with the STPG you can attend any show of theirs and someone will be more than happy to point you in the right direction.



The Strathmore Theatre Players' Guild is presenting their new production Rumors beginning March 16.

Photo Courtesy of Strathmore Theatre Players' Guild

Alternately you can reach out on Facebook at Strathmore Theatre Players' Guild, email them at strathmoreplayers@gmail.com or their website strathmoreplayers.ca.

The show will run March 16-18, March 23-25, and March 30-31 and April 1 at 7:30 p.m., with matinees on March 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. at the Hope Church. Tickets can be per purchased at The Vault online at Eventbrite or at the door. Prices start at \$20 for seniors and \$25 for adults. It is worth noting that Rumors deals with adult content and may not be suitable for younger audiences.

Warriors defeated in bid to play at provincials

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Warriors U15AA hockey team was defeated in their bout against the Bow Valley Timberwolves, battling for the league title and a chance to go to the provincial championship.

After winning the South Championship, the Warriors and the Timberwolves battled in a best-of-three series for all the marbles. Unfortunately for the locals, the Warriors dropped Game 1 in Cochrane 8-4 on March 9 before losing 4-2 on home ice in Game 2 on March 11.

Though the result was not what the team had hoped for, Head Coach Clay Armstrong said the boys have lots to be proud of, both with their performance on the ice and for becoming the South Conference Champions.

"As a coaching staff, we are extremely proud of this group of young men. Losing is never a good thing, but we gave it all we had and that was a hell of a hockey game," he said. "They left it up there, Bow Valley is an excellent hockey team and we went toe to toe with them. We had our chances, I am very proud of the team, and they can walk out of there with their heads held high."

The Timberwolves largely had control of the game, taking and maintaining a lead through the first two periods, and started the third with 3-1 lead.

As it came down to the last legs of the game, the Warriors took an early goal, bringing the score to 3-2 and gunning hard to take the Timberwolves to overtime.

With minutes left on the clock, the Timberwolves sealed

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Despite the results, Armstrong said he believes the boys brought their absolute best to the ice and played their best game of the year.

Going forward, he said there is always more to work on and he is excited to see his team move on to do great things as they develop their careers.

"About half our guys are second years and about half are first years. The way they played, some of the first years have a pretty good chance of playing AAA next year and we will not see them again. If that is the case, that is awesome," said Armstrong.

Already thinking about next season, Armstrong said he is

looking to strike a repeat performance and take the South Conference Championship again and making a run for provincials.

We are going to stay the course. We will be doing the same thing. We won in the South, we were in the league finals. There are some little things we would have changed throughout the year, but we will play basically the same," said Armstrong. "As a coaching staff, and I hope the parents are extremely proud of these young men because they've matured well this year. We're very, very proud of them."







The Wheatland Warriors U15AA team was defeated in their bid for the right to go to provincials on March 11 against the Bow Valley Timberwolves

John Watson & Joe Lepage Photos

OUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE **Capsule Comments**

World TB Day is held on March 24 every year. It's a day to raise public awareness that the disease that is still rampant in some areas of the world. It was in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced he discovered the tuberculosis bacillus that caused the disease. TB still kills over a million people each year.

Many people love eating hot peppers or supplementing their food with a myriad of hot sauces available on the market. The hot ingredient in these peppers is capsaicin. It is considered an irritant due to the warming and burning sensations it elicits. But many people enjoy this burn. If you consume these peppers and want to reduce the burn, studies have shown that milk is most the effective neutralizer.

For most of us, our voice changes twice in a lifetime, first during puberty as the vocal cords thicken and the voice box migrates down the throat. Then a second time where aging causes structural changes that may weaken the voice. But sometimes, disease or mental health decline will result in a change in the voice. Doctors are considering the voice as a possible biomarker to indicate the presence of disease. Are you traveling soon? Here are some things to remember: Make sure your vaccinations are up-to-date. Carry a list of your medications and an extra supply just in case. Bring a supply of N95 or KN95 masks for protection. Ensure you have travel insurance. It's also helpful to have a basic first aid kit with you for minor medical problems like pain, diarrhea and bandages for minor cuts and scrapes Hours: M-F: 9-7 pm Sat: 9-6 pm • Sun & Holidays: 11-5 pm

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Kiwanis, FCSS distributing care boxes into local community

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Kiwanis International, as part of their efforts to establish a branch in Strathmore, have partnered with Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) to deliver care boxes to local families.

Dubbed "Kiki Care Boxes," 40 packages filled with things such as books, food, toys and gift cards are being distributed to FCSS supported families through this initiative.

"This is our first project here in Strathmore, but we have a lineup of projects on a monthly basis that we are looking at," said Ron Gosselin, lieutenant governor of Division Seven of Kiwanis, Western Canada. "We have collected food from various suppliers and donors, and we assembled the care boxes in Calgary ... those boxes are distributed via FCSS to low-income families."

for the boxes, Kiwanis has actively been selling family-friendly cookbooks aimed to encourage kids to get involved in the kitchen with their families. According to Gosselin, proceeds from these sales went into helping to fund the care boxes.

A family is eligible to receive a care box if they are registered with FCSS, are able to provide proof of a GST refund, and are considered a low-income family.

Beyond the distribution of the Kiki Care Boxes, Kiwanis is already looking ahead to their next initiative, centred around bullying awareness scheduled for April 14 at the Strathmore Civic Centre.

"We have secured a speaker ... she is a specialist in what we call difficult conversation, and of course, anti-bullying," said Gosselin. "This is our next project and we have all kinds of stuff lined up for May and June and (beyond) to try In addition to collecting donations to set up the club here in Strathmore."

Kiwanis International, in partnership with Strathmore FCSS assembled and will distribute 40 care boxes to local lowincome families. The boxes were collected at town hall on March 13. These have been filled with food, toys, books and other conveniences for recipient families.

John Watson Photo

The club's third project, according to Gosselin, will be centred around mental health problems and how to address them. Though not yet scheduled, this is expected to take place in May or June.

Though Kiwanis has already established several members who are interested in participating in a local club branch, still more people are needed to help the club flourish and establish a solid foot in the community.

"We've got a base of members right



now, but we're looking at adding some to really form a club that is fully functioning within the within the Town of Strathmore," said Gosselin. "Kiwanis is all about responding to the needs expressed by the community, and this is what we're trying to do."

More information regarding the care boxes, Kiwanis' future projects and about the club itself in Strathmore is available through their local Facebook page.



U16A Strathmore's RISE ringette team claimed fourth place at the provincial tournament earlier this month. Though the girls were disappointed in missing out on a podium finish, it marked the first time they had gualified for provincials.

Photo Courtesy of Jamie Rainev

RISE U16A ringette team just shy of provincial medal

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

team closed out their first-ever provincial championship, taking fourth place, March 5, just barely losing out on their shot for a podium placement.

According to Head Coach Jamie Rainey, the team placed third overall in the tournament round robin, sending them straight to the semi-finals. Defeated there, the girls were set to play for bronze at the conclusion of the tournament.

"They were pretty devastated that we did not walk away with a medal ... Edmonton beat us by one goal and we hit the cross bar that would have tied the game with 1.8 seconds left," said Rainey. "We barely qualified for provincials, so finishing fourth is actually a great achievement, although the girls might not feel that way since we walked away without a medal."

Provincials does not mark the end of the season quite yet for the R.I.S.E U16A team, as they still have one game left to play against Airdrie for the Zone



left with three girls. Next year, they will be second-years and then we will have girls moving up from the U14 R.I.S.E team to play U16," she said. "My daughter is actually one of the three girls who is staying down. It was a really good experience for her this year as a first year, and I think that it gave her some good building blocks to be a leader on

the team for next year." Rainey explained over the course of the season that the team learned a lot about dealing with adversity and remaining consistent throughout a game regardless of results.

Next season, Rainey will be working

"12 of the girls will all move up to

the Under 19 age group, so they will

all likely stay together, and then we are

with virtually a whole new roster to

make another attempt at the run for a

"We went through a little period in January where we would come out really strong, the opposing team would score a few goals and then we would just dip down into this dark place of no effort

> and no positive attitude," she said. "The girls worked hard on working though that and keeping their effort and attitude at 100 per cent even when we do fall behind in a game. That worked very well for them and they were able to win a few games (at provincials)." To the girls moving forward, she encouraged them to continue tightening up both their offense, in order to create more opportunities to score, as well as their defense.



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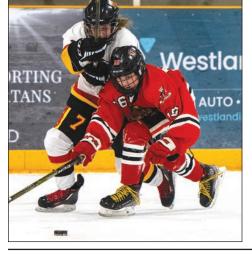
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Braves cap off successful season

The Wheatland Braves hosted the South Central Alberta Hockey League U13AA South Conference Championship Tournament from March 9-12 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Braves went 2-1 in the round robin portion of the tournament before a heartbreaking loss to Medicine Hat in the semifinals. Despite not advancing to the league championship, it was a successful season. **Joe Lepage Photos**





League finalists

The Strathmore Storm U18A team hosted RMAA in Game 2 of their best-of-three series on March 12 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Despite falling 6-3 in Game 2 and losing the series in two games, the Storm will host the U18 Tier 1 Provincial Championship March 30-April 2.

Joe Lepage Photos

New schools are critical

LEELA SHARON AHEER Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere - Strathmore readers. I want to share some numbers with you that I have shared in previous articles regarding schools and the work to date as a result of the process. This area serves over 35,000 students, with increased enrolments year over year. This is fantastic; our communities are growing so fast that it is hard to keep up. There has been 91 per cent growth in our area from 2001-2021!

New schools are critical and portables as well. We have been unable to secure portables across the province for many reasons, one being procurement. The products used to build them are in short supply, and we have been behind on building them for 20 years, so the backlog is huge. I am working closely with the school boards to help secure portables as they become available.

So here is where we are at: the Langdon school is under construction and we are so excited to

for the high schools designated under the Municipal Government Act.

• "Regular meetings regarding allocation, planning, development, use, and maintenance of reserve lands for school purposes" (Reserve land agreements document).

• The quick allocation of expanding needed lands required to build a school. This is necessary as all municipalities either provide extra land or funding to school authorities in lieu of land for the purchase of the needed land.

We look forward to seeing step two resolved by the City of Chestermere as soon as possible to fulfill its obligation to the High School. We are honoured to see their commitment to their growing community and the kiddos in this area. We haven't had a school site ready since 2014, so we thank the City of Chestermere for its amazing work. The elementary schools are almost ready to go!

How do we build a school? It is a question that we hear every day. Let me share the process with you. I want to thank Rocky View and Golden Hills School authorities for their incredible work and advocacy for our growing families. These School Boards are focused on our kids and teachers. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you working to build our communities. Here is the process:

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<u>Obituary</u>

BECHTHOLD, Barry Warren

Barry Warren Bechthold of Boyle, Alberta passed away March 10, 2023 at the age of 79 after a lengthy illness. Barry was born in Calgary, Alberta on September 10, 1943 to Lydia and Martin Bechthold. He was raised in the Beiseker area in his younger years until his family moved to Strathmore where he later met the girl he would marry in 1966, Patricia Taylor. Barry and 'Tricia moved to the Edmonton area where Barry spent 26 years with the Edmonton Police Department. They had three children, Jennifer Lynn, Thomas Warren and William Joseph. In 1990 Barry retired from the Department and they moved to Boyle, Alberta where they raised cattle and Registered Quarter Horses, eventually establishing a very successful breeding program. Barry loved going into Boyle in the morning for coffee and meeting up with other area farmers where they would discuss endless topics for endless hours. His declining health began in 2017 when, taking a round bale of hay to his horses just north of his home, he was rear-ended in his tractor on Hwy 63 by a semi-trailer truck. He is survived by his wife, 'Tricia, of 56 years, sons Tom (Gina) and Bill (Rose) and daughter Jennifer (Dale); grandchildren Dallan, Kieran, Jade, Colby, Liam, Paige, Iris and Cassie; siblings Dave (Mary), Bonnie, Rose, Charles and Jim (Patricia), and numerous nieces and nephews. As per his wishes, there will be a private memorial service at a later date. The family would like to thank the doctors, AHS staff and caregivers, as well as all the other staff at the Wildrose Villa Assisted Living for their wonderful care of Barry in the last months of his life.

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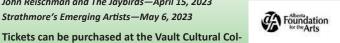


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have this school built. The opening should happen sometime in 2024, so fingers crossed we are on our way. This school has been a project for many of us for over 10 years. It is a privilege for me to see this critical school built for our community.

Chestermere is at a standstill but has procured pre-planning dollars because services for the K-9 school have not been put in. I want to thank our Chestermere City Council for their commitment and agreement in moving this phase forward as fast as possible for both the elementary and high school that are critical for this rapidly growing city. Let's get this work done.

The Catholic K-9 was funded for design of a new K-9 school, and Strathmore will also receive a new school, the replacement of Westmount School.

Chestermere has grown in population by 429 per cent since 2001. The City of Chestermere and the Rocky View School authority are coordinating the following issues:

• Extra land (approximately six acres) is needed

· Rocky View/Golden Hills school authorities (Trustees and Superintendents) will identify the need for a school.

• The municipality will prepare the site (inground services, enough space for the school, parking, level, stormwater management, and other services the municipality must fulfill).

• The school authority sets the school as a priority.

- Province approves funding.
- Design of school.
- Construction of school.
- School opens.

As always, we love to hear from you. (Leela Sharon Abeer is the MLA Elect for Chester*mere-Strathmore*)



<u>Obituary</u>

MCLEAN, Gerald



Mr. Gerald McLean was born in Calgary, Alberta on January 6, 1966; he was the son of Charlotte (Cammaert) McLean and the late Bruce McLean. Gerry passed away in Sussex, New Brunswick, February 17, 2023, at the age of 57 years.

He will live on in the hearts of his mom, Charlotte McLean; his daughter, Kyla McLean and her mother, Julz; his step daughter, Shayla (Brendan) Hunter-Brown and her husband Brendan; his sisters: Heather (Darren) Muenchrath and Kendra Muenchrath and C.J. (Jason) Lohse; Lynetta (Bob) Thiessen and Melissa McLean and Bradley; Judy (Ross) White; his brother, Douglas (Michelle) McLean and Hanna, Wyatt and Duncan as well as great nieces, nephews and extended family members. His infectious smile, kind heart and generous nature will be forever missed but never forgotten.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 24, 2023 at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Rockyford, at 2:00 p.m. Luncheon to follow after internment at Rockyford Community Centre.

Donations in memory of Gerry can be made directly to the Heart and Stroke Foundation (heartandstroke.ca) or to the organization of the donor's choice. To send condolences, please visit Gerry's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca

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Ob<u>ituary</u>



STEPHENS, Miles Elliott September 7, 1929 – March 7, 2023

Mr. Miles Elliott Stephens, beloved husband of the late Mrs. Jean Stephens of Lyalta, Alberta, was born on September 7, 1929, in Rabbit Lake, Saskatchewan, and passed away at AgeCare Sagewood

in Strathmore, Alberta, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the age of 93 years. Miles will be lovingly remembered by his children: Rodney (Carla), Bradley (Laurie), Ann and Darrell; four grandchildren: Bailey, Matthew, Travis and Benjamin; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Jean; daughter Sharon; brothers: Roy, Ed and Brian; and sister Stevie. The family would like to thank Miles' family physician Dr. Ben Sader and the staff at Sagewood for the care they provided. We will be celebrating Miles' life with a service at Mountain View Funeral Home (Prairie View Chapel, 1605 - 100 Street S.E., Calgary, Alberta) on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made directly to either the Wheatland Lodge (Capital Projects Fund), 76 - 2 Street, Strathmore, Alberta, T1P 1J8 (telephone 1-403-934-3474) www.wheatlandhousing.ca or the Wheatland & Area Hospice Society, PO Box 2154, Strathmore, Alberta, T1P 1K2 (telephone 1-403-934-8199) www.wheatlandhospice.ca. To express condolences and share memories, as well as access the link to the virtual funeral service stream,

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> With love, Colin, Paeton, and Reagan Melcher



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March 15, 2023 | 6pm

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Committee of the Whole Meetings during the Public Comments or Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Learn how at Strathmore.ca/CouncilMeetings



Public Hearing Notice March 15, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

Bylaw 23-01

The Town of Strathmore has received an application for a redesignation of Lot 9, Block 1, Plan 781 0935 (9 Bayside Place, the old seed cleaning plant) from M2 - General Industrial District to R3M Direct Control District Overlay.

The redesignation is proposed to facilitate the development of a two phased development; the first of which is a 5-building townhouse complex, creating 60 affordable housing units. The tentative site plan can be viewed at the Town office.

<u>Bylaw 23-03</u>

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 14-11, specifically regarding sea cans. Some of the proposed changes include defining what a 'temporary' sea can is, deleting the section on sea can ventilation, amending the storage restrictions, and requiring sea cans be registered with the fire department.



Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed Bylaw(s) 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, March 15th, 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 Johnathan Strathdee at johnathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 15th, 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 Planning and Development Department prior to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 15th, 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 Johnathan Strathdee 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.