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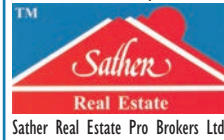


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Charity organization permit denied

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A local registered charity organization is debating with the Wheatland County regarding a development permit application which was denied at the March 14 meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission.

The permit application was submitted by Janneane Madill for a home-based business, in order to obtain a development permit for the sanctuary and to mitigate concerns raised by her neighbours regarding vehicle traffic generated on her property.

Her application was first presented to the Municipal Planning Commission on Feb. 14. Information regarding the initial presentation was provided regarding the sanctuary's activities and processes, animal health for incoming animals, how deceased animals are dealt with, type of animal shelters used, types of animals accommodated, weed control, manure management, fundraising, traffic parking and signage.

"The original application that we had sent in was based on us having a handful of tours out here ... with very minimal people from the months of July to September, and we host a Mother's Day event ... and then a pumpkin drop-off after Halloween," said Madill.

County administration recommended approving the permit for a two-year term, subject to conditions, as presented in the report to the Municipal Planning Commission.

If the application was approved, the subject property would be designated ag general, meaning permits will not be required for an ag operation. The subject property would have also been designated ag general, meaning permits will not be required for an ag operation.

In the original presentation of the permit on Feb. 14, the concern of the neighbouring properties regarding the application was dust generated by incoming and outgoing traffic, to which a dust control condition was applied to the prospective permit.

Madill said she was extremely displeased with the county's process that she was not granted an opportunity to speak to her application.

"They did not even ask for clarity ... they did not obviously acknowledge the fact that I was even in the room prepared with my information," she said.

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Inspiring weekend!

Siksika Nation and the Town of Strathmore co-hosted the Lead by Example Powwow on March 18-19 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. The first-ever Lead by Example Powwow is a cross-cultural, community celebration and full contest powwow in honour of Kristian Ayoungman. See Pages 2-3 for more coverage.

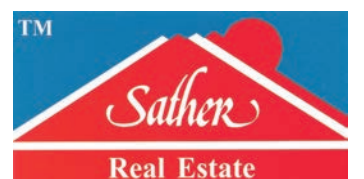
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Perfect powwow

The Town of Strathmore hosted its Lead by Example Powwow, in partnership with Siksika Nation, on March 18-19 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. The event was the brainchild of Melodie Ayoungman, who dedicated it to her late son, Kristian Ayoungman. This year marks four years since his murder. Melodie Ayoungman approached town council with the idea for the event in 2022, wanting to host a climactic celebration of her son's life.

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Strathmore hosts Lead by Example Powwow

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Four years after the death of Kristian Ayoungman, his mother, Melodie Ayoungman played a large role in facilitating the organization of a powwow in her son's memory.

The Lead by Example Powwow, co-hosted by Siksika Nation and the Town of Strathmore, took place March 18-19 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre, following several months of planning and organization.

The event attracted First Nations peoples from across Canada and the United States, as well as non-First Nations from the surrounding community.

"When we were lined up at the grand entry, I looked over at my husband and I told him, 'we're here, we're doing this, it's time,' and then we led in the grand entry and I just felt so much love and so much connection and so much gratitude for everyone who participated in making this day possible," said Ayoungman. "I am filled with gratitude because everyone listened, everyone pulled together in every which way. The Town of Strathmore took the time to learn with us, and this should have been done hundreds of years ago, but they got it and they are doing it and they are making change."

She explained though she imagined her son's memorial would be a large event, she did not anticipate exactly how big it ended up being.

"Lead by Example," Ayoungman explained, was a quote from Kristian that was left on his sister's chalkboard and were words he embodied in everything he did.

"He was a true leader, he was a warrior, he was one of First Nations' finest gentlemen. Everything he did, he excelled," said Ayoungman.

Strathmore Mayor Pat Fule said he is proud to be representing a town that is making active efforts to make change and participate in reconciliation efforts,

rather than through simple words.

"(Strathmore) has become a multicultural community ... and I think this kind of an event, the healing garden we created ... and the memorial, it has just done a great job as far as showing Siksika, Alberta and Canada that Strathmore cares about minorities, and especially Siksika Nation," he said. "I have always believed in the motto that it is deeds, not words, and so we are not just a community that says nice, flowery things about having bonds with our First Nations friends and neighbours, we are actually doing stuff in the background to demonstrate that, to do the hard work and to make things better."

Fule added the town is open to entertaining the idea of an annual powwow, though discussions have not yet started as to whether such an event will plan to be organized.

Ayoungman noted if a regular powwow were to be organized in town, it would have to be scheduled outside so as to eliminate the worries regarding attendance and parking at a venue.

ARTS ON 817 PRESENTS

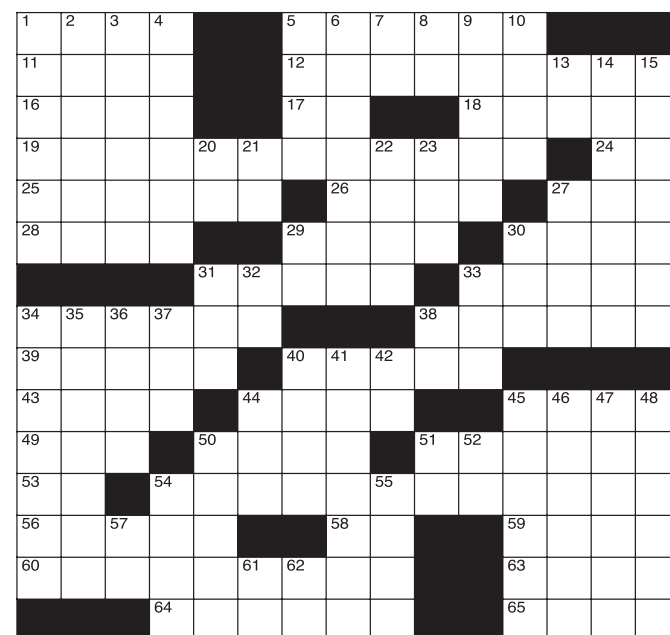
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- 5. ___ Chantilly, ___ de Menthe
- 11. Within
- 12. Pleasure seekers
- 16. Computer manufacturer
- 17. Home to college sports' Flyers
- 18. Fungal disease
- 19. Sleepwalk
- 24. Spielberg sci-fi film
- 25. Seasonable
- 26. Taxis
- 27. Radio direction finder (abbr.)
- 28. Thin, narrow piece of wood
- 29. "Mystic River" actor Sean
- 30. Ingenuous
- 31. Musical composition
- 33. Turkish surname
- 34. High or hilly area
- 38. Wilco frontman
- 39. Pour it on pasta
- 40. Electric car company
- 43. Sea eagle
- 44. Walk with difficulty
- 45. Sign of healing
- 49. Boy
- 50. Protein-rich liquid
- 51. Washington city
- 53. Individual portion of TV series (abbr.)
- 54. Thought over
- 56. Scads
- 58. News agency
- 59. Standard
- 60. Deadlock
- 63. Pre-Columbian empire
- 64. Removed
- 65. French commune

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Large, dangerous animals
- 2. Straighten out
- 3. Family tree
- 4. Large stinging paper wasp
- 5. European river fish
- 6. Cut down in size
- 7. Denotes past
- 8. Larry and Curly's partner
- 9. Samoyedic ethnic group
- 10. Male parent
- 13. Specific gravity
- 14. Demeaned oneself to
- 15. Rigidly
- 20. Yankovic is a "weird" one
- 21. Belonging to me
- 22. Path
- 23. Airborne (abbr.)
- 27. Level
- 29. Atomic #94
- 30. Born of
- 31. Midway between northeast and east
- 32. Northeastern bank
- 33. Defunct airline
- 34. Having no purpose
- 35. A low wall
- 36. Swedish city
- 37. Earn a perfect score
- 38. Atomic #81
- 40. Beginner
- 41. Give off
- 42. Incorrect letters
- 44. Telecommunication service provider (abbr.)
- 45. Idyllic
- 46. Popular beer
- 47. A way to fine
- 48. Evildoer
- 50. More withered
- 51. Seventh note of a major scale
- 52. Commercial
- 54. Abnormal breathing
- 55. Moved more quickly
- 57. City of Angels
- 61. Partner to Pa
- 62. Equally

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One shopper told BBB Scam Tracker, "I placed an order and received a confirmation and was charged \$15.98. A few days later, I received an email saying due to low stock I was being refunded. I never received a refund, so I emailed, but the email continuously failed to deliver. I have disputed the charge with my bank."

The truth is the product never existed in the first place, and scammers hope you'll never notice you didn't get your refund. However, if you used a credit card, you should be able to contest the charge and get your money back.

How to avoid online shopping scams

- Research before you buy. Always research businesses before you purchase, especially if you aren't familiar with the company. Read consumer reviews on other websites and do a quick online search for the business name along with the word "scam" to rule out any suspicious activity spotted by other consumers.
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The Alice Society is appealing Wheatland County Council's decision to deny their application for a development permit. The application was introduced to the county in February, then was deferred to the March 14 regular meeting before being denied. Janneane Madill was not given a chance to speak to her application before it was turned down.

Photo Courtesy of Janneane Madill

Local registered charity debates county decision

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"There were a few things that we were hoping to correct. For instance, police officers said there had been multiple complaints held against us, which, when we (looked into it), we had only been connected to one complaint over the course of the (indicated) period, which was a parking complaint."

Madill added one of the complaints noted against her was made in 2014, prior to when she occupied the property.

Scott Klassen expressed concerns regarding the application during the March 14 meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission.

"The problem with this business is, it is not really a business. It is a fundraising activity. The ag side of it ... they are allowed to do what they are doing. The business side of it is what has had problems with the neighbours," he said. "This was a business that was not approved to start with, it was caught, so to speak, and we have to deal with it as such."

He suggested there would continue to be concerns regarding traffic moving to and from the sanctuary site, and how it would impact the adjacent landowners.

Klassen motioned to deny the application as proposed,

which was approved by the Commission, 3-2.

Madill said she would be looking to appeal the commission's decision, though said she was unaware of when the issue would next be addressed.

RCMP tackle investment scams

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 investment scams. This includes, but is not limited to: investment fraud via social media, ponzi or pyramid schemes, cryptocurrency schemes, real estate scams and offshore investing schemes.

To better protect yourself from investment scams, consider the following:

- Be skeptical of unsolicited investment opportunities;
- Always get a second opinion;
- Be suspicious of time-limited or high-pressure salespeople; and,
- Research the investment for how it works, the risks and fees.

"Investment scams often appear as business opportunities that are just too good to be true," said Cpl. Sean Milne, Alberta RCMP Provincial Economic Crime Team. "Always be suspicious of unsolicited investment opportunities - even from friends and family members."

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.

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Could it be that silence in the face of evil is itself evil?
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Strathmore High School senior girls and boys basketball teams are celebrating their performances at provincials, having both claimed medals at the tournament in Wetaskawin. According to coach Dion Galandy, the girls took home their first provincial win ever, taking first in a landslide victory. Matt Laslo, who coached the boys, said they took home third, earning their first provincial medal since 2005.



Photos Courtesy of Matt Laslo and Dion Galandy

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Strathmore High School dominates provincial tournament

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore High School's senior basketball teams are both celebrating their success at the 3A ASAA Provincial Championship which took place March 15-18 in Wetaskawin.

The boys team, being the wildcard in their division, played their way into third place by the end of the weekend, earning their first provincial medal since 2005.

On the girls' side, according to their head coach Dion Galandy, through their extremely hard work and dedication, they steamrolled their way into bringing home first place. This year marks the first time the team has medaled at provincials.

"It is almost surreal, the girls were so excited," said Galandy. "We played our aggressive, in-your-face kind of defense that we normally do, and teams had a hard time adapting to it, so we just ended up playing our game that we have done all year."

He added that the girls, in the last

eight games of their season, including those played at zones and provincials, they averaged having only 35 points scored against them per game.

On the side of the boys, their coach, Matt Laslo, said despite not winning the tournament outright, the boys are extremely excited to bring home a podium finish.

"We beat St. Joe's and then we ended up having to play against the No. 1 team in the province. (Strathcona Christian Academy) beat us by 11," he said. "We had it, then we were down a bunch, then we came back, it was within seven points in the fourth quarter and we just couldn't get a shot to fall."

Laslo added based on the scores across the tournament, his boys were the only ones to make Strathcona sweat, being within 20 points of them.

In the bronze medal game, it was a rematch of last year's third place battle between Strathmore and Camrose.

"We lost to them in double overtime last year," said Laslo. "This time, we beat them to get some revenge."

For both teams going into the off

season, the goal is to work with players to develop individual skills through the Wheatland Wildfire program.

Galandy said the Wildfire will give kids a chance to continue playing through the spring and be more prepared to jump right back into the regular season next fall.

"I find there is a lot of skill development that happens in the spring when the games are not as regimented or stressful," he said.

For the girls, Galandy said they will be aiming to defend their title next year, while for the boys, Laslo said they will be looking to step it up a notch and step higher up on the podium.

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March 30: Committee of the Whole

April 4: Council Meeting

April 5: Agricultural Service Board

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Westmount School hosts Husky Cup

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Westmount School hosted their annual Husky Cup to encourage some friendly competition between students in their hockey program on March 16.

The event saw Grade 5-6 students squaring off at the Strathmore Family Centre, with the entire rest of the school in the stands to cheer them on.

“We have all over 400 students and all of our staff there cheering them on. Kids made signs before they came, so everybody’s really excited,” said Westmount School principal, Cori Hampson.

The Husky Cup is the cap off to Westmount School’s hockey program season, which runs from the end of September to the middle of March every year.

According to Hampson, the program really encourages students who love hockey and/or physical activity to get out and have a chance to play.

“It is a great opportunity for them to just get on the ice and learn and get along, build some teamwork skills and some collaboration – and, you know, a lot of pride in our school,” she said. “The hockey program services all different levels of ability. (Kyle) Tucker (who oversees the program) will take somebody who has never been on a pair of skates, to somebody who is playing in AA.”

Westmount School postponed their hockey program during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, but has otherwise run it annually for longer than Hampson was able to specify.

She added it really does not matter whether a student has never skated before or if they already play on a team, as there is something in the program for everyone.

“The great thing about it is it does not matter if you can skate or not. You can be in this group and then all of a sudden you are part of a team, which is really powerful,” said Hampson. “One of our missions and values for Westmount is collaboration and community. So how do we get everybody involved? What better way than to haul everybody from the school to watch and play a hockey game.”

Winning the Husky Cup comes with some bragging rights for the students, as there is a small trophy awarded to the team and they will be added to the plaques at the base.

“It’s just a fun event that everybody gets to be part of, and there is nobody not having a good time in there, and that’s really what this is about,” she said.

Ultimately, the Westmount students wearing black jerseys took home the 8-5 win over their white jersey counterparts.



Westmount School hosted their annual Husky Cup at the Strathmore Family Centre between the kids enrolled in their hockey program. Grade 5 and 6 students squared off on the ice, while the rest of the school cheered them on from the stands.

John Watson Photos

Legion hosts ninth Chase the Ace

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Legion hosted their ninth iteration of their Chase the Ace fundraiser for the organization on March 17, hoping to once again outdo their previous records.

According to Edith Stephenson, the Legion has been doing the fundraiser since 2018 and has since raised more than \$29,000.

“It has been great. The community has been very supportive and the larger the jackpot has grown, the more people we have coming in,” she said.

For every ticket sold for the event, the jackpot grows by \$1.50, and since operations resumed after COVID-19, their audience has been steadily increasing. Tickets go on sale for \$5 a piece.

“The St. Patrick’s Day event has always been a fairly popular one and it just so happens that it is also going to be happening on a Friday this year,” said Stephenson.

To celebrate the occasion, the Legion had Irish music playing over the course of the event, and the Baldwin Barbeque in the kitchen was serving Irish stew.

Tickets for the event, Stephenson explained, are sold between six and eight o’clock, before numbers are pulled at 8:15 p.m. and winners are determined.

“The draw gets 20 per cent of the amount from the tickets that we have sold. For example, if we sell 100 tickets, that person gets \$100, so that is a dollar a ticket,” said Stephenson. “That person then gets to pick a card from a deck which we spread out, face down, on a table and they put their finger on one card and hold it there.”

If the chosen card happens to be the ace of spades, the person wins the jackpot and walks away with some extra money in their pocket.

If the ace of spades is missed, the jackpot returns to a pool which is then allowed to grow for the next event and so on. Every time the ace of spades is missed, the failed card is removed from the deck to increase the next person’s odds of winning.

“On three occasions, the ace was pulled. We had sold over \$4,000 worth of tickets by that point,” said Stephenson. “On the five other occasions, we have sold anywhere between 75 and 790 tickets before someone actually found the ace.”

Going forward, Stephenson added the Legion is also working to organize several types of events over the course of the upcoming summer season.

More details will be released as they become available and the Legion has solidified the types of events they will be hosting.



The Strathmore Legion hosted their Chase the Ace fundraiser on March 17 with many of the guests celebrating St. Patrick’s Day.

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There’s much written about the importance of walking 10,000 steps per day. But there was a recent study of 100,000 participants who wore a fancy pedometer 24 hours a day for 7 days. Results showed that it was *how* you walk not the number of steps. Those who walked faster (75 steps/minute) and fewer steps had similar benefits to those who walked slower but did 10,000 steps. But if you can’t walk fast, any number of steps per day is good for you.

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Wonderful hosts

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Joe Lepage Photos



Town of Strathmore Coun. Melissa Langmaid is among the first to utilize Council Chambers for the hosting of a private event. She was married in Council Chambers on Feb. 26 and suggests to others who may be curious, it is an excellent venue for hosting small, personal events.

Photo Courtesy of Melissa Langmaid

Town Councillor among first to utilize new council chamber rental

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore Coun. Melissa Langmaid is among the first to make use of the town's decision to open up its council chambers to be rented out for event use.

On Feb. 26, Langmaid was married to her husband Jonathon Helim in council chambers. She explained she wanted the small ceremony to take place somewhere with significance to her.

"I really wanted to have a very small and as much local as possible wedding ... so I was thinking what is a place in town (which) is really important to me that I would like to be married," said Langmaid. "Council chambers is a place that is really important to me, it is a place I go where I make really big decisions that impact a lot of people, and it is a place where I feel like I hold a lot of responsibility."

Strathmore town council adopted a policy in late February opening the chamber to ceremonial events at \$100 per hour, to cover the costs of opening and closing the building, as well as cleaning expenses.

Following her wedding, Langmaid advocated the chamber as an excellent venue to host an intimate event, given its size and location in town.

"If you are looking for a wedding that is pretty easy, it is in a very easy place to get to, you have got Kinsmen Park across the parking lot, that is a beautiful place to take some photos," she said. "Your seating is already arranged for you. For a smaller wedding, I think it is a perfect venue for people to consider and another space that people could look at here in Strathmore to use."

Langmaid and her husband had originally planned to have a larger ceremony over the summer, though a health concern in January became a catalyst for them to reconsider and not want to wait.

For the newlyweds, who do not have any direct family ties in Strathmore, they were surprised to discover Helim's great-grandparents were also married in Strathmore.

"He had no clue that he had this connection to the town that he has moved into with me and he was very excited to find that out, that history had come full circle for him," said Langmaid.

Strathmore Town Council Chambers are also available for rentals including funerals or graduations, though food and beverage services are not allowed within the facility.

More information regarding rentals, as well as use of other facilities is available via the Town of Strathmore website.

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Community Presentations

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What a performance

J.P. Cormier and Dave Gunning, accompanied by bass player Jacob Lauzon, played to a sold-out crowd at the Strathmore United Church as part of the Arts on 817 Concert Series on March 17. The next concert, featuring John Reischman and the Jaybirds, is April 15.

Melissa Piche Photo



Friends helping friends

The Strathmore Minor Hockey Association hosted a female Bring a Friend Day at the Family Centre Arena, Mar. 13. The Association encouraged their female players to bring a friend to two one-hour sessions for them to try out hockey and run through several drills on the ice.

John Watson Photos



Town amends property tax repayment bylaw

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore Town Council has passed a bylaw to help local taxpayers in managing the cost of repaying their taxes every spring.

The bylaw, being an amendment to the 2023 Fees Bylaw No. 22-27, was introduced to Council during the March 15 regular meeting, and was presented by Leana Ashbaker, Senior Manager of Financial Services for the Town of Strathmore.

“This amendment is so we would be allowed to charge for tax notifications. As administration has continued to review financial best practices, we noticed that within the rate bylaw we did not have fees for charging for tax notifications,” she said. “In order to start the

process for tax recovery, we need a fee to put a tax notification on title.”

Having the bylaw approved, town administration is now able to recover costs for filing Tax Notifications on properties that are in arrears on their property taxes.

Within the bylaw, the table in Section G is now amended to indicate regarding tax notices on properties that have fallen into arrears, a \$50 registration fee, a \$20 tax notification to third parties, and a cost recovery, plus 10 per cent admin fee on advertising.

The idea with the amendment is to allow taxpayers an opportunity to develop a payment plan with the town instead of having to take the brunt of a potentially large upfront cost to repay their taxes.

“Previously this year, administration

brought before council our tax service payment plan (TAP bylaw). This helps taxpayers ... develop tax agreements; we also have our TIP bylaw ... and that allows us to spread out our taxes for residents or ratepayers over a year,” said Ashbaker. “We are working with our residents, our taxpayers to ensure that it is easier on their budget instead of getting a bill in May ... and making sure it is paid by June 30. We are just allowing them to have payment plans to help their pocketbook.”

Following the introduction of the bylaw, Town of Strathmore Council unanimously passed all three readings of the bylaw with little additional commentary.

The bylaw amendment was taken into full force and effect as of March 15, as that was the date of third reading.

Local photographer makes debut display at library

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library is featuring local photographer, Carmen Peccie as the artist on display for the month of March.

Peccie explained she engages with photography as a hobby as opposed to as a professional, and has not been formally trained.

“Growing up, my dad would take me to the mountains and he had a lot of photography equipment. We were always stopping to get the perfect shot at Lake Louise and that type of thing,” she said. “I think being exposed to that growing up, I really just got into it and I just really enjoy making pictures.”

Peccie enjoys capturing images in nature, from animals and flowers to mountain landscapes. For her display in the library this month, being her first, she has chosen to showcase 32 images.

She said she is drawn to capturing wildlife imagery due to the unpredictability of what she will find on each of her excursions.

“You never know what

you are going to see. I do a lot of camping and so I often take the backroads ... I will often go the way that nobody else goes to the different campgrounds,” she said. “I have entered photographs in local fairs and that type of thing just for fun, so they have been on display but other than that, I have not displayed them ... this is the first time.”

Peccie added she was inspired to reach out to the library by an article in the Strathmore Times featuring other local photographers who chose to showcase their work with the facility.

“I did not realize that photographers were included in the artist group. I had gone to the gallery many times when I go to the library. I will go see the different artwork that is being displayed and I have really enjoyed it in the past,” she said. “When I realized photographers could display their work there, I thought ‘I could do that, so why not?’ Why not share all the different pictures that I have taken?”

She added the library has been an extremely welcoming space for her to display her work, and the community who has come to see

her photos has been extremely encouraging.

Peccie described herself as a ‘purist’ in terms of her work, preferring to not edit her images, instead presenting them exactly as she ob-

served them and wanting the audience to share in that experience.

All of the images on display in the library this month are for sale and will be up until the end of the month.

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Obituary



DAW,
Gail Edna Charlotte
May 1, 1949
– March 14, 2023

Gail Daw passed away at the Foothills Hospital due to complications from Parkinson’s disease. She is survived by her beloved husband Terry, her children Cindy and Steven, her granddaughter Inara, sister-in-law Diane and brother-in-law Tom. She is also survived by her cherished friends that became family, Janice and Spencer Sumner. Gail was a city girl who spent 33 years working on the farm while also working at the school. Whether it was gardening, goat milking, or running a combine, she got it all done. Gail spent many years working with children and serving her community. She volunteered with several different organizations and was always there to help when things needed doing. Gail welcomed everyone into her home, with love.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for support for the Parkinson Association of Alberta (www.parkinsonsociety.ca) or Operation Smile (www.secureoperationsmile.ca) so Gail’s memory can give hope to others.

A funeral service to celebrate Gail’s life will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Strathmore United Church at 1:00 p.m.

To send condolences to Gail’s family, please visit her obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca



Obituary



GAUDET, Glenn

We are sad to announce that Glenn Gaudet passed away on March 10, 2023 at the age of 65 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Glenn is survived by his wife Glenna and two sons, Garrett Mackenzie, and Gregory Carter (Alyssa) and one grandson, Daxyn. His siblings Derrick (Marg), Ron (Fran), Albert (Winnie), Faye (Dick), Cindy, Marilyn (Pete), Julie, Betty and numerous nieces and nephews.

Glenn was predeceased by his daughter Kelsey and his parents Mike & Winnie Gaudet as well as his brothers Wayne, Clyde, and Randy.

Glenn was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He was a kind, generous, and loving husband, father, and grandfather. Whenever Glenn’s grandson Daxyn was visiting Glenn’s smile would light up the whole room. He believed in family and organized 2 family reunions. Both were well attended. Glenn was able to repair or fix anything and would spend time in his shop with his sons. Glenn enjoyed life and brightened the days of those around him. He will be missed by all his friends and family.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Children’s Cancer. https://cancer.ca/en/ways-to-give/monthly-donation/support-the-childhood-cancer-cause.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday March 25, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Wheatland Funeral Home in Strathmore, AB.

To send condolences to Glenn’s family, please visit her obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca



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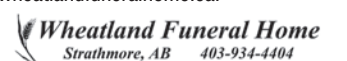


PARIS,
Doris Loretta
April 12, 1923
– March 19, 2023

Doris passed away at Strathmore Hospital on March 19, 2023. She is survived by her children, Guy (Wendy) and Marlyn (David); grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, John, in 2016.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, March 27, 2023, at Hope Community Covenant Church at 11:00 am.

To send condolences, please visit Doris’ obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.



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Obituary



SHELLEY-DURIEUX, Marilyn Jo

It with immense sadness that we announce the passing of the most beautiful sole. Jo Shelley-Durieux, beloved life partner for 42 years and wife of 15 years to Marty Durieux, passed away on March 13, 2023, at the age of 81. Along with her loving husband Marty, Jo is survived by her four children: Debbie (Bruce) Bumstead, Dan (Colleen) Shelley, Darrell (Barb) Shelley and Traci (Kelly) Riess and six grandchildren: Ryan Shelley, Michael Shelley, Samantha (TJ) Shelley, Justin (Natasha) Shelley, Taylor (Tate) Macdonald and Chase (Kennedy) Huber, and 12 great-grandchildren: Liam Shelley, Bodie Shelley, Darius Smith, Arya Smith, Kase Macdonald, Heidi James Macdonald, Miesha Shelley and Madeline Shelley and Britton Macdonald, and special grandchildren Dawson Hoerd, Shaelynn Mckay and Raelee Mckay as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and in-laws Edie Durieux, Lana (Terry) Butcher. Jo also leaves hundreds of friends to mourn. Jo was predeceased by her father Archie Whitlock, mother Margaret (Peggy) Whitlock and sisters Peggy Thomson, Betty Whitlock, Gail McCullough, and in-law's Henry & Helen Shelley and Duane Durieux.

Jo was born in Calgary, AB on July 14, 1941 and was nick-named Baby Jo. Raised in East Calgary, Jo went to elementary school at St. Anne's Catholic School and graduated from St. Mary's Girls' School in 1958. Jo married Ron Shelley on December 5, 1959 and raised their four children in Calgary, AB before moving to Millarville, AB. Jo and Marty have had a long and beautiful life together since April 1, 1981 and were married on March 22, 2008 in the most intimate wedding. Jo and Marty lived in Deer Run in Calgary before moving to Wheatland County to Crowfoot Creek Saskatoons in 2016.

Besides raising her four children, Jo worked in a number of different roles from various companies over her working career from the Hereford Digest, to being camp cook for seismic crews in Northern Alberta. Jo eventually landed at the City of Calgary, Waterworks Division and worked in Preventative Maintenance Department for twenty-three years. Jo was a huge contributor and organizer for many employee social events. Jo retired from the City of Calgary in 2005.

Jo had the brightest blue eyes, an infectious smile, the biggest hugs, and a heart that loved everyone she knew. There wasn't one person who met Jo that she didn't instantly connect with. So many of her kids' friends called her Mom-Jo.

Jo had two favorite times of the year: Stampede and Christmas. She loved going to the Calgary Stampede from parades, to rodeos to chuckwagons and passed her love of the Calgary Stampede onto her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many, many friends. Our Mom made Christmas such a magical time for us and many of those traditions we still honor and enjoy. She supported her kids in everything from Precision Label, to branding, building barns, and even initiated the girl's fastball league in Millarville and went on to manage the Millarville Brewers ball team for several years, where life long friends were made. Jo was very involved in the communities she lived in, in particular the Square Butte Ladies Group in the 1970's and 1980's. Jo's love for cooking took her to starting the pancake breakfast at the Millarville Farmers Market in the mid-1980s. Jo, Debbie and Traci enjoyed several years of catering under the name Shelley Catering and was the instigator of many girls trips with a 'can we?' attitude. Mom enjoyed organizing and participating in many family golf tournaments between the Whitlock family and Shelley family annual golf tournaments. She also enjoyed her weekly girl's golf games.

Mom fought hard against dementia for 10 years and we thank Marty and her caregivers enough from the bottom of our hearts for keeping Mom healthy and comfortable, especially during the last few years.

A Celebration of Jo's Life will be held at the Indus Recreation Centre (225155 Range Road 281A, Indus Alberta), southeast of Calgary, on March 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Internment will take place with her immediate family at St. Mary's Cemetery, Calgary, AB at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating, in memory of Jo, to the Alzheimer Society of Alberta.

To send condolences or watch the funeral service video, please visit Jo's obituary at www.wheatland-funeralhome.ca

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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49TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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NOTICE OF ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION

Irrigation Districts Act
(Section 61(3), (5))

TAKE NOTE that only one nomination was received for the election of a member to the Board of Directors of the Western Irrigation District in Electoral Division 2. When only one nomination is received for an electoral division, the nominee is elected by acclamation and balloting is not required. Therefore, I declare **Henry Colpoys** to be elected as Director for Electoral Division 2 of the Western Irrigation District.

Dated at the Town of Strathmore in the Province of Alberta, this 15th day of March 2023..

Troy Tangedal, General Manager
Returning Officer



FORM 1

Irrigation Districts Act
(Section 45(2) (b))

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTE that the annual meeting of the irrigators of the WID/MLS Community Room, 1000 Pine Street, Strathmore, Alberta on the 5th day of April, 2023 beginning at 1:30 pm to:

- (a) present annual reports of:
 - (i) the chair on behalf of the Board,
 - (ii) the manager,
 - (iii) the auditor of the district, and
 - (iv) the maintenance of irrigation works of the district, and
- (b) conduct any other business.

DATED at the Town of Strathmore, this 15th day of February, 2023.

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PLEASE BRING YOUR ANNUAL REPORT WITH YOU TO THE MEETING.

NOTICES

Western District Historical Society



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday,
March 30, 2023
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Irrigation Districts Act (Sections 53)
Local Authorities Election Act (Section 35, 46)

Western Irrigation District in the Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following office(s):

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Division Number
Director	1	5

Only those irrigators of the District can vote whose majority of irrigation acres fall within

Electoral Division 5 which comprises Townships 25, 26 and 27 in Ranges 21, 22, 23 and 24.

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