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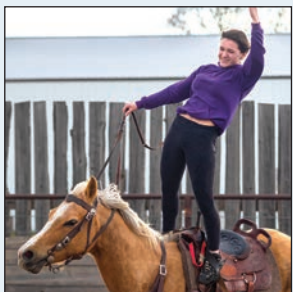
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Limiting license plate theft

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore RCMP are excited to announce the availability of security screws for license plates at the local detachment, firehall and auto retailers.

According to Sgt. Jay Salmon, the screws are part of a program to help reduce the theft of license plates, as a stolen plate is often used to veil a stolen vehicle.

“What the criminals will do is find a vehicle similar to the one that they have stolen and they will take the license plate off a non-stolen vehicle and put it on the stolen vehicle, so if we run that license plate it comes up as not being stolen and we just let the car go,” said Salmon. “In regular traffic we would have no reason to stop it, it’s not showing as stolen so it just a way that they can hold on to stolen vehicles a little bit longer.”

By installing security screws on a vehicle it makes it significantly harder for a license plate to be stolen, thus aiding in the RCMP’s ability to locate stolen vehicles.

Salmon said the process to get a security screw only takes a few minutes and has the potential to save a lot of headaches for local residents.

“So, what happens is, we basically swap out one of the little screws or bolts that holds your license plate onto your car with a security screw that needs a special bit to take it on and off. It just makes it harder for the bad guys to take the license plate,” explained Salmon. “The biggest thing is crime prevention is what we are trying to do. Anything that we can do to help prevent those thefts from happening is a good thing.”

A security screw can be acquired at the Strathmore RCMP detachment, at the Strathmore Fire Station or any local auto dealership, free of charge to the vehicle owner.

All a person has to do is go into one of those locations and request the installation of a screw. Salmon said this is not something a member of the public can do by themselves as the special bits needed to operate the screws are strictly controlled.

Should you ever need the licence plate removed, all you would need to do is take it back to one of the locations and have them remove the screw, also free of charge.

“It’s a new program, Staff Sgt. Wielgosz brought this over, he has done it in his previous detachments and has seen significant improvements in their criminal activities, so he has brought this idea to Strathmore,” said Salmon. “It literally takes a couple of minutes and it can prevent hours of work. It protects the person as well because then they don’t have to go to a registry to get a new license plate or anything like that.”

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New soccer season!

The Strathmore Spurs U11 soccer team hosted EMFC United in their third and final exhibition game on May 9 at the Strathmore Ranch Market Soccer Fields. The Spurs, who play in the Calgary Minor Soccer Association league, will open their regular season during the Victoria Day long weekend.

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Council begins exploring potential grant to help fund Redland water line

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

For the next 16 months, the Strathmore Municipality Wheatland County Council is seeking more information regarding the logistics of potentially providing a grant to help fund a waterline for Redland residents.

Councillor Glenn Koester spoke at the May 3 regular council meeting on behalf of a delegation of residents from Redland.

“The residents of Redland are asking the County to grant the Wheatland Regional Corporation (WRC) \$75,000 ... Wheatland County has granted WRC approximately \$4 million in the past,” said Koester. “WRC is experienced in putting in (water) lines and maintaining them. WRC would own this line and maintain it. This is a one-time grant, so the residents can enjoy water.”

A letter written to County Council was included in the public agenda, it detailed that the requested waterline would be installed within the Hamlet of Redland on 1st Ave and 1st St E, which would provide equal access to residents.

Koester added during his presentation that the installation of the water line would do well to mitigate or solve water quality and quantity problems that the hamlet has been experiencing.

“Currently, Redland and area residents have experienced their wells going dry and there have been deeper wells dug in the area with poor water and supply problems,” said Koester. “We have

talked about this for three years. These residents, their wells are dry, residents in the area can't get water.”

According to Koester's report, residents of Redland would be paying \$5.13 per cubic metre to the WRC for their water, post installation. The County rate is currently \$2.22 per cubic metre. The charge for Redland residents would be due to ownership and operation of the line by the WRC instead of the County.

If the line is installed by the WRC, the County will not be responsible for upgrading and maintaining it. Instead, that will fall to the WRC.

“There's not water in the (Rosebud) valley except this pipeline. WRC doesn't have the money to put in the pipeline, but the government has granted \$60,000 to get the main line there. All they are asking for is the \$75,000 to get it done,” said Koester. “When it's done, WRC will oversee the hookups and they will be in charge of how the hookups are done. That is WRC's business and the homeowner's business.”

Council defeated a motion to immediately approve the grant funding to the WRC, however, the discussion remains on the table.

Instead, Council has directed administration to bring a report back in June to discuss the options further and thoroughly explore the process before a grant is officially approved.

The letter that was received by council requesting the grant, had requested a timeline of seeing the water line completed in Redland by June.

Wheatland County adjusting agreement with Marigold Library System

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Wheatland County is has signed off on amending its operational agreement with the Marigold Library System, which updates some of the language of the agreement and the organization's levy rates.

The Marigold Library System wrote a letter to council requesting a decision on the matter by Sept. 30. Council reviewed the letter during the May 3 general meeting.

Michelle Toombs, CEO of the Marigold Library System, said as much as the library system has tried to keep changes to a minimum, it is time for an update to keep up with financial demands and modernize the language of the agreement.

“The Marigold Agreement has not changed a lot, although it has been revised recently. The last revision before that was in 2008 and it's very much patterned on the libraries act,” said Toombs. “It is our obligation, when a county does not have its own library board, to represent and provide services to all residents of that county.”

The Marigold Agreement is a master agreement between the County and the Marigold Library System which has been in place since the library system's establishment in 1981.

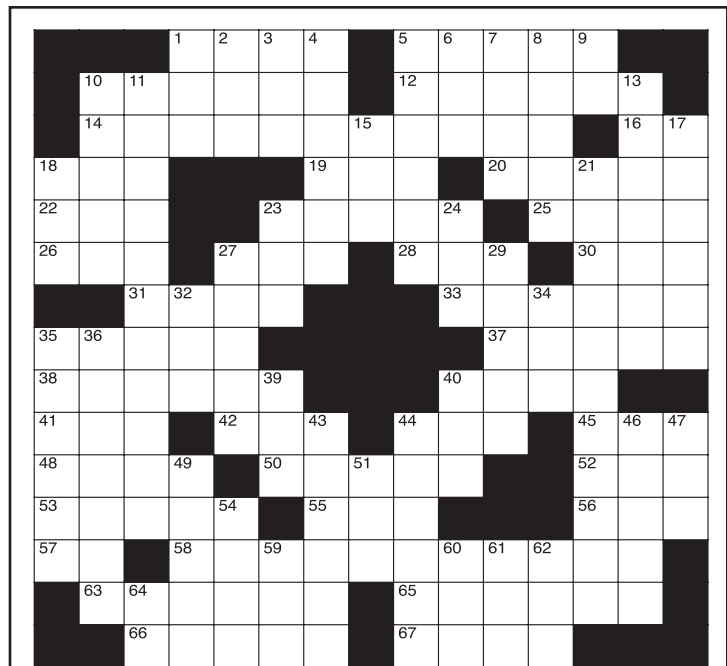
Currently, the Marigold Library Sys-

tem is the third largest library system in Alberta, serving approximately 348,000 people across 43 member municipalities.

The letter to council documented the revision to the agreement and discussed a request for review and consideration of adjusting to a new schedule for levy rates in 2023 and 2024.

“We have always calculated our levies, which is the revenue that we get from municipalities, on a per capita basis that is based on population,” said Toombs. “For the last three years, we have not increased our levies ... but now we are seeing the pressures of inflation, fuel costs (and) utility costs ... so we have asked for an 11 per cent increase in our levy rates.”

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Amounts of time
- 5. A ship's place at a wharf
- 10. Point a finger at
- 12. Large, burrowing rodent
- 14. Raises the stakes
- 16. Measure of illumination
- 18. Cast out
- 19. One who is staid
- 20. A word used for emphasis
- 22. Military missions
- 23. Wet with rain
- 25. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 26. Word element meaning ear
- 27. ___ student,
- 28. Blood relation
- 30. Make into leather
- 31. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 33. Containing salt
- 35. A seat
- 37. A type of fine pottery
- 38. You're caught red-__!
- 40. "Heat" director Michael
- 41. Expression of creative skill
- 42. Title of respect
- 44. Crony
- 45. Payroll experts
- 48. Actress Remini
- 50. Famed consumer advocate
- 52. Indigenous Thai person
- 53. Fitzgerald and Baker are two
- 55. Cooking tool
- 56. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 57. The seventh note of a major scale
- 58. Transfer from private to state ownership
- 63. A set of five
- 65. Removes
- 66. Foolish persons
- 67. Lower parts of a wall

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Old EU money
- 2. Some put it on steak
- 3. Sign language
- 4. Sowed on the ground
- 5. Tags
- 6. Everyone has one
- 7. Arguments
- 8. N. African capital
- 9. Midgame (abbr.)
- 10. Change as needed
- 11. Functioning as a consonant
- 13. An island in the north Atlantic
- 15. Carpenter's tool
- 17. Small football player
- 18. Ghosts say it
- 21. Explain through logic
- 23. Having ten
- 24. Criticize
- 27. Arms of the sea
- 29. Belonging to a bottom layer
- 32. ___ Caesar, comedian
- 34. Licensed health care pro (abbr.)
- 35. Swiss cottage
- 36. Cleft lip
- 39. Loud, unpleasant noise
- 40. Disfigure
- 43. Kayakers traverse them
- 44. Authored
- 46. Small freshwater fishes
- 47. Macabre poet
- 49. Carthaginian statesman
- 51. Principle underlying the universe
- 54. Common Japanese surname
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Small constellation
- 61. Chap
- 62. Equal
- 64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

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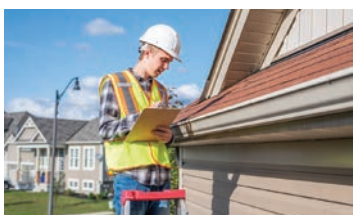
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BBB Scam Alert: Watch out for "free roof inspections"



With the warmer weather and summer storms, roofing scams become more common. BBB Scam Tracker frequently receives reports of shady "free" roof inspections. Homeowners should be on the lookout for these cons.

How the scam works:

You receive a call or a person shows up at the door claiming to represent a roofing company. According to Scam Tracker reports, con artists often use the name of the place (i.e. Calgary or Strathmore) plus "Roofing" or "Construction" as their business name.

The "roofer" offers a free inspection. Why, you ask? The person may claim that their company is going on a neighbour's home and is offering inspections to those living nearby. But if you ask questions about where the business is located or how their services work, you'll most likely be met with vague answers, or, if you are speaking on the phone, they may simply hang up.

You accept the free inspection, and the "inspector" shows up at your house. If they don't find enough wear and tear to merit a whole new roof, they may fabricate it, by tearing off shingles to mimic wind damage. Or they may simply show you pictures of someone else's damaged roof. Don't hire this company! Any repairs done by such a dishonest business are not likely to be high quality.

How to avoid roofing scams:

- Beware of unsolicited offers. Most scams begin with a contractor who "just happens to be in the area" and notices your roof or home has the appearance of needing repairs from the outside. Roofing scams typically increase in frequency after a powerful storm, so stay alert.
- Get your insurance company to inspect your roof. Filing a claim with your insurance company goes on your record and could affect future claims or your continued coverage. Before signing any paperwork or contracts with a roofing company, have your insurance company to come out for an inspection to verify the need for repairs or replacements.
- Research roofing companies before you hire. Look at a company's business rating on BBB.org. Keep a close eye on previous reviews and any complaints other consumers might have had. This is one of the best ways to know if a roofing company is reputable or just a cover for a scam.

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Calgary Stampede First Nations Princess crowned

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Sikapinakii Low Horn will be representing Siksika Nation, as well as her family tipi, as she has been crowned the Calgary Stampede's First Nation's Princess for 2022.

Low Horn was crowned with the title alongside Jenna Peters, who was named the Calgary Stampede Princess.

"It's been very busy, but (Jenna and I) are both enjoying the things that have come our way," said Low Horn. "I get to work alongside Jenna, but as well go to the different nations of Treaty Seven. I think the big thing that I look forward to is engaging with the youth of Treaty Seven and building that relationship."

Peters added this year is slightly different for the Stampede. Typically, Stampede royalty consists of a queen, two princesses and the First Nations Princess. This year, it is just Low Horn and herself.

"I think it's a step forward in reconciliation and so, for us, I think it's just being strong ambassadors for the Calgary Stampede," said Peters. "It's very exciting, it's kind of been a whirlwind already and we've hit the ground running. We have had a couple of events and our schedules are getting jam-packed, but I think we are both really excited to be representing our cultures and represent the Calgary Stampede."

According to the princesses, their two roles are slightly different, as were the three weeks of competition they participated in prior to their coronation.

Peters explained she and Low Horn began with several competition segments together, including a speech clinic before separating to conclude the pageant.

"We have interviews, there are several mix-and-mingle (events) where there is a room full of secret judges, so you have to interact with everyone and try to let your personality shine and be your authentic self," said Peters.

Low Horn shared similar experiences.

"For the First Nations princess, it's kind of the same process, but a little different. We showcase our cultures and our knowledge on the history of Stampede with the First Nations people," explained Low Horn. "We do a speech as well, we do impromptu questions and we do our dancing."

For her, Low Horn said being crowned princess is an excellent opportunity to be a role model for other Indigenous youth, as well as to represent her families' names with pride.

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"I also have my Low Horn family and my Duck Chief family and so being able to carry those names and represent them means a lot to me," she said. "I want to be the best role model that I can be for indigenous youth as a whole and be able to relay a positive message ... I want to encourage Indigenous youth to really follow what they want and to not be shy, to not be scared."

The Calgary Stampede is scheduled to take place this summer from July 8 to 17.

Local RCMP begins offering security screws

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The screws will be available to the public indefinitely in Strathmore and the program is fully funded by the local RCMP.

Salmon said he encourages everyone to make use of the program and get the screws installed on their plates. The RCMP are excited to see how much of an impact the program will have for local residents.

County - Marigold agreement

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According to the new agreement, the "Ownership of Property," section was changed to state books, periodicals and library materials transferred to a member library by Marigold will remain the property of that library or municipality, rather than the Marigold Board.

Another change was the reference to the Government of Alberta for current municipal populations. The reasoning for the change is due to the responsibility for reporting populations has shifted from the Municipal Affairs to Treasury and may be subject to future changes.

Language was also added to strengthen the importance of the municipal member collaborative and expanded service descriptions were added to clause 28 in the revised agreement (establishment and maintenance of a library system service for residents of parties within the agreement and which services are provided).

A statement was inserted to allow Marigold to negotiate a separate service contract with a governing entity that is not covered by the Libraries Act, such as a First Nations reserve or Redwood Meadows, found in clause 41.

A copy of the agreement is publicly available through the Wheatland County Council agenda for May 3 and any questions or concerns are able to be directed to the Marigold Library System.

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Jayna Hale (17) shows off several stunts as she prepares for her performance at the Ponoka Stampede. It will be her first time taking to the stage in Ponoka.



Mackenzie Jensen clings to her horse as she shows off a trick, practicing for a performance in Ponoka alongside her partner, Jayna Hale.

John Waton Photos

Two local trick riders to perform at Ponoka Stampede

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Local trick riders Mackenzie Jensen and Jayna Hale (17) have been invited to perform at the Ponoka Stampede this summer.

The Ponoka Stampede is regarded as the second-to-largest rodeo event in Alberta, following the Calgary Stampede and it will be the girls' first time being asked to perform there.

"You put your bid in (to perform) and they choose. Usually, there is more than one group that wants to be there, so they just choose who they think is the best suited for the job each year," explained Jensen who added that trick riding is a sport that is not for the feint of heart, as it is a demanding and time-consuming sport to be able to do both well and safely.

"Me and Jayna practice together once a week and we also ride every single day to keep ourselves and our horses in condition," said Jensen. "It takes a lot of determination and hard work. You have to be in good physical shape and willing to ride your horse every day, so they are in good physical shape. You have to not be too scared of stuff."

Jensen started trick riding when she was five years old, being introduced to the sport through regular exposure to rodeo. She suggested that she was

bored with riding normally and wanted something a bit more exciting.

Hale started at a similar age and has been in competition since she was nine — claiming three Canadian championships, a reserve north American championship and several competitions based out of Calgary.

Jensen has also been awarded several Canadian titles and is the reigning two-time North American Champion.

"I also grew up in rodeo and I actually got invited to a clinic by a friend of ours, so I decided to try (trick riding) and I really liked it," said Hale.

Trick riding, Jensen explained, is a sport that takes daily dedication to both maintain one's own physical shape, as well as to build trust with the horse.

"Finding motivation to not just ride, but workout and stretch every day, eat right and have a good routine — it's pretty challenging," said Jensen.

Typically, Jensen and Hale will spend at least an hour each day riding and working with their horses.

The two youths explained they attended school together and had ties with each other's families, adding it just made sense to begin riding together.

Regarding their invitation to perform in Ponoka, Jensen and Hale explained it is an intimidating prospect, but among the rodeo season it is certainly something they are excited to be a part

of. Similarly, it will be the largest stage the two have taken to performing at.

Having both received their professional accreditation from the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association, Jensen and Hale are looking to achieve performance goals throughout Canada and in the United States for the upcoming season.

The girls will also perform in Taber, Lea Park, Grande Prairie, the Stampede, TeePee Creek, and the Strathmore Stampede this season, among other shows.

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Running With the Bulls set to return for Stampede

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Running With the Bulls is scheduled to make its return during this year's Strathmore Stampede for another round of excitement.

Kate Dubois, events coordinator with the Strathmore Agricultural Society, said as one of the Strathmore Stampede's main attractions, it never fails to gather a large crowd both to watch as well as to participate.

"Everything should be running the exact same ... there will be another \$1,000 prize for both Saturday and Sunday night and if you decide to pre-register, you do get a free ticket to our Saturday Cowboy Cabaret," said Dubois who joked that also included in the prize is a belt buckle and bragging rights.

The winner of the event is chosen by crowd favourite as the bravest, or most insane runner in the ring.

It was estimated that last year's event nearly sold out of running slots for folks registering to test their mettle on both days of Running With the Bulls. For spectators, it is also expected that tickets won't be available for a long time prior to selling out.

"Our Saturday and Sunday nights are always a sell out, especially for chuckwagons and Running With the Bulls, so definitely buy your tickets early because they go quick for those nights," said Dubois.

She added the Strathmore Stampede will also continue to follow all AHS guidelines that are in place during the event. In case there are updates to public health mandates, the team behind the Strathmore Stampede is committed to keeping their fans up to speed regarding the event.

According to Dubois, Running With the Bulls has been a part of the Strathmore Stampede since 2003, and has continued to grow since its inception.

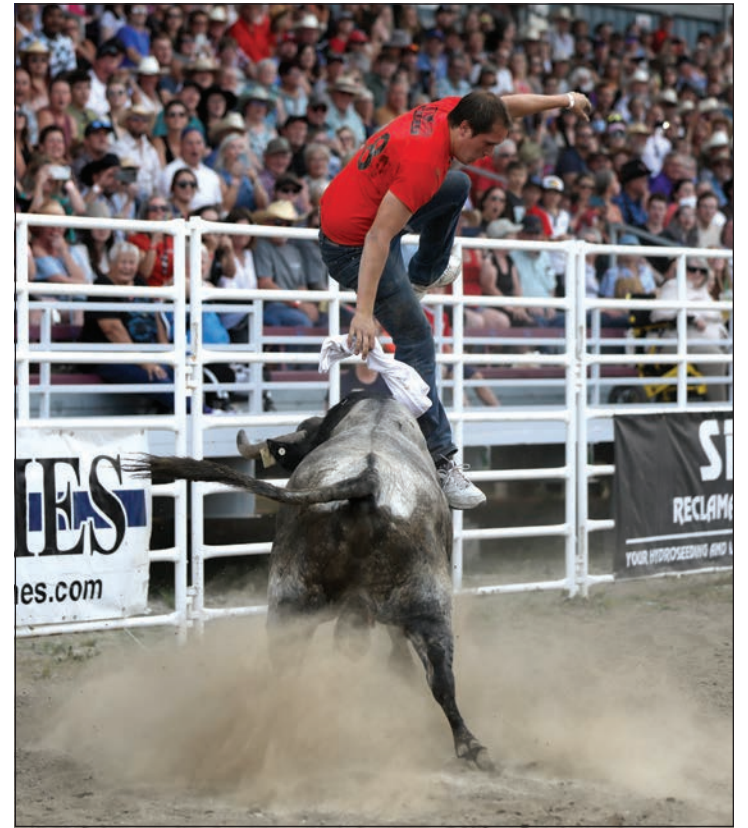
"More and more people are seeing it and hearing about it and it is pretty rare to find this in Alberta, so it has definitely grown since then," said Dubois. "All over our social media people have been excited. People are still definitely a little hesitant, I think, to run with them, so I definitely recommend getting in and it's a super great time."

For those in the back who have yet to hear about Running With the Bulls, the event is comprised of three rounds, progressively upgrading to more experienced bulls into a ring full of people.

Contestants are not allowed to intentionally harm the bulls but are allowed to provoke them before attempting to not get trampled.

"It's typically an impulse thing. It definitely takes some encouragement from your friends to register, but we applaud those who preregister," said Dubois. "They start off with the easier bulls and then they add the meaner, tougher bulls and it gets more and more exciting."

The Strathmore Stampede is scheduled to take place July 29 until Aug. 1, 2022.



Running With the bulls will return to the Strathmore Stampede over the August long weekend. This photograph by Strathmore Times reporter Adelle Ellis, featuring the 2021 Saturday night Running With the Bulls winner, Tom Rigon, has been nominated for an Alberta Weekly Newspaper Association photography award, to be handed out on June 3.

Adelle Ellis Photo

Local Athlete to play in Team Alberta Senior Bowl

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Football Alberta is once again hosting their annual Senior Bowl High School All-Star Game for graduating Grade 12 students and one player from Strathmore will be participating.

Matthew Oslanski was among the 40 players selected to participate on the South Team following the final camp from April 20-22.

According to Oslanski, the final selection was a three-day camp which consisted of two practices per day, followed by a scrimmage on the final day.

"The first day was pretty bad because it was Friday in Calgary and it was a

snowstorm. We had to play in slush and it was super wet, not really fun to do stuff," said Oslanski. "I didn't do too well that day, but then Saturday and Sunday I picked it up and did way better."

Among the 150 athletes trying out, Oslanski and one other were the only applicants from Strathmore.

The North team would be comprised of players pulled from schools north of Red Deer, while the South Team is made up of players from south of that dividing line.

Oslanski said the competition was tough to pass selection for the team, as the other applicants were among the best graduating players in South Alberta.

The South Team will have six practices over three days together during the May long weekend, prior to the game on the Monday.

While playing in Strathmore, Oslanski was a wide receiver, and will play the same roll on the South Team.

Oslanski said he has been playing football since Grade 7 after a friend had encouraged him to try it out. Having been playing hockey at the time, Oslanski hung up his skates and traded them for cleats.

"I just love the environment of football, especially camps like this where most people are friendly," he said. "It's a very good way to learn leadership and how to be good with other people and

work with other teammates."

Post high school, Oslanski plans to play junior league football, then university level if he receives an offer to do so.

Oslanski has thus far received an offer from the Okanagan Sun in Kelowna, B.C. to play. He said the offer came following his acceptance to the South Team for the Senior Bowl.

"The (purpose) of the Senior Bowl and Team Alberta and all this is mainly for exposure for players to get looked at by scouts," he said. "For example, the Calgary Colts are a Junior (League) team in Calgary and they are the ones who ran the camp this weekend."

The Senior Bowl game is scheduled to be played on May 23.

Tickets may not be purchased outside of Alberta or by any persons under the age of 18. Ticket Packages – 50 for \$75, 150 for \$150, 500 for \$250. Stampede Million 50/50 – 1 for \$10, 5 for \$25, 50 for \$75, 100 for \$100. VIP Draw – May 18, 2022, Early Bird Draw – June 22, 2022 at Stride Management Corp. in Calgary, AB. All other draws on July 20, 2022. Licence numbers (tickets printed) – 2022 Rotary Dream Home Licence #592518 (6,701,000), 2022 Kinsmen Million Licence #592520 (5,000,750), Stampede Million 50/50 Licence #592519 (1,982,500), Chase the Ace Licence #592521 (4,000,000).



Returning to the stage

Denis Dufresne & Friends played for a nearly sold-out audience at the Strathmore United Church on April 30. Dufresne commented during the performance about his excitement to be returning to the stage playing for a live audience.

John Watson Photo

Local martial artists to compete on national stage

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Several young martial artists who train in Wheatland County are preparing for a trip to Ottawa to compete on a national stage.

Sensei Tammy Thankachen, owner of Oku Damashi Martial Arts, said seven of her students qualified in March to compete in Ottawa on Alberta's karate team.

"I'm so proud, words cannot convey how excited and proud I am of them ... most of them are quite new to the tournament circuit," said Thankachen. "Being closed for COVID-19, we had to (train) through Zoom and that was super tough on the kids. Martial arts is a hands-on type of sport so it was very difficult for the kids to maneuver their way through it."

Logan Alce (17), Mateo Orr (10), Nathan Mutlow (9), Miara Robinson (9), Gemma Alce (9), Kaiya Robinson (12) and Zoe Neufeld (12) comprise Thankachen's roster of students headed to Ottawa from May 20-22 for nationals.

During the provincial tournament in Edmonton on March 19, those seven students claimed a total of 19 medals for their dojo.

Thankachen teaches a style of Karate called Goju Ryu, which is a traditional Japanese form of hand-to-hand combat.

The term "Goju" means "hard and soft" referring to use of both hard and soft techniques. Many of the origins of the style (ryu) come from Okinawa.

Thankachen explained that for most of the students who qualified for Team Alberta, it was their first time entering the tournament scene.

"They committed, they were training in the dojo for four or five times a week for two or three hours a day. They worked hard, they were put through the ringer and some pretty grueling training sessions," said Thankachen. "It was tough for them but they really toed the line and stepped up and really wanted to fulfill a dream of theirs, so they all worked hard. We took the team up to Edmonton and all seven of them took multiple medals home."

Thankachen's students competed in categories for both Kata (describing



After bringing home a total of 19 medals from provincials in Edmonton this past March, the students of Oku Damashi Martial Arts are training for their trip to Ottawa later this month to compete in Nationals for spots on Canada's national karate team.

John Watson Photo

detailed choreographed patterns of forms) and sparring. This will also be the case when they go to compete in Ottawa.

Based on their success in Ottawa, Thankachen's students may be offered the opportunity to compete at worlds in Dublin, Ireland this October.

"There is always stuff to learn and really improve on. That is one thing, we are always trying to perfect our art and ourselves with it. For the kids, a lot of

it is getting over those nerves and the fear of the unknown," said Thankachen. "They have to fine tune all the small things, but they are ready, they are motivated, and they look really good right now."

Logan Alce was the only student to have previously competed at the provincial and national level. He has also qualified for Team Canada's youth Muay Thai team and will compete at worlds in Calgary in August.

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If you missed *Weedless Wednesday* in January as a motivator to quit smoking, you have another chance on May 31. The World Health Organization calls this day *World No Tobacco Day*. Roughly 6 million people die from tobacco-related illnesses every year and this should reach 8 million by 2030. The average smoker spends \$4000 on cigarettes annually.....another good motivator to quit.

There's much talk about vaccine hesitancy but this time of year there is also *sunscreen hesitancy*. With sun exposure being the most important controllable risk factor for skin cancer and the fact that sunscreens can reduce this risk, some people are still hesitant to use them. Become one of the "sunscreen UNhesitants" this summer. Buy a good sunscreen and use appropriately it each time you spend extended time in the sun.

May is *MedicAlert Month* in Canada. MedicAlert is the country's largest membership-based registered charity. Members receive a bracelet or necklace describing medical conditions with a toll-free number that rescuers can call to access your MedicAlert Health Record and family contact information. Cost is low at \$5 per month, a reasonable cost for help in an emergency.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is being used in medicine more and more. AI is used in screenings, diagnostic tests and blood work to detect cancers in their earliest stages. In some centres, AI is used to analyze mammograms with 99% accuracy. Early diagnosis is so important in cancer and AI is making it more possible.

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Strathmore Ag Society announces construction of local horseshoe pits

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society (SDAS) has both received funding for and will be constructing horseshoe pits within the Ag grounds this summer.

According to SDAS CEO Ryan Schmidt, the idea was one brought forward by and significantly advocated for by a community member, prior to approval.

"I have to give a lot of credit to a community member who took the initiative to get somebody to build horseshoe pits ... we took this to our board and discussed it and found a great spot for the horseshoe pits," said Schmidt. "There will be eight horseshoe courts and a storage shed and we should have those up and running probably in June. We're very thankful to the New Horizons for Seniors program which awarded us a \$20,000 grant to build them."

The game of horseshoes sees players throwing horseshoes at a stake in the ground from a distance of 40 feet. Points are scored by players whose horseshoes are closer to the stake than their opponents' so long as they are within six inches

of the stake.

The pits will be placed just north of the baseball diamonds with access through the walkway to the baseball concession and washrooms.

According to Schmidt, there is also an opportunity for hosting competitions once the pits are fully constructed.

"There is actually an Alberta Horseshoe Pitching Association with leagues all over and they actually have a provincial championship, (and) a Western Canadian championship," explained Schmidt. "We would also like to open it up to having a youth night and a senior's night where people come and try it out for free, but obviously, the league will be running as well at the site."

The project was funded through the New Horizons for Seniors program, which was awarded to the Agricultural Society.

"One of the benefits of the horseshoe pits is they will be available to campers, including those campers at the Strathmore Stampede as something extra to do while they are staying at the grounds," said Schmidt, who expects the project to be moving forward very soon.

Albertans do not give up

LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore. Congratulations to all of you for the incredible work in our constituency. Whether you run a business – big or small, a non-profit, or volunteer in the community, we can see success and that we are bouncing back despite everything we have been through. Our economy is showing signs of growth and according to the April Labour Force Survey, Alberta gained 16,000 new jobs in April and nearly 40,000 new jobs since the start of the year. This is because of your resilience. Albertans do not give up. This marks six straight months of job gains for our province, with many more projected to come.

Further, April's 5.9 per cent unemployment rate is our province's lowest unemployment rate since 2015. You are attracting investment by creating jobs and our economy is more diversified than ever. What an amazing accomplishment. Our province is projected to lead the country in growth both this year and next. Our best days are truly just ahead.

We will be expanding financial literacy programs to students through a \$5 million grant. This grant will help our youngest entrepreneurs gain the knowledge they need, starting in Grade 3, to train and inspire students as they look towards their future and how to save for that future.

As you know, I speak out quite often about increasing gender-based violence both in our province and Canada wide. We are seeing this violence grow and we must work together to end gender-based violence. It is on all our shoulders. We will be supporting \$500,000 in grants to the 2SLGBTQQIA+ organizations, Indigenous women and other groups, offering healing and support for survivors, families and the loved ones of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Funding will also improve engagement and coordination between Indigenous communities and law enforcement agencies.

I want to thank everyone who reached out to me regarding concerns about the insulin pumps. I have already had a conversation with Health and am collecting all the emails you have sent to make sure Minister Copping receives all your concerns.

Finally, I want to say that I am truly disappointed with how the leadership

review is being handled. I know I have said this before, but the leadership broke their own rules changing the vote from an in-person ballot in Red Deer on April 9 to this "vote" on May 18. I have received emails from folks who did not receive their ballots, those who are receiving emails and calls who are not members, incomplete membership lists and the latest concerns over bulk membership sales that happened days before the voting rules changed from in-person to mail-in ballot. Truthfully, we need a leadership race and

we need to work to earn your respect and trust. If the results of the vote are higher than 40 per cent, especially given the investigation into ballot buying, it will call the validity of the vote into question. If it is over 40 per cent, most folks will not believe it was fair and truthful. It is time for a leadership race and it is time for hope, renewed trust and inspiration. I hope that we see that on May 18.

As always, we love to hear from you.

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Obituary



VAN VERDEGEM,
George Emil
February 25, 1928
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George Emil Van Verdegem was born to parents Emil and Martha Van Verdegem on February 25, 1928 at Clivedale, Alberta. They resided there until 1939 where they moved to the family farm east of Strathmore. George began working at other farms beginning at the tender age of 11 to help out the family. He eventually met and married his loving wife Mary (nee Bartelen) on November 21, 1950 and lived on the old Bartelen place until purchasing their own farm, being the old Kearns farm. They both worked and sacrificed very much to make the farm what it is today. Diana, their daughter, was born in 1952 with their son Douglas to follow in 1955. George was very well known and liked by many. He had a huge work ethic and helped many people in his life. His greatest enjoyment was combining which he continued to do until almost 93 years of age.

George loved to curl, play cards with friends, enjoyed visiting with his many friends, and enjoyed the odd glass of rum on occasion. He was very involved in helping to build the prior Catholic church and was a Knights of Columbus member for many years.

George was predeceased by his parents Martha and Emil, his loving wife Mary, brothers Bill and John (Helen and Mona), his pal and grandson Jonathan, and his sweet great granddaughter Destiny. He is survived by his daughter Diana (Wyman) Jones along with her children Chris Dugdale (Bev) and their child Cassidy (Matthew), Kevin Dugdale and his son Braidon. His son Douglas (Karen) Van Verdegem with their daughter Krysta (Kyle) step grandson Steven (Janelle) St. Louis and great grandson Grayson. Also survived by his sister Mary Van Verdegem.

George was a big presence in our lives and our go-to person for advice. He will be forever loved and missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in George's memory directly to the Sacred Heart Church building fund (23 Strathmore Lakes Way, Strathmore, AB T1P 1L7) or the Strathmore Handibus (Box 2533, Strathmore, AB T1P 0H3) which was very important to him as well. (Please include George's name on the cheques).

A Prayer service was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Wheatland Funeral Chapel, Strathmore at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Hope Community Covenant Church at 1:00 p.m. with interment to follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Strathmore.

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The following property is offered for sale by tender
subject to the restrictions in the existing certificate of title:

- Plan 9011897
- Block 1
- Lot 14
- Excepting Thereout all Mines and Minerals

This fully serviced corner lot is located at 222 Parkview Estates, Strathmore, AB, in an established neighbourhood featuring:

- Oversized lot
- Zoned single family residential
- Fenced on both sides
- Alley access
- Front lot looks onto green space
- Quiet street with mature trees

For further details, interested parties may contact Dawn Mitzner at dawn.mitzner@telus.net.

Possession date June 28, 2022.

Tender Agreements may be acquired from and returned to:

Lynn Woods Law Office
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 Plan 9011897
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 Lot 12
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This fully serviced lot is located at 226 Parkview Estates, Strathmore, AB, in an established neighbourhood featuring:

- Oversized corner lot
- Zoned single family residential
- Fence on one side
- Alley access
- Front lot looks onto green space
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The following property is offered for sale by tender

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 Plan 8911972
 That Portion of Lot 1 Which Lies Southwest of the Canal Right of Way on Plan IRR350 Containing 3.778 Hectares (9.34 Acres) More or Less
 Excepting Thereout all Mines and Minerals

The property is located at Wheatland County, AB featuring:

- Water well
- WID canal borders the north property line of the acreage
- Fenced

For further details, interested parties may contact Dawn Mitzner at dawn.mitzner@telus.net.

Possession date June 28, 2022.

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TENDERS

The following property is offered for sale by tender

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 Plan 8911972
 That Portion of Lot 1 Which Lies North and East of the Canal Right of Way on Plan IRR350 Containing 10.935 Hectares (27.02 Acres) More or Less
 Excepting Thereout all Mines and Minerals

The property is located at Wheatland County, AB featuring:

- Fully serviced including electricity, gas, and water well
- Insulated pump house for water well
- WID canal borders the south west side of the acreage
- Mobile home and established farmyard with corrals, storage buildings, quonset, and garage
- Self waterers in corrals
- Fenced
- Access from both the south and east roads

For further details, interested parties may contact Dawn Mitzner at dawn.mitzner@telus.net.

Possession date August 3, 2022.

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The following property is offered for sale by tender

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For further information, please contact Donna Kathol at kathold@hotmail.com

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Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference. For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

May 17: Council Meeting

June 7: Council Meeting

June 14: Municipal Planning Commission

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Development Permit 2022-001
 Re: Approval of Development Permit 2022-001 for a Commercial Cannabis Store
 Legal Description – Plan 249B; Block 3; Lot 7 - Gleichen
 Permit Approved – April 12, 2022 - Municipal Planning Commission

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 Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 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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