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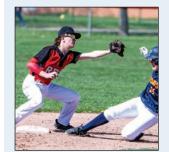
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Concerned correspondence

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore Committee of the Whole discussed during the May 8 meeting's question and answer period, an information package relevant to the ongoing Wheatland Lodge and Hospice project.

Coun. Denise Peterson said she distributed to committee members a five-page packet which contained correspondence chain initiated by a local constituent regarding support for the lodge.

"(Included) on Page 2 is a letter sent by Coun. (Jason) Montgomery to the constituent and on Page 3 is a notification where the constituent called me and clearly in the Apr. 29, 3:46 p.m. notation indicates that she is concerned," said Peterson. "My concern in all of this relates to the third-last paragraph in this letter where Coun. Montgomery asked the resident if they would put forward an extra \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year in support of the lodge and hospice, and went on to say 'can we count on you to contribute extra to this project on an ongoing and yearly basis, and if so, how much?"

Coun. Peterson explained Coun. Montgomery's words caused "consternation" to the constituent and were of concern.

Additionally, concerns regarding the correspondence have spread to members of the Wheatland Housing and Management Board that people are disquieted they may be asked for similar amounts of money.

"Because it came from a councilor on (town) letterhead ... and the term 'we' was used. They were thinking that this was a council initiative," said Coun. Peterson.

She noted she brought the issue forth to the Committee of the Whole, as no decision would be made immediately by council, and Montgomery would be presented with an opportunity to 'rethink this' or retract his statement. It was also suggested that Coun. Montgomery issue an apology for his statements.

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Community fun

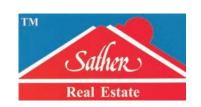
The Addiction Resource Coalition of Strathmore and Wheatland County hosted a free community barbecue on May 11 at Kinsmen Park. The event, which is in support of National Mental Health Wellness Week, featured music, food, games, face painting and much more.



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Local gymnast brings home gold from provincial tournament

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Local gymnast Olivia Jarvis recently competed at a provincial tournament hosted at the Olympic Oval in Calgary, in April, earning a host of gold medals.

The 12-year-old claimed first place in categories for her age and skill division on beam, vault, and floor, as well as first place all around.

Her mother, Laura Jarvis, explained Olivia competed at a "Level 7" of the Junior Olympian program, which hosts a skill range categorized by Levels 1 through 10.

In order to qualify to compete on the national stage, the requirement is to be able to perform between Levels 8-10.

Jarvis explained depending on Olivia's training results over the course of this summer, she may be able to advanmay not compete on that stage, being potentially still too young to do so.

'Next year she will; she has done all she can do in Level 7, so she will move up to either an 8, 9 or 10, depending on how her summer goes," said Jarvis. "Hopefully next year if she does do Level 8, 9, or 10, she can compete at Westerns, and who knows where it will go from there."

Olivia said she is proud of herself for what she was able to achieve, though feels like she could have done better on her bars.

Despite this, Olivia placed fifth in that category with a score of 9.2/10, being her highest score to date at the time.

At a similar, though lesser competition in Okotoks, Olivia scored a 9.7 on bars, claiming gold there.

"I am going to be working on lots of

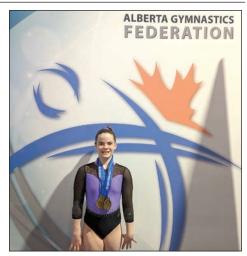
ce into a national classification, though new skills over the summer, like front aerials on beam, a double-back dismount, and a pirouette on bars, and a layout twist on the floor," said Olivia.

> Going forward, much of Olivia's ongoing training will consist of aerial flips and maneuvers.

"A lot more harder skills, she will need to condition a lot more because she needs those muscles in order to do those skills that she is working on," said

Despite the current competitive season being over, Olivia trains between 20 and 25 hours per week, year-round in order to maintain her skills and physical conditioning.

"She will spend the summer working on new skills, then when September comes around, then it will start to be nailed down what level she will compete at based on what skills she is able to



Olivia Jarvis (12) brought home several gold medals from a provincial gymnastics tournament at the Olympic Oval in Calgary. Jarvis laid claim to first place in categories for her age and skill division on beam, vault, and floor, as well as first place all around.

Photo Courtesy of Laura Jarvis

do," said Jarvis.

A point of pride for Oliva, is that she is often regarded by her peers and other parents as a sort of benchmark, or "the person to beat" amongst others who share her category.

Committee of the Whole presented with 2025 budget timelines

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore Committee of the Whole was presented with a summary of 2025 capital and operating budget timelines during the meeting, May 8.



Riley Brolly, who presented before the committee, clarified it was simply for informational purposes, without any decisions required to be made at the time of the meeting.

He explained to the committee, at the beginning of the upcoming budget cycle, town staff will be undertaking training in order to ensure alignment with ongoing asset management planning.

'In terms of our overall timeline, it is the same time frame or timeline as last year, just about, with a few things to note," said Brolly.

He added council will be involved in an initial mandate discussion, June 12, and any council requests from there will have to be made prior to or by Aug. 16.

Requests for community group funding were also noted to have a due date of Oct. 23.

Departmental budget summaries will be distributed to council by Nov. 1 for their review.

"Mid-November is when we get to the brass tacks of it all and you will be involved in the public engagement piece that we call 'Coffee with Council,' (and) that will be on Nov. 12," said Brolly. "Mid-November is when those largest discussions with council and administration occur - the deliberation, any information requests you may

have as well."

One item Brolly noted to have been changed from last year where council question and answer with individual departments was previously denoted as its own item of business will now be part of the initial budget deliberations done on Nov. 19

This will ultimately culminate into the potential first reading of the 2025 budget draft at the Dec. 4 regular meeting of council.

Coun. Denise Peterson asked regarding if there would be any potential merit in utilizing artificial intelligence tools while moving forward with future budget numbers and information.

"I am seeing some proprietorial stuff coming forward that is stunningly remarkable in that field. I see small amounts of money being dedicated to that in our budget and I just think there is capacity for us," she said.

Brolly explained that is something that may be explored by town administration and curiosity does exist about possible implementations.

The report and associated information which was presented before the Committee of the Whole is made publicly available via the town's agenda for the May 8 meeting.



Committee of the Whole discusses cemetery bylaw amendments

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore Committee of the Whole reviewed the town's Cemetery Bylaw No. 23-31 during the May 8 meeting.

Operations Manager for the Town of Strathmore, Donna McCallum, presented the bylaw to the committee, which was last reviewed by council on Nov. 1.

At the time, the bylaw discussion was differed at the motion of Coun. Denise Peterson, in order to allow for more time to consider feedback from the community, as well as to consider the bylaw amendments.

Second Reading of the bylaw was previously passed, Oct. 18, during the regular meeting, though the matter remained divisive amongst council members.

"There is no doubt that the cemetery bylaw requires updating. It needs definitions added, changed and removed; it needs enhancements to industry best practices regarding internment, disinterment, visitation guidelines, and work within the cemetery," said McCallum. "It needs legal updates and alignment with the Cemeteries Act and regulations. An updated bylaw enables staff to explore additional recommendations outlined in the cemetery master plan that will refine administrating and operating the cemetery."

McCallum added the update also is designed to help advance the town towards cost recovery.

It was also noted during McCallum's presentation before the committee, a right certificate grants the right to internment, however the town retains ownership of the cemetery land itself.

"The cemetery is managed similarly to a condo association. Condo associations will make rules regarding pets, holiday decorations, allowable outdoor paint colours, and trash removal," she said. "Although a person will have the right to be interred in the cemetery, they are required to follow our bylaw. As per the Cemeteries Act and regulations, the town can make bylaws pertaining to the cemetery."

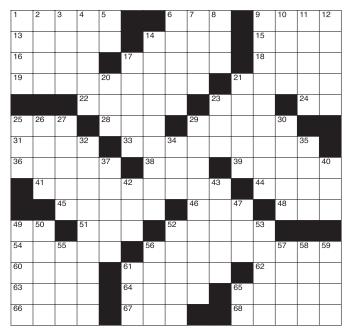
Town expenses relating to the cemetery were reported to range between \$40,000 and \$50,000 annually, which is taken from the parks budget.

Prior to the Nov. 1meeting, McCallum explained administration received feedback from local citizens and clients who were seeking more flexibility with placement of grave decorations.

Administration is recommending to proceed with the proposed bylaw, with the addition of amendments provided to council in their report, which is publicly available via the town's meeting agenda.

Discussion continued during the committee meeting regarding the specificity around allowed sizes for monuments allowed within the cemetery.

Following extensive discussion by the Committee of the Whole, the cemetery bylaw will return before council at a later date, not specified during the meeting, with council's requested potential amendments accounted for in a new do-



38. Make into leather without tannin

39. Plants grow from them

49. A way to listen to music

51. The bill in a restaurant

56. Poisonous perennial plant

52. Historic center of Artois region

41. Alias

46. Clod

44. Fingers do it

45. More dried-up

48. Senior officer

54. Cyprinid fishes

60. Scottish Loch

64. Britpop band

65. Forearm bones 66. Small immature herring

67. Female sibling

32. Made more sugary

37. Koran chapters

40. A place to relax

society life

49. Icelandic poems

50. Indiana town

52. Golden peas

53. Closes tightly

56. Cliff (Hawaii)

43. Female horses 47 Half of Milli Vanilli

34. Change in skin pigment

42. Young woman ready for

55. It's mined in mountains

35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese

62. Extra seed-covering

61. Heads

63. Wings

68. Hymn

30. Asteroids

Host families urgently needed for international students

MELISSA PICHE

Times Contributor

The Strathmore Lions are sending out an urgent call for local Strathmore and Wheatland County families to host international students later this summer as part of The District C2 Youth Exchange Program.

With a significant number of students arriving soon, the program is facing a shortfall of local families available to host from July 12 to Aug. 5.

"(It is) a program to help establish better global connections for our youth," said Woodcreek Lions Club member Cheryl Davidson. "It's sponsored by Lions clubs from all over the world."

The Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) has programs all around the globe and is designed for youth between the ages of 15-22. This year marks the 60th anniversary that the YCE programs have been a part of the Lions International.

The program expectation is that the students will be with the host families for two weeks touring Alberta and taking in activities with their host family. Then they would attend the Woodcreek Lions Youth Camp in Cremona from July 18-Aug 3.

At the youth camp they will be focusing on community building through hands-on experience. There will be group and individual activities such as horseback riding, hiking, swimming, and taking in local cultural events.

"We are looking for people that are willing to take youth into their home and treat them like their kids and show them our beautiful province," said Davidson.

The Strathmore Lions have donated \$5,000 to fund the Wheatland Leos for the YEC. The Leos will be the ones planning the activities for the exchange students. This donation will help the host families by offering some funding for extracurricular activities.

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"They don't have to plan all the events, we have some events planned," Davidson said. "And there is some funding for that so it's not so expensive for the host families."

"One of our events is at Blackfoot Crossing and we're gonna spend the day there and have some dancers coming and some knowledge keepers and it's just such a beautiful facility out there and I just thought that was a good experience to take all of the kids on," she said.

They will also be spending a day in Banff and a day in the Drumheller Valley region, according

Brad Walls, Youth Exchange chairperson for District C2 and Strathmore Lions Member, emphasizes the importance of hosting.

"The Youth Exchange Program relies heavily on the generosity and openness of host families," said Walls. "By welcoming a student into your home, you are playing a crucial role in fostering international understanding and cooperation. We urgently need more families to join in this rewarding endeavor."

This year there will be 40 youth taking part in the YEC in District C2.

According to Davidson, her children attended the camps and participated in the exchange programs themselves. Davidson has also been a host family for the program more than once.

"I've hosted for many years; my oldest daughter is 30 and she went on an exchange. I actually have four girls and they've all gone on an exchange it's just been a wonderful experience," Davidson. "It's always been a really positive, wonderful experience."

If you would like to be considered as a host family, you are encouraged to contact either Brad Walls (bradwalls@shaw.ca) or Cheryl Davidson (cheryl.davidson@ghsd75.ca).

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. It wakes you up
- 6. A place to sleep
- 9. Czech village 13. Appetizer
- 14. African country
- 15. Dark brown or black 16. Parent-teacher groups
- 17. Saturates
- 18. ESPN personality Kimes
- 19. Songs to a lover 21. Cavalry-sword
- 22. Begat
- 23. Patriotic women
- 24. Famed Princess
- 25. One who does not conform
- 28. Neither
- 29. Nigerian monetary unit
- 31. Body parts
- 33. Hit Dave Matthews Band
- 36. Depicts with pencil

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vipers
- 2. Not on time 3. Resembling a wing or wings
- 4. Tears down
- 5. Professional designation
- 6. Noise a sheep made
- 7. Type of lodge
- 8. Speak poorly of
- 9. Ties the knot again 10. Apron
- 11. Studied intensively
- 12. City in Finland
- 14. One who monitors
- 17. 18-year astronomical period
- 20. Trent Reznor's band 21. Takes to the sea
- 23. Split pulses
- 25. Valentine's Day color
- 26. Wyatt
- 27. Type of rail

- 29. One from the Big Apple
- 57. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid 58. Monetary unit 59. Primordial matter 61. TV station
- 65. Rise

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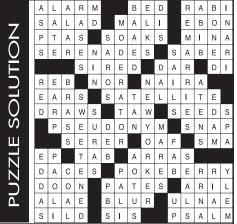
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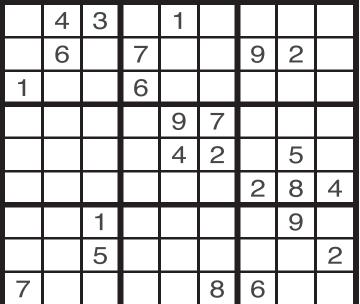
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Close to home

Local ball players (Aubrey Stender (#40) and Tyson Bodie (#39)) who are members of the Calgary Cardinals U18AAA baseball team, played close to home when they hosted the Black Gold 47's on May 12 in Cheadle. The third local on the team, Mitchell Lassu, did not take part in the contest.

Joe Lepage Photos

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Welcome to Alberta, but ...

To the Editor

What's going on with Smith's UCP Government? It's been reported Alberta is having the second highest royalties to bank on, yet it is slashing funding to cities, slashing funding to universities, lowest public school educational funding, health care concerns keep growing, to which Smith's government is resisting federal help with the PharmaCare program.

Housing and rental costs have skyrocketed and municipalities are struggling for support – so Smith's UCP government steps in to deny millions of Canadian tax payers support for it, for political reasons. So what's their plan? What does that say to you about a leader that is expected to bring Canadians together? This government has to borrow \$2.4 billion so part of that can go to the Heritage fund? Where's the logic in that when Albertans continue to struggle? This government continues to fund studies on the APP feasibility when as reported over half of Albertans don't want to move from their CPP, which can state it's good for the next 75 years. And all we have for the APP is "trust me."

Do you feel like you and your financial retirement security is

being used as a political pawn? I ask my MLA, can seniors that are on their working life contributions to the CPP opt out of the APP? The answer is no, which means you have to leave Alberta to continue with it.

Do you think it's the government's right to tell families what they can or cannot do within their own decisions in identifying who they are or how they want to live? Are you getting more feedback that those that are experts and manage an area like university research funding, have not been included in government consultation? Do you feel this Smith government is more about authoritarianism than democracy?

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Town concerned over correspondence regarding Wheatland Lodge

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Similarly, this opportunity would be before Coun. Montgomery, Coun. Peterson and Coun. Richard Wegener be required to present concerns to the Wheatland Housing Management Board.

Mayor Pat Fule indicated the town's Code of Conduct Bylaw, Section 5.1 states: "a member must not claim to speak on behalf of council unless authorized to do so."

"That second-last statement, 'can we count on you to contribute extra to this project ...' the 'we,' based on it coming from a councillor, could definitely indicate that it is on behalf of council," said Mayor Fule.

"I think there are a lot of lines that have been crossed with this here, and ... we are getting responses from our Wheatland Housing Management Body as to what the heck kind of council we are running here, so I think something has to be done," said Coun. Wegener.

Coun. Montgomery was indicated during the discussion to not be speaking on behalf of anyone save for himself. He was also not present during the question-and-answer period to defend his statements, nor to answer for them at the time.

County passes public presentation of committee bylaw amendments

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council, during their May 7 regular meeting, discussed Bylaw 2024-05, being the Public Presentation Committee Bylaw.

Brian Henderson, speaking on behalf of county administration, said the bylaw was created in 2022 in order to "clean up" council meetings and leave them to be more decision making-oriented.

"When we first implemented this bylaw, we had mirrored another municipality and as we were reviewing it and as the Public Presentation Committee has gone forward, what administration has done is we have brought forward changes to the public presentation committee bylaw," he said.

The original details of the motion were presented to council via their public meeting agenda, as well as the amended details for their review.

One significantly altered section refers to a feedback mechanism, which had been a point of question for council with the goal being to make the process "crystal clear" on how to bring ideas forward from the public presentation committee to a council meeting for consideration.

"Other changes in here as well were that in the original bylaw, it was that the chair approve the additions to the agenda where really that is an administrative function, then the committee does vote on that when it comes forward all at once," said Henderson. "We have never denied a presentation, but there is a clause in there just in case there is a reason ... such as an item being litigated is coming forward to a Public Presentation Committee, or there are items in there that administration would deem inappropriate."

Henderson added the reasons why an item may be denied must be conveyed in writing to the presenter, and council would also be provided a copy of the reasoning

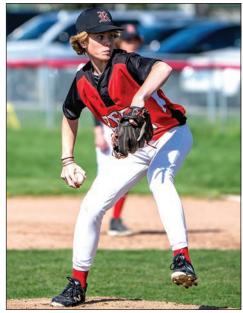
The proposed bylaw, ultimately being similar to its predecessor, was described as having been cleaned up, and better reflective of current county practices.

Public Presentation Committee meetings are scheduled at the County Organizational Meeting and the intention of administration is to have applicants present during committee of the whole meetings.

Public Presentation Committee meetings are aimed to be scheduled per quarter, with four such meetings taking place across a given year.

Prior to readings of the bylaw, a language change was implemented by the request of council to section 6.8 of the drafted document.

All three readings of the amended bylaw were held during the May 7 meeting, and the amended bylaw was passed without further discussion or changes.



Reds fall to Outlaws

The Strathmore Reds U15AA baseball team dropped a 15-12 decision to the Okotoks Outlaws on May 11 at the Kinsmen Park Ball Diamonds. However, the Reds retuned to the mound later that day to earn a 11-6 win over the Medicine Hat Majestics.

Joe Lepage Photos





Each year, the World Health Organization declares May 31 as *World No Tobacco Day*. It is hoped that in the future, this day will be relegated to the annals of history because nobody will be smoking anymore. Our future selves will marvel at the idea that "in the olden days", people actually burned leaves and sucked the smoke into their lungs!

It's well-known that sunscreens dramatically lower a person's risk of developing skin cancer. It's the UVB radiation that does the most damage. These rays penetrate the outer skin layer, full of dead cells, right into the epidermis layer below where the cells are alive. It is here that the UVB rays can change the DNA in a cell and transform it into a cancerous one. Don't take sun exposure lightly. Please use your sunscreen.

Everyone knows someone who has suffered from shingles. It's caused by a virus and can be extremely painful. There is a vaccine to prevent shingles. It requires two doses, the second given within six months of the first. That second dose is very important to give complete immunity. Unfortunately, not all provinces cover the vaccine which costs about \$160 per dose.

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Town discusses ongoing asset management program

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore town council discussed an update to the town's asset management program during the May 1 regular

The update was presented to council by Andre Ulloa, asset management officer for the Town of Strathmore, to be accepted as information.

"The asset management program deals with creating a system ... that deals with procedures and how we do things," he said. "It deals with people it is about the processes that we take and how we do our work. It is built for people, to support people."

The town's asset management policy was adopted in January 2023 as a business model or standard management approach to maximize the town's investment in service provision.

It was reported to council that the creation of an asset management registry will continue to be an ongoing process. The focus of the registry within the next year was described to be shifting to that of incorporating asset management practices into the town's budgeting process.

"Very simply, since we are a town, a municipality, we are providing service to the community, and we provide a wide range of services," said Ulloa. "Members within the organization are studying the services that we provide, and when I counted it ... we have around 99 different categories of service. That is a significant amount, and it is everything from Family and Community Support Services, to municipal enforcement, to water services."

Ulloa explained what is considered to be an asset to the town is not limited strictly to equipment or facilities.

This extends to people, labour, infrastructure, and branding, as such examples of what is included in definitions of town assets.

"The asset management update ... covers the activities from January 2023 to present day, (and) it talks about the current activities that we are undertaking in the next three to six months," said Ulloa. "We are making a commitment as an organization - we are committing to asset management methodologies, we are committing to manage our assets in a way that is standardized and has, in a sense, been solved by different organizations such as the International Standards Organization."

He added the ongoing goal is to have a finalized and working asset management program by the end of 2025.

Ultimately this would better allow for the creation of plans and contingencies to prepare for unexpected expenditu-

More information regarding the asset management program update is available publicly via the town's meeting agenda for May 1, as well as through their meeting minutes published to the town YouTube channel.



Upcoming Meetings

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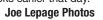


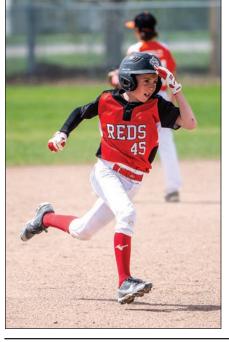




Close call

The Strathmore Reds (1) U11AA team earned a close 9-8 win over the Calgary Bisons on May 12 at the Strathmore Ag Grounds. The team rebounded for the big win after falling to Okotoks earlier that day.







Crushing win

The Strathmore Reds U13AA baseball team crushed the Cochrane Crushers 18-6 at the Strathmore Ag Grounds on May 12. The Reds are back in action May 22 when they host the Calgary City Royals.

Joe Lepage Photos

County council approves 2024 CERB funding

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Marcy Field, chair of the Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board presented before the Wheatland County council during the May 7 regular meeting.

"Annually, the Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) meet to review, evaluate, prioritize, and decide the distribution of funding set aside in the community enhancement reserve," said Field. "This program began in 2012 and has contributed \$5,322,055 for enhancement and betterment of various communities across Wheatland County."

CERB accepted applications from local non-profit organizations for funding in January, which were reviewed during board meetings in March and April.

Field explained a total of 66 applications were submitted to CERB, totalling requests for \$1,037,897 for grant funding.

"From the 66 applications, the committee is recommending funding for 56 applications, totalling \$432,722.12 - 10 community enhancement grant funding applications are being proposed to be declined," said Field.

Coun. Donna Biggar, following Field's presentation, inquired about potential guidelines or reasons given regarding why certain applications were recommended to not receive funding.

According to Field, the board is not required to provide any reasons for declining funding recommendations.

"When we take into consideration, we talk together as a board about where is the greatest benefit at this time, so there may be an application in one area for something that then perhaps representatives from that district will say if

we prioritize this, this is necessary, this may not be necessary at this time,' and we are trying to work towards meeting what would be the greatest need," said Field. "We have also looked at different things that occurred during the lockdown when ... there was not the income coming in to the communities and therefore there was a greater demand."

Organizations whose applications for grant funding did not get approved are recommended and encouraged to reach out to CERB board members to discuss potential future applications.

Wheatland County Finance confirmed the Community Enhancement Grant is funded by a percentage of the 2024 levy total assessment, minus the library contributions. This was outlined to council in their public meeting agenda. As shown on the 2023 assessment roll, that total assessed value is \$4,737,494,760.

According to County CAO, Brian Henderson, the total assessed value is divided by 1,000 then multiplied by 0.1. The library amount (\$45,585 for 2024) is then subtracted. Finally, the 2023 CERB returns and interest are added back. This leaves the final CERB total for 2024 at \$432,722.12.

The returned funding from last year's uncompleted projects, or refunded grants and any accrued interest is also allocated to this year's funding.

Funding for CERB contributions was included in the county's annual operating budget from the Community Enhancement Reserve, consistent with previous years.

Coun. Glenn Koester motioned for county council to approve the 2024 Community Enhancement Grant funding as recommended by CERB for the indicated projects as presented. The motion was carried by council.



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Rosebud Theatre student set to shine

MELISSA PICHE

Times Contributor

Rosebud School of The Arts student Koayla Cormack, who will be graduating from Rosebud this year, is pleased to present her "Final Project" May 23-25 in Rosebud.

The project is a theatrical adaptation of Charles Dickens and David Copperfield.

Cormack has been a fan of Dickens' work for a few years now, and David Copperfield was the first book of his that she read. This sparked her interest in adapting the play to tell a different story.

Her adaptation goes a little like this; it's about 12-year-old David who tells the audience of his life of abuse at the

hands of his stepfather and the death of his mother. When she dies, David feels the only thing he can do is run away to his only living relative, his aunt Betsey. Will Aunt Betsey find out about the abuse and neglect from David's stepfather? Will she finally accept the fact that David isn't a girl like she always wanted?

"When I was a teenager I read Oliver Twist, but I didn't quite get into it as much then yet," said Cormack.

The 24-year-old student said the play took about a year to write; she spent many hours perfecting the words and making this play the success she hopes it to be. The play is mostly a one-person play with Cormack playing the lead

role of David Copperfield and three other fellow cast members playing smaller roles of Aunt Betsey, her friend and the stepfather.

"When I was little, I liked writing a lot," she Cormack. "I've always liked acting around the house."

ng around the house."
She reminisces of her childhood and

the foreshadowing that it has on where her life would take her.

This play is part of Cormack's final assignment. Students are allowed to choose the topic and format.

"You can kinda do whatever you want as long as it's not too difficult that they think you won't be able to pull it off," she said. "The reason I came to Rosebud and stuck with it for the full four years is that I'm interested

in some point in time starting my own production company."

Cormack will be performing her play just outside of the Opera House on the green space daily at 4:30 p.m. from May 23-25.

People are encouraged to catch the main show, Chariots of Fire at the Opera House either before or after Cormack's play. The small hamlet is sure to be abuzz this time of year with their spring season in full swing.

Her show is free to anyone who wants to enjoy an afternoon of theatre. For more information on the latest goings on at Rosebud School of the Arts, you can visit their website (www. rosebudtheatre.com).



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Town discusses 2024 drought plans

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore received an update during the May 1 regular meeting of council on the current drought situation in the Bow River basin area.

Ethan Wilson, manager of infrastructure for the Town of Strathmore, presented before council an update that drought conditions similar to last year are anticipated throughout the summer.

"There has been a little bit of change over the past couple of weeks for the better. Our snowpack at the moment is slightly ahead of last year, although last year, this is pretty much the time we started to see summer in May, and the snowpack in the mountains started to melt," he said. "Whether we see that again is still to be seen, but as of April 15, our snow pack had 11 of the 17 sites (that) were in their normal range or above."

In contrast however, Sunshine Village, which was explained to serve as a benchmark for the Bow River basin, was 100 millimeters below the normal range when it comes to local reservoirs.

Wilson added this is an indication of the water that will be available for the coming season.

Four of the six Trans-Alta Utilities reservoirs are at a volume less than 40 per cent of capacity.

"Some good news is the reservoirs downstream of Calgary and Strathmore are sitting at levels ranging from 85 per cent to even 96 per cent of their capa-

New investments for health care

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

With Mother's Day just behind us, it seems fitting to highlight our government's recent announcement: a substantial new investment aimed at improving health care services for women and children. This commitment will bring lasting benefits to all Albertans for generations to come. Health care is one of the most crucial systems families need easy access to, which is why our government is dedicated to consistently

enhancing access and improving services across the health care system.

As part of this effort, over the next two years, we will be investing \$20 million to advance and improve women's health care research. Through this investment, \$10 million will be allocated to establish the Alberta Women's Health Foundation Legacy Grant. This grant will work to support research on cervical cancer, heart disease, and other common women's health conditions, while also recruiting top researchers and supporting advocacy efforts within the women's health care field. This investment into women's health care will also benefit the Calgary Health Foundation, which will receive matching funds of \$10 million over the next two vears to fund health projects that drive breakthroughs for thousands of Alber-

These investments will go a long way towards improving health care services for women across the entire province, ensuring that top notch care is easily available, and that the overall well-being of women is improved.

Alberta's government is also working to improve care for newborns. Ensuring that our newest Albertans have a smooth start, and continued care throughout their lives is a top priority.

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cities and these are generally irrigation-based reservoirs," said Wilson.

The Town of Strathmore will be regularly evaluating water levels and will be implementing appropriate use restrictions when deemed necessary. The goal being to ensure as many people as possible have reasonable access to water necessary for daily life and the production of food.

Wilson explained a memorandum of understanding was recently signed regarding appropriate water restrictions by municipalities across the province.

"The one specific to the Bow River basin includes (several) different irrigation districts: the City of Calgary, Ducks Unlimited, Nutrien, and Trans Alta," he said. "It is basically an agreement that everybody will work together when the time is appropriate to ensure that everybody gets sufficient water for their needs on a priority basis."

This is due to be activated when wa-

ter demand exceeds water supply outlook. Once in place, municipalities will be asked to reduce their water usage by between five and 10 per cent, industry will withdraw to minimum volumes required to maintain safe and reliable operations, Trans Alta will optimize storage for flood and drought risk, and irrigation districts will be expected to share remaining water supplies proportionally based on acres.

More information about the report is publicly available via the town meeting minutes published to their YouTube channel



Investing in Alberta's health

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To do this, \$6 million will be invested to add four more conditions to the Alberta Newborn Screening Program (ANSP). This investment will make the ANSP one of the most comprehensive programs of its kind in Canada, which is great news for Alberta parents and

Services and programs like this are so important, not only for the peace of mind of parents, but especially for the specialized care of infants. By increasing the number of conditions that the ANSP screen for from 22 to 26, this program will become even more important and impactful for Albertans.

We are committed to ensuring that each and every Albertan is taken care of, no matter what stage of life they are in. These new investments will make a real difference for women and children in Alberta. They will also ensure that our health care professionals have the tools they need to best assist those in need of care.

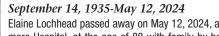
Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in Chestermere-Strathmore! Please feel free to contact me anytime at Chesteremere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca.

(Chantelle de Jonge is the MLA for Chestermere-Strathmore and the Parliamentary Secretary for Affordability and Utilities)

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Obituary





Elaine Lochhead passed away on May 12, 2024, at the Strathmore Hospital, at the age of 88 with family by her side. She is lovingly remembered by her three sons Greg (Brenda), Ray

(Ricki), and Ken (Candace), and her grandchildren Austin (Rolene), Kayla (Zach), Connor, Amaris and Ivan, and Ariel, and great-grandchildren Josh and Brenna, and Laila and Lennox the 'goober'. She was predeceased by her husband Lorne, mother Emma, father Raoul, and brothers Francis, Philippe, Roland and

Elaine was born in St. Boniface, Manitoba and lived in Winnipeg in her earlier years. In 1961 Elaine married the love of her life Lorne and they raised 3 sons. In 1973, Lorne was promoted and transferred the family to Calgary and after a few years they sought a quieter place to raise their kids so moved to Strathmore in 1978. Elaine and Lorne did spend a few years living in Campbell River, BC but made their way back to Strathmore where they spent the rest of their lives. Elaine loved to camp and fish with Lorne and she bragged about catching the bigger fish. After Lorne's passing in 2011, Elaine eventually found her way to the Wheatland Lodge in 2021 where she made a number of very close friends and couldn't say enough good things about the staff at the Lodge. They truly made mom's last few years very enjoyable.

At Elaine's request, no funeral services will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation. ~ Gone fishing with Lorne.

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MUENCHRATH, Donald "Donny" Anthony

Donald "Donny" Anthony Muenchrath, beloved brother and uncle, passed away peacefully on May 9th, 2024, in Strathmore, Alberta. He is survived by his three sisters, Mildred Nashchuk,

Kathleen Leggott and Doris (David) Kenney, as well as sister-in-law Henrietta Sanderson. Donny was predeceased by his parents Anne and Tony Muenchrath, four older brothers, Elmer, Gerald, Bernard and Melvin, brothers-in-law Bill Nashchuk, Frank Leggott and Robert Dahm and sisters-in-law Maggie Muenchrath and Alice Muenchrath.

Donny was born on July 8th, 1943, and was raised on the family farm west of Rockyford, where he was known for his love of animals, including his horse Dolly and his dog Rinty. In his later years he lived in Rockyford, where he enjoyed doing paint by numbers, woodworking and drawing cartoons. Donny, or "Munchy" as he was known by the town residents, was often seen riding his bicycle around town, sporting his plaid jacket and his ever-present pipe. He would often ride out to the family farm and was even known to ride his bike to Strathmore on occasion. Uncle Donny was loved by many nieces and nephews and was known at family celebrations for his fun-loving nature, his ease of laughter, his delight in being teased, and of course his healthy appetite!

Donny's family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the staff and management of AgeCare Sagewood for their compassionate care.

There will be no funeral service at this time. There will be a family committal service at a later date.

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<u>Obituary</u>



LAUSEN, Leonard Hans November 19, 1932 - May 6, 2024

Leonard Hans Lausen (Len), of Strathmore, Alberta, passed away on May 7, 2024. Len was a dedicated farmer for 63 years,

with a passion for the land that extended into his 90th year when he put in his last crop. His commitment to farming was matched only by his love and dedication for his wife Josephine (Jo), of 68 years. Together, they formed a strong partnership both on the farm and in life.

Len and Jo enjoyed their time with the International Agriculture Exchange Association, hosting trainees from various countries. They also spent many years with the Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association in Wheatland County, where they formed lasting friendships. Len's love for sports was evident in his younger years when he played baseball with his cousins and brothers and excelled as a hockey player. His passion for hockey led him to coach Strathmore minor hockey for 20 years.

In addition to his beloved wife, Len is survived by his son, Lorne (Deb), grandsons Chad (Melanie) and Curtis (Natasha), great-grandchildren Cade, Josh, Amy, Luke, and Isabel, as well as his brothers Robert (Gwen) and Maynard (Emilie). He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Len was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Eldora Lausen.

A private family service will be held at a later date to honor Len's life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wheatland & Area Hospice Society.

Wheatland Funeral Home in Strathmore, Alberta, is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements.

Len will be remembered for his hard work, dedication to his family, and his love for farming.

The family would like to thank the Physicians and staff at the Strathmore Hospital for the care that was given for Len over the past month. We would like to send appreciation to the Health Care Aides and the Paladin staff, who took the time out to make Len's day extra special with your conversations about his love for farming and hockey. Our sincerest gratitude!

Wheatland Funeral Home

Obituary



DEL GUERCIO, Antonio "Tony" October 26, 1925 Caposele, Avellino, Italy May 3, 2024 Calgary, Alberta, Canada

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Antonio "Tony" Del Guercio in Calgary, Alberta on Friday, May 3, 2024, just shy of 99 years! Tony leaves behind a legacy of love and strength, cherished by his four children: Pascal (Una), Rose (John), Angel, and Frank. He will forever be remembered by his numerous grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Tony's journey began in the picturesque mountain town of Caposele, close to the Amalfi Coast, nestled in the province of Avellino, Italy. He spent his formative years toiling the fertile soil alongside his family. In 1949 Tony married the love of his life, Giuseppina "Josephine", who predeceased him in December 2020. Their union blessed them with four children. Together they shared many bonds and memories of unwavering love and devotion. In 1956, Tony embarked on a courageous journey to Gleichen, Alberta guided and supported by his brother Nick and began work for the Canadian Pacific Railway. The family embraced the challenges and joys of new friends, family and culture. Tony was the custodian of the Gleichen School and school bus driver for many years prior to moving the family to Calgary in 1973. His spirit and strong work ethic were as strong and vibrant as his Italian accent. A man of many passions. Tony and Josephine loved to travel, their adventures took them around the globe with multiple trips to his homeland and family. He took exceptional pride in growing lush gardens, always sharing with family, friends and neighbours. His energetic ability to perform headstands anywhere and everywhere including garage rooftops was a unique talent that brought smiles and joy to those around him.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff at Cambridge Manor for their devoted care and friendship. "Farewell, dear Dad." Though you came very close in reaching your centennial milestone, your spirit remains forever vibrant in our hearts. We know you are keeping watch over us, you are once again reunited with Mom in the heavens above.

A Celebration of Tony's life was held at Fosters Garden Chapel, 3220 4 St NW, Calgary, on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 2:00 pm, followed by a short Graveside Service at Queen's Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you "Pay forward a friendly gesture," in memory of Tony. Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to the family via the website www.fostersgardenchapel.ca.

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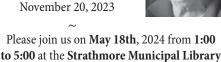
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- This person will be working outdoors performing duties such as mowing, weed-eating, pothole filling, etc.
- This person will be required to have a valid unrestricted driver's license and able to operate small machinery such as a mower and/or small tractor as well as perform daily equipment checks.
- · Some lifting may be required.

Please apply with resume to the Rockyford Village Office at 110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB; fax it to (403) 533-3744; e-mail it to cao@rockyford.ca

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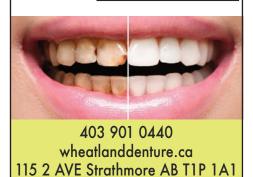


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Upcoming Council Meetings

May 8, 2024 | 6 P.M. May 15, 2024 | 6 P.M. June 5, 2024 | 6 P.M. Committe of the Whole Regular Meeting of Council Regular Meeting of Council

Come Say Hi

Hearing from the community is really important to us, so you're welcome at any Council or Committee of the Whole meeting. You do not need to call ahead or register to observe Strathmore Council in action. There is ample public seating and additional standing room if needed. You can also watch livestreamed meetings online as they happen, or catch up later on YouTube.







Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre

PD Day/School Closure Camps

Are you looking for activities to keep your kids busy while they have days off from school? Look no further. Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre is now offering day camps on PD / School Closure Days!

Course ID	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
27482	May 3, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
27483	May 17, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
27484	Jun 7, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
27485	Jun 28, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50

Summer Day Camps

Registration for 2024 Summer Day Camps is now open and we're excited to be introducing new age groups, continuing with pre-care services, and offering half-day options.

Theme	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
Water Fun	Jul 2 to 5, 2024	Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$148
Spray and Play (Swim Lessons)	Jul 8 to 12, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$252
Sport and Explore	Jul 15 to 19, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$185
Multisport Adventure	Jul 22 to 26, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$185
Splash and Dash (Swim Lessons)	Jul 29 to Aug 4, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$252
Neon Days	Aug 6 to 9, 2024	Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$148
Balls and More	Aug 12 to 16, 2024	Mo, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$185
Olympic Days	Aug 19 to 23, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$185
Let's Celebrate	Aug 26 to 29, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th,	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$148

Register for classes and camps at Strathmore.cg/RecSchedule



Become a lifeguard for free and start working immediately.

Up to 10 participants will receive free Lifeguard/ Instructor courses and future employment thanks to the National Safe Swimming Recovery Program (NSSRP), an initiative established through a collaboration between the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) and the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA).

The Strathmore Aquatic Centre is one of four Alberta facilities selected to participate in the program which aims to help hire, train, and certify lifeguards and aquatic professionals. Through the NSSRP, successful applicants are provided a 100% subsidy for registration fees associated with aquatic training programs and wage subsidies for quality employment opportunities.

To learn more about the program and eligibility criteria, call the Strathmore Aquatic Centre at 403-934-3325



Free sports day at the Strathmore Motor Products **Sports Centre**

Join in for a free, all-day, sports day on June 7, 2024! The Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre recently received a programming grant through ParticipACTION and the Government of Canada. Registration opens at 8 a.m. on May 1.Up to 40 kids, ages four and twelve can participate so make sure to register early.

Campers will enjoy wheeling around, ball sports, and outdoor water fun. Lunch and two snacks will also be provided.

To learn more, visit Strathmore.ca/camp or call the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre at 403-361-2121.

Land Use Ammendment

Upcoming Public Hearing

Purpose: to permit the construction of a semidetached dwelling and garage for each unit.

Bylaw #24-07

Staff received an application for a land use re-designation (Bylaw No. 24-07) of 62 Lakeside Blvd (Lot 19/20, Block 17, Plan 5894P). The proposed re-designation aims to permit the construction of a semi-detached dwelling and garage for each unit on 62 Lakeside Boulevard in Strathmore.



Lot 19/20, Block 17, Plan 5894P (62 Lakeside Blvd.)

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed bylaw can be found on the Town's website at **Strathmore.ca**/ PublicHearing or may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Strathmore Municipal Building (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore,

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers at the Strathmore Municipal Building on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, commencing at 6 p.m. with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto.

Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any or all of the proposed by-law, may present their concerns and/or suggestions by making a submission at the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services by email at lsadmin@strathmore.ca no later than **noon** on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, in order to register to speak at the public hearing.

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 **noon** on **Wednesday**, May 29, 2024 as outlined in Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

Please contact Legislative Services at 403-934-3133 prior to attending a Public Hearing to determine the order of Bylaw presentations in the Council Agenda to ensure efficient use of your time.



Town of Strathmore Adopts Economic Development Action Plan

During the March 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, Council was presented with the Town's Economic Development Action Plan.

To support Council's strategic priority of economic development, the Town of Strathmore has engaged the business community to conduct a comprehensive Business Needs Assessment and nic Development Action Plan This Action considers the six Strategic Priorities set by Council, including affordable housing, financial sustainability, intentional community development, climate resiliency, economic development, and community wellness. The Plan aligns with community goals and addresses the challenges identified by businesses, such as workforce shortages, housing issues, supply chain disruptions, broadband limitations, and high real estate costs.

"This Economic Development Action Plan is a practical, impactful resource designed for implementation over the next twelve months and strategic goal setting for the next three years," said Pat Fule, Mayor of the Town of Strathmore. "The Plan outcomes are ambitious, aiming to establish a baseline of business needs, facilitate well-informed decision-making, and develop a threeyear framework supporting local businesses and attracting new

Beyond the initial analysis, the Action Plan redefines economic development by focusing on reshaping perspectives, restructuring systems, and leveraging existing assets. It recognizes the need for a novel approach, concentrating on greenfield and brownfield land utilization for infrastructure development. The primary strategy revolves around retaining local businesses and residents, enhancing their overall capacity for success. As the community becomes more investment-ready, the plan envisions attracting new businesses.

"The Economic Development Action Plan for Strathmore positions the town for growth. It leverages community strengths and assets,





envisions ambitious investments, and emphasizes collaboration and innovation. This plan is not just a document but a dynamic tool for Senior Administration and the Business Community to partner on, fostering a thriving residential and business community for Strathmore," said Angela Groeneveld, Senior Manager of Economic Sustainability and Investment.

The Plan identifies core goals, strategies to reach those goals, and action plans to utilize community assets and advantages that best support the existing business community and encourage new business investment. The three core goals identified include:

Strengthening economic development capacity: Enhancing the community's investment readiness to attract new

Strengthening and diversifying the local business ecosystem.

In summary, the Economic Development Action Plan is a comprehensive and actionable guide that empowers the Town of Strathmore to navigate challenges, capitalize on opportunities, and create a thriving residential and business center. There are details on when to ACT – advocate, champion, and team up for projects. The plan's success will benefit businesses and contribute to the community's overall well-being and prosperity.

For more information about the Economic Development Action Plan,