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Agreement expands

JOHN WATSON
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore Town Council authorized the mayor to sign the updated Wheatland Regional Emergency Management Partnership (WREMP) Agreement, which annotates the City of Chestermere into the partnership.

The motion was brought forward before council during the May 3 regular meeting, following a presentation made by Strathmore Fire Chief, Dave Sturgeon.

During his presentation, Sturgeon requested that council approve the authorization to sign the document, as it was presented.

“Since the adoption of the partnership, all the parties have recognized the benefits of additional resources. By including the City of Chestermere, it is an excellent opportunity for our partners to expand their network and resources to deal with larger-scale emergencies or disasters,” he said. “The larger the event, and the longer the event runs, it can cause significant strain on our local resources. By including the City of Chestermere as a partner, it would increase our capacity and resources available to all parties.”

The item was initially brought before the Town of Strathmore Committee of the Whole, Jan. 11, for information. During that meeting, the pros and cons of the agreement were discussed, and it was asked that Strathmore Town Council direct the representative of the committee to vote as per council’s direction.

The Committee met again, Jan. 26, with the City of Chestermere in attendance to provide a presentation regarding why they wanted to join the partnership.

Following a question period, the committee voted unanimously to accept the City of Chestermere into the partnership.

Sturgeon explained to council the only changes to the WREMP agreement include adding Chestermere to the agreement and the funding model goes from 50 per cent each from Strathmore and Wheatland County to 33.3 per cent Strathmore, Wheatland County and City of Chestermere, respectively.

The overall financial obligation from the town to the agreement does not change, however, with the addition of Chestermere, there is an increase in funding by bringing in the additional partner to match Strathmore’s contributions.

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Babies and Tots!

Four-year-old Blake Stern shows off the balloon animal she received during Strathmore’s Baby & Tots Show on May 13 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. The event, hosted by Jess and Lee Maternity along with Lil Hoots Children’s Boutique, featured numerous vendors, guest speakers and kid activities.

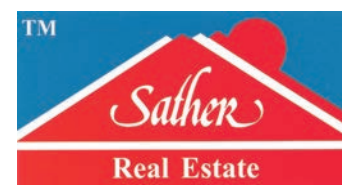
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Holiday waste collection

Strathmore’s residential waste collection schedule is no longer impacted by holidays, except for Christmas and New Years Day.

This means that if your regular collection day falls on Victoria Day, (Monday May 22), you should put your carts out in their regular spot for collection!

Find your waste removal schedule at Strathmore.ca/Waste-Collection

Collection schedule updates

Weekly Green Cart collection resumes on May 1.

Reminder, extra compost bags can be placed curbside for regular pick up, just make sure to affix an extra bag tag (green tags) to the bags. Tags can be picked up for free at the Strathmore Municipal Building.

Summer camp registration is open!

The Recreation Team has made some exciting updates to the Summer Camp Program, including new themes, age groups, and an option for pre-care.

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Urban hen pilot project

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What is a strategic plan?

At the beginning of each term in office, Town Council establishes a strategic plan which will guide their four-year term. This plan identifies key priorities that Council feels are the most important actions to effectively steward Strathmore towards a brighter future. These priorities also work to inform the Town’s annual budget and provides their CAO with direction as to where to invest staff time and resources.

Once created, staff develop Business Plans based on Council’s Strategic Priorities and provides periodic progress reports to Council. The Council Strategic Plan is reviewed and updated as needed over the term, based on emerging priorities and needs.

Strathmore’s Town Council has identified six areas which will receive focus during this Council’s term. These priorities are not listed in any particular order of importance or priority; however, were selected based on community feedback provided to Council as well as current service opportunities and challenges from Administration.



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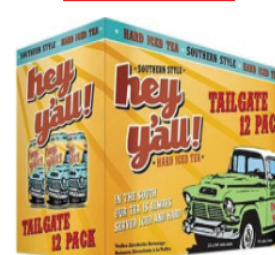
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Award winner

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Melissa Piche Photo

City of Chestermere joins WREMP agreement

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“Additional funds could be saved by not utilizing external contractors and instead utilizing resources of another member,” said Sturgeon.

He added to answer a common question which has arisen during the process, Chestermere chose WREMP over their immediate neighbours because the city felt the Wheatland partnership better aligned with their vision and values, and saw a better light for the future of their emergency management program.

Following a motion by Coun. Richard Wegener to accept the revised document as presented, council voted unanimously in favour.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep kids safe during lawn mower season

To the Editor

When I was two years old, I ran into the path of a riding lawn mower and lost my right leg below the knee. It all happened so fast: one moment I was playing outside, and the next I was too close to the mower.

Having grown up as part of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, I am now committed to spreading the Association's PLAYSAFE message. With lawn cutting season upon us, I want everyone to know that kids should not ride, operate or play near lawn mowers.

Though I've learned to accept and appreciate who I am today, I want to use my experience to help prevent others from going through what I did. Please make sure children are always at a safe distance from lawn mowers. And don't underestimate the importance of safety when operating any machinery. I urge you to take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and those around you.

If you would like to learn more about how to play safely and hear stories from other young amputees like me who have lost limbs in accidents, visit waramps.ca/playsafe.

Jarod Murray
Vanessa, Ont.

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Strathmore fire resources deployed to assist with wildfires

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Fire Department has been called to assist with combatting and controlling the wildfires burning west of Edmonton.

Local resources, as well as those from the Chestermere Fire Department were requested through the Alberta Emergency Management Association (AEMA) to be dispatched.

“We are probably almost a week in. We sent up one of our engines and then we helped staff another engine out of Chestermere,” said David Sturgeon, Strathmore Fire chief. “You always want to be ready for everything at home, so you have to really think about what you can spare and if you can still operate. You can’t worry about all the what ifs because you will never do anything if you are worried about that.”

The Strathmore department has dispatched two firefighters, incident management personnel, and several pallets of Emergency Social Service supplies in addition to an engine in order to aid

provincial efforts and evacuees.

Sturgeon added the Strathmore Fire Department has been in regular communication with the AEMA, informing them of what resources are able to be made available to divert north.

The Town of Strathmore released a statement indicating more resources are ready to be dispatched if required, including more personnel and a water tender. Town resources would be sent up in conjunction with the Chestermere Fire Department.

“It is really about being strategic and working with your partners. We are in daily communication with our mutual aid partners, just to make sure everybody has enough staffing and if a bigger call comes in, that we can all support each other,” said Sturgeon. “It sounds like the one area our crews are helping in still has pretty large fire activity. The weather helped lay it down a bit, but everyone is worried about the days to come when the temperature spikes back up and dries everything out.”

Fire bans, restrictions or advisories have been

put into place across the majority of the province. Strathmore and Wheatland County are currently under an advisory.

Sturgeon advised residents to be cognizant of their surroundings and practice safe activity if an individual or group chooses to have fires.

“There is no open burning allowed, no fireworks and no incendiary devices or things like that,” he said. “You are still allowed to have backyard fire pits, but when you are having those fire pits, you must follow regulations and ensure that it is supervised and you have something available to extinguish the fire. It does not take long for winds to pick up and for something to happen that you were not expecting.”

More information about the status of provincial fire bans, regulations, as well as wildfire activity is available online through provincial resources.

Strathmore, Drumheller RCMP conclude large drug investigation

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore General Investigation Section (GIS) members, with assistance from Drumheller GIS and Strathmore General Duty members arrested a male and female suspect, Apr. 27.

The arrests were in connection to an ongoing drug trafficking investigation in the parking lot of a local retail store. Additionally, a search warrant was executed on the individuals’ home with assistance from the Southern Alberta RCMP Emergency Response Team in order to safely clear the residence.

A search of the occupants’ vehicle and home resulted in the discovery and seizure of the following items: approximately \$8,000 in cash; approximately 17 grams of suspected cocaine with an estimated street value of \$1,700; approximately 70 grams of suspected fentanyl with an estimated street value of \$13,930; approximately 41 grams of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$2,490; and two semi-automatic .22 caliber handguns.

“The results of this investigation are a culmination of the dedicated efforts of our Detachment members to keep our community safe from the harms of the illicit drug trade,” said Strathmore RCMP Staff Sgt. Mark Wielgosz. “In recent history, it was a larger type of investigation – certainly with the resources we brought in. There was a present emergency response team, commonly known as a SWAT team ... and the reason why they were included in the investigation was based on the information that the targets had possession of firearms.”

Wielgosz was unable to comment regarding the specifics of the investigation as the matter is now before the courts, though did disclose that it had been ongoing for several months in order to build the necessary grounds to enter the property with a search warrant, make the arrests, and seize the evidence in relation to the investigation.

He added this type of investigation is uncommon, though a number of similar activities are always active at any given time.

“Ultimately, our goal is to maintain public safety, and in this case, as with any case where there are illicit drugs at play, we want to make sure that we are trying to reduce, if not eliminate illicit drug



sales in our community,” he said. “This is one of the largest types of seizures and investigations we have had in the recent past, but it is not uncommon to see the types of substances and volumes as what were seized in this investigation when conducting similar types of investigations.”

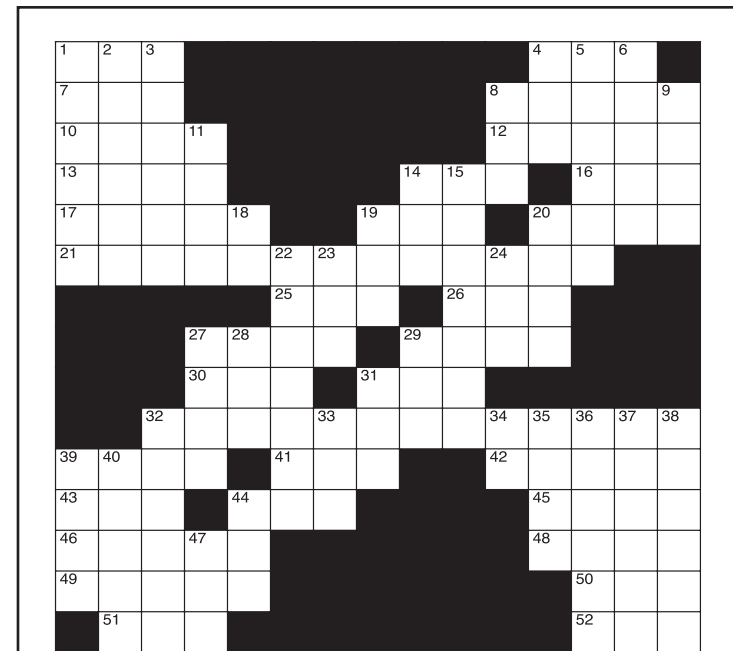
Both suspects were transported to the Strathmore RCMP detachment. The female, a 22-year-old resident of Strathmore, was released to appear in Provincial Court on a future date, which was not disclosed. She will face three counts of Trafficking a Controlled Substance.

The male suspect, identified by police as David Vanderlaan, a 49-year-old resident of Strathmore, was held for a bail hearing and charged with offenses which included: possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking (x3); trafficking in a controlled substance; possession of a controlled substance; possession of a loaded prohibited firearm; knowing possession of a prohibited firearm without a license (x2); possession of a prohibited firearm contrary to prohibition order (x2); careless handling of a prohibited firearm (x2); failure to comply with a condition of a probation order (x3); and failure to comply with a condition of a release order (x5).

Vanderlaan was remanded into police custody to appear in Provincial Court at a later date, which was not disclosed.

At the time of his arrest, Vanderlaan was on release for another matter in Calgary on six drug charges and two firearms offences.

According to police, he was also bound by a probation order, resulting from convictions on drug, weapons, and conditions offences.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 4. Chinese philosophical principle
- 7. Branch
- 8. Jewish spiritual leader
- 10. Slang for requests
- 12. “So Human An Animal” author
- 13. Rocker Billy
- 14. British Air Aces
- 16. Type of tree
- 17. “Tough Little Boys” singer Gary
- 19. State attorneys
- 20. Goddess of fertility
- 21. Localities
- 25. Beloved singer Charles
- 26. Clue
- 27. Ridge of jagged rock below sea surface
- 29. Helsinki neighborhood
- 30. Farm resident
- 31. Ocean
- 32. Where ballplayers work
- 39. Unable to hear
- 41. Cool!
- 42. Cape Verde capital
- 43. One point north of due east
- 44. Kilo yard (abbr.)
- 45. Middle Eastern nation
- 46. It yields Manila hemp
- 48. People operate it (abbr.)
- 49. Regenerate
- 50. Not healthy
- 51. Chinese sword
- 52. Mild expression of surprise

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Unit of angle
- 2. Headgear to control a horse
- 3. Clots
- 4. Follows sigma
- 5. A woman who is the superior of a group of nuns
- 6. Greek units of weight
- 8. Radio direction finder (abbr.)
- 9. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 11. Stony waste matter
- 14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 15. Hostile to others
- 18. U.S. State
- 19. Not wet
- 20. Something one thinks up
- 22. Where beer is made
- 23. Clumsy person
- 24. Belonging to us
- 27. Canadian flyers
- 28. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 29. Snakelike fish
- 31. Unhappy
- 32. Fruit
- 33. Not good
- 34. Zero degrees Celsius
- 35. Goo Goo Dolls’ hit
- 36. Crawls into the head (folklore)
- 37. Legally responsible
- 38. Move in a playful way
- 39. Regarded with deep affection
- 40. Partner to flowed
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- 47. Head honcho

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Husband and wife duo Denis Dufresne and Megan Kenschuh, members of the band The Charms, released their debut album *You Are My Flower Acoustics, Vol. 1* on April 18 along with the title song's music video.

Photo Courtesy of The Charms

New album is charming

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

The husband-and-wife musical duo of Denis Dufresne and Megan Kenschuh, known as The Charms, released their first album on April 18 called *You Are My Flower, Acoustics Vol. 1*.

"The whole thing with that, it was all an accident," said Dufresne. "We never really had any intention of recording an album or a single or anything like that. During the pandemic we started singing."

The pair have a recording studio in their home, which allows them to record from the comfort of their own house and made it feel effortless to begin writing and recording music.

"It's so easy to put music online these days," he said. So, they thought, "why not?"

The name of the album, Volume 1, indicates listeners can expect more from the duo

"(Volume 1) which translates to more to come," said Dufresne. "The process for this was so easy; we just said it makes no sense to just leave this on our computer and just share with friends and family."

Dufresne and Kenschuh are excited to be able to share their music with so many people. The pair is already looking forward to a busy spring and

summer.

"In the fall we are planning to record an official album with Murry Paul in Winnipeg," said Dufresne. "Definitely more music coming."

Kenschuh grew up in and around Strathmore; she began playing the violin at the age of four. Her parents would drive her to Mount Royal College (present Mount Royal University) for her lessons where she was able to hone her skills.

Dufresne calls Medicine Hat his hometown. He got into music to combat his shyness at the age of four when he began playing the violin and also took voice and speech lessons.

"I kept doing that until it became a career," he said.

The pair met through their love of music. Kenschuh was looking for someone to play wedding gigs with since her aunt, whom she would perform with at the time, wanted to retire from the music scene.

"I reached out on Facebook and asked if you (Denis) would ever be willing to play things like that (weddings). And the rest is history," Kenschuh said.

The inspiration for the album and the hit song *You Are My Flower* came from their life experiences during the pandemic,

Dufresne said they started doing more cover tunes, more popular Canadian music.

"We started getting asked for a lot of work and we thought maybe we should do something with this rootsy Canadiana kinda sound," said Dufresne.

Kenschuh's mother, Sheila, was an inspiration for the song *You Are My Flower*.

"She (Sheila) loves blue grass and technically we are blue grass. And we just built on that," Kenschuh said. "We love the violin and mandolin together. It was the perfect song to go with the garden (and flower business Blue Eggs and Blooms)."

The music video for *You Are My Flower* was shot on location in the Blue Eggs and Blooms garden near Cluny.

"The sunsets out there are just so beautiful," said Kenschuh. "The lighting around that time is just perfect. Very orange and pink."

Dufresne is the current CCMA Fiddle Player of the Year.

"With music you have to be a jack of all trades," Dufresne said of his musical journey. "I'll do anything from vocal solo guitar things in bars and restaurants to playing music for Gord Bamford and recording with high profile artists."

If people want to watch the music video for *You are My Flower* you can find them on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/charmsyc> or their website (www.charmsmusic.com).

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Effram Hook is headed to Thompson Rivers University to swim for their Wolfpack next athletic season as he also begins his academic career there. Hook is one of several Strathmore athletes who have been recruited to compete for post-secondary institutions across several provinces.

Photos Courtesy of Effram Hook



Strathmore athletes to play for post-secondary teams

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Several Strathmore athletes have been recruited from their respective teams to play for post-secondary institutions next year, including Brady Johansen, Effram Hook, and Grace Culshaw.

Johansen will be headed off to the University of Saskatchewan to play football with the Huskies; Hook will be off to Thompson Rivers University to swim with their Wolfpack; and Culshaw, staying a bit closer to home, will play basketball for the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) Ooks.

Each athlete shared a bit of their stories regarding recruitment, their excitement to play, and what got them involved in their respective sports.

GETTING SCOUTED

"The coaches actually direct-messaged me on Instagram and got me hooked up with the head coach. We just started having little calls ... and I definitely showed interest in going there," said Johansen. "It is extremely exciting for me and my family. It has been my dream to play at that level ever since I started playing when I was about 11 or 12 years old."

"I went to go train with them for a morning practice and it was probably one of the most nerve-racking experiences I have ever had. It was terrifying at first, and the coach said he could see it and tried his best to make me as comfortable as possible," said Hook. "I just did not perform well that morning, but apparently, he saw a lot in me and then I was given a swim cap and he said, 'see you next season.'"

"I am so excited. Playing post-secondary, I have always wanted this since I was a kid and now it is finally here. I am a little nervous though for a whole new team and playing at a whole new level," said Culshaw. "Throughout the season, I had a couple of other offers ... and then NAIT was recruiting me and they offered a spot and a scholarship. I decided to go with NAIT because they had what I wanted most and I wanted to move away from home."

FINDING THEIR SPORT

"One of my best friends started playing football in Chestermere and he thought that I would be a good candidate to play out there. I went out and played, and that's where it all started for me," said Johansen. "U of S has got a really good team out there. They have been to the national championship the last two years, so it is a really good program and I am excited to get out there."

"I think it was my brothers, because I think they joined basketball with this little club, and then I was watching them and then I wanted to join too," explained Culshaw. "What keeps me excited is that I just do not know what is coming next. Every year there is something new and I just have the passion for basketball. That will never go away."

"I started when I was 14 ... we have a family friend of ours who was a coach on the Strathmore Silver Sharks and she suggested that I should try swimming. Prior to that, I was training to be a lifeguard and found I quite enjoyed being in the water and meeting new people," said Hook. "Immediately, the competitive atmosphere made it easy to want to be there ... It clears my head. As soon as I am in the water, nothing else matters and I just look forward to that pretty much every day."

ADVICE TO THEIR PEERS

"Chase your dreams and stay committed to it. Coming from smalltown Strathmore, you might not expect to be able to make it to that next level, but I think that if you work towards it and make your way up the ranks, you are going to be able to do whatever you want," said Johansen.

"Just be confident. If you want to get offers, you just have to play strong and hard and show your love for the sport and never give up. Always show up to the morning practices and the hard days," said Culshaw.

"It is a huge commitment ... it is hard to do, but know what you want to do and have goals, especially in a sport like swimming. You have to have goals and believe in yourself and have a high level of confidence," said Hook.

Each athlete will be starting their post-secondary education and careers in the fall at their respective institutions.



Batter up

The Strathmore Reds U15AA (Team 2) baseball team played a trio of games at the Kinsman Park ball diamonds on May 13-14.

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FCSS hosts mental health awareness BBQ

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) hosted a free barbeque for the community in Kinsmen Park on May 13 with a goal of raising awareness for mental health.

A similar event was last hosted in 2019, prior to the onset of COVID-19 restrictions. Kiana Smith, committee member with the Strathmore Wheatland Addictions Team, explained the barbeque is aimed at celebrating and raising awareness for Mental Health Week.

"The Strathmore Wheatland Addictions Team has not been able to do any events yet due to needing more members on the committee, and just having COVID-19 restrictions (formerly) in place," she said. "We have not been able to get into our community yet, but this is our start."

The free barbeque also featured a bouncy castle for the kids, free entertainment, and tables set up by organizations in Strathmore that do work for mental health.

Smith explained the idea to bring back the mental health barbeque was brought up at a recent committee meeting, as something to do to recognize May as mental health month.

"Something like this just hosts an environment to make friends and connections with other people and other organizations that others might not know exist in Strathmore," she said. "It has been really great, especially for youth and older adult populations because there is not much to do on a Saturday in Strathmore. It is really nice for them to get out, which just improves mental health."

Local support services for mental health in attendance at the barbeque included the Wheatland Youth Network, Kiwanis, Wheatland Crisis Society, Trelis, and Alberta Health Services.

Shoppers Drug Mart also set up a table to distribute Naloxone kits and provide education regarding how to use them to any who were interested.

"Strathmore FCSS is a resource hub for all the community partners in Strathmore," said Smith. "If you are needing help with anything, we can point you in the right direction."

Though there is interest in continuing to host the barbeque on an annual basis, Smith explained the ability to do so will depend largely on available grant funding.

"The Strathmore Wheatland Addictions Team funded this ... so it just depends on what kind of grants we get in the future, but it is definitely something that we would love to continue doing."

Information regarding how to access mental health and addictions support is available through the Strathmore FCSS. Resources from any of the attending organizations at the barbeque are also available online.



Strathmore FCSS hosted a free BBQ in Kinsmen Park, May 13 for mental health month. Local resources to support mental health were in attendance, as well as activities for families to participate in. Food was offered for free in the pavillion.

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The Calgary Stampede and Calgary Rage partnered with PALS to bring a football workshop to the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. John Watson Photos



Calgary Stampede, Rage football engage with PALS to teach football

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Representing the Calgary Stampede, Julian Howsare visited Strathmore to engage with folks in the PALS (Physical Activity, Leadership and Socializing) community and their supporters.

Howsare was joined by several athletes from the Calgary Rage women's football team to run drills and exercises with those who came out to participate, hosted at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre on May 11.

"We are going to learn about how to play football from people who know how to play football ... a lot of us are fans of the game ... (and) we want to be able to share that and play the game," said Jim Bob Geddes, a support worker who was present for the workshop.

Prior to splitting into teams and learning to play, participants went through several drills to get them warmed up and familiarized with how to move about the playing field.

Though Thursday's event was the first at which the Calgary Stampede had been present to participate, PALS has collaborated with other organizations to introduce sports to their members.

Geddes explained they had worked with Lacrosse Bridges to learn about lacrosse, as well as the Strathmore RCMP and Fire Department to learn

how to play baseball.

"This goes to show the level of commitment upon the organization of the Stampede to grow in the community," he said. "We are hoping for sure that this could become an annual event. Why not be a yearly event that can actually grow into including the entire community of schools."

The event, according to Geddes, came about as a result of PALS members attending a forum spoken at by Jay McNeil, Dave Dickinson and John Hufnagel. During the forum, the Stampede made their intentions known to grow their relationships with surrounding communities, and began collaborating with PALS.

Michelle Bishop, support worker and facilitator of PALS said the organization aims to be able to include everyone and allow folks to be able to try things, regardless of ability.

"We started PALS about eight or nine years ago, and it is just to bring our group of friends together once a week to exercise, learn about living healthy, move and learn new sports and activities. This is perfect for us," she said. "PALS is just a group of mostly family management support workers, working with their friends, and we wanted to get together to create a safe place to play sports, learn a healthy lifestyle, socialize and learn leadership."

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Strathmore Gymnast takes provincial bronze

JOHN WATSON
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Strathmore local athlete, Olivia Jarvis (11) placed third in the province for her category, during a tournament hosted in Calgary last month.

Olivia competes in Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG) and currently occupies the Junior Olympian 6 (JO6) performance category.

"She does ... beam, vault, floor and bars ... so basically in WAG there are five levels. There is JO6 to JO10, which is the highest you can go and that is what national athletes and Olympians compete at," said Laura Jarvis, Olivia's mother. "Right now, Olivia is JO6, which is the lowest level, and then as she gets skills, then she can move up depending on what she learns."

Athletes are expected to demonstrate certain sets of skills on each apparatus at a competition. The skill and performance expectations are defined by the JO level the athlete is competing at.

"For instance, on floor, Olivia's routine has to have two tumbling lines, which includes a front and a back tuck, she has to have certain jumps included in her floor routine, (and so on). On beam, she has to do a certain dismount which is a back tuck off the beam," Jarvis explained.

The April 14 competition was Olivia's first time competing at the JO6 level, though has previously competed provincially.

Jarvis explained she went to provincials last year, but competed in compulsory gymnastics, which is designated separately from WAG. During that competition, Olivia placed second overall.

Introduced to gymnastics at the age of three, Olivia was enrolled in a recreational class taken in Strathmore.

"On her first day, we noticed that the coach had the kids walk across a beam and they were all too scared to do it and they all held their coach's hand. Olivia yelled, said 'No,' ran across the beam and did a front tuck off of it," said Jarvis. "From that day on, we knew that she was our little gymnast, and she has been doing flips ever since."

Though Olivia said she was excited about her podium finish, she felt as though she could have done better.

"At the time, she was quite mad ... she is always gunning for first. She had done her floor and her vault, and going into bars, she was sitting second and then she fell, which knocked her down to eighth place," explained Jarvis. "She got back up and she did her beam and she got a super high score on that, which bumped her back up to third."

Olivia added she is excited to continue competing at the provincial, if not national level and has large aspirations for herself.

"I was really nervous, but excited ... I get to learn new things and try out different levels," said Olivia. "I am thinking about wanting to go to the Olympics."

Olivia trains four days of the week in Calgary, and will continue to do so over the summer. Jarvis explained the demanding nature of the sport requires constant physical conditioning in order to maintain an athlete's abilities.



Olivia Jarvis (11) placed third overall in the province at her latest competition. Jarvis currently competes at the Junior Olympian 6 category for Women's Artistic Gymnastics. A goal for her over the summer is to elevate herself to a more advanced level of competition.

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Strathmore locals jump in to clean up vandalism



Chris Fuchs and his daughters Vanessa (10), Macey (6), and Peyton (4) took it upon themselves to clean up some of the vandalism which had recently appeared around town at Westmount Elementary and Tom Saddler Bridge.

Photos Courtesy of Chris Fuchs

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After a string of vandalisms appeared around town, local Chris Fuchs resident and his daughters decided to do something about it.

Fuchs explained after coming across some of the vandalism on their local elementary school, his daughter felt very strongly about wanting to clean up the markings.

“My oldest daughter, Vanessa (10), goes to Grade 5 at Brentwood. We took a bike ride as a test because she wanted to start riding her bike to school and we saw the vandalism right away. It was pretty upsetting,” he said. “It was a good opportunity to talk to her about racism, because she didn’t understand until I pointed out what was sprayed there was a bad word. Her best friend is African American, so she felt pretty passionate about going back and cleaning that up.”

After the Tom Saddler Bridge sign was also vandalized, Fuchs said he had seen a great amount of people complaining about the markings, but nobody was jumping in to do anything about it.

Having everything already ready to go, Fuchs said he and his daughters jumped in to also clean up the sign.

“We had the perfect cleaner, we had everything ready and we were going for a bike ride that day anyway. We just changed our route and stopped there quick,” he said. “We have had lots of good talks about giving back to our community. The girls do not want any reward for this, they just want donations put back into the community.”

Though Fuchs said he is regularly collecting food and clothing donations for the homeless, this is the first time his girls have really stepped up and wanted to make a difference themselves.

He added the impact of their actions has already been visible around their community and throughout the town.

“When we went to go clean up Brentwood school, two of her classmates saw what we were doing and they stopped to help us right away. My daughter has already encouraged her friends to also step up and do the right thing,” he said. “Every day, they go to school excited to spread some positivity and they come home telling me they did a good thing. It’s an everyday encouragement with us. This was just the first time they stepped up big like this and I was very impressed.”

Strathmore Mayor Pat Fule said he was extremely pleased to see someone from the community stepping up to help eliminate vandalism from the town.

“I am pretty proud of Chris. He is a young man who I taught years ago and he is working hard to teach his kids the right way to do things in life and the way to stand up to things that have been done,” he said. “He is teaching them valuable lessons as far as what it looks like to be good community people, and they were quick to react and undo the damage that was done by some people who obviously don’t have much better to do.”

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Advance Voting Location	Tuesday, May 23	Wednesday, May 24	Thursday, May 25	Friday, May 26	Saturday, May 27
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Chestermere Rec Centre 201 West Chestermere Drive, Chestermere	♿	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM
Langdon Field House 344 Centre Street NE, Langdon	♿	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM
Strathmore Curling Club 180 Brent Boulevard, Strathmore	♿ 🗎	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM

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| <p>A ♿
Camp Chestermere
1041 East Lakeview Road
Chestermere</p> | <p>D ♿
Chestermere Rec Centre
201 West Chestermere Drive
Chestermere</p> | <p>G ♿
Wheatland School
220 Brent Boulevard
Strathmore</p> | <p>J ♿
Langdon School
17 Brander Avenue
Langdon</p> |
| <p>B ♿
Our Lady of Wisdom School
134 Rainbow Falls Drive
Chestermere</p> | <p>E ♿
Rainbow Creek School
285 West Creek Drive
Chestermere</p> | <p>H ♿
Westmount School
220 Wheatland Trail
Strathmore</p> | <p>K ♿
Carseland Community Centre
330 Railway Avenue W
Carseland</p> |
| <p>C ♿
Prairie Waters School
201 Invermere Drive
Chestermere</p> | <p>F ♿
Strathmore Civic Center
120 Brent Boulevard
Strathmore</p> | <p>I ♿
Sarah Thompson School
42 4 Street NE
Langdon</p> | |

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♿ **Main Office:**
105, 900 Pine Road, Strathmore, AB T1P 0A2
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Voting days: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

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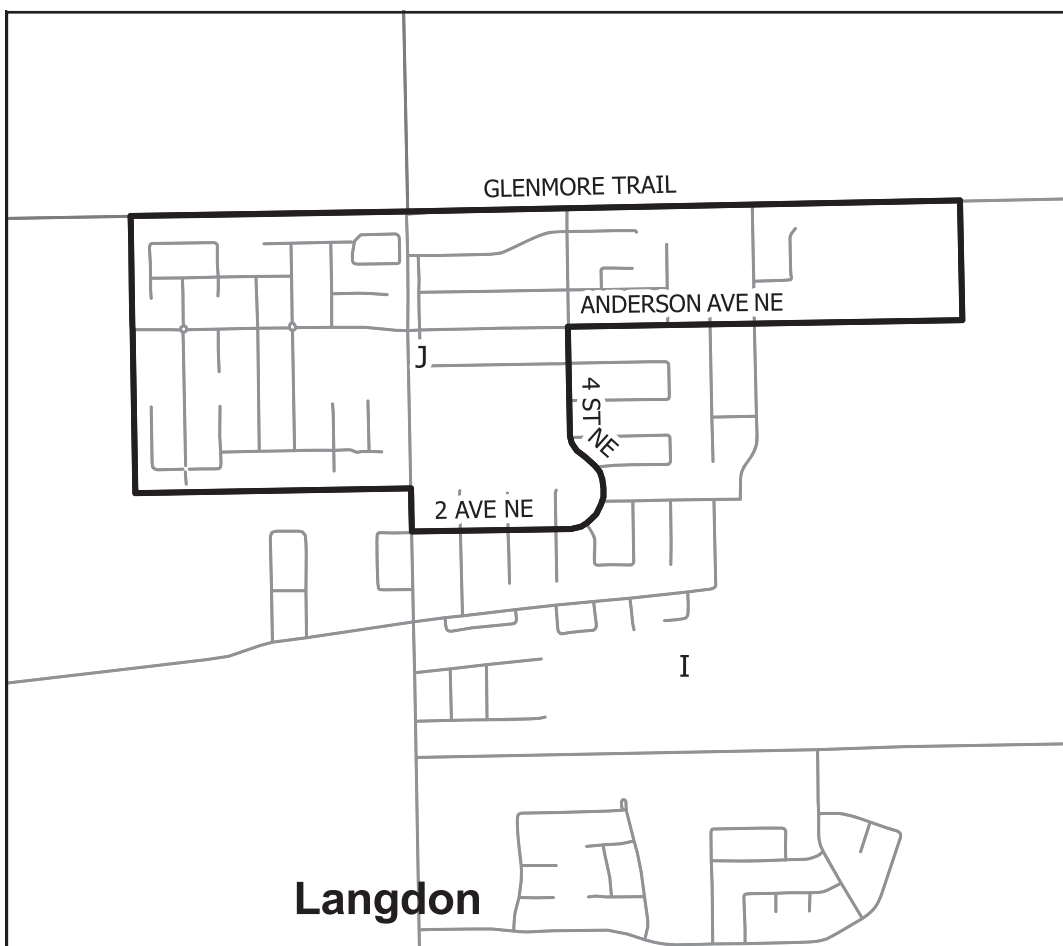
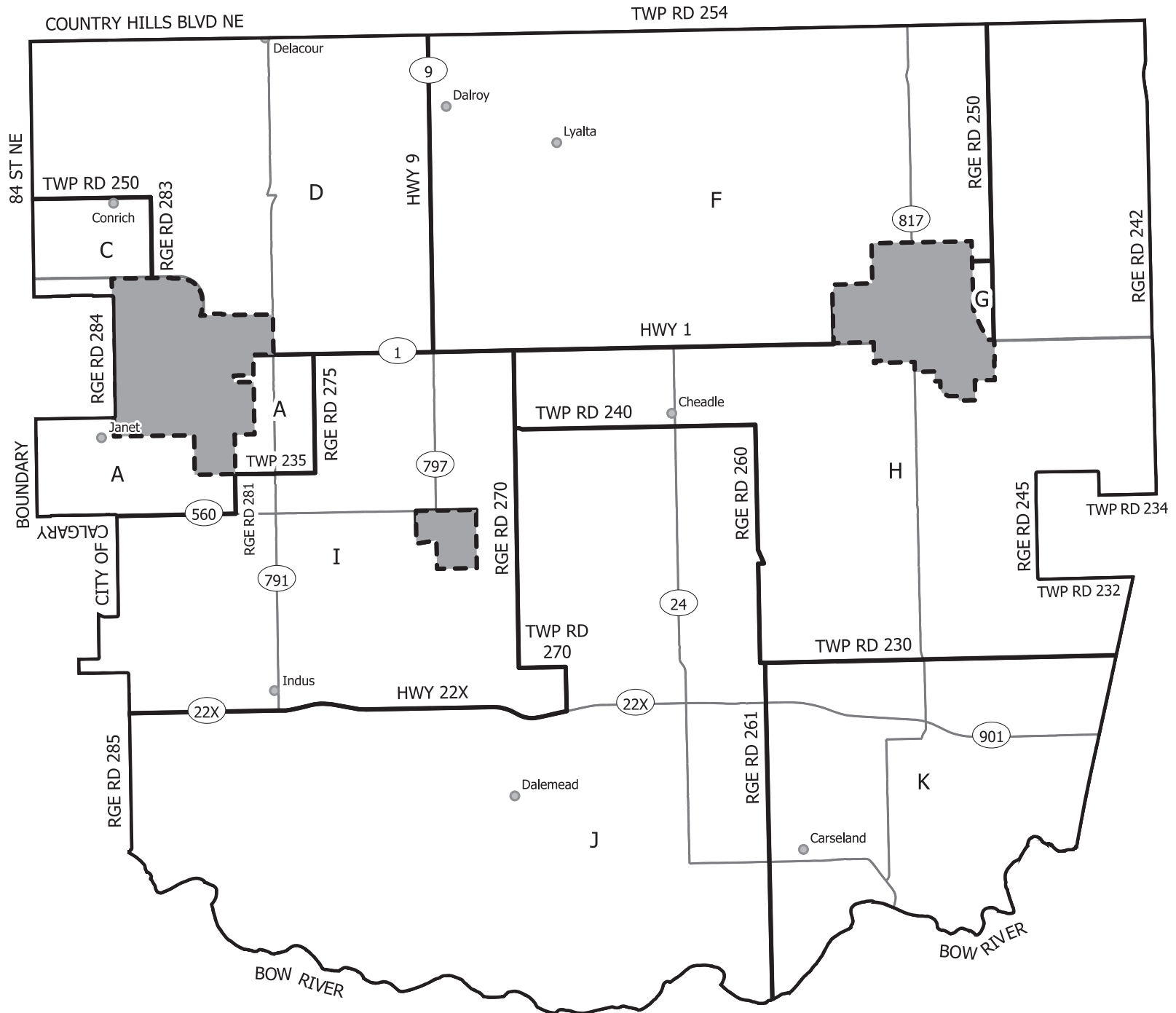
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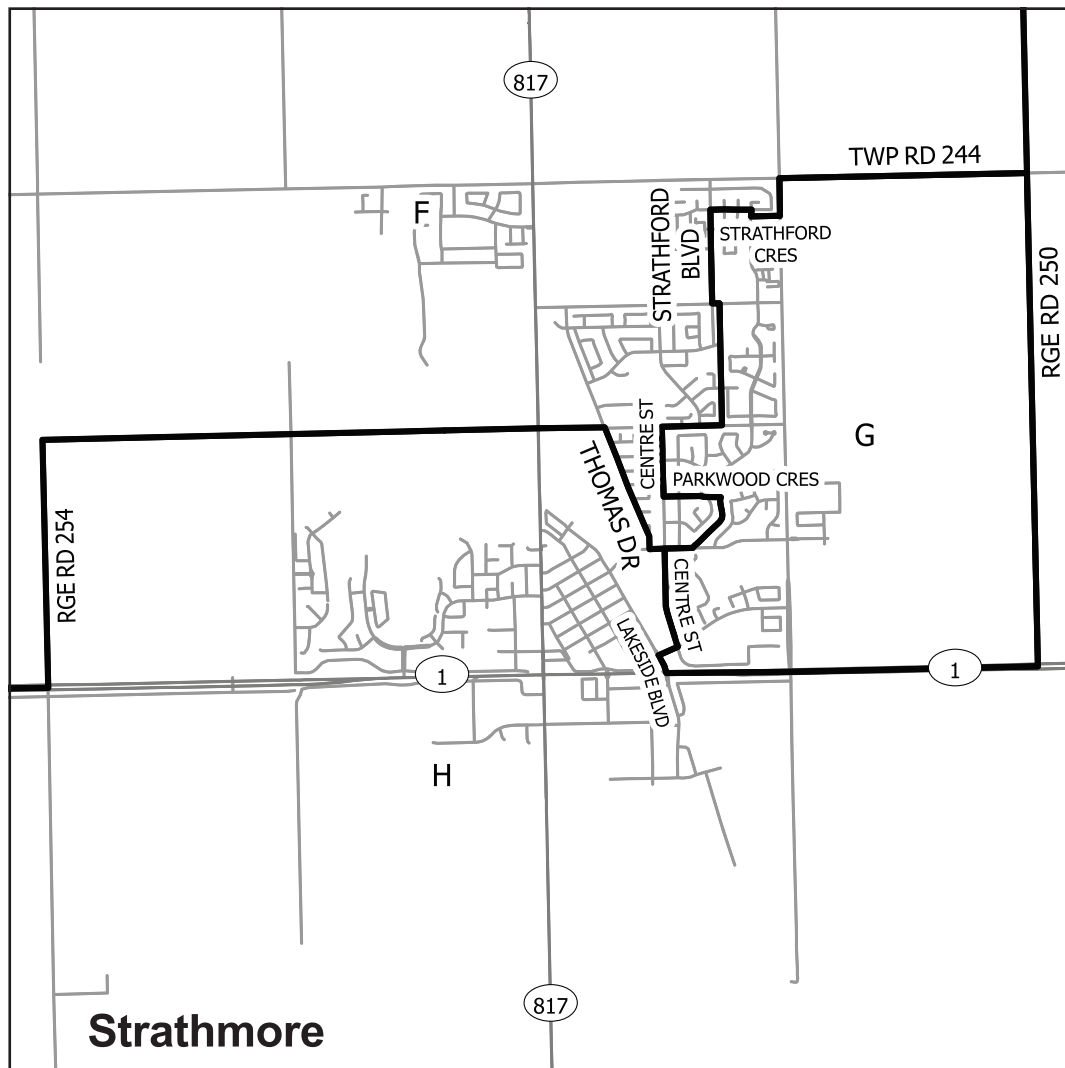
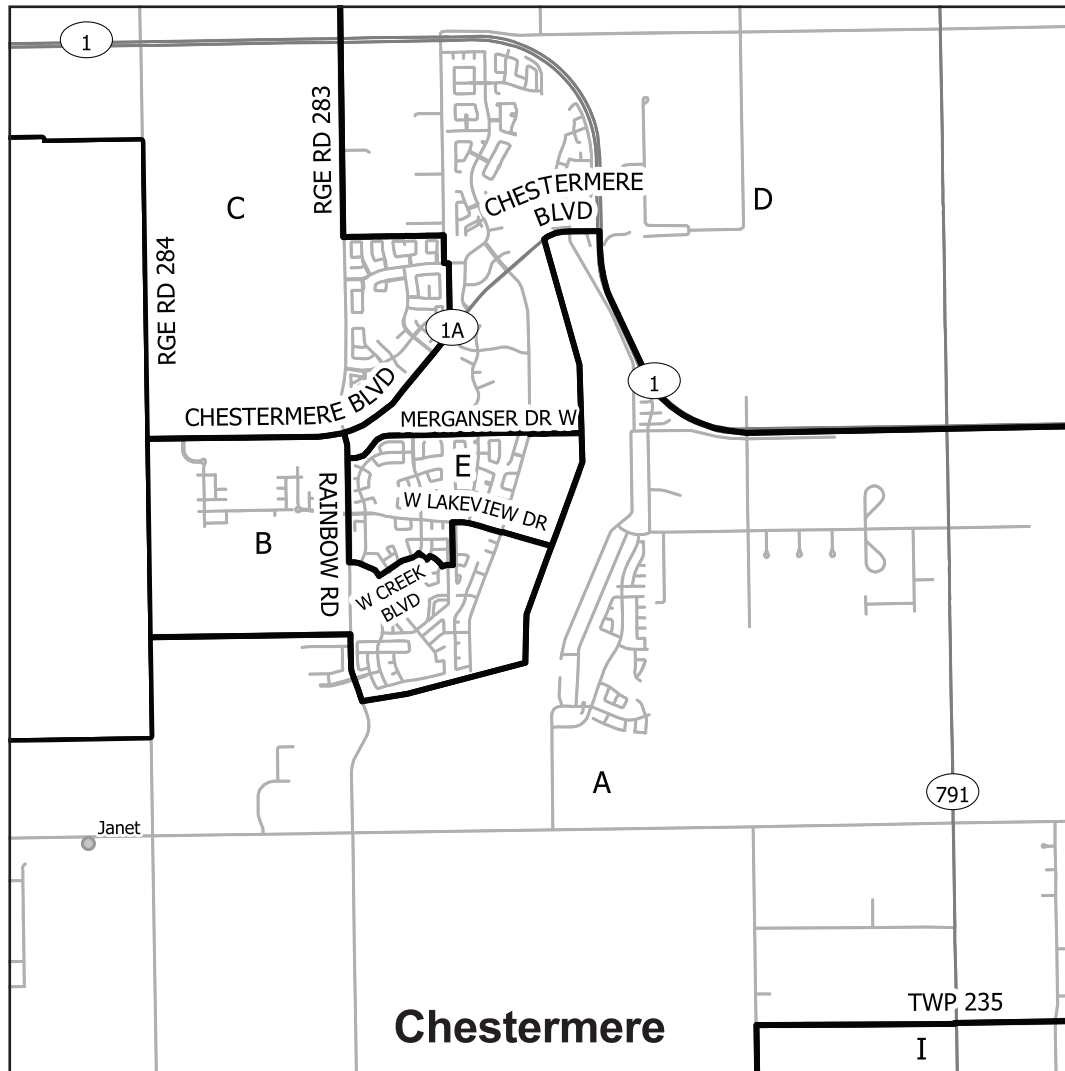


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OLDS-DIDSBURY-THREE HILLS Your Guide to Voting

Provincial General Election

Voting will take place to elect a Member of the Legislative Assembly. If you are voting on Election Day, Monday, May 29, 2023, you must vote at the voting place identified for you on the map. If you prefer to vote in advance, from May 23 to May 27, you may vote at any advance voting location in Alberta.

Advance Voting Days Tuesday, May 23 to Saturday, May 27

During Advance Voting Days, you can vote at any advance voting location in Alberta.

Advance voting locations nearest your electoral division are specified below. Visit www.elections.ab.ca for additional voting locations throughout the province.

Advance Voting Location	Tuesday, May 23	Wednesday, May 24	Thursday, May 25	Friday, May 26	Saturday, May 27
Carstairs Community Hall, 1100 Lackner Way, Carstairs				9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM
Olds Regional Exhibition - Cow Palace, 5116 54 Street, Olds		9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM
Crossfield and District Community Centre 900 Mountain Avenue, Crossfield		9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM		
Rockyford Community Centre 412 Serviceberry Trail, Rockyford				9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM
Three Hills Community Centre, 222 Main Street, Three Hills		9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM	9 AM - 8 PM

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| <p>A Crossfield and District Community Centre
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519 1 Avenue
Irricana</p> <p>C Hugh Sutherland School
2000 Highway 581
Carstairs</p> <p>D Royal Canadian Legion
Branch #172
130 2 Street W
Cremona</p> | <p>E Didsbury Memorial Complex
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Didsbury</p> <p>F Deer Meadow School
5411 61 Avenue
Olds</p> <p>G Wimborne Community Centre
109 1 Street S
Wimborne</p> <p>H Linden Community Centre
215 1 Street SE
Linden</p> | <p>I Acme Community Centre
139 Allison Street
Acme</p> <p>J Trochu Community Centre
215 Northfield Road
Trochu</p> <p>K Three Hills Community Centre
222 Main Street
Three Hills</p> | <p>L Carbon Community Centre
718 Glengarry Street
Carbon</p> <p>M Dalum Community Hall
193081 Highway 56
Dalum</p> <p>N Beiseker Community Centre
410 5 Street
Beiseker</p> <p>O Rockyford Community Centre
412 Serviceberry Trail
Rockyford</p> | <p>P Standard Community Hall
150 Yorick Avenue
Standard</p> <p>Q Hussar Community Hall
216 Center Street
Hussar</p> |
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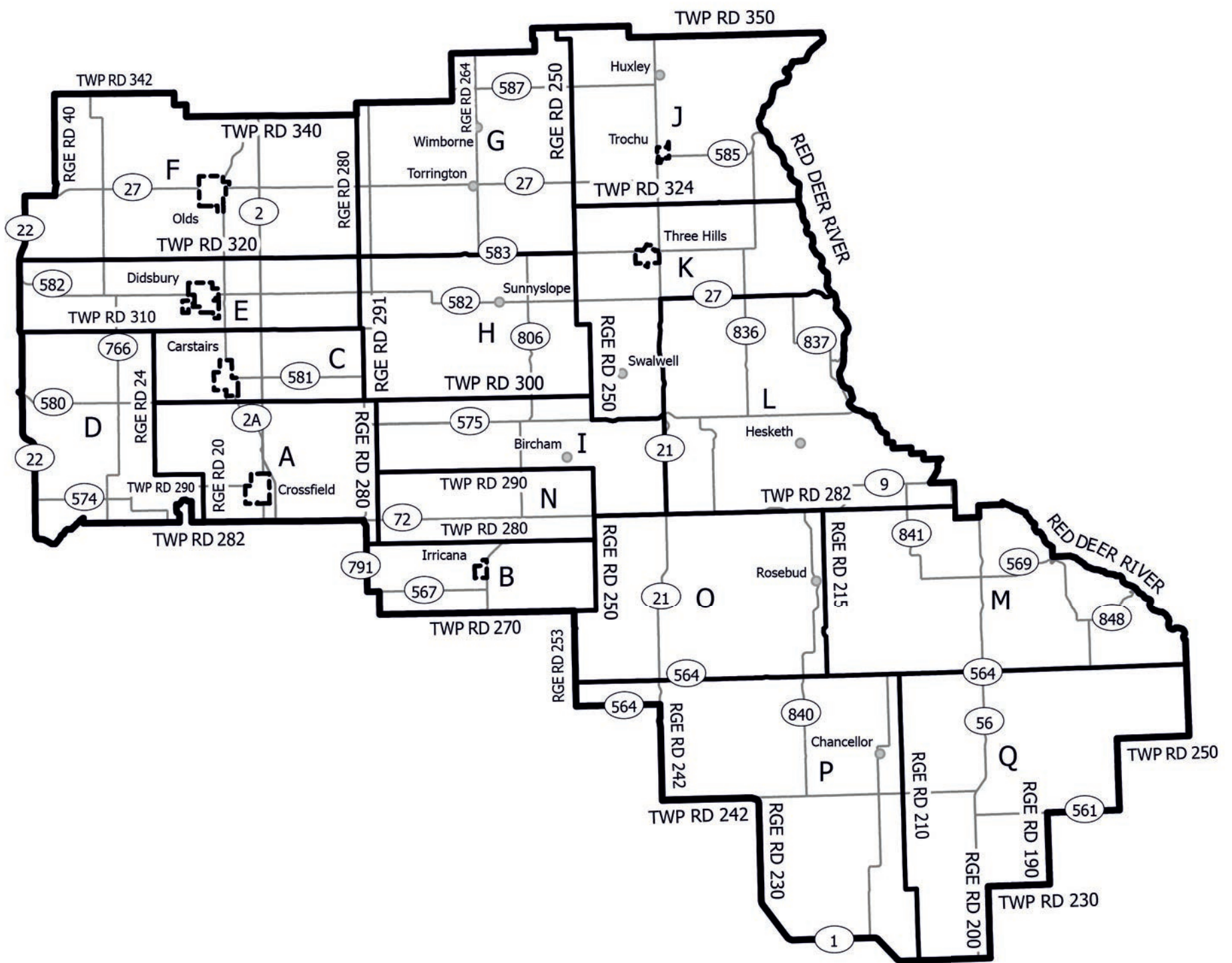
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Obituary



HUIZINGA, John
Born January 27, 1938 – May 12, 2023

John moved with his family to Forest, Ontario, from the Netherland in 1952, at the age of 14. Survived by his best friend and wife, Betty, sons Paul (Jenny) and Mark (Susan), honorary son, Peter Laing, and grandchildren Caitlyn, Jack, and Jacob.

At the age of 17, John left home to work in seismic drilling in the Alberta Oilfields and various odd jobs. He came back to Ontario and met Betty in 1962, and they were married in 1964. John pursued his love of working with his hands and became a welder/fabricator. He loved every minute of his work. He opened his own shop in Palmerston, Ontario, in 1968, where he also was a volunteer firefighter.

In 1975 the family made the adventurous move to the West, settling in Calgary and later in Campbell River. After the kids left the nest, Betty and John moved to Strathmore and opened John's beloved last shop "Country Air Holdings" which he ran for 10 years.

John loved being a welder and was proud of having built a missionary church in Bonavista, working on the Olympic Oval and various other projects.

While John wasn't a big traveller, he enjoyed visiting his family in Vancouver, Texas, and Australia. His family meant the world to him. A trip back to his homeland in 1996 was the highlight of his life, visiting aunts, cousins, and friends.

While the last few years after being diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis and arthritis were difficult, John always kept his faith and a heart full of gratitude. He was thankful for the many friendships he made over the years, his family, and having lived a full and blessed life.

A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Strathmore Alliance Church (325 First Ave, Strathmore AB) at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations made be made directly to Samaritan's Purse www.samaritanspurse.ca

To watch a live stream of John's service or to leave a condolences, please visit John's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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