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Hen bylaw concerns raised

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is moving forward with the establishment of an urban hen bylaw, as second reading was carried at the May 4 regular council meeting.

Town administration was directed to draft the bylaw in October 2021 and it was initially brought forward during the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 20.

Councillor Denise Peterson raised concerns about the potential impacts of avian flu on any domestic chickens' residents may house.

Jodi Koester, a local veterinarian, confirmed that there is a risk of avian flu spreading, as Alberta has been experiencing a highly pathogenic avian flu this season which is killing many migratory raptors and fowl. As there is currently spread of the flu from wildlife to domestic animals currently being observed, she advised council to use caution in passing the bylaw or starting it at this time.

"It would be like saying (to) have a party in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. You would be introducing a bunch of poultry during a time that is very high risk that they could get sick and die," said Koester suggesting to either table the discussion for the time being until risk levels decline or pass the bylaw and delay license approvals until the outbreak is passed.

Koester did add that the potential jump of the avian flu from fowl to humans is unlikely but possible, and that complete separation from any contact with other fowl passing through a property would prevent the spread of the flu.

Migration season ends roughly in June, at which time, Koester indicated the risk of avian flu spreading would decrease significantly.

During the discussion, councillor Melissa Langmaid questioned both the purpose of limiting the number of hens a resident may keep to a maximum of four and the purpose of omitting an allowance for hatching chicks domestically.

"You have to register each hen with a PID and so they are traceable back to your property. If somebody is going to incubate, how do you control that? How do you control that they are being registered," said Claudette Thorhaug, who presented the drafted bylaw to council, adding that allowing incubation would convolute the bylaw and that 16-week-old hens are much more likely to succeed than newly hatched chicks.

Municipalities who have established similar urban hen bylaws have not permitted incubation and hatching of chicks within a domestic environment.

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Homerun weekend!

The Strathmore Reds U15AA baseball team opened their regular season by taking two of three weekend games, including this 13-3 win over the Calgary Royals on May 15 at the Kinsmen Park Ball Diamonds. The Reds will now travel to Calgary for a trio of games on May 21-22.

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- June 21: Council Meeting**

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A time limit may be imposed on verbal submissions, at the discretion of the Chairperson. No comments via telephone will be considered by the SDAB. We would appreciate receiving your written comments by end of day Tuesday, May 17, 2022, regarding this matter.

The complete file for this application may be inspected in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information will be posted on the Wheatland County website for public to view prior to the Hearing date.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Van Haarlem at the Wheatland County Administration Office (403) 934-3321.

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The property owner should visit www.wheatlandcounty.ca, click on 'Property Taxes' and select the 'Change of Mailing Address Form'. Need help filling out the form, please look for the SAMPLE FORM. Please complete the form and email it to tax@wheatlandcounty.ca. If you have any questions, please contact the property tax department at 403-361-2029.

Please be sure to mail the original Change of Address form to the Calgary Land Titles office.

Property tax notices were mailed April 21, 2022; if you have not received your tax notice by mid May, please contact the Wheatland County Office. Taxes are due June 30 and late penalties apply on July 1.



Note: Under the Municipal Government Act, Section 337, "a tax notice is deemed to have been received seven days after it is sent." Non-receipt of your property tax bill does not exempt you from late payment penalties.



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Local couple felt they had to go to Mexico for spinal stenosis treatment

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Two Strathmore residents are speaking out about their experience seeking surgery and having to travel out of country to receive care.

Emile Cretin, who is in his 80's, had been suffering from debilitating back pain and following an MRI, was directed to a spine assessment clinic in Calgary.

Cretin was then diagnosed with Spinal Stenosis, which is the narrowing of the spaces within a spine, which can put pressure on the nerves that travel through the spine. Spinal Stenosis often occurs in the lower back and neck regions of the body.

"That (diagnosis) was in November 2021 and it would be anywhere from 18 to 24 months to even see a surgeon and that was a little too much to wait," explained Cretin's wife, Claire. "He was having difficulty walking ... he had trouble standing from a seated position, he had to hang onto the table or something to get up. He could only be walked 30 to 40 feet and he had to rest before he could go any further."

After finding out they were unable to book an appointment in province with less than a year of wait time, Claire explained the two of them took to seeking aid in B.C.

This endeavor also turned out to be a dead end as Cretin was deemed to not qualify for treat-

ment.

"Before we got wind of Mexico, he was back and forth with trying to get into a clinic in BC, but he is 80 and most of them (with) their criteria, they wouldn't even look at you if you were 80," said Claire. "There was another place that didn't base it on your age, they based it on your condition, but when it came right down to it, they wouldn't do it because they only do their surgeries in private clinics."

The couple was eventually directed to a practitioner in Mexico, of whom they did not name. Speaking to that surgeon, it was agreed they would fly down and meet in person and a surgery would be completed a week after.

Cretin and Claire met with the surgeon on April 6 and the surgery was performed on April 11.

"(He) is very much improved. He is walking with a cane right now and before that he was walking with a cane too but with great difficulty and a lot of pain," said Claire. "You have to pay for the whole thing yourself. You might get reimbursed a little bit for the doctor's fees, but that would be it. It cost around \$23,000 for the hospital stay and the surgery and then we had our accommodations down there and flights."

To the couple, Claire said traveling out of province for a surgery was a no brainer, but traveling internationally, she was skeptical.

The couple was in Mexico for three weeks, flying home two weeks after the surgery.

Crowther Memorial student suffers frightening injury, on track for rapid recovery

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

A local mother is commending staff at Crowther Memorial Junior High School (CMJHS) for their quick actions following an injury to her son.

Casey Heidinger said she was terrified when she received a call from the school explaining her son, Aiden Sakada (14) had suffered an injury to his head.

She explained that from what she had been told, Sakada had been outside the building and was running to get inside to meet a change in class periods.

Sakada jumped over the cement feature wall in front of the school and his foot got caught in a fence, causing him to land headfirst on the concrete.

"From what I understand, he had a seizure immediately, he passed out and stopped breathing. Some of his classmates came around the building to also come into the school for the next class and spotted him," said Heidinger. "I got the phone call that my child had a seizure, they didn't know why, and could I get down to the school. 911 had been called, but they didn't know what was happening."

The incident was captured on a security camera, which is how much of the information about the incident was gathered.

Sakada was transported to the Children's Hospital in Calgary for treatment. It was determined that he had suffered a concussion and a broken collarbone but was not in any danger of lasting damage following treatment.

"It turned out to be not as bad as it could have been. We lucked out, the seizure is considered normal — it happens immediately after a head injury and not again, which is what our case has been," said Heidinger. "He woke up the next day very sore. The first day was the roughest, he was slow moving, very sensitive to light, tired, so we kept him home and he rested a lot."

Sakada was kept in the hospital to observe whether he would have a second seizure, which would have indicated more severe damage.

After spending an extended weekend at home recovering, Sakada returned to classes less than a week after his injury.

Heidinger said lightheartedly that her son was more concerned about potentially not being able to go on a trip to eastern Canada with his classmates rather than letting the injury bother him too much, which she said happily that Sakada will be well enough to attend the trip with his class.

Additionally, Heidinger had nothing but praise for the staff at CMJHS and their response to the incident, particularly to Heather McKinnon who was the first to Sakada's aid.

Leela Aheer, MLA

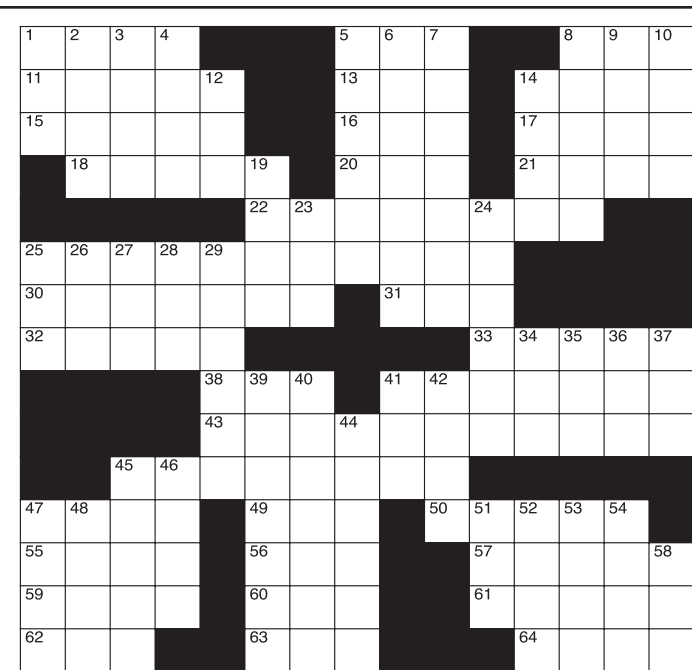
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- 1. Scream loudly
- 5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
- 8. The bill in a restaurant
- 11. Oblong pulpits
- 13. Adult female chicken
- 14. Abnormal breathing
- 15. Financial obligations
- 16. Belonging to a thing
- 17. Winged
- 18. Peoples
- 20. College hoops tournament
- 21. An informal body of friends
- 22. Region of the world
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Connected by kinship
- 31. Type of tree
- 32. Official order
- 33. Foundation for an idea
- 38. Small, faint constellation
- 41. Book lovers
- 43. Vegetable
- 45. Cabbage variety
- 47. A way to heal
- 49. Illuminated
- 50. Dish that features a stick
- 55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
- 56. Solid water
- 57. Soldier's gear
- 59. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
- 60. Former measure of length
- 61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
- 62. Doctors' group
- 63. Actress Susan
- 64. Appropriate

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cool!
- 2. Hebrew unit of measure
- 3. Swedish rock group
- 4. College army
- 5. Black eye
- 6. One who stopped working
- 7. Teach a value
- 8. Rhythmic patterns
- 9. "MASH" actor Alda
- 10. "Friday Night Lights" director
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Indian musical pattern
- 19. Fulfill a desire
- 23. Water soaked soil
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Before
- 26. Popular color
- 27. Peyton's little brother
- 28. Partner to cheese
- 29. Put onto
- 34. "Much ___ about nothing"
- 35. A way to mend
- 36. Anger
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Mobilized
- 40. Resembles an earlobe
- 41. Cut of meat
- 42. Nigerian people
- 44. Recently
- 45. Square stone building at Mecca
- 46. Adhere to orders
- 47. Adventure story
- 48. Marine bivalve mollusk
- 51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- 52. Actor Pitt
- 53. Tibetan village
- 54. A way to change by heating
- 58. A beam of sunshine

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Strathmore resident opens her doors to Ukrainian family

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

A local Strathmore resident will soon be hosting a family immigrating from Ukraine and are encouraging others to consider opening their homes to do the same.

Heather Vanderveer explained that she was fed up with seeing empty words in posts on social media and decided she wanted to actively make a difference.

“The reason I am so passionate about Ukraine is, in the (early) 1900’s my family immigrated from areas that are now Ukraine. It’s my heritage, so I wanted to do more than just donate money or donate clothes,” said Vanderveer who submitted her name as being open and available to host a family fleeing Ukraine, and would be happy to take in a family for whatever they needed.

“I put (myself) out there and thought whatever happens, happens. If I hear from somebody, great, if I don’t, that is okay too.”

She said it wasn’t long before a family reached out to her expressing interest in having her as their host. Prior to making the agreement to reside together, Vanderveer met with the family online to chat back and forth in order to get to know them and determine whether the arrangement would be a good fit.

After determining that she would be a good fit to host the family, Vanderveer took to Facebook to see if the community would be able to donate articles including a bed, bedding, clothes and toys.

“We have (also) had job offers for both parents already, so it has just been fabulous to see the community coming together,” said Vanderveer. “I want to encourage more people in Strathmore – if they can host, please do it. There are so many more families coming and there’s such a need for these spaces.”

Hosting, she explained, is not at all like having family members visit who need to be entertained. The responsibility

is to provide a space where they can be warm, safe and stage themselves for success in Canada.

“They’re going to need SIN numbers and driver’s licenses and where to get a doctor – the day-to-day things that are challenging if you don’t speak the language,” said Vanderveer.

Upon their arrival, the family who will be residing with Vanderveer will be required to quarantine for two weeks before integrating into the community.

For those who may be interested in hosting, there are options available to make clear whether it will be for a certain amount of time.

For Vanderveer, she said she would rather the family she is hosting feel like they do not need to rush to find work and alternative accommodation.

“For me personally, when I put in to host, (you are) asked how long you can host for, like one month, two months, three months. I put the maximum because I don’t want this family to come and then feel that they have a need to move on right away,” said Vanderveer. “There’s so much that we can’t even imagine as Canadians like having to quickly uproot from your country and having to come to a new one and immediately find jobs.”

More information about how to host is available through the Alberta and Canada websites.

Hen bylaw coming back to council

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First reading of the drafted bylaw passed without amendment or further discussion.

A debate regarding implementation of potential amendments, as well as questions being raised regarding the necessity for applicants to notify their neighbours of their intent to keep domestic hens, concluded with Montgomery putting forward a motion to withdraw his previous motion for second reading.

The former was defeated 4-3 by council and second reading proceeded. During this reading, Montgomery proposed three amendments to the bylaw for consideration.

The first being a motion to add a line to the license application form on which an applicant would confirm that their neighbours had been notified of their intent to keep domestic poultry and that they have been unable to receive a signature.

“If we are going to have something that says we have to notify the neighbour, getting them to sign off on it, we should have some sort of loophole for, say, a case where a neighbour refuses to sign,” said Montgomery who suggested that then the onus should be on the Town to send out notifications to the neighbours of an applicant, treating the process similar to how development permits are handled.

The motion to amend the bylaw was passed 4-3.

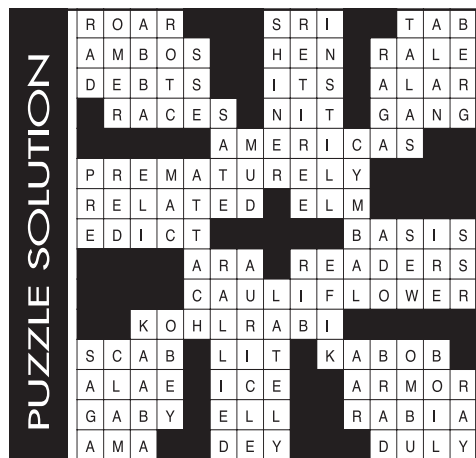
Montgomery’s next concern was regarding the Town’s ability to assemble an appeal committee comprised of a lawyer with expertise in administrative law, or a person with experience or acting as a member of a quasi-judicial tribunal, a licensed and practising veterinarian, as well as a licensed and practising physician.

He motioned to instead amend the bylaw to state the appeal committee may be comprised of members of the public appointed appropriately by administration who are not affiliated with the town. The motion was passed.

Montgomery’s final motion was presented to direct applicants to specific avenues of training. Following debate, the amendment was passed requiring applicants to present evidence of training from a source approved by the Town, as opposed to simply via a written letter or recommendation from any poultry farmer.

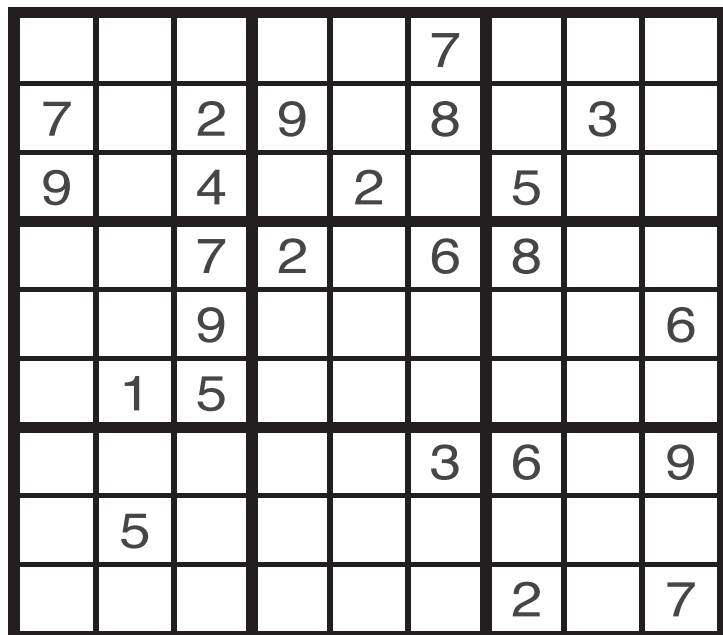
According to the Municipal Government Act, Town Council was not able to pass third reading of the bylaw draft as amended as it must be taken away by administration to have the passed amendments written into the draft.

Town administration will return with the updated bylaw to present to council no earlier than May 18.



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Adelle Ellis Photo



Grade 9-12 students at Wheatland Crossing School participated in a 30-hour famine earlier this month as a learning experience centered around going without. Students fasted for the designated time period, as well as surrendered their electronic devices.

Photo Courtesy of Mark McKeen

Wheatland Crossing Students engage in first 30-hour famine post pandemic

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Grades 9 through 12 students at Wheatland Crossing School were excited to once again be able to participate in a 30-hour famine on May 5-6.

Mark McKeen, a teacher at Wheatland Crossing, said the 30-hour famine was an annual event that had run for nearly a decade with the school and was a point of excitement for older students to engage in.

This year is the first-time post COVID-19 the event was allowed to operate within the school.

“What we do for our 30-hour famines is to build awareness and raise money around the notion, or the concept of food security,” said McKeen. “What we have done in the past is, we have raised money for overseas endeavors. This year, our student council decided to stay local and so we are focussed this year on raising money for the Wheatland County Food Bank.”

McKeen explained the goal for the fundraising portion was to have at least 30 students raise a minimum of \$30 for the cause. By the conclusion of the event, they had surpassed their goal and raised over \$1,600.

Regarding the famine itself, it is an opportunity for students to learn about living without and endure the living conditions they would not otherwise be subject to.

“The way our famine works is ... the students will start to fast (in the) evening ... previous to the school (day). When they come to school the next day, that is when the second portion of our fast starts, which is our technology fast,” said McKeen. “Students give up their digital devices for the better part of the next 24 hours, and so they gain the feeling of what it is like to go without, whether it’s food or technology or

those conveniences that we get used to in our society.”

Students spend the day of the famine in school as normal but remain at the end of the day to stay overnight in the school among their peers. After hours, the school holds many activities for the students to do that would either not be possible under normal circumstances, or as a fun activity to do among friends and peers.

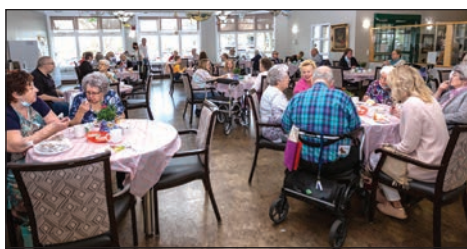
It’s not all fun and games, however, as McKeen points out, there is a portion of the evening dedicated to driving home the point of how food is rationed among those who are barely able to feed themselves.

“We spend about an hour every time we run it just sitting down with the kids, every kid gets a small portion of rice to understand what it’s like in a developing country to have a very small portion of a basic nutrient,” said McKeen. “Most of the students will say that they often find themselves hungrier afterwards and wish they hadn’t (eaten) and it opens their eyes to the reality of how other people live.”

The last year the program was operated was May 2017, the same year Wheatland Crossing School was moved into by the educational body of students hailing from eastern Wheatland County.

“As we start to have meetings and educate the kids about what we are doing, you can see them start to understand and internalize a little bit what it is like to do without,” said McKeen. “Often throughout that process and especially once we have gone through the portion of the evening where we do sit down and discuss it, then you kind of start to see them understand that life isn’t just about them.”

Now that the program has been reintroduced to the school, it is something McKeen said he hopes to once again hold on an annual basis.



Craft and bake sale

Wheatland Lodge hosted a bake sale and afternoon tea for its residents and their families on May 14. The event also featured a silent auction with all proceeds from the event donated to the Goodwill Club, which is operated by lodge residents. The event is one of two such occurrences which take place on an annual basis, returning to function as the COVID-19 pandemic recedes.

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Strathmore Library features local photographer for May gallery

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library has announced the next artist to be displaying their work within the library gallery for the month of May.

Daniel Hendricks is an amateur photographer who, as he described, favours minimalism and abstraction in his imagery.

“One thing art college taught me was an awareness and appreciation for impressionism: Monet, Tom Thomson and The Group of Seven,” said Hendricks. “I have always been fascinated with abstract designs offered through observation of natural things and landscapes. My images demonstrate these designs through the use of shapes, patterns, colour and light.”

Hendricks adds his images primarily

focus on using agriculture as a theme and showcasing the prairies within Wheatland County.

For his gallery, he has chosen to showcase his images in small frames, referring to the collection as “Shelf Art,” with the intent for it to be displayed anywhere in a home or office.

Regarding his personal history with art, Hendricks said it started with a love of drawing and a passionate desire to become an artist.

“After college ... I had my share of artwork, including illustration, cartooning and caricature art,” said Hendricks. “Though photography had always interested me and I learned skills in film photography in college, it wasn’t until I held my first digital camera in 2002 did I realize the potential of photo art.”

Following his post-secondary education, Hendricks took up a job with Petro-Canada as a geological and geophysical exploration draftsman.

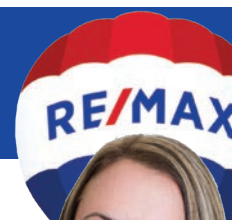
He said it was not an ideal career choice, though was “lucrative” in terms of the learning that it offered him.

Hendricks added that he took up photography more seriously after retiring from Petro-Canada after a 26-year career. His intent was to finally transition to a more artistic line of work.

This year, Hendricks has also joined the volunteer team for The Vault Cultural Collective as a member of the art selection committee.

Hendricks’ images will be on display in the gallery of the library for the remainder of the month for those who are curious to explore his work.

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THERES SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Carseland Fire Department officially opens new hall

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Carseland Fire Department officially opened their new fire hall on May 14, with an open house and ceremony that the community was invited to.

“It is a dream come true ... we have so much space now and the ability to train our people properly and it is so much safer for us to respond to calls,” said district chief Ryan Hauswirth. “We officially moved in at the end of November, but we didn’t officially open the hall until (now) because at the end of November, there is snow and everything so we figured for the community, this would be a nicer day.”

Hauswirth explained the project has been ongoing since 2012 as far as the department is concerned, and Wheatland County picked it up in 2015.

The Carseland Fire Department had originally intended to continue operating out of their previous firehall and to just add an extension onto the old building.

In the end, a new firehall was built instead and Hauswirth said it was a blank slate to which much of the infrastructure was migrated to from the previous hall.

“It was a long process. We moved into an empty building, so we had a lot of help from the Wheatland County support team, which came in and basically put all of the infrastructure in for us,” said Hauswirth.

The design of the new hall mimics that of the fire hall in Munson, with alterations to suit the needs of the department.

The Carseland Fire Department made use of an Alberta Infrastructure Grant



Though the Carseland Fire Department has been operating out of the facility since November 2021, the new fire hall was officially opened May 14 during an open house to which the public was invited to celebrate, as well as explore the facility.
John Watson Photos



as a significant contributing factor to “pulling the trigger” on the development of the new hall.

The team was originally supposed to be operating out the new hall at the end of August 2021, as opposed to the actual move-in date in November. A factor causing the delays moving in resulted from supply chain issues.

Alongside the new facility, the department now has a training ground, something they did not have at the previous building, a large vehicle-x area intended for training to tear apart cars and extricating patients, a drafting pond to train for drawing water from standing sources and a training room within the hall.

Hauswirth said the dispatch system has now been computerized and all

trucks will soon be outfitted with WiFi and computers to be able to better communicate with each other without talking to dispatch.

Hauswirth added that the surrounding community contributed a significant amount to the development of the new facility over the course of the project.

“I was really impressed with Carseland, there are a lot of really good people here, really caring people who have fundraised a lot of their own money,” he said. “To have between \$300,000 and \$400,000 raised by a small community like this is phenomenal.”

The new facility is also equipped with a full bunker gear cleaner now which will save the department the costs and time of having to send their gear to Calgary for cleaning.

Tomatoes and Banjos return to Rosebud Theatre

LAUREEN F. GUENTHER
Times Contributor

Tomatoes Tried to Kill Me, but Banjos Saved My Life, as written and performed by Keith Alessi has returned to the Rosebud Theatre Studio Stage after the show’s warm reception there last fall.

Enriching his storytelling with banjo music and accenting it with self-deprecating banjo jokes, Keith Alessi tells the story of his life, emphasizing his triumph over a life-threatening illness.

The show is funny, heart-warming and tear-jerking, but it’s also so much more as it is the story of how Alessi both suffered from and overcame the legacy of his father’s anger, as well as his Italian family’s love of tomatoes.

Alessi’s escape route from his father’s anger was making money. He became an accountant known for taking companies from broken to excelling. He was thriving at work, but he was stressed out and with a problem of constant acid reflux that was caused by an inherited love of tomatoes. He decided to quit his job so he could pursue his lifelong interest in banjo playing.

Two weeks later, Alessi

was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. His doctors and friends told him the picture was bleak. Over everything, he knew he could control one thing – his attitude. Alessi was determined not just to survive, but to really live.

He also promised himself three things: That he’d tell everyone he loved that he loved them – done.

He promised he’d get good enough at the banjo that he could play onstage – that took a little longer. He watched and heard other banjo players, he attended banjo camp, he took banjo lessons and he started playing his story, onstage, at the Toronto Fringe Festival. That was the beginning of Tomatoes Tried to Kill Me, But Banjos Saved My Life.

Alessi thought it would end there until he connected with Erika Conway, a Rosebud School of the Arts graduate, who helped him refine the script and the show kept growing.

Alessi’s now performed his show on stages all over Canada and the United States of America. He has performed in his home state of Virginia, in New York City, Calgary and many places in between. Now the show is back in

Rosebud before ending his 2022 tour with 25 performances in Edinburgh, Scotland.

For every run and from every performance, Alessi donates the proceeds to the theatre or to a cancer charity.

And Alessi he keeps the third promise he made to himself – that he’d play a piece of music that he’d composed himself. And so, he ends each performance by playing his original Banjo Opera.




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Capsule Comments

Covid-19 brought with it a new vocabulary for Canadians. An example is R0 (pronounced “R-naught”). It’s defined as a mathematical measure of a disease’s reproduction rate, an average measure of a virus’s transmissibility. The R0 for Covid varied from less than 1 to almost 4. By the way, as a comparison, the R0 for measles is 12 to 18 (fortunately we have an excellent vaccine against that) and for seasonal flu it’s between 0.9 to 2.1.

Learning to live with Covid. What does that mean? The hope is that Covid will become an accepted risk in the community like the flu virus has become. It’s something that will always be there and people, after assessing their own risks, will take personal precautions to prevent getting and spreading the virus. So, physical distancing, staying home when sick and even masking will still be part of our lives.

Many people have trouble sleeping. One solution to try is not watching TV or using a computer or tablet within two hours of bedtime. Do a little stretching, go to bed a bit earlier, read a good book (on paper) or listen to soft music. A good goal is 7 hours of sleep per night.

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Show-ready sheep workshop

ALANNA NEAL
Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club

The Wheatland 4-H District held a sheep workshop at the Strathmore Stampede grounds on May 1. It was a beautiful day out. We had Niki and Caley Peltzer as the clinicians. They showed us tips and tricks on how to properly wash a sheep, clip hooves, card and shear the wool to get ready for show. They also showed us how to properly stand and walk with our sheep. All the members had so much fun. Thank you to all who came out, to the Wheatland 4-H District for sponsoring the clinic and a huge thank you to Niki and Caley for coming to show us all the tips and tricks.

Meanwhile, the Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club has had a busy May. We held a very successful food drive at Sobeys on April

30. Members had a great time collecting food and money for the food bank. Thank you to all who donated! All proceeds went to Wheatland County Food Bank.

We had Alberta Provincial highway cleanup day on May 7. We all had a great time cleaning up some of the Trans-Canada Highway ditches. Afterward we had lunch and saw some baby pheasants that are part of the pheasant project.

Our club was at Origins on May 10 for a stall sign painting night where all members made a sign with our club name and their names as well. Big thank you to Kim of Necia's Notables for showing us how to paint signs and to Origins for the tour and use of space.

Also in the month of May, our members have been finishing up all their various projects as we are having our achievement day on May 29 at the Crowfoot Community Hall.

Winds of change

LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Spring has sprung in Alberta and the winds of change are blowing once again.

As your MLA, I strive to put the thoughts and concerns of our local families and communities first. Since being elected in 2015, I have made listening to you my top priority. The reason is simple: I believe that no single

leader, party, or special interest has a monopoly on good ideas.

It seems that listening has become a lost art in modern politics and as a result, the disconnect between government and citizens continues to grow. The sad fact today is that most Albertans have lost faith in the failed leadership of Premier Kenney.

It's easy to see why. Since he was elected on a platform of grassroots democracy and servant leadership, Pre-

mier Kenney has quickly lapsed back into the worst habits of the former PC government.

Albertans are smart. They recognize this Premier's political tactics for what they are. That's why so many have lost faith in the UCP party's leadership review, not to mention local nominations.

As a two-term MLA and former Minister, I have deep concerns about the conduct of the Premier and his inner circle. I, as an MLA, am routinely asked to put the leader's interest ahead of you, something that I've refused to do. The culture of cronyism, bullying and hypocrisy is stronger now than ever. Whistleblowers are vilified and those who dare to question the leader are demeaned. The routine bullying behind closed doors would never be acceptable anywhere in the private sector.

For Alberta to achieve its true potential, change is needed. Allow me to explain why.

It's no secret that I love the unique character of my province. Alberta has been one of the best places in the world for those seeking hope and opportunity.

From the first people who walked, played and worked this land since time immemorial to the pioneers who arrived by wagon, train to those arriving today by jet plane, our province has greatly benefitted from folks seeking a fresh start for themselves and their families.

Every generation of newcomers brought unique perspectives that have strengthened our province.

To succeed in the 21st Century, we need leadership that understands and values these perspectives and empow-

Obituary

JAMIESON, Paulette Anne



In loving memory Paulette Anne Jamieson passed away peacefully on Wednesday May 11, 2022 in Stoney Plaine, AB with her family by her side at the age of 78 years old.

Paulette is survived by her 2 daughters, Deb (Chris) Simpson of Rimbey, AB and their 4 children Cody, Erin, Jenna and Janelle; and Heather (Brian) Chodzicki of Edmonton, AB and their 2 children Stefanie and Nick; as well as numerous family and friends.

A Prayer Service will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cluny at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cluny at 11:00 a.m. with Father Long Vu officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made directly to the ALS Society of Alberta (7874-10 St. NE, Calgary, AB, T2E 8W1 or online at www.alsab.ca/donate). Team Faith over Fear

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ers Albertans through grassroots democratic engagement. We need local solutions for local problems. Most of all, we need a government that trusts and respects Albertans to make the right decisions for our families and our communities.

A centralized, regimented, leader-centric government never has and never will work in Alberta because it runs contrary to our history and provincial character.

In short, Alberta is more than a Jason Kenney province and if the UCP is to succeed moving forward, it needs to become more than a Jason Kenney party.

Alberta has given me so much. I am compelled to give back. I have an obligation to put you first and I will not standby and allow Albertans to be deprived of an ethical, compassionate, human-focused alternative in 2023.

To my fellow Albertans: you are the change and as a force of nature, once those prairie winds start to howl, there is no stopping the winds of change.

As always, we love to hear from you. (Leela Sharon Aheer is the MLA Elect for Chestermere-Strathmore)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please stay safe

To the Editor

Accidents can happen in the blink of an eye. When I was four years old, I was playing outside when I slipped on the grass and fell underneath a riding lawn mower. I lost my left leg below the knee.

I grew up in The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, and today, I help pass on the association's "play safe" message. With lawn cutting season here, I want every kid across the country to know they should never be around lawn mowers.

I accept who I am today, but I wouldn't want anyone else to go through what I did. I hope that by sharing my story, it will prevent even just one child from being injured.

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

Zoe Gottwald
Pickering, Ont.

Obituary

**BARSTAD,
Gerald "Gerry"**



Gerry (G.F.) Barstad passed away suddenly in Calgary, AB on May 10, 2022 at the age of 89 years.

Born Aug 15, 1932 in Wood Mountain, SK to Elvin & Eva Barstad, the 4th child of 13. He was a grain buyer for Pioneer Grain then worked for the Town of Gleichen before moving to Calgary in 1965 where he worked as a steam/gasfitter for Trotter & Morton. He moved back to Gleichen to the home place and was the local plumber for many years.

Gerry was very active in the community and enjoyed curling, fishing, playing music with Rosella Pietz & Friends Band and of course the annual birthday party that brought many family & friends from near and far. In 2017 he lost his house to wildfire at which time he took up residence in Strathmore until his passing. Gerry was predeceased by his wife Terry, parents Eva & Elvin, brothers Fred, Mel Bud, Errol, Duane Ron, Leonard, Gord & sister Helen Talbot. He is survived by his daughter Leslie (Rob) Wilcox; grandson Derek (Dallas) Wilcox; great grandchildren Fynn, Sully & Harper; brother Robert (Karen); sister Elvina; close sister-in-law Denise Schweer; and numerous other family members.

Gerry will be missed by all as he was our book of knowledge and enjoyed passing it on.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Cluny, at 11:00 a.m. Interment and lunch followed in Gleichen.

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FORM 5

Irrigation Districts Act (Section 85/86)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE THE AREA OF AN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

TAKE NOTE that applications have been received by the Western Irrigation District to change the area of the District.

Applications to ADD parcel(s) that consist of:

Name of Landowner	Number of Irrigation Acres	Legal Land Description
Eileen T. Verweire	80	4;24;25;10;SW

Any person wishing to complain is required to submit a written complaint to the Western Irrigation District at Box 2372, A-1000 Pine Road, Strathmore, Alberta, T1P 1K3 within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice.

Sean Mascaluk
General Manager

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TENDERS

The following property is offered for sale by tender

subject to the restrictions in the existing certificate of title:

Plan 9011897

Block 1

Lot 16

Excepting Thereout all Mines and Minerals

This fully serviced corner lot is located at 218 Parkview Estates, Strathmore, AB, in an established neighbourhood featuring:

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

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

Possession date June 28, 2022.

Tender Agreements may be acquired from and returned to:

Lynn Woods Law Office

Box 2335, #101 318 3rd Avenue

Strathmore, AB T1P 1K3

Phone: (403) 934-6333 Fax: (403) 934-6355

Email: Lynn@strathmorelaw.ca

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Block 1

Lot 23

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This fully serviced corner lot is located at 204 Parkview Estates, Strathmore, AB, in an established neighbourhood featuring:

- Oversized lot
- Zoned single family residential
- Fence along back and 1 side
- Front lot looks onto green space
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Plan 9011897

Block 1

Lot 14

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

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- Fenced on both sides
- Alley access
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Block 1

Lot 24

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Plan 9011897
Block 1
Lot 12
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This fully serviced lot is located at 226 Parkview Estates, Strathmore, AB, in an established neighbourhood featuring:

- Oversized corner lot
- Zoned single family residential
- Fence on one side
- Alley access
- Front lot looks onto green space
- Quiet street with mature trees

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TENDERS

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

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

The property is located at Wheatland County, AB featuring:

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

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

Possession date August 3, 2022.

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at Box 2335
#101 318 3rd Avenue,
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If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

Creditors: you must include a full description and value of the debt you allege the deceased owes you and a full description and value of any of the deceased's property that you hold as security for the debt.

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

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

The property is located at Wheatland County, AB featuring:

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

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Possession date June 28, 2022.

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

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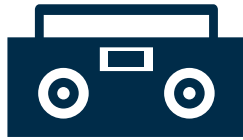
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