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Real wrestling is back

STARS update to county

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland County Public Presentation Committee received a presentation by STARS, during the May 14 meeting, as an annual update regarding their operations.

“Previously, we had a 10-year affiliation agreement with Alberta Health Services for 20 per cent government funding. That agreement expired at the end of 2010 and has been year to year since then,” said Jackie Seely, STARS municipal liaison for southern Alberta. “Alberta Health Services announced that they would consider top up funding to 40 per cent, and we are pleased to report that we did receive in 2022 a top up to 50 per cent funding, totalling \$15 million.”

Seely added, there are three STARS bases currently operating in Alberta, each costing approximately \$10 million per year to operate.

The \$15 million received from Alberta Health Services excluded the costs of the emergency link centre (the STARS dispatch centre in Calgary), education and training, and all administrative costs.

“This is very operationally-focused funding,” said Seely. “After that, in Alberta we have to fundraise another \$28 million every year.”

“Thankfully, the STARS lottery continues to be a big success, and this year again, we netted \$10 million from that lottery. Thankfully, STARS supporters across the province support that, then after that, another \$18 million must be fundraised.”

These finances, Seely explained, may come from corporate, business, and individual donors, as well as from community-led events taking place across Alberta with express intent to support STARS.

An additional \$2.2 million in funding is collected for STARS through partnerships with municipalities, including and not exclusively with Wheatland County.

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What a ride!

Camryn Elder was one of the many riders to take part in the Strathmore High School Rodeo on May 18-19. Due to the construction of the VIP boxes currently at the Strathmore Ag Grounds, the roughstock events were held in Rockyford, while the timed events were held in Strathmore. See Page 7 for more coverage.

Joe Lepage Photo

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Practice, practice, practice - that is what drama students at Strathmore High School have been doing for months as they prepare for opening night of *Footloose* on May 30. **Melissa Piche Photos**

Footloose comes to school stage

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

The Strathmore High Schools' drama department is getting set for their year-end production, *Footloose*, filled with familiar dance moves and a live band May 30 to June 5.

Drama teacher extraordinaire Deane Bertsch is excited to showcase this classic, which hasn't been performed at the high school under her direction before.

This production is multi-cast; there are four casting groups, which means that different actors play different roles throughout the showcase. So, an actor might be a main role one night and a background cast member the next. This gives more opportunity to those who want to play a more main role or lead role.

As with many of Bertsch's performances, she incorporates as many students that want to be involved as possible. From actors, to set design, to technical students running microphones and music.

"All together there are about 65 maybe even more, maybe 70 students involved," said Bertsch. "So that's awesome."

Bertsch said that with a cast this size and having it be multiple casts, the actors need to do a lot of independent rehearsals - which they are embracing like the professionals that they are.

"I try (to) never repeat any plays, so I think every play I've done at Strathmore High is the first time I've ever done it," she said, adding that there was another teacher years ago who did the play *Footloose*, but they did it as more of a dance production. "It was one of my favourites as a kid growing up back in the 80's. I think the play version is actually better than the old

Kevin Bacon movie."

The story is what draws Bertsch and her students into this play and they feel will captivate the audience. It's about a dad who lost his son because he was partying. So, the dad, who is also a reverend in this small town, tries to shut partying down.

The new kid, Ren McCormack, who was abandoned by his father, comes to town with his mother and rebels because he loves to dance and he gets the other kids to dance.

"To have the freedom to celebrate youth and dance and have a great time," said Bertsch. "I'm really proud of them for that."

She said that some of these students also choreographed *Grease* last May and also *Matilda* at Christmas.

There will also be a number of international students participating in *Footloose*, which is always a delight for Bertsch.

"Some even volunteering their time outside of class because they couldn't fit the class (drama) into their schedule. So that's really fun," she said. "They say it's a real treat to be involved."

As with *Grease* last year, there will be a four-piece live band accompanying the actors nightly with two members being high school students. This aspect really adds to the details and depth of the play and makes it a fun experience for the audience.

Opening night is May 30 at 7 p.m. and runs nightly with additional matinees Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. until June 5.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or you can pre-ordered by email (adrianna.kiemeny@ghsd75.ca). Alternatively, a QR code can be found on the numerous posters around town and at the Strathmore High School, where tickets can also be purchased.

Wheatland County receives STARS Report

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Seely was pleased to report in the past year, an additional 18 municipalities across Alberta have come on board to provide regular support for STARS.

Municipal partnerships with STARS range from a minimum of \$2 per capita, up to \$90 per capita.

"Wheatland County is the regional leader in Southern Alberta, with all towns and villages, and the county, all on board supporting STARS," said Seely.

Within Wheatland County, it was also explained that an average of 41 missions per year take place within the lo-

cal region.

Over the last five years, a total of 217 missions have been flown by STARS within the Wheatland County region.

High local concentrations of these take place near Strathmore, near Gleichen, and as critical inter-facility transfers regarding Strathmore Hospital.

This is estimated to be valued in the realm of between \$350,000 and \$410,000 in mission expenses only that STARS is able to provide to the local region.

The full report is available publicly via the County PPC meeting agenda, as well as on their YouTube channel.

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County MPC approves development permit applications

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland County Municipal Planning Commission approved several development permit applications during the May 14 meeting.

Development Permit Application DP2023-034 proposed an automotive and equipment repair and sales shop, and a car storage warehouse.

The application was for an automotive campus which would include a showroom and dealership, maintenance area, offices, and a separate storage building. The facility proposes construction of two separate buildings.

The northernmost building will be 15,000 square feet and will accommodate automotive and equipment sales and related car repair services. The repair shop will not be a service station for the general public, though will provide support to enthusiasts of the specific type of automobile sold in the dealership.

A 13,750 square foot storage warehouse will be the southernmost building on the property, which will store automobiles intended for periodic rotation in and out of the show room.

A subdivision was approved in 2022 to divide the 18.2 acre parcel, creating three lots. Though the subdivision has been endorsed, the subdivided parcels have not yet been registered with land titles.

Administration had recommended the approval of the application subject to conditions as presented to the commission, with no permitted variances.

Development Permit Application DP2024-019 was for an accessory dwelling to allow a 1,640 square foot second residence with an attached garage to be constructed on the parcel.

The existing 2,770 square foot dwelling is to be considered the primary dwelling. The proposed construction meets all the setbacks and requirements of the land use bylaw, and no variances had

been requested in the development application.

In addition to the primary dwelling, there is an existing shop onsite. County administration reported a permit was recently issued for several out-buildings which are currently in the building permit process.

Prior to the county's approval of the development permit application, Alberta Transportation had granted a roadside development permit for the project. The two dwellings are to share an existing approach via Highway 817.

Administration had recommended approving the development permit application, subject to conditions as presented, with no variances granted to the project.

Development Permit Application DP 2024-022 proposed to address a non-compliant dwelling located on the subject land package located in the Hamlet of Namaka.

A property report was submitted to the county for a compliance review, which identified a dwelling and a shed. The compliance review identified two areas where the dwelling did not meet the setback requirements of the land use bylaw.

These non-compliances included a violation of setback requirements between the dwelling and the south yard, and a violation of the setback requirements between the dwelling and the west yard.

In order to obtain a compliant status, the non-compliant structures were required to either be removed, a permit issued with a requirement that the violating structures be moved, or the approval of a variance be issued.

As no concerns were raised regarding the violating structures by adjacent landowners, administration recommended the county approve variances to be granted.

Similar to DP 2024-022, Development Permit 2024-023 proposed to grant two variance requests for an existing dwelling, and an existing shed on the subject land parcel.

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Legacy Farm Project to create local documentary

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Legacy Farm Project is announcing the development of a documentary, in partnership with the Western District Historical Society with a focus on the history of the Legacy Barn.

"The documentary is being produced by Wanda Reinhold here in Wheatland County and so she is our lead on the production team," said Scott Silva, director of business development for the Legacy Farm Project. "We are working directly with the Western District Historical Society, as it is their principal project with the focus on historical barns. We are able to cultivate a lot of information and historical data from them, but what is also great is we have the Town of Strathmore involved, and also Wheatland County."

Silva explained the two municipalities will be contributing both finances and resources to aiding in the production of the project.

Additionally, a portal will be opened on the Legacy Farm Project website in order for local residents and historical enthusiasts to also be able to get involved with the production.

"That really is what makes up the foundation of this documentary ... it is community based, it is collaborative, and it is about collecting these ideas, these thoughts, these memories, and this

historical data and really putting it into this documentary for everyone to enjoy," said Silva. "On (our website), you are going to see everything about the project - what is going on... on that webpage (we) are going to have a tab where you submit your thoughts or tell us a little bit about your story about the project."

Information, literature, videos, photos, stories, and any other relevant information and media may all be submitted digitally.

Silva added as the Legacy Farm Project continues to grow and develop, the team will be actively seeking volunteers, as well as new members to support their programming.

"One of the main items we are looking at is cultivating a program director to really program not only the educational component, but the entire experiences for families, for entertainment, and future development of what is the Legacy Farm experience," he said.

The intention is to begin filming of the documentary later this year, though Silva did not provide an exact date. Similarly, it will likely not be ready for review until the end of the year or into 2025.

Filming intends to begin right away, and the Legacy Farm website will be updated to accept public submissions roughly by the end of May.



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- 1. Geological time
- 4. Ooze
- 9. A set of eight
- 14. Obstruction
- 15. Swiss mathematician
- 16. Philosophy
- 17. The night before
- 18. A timid person
- 20. Unifies
- 22. Gangs
- 23. Alternative name
- 24. Acumen
- 28. Cathode-ray tube
- 29. Tantalum
- 30. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 31. Humiliate
- 33. Earthy pigment
- 37. Air Force
- 38. Adult males
- 39. Stiff untanned leather
- 41. Before
- 42. Atomic #18
- 43. Beer mug
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. Type of chef
- 49. Midway between north and east
- 50. They ___
- 51. Splits
- 55. Walk in a timid manner
- 58. Preserved animal skin with hair
- 59. Popular donut shop item
- 60. You smear it on bagels
- 64. Don't know when yet
- 65. Equal to 10 amperes
- 66. Synthetic acrylic fiber
- 67. One point south of due east
- 68. Of mixed ancestry
- 69. Home of the Pyramids
- 70. A way to change color

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 2. Untangle
- 3. One from the U.S.
- 4. Academic terms
- 5. San ___ Obispo, in California
- 6. Not healthy
- 7. Self-assessment questionnaire (abbr.)
- 8. Arugula genus
- 9. VIII
- 10. Makes a monarch
- 11. Tormentor
- 12. Commercials
- 13. Sprinkle
- 19. Make a mistake
- 21. Freshwater fishes
- 24. Vermont town
- 25. Man-made device
- 26. Entrap
- 27. Places to store important things
- 31. Accumulate
- 32. Greek mythological nymph
- 34. Gregory __, American dancer
- 35. Denotes past
- 36. Becoming popular again
- 40. Indicates position
- 41. Came before
- 45. An extra seed-covering
- 47. Cheerful
- 48. Deli sandwich staple
- 52. Skateboarders love them
- 53. Mandela's party
- 54. Sierra lake
- 56. Nickname for Elizabeth
- 57. Remove from record
- 59. Employee stock ownership plan
- 60. Former NFLer Newton
- 61. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 62. Work unit
- 63. Town in Cambridgeshire

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County discusses reserves policy update

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County Committee of the Whole discussed a reserves policy update during the regular meeting, May 14, which outlines key changes suggested by administration.

These changes would be specifically targeted to Section 2.9 of the Corporate and Financial Services Policies.



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Providing the update to the committee provided the county with an opportunity for discussion regarding the suggested changes, prior to being brought forward to a council meeting.

“We are proposing about five changes to the current reserve policy. The first change would be a recent resolution ... which was put forward to investigate options around abandoned buildings,” said Joel Chiasson, manager of financial services for Wheatland County. “What we were proposing with this, or to address this reserve was, there is two solutions, or two ideas that help to solve two issues.”

One such solution being that the standard community infra-

structure reserve which was amended last year was mislabeled, such that when county administration investigated some more history around that, Chiasson explained they discovered additional background information and determined the current balance of \$80,000, historically derived from general tax revenue, may be a good candidate to repurpose for a new abandoned structure reserve.

Instead of creating a new reserve, the county would change the name and purpose of existing resources. It was also proposed that delegating an additional \$50,000 from the operating budget towards dealing with abandoned structures would be cause for significant impact to the local problem.

“The second one is really straight forward; it has to do with the gravel reclamation reserve, and so what we had found is that the gravel reclamation reserve levy, which has been charged in prior years, it was just going to general revenue,” said Chiasson. “In the report itself, we provided a table with three or four years of total revenue received from that. It is not really material, but just for consistency, we were proposing changing the funding source allowance on this particular reserve so that we could just be more proper and send those levy reserve balances to where they should be.”

Two new reserves which were addressed via the report related to the Wheatland Wind Community Benefits Fund, and the Solar Community Benefits Fund.

Chiasson explained these were added to the report in order to ensure that funds as per the respective contracts were being tracked and balanced properly, as well as segregated aside for their respective purposes.

“The last change, which is for the policy itself, not the schedule ... we just show a clause that we added in to that interest earned so we would change it to be the method of applying interest to individual restricted reserves is to prorate the interest based on the balances across all accounts, unless otherwise noted as excluded from interest for a given reserve,” he said.

A final decision regarding the changes will be decided by Wheatland County council at a later regular meeting.

The full report is available publicly via the Wheatland County Committee of the Whole meeting agenda for May 14.

Pass the Salt

PENTECOST

The festival of Pentecost marked a new era in history. So, it is fitting that it was accompanied by spectacular signs: a mighty rushing wind, tongues of fire, and the proclamation of the mighty works of God in the native languages of a vast array of visitors from around the known world. The signs helped those who saw them believe the message that accompanied them – that God had done something new in the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and that the resurrection life of the risen Christ was now available to all who believed. And that resurrection life was mediated and empowered by the same Holy Spirit that had historically empowered the great heroes of faith in times long past, but now poured out not just on the specially anointed few, but on all – just as God had promised through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be’, God declares, ‘that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.’

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Permits approved

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The distance between the dwelling and the east and north property lines do not meet the setback requirements outlined in the land use bylaw. The same options available regarding DP 2024-022 were made available about DP 2024-023.

Local Fire Services raised no complaints about the structures, nor the variances application. The commission voted to approve the application at administration’s recommendation.

Development Permit application DP 2024-311 was for an accessory dwelling to allow a 1,520 square foot second resident on the subject parcel.

The existing 2,951 square foot dwelling will be considered the primary dwelling. The proposed dwelling meets all setback requirements detailed in the Land Use Bylaw, and no variances were requested.

Administration recommended the permit be approved solely for the development of the new dwelling with a front deck, to be defined as a second dwelling and accessory, with a deck.



Open House

The Legacy Farm Project hosted an open house at the Legacy Barn site in Strathmore on May 13 to speak with project partners and investors about renovations to, and the future of the venue site. Also presented was information regarding the ongoing Legacy Farm Project and its development stages.

John Watson Photos

Legacy Farm Project announces MoU updates

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Legacy Farm Project is excited to announce the completion of their educational forums and memorandums of understanding regarding their community efforts into local education and tourism.

“The memorandums of understanding are Part 1 of a two-part process and getting into formal agreements, or working agreements with our different partners,” said Scott Silva, director of business development for the Legacy Farm Project. “The first ... and principal memorandum of understanding is with the Western District Historical Society. What we are in effect doing, is looking at having the Western District Historical Society be the stewards of the historical barn site, which is roughly a 12-acre site.”

That site, Silva explained, will have been in effect, donated to the Western District Historical Society through a lease or via other legal means in order to always remain a community initiative, community hub, and regional focus for agriculture tourism.

From there, the Legacy Farm Project’s memorandums of understanding extend to a host of different tenants within the new proposed barn, as well as throughout the educational component of the project.

“As part of the dream from Bruce Klaiber, throughout this entire process was to be able to create an advanced institute of agriculture,” said Silva. “Our memorandums of understanding have started with everybody from Golden Hills School Division, Christ the Redeemer, Olds College, and now we are working with several other colleges and other regional school boards, including moving into the Calgary area to ultimately create a program, or educational programming where teachers, and students K to 12 and post-secondary alike can come down and utilize the space, the environment, and the features of the historical legacy barn.”

Sila added the curriculums available through the Legacy

Farm Project aim to encompass history and social studies, all the way to practical farming and agricultural practices.

This ultimately aims to lead to further research and development through the facility for contemporary agricultural advancement.

“Our corporate sponsors are also where we have memorandums of understanding. These sponsors relate to everybody from agricultural inputs and farming practices ... but a lot of these corporate partnerships are also looking for recruitment,” said Silva. “They want to be able to have an active supply of potential workers who want to move into their respective fields, so by creating this educational component within the Legacy Farm, we are not only satisfying our regional demands, but we are also creating a potential labour pool for these future corporate sponsors.”

More information regarding developments about the Legacy Farm Project is available via their website.

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Musical farewell

Rozella Pietz played her final ‘jam session’ at the Gleichen Community Centre on May 10. The 91-year-old musician is moving to



Calgary and will no longer be able to join the other musicians in the community twice a week. Pietz, who first got into music at the age of 15, travelled to play at local dances in the Bassano, Gem, Cluny, Gleichen and Strathmore areas – and even further – for many years. She played on piano, saxophone, piano accordion, banjo, guitar, or mandolin, and sang as well. As a talented band leader, she produced a number of CDs with her group. A number of years ago, “Rozella and Friends” came once a month to play gospel music in the Anglican Church services in Gleichen.

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There are many negative consequences of climate change. But one that doesn’t get much publicity is the fact the more heat and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, the more these changes encourage plants like poison ivy to grow bigger and faster and even become more toxic. It’s a good idea for hikers, gardeners and landscapers to be familiar with the poison ivy plant to avoid the itchy, blistering rash that coming in contact causes.

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- June 11: Municipal Planning Commission**
- June 18: Council Meeting**

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WEDNESDAY
July 3, 2024

START AT
7:00 PM

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Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers June 4th, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, June 4th, 2024. The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2024-04

Legal Description: Immediately east of Block 1, Plan 8710839, within NE-31-26-19-W4M.

Proposal: To close a ± 1.28 hectare (± 3.17 acre) portion of Range Road 195 and undeveloped road allowance to public travel immediately east of Block 1, Plan 8710839, within NE-31-26-19-W4M, to facilitate the consolidation of the road allowance into the adjacent lands.



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Portions of Road Widening Plan 0212190 and the Road Allowance within NE-31-26-19-W4M

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File: BC2024-001
February 2, 2024

Bylaw #: 2024-03

Legal Description: Block 2, Plan 550AM, within SW-35-24-21-W4M in the Hamlet of Chancellor

Proposal: To close a ± 0.12 hectare (± 0.29 acre) portion of undeveloped laneway within Block 2, Plan 550AM, within SW-35-24-21-W4M, to facilitate the consolidation of the road allowance into the adjacent lands.



Note: Post processing of aerial photography may cause visual distortion. **Air Photo**

Block 2, Plan 550AM, within SW-35-24-21-W4M

Proposal: To close a ± 0.12 hectare (± 0.29 acre) portion of undeveloped laneway within Block 2, Plan 550AM, within SW-35-24-21-W4M, to facilitate the consolidation of the road allowance into the adjacent lands.

File: BC2024-002
February 2, 2024

Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 40 (1) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 33 (c) and subsequent versions of the Act.



Back in the ring

Real Canadian Wrestling made its return to Strathmore on May 17 when they hosted a show at the Strathmore Ag Pavilion. The show featured former WWE Superstar Lio Rush and the top wrestlers in the RCW promotion, including Strathmore's own Steve Wilde.

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The Strathmore Venom U15B lacrosse team improved to 5-2-1 on the season after a 10-0 win over the Calgary Sabres on May 16 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Venom will now prepare to host the Calgary Knights on May 23 (7 p.m.) at the Strathmore Family Centre.

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Library hosts volunteer appreciation event

JOHN WATSON
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Event, May 14, to celebrate those who donate their time for the benefit of the library.

Laura Henderson, public services manager with the Strathmore Municipal Library, explained the event is held annually, and this year's featured a paint project and treats for the volunteers who came out to be recognized for their efforts.

"Typically, we do it the third week of April during National Volunteer Recognition Week, but just based on scheduling around the library and that sort of thing, we invited them during that week and provided them with some feedback and some of our appreciation, but decided to schedule the event for this month so we had a little more time," said Henderson. "We hosted a mixed media art program where we provided (our volunteers) with a canvas and art supplies and ideas on what to create, just to have them all together. Four Sisters also provided snacks."

This year marks the third that the library has hosted a designated volunteer appreciation event. The first event of this type was hosted by the library when longtime volunteer, Pat Frederick retired.

Prior to the launch of the volunteer appreciation event in the spring, the

library had previously recognized their volunteers in December with a gift at the end of a given year.

"When we first did this event in April two years ago, it was such a big hit, and just having everyone together – staff and volunteers, was a really nice way to recognize them," said Henderson. "When I took over volunteer management maybe seven years ago or so, we had a couple of volunteers, and we appreciated them with little gifts here and there, but then when Pat was retiring, she had been here for so long that we wanted to do something a little bigger."

Henderson explained following Pat's retirement, the general thought process was to continue hosting similar appreciation events, especially as the local volunteer base grew.

According to Henderson, the Strathmore Municipal Library currently boasts roughly 35 volunteers, as well as 25 for the adult literacy program.

"We have a lot of volunteers who are keeping things running and we want them to know that we could not do it without them," she said. "As we have found ways to utilize our volunteers, that sort of frees up time for our staff to do other really worthwhile things in the library, like our programmers can focus on programming because we have volunteers who will help them with the preparations and with the facilitation of things."

An Alberta Feathered Gem: Gray's Park

DON CASSIDY
Winging it in Strathmore

After moving to Chestermere in the fall of 2018, my wife and I were eager to explore the region for excellent birding locations.

Bird watching and related photography were hobbies I had finally started to pursue after investing 40 years in education as a teacher and administrator. Recalling the first bird that attracted me to the hobbies, a Belted Kingfisher diving from a thin branch to nab a tiny perch in Hilda Lake, I desired to learn more about these winged wonders. Little did I know there were so many species to learn about that make Alberta home for at least a part of our four seasons.

Our initial birding visit to Strathmore occurred on Aug. 2, 2019, pulling into

the parking area at Gray's Park and then walking down the pathways – all the while eyeing the wetland areas.

After exploring the park for an hour, we knew we'd found a gem. Of the 16 species we identified, four were warblers, with the black-and-white warbler being recognized as a rare sighting for the region.

As the months passed, we found that Strathmore was located wonderfully within a collection of popular birding sites, called hotspots, on the global birding website (ebird.org).

Heading north from Strathmore,

Cattleland Feedlot Slough and East Hiltona Feedlot Slough both provided fine opportunities to see wildfowl. Driving south of town, Wyndham-Carseland Provincial Park has a varied habitat, making it home to over 230 species.

My hope is to share with you through photographs and stories, our birding experiences in Strathmore and the surrounding region. I've visited Gray's Park 60 times since that inaugural visit in 2019 and each trip has revealed more of the life within the park, both in fur and in feather. I welcome you to wing it with us over the coming months.



MOVING ACREAGE SALE

Pickups near Chestermere.

RCMP reminds residents of simple tips to reduce crimes

ALBERTA RCMP

As the weather warms up, most Albertans are spending more time outdoors, and often away from their homes. Not securing your property can make you a prime target for theft.

In May 2023, there were 440 residential break and enters and 45 seasonal property break and enters in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions. Property theft is often a crime of opportunity. Learning how to properly secure your residential and seasonal properties is the best defence. Following simple practices like crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) can have big impacts.

Some simple CPTED tips that can help keep your property safe are:

- Lighting: Ensure your yard is well lit. Consider installing motion sensor lights at all entryways.
- Sightlines: Keep clear sightlines to yards, garages, and entry points so criminals have nowhere to hide. Make sure trees and bushes aren't overgrown, creating a cover for a potential thief.
- Gates: A locked gate can help deter a criminal who may not want to waste time trying to get past it.
- Windows: Keep windows covered and locked when you're not home. An empty house is a criminal's playground.
- Alarms: Consider installing a security system, especially on seasonal properties or if you travel often. This will help ensure that if anything does happen to your property, authorities will be alerted immediately.

While these tips might sound obvious, CPTED is an international concept that has proven to discourage crime and promote security. Small, simple changes and have big effects in our communities.

RCMP encourage the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity to police. If you discover a crime has taken place at your residence or seasonal property, you should report it to police immediately. Reports tell us where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future.

If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to report a crime anonymously, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

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CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

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As a result of our efforts, I'm proud to report that Alberta is experiencing an unprecedented housing boom – setting a record for housing starts in the early part of 2024.

According to the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), nearly 14,000 new homes began construction in the first four months of 2024. This robust growth represents a more than 60 per cent increase in housing starts compared to April 2023, contrasting sharply with a near 10 per cent decrease in the rest of Canada over the same period.

The significant increase in housing starts is due in part to our government's efforts to remove barriers and streamline processes for housing construction. We have been working diligently to facilitate quicker permit approvals and reduce red tape, ensuring that builders can start projects without unnecessary delays. This strategy has been instrumental in enabling Alberta to sustain its record-breaking growth in the housing sector, and it's something we will seek to do more of in the days, months, and years ahead.

In addition to boosting housing starts, our government is actively supporting affordable housing initiatives. The Stronger Foundations affordable housing strategy aims to provide safe, stable, and affordable homes to the province's most vulnerable residents. And by 2031, the strategy aims to support 82,000 low-income households.

A rapid increase in rental housing starts also underscores Alberta's dedication to addressing Alberta's diverse housing needs. Between 2021 and 2023, the province saw 25,447 ren-

tal starts, nearly matching the total for the previous 15 years combined. This is good news for students and young Albertans looking to move into their first place and start their lives.

Building new housing isn't just good for people, it's good for the economy. Every new house represents new jobs for Albertans and regular paychecks for families. This is also good news as we continue to focus on growing and diversifying the economy.

Alberta's historic growth in housing starts not only highlights the province's proactive approach to meeting housing demands but also sets a benchmark for other regions in Canada. As Alberta continues to innovate and invest in housing, it ensures that more residents have access to safe, secure, and affordable homes.

Our government is focusing on solutions that work, and while we have much more work to do, these new numbers from the CMHC show that we are moving in the right direction.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your feedback or concerns via email (Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

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

Library partners with local Dominos for fundraiser

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Beginning May 20, the Strathmore Municipal Library, in partnership with the local Domino's Pizza, launched a fundraiser for the library.

Running until June 3, Dominos is featuring two specials on their menu, for which \$5 from each purchase will be going towards supporting the library.

"A local Dominos representative approached us in January saying that he wanted to support the library in different ways. They provided pizza for our Family Literacy Day event in January," said Laura Henderson, public services manager for the Strathmore Municipal Library. "Pizza gets people to events. Food brings people out. Typically, weeknight pro-

grams are not as well attended as other programs ... but we had something like 80 people show up for that event because there was pizza, so he had said that they could work with us in different ways."

Henderson explained as the library aims and attempts to run more programs, more resources are required in order to finance such endeavors.

Given this, she reached out to Dominos to see if they would be interested in lending a hand, at which she said they promptly responded with support of the request.

"There are two different specials that are just for our local store ... it will be huge and it is going to take place again in November," said Henderson.

The goal, she added, is to hopefully see \$500 incoming in support of the library and its programming.

Henderson joked staff at the library often say they try to do so much with so little, so if they just had a little more funding here and there, they could dramatically stretch the mileage any extra funding would be able to provide.

"I am really hoping to use it for some kind of special events where we can offer prizes that are a little more meaningful or impactful, is sort of what I am going for," said Henderson. "(For example), our edible book day is a big thing that we did in April and that is a yearly event. We had to really cut back on the prizes because if I spend my whole programming budget on prizes, then we can't run other programs. The balance there, we want to be able to offer all these programs, so this is a way to do both as best we can."

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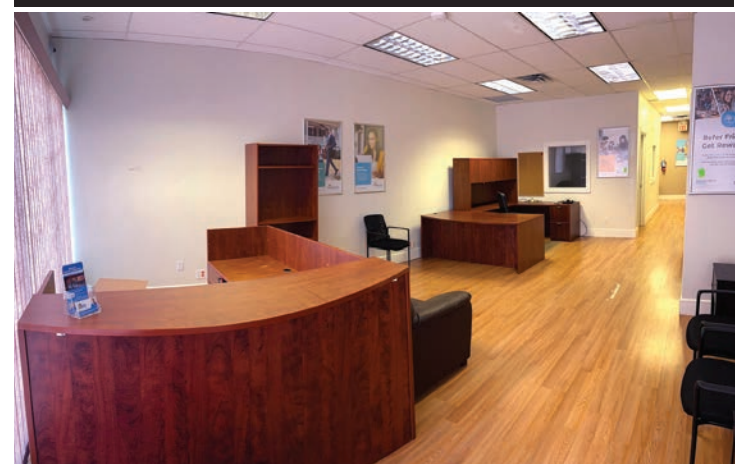
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Notice to Creditors and Claimants

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If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by May 20, 2024.

with GREG LOCHHEAD
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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.

Claimants: you must include a full description of your claim and why you have a right to make such a claim.

VILLAGE OF ROCKYFORD

Temporary Summer Employment (Youth)

The Village of Rockyford is now accepting applications for a summer youth position.

- 1) Public Works Assistant – (40 hours/week)
- 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 or mail it to Box 294 Rockyford, AB T0J 2R0.

Deadline for applications is May 24, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

We thank all applicants, but will only be contacting those chosen for an interview.

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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.

Committee 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, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$148

Register for classes and camps at Strathmore.ca/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 semi-detached 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, AB).

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 develop an Economic Development Action Plan. This Action Plan 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 three-year framework supporting local businesses and attracting new investment."

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 investment; and
- 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, please visit Strathmore.ca

