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Siksika eyes police service

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Nation Chief Ouray Crowfoot and the Public Safety Task Force have signed a letter of intent with the Government of Alberta regarding the establishment of a self-administered police service.

A signing ceremony was held in Calgary, April 24, to formalize the partnership, and the letter will be finalized by sending it to the federal government for signing.

“It is a follow-up on recent announcements in the past, and this is just to put on paper that we are going to be moving forward in pursuing our self-administered police service,” said Siksika Coun. Ruben Breaker. “It has been a long time coming. We had our police service from 1991 to 2001 and the service was discontinued. Now, leadership from then to today have been trying to get our police service back. It is very exciting.”

Siksika Nation and Alberta signed a memorandum of understanding in July 2022 to work towards establishing the service for Siksika Nation.

In September, Crowfoot and Minister of Justice Tyler Shandro brokered a deal with federal Minister of Public Safety, Marco Mendicino.

“One of Siksika leadership’s top priorities is to help improve the quality of life for our people. Safety and security are basic human needs to improve life expectancy, quality and quantity of life,” said Crowfoot. “It is paramount for our people to feel safe in their own community. Siksika Nation’s re-establishment of our own Siksika-administered police service will go a long way towards improving our people’s quality of life.”

The Alberta government provided Siksika Nation with a \$30,000 community policing grant in 2018 to fund a feasibility study which led to the 2022 signing.

When Siksika Nation’s police service is officially established, it will be the first self-administered First Nation police service of its kind to exist in Canada in 14 years.

“It is much needed for First Nations to have our own police service. There is something about our people policing our own because you get the language factor, the culture, some protocol – it is something that is not there today,” said Breaker.

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Dog Man day!

The Strathmore Library hosted a Dog Man Day event during the afternoon of April 28. It was a fun, family event running during Flex Friday to celebrate the release of the most recent Dog Man book. The event featured drawing pictures, completing word searches, a scavenger hunt and dressing up for a photo booth.

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County approves grant funding

JOHN WATSON
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Wheatland County Council has approved the grant funding of three community associations between Carseland and Gleichen, as per the Recreation Policy 14.4.

County administration had notified eligible community associations within the two municipalities that the county was accepting applications, with a submission deadline of March 31.

“This year was the first year that the grant was oversubscribed, so the funding model kicked in for the allocation amount. Not all the groups got the full requested allocation,” said Dave Rimes, community services coordinator with County administration.

The total combined program grant requests this year equated to \$288,724.25. The county’s approved budget for the grant program totalled \$204,000.

This year marks the third that Wheatland County has been accepting grant

funding requests through the program.

County administration recommended the following funding amounts to each respective community organization, issuing priority based on the county’s pre-established funding model:

- Gleichen and District Community Association: \$11,424
- Carseland and District Community Association and Agricultural Society: \$102,000
- Gleichen & District Agricultural Society: \$90,576

The Gleichen and District Community Association submitted their application with intent for the grant to cover several expenses relating to their community hall, such as, but not limited to insurance, security systems, utilities, sound system upgrades, and kitchen repairs.

An original total of \$31,219.25 was requested of the county. This was ultimately reduced based on priority, though their application did meet all the grant requirements of the policy.

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Sacred Heart Academy Principal wins Distinguished Leadership Award

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Paulette Chotowetz, principal of Sacred Heart Academy (SHA) has been awarded the 2022-23 Distinguished Leadership Award, presented by the Council for School Leadership (CSL) of the Alberta Teacher's Association (ATA).

She said her receipt of the award was extremely sentimental, as she was nominated by a colleague at the school, Carly Miller, who instructs first graders at SHA.

"We have been working together since 2001," said Chotowetz. "In all honesty, we came to Strathmore together when the school opened, and Carly is a distinguished leader in our school as well."

The CSL, as per their website, describe themselves as a community of school administrators

throughout the province. The idea is to establish collaboration and mentorship as colleagues.

The Distinguished Leadership Award is meant to recognize and celebrate exceptional individuals within the CSL community who go above and beyond to improve their schools.

Individuals who are recognized with the award are noted to be role models within the ATA network of educational leaders with the drive, initiative and capability to lead innovative modern learning.

"I think just a recognition from our Alberta Teachers Association for identifying people who are working in the field of education is great, and that they have this award that is something that we as leaders in our schools and teachers in our schools can receive, is huge," said Chotowetz. "I think just what really impressed me was the reason behind it was identifying people who are looking to chal-

lenge, to improve learning and to lead, so I appreciate being acknowledged for those things which are very important to me as well, as a leader."

She added she started out as co-principal in 2007, before elevating to full principal in 2009 when her former colleague moved on to an employment opportunity in Canmore.

Chotowetz added she was particularly humbled upon receipt of the award, in part due to being acknowledged and nominated by Miller.

"It's hard to put into words but it is somebody that I respect, and I acknowledge as being an incredible teacher and she is seeing the things that I do," she said. "I do it because it's part of my job and I love my job, so it's very authentically naturally what I do."

An award ceremony will be hosted in Calgary, June 2, for Chotowetz to honour her for the accomplishment, as well as to present her with the award.

Local homecoming

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Former students of Samuel Crowther School will gather to celebrate the schools 70 + 1 anniversary homecoming on June 9-10.

Rhonda Christie Stockwell and Daniel Hendricks are members of the Samuel Crowther School Homecoming committee (SCSH), whose members have been steadily working on this project since before the pandemic.

"I got involved with the SCSH Committee in July of 2022," said Hendricks. "That spring I had spent time on a planning committee for the Samuel Crowther School 'Class of 1972' 50th year reunion, which we held in July."

Stockwell eagerly encouraged him to join the committee and welcomed his help with the SCSH. There are 10 committee members who have all done an enormous amount of work for the homecoming – it has been a complete group effort.

May 6, 1952, marks the ribbon cutting ceremony of the original Samuel Crowther School's official opening; back then it was Strathmore's only school with all classes of Grades 1-12 under one roof. It remained the only school in Strathmore until 1970 when Westmount Elementary opened for students of Grades 1-6.

Stockwell is the president of the Western District Historical Society and she thought it would be a project that her society would like to take on. She said it didn't take much convincing of her fellow committee members to take the homecoming on as a project.

"The homecoming is in conjunction to the Samuel Crowther School turning 70 years old, which would have been last year in 2022," Stockwell said. "But with Covid we held off a year, hence that's why we are having it this year."

"Celebrating the Anniversary of the 1952 opening of Samuel Crowther School will be a walk down memory lane," said Hendricks.

The current response for the homecoming is very encouraging and the people who have reached out are extremely excited about the event.

The persons attending this event will range in ages and class years, with even some who graduated from the early years after 1952. The committee also anticipate some families with up to possibly three generations of persons being educated in the original school.

Organizing reunion events is not new to either Hendricks or Stockwell. In 2012, Hendricks also helped organize the 40th anniversary of the Class of 1972.

Stockwell has also had experience in organizing class reunions. She was part of the 1993 Home-

coming Planning Committee. Since the 1993 event, Stockwell makes note that the internet and social media have been very helpful in planning such events and makes getting the word out much easier.

"With previous events people had to be mailed invites and then they had to mail them back," said Stockwell.

Three teachers' names were honoured at Samuel Crowther School. Mr. Samuel Crowther was hired as a teacher in 1924 and appointed principal in 1926 for the then Strathmore School, which consisted of 11 rooms in seven different buildings.

Crowther was instrumental in the building of the new school and became the namesake, but unfortunately he was never principal, as he passed away in 1951. In 1956, the MacKenzie Wing and gymnasium were added.

The new wing was named after W. Ian MacKenzie who began teaching in Strathmore in 1928. He was principal from 1951 until his retirement in 1970.

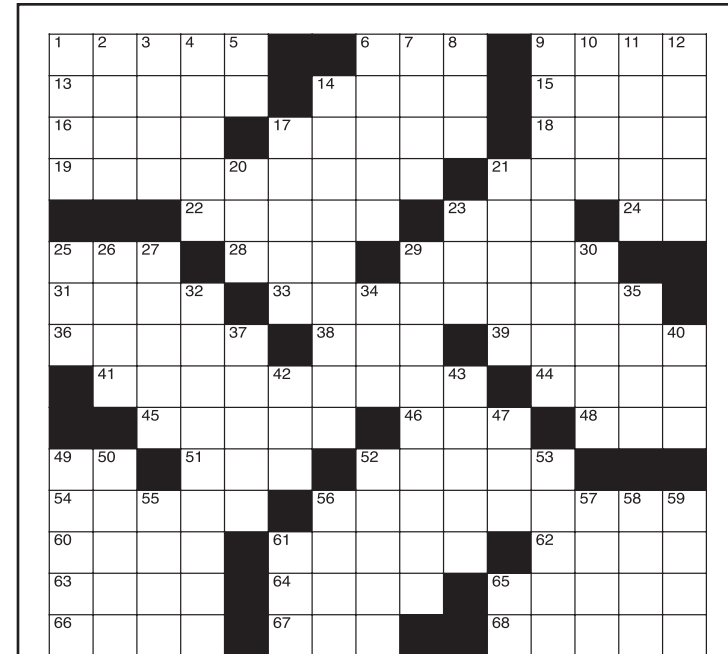
The Gordon Wing was added in 1959 and named in honour of Margaret Gordon who is remembered as the "Grade 1 teacher." She was a teacher in Strathmore from 1928 until 1964 when she retired.

Although the original building for Samuel Crowther School is no longer used as a public school, it is commendable that it is still used for education. Sacred Heart Academy opened in 2001 with students from kindergarten to Grade 7. In 2004, Holy Cross Collegiate opened its doors for students in Grades 7-12.

The SCSH event is open to anyone who attended Samuel Crowther School and not just limited to graduates, so if you fall into this category and would like to attend, make sure to get your registration in. It is emphasized that registration is required for the Friday evening 'Ice Breaker' and the Saturday evening dinner, as numbers need to be finalized for catering purposes.

If you were a student and would like more information and to register for the event, please join the Facebook page Samuel Crowther School Homecoming - June 9/10, 2023. Registration forms can be found on the website (www.scsghomecoming.ca). Registration forms can also be found and dropped off with Dave Stephenson at Strathmore Home Hardware. All attendees need to be registered by May 15.

There will be an array of events all over the community during the weekend as parts of the homecoming. From car shows to skits performed throughout town by the Strathmore Theatre Players Guild, plus a market and open house at Klaiber's Barn reviewing 'Legacy Farm.' The community is invited to participate in these family-friendly events.



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| 9. Education-based groups | 45. Fathers |
| 13. Not behind | 46. Extremely high frequency |
| 14. Runners run them | 48. Type of school |
| 15. Japanese ankle sock | 49. Incorrect letters |
| 16. Grave | 51. Two-year-old sheep |
| 17. Japanese industrial city | 52. Nasty manner |
| 18. People of southern Ghana | 54. One who accepts a bet |
| 19. Particular designs | 56. Indian prince |
| 21. Device fitted to something | 60. Asian country |
| 22. Infections | 61. Rhythmic patterns in Indian music |
| 23. Pirates' preferred alcohol | 62. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann |
| 24. Expression of sympathy | 63. Detailed criteria |
| 25. Rock guitarist's tool | 64. Son of Shem |
| 28. Neither | 65. Talked wildly |
| 29. Ancient city of Egypt | 66. Discount |
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| 1. Actor Damon | 30. Gland secretion |
| 2. A call used to greet someone | 32. Action of feeling sorrow |
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| 4. Emaciation | 35. Deceptive movement |
| 5. "Westworld" actor Harris | 37. More dried-up |
| 6. Gains possession of | 40. Crimson |
| 7. Relaxing spaces | 42. Actress Ryan |
| 8. 23rd star in a constellation | 43. Adherents of a main branch of Islam |
| 9. Northern grouse | 47. Accomplished American president |
| 10. Monetary unit of Bangladesh | 49. Side of a landform facing an advancing glacier |
| 11. Manila hemp | 50. Sheep breed |
| 12. Unites muscle to bone | 52. Appetizer |
| 14. Makes deep cuts in | 53. Broadway actress Daisy |
| 17. 18-year period between eclipses | 55. Influential film critic |
| 20. Member of a people inhabiting southern Benin | 56. NY Giants ownership family |
| 21. Synthetic rubbers | 57. Type of script |
| 23. Unwelcome rodent | 58. Assist |
| 25. Expression of creative skill | 59. London park |
| 26. Some is red | 61. Bar bill |
| 27. Seems less in impressive | 65. In reply indicator |
| 29. Harry Kane's team | |

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AHS discusses service improvements

JOHN WATSON
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Alberta Health Services (AHS) presented to the Town of Strathmore during the April 19 regular meeting of council, discussing the impact of recent local operational changes.

Associate Executive Director, Tony Pasich explained the most recent data made available from March suggested response times have improved. Their 90th percentile response time for D&E calls ("life or limb situations") was 12 minutes and four seconds.

In the last seven years overall, response times have nearly doubled, from just under 11 minutes, to over 20 minutes in the year to date. According to Pasich, AHS will be monitoring its response data to evaluate whether the March data was an anomaly.

"Our goal is to make sure that we are well within a 15-minute target, which, when we look at (our data) ... why can't we get back down to 10 minutes. That would really be our goal," said Pasich. "Having assembled crews, we have seen our shoot times in Strathmore come way down and responding within 90 to 120 seconds, versus being on call at home. January and February were not as good as we would have liked, so we will continue to monitor (our) response times."

Service in Strathmore saw a shift in the last year, as local ambulances shifted from serving Calgary 44 per cent of the time between 2021 and 2022, to just 17 per cent of the time between 2022 and presently, following the implementation of the Metro Response Plan.

Service to local communities in Strathmore increased

from 36 per cent to 47 per cent of the time. Similarly, responses to calls in Wheatland County and Siksika Nation also increased.

Pasich also cited AHS now maintains a 45-minute offload target goal. He explained this means an ambulance crew aims to have a patient delivered to hospital, and is able to respond to another call within a 45-minute window.

"Prior to the launch of (our 45-minute target), we would be (at a hospital) for three hours and 20 minutes. We are not at our target, but we are at about an hour, (plus) 10 to 20 minutes," he said. "We still have a ways to go there, but when you look at the difference between an hour and 10 minutes to three hours and 20 minutes, it is massive."

Another service improvement which was discussed during the presentation was the immediate reduction of "code red" times, which references occasions when no ambulances are locally available.

The difference, he explained being a reduction in time from potentially several hours during a day, to just 10 minutes.

Siksika, Alberta sign letter of intent regarding self-administered police service

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"We will still be working with the RCMP for major crimes and some of the major services ... but the day-to-day stuff will be our own jurisdiction."

Breaker added there are currently two obstacles which

Breaker described as halting progress on the development of the service. These being the upcoming provincial election, as well as the federal workers' strike.

Until those are resolved, he explained there will be no more interactions between Siksika Nation and the governments.

The next step in the process, being described as Stage 2, is for the Police Commission to finalize the policies, planning for the Siksika police building and equipment, as well as sorting out a host of other administrative information.

Ultimately, Breaker said the process will take place in four stages, and the Siksika Police Service is estimated to activate within the next 12 to 18 months.

Funding approved

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Carseland and District Community Association had originally applied for \$127,505 in order to cover expenses relating to a redesigned website, ball diamond maintenance and new shale, recreational centre roof repair, roof top unit replacement and door installation in the community hall, and snow removal, among others.

The Gleichen and District Agricultural Society requested a total of \$130,000 which would be utilized to cover operating utilities and maintenance expenses, as well as ice plant maintenance.

A portion of the funding would also be utilized for a lighting project, which was not detailed in the Wheatland County Council agenda package.

Coun. Shannon Laprise moved to approve the recommended funding amounts in the policy as presented by administration.

Council approved the following community associations' funding amounts without further questions, discussion, or objections.

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Kings crowned

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Joe Lepage Photos



Festival preparation

Drama students from Strathmore High School rehearse their one act play called 'The Cagebirds,' directed by fellow students Evan Lloyd and Laura's Irwin.

Melissa Piche Photo

Vintage items

The Strathmore United Church hosted their Vintage and Treasures Sale on April 28-29 at the church. Marguerite Watson, who has been coordinating the treasures sale since 2008, said the event would not be able to be held without the help of volunteers from the community and members of the church. All proceeds from the event go to local community projects like the Wheatland Crisis Society, the Wheatland County Food Bank, the Strathmore & Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society and the Pregnancy Care Centre. Members of the United Church quilters were also on hand to help raise funds for many of the charities they support, including: the Mustard Seed, Strathmore Regional Victim Services Society and the Ronald McDonald House.



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If you are allergic to cats, it's not the cat's hair that causes the allergy symptoms. Actually, it is protein in the saliva and secretions from the cat's oil glands that sticks to the hair. When this protein dries it is shed and becomes airborne. It causes no problems for most people but for some, it can cause asthma-like and hay fever symptoms.

Although the causal link between vitamin D consumption and melanoma has yet to be proven, some dermatologists have suggested that taking the vitamin *may* reduce the risk of skin cancer. However, proper sunscreen use and caution when out in the sun especially between 11am and 4pm are good precautions to take.

Here's an easy way to visualize portion sizes if you don't have a measuring cup handy. Picture a baseball to equal a one cup measure; a golf ball for 1/4 cup and two golfballs for half a cup. A 3 oz (100grams) piece of meat? Picture a deck of cards. A piece of fish? A \$5 bill.

There is a new symptom of long COVID besides the regular ones of dizziness, sleep problems, headache, sluggish thinking ("brain fog") and chronic fatigue. It's *stigma*. People close to the sufferers may not believe they are truly sick. Evidently, 75% of those with long COVID feel this stigma but as science has shown, the symptoms may last for weeks or even many months. If someone near you has these lingering symptoms, be kind.

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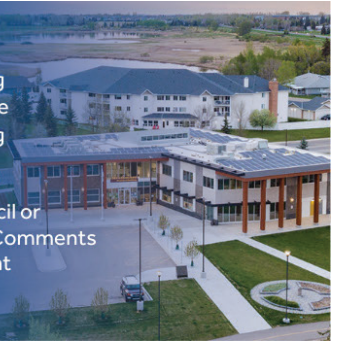


Upcoming Council Meetings

May 3, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting
 May 10, 2023 | 6pm Committee of the Whole
 May 17, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

Members of the public are welcome to speak at Council or Committee of the Whole Meetings during the Public Comments or Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Learn how at Strathmore.ca/CouncilMeetings



Holiday waste collection

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

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

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

Collection schedule updates

Weekly Green Cart collection resumes on May 1.

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

Summer camp registration is open!

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

This year’s themes promote physical literacy and the importance of staying active. Kiddos can enjoy multi-sport, pool fun and swimming lessons!

Register today at Strathmore.ca/SummerCamps or call 403-361-2121.

Urban hen pilot project

If you haven’t heard the egg-citing news yet, residents can now participate in the Urban Hens pilot project.

You’ll need to do a few things to prepare for your new feathered friends. To get started, visit strathmore.ca/urbanhens. or call Municipal Enforcement at 403-361-2112. Happy Henning!

Career opportunities

The Town of Strathmore is hiring full-time, part-time and seasonal positions including:

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Head to Strathmore.ca/Careers to join the team!

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Council’s Priorities
What is a strategic plan?

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

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

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



AFFORDABLE LIVING
 Strathmore is an affordable community for residents and businesses enabling access to housing, services, and supports.



FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
 Strathmore provides predictable and prudent tax rates and user fees that reduce overall Town debt, build financial reserves, maintain existing assets, and plan for sustainable growth.



INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
 Strathmore creates communities for its residents and with its neighbours (Siksika Nation, Wheatland County) and institutional partners, which promote sustainable and intra-dependent family friendly spaces.



CLIMATE RESILIENCY INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
 Strathmore protects, manages, and enhances its local environment while preparing for future challenges due to climate change.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 Strathmore is well-positioned to encourage commercial and industrial economic development with a focus on sustainable growth.



COMMUNITY WELLNESS
 Strathmore values Community Wellness focused on the maintenance, protection, and improvement of services that support optimum lifestyles.

Lakewood, Ag Society partner with GlobalFest for series of fireworks displays

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

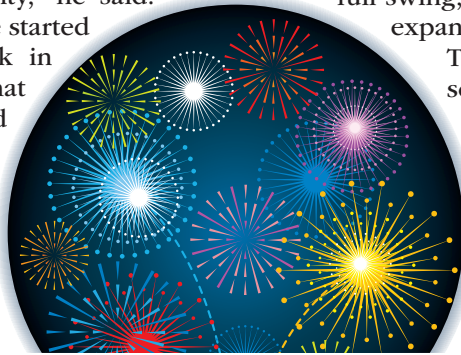
Lakewood of Strathmore has announced their fireworks calendar for 2023, now in partnership with the Strathmore Stampede, and GlobalFest YYC.

Scott Silva, who spoke on behalf of Lakewood of Strathmore, said the partnership has been in the works for a while, and the team is excited to expand the number of shows taking place throughout the year.

"This originally started with the relationship between GlobalFest and Heckya partnering up for some of the smaller events outside of the Calgary direct area, so everything in Strathmore and Wheatland County," he said.

"Part of this when we started the relationship back in 2020 was to grow what we have now coined as the 'Roadshow Series.'"

Silva explained though the relationship between organizations stemmed from Heckya



and GlobalFest, beginning to work with the Strathmore Stampede and Agricultural Society has fleshed out the arrangement into a long-term working agreement.

This, he added, is the first year of a multi-year campaign which will feature five or six shows annually.

"Back in 2020, we were the only pyromusical, and the largest Canadian pyromusical in Western Canada. That was when we did our big GlobalFest Fire on the Lake show in Lakewood, and that really spawned everything," he said. "Of course, the world had a little bit of a break the last couple years, so we were not able to do as much, but now with 2023 and everything coming back into full swing, we are really able to expand on this idea."

The five currently scheduled fireworks events hosted by the three organizations include the Cowboy Town Concert, Strathmore Stampede, Stampede Fright Night, Light up the Night, and

New Year's Eve celebrations, all taking place at the Agricultural Society grounds.

Silva added some goals through the partnership are to attract the attention of businesses in Calgary, as well as to bring people in from outside the local region to bolster local commerce.

"Especially working with our partners at GlobalFest, we really want to attract a lot of the Calgary market and bring them out to Strathmore and share our amazing communities, our amazing people and all our amazing amenities

out here," he said. "We would love to be able to see a large effect and a great effect for a lot of the local businesses on an economic side of things, and we are hoping that this additional tourism is going to bring those people out so they are not only spending their money here, but they are spending the night ... it is a great piece for economic development."

Lakewood of Strathmore's events calendar is accessible online for those who are interested to learn more, as well as to purchase tickets.

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- Visit the Wheatland County Administration Office to fill out the form in person.

For more information, please visit our website <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/taxes/>

Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference.

For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

May 9: Municipal Planning Commission

May 9: Public Presentation Committee

May 9: Committee of the Whole

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Agenda packages can be found on our website.

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Strathmore cosplayer returns to Masters of Cosplay qualifier

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo (Calgary Expo) returned over the weekend, and with it, the Masters of Cosplay Qualifier contest.

Autumn Desjardins, a cosplay artist originally hailing from Strathmore, competed in the “Masters” division of the contest, alongside her partner, Connor Anderson.

“To be in the Masters Division, typically you either have to have won four or more major awards, or be a professional in the industry,” said Desjardins. “I have qualified to be in the Masters Division since 2016, so I have actually been competing in this category since I was 16. Through years of competing, I have won almost 20 awards in cosplay.”

The term “Cosplay” refers to the costume, as well as acted depiction of characters from all across pop culture, such as television, cinema, manga and graphic novels, anime, comics, and so on.

Desjardins created a costume based on designs from The Legend of Zelda, Breath of the Wild video game. This included both textile, and prop elements.

At the competition hosted during the Calgary Expo, divisions were also open for “novice” and “intermediate” level competitors.

According to Desjardins, people from across all

walks of life and demographics come out every year to walk the stage and show off their craftsmanship.

“They will have kids, to adults, to seniors competing. There are no restrictions on that ... you will find people from all different backgrounds, all being able to create incredible things,” she said. “The last two people who won this competition in previous years, one is a pastry chef and another is a chemical engineer.”

Effort, budget, and skills that go into developing cosplay range anywhere from pennies to thousands of dollars. Costumers may decide to incorporate leatherwork, sewn fabrics, carved and sculpted foam, or even custom-coded electronics into their designs.

Desjardins estimated the costume she has designed, worn by Anderson, took over 600 hours to craft in order to be ready for the stage.

“Every year, I want to learn whatever I need to for a build. Every year, that usually means new techniques and new skills,” she said. “This year, I learned how to engineer and build light-up acrylic weapons. I did not know how to laser cut or engrave, I did not know how to solder joints – I learned all that for this costume.”

The qualifier contest hosted during the Calgary Expo was part of the Masters of Cosplay Circuit. The winner of Calgary’s event received an invitation to continue to the finals at the Toronto Fan Expo in Au-



Autumn Desjardins competed on Saturday in the Masters of Cosplay qualifier at the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo with her partner, Connor Anderson. Desjardins designed and hand-crafted Anderson’s costume, for him to represent her on stage

John Watson Photo

gust.

Despite the competition, Desjardins said the community involved are an exceptionally friendly, welcoming, and helpful bunch, who are open to sharing information and aiding their fellows.

“One of the people I am competing with in my division has been taking pictures every week for the past couple months because he is so excited to show me what he has built, and I do the exact same thing,” she said. “I have judged friends, I have seen friends win, I have competed against them. It is such a good community to be a part of and definitely not as daunting as it seems.”

Emerging artists ready to shine

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

The Arts on 817 is proud to present Strathmore’s Emerging Artist as part of their Season 5 concert series on May 6 at the Strathmore United Church.

The concert will feature the musical vocals of Rayanne and Shelby Laycock, accompanied by Terrah Harper, with Susanne Sevcik on piano and Talia Sinclair showcasing her violin skills.

Rayanne Laycock comes from a very musical family with her mother, Lorelee Laycock being a music teacher and being very influential in the arts in Strathmore. Rayanne says she’s “been surrounded by music since birth.”

She says that music has always been a huge part of her family “I think it’s in my blood,” she laughs. “I don’t think it’s a surprise that I love music and I want to keep persuing music.”

Rayanne and her sister Shelby grew up in Strathmore taking voice lessons for musical theatre and competing in music festivals from a very young age. They both took part in choir and also enjoyed performing in the Strathmore High Schools (SHS) drama productions throughout their high school years.

Rayanne is currently enrolled at Brigham Young University (BYU) in Utah where she is studying for her Bachelor of Arts focusing on music, dance and theatre. She started her post-secondary education at Lethbridge’s Grant MacEwan for 2 years before transferring to BYU.

“I’ll be doing musical theatre. There will be contrasting songs, they won’t all be the same,” said Rayanne.

Shelby Laycock will also be delighting the audience on May 6 with her vocal talents. She is also enrolled at BYU in the music program for vocal performance. She attended Lethbridge for a year and a half before she transferred to Utah.

“I grew up doing mostly musical theatre and being in my mom’s choir,” said Shelby. “I decided to take the plunge and try studying music.”

Shelby began the classical voice program at the University of Lethbridge.

“It was focused on opera and I loved it,” she said. “I loved UofL but I wanted a little bit more of a challenge and I heard that BYU had an amazing program.”

Shelby and Rayanne will be singing one English duet in the concert.

“Everything else I’ll be singing is Italian, and

German and French, some English, but all classical,” said Shelby. “It catches people off guard.”

Sevcik has also been busy working towards her music degree at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick. Sevcik’s musical journey began at age eight when she began taking piano lessons. Initially she learned from her mother before beginning lessons with Carolyn Steeves.

“People can expect a wide range of music from Bach to Broadway! I will be playing classical piano with works as old as Bach and Schubert and as recent as a short virtuosic piece by Canadian composer Marc-André Hamelin,” said Sevcik. “Strathmore is a community that supports the arts, so I am very grateful to have been given all the opportunities to pursue music that I did growing up here.

“It’s also exciting to see how the music scene has changed since I started learning piano 12 years ago – I was able to help and watch the growth of the Strathmore Performing Arts Festival, which is very exciting to see. In a way, this concert is a thank you to the audience that will be filled with all the people whose support helped develop my love of music. Without the support from my community, I wouldn’t be doing what I love today.”

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$10 for youths; tickets can be purchased ahead of time in person at The Vault, online (www.smoreuc.com) or at the door.

“Something like this doesn’t happen every year and for a lot of the guys, it’ll be their only provincial championship that they win in their career,” he said. “I won’t have another opportunity to compete at a provincial tournament just in my age. So, in my last go at it, it is pretty special that I was able to win it.”

In addition to being named tournament and Oilers MVP, White was among three players to receive a tournament All Star recognition.

Town allocates multi-million surplus into capital reserves

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

During the most recent meeting of Strathmore Town Council, it was reported that the town is projected to experience a budget surplus.

Tom Maier, manager of financial planning, budgeting, and analysis, presented before council to bring them up to speed on the surplus, and make recommendations regarding how to best use it.

“We have dollars in front of us, it looks like about \$800,000 from this year; (the) past year surplus (is) about \$3.6 million, so we should be in that \$4.4 to \$4.5 million range,” he said. “We have some commitments from those dollars for some capital projects that council approved to be funded from our surplus from last June.”

Maier explained the town currently has \$480,000 committed to projects that have been completed, as well as roughly \$350,000 budgeted towards projects which are still ongoing.

Overall, the town maintains a roughly \$3.2 million surplus. This was recommended to be moved into the town’s reserves, in the following amounts:

- Financial Stabilization Reserve: \$1,550,000
- Recreation Capital Reserve: \$152,238
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“It gives us more flexibility, it gives council more flexibility of how to manage and what to do with those resources, rather than just leaving it in our, what we call, unrestricted, accumulated

surplus,” said Maier. “One reason why we have focused heavily on the water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater is, those are our three biggest capital project areas. The reserve balances in those are probably less than what we would consider to be sustainable for the future.”

Regarding the recreation capital reserve, Maier added that balance is currently in the negative, and setting the recommended funds away to balance that will take the account out of the red.

Coun. Jason Montgomery motioned to approve the request to transfer funds into the indicated reserves as presented, immediately following Maier’s presentation to council.

“During my time on council, I have seen the balance of our reserves fluctuate in a downward trajectory, and ... I am a fiscal conservative and I think governments should only have as much money as they need to conduct the business that they need to,” he said. “This is important that we do this to get our reserves into a more healthy position so that we can meet the costs that we will be facing in the future as infrastructure comes due for renewal and other costs face us.”

Montgomery described that this addition to the town’s reserves will help to mitigate future tax increases on local ratepayers. His motion, following discussion, was carried unanimously by council.

Maier said a reserve policy intends to be brought before council within the next two to three months in order to outline and direct how to best to build the town’s reserves, as well as how to utilize them.

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Obituary



BENNER, Keith Donald
September 30, 1954 - Calgary, Alberta
April 22, 2023 - Mossleigh, Alberta

Keith Benner, beloved husband of Leslie Benner (nee Giesbrecht), of Mossleigh, AB, passed away on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the age of 68 years. We pour a drink and tip our hats to a man who left many impressions wherever he went and whoever he met. Keith embraced life with a simple and true nature. From the calmness and oneness, he had with a horse, to his joy and love of family and friends. He was a country gentleman with a cowboy heart and soul. These traits were the essence of who Keith was. Keith was very astute, knowledgeable, and passionate about a great many things. He was able to fix or build anything and accomplish everything he set his mind to. He was an accomplished horseman, avid gardener, and an incredible model builder with an impressive collection, he had a love for cooking and was a proud member of the Mossleigh Lions Club. We lost one of the good ones.

Besides his loving wife, Keith is survived by his two sons, Scott, and Brad; three daughters-in-law, Khanh, Karmen, and Kaitlynn; thirteen grandchildren, Kadin, Wilow, Bastian, Aurora, Sheena, Deklen, Logan, Ashton, Leiland, Cheyenne, Brooklyn, Layla, and Micah; and lastly his little buddy Spud.

Keith is also survived by his two brothers, Greg, and Ken; three sisters, Diane, Corrine, and Kelly; siblings-in-law, Jeff, Linda, Rick, Kevin, Lee, Tim Mark, and Denise; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Keith was predeceased by his son Trevor, and parents, Lyle and Thelma. Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed at www.MHFH.com.

In living memory of Keith Benner, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes, Chapel of the Bells, 2720 Centre Street North, Calgary, AB T2E 2V6, Telephone: 403-243-8200.



Obituary



LAWRENCE, Thelma Judith "Judi"
September 17, 1951 - April 26, 2023

We are sad to announce the passing of Judi Lawrence (Strathmore, AB) at the age of 71 in Calgary, AB.

She was the loving Mother of Colleen Buchanan (Castlegar, BC) and Chris Lawrence (Calgary AB).

She will also be lovingly remembered by her Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews, and her Brother and Sister.

She was predeceased by her Mother, Father, a Brother and a Sister. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Canadian Cancer Society. Immediate family will have a private celebration of life at a later time.

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LANG, Doris Anne
May 14, 1938 - April 14, 2023

It is with sad hearts that we share the passing of Doris Lang at the Strathmore Hospital on April 14, just one month before her 85th Birthday.

Doris was born in Humbolt, SK and raised by Antonia and Martin Freyling on their farm northeast of An-naheim, SK which is still in her brother, Leo's family. She married Conrad Lang on August 1st, 1956 and together they had four children. They moved from their home in Humbolt, SK, to Saskatoon, to Regina and then to Calgary, AB, following where Con's home building and real estate opportunities took them. In 1973, Doris and Con separated. On April 1st, Doris went on the road with Albert Johanson driving truck and were together until Albert's death on April 1st, 2022. Doris and Albert made their home in Strathmore. They were members of the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion. Doris enjoyed going on the Old Car Trips with Albert and their friends taking Albert's 1959 GMC truck. In retirement, they were snowbirds, spending their winters in Yuma, AZ. Doris liked to cook, read, garden, cross stitch, sew and crochet, sometimes making her gifts for family and friends. She will be missed dearly.

Doris was survived by her sisters Frieda Boehm (Ray Leizert) and Sally Reiter, brothers Ray (Lorraine) Frey-ling and Jerry Freyling, sister-in-law, Doreen Freyling, her four children, Kathy (David) Stalker, Sandy (Ron) Vanderplas, Wendy (David) Sorge, Ivan (Tammy) Lang, her ten grandchildren, Michael Duggan (fiancé Niña Labadia), Kelvin (Kaitlyn) Stalker, Jessica Stalker, Timothy Vanderplas (Candice Schule), Daniel (Kris-tina) Vanderplas, Shannon (Patrick) Soderholm, Sean Sorge, Jordan Sorge, Sarah Lang, Kristina (Thomas) Henneveld and eleven great-grandchildren, Portia Duggan, Ciara Duggan, Gage Vanderplas, Carter Vanderplas, Eleanor Vanderplas, Olivia Vanderplas, Aubrey Stalker, Abigail Stalker, Amelia Stalker, Lucian Holstein, Maya Henneveld, Isaak Henneveld, step-daughter Sonia Bendig (Gary) step-grandchildren, Stacey (Kurt) Hailey; Shona (Ian), Paige, Declan, Easton; Shira (Joel) and Shelby (Mason), step-son Jeff (Denise) Johanson, step-grandchildren, Michael and Jory. Doris was predeceased by her life companion of 49 years, Albert Johanson, her parents, Antonia and Martin Freyling, brothers Ed (Lil) Freyling, Leo (Joan) Freyling, and Joe Freyling, brother-in-law, Alvin Reiter, sister-in-law, Pat Freyling and two grandchildren, Tara and Ryan Perkins.

The family will be having a private celebration of life for Doris. To send condolences and to see complete obituary, please visit Doris' obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.



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Also included in this weed control program will be the treatments for aquatic weeds. To control these aquatic weeds, the WID may be treating the Canals noted below on the approximate dates show during the 2023 irrigation season. The Canals will be treated with Magnicide H (Acrolein, Inhibited) to control the growth of aquatic weeds and algae.

YEAR 2023 AQUATIC TREATMENT LOCATIONS AND DATES
May 15-19 June 5-9 June 26-30 July 17-21 Aug 7-11 Aug 28- Sept 1 Sept 18-22

CARSELAND DISTRICT
A - Main from Langdon Reservoir Outlet (SE 36-22-27) to Rge Rd 262 (NE 27-22-26) Glenmore Trail (SE 29-23-25) (application sites-3)

STRATHMORE DISTRICT
A - Main from Highway # 1 east of Strathmore (SW 18-23-24) to Namaka Rd (NE 33-23-24) (application sites-2)
A - Main from Namaka Rd (NE 33-23-24) to Twp 232 (Hammer Hill NE 9-23-23) (application sites-2)

GLEICHEN-CLUNY DISTRICT
Twp 242 (Hammer Hill NE 9-23-23) to Rougeau Pipeline (NW 2-23-21) (application sites-4)

STRATHMORE DISTRICT
North A from Highway 817 (NE 27-24-25) to Rge Rd 231 (NE 26-23-23)

CROWFOOT DISTRICT
Standard lateral at the split/head gate and downstream (NW 34-24-24)
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