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# Chestermere-Strathmore has a new MLA

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Chantelle de Jonge has been victorious in her campaign to claim the Chestermere-Strathmore seat in the Alberta Legislature.

After the votes had been tallied from all 19 of the reporting polls throughout Chestermere-Strathmore, de Jonge claimed 70.6 per cent of the votes. This totaled 14,589 out of 20,674 votes cast.

The NDP candidate, Raj Jessel, who was de Jonge's greatest opponent, saw 26.7 per cent of the total votes in the riding.

"We worked hard, we got our steps in, there was a lot of door-knocking, and I am proud of what we accomplished (Monday) night. I think all of the support we received throughout the campaign shows itself in the outcome," said de Jonge. "The very first thing we are going to do is pass Bill 1, which will be the Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, so that will ensure that no government in Alberta can increase personal taxes or taxes on job creators without approval from Alberta first through referendum."

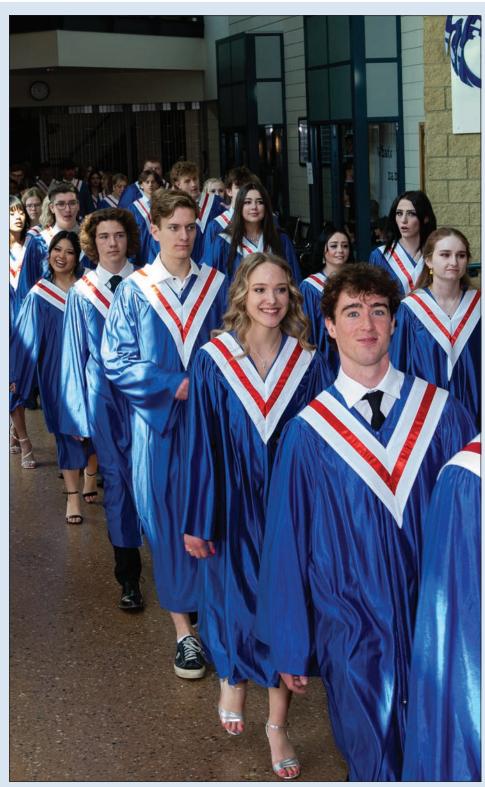
The other three candidates running in the riding, consisting of Kerry Lambert, Terry Nicholls, and Jed Laboucane, claimed less than three per cent of the total riding votes between them.

De Jonge joins a UCP majority government, claiming 49 seats in the Alberta Legislature. The party overall lost 14 seats throughout the course of the election, though maintained 52.59 per cent of the majority vote across the province.

Her professional history is largely in dentistry, completing a trades diploma in dental assisting, as well as serving as the chair of an education conference for fellow dental assistants. She also boasts a bachelor's degree in economics and philosophy.

In a mock election which was held amidst schools across the riding, and the province, de Jonge was also successful among the younger population in Chestermere-Strathmore.

The victory among the local youth, however, was much less dramatic, leading 43.74 per cent over Raj Jessel, who had 37.99 per cent of the mock vote.



#### **The Grand March!**

Students from the Strathmore High School take part in the grand march during their graduation ceremony on May 27. Approximately 250 graduates crossed the stage during the memorable event. See Page 7 for more coverage.

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Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce hosted their second annual Tour 564 Trade Show on May 28 at Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre.

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# Second annual SWCC Trade Show a hit

Local Iournalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) hosted their second annual trade show, at which foot traffic eclipsed last year's attendance numbers on the Sunday.

Switching to a one-day event, rather than over the course of a weekend, the trade show invited vendors from across and outside of Wheatland County to participate.

Alyssa Noelle Bennet, a director on the SWCC board, said the team is excited to learn what works best for their event and continue to grow year over

"I think as everything grows and evolves, we continually learn from our experiences, and this year's trade show taught us a little about timing through the season," she said. "I think the new board is really excited about what next year could look like. This year over last, we did not have as many family activities ... so I think next year we are going to look to bring that back."

She added there have been ideas floating around regarding next year's show to tie it in alongside a sort of family fun day.

Featured this year were a farmer's far away in the county." market, several food vendors, and a pancake breakfast hosted by the Lions Club. Noelle Bennett said live music and beer gardens were not a part of this year's show, which the team may look to see make a return.

Being a one-day event this year, the idea was to make attendance easier both for vendors, as well as for folks who may be otherwise be busy with graduation-related activities.

"Graduation consumed a lot of people's time on Saturday, and we wanted to see if we could look to condense all the efforts into one day," said Noelle Bennett. "The other part too was a twoday event can be harder on vendors, having to stretch their attendance, especially if they are not local; they have come in from outside of our region, or

Next year's event, according to Noelle Bennett, could take place in early May when it would not have to compete with other events.

Regardless of timing this year, attendance at the show and support for showcased vendors was extremely positive, especially among SWCC direc-

"A lot of the directors definitely supported the vendors and purchased upwards of \$300 or \$400 worth of stuff," said Noelle Bennett. "It was a great day and a great turnout from all of our vendors, all of our members and all of our board of directors."

Having collected feedback from folks on both sides of the booths, the SWCC team is excited to learn from their event and come back bigger for next spring.





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# Townhouse discussion for 9 Bayside Place continues

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Discussions are ongoing in Strathmore Town Council regarding the potential to see new townhouses constructed on 9 Bayside Place.

Recent amendments which were presented before council align more closely with what the town would be willing and supportive to see constructed on that plot.

When initially presented before council in March, the town voted against the construction of this townhouse complex, as there were many concerns regarding the proposed building heights from both council members, and from neighbouring residents.

Community complaints suggested neighbours considered the proposed townhouses to be too tall, which would present a potential breach of privacy in being able to see over fences from the upper floors of new units.

Chuck Procter, manager of development services for the Town of Strathmore, presented to council March 17, to outline additional details about the project, including an imposed two-storev height limit.

"Height is defined as the average vertical distance (between the) finished grade and the apex of the roof, measured at the front and rear corners of the building or structure," he said. "The current height for a single detached dwelling is 10 meters. So, these folks are proposing, I think, 12 meters."

He also outlined the construction of the com-

plex would be a two-phase project. Procter proposed the land being suggested for construction be divided into two halves, with the first to see construction right away, while the other would see development later.

Increasing the availability of attached housing and affordable housing within the community are among the immediate goals of Development Services and are present within the Municipal Development Plan.

Currently, Strathmore largely consists of single unit, detached dwellings. As presented to council via the meeting agenda, establishing multiple different types of housing within a community is generally considered good planning practice.

As it currently stands, the indicated site is designated as M2 - General Industrial District, which is Strathmore's heaviest industrial land use district.

The plot had been previously developed, though is currently unoccupied. A land use amendment would see the site changed from M2 General Industrial, to medium density residential district, to accommodate for the construction of a townhouse complex.

The new conceptual site plan, which is publicly available via the town's meeting agenda, suggests the northern half of the parcel be limited to the two-storey unit construction developed later.

In the meantime, the southern half of the plot could see construction begin immediately, pending approval from council.

The discussion will return again to Strathmore Town Council, June 21, for a public hearing before any decisions to move forward as issued.

# **Community Futures Wild Rose working** on local labour strategy

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Community Futures Wild Rose (CFWR) is working to combat labour problems within Wheatland County by launching a study of the current state of the market.

A release, distributed May 12, described on April 28, local economic development practitioners from communities across the local region gathered to plan a labour market study and build a support strategy.

"As the Board Chair of Community Futures Wild Rose and Reeve of Wheatland County, I am thrilled that our ground-breaking Workforce Strategy Project Plan is launching. Our organization is committed to empowering individuals, businesses, and communities to reach their fullest potential," said Amber Link. "With this comprehensive study, we aim to build a dynamic workforce strategy that fosters innovation, adaptability, and strategic growth. Through partnerships and targeted initiatives, we will identify the skills gap, unleash untapped potential, and ignite economic prosperity throughout our region."

The collaboration, she added, aims to result in data which will inform an evidence-based strategy to support both new and existing businesses within the County.

Based on information made available via the CFWR release, the team suggests the Wild Rose Region is poised to see a tremendous influx in economic development, though there are lingering concerns regarding potential labour force challenges and staffing both new and existing

CFWR is a Strathmore-based, non-profit organization that is dedicated to building an economically diverse future for the communities in the region. The board of directors consists of elected municipal leaders from local communities.

"Bringing community leaders together to tackle these challenges is the first step to building a sustainable and vibrant future for our businesses and residents," said Wendy Gerbrandy, community economic development officer for CFWR.

It was indicated in the release, the CFWR project is being made possible through federal funding support, as well as contributions from the Town of Strathmore, Wheatland County, Kneehill County, Rocky View County, and Prospect Human Services.

"Our team of experienced staff understand the challenges of owning a business, and are here to provide the resources, support and tools to help businesses succeed," said Chantale Sangster, CFWR executive director. "This is an exciting opportunity to shape the future of our communities, by being proactive, not reactive."

The first major milestone of the project will be to rally volunteers from across the region to conduct business visits to gather information.

Chambers of Commerce, elected officials, other non-profit organizations, and employment agencies are being encouraged to participate in a oneday "blitz" to kick off the business survey later in the year, which is intended to inform the workforce strategy. A date for the "visitation blitz" was not indicated.

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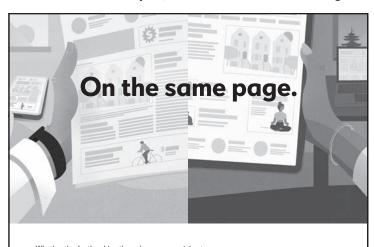
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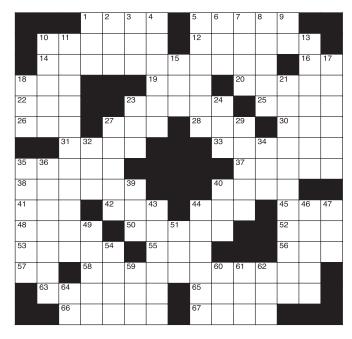
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- 12. Root vegetable 14. Having a shape that reduces
- drag from air 16. Integrated circuit
- 18. Records electric currents
- of the heart 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Japanese city
- 22. After B
- 23. Muffles
- 25. Pass over
- 26. Vase 27. Soft touch
- 28. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 30. Patti Hearst's captors 31. Israeli politician
- 33. Degrade

- 35. Type of wran 37. Polyurethane fabric
- 38. Avoids capture 40. Vegetarians avoid it
- 41. Decay
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Vessel to bathe in
- 45. Inches per minute (abbr.) 48. Frosts
- 50. Dipped into
- 52. Controversial replay system
- 53. Comforts
- 55. Needed for yoga 56. Ands/
- 57. South Dakota
- 58. Printing system 63. Dramatic works set to music
- 65. Highest points
- 66. Social division
- 67. Used to treat Parkinson's disease

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Hill or rocky peak
- 2. Initial public offering 3. Type of light
- 4. Test
- 5. Flaky coverings
- 6. Former NFLer Newton
- 7. Part of the eye
- 8. Roman god of the underworld
- 9. Negative
- 10. Indiana pro basketball player 11. Replaces lost tissue
- 13. Denotes one from whom
- title is taken 15. Historic college hoops
- tournament
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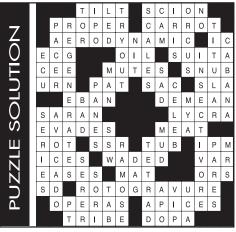
- 27. Sheets of glass 29. Slang for famous person
- 32. Not good
- 34. "Ghetto Superstar" singer 35. The "World" is one
- 36. Used to make guacamole
- 39. Midway between south and southwest
- 40. Wet dirt
- 43. Ancient Egyptian name
- 44. Set of four 46. Strips
- 47. Wife
- 49. More dried-up
- 51. Socially inept person
- 54. Clusters on fern fronds 59. Bar bill
- 60. Prefix indicating "away from"
- 61. Very important person
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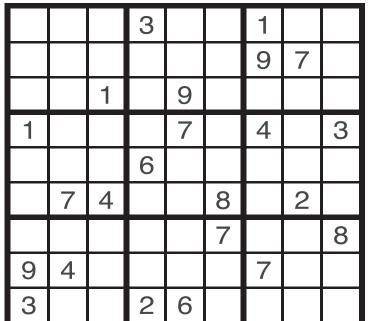




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# Strathmore Ag Society preparing for busiest summer yet

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society is excited to be announcing their schedule of events for this summer, including some entirely new things for folks to enjoy.

Approaching immediately on the calendar is the official opening of the Ag Society's horseshoe pits, June 1. A grand opening was hosted last fall for the pits, but being at the end of the season, they were unable to be used.

"We just laid down some brand-new sod, so they will be all perfect for everybody to come on June 1, and you can either bring your own horseshoes, or we have sets you can rent for just \$10 at the baseball concession or campground office," said Ryan Schmidt, Ag Society General Manager. "There will be open pitching on Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., then Tuesdays and Thursdays are league nights from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. There is open pitch for seniors all day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and there is no rental fee. These

are community horseshoe pits. We just ask that everybody take care of them while they are there."

Schmidt added he is aware many folks tend to complain there is not enough to do around Strathmore, and the opening of the horseshoe pits gives locals another activity to easily enjoy.

Come June 18, the Ag Society is hosting a Father's Day beer and barbeque fest, which is returning for its second year.

The team is excited to host several varieties of craft beers for drinking and sampling across the grounds, as well as a fleet of BBQ food trucks. Also, part of the event will be games, activities, and the second annual pie eating contest.

"On June 24, we have our Cowboy Town Concert, featuring Brett Kissel, with Brandon Lorenzo opening, and the Drew Gregory after party," said Schmidt. Tickets for the event remain available through the Ag Society web-

Running July 14-16, the annual senior pro rodeo will be returning, followed by the Strathmore Stampede over the August long weekend.

Making a debut in Strathmore this year will be a medieval faire and artisan market, which is taking over the Ag Society grounds August 18-20. Schmidt did not make specific information available, as the event is operated through a third-party organizer, but noted there will be several themed events and activities taking place throughout the faire.

"I think it is a great opportunity to do something fun and different at the rodeo grounds. We are good at having rodeos and all kinds of equine events ... well, it is time for some jousting and sword fights, so come down and check that out," said Schmidt.

He added the Ag Society is steadily becoming a busier venue, particularly during the summer months as awareness continues to grow, and the team is excited to have their busiest summer yet for their 50th year of operation.

With the addition of new events to the summer schedule, the team is also always seeking new and returning volunteers to jump in and lend a hand, as there is something for everyone to do, should they be interested. The Ag Society can be contacted online, by phone or in person for those who are interested in getting involved.

More information regarding the summer and fall schedule of events taking place at the grounds or through the Ag Society is available through their web-

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# New blood adds live orchestra

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

For one night only, June 15, New Blood Dance Show and the Calgary Civic Symphony will join forces for a very unique and special opportunity to perform at the Jack Singer Concert Hall with a live orchestra.

"We are so thrilled and excited and just really looking forward to it," said Deanne Bertsch, drama teacher at the Strathmore High School.

The New Blood Dance Show has been performing for the past six years at various locations, including trips to both Winnipeg and Saskatchewan in 2022.

Ever since its debut, Bertsch dreamed of having the show performed with a live orchestra. The stars aligned one night in Spring 2022 when the show was performed at Rosebud School of The Arts.

"Someone in the audience at the talk back asked me what my dream for (New Blood Dance Show) was," she explained. "And I said I think it would be amazing to do it with live music, ultimately with Peter Gabrielle, but with a live orchestra would be phenomenal."

In the audience that night was David Wartman who was, at the time, on the board of directors with the Calgary Civic Symphony; he heard this dream and decided it was his mission to make this happen.

Later that summer, the conductor and artistic director with the Calgary Civic Symphony previewed New Blood Dance Show at Heritage Park and the rest is history

"And here we are a year later doing the show with a live orchestra," Bertsch

If you've never seen the New Blood Dance Show it has evolved since its start to include the stories that emerged of the residential schools and to shed light on this ever-present issue.

"It's exciting to see people being so moved by the story and how we tell it that they want to get behind it," said Bertsch. "He (Wartman) felt that the work that we are doing towards reconciliation is really important and getting the story out about residential schools and how they impacted the Indigenous families in Alberta and Canada.

"Having the live music is especially exciting as it's going to lift the whole thing up to a whole different realm than what we've experienced before."

She is also excited about the technical crew she will have helping her.

"Having the technical support that we will have in that theatre (The Jack Singer) will be really special," she said.

The students have been performing the show every two weeks this whole semester so they are in 'constant preparation' mode. Bertsch is confident the performers will put on a show like no other before.

"We get to rehearse with them (the symphony) only one day, so hopefully it goes smoothly," she said.

This is the roughly the 13th cast of the show since its indoctrination.

"I keep asking students if they're interested in doing it and they keep on coming out." Bertsch said. "My ultimate

New Blood gets ready to hit the stage June 15 at the Jack Singer Concert Hall for a special onenight only performance accompanied by the Calgary Civic Symphony.

Photos Courtesy of newblooddance.net





dream would still be to perform it with Peter Gabrielle singing it. That would be my ultimate dream.

"It will be a new way seeing New Blood. If people have already seen it, they should still come out and see it. This is an amazing opportunity to see the show with live music."

New Blood, with the Calgary Civic Symphony, is on June 15 at the Jack Singer Concert Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40-\$60 and can be purchased online (www.artscommons.ca/whats-on/ccs-new-blood).

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It's a myth that if you wear a T-shirt you don't need to use sunscreen. The material in normal T-shirts will still let 20% of the sun's rays through to the skin. If you are outside a lot, that's enough to damage your skin. There are clothes made with a built-in SPF factor of as high as 50 and they are very protective. However, always use sunscreen on the non-clothed parts of the body.

Red wine contains more tannins than white wine. It is the tannins that are the cause of "wine headaches" not the sulphites wine contains. One way of avoiding wine headaches is abstinence. Another is for each glass of wine you drink, down a glass of water to keep your body hydrated. Another factor is sugar. The sweeter the wine, the greater the headache risk.

People who study eating habits are noticing that those who eat earlier in the day and eat subsequent meals within a 10-hour window appear to lose weight easier and have better glucose and cholesterol test results. They are less hungry, too.

Advances are being made in the treatment of many cancers. The American Cancer Society released data recently that indicated that even the cancer with the lowest survival rate, pancreatic cancer, has an improved 5-year survival rate. In 2021 that rate was 10%. This year it is 12%. It may not seem a huge improvement but for pancreatic cancer it is a great step forward. Better screening and treatments are the reasons.

# **Dueling Piano Kings to debut in Strathmore**

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Victim services is hosting the first dueling piano event to play in Strathmore through their Denim and Diamonds fundraiser

The aim of the fundraiser is to gather the resources necessary to train both staff and volunteers, as Victim Services largely does not receive government grant funding.

"We have not been able to fundraise in the last three years, so that is why we are holding this fundraiser. This is the first time that Dueling Piano Kings have been to Strathmore, so we are really looking forward to this event," said Marilyn Roughley, program manager with Victim Services. "I was recently at a dueling pianos event not too long ago and saw how much fun it was and thought, Strathmore has never had anything like this come to the town, so we thought it would be terrific to do."

The Dueling Piano Kings are Patrick McGannon and Jesse Peters, who have both performed extensively all over the world

Their show is somewhat unique amongst musical performances as there is no setlist or plan. McGannon and Peters take live requests from the audience to play on the spot, letting attendees have a say in their show.

"In the past, we have done a fundraiser for Victim Services, charged separately per person.

but it was a golf tournament and we just thought it would be kind of neat to switch it up and get people dancing and singing and having a great old time," said Roughley.

Victim Services operates in Strathmore, Gleichen, Langdon and Chestermere, and according to Roughley, the team is very excited to finally be able to host an event again after their hiatus.

Over the course of the show, there will be a dinner, silent auction, cash bar and 50/50 draw, with the proceeds being utilized for volunteer training.

"(Fundraising) has a huge impact on training our volunteers. Our volunteers give up a lot of their time and effort to help the community, so we are really hoping that we get quite a few people out to enjoy the evening," said Roughley. "The government does not pay us a lot of money to run our detachments. In fact, we are run out of four communities, so we are stretched pretty thin."

The Dueling Piano Kings will be performing at the Strathmore Civic Centre on Saturday, June 3. Cocktails will begin to be served at 5 p.m. with food being served around 6. Tickets for the event are available through the Victim Services website for \$75 per person.

For those who intend to be drinking, the team is partnering up with Wheatland Taxi to make sure everyone gets home safely at the end of the night. Taxi services will be charged separately per person.

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Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023.

The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

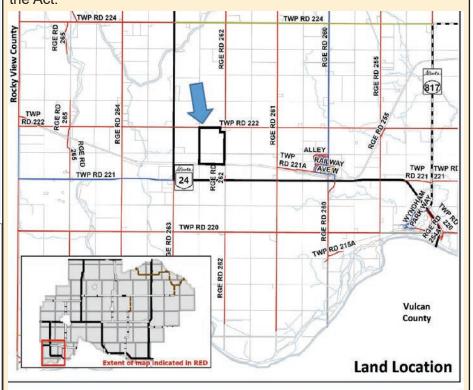
Bylaw #s: 2023-08 and 2023-10

**Legal Description:** 

NE-10-22-26-W4M & a portion of SE-10-22-26-W4M

Proposal: To amend the Goldfinch Industrial Area Structure Plan, adopt a new Area Concept Plan (2023-08), and redesignate the subject lands from Agricultural General District to Intensive Industrial District (2023-10) in order to facilitate the future development of a wallboard manufacturing plant.

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.



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Students of Oku Damashi Martial Arts, and Silverback Martial Arts attended a national tournament, the weekend of May 20, each coming home with at least one medal in their categories, and claiming a spot on Team Canada. The athletes will travel to Orlando in October to compete on the world

> **Photo Courtesy of Tammy Thankachen**

# Local martial artists impress at national championship

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Oku Damashi Martial Arts, a studio local to Wheatland County, sent 11 of their students to compete at a national tournament, and each athlete returned home with a medal.

Dojo Owner, Tammy Thankachen, said she was overjoyed to learn of her students' success over the course of the tournament.

"Nationals was fantastic. I myself could not be there this year because I had a prior engagement, but my son ... went as our head coach and then a couple of our youth stood in when needed," she said. "I can't express how proud I am of these guys. I knew they could do it, I just needed them to believe in themselves. Four of the kids went last year and made Team Canada and I was super proud that they decided to continue to engage each other until a do it again this year."

Regarding the other seven students who attended the tournament to represent Team Alberta, it was their first time going to nationals.

Safiya Chouinard (13) was one of the first-time athletes to make her debut on the national stage this year, who earned a silver medal in continuous sparring for her category.

"I was pretty nervous for my first time, but by the end of it I was pretty confident. My training is going to be a lot harsher on continuous and point sparring in order to get ready for worlds," she said.

Thankachen's students competed in two different categories of sparring - continuous, and point. Continuous sparring, similar to a boxing match, is a timed event during which athletes will

timer runs out. Points are added up at the end of the round.

Point sparring, instead stops fights in between athletes landing clean, legal strikes against their opponent.

Students of Oku Damashi Martial Arts learn a very traditional Japanese style of Karate called Goju-Ryo, which refers to the combination of hard strikes and soft, flowing techniques athletes learn and utilize.

"The four who went last year compared to this year are completely different competitors. You could really see their confidence grow and their skillset was more refined," said Thankachen. "It is a unique, satisfying and proud moment for me to know how well my students can do."

The next steps for Thankachen's students will be to begin their training and preparations to attend a world tournament in Orlando, come October.

Last year, Thankachen and several of her students attended a similar international tournament which took place in Ireland.

"It's about strong mind, strong body and having fun ... My biggest thing for them is to go have fun, trust themselves, trust their skills and trust their training," she said.

Gemma Alce (10), who claimed gold for continuous sparring in her category, is also looking forward to representing Canada in Orlando, for worlds.

"I feel pretty confident that I am going to place in Orlando and I really enjoyed doing Nationals this year," she said. "I feel like I could have done better in my point sparring this year, but I am pretty happy with my continuous sparring."

Thankachen and her students often train alongside another dojo, Silverback Martial Arts, in order to further develop their skills.

# Strathmore to compete for \$100,000 with ParticipACTION

**JOHN WATSON** 

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Throughout the month of June, Strathmore will be participating in the ParticipACTION Community Challenge with the goal of claiming a \$100,000 prize to support local sport and physical activity initiatives.

The ParticipACTION Community Challenge is a nation-wide initiative that is designed to encourage everyone in Canada to get active in June.

For folks who are interested in getting involved, the initiative has been designed to incorporate regular day-today activities, as well as specific efforts to be physically active.

"The goal is to be the most active community in Canada ... we would like the town to get involved and join us, download the app and get their teams going and log all of their minutes," said Lisa Montgomery, manager of the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. "As of June 1, any activity that you do, you can log ... the Top 50 teams are moved into a final selection, and then from there, there are decisions made based on numbers of participants, organizations, and active minutes."

Participants have the option to download the ParticipACTION app in order to participate, or they can record active minutes and activities on a form for the Town to submit on their behalf.

As community wellness is one of town council's strategic priorities, the ParticipACTION challenge fits well with, and supports this imperative.

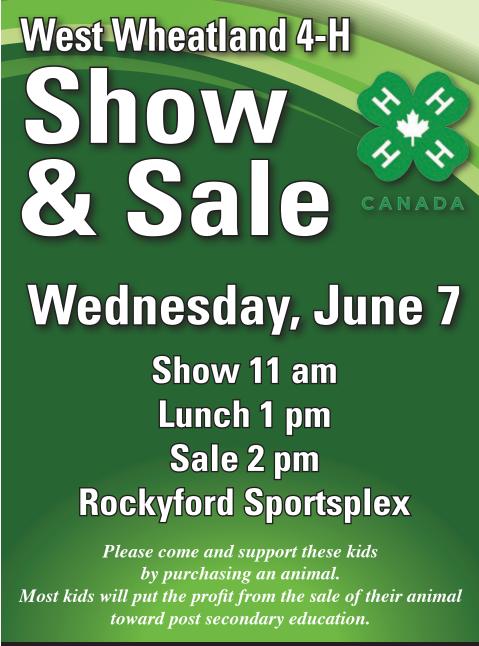
"Celebrating Parks and Recreation Month is part of our Strategy for Community Wellness. The ParticipACTION Community Challenge is perfectly timed to align with this strategic priority," said Budd Brazier, manager of recreation and culture with the town. "This is a win-win for Strathmore. When you have an active, healthy community, it increases quality of life for everyone."

ParticipACTION has made an effort to make participation as easy as possible for residents. Those who are interested can simply download the app off whichever app store is supported on their phone, create their account and register with their Strathmore postal code.

Once logged in, a resident can join their community and start logging their active minutes from anything they get up to, from walking the dog, to vacuuming the house, to hitting the gym.

"Back when it was Heart Month, our challenge was quite well received and people have asked for that to happen again, so I think this is a great way to encourage more people to be active," said Montgomery. "Maybe it could be you are gardening; maybe you are going for a walk with your dog; it is stuff that you can do at your own house or just within the community, along with being able to access recreation centres."

If anyone has further questions or concerns, they may feel free to contact Montgomery through the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre.



**Rockyford 4H Beef Club and Standard 4H Sheep Club** 

in attendance

# Natasha Fyfe steps in as new SWCC Executive Director

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Natasha Fyfe has officially taken over for Scott Silva as the new executive director of the Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC).

She was announced as the successful candidate at the annual general meeting, at which point Silva stepped down to pursue other projects. He remains a member of the SWCC, however.

Fyfe explained she has been very excited about the opportunity to take the reins, so to speak, from Silva and work alongside a new board of directors.

"I came onto the chamber just over a year ago as a director because a lot of our values align with my own personal and professional values, so it was an easy fit for me to be on the board," said Fyfe. "Moving into the executive director role has been really exciting for me, and the transition has been seamless. Scott and I are really close friends, so he has made it a great and easy transition for me."

Outside of the Chamber, Fyfe specializes in networking and business development, working with the Wheatland Crisis Society.

Fyfe added she has a passion for business retention in the community, as well as a love for the local community as a whole.

"I am out in the community a lot as it

is, so it really goes hand in hand with what I am already doing," she said. "Immediately on my agenda ... I am working with Communities in Bloom about a beautification process for downtown Strathmore and there will be more information on that to come."

Generally speaking, Fyfe added she maintains an excitement for getting out to meet local business owners and exploring how best the Chamber can help.

Silva added on his way out, his experience as executive director for the Chamber was extremely fulfilling and rewarding to be able to work with the Strathmore community.

"I was honoured to be elected to

that position for the last year and a half, and with all of my endeavors reaching another level of growth within the community, it was time to look for someone new to pass on the torch to," he said. "The one thing I had mentioned to Natasha and to others is to follow your heart. In a position like this, you are going to have some pushback on some items, but you have to follow your heart, be true to what you set out to do, and stick to your morals and values."

Fyfe described Silva as a capable mentor for her in stepping into her new role and she is glad to have him remain on the team while having "given (her) the keys and letting (her) drive."

# County re-ups support for local libraries

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council has approved the continued support of local libraries, as well as the Marigold Library System throughout the county, following the May 16 regular meeting.

Council has directed county staff to forward contributions totaling \$46,245 to the libraries located within Wheatland County, which include Carseland, Gleichen, Hussar, Rockyford, Rosebud, Standard and Strathmore.

The amounts of funding have been included in the approved 2022-24 Operating Budget, instead of historically being a separate decision which

had to be returned to council for secondary approval.

These contributions are funded through the library reserve, established from the Community Enhancement tax levy. This was originally established in 2013.

The contribution amounts indicated in the report presented to council will remain static for future years unless specifically changed by the resolution of council.

Speaking on behalf of County Administration, Jessica Salmon presented to county council during the regular meeting to address the library funding.

"We appreciate the council's willingness to help fund literacy in the

county. These are all libraries that all function within the county," she said. "I know that Marigold in particular appreciates the willingness and assistance from council."

Salmon herself wrote the funding policy indicated to council during this meeting last year which determined funding amounts and breakdown, as well as how it should be handled regarding council approval.

County Reeve Amber Link said during the discussion she was impressed with the impact libraries are able to make with their use of tax dollars for their respective communities.

"There is significant impact for this – the tax dollars that go into this, and I

think the impact is evident when you look at the number of card holders that this supports and the way that the Marigold system and our libraries are able to take these expenses of tax dollars and the impact they create with that," she said.

The exact breakdown of how grant funding is distributed to local libraries withing the county, the total payable to each library, and the amount granted per cardholder is available publicly via the council meeting agenda for May 16.

Council has committed to making contributions to local libraries to support their efforts and operations on an annual basis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Canada should build their own aircraft

To the Editor

My name is Master Corporal (Retired) Kelly Carter. I served in the Canadian Armed Forces for over 30 years, including as crew aboard two de Havilland Aircraft: the RCAF DHC (de Havilland Canada) CC-138 TWIN OTTER and DHC CC-115 BUFFALO.

I worked within a Special Operations Unit called MAJAID, which supported Royal Canadian Air Force Search & Rescue Technicians (SAR TECHS) for major air disasters. We provided assistance to SAR TECHS on the ground to support the recovery efforts by parachuting into a crash site, securing it from wildlife and looting, providing the necessities of life and medical assistance to any survivors, setting up a Drop Zone, Landing Zone, Extraction Zone (DZ/LZ/EZ) as required, and other duties.

I was amongst hundreds of thousands of Canadian Aircrew who have worked with the DHC CC-115 BUFFALO Fixed Wing Search & Rescue (FWSAR) platform, and was deeply disappointed when it was replaced with an Italian- and Spanish-made aircraft, built in Europe by Europeans – the CC-295 KINGFISHER, still not serviceable and devastated with design issues and flaws. Amongst the many technical issues, it cannot operate in Canadian extreme cold weather conditions!

I have provided the Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Wheatland County council members, including the local MLA and Member of Parliament, warnings about the dirty, filthy, McNasty politics surrounding major aircraft and other procurements with the Federal Public Service Public Works and Procurements Teams. This also includes ministers of certain departments like the Minister of National Defence when large-scale procurements are being considered.

Canadians should be deeply concerned, even scared when they hear about ministers going behind the backs of hard- working Canadians in the aircraft and high-tech industry that supports the Aircraft Industry in Canada.

Ottawa Citizen Investigative Journalist David Pugliese has been exposing many of these procurements and their negative effect on Canada for decades. The Minister of National Defence, Anita Anand, has been recently negotiating a sole-sourced deal with the U.S. for a \$9 billion dollar purchase of new Surveillance Aircraft for the Canadian Armed Forces Royal Canadian Air Force to replace the ageing CP-140 AURORA Surveillance Aircraft.

Many Canadian Aircraft Companies, including high-tech firms that support the industry, have written to the Prime Minister of Canada to ask him to do a fair competitive process so that Canadian companies have a chance of building this aircraft and to use Canadian workers here in Canada. It is no secret that the U.S. has all of their military aircraft, ships, tanks, armoured vehicles, including ground transportation vehicles in the U.S.A., built in the U.S.A., by hard-working Americans.

As Wheatland County starts to build their new de Havilland plant, readies itself to fulfill the current contracts and future contracts to build the most Robust Aircraft in the world for small, medium, and large-scale procurement projects, and the sooner they learn about this game in Ottawa, the better they will be able to protect the interests of all Canadians, all Albertans, and those within the Wheatland County who will be working for and supporting this aircraft industry.

Canadian taxpayer dollars in multi-billion-dollar Procurement Contracts for the Royal Canadian Air Force should be going to Canadian Companies, built by Canadians, with the Canadian workers in those companies spending those salaries in Canada to boost our own Canadian Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and creating Canadian wealth as a country.

Master Corporal (Retired) Kelly Carter Red Deer



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# Winning weekend

U13AA baseball team won two of three home games over the weekend. The defeated the Calgary Cardinals 13-12 on May 27 before a solid 18-5 win over the Calgary Bison (Orange) on May 28. The only blemish on their trio of games was a 15-4 loss to Consort later that day.

Joe Lepage Photos

# Agriculture issues are a concern

MARTIN SHIELDS

Member of Parliament Bow River Riding

We're nearing the end of the Spring session in the House of Commons, but there is always much work to do. I've been focused on my work in the Heritage Committee studying Safe Sport, the fallout from Bills C-11 and C-18, as well as talking about rural connectivity concerning the Auditor General's report. But I've also paid close attention to several agriculture issues that have come to my desk, such as the mandatory use of Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) for long haul transportation, the banning of the dichlorvos insecticide for leaf cutter bee protection, and the proposed changes to the Health of Animals Act by the CFIA. I will try to briefly highlight these issues in this column, but for more information and if these affect you, please email my office. I would like to hear from you.

Mandatory ELD use: Since January 2023, the use of ELDs has been mandatory for long haul trucking. In the agriculture industry however, the use of ELDs can pose a problem for certain time sensitive products such as livestock, produce, or animal byproducts, for example. The electronic log will force drivers to stop their vehicles wherever they may be if they reach the legal time limit for hours of service. In the United States for example, an exemption for "agricultural commodities" exists within a 150-air mile radius. I am working towards achieving a harmonization with the US to provide some type of exemption for Ag products.

Dichlorvos is an insecticide used to protect leaf cutter bees from parasites so they can continue to pollinate alfalfa and canola. Leaf cutter bees tend to be more effective at pollination than honey bees, but the ban on this insecticide has officially come into force by the PMRA. Our crop growers need this chemical to manage parasites in the bee populations.

Finally, the CFIA is proposing regulatory changes to the Health of Animals Act to provide that agriculture exhibitors like fairs, rodeos, 4-H, Ag societies, etc. be required to manage the livestock identification traceability for each animal delivered to their grounds. Rather than the onus being on the owner of the animal as it currently stands, the CFIA intends to bring this burden to the operator of the exhibition. Many of these fairs are volunteer run, and this added red tape would be a significant barrier to many in the industry.

What do you think about these agriculture issues? Send me an email: Martin.Shields@parl.gc.ca

Be sure to follow me on social media and sign up for my e-newsletter to keep up with federal news and updates: Facebook (@MartinShieldsBowRiver), Twitter (@MartinBowRiver) and Instagram (@MartinShields\_BowRiver).

# <u>Obituary</u>



#### CORMIER, Lorette Gaudet

Lorette Gaudet Cormier, 79, of Strathmore, AB, passed away peacefully at the Peter Lougheed Centre surrounded by her family on May 3, 2023.

Lorette was predeceased by her parents, Antoine and Amanda Gaudet, and her brother, Gerard Gaudet.

She is survived by her sister Elise (Denis) Durocher; husband Ronald Cormier; sons Glenn (Jennifer), Guy (Judy), and Gabriel (Michelle); and two grandchildren, Michaela and Gage.

She will be greatly missed.

To send condolences, please visit Lorette's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneral-home.ca

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## <u>Obituary</u>



#### FLEMMING, Elizabeth Josephine February 1, 1940 – May 9, 2023

It is with great sadness, we announce the passing of our loving Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt and Friend, Elizabeth (Betty) Flemming. She was born February 1, 1940, in

New Waterford, Nova Scotia. She passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side May 9, 2023, in Calgary, Alberta. Starting her career as a secretary at Gulf Canada, Elizabeth discovered quickly that the oil patch was where she wanted to build her career. Before long, she became a "Landman", one of the first women in Alberta to hold the job. She also worked for Francana Oil and Gas during her career. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (1307-14 Street SW) on Friday, May 26, 2023, at 2 p.m. There was a live stream of the mass for friends and family who were unable to attend (the link can be found at www. evanjstrong.com). Photos, memories, and condolences may be shared with Betty's family through www.evanjstrong.com. Arrangements in care of EVAN J. STRONG FUNERAL SERVICES. (403) 265-1199.

# <u>Obituary</u>



#### MILBAK, Kevin

It is with great sadness that the family of Kevin Milbak announces that on May 26, 2023, Kevin passed away peacefully surrounded by family at the age of 67 years.

Prior to moving to Strathmore in 2006, Kevin was raised and lived in Standard where he enjoyed work on the family farm and a successful career in the Oil & Gas industry. Hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling were favorite hobbies of Kevin's through the years, but his passion was certainly his cherished Harley Davidson which he was able to take full advantage of after his retirement.

Kevin will be lovingly remembered by his wife Judy of 42 years; his daughter Brandy (Adam) Van Soest of Edmonton; and his son Kirk of San Antonio, Texas. Kevin is also survived by siblings Pam (Chris) Levy and Brian. He was predeceased by his mother Phyllis and father Bert. In addition, Kevin leaves behind extended family, nieces and nephews and numerous friends whom he all cherished.

Kevin began his battle with Rheumatoid Arthritis induced Lung Disease in 2015, and was fortunate enough to receive a double lung transplant April 29, 2022. He was inspirational in his work ethic during post-transplant physio to regain strength and he thrived last summer with his new set of lungs. Unfortunately, his battle resumed earlier this year with post-transplant complications and he succumbed after a courageous fight.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Peter Lougheed Hospital ICU as well as the Pulmonary and Transplant Teams for all their efforts.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Lord of All Lutheran Church, Strathmore at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made directly to Alberta Lung (https://ablung.ca/about) and to consider registering to become an organ donor.

To send condolences, please visit Kevin's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.

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Thank you Joan, our community is lucky to have you!

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### **Notice to Creditors**

In the estate of **KENNETH WILLIAM BILLS**, late of Strathmore, Alberta, deceased.

All claims against the above estate, duly verified by statutory declaration and with particulars and valuation of security held, if any, must be sent to the undersigned before **June 26, 2023**.

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## <u>Obituary</u>



#### VAN BOSTELEN, Martin

On May 19, 2023, Martin Van Bostelen passed away peacefully from an unexpected illness, at Strathmore

District Health Services in Strathmore Alberta. He was 90 years old.

Martin was born September 7th, 1932, in Anna Paulowna, North Holland, The Netherlands to Herman and Sijke (nee Horsman) Van Bostelen. He was the oldest of seven children.

On May 10, 1942, the Nazis invaded the Netherlands,

On May 10, 1942, the Nazis invaded the Netherlands, and Martin became a messenger boy for the Dutch Resistance in his hometown. He would often tell stories of this time, and it shaped his feelings about authority for the rest of his life.

In April 1950, Martin boarded the Volendam with his parents and siblings and sailed to Halifax, Nova Scotia to immigrate to Canada. The family settled in Southern Alberta; first in Nobleford, then Burmis, and finally Coaldale.

Martin moved to Smithers and worked as a logger. He bought a house in town, and his parents moved in to take care of it while he was in the bush. It was at this time that he got his pilot's license.

In 1975, Martin began corresponding with Barbara, a Trinindadian woman working in Vancouver as a nanny. They had common goals, and were married October 15, 1976, by a Justice of the Peace in Lethbridge, surrounded by Martin's family. Soon after, they went to Trinindad and picked up their son Yudi and brought him to Canada.

Martin, Barb and Yudi moved around southern Alberta, following farm work, then settled in Calgary. Alice was born in 1980, and in 1983, Martin, Barb, Yudi and Alice moved to Strathmore, Alberta, because the town had irrigation. Martin remained in that home until the day he died.

Martin and Barb had an open door for anyone in need, and with their propensity for picking up strays - both human and feline - many people called the Maple Grove house home, including Seccora, their adopted daughter. Martin and Barb were also active in the Canadian Reformed Church at Calgary and were known for their legendary picnic lunches at Pierce Estate Park.

After retiring, Martin threw himself fully into his three favourite hobbies: gardening, watching "his" sports (football and curling), and making wine. Sometimes he did all three at once!

When Barb was diagnosed with Alzheimers, Martin became her primary caregiver, with assistance from Yudi, Alice and Seccora. When Barb moved into long term care at Strathmore hospital, Martin joined her for every meal, and played Yatzhee with her before she went to bed. He also became active in The Happy Gang and the Strathmore Legion.

After Barb passed, Martin was heartbroken, and kept her wheelchair beside his armchair and her photos surrounding him until he died.

Martin was a man who lived on his own terms, a skill he imparted to his children. And he died on his own terms as well, quietly and quickly, surrounded by his children, having been able to do what he wanted, when he wanted, all his life.

Martin was predeceased by his siblings Alice and John, his parents Herman and Sijke, his parents-in-law Indirjit and Judhania, his brothers-in-law Shaffic, Raffic, Rajan and Mans, and his sister-in-law Toya. Martin is survived by his children Yudi (Tracey), Alice (Mike) and Seccora, sister Mary, and brothers George (Maria), Neil (Gertrude), and Peter (Sonja), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. He will be sorely missed for his many stories, and his zest for life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Strathmore Legion #10.

A celebration will be held at 1pm on June 16, 2023 at the Strathmore Legion

"So, I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany them in their toil all the days of the life God has given them under the sun." - Ecclesiastes 8:15

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Notice is hereby given that the 2022 Assessment Roll for Village of Rockyford used for 2023 Property Taxation, completed under the provisions of Municipal Government Act, has been prepared and is open for inspection Monday to Friday during business hours of 8:30am to 4:30 pm MST at Village of Rockyford Administration Office located at 110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB TOJ 2RO.

If you have any questions or concerns about your assessment, please contact the Village of Rockyford at 403-533-3950.

Any person who desires to appeal the assessed value placed upon their property must, on or before 4:00pm of August 2, 2023 lodge their complaint(s) in writing, with the fee of \$60.00, to the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board, Village of Rockyford, Box 294, 110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB TOJ 2RO.

Combined 2023 Assessment and Tax notices have been mailed May 25, 2023. If you have not received your combined notice, please contact the Village of Rockyford at 403-533-3950.

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#### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

June 7, 2023 | 6pmRegular Council MeetingJune 14, 2023 | 6pmCommittee of the WholeJune 21, 2023 | 6pmRegular 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

#### **Tour 546 Tradeshow**

Registration for the tradeshow are live! Join the region's largest tradeshow on May 28, and promote your business or industry.

Register now at Swcc.ca

#### **Summer fire safety**

Strathmore is under a Fire Advisory. This means you can still have a BBQ or use your fire pit, but please remember to follow the regulations in place for doing so safely.

Don't engage in any activities that are always off limits, like discarding cigarettes out your window or setting off fireworks without a permit.

Visit Strathmore.ca/FirePits to learn how burn safely.

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- 2. Bring your tag to the Strathmore Recycling Facility and give it to the attendant
- 3. Self-load roughly 10 gallons of compost for your own personal use (BYOB, bring your own bucket)

#### Tax payment deadline

Property tax notices were mailed on May 24, 2023. The deadline to pay property taxes without a 10% penalty is June 30, 2022.

Contact the Town of Strathmore Property Tax Clerk for more information or to sign up for the Tax Installment Payment Plan.

### **Seasonal watering restrictions**

Strathmore follows seasonal watering restrictions to conserve water. From May 1 through October 31, residents should only water their lawns after 5pm, or before 10am.

Watering restrictions do not apply to garden beds and flowerpots when you're hand watering, however these types of plants will also benefit from watering in the evening or early morning.

These restrictions also don't apply to sprinklers attachments and water toys when children are using them – so don't call the fun police!

Learn more about conserving water at **Strathmore.ca/WaterSmart** 

#### Be a part of Canada Day

We're seeking various acts to entertain the crowds in Kinsmen Park on Canada Day. If you're interested in promoting yourself and gaining exposure this is your chance.

Juggling, magic, balloons, comedy and music – if this sounds like you, get in touch with us at

Strathmore.ca/BookaGig

#### **Seniors week is June 5 to June 11**

Senior's week is coming up!

The Strathmore Municipal Library has a full week of free events lined up – including free walking and Aquasize events at our recreation facilities.

Head to **Strathmorelibrary.ca/SeniorsWeek** to get all the details!

