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More racetrack delays

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The case regarding the water management plan for the Badlands Racetrack Development that is before the Alberta Environmental Appeals Board, has been delayed.

According to a release dated April 22, the Board has determined there was insufficient time before the previously scheduled May 16-18 hearing for the Board to provide its reasons and deal with previously presented issues.

The appeal that is before the board protests the infilling of several wetlands surrounding the Rosebud River basin.

General Counsel of the Environmental Appeals Board, Gilbert Van Nes, said that local residents have appealed the development plan with concerns that the water management plan will have adverse impacts on the river, wildlife and surrounding environment.

“The appeal is regarding the Badlands Racetrack Development, but specifically the water management plan that is designed for the racetrack project,” said Van Nes. “The board is only looking at the water management plan, not the racetrack itself. We’re looking at the infilling of three wetlands completely, two wetlands partially and a stormwater management plan.”

One of the issues that has caused problems for the proceedings is the presence of sensitive species within the wetland.

“The Federal government has identified a species of risk in the area — the Bank Swallow — and published some technical information regarding the protection of Bank Swallow habitat,” said Van Nes. “That is one of the new pieces of information that is going to have to come into the hearing and that is one of the reasons we have been delayed in our hearing process.”

Van Nes added the delay is in part due to the current workload of the Environmental Appeals Board, as well as a result of a court decision from a year ago which changed the rules of who may appear in front of the appeals board.

The case regarding the water management plan is effectively the first case in which the new rules are being applied, according to Van Nes.

“Once we reset the hearing date, within 30 days of completion of that hearing date, the board will provide a report and recommendations to the Minister of Environment and then the Minister of Environment will make the final decision,” said Van Nes.

As a result of appealing to the board, there are ultimately three outcomes which may occur. The first, being that the water management plan is deemed acceptable and will proceed unhindered.

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Hiking for a new hospice!

The Wheatland & Area Hospice Society is hosted their fifth annual Hike for Hospice fundraiser on May 1 at Kinsmen Park. Runners hit the pavement shortly after the noon opening ceremonies to raise money for a new hospice. See Page 5 for more coverage.

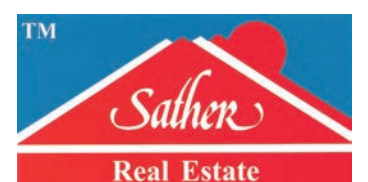
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SWCC begins implementing Digital Economy Program

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) is excited to be implementing its Digital Economy Program with Community Futures Wild Rose (CFWR).

According to Scott Silva, executive director of the of the SWCC, the program aims to help local businesses establish and maintain a stronger online

presence and to modernize their operations.

“The Community Futures Wild Rose, in partnership with the Town of Strathmore, Wheatland County and Strathmore Chamber of Commerce was able to get funding to be able to offer a complimentary cell service to all of our local business community,” said Silva. “What it is, they’ve been able to hire digital service specialists (DSS) who are able to get out and help increase the

digital footprint of our businesses, whether that means Google listings, any Google information, website updates, social media footprints, or helping them get online engagement.”

As an example, for an existing business that does not sell online, they may be assisted in setting up an online e-commerce presence through Shopify.

Silva said it will allow local businesses to explore different concepts which may have been

too daunting or intimidating for some folks to take on by themselves, prior to the implementation of the program.

The grant that was acquired will fund DSS partnerships with businesses for up to 12 months to see them through the modernization process.

Silva said the goal is to get up to 40 different businesses between Strathmore and Wheatland County signed up for the program. By day two of the program launch, Silva said he estimated 10 businesses to

be already enrolled.

The cap at 40 businesses was based on the funding that was made available for the 12 month long program.

“We’re excited to get it out there and even those that have hesitation or reservations, the idea is this is the opportunity where you get to learn everything at no cost or expense to yourself,” said Silva. “It’s a great learning tool, even if you’ve been down the road once. It’s always good to get a refresher.”



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Demo days

Demolition of the old Leroy's Motor Inn in Strathmore began during the last week of April. Once the site is cleaned up, the old motel will be replaced by the Strathpoint Shopping Plaza, which will be anchored by a gas station and a Wendy's.

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Strathmore Municipal Library welcomes new Director

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

For the next 16 months, the Strathmore Municipal Library is under new direction, as previous Director of Library Services, Rachel Dick Hughes, steps aside for her maternity leave.

Anayo Ugboma has been hired as Dick Hughes' replacement on contract, beginning his tenure in the position on April 19.

"I was part of the hiring committee. The board had three members on the committee and then they invited me to join, which I really appreciate. It's an interesting thing to hire somebody to replace yourself, but I think Anayo has a lot of qualities that I really appreciate," said Dick Hughes. "He is very open to hearing what staff have to say and to their input and he is very community minded, very partnership minded, which I think will suit this library really well."

Ugboma comes to Strathmore following a position at the Hinton Municipal Library and brings a decade of library management experience with him.

Ugboma has worked in both academic and public libraries for the past 10 years in Japan, London and in Alberta.

"I think it's more of access to information. Growing up, I didn't have that, but this is something I've wanted to have (and) always struggled with growing up — gaining access to information," said Ugboma. "Having an interest to access information, that was really the big thing for

me and that was the reason I went to graduate school."

Dick Hughes explained she felt Ugboma was the strongest applicant who showed an interest in taking over for her and she was impressed at how he had managed the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in his previous position.

"I think he will have different strengths than me in some ways, so I'm excited to see that unfold while I'm away," said Dick Hughes. "He really is passionate about the library serving the needs of the community, which is always important to us and to the board. I think he will keep a very strong community focus to library services."

Ugboma explained his first week on the team was primarily focused on getting to know Dick Hughes, the staff at the library and the many volunteers who help out around the facility.

Prior to her leave, Dick Hughes added there will be many things to be excited about that involve the library, which will now be overseen by the new interim director.

"Our early literacy programs are growing, our book club is moving to having in-person events which is really exciting and then we're looking at the fall for more adult and teen programming opportunities," said Dick Hughes. "We're doing a lot of partnerships with different organizations in town that I think will provide more opportunities for things for people to do."

Ugboma is on contract to occupy the position as interim Director of Library Services until September 2023.

Strathmore Theatre Players Guild presents Mama Mia!

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Theatre Players Guild (STPG) is preparing to finally present their performance of "Mama Mia!" now that COVID-19 restrictions have lifted.

Jette Brown, director and designer of the show, said the cast and crew originally started preparing to present the show in 2019.

"We didn't realize what a big project it was that we took on and how long the project would be. We started planning this in 2019, started rehearsals at the end of 2019 in the fall and we were proposing to perform it in April and May 2020," said Brown. "We worked through four months of rehearsals when COVID-19 shut everything down in March 2020. We postponed the production - the costumes had been created and the set had been

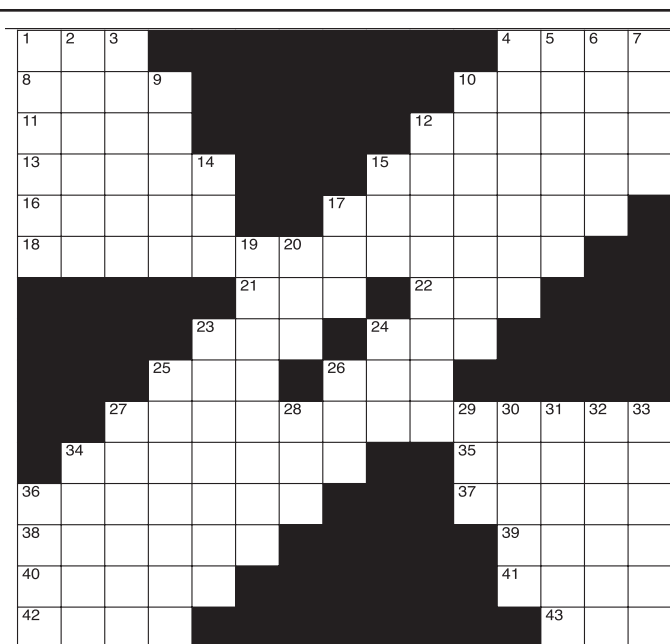
partly built and painted."

By the time major closures had been set in place and it was known that the production of the show would not move forward, there were only weeks before the curtain was set to lift on opening night.

Now that the show is to go on, there will be eight performances over a two-week period, beginning May 4 at Hope Covenant Community Church.

"Having devoted, apart from the gap of two years in the middle, I've spent four years with this at the back of my mind, or at the front of my mind. It will be an absolute joy to see it performed in front of a large audience," said Brown. "Hopefully ... all the cast will receive the accolades that are due them because they have done a fantastic job getting this production up and running."

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A power of perception
- 4. Slotted hinged metal plate
- 8. Popular crop
- 10. Siamese fighting fish
- 11. Larval crabs
- 12. South American mammal
- 13. Occur as a result of
- 15. Slavic language
- 16. An electric underground railway
- 17. Transporting
- 18. A direction
- 21. Opposite of start
- 22. Mock
- 23. People love and hate it (abbr.)
- 24. A people of Myanmar
- 25. A Queens ballplayer
- 26. Southern Thailand indigenous person
- 27. Famed actress
- 34. Thin strips
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Ridiculed
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. Came down
- 39. Indian religious god
- 40. "Bewitched" actress Moorehead
- 41. Leak through slowly
- 42. Buzzing insects
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Skin condition
- 2. Earlier
- 3. Right away
- 4. Vomiting
- 5. Go to
- 6. "The Police" frontman
- 7. Bullfighting maneuver
- 9. Pacific island
- 10. A system of algebraic notation
- 12. A room used for the activities of a group
- 14. The longest division of geological time
- 15. Car mechanics group
- 17. A barrel of liquid (abbr.)
- 19. Bound to do
- 20. Explosive
- 23. Ridicules
- 24. Adult male
- 25. Military personnel
- 26. French and Belgian river
- 27. Found in the sea
- 28. A share lost in default (abbr.)
- 29. Type of medication (abbr.)
- 30. City on the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They're in martinis
- 33. Get away
- 34. Wampum
- 36. Lacking brightness

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United Church bringing back markets

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Strathmore United Church is excited to once again begin hosting markets selling donated wares twice a year, launching with a vintage and treasures market this spring.

Arlene Wahl, market coordinator and member of the church, said the upcoming vintage sale will be a little bit different than previous markets, but by fall it'll be business as usual.

"It's in the church and we have it usually every time we have a thrift sale. We have it in conjunction and its treasure items," said Wahl. "They cost a little bit more than your typical garage sale items. They're a little special like china and silver and lots of really nice vintage items."

Strathmore United Church was previously unable to host its markets for the past few years due to ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19. Now that provincial and local restrictions are lifted, they are excited to welcome people back.

Wahl added the church is, at the moment, overstocked with items they intend to sell back into the community, due to a build-up of items over the duration of the pandemic.

"We haven't had it for a couple years and so we have been storing all of the vintage items up. People donate to us and we have asked them to hold off until we are able to have the sale," said Wahl "Because of COVID-19, we have not been able to hold a sale in the church and these items are too precious to be outside. Now that we are able to have a sale inside the church, we are going to have it in May."

Visitors will not be required to don masks when visiting the sale, but the church does request that people sanitize their hands upon entry and numbers of people inside will be limited at any one time.

Wahl expects that folks in the community will be eager to drop in and see what's up for grabs. She is confident that attendance numbers will not have dwindled despite the time having not hosted an event.

"There are a lot of people who are in need in this town

... the vintage sale, the items cost a little more and there's a fairly specific group who will attend that, but the thrift sale in the fall is a different kind of market and the prices are very reasonable."

Wahl added that a significant part of the demographic who show up to the thrift sales are young mothers in the community who are shopping for their little ones.

"The community has been waiting and waiting for these sales to start up again," she said. "It impacts so many people where they can purchase things at a reasonable price and we can give back to the community."

In the fall, Wahl said the market will be much more extensive, including clothes for all demographics, shoes, purses,

home wares, decorations, books, white elephant items, etc.

The church has already begun accepting donations for the thrift sale in the fall. Donations should be in good repair and those who are thinking about sending something in are asked to not send in anything that they wouldn't be prepared to purchase themselves.

The Vintage and Treasure Sale is scheduled for May 6-7.

No date has currently been set for the fall thrift sale.

SWCC boasts productive AGM meeting

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) is excited to announce some of the happenings from their Annual General Meeting (AGM).

According to Executive Director Scott Silva, the SWCC is well on track for significant growth targets and has engaged positively with local partners from throughout the county.

"We've been able to activate our strategic growth plan, which really involved not only engagement with our business communities but offering new resources and incentives and making them readily available," said Silva. "We have our strategic email campaigns that go to our membership, to alliances with large industry and service providers — everything from helping to reduce point of sale costs for our business members, to business and internet and then of course our health benefits."

Silva added that the SWCC has currently achieved a roughly 30 per cent growth target, which is effectively working to offer operational efficiencies and cost reduction for local businesses.

Additionally, Michelle Bissett (Scotiabank), Ryan Carriere (Rocking R Guest Ranch), Natasha Fyfe (Wheatland Crisis Society), Whitnee Montgrand (104.5 More Country & StrathmoreNow), and Evan MacLeod (Parenting Littles) have joined the board.

"It's just really good to see a lot of the community engagement from not only existing residents and business owners, but from new ones as well," said Silva. "All in all, we have

a nice new, diverse group coming into the chamber and we've got a fresh set of eyes because none of these directors have been involved in the board before."

The SWCC is also looking to establish a partnership agreement with the Town of Strathmore and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Wheatland County.

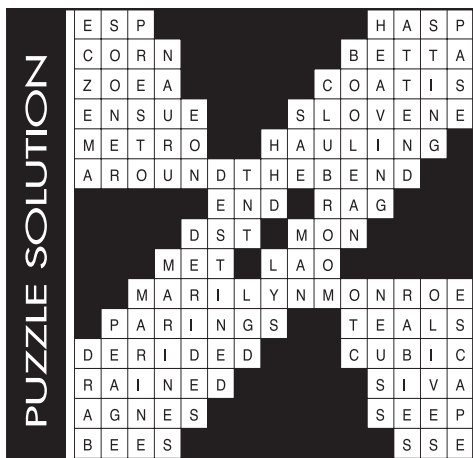
Silva explained those agreements will comprise part of the SWCC's funding requirements and projections for the next year and help to meet some of the organization's strategic goals.

He added he was excited by the resounding success of the Tour 564 program.

"Tour 564 was an amazing success. Hayley (Poirier) did an amazing job being the steward for that campaign and also for that funding from the grant."

"Tour 564 has been great, we have gotten great feedback, a lot of exposure and now it's all going to dovetail into our regional trade show which we are very excited about."

Following Poirier's departure as acting chair of the board, a new chair will be appointed during the May meeting of the SWCC.



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Racetrack water management plan appeal hearing delayed

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The second is that the plan may continue but must be altered to meet the will of the board and the Minister of Environment.

"The other option is, the water management plan (being) canceled, then the Badlands Racetrack Development would have to reapply to Alberta Environment with more significant modifications to take into account whatever concern was that saw the appeal being cancelled," explained Van Nes.

He suggested, however, that it is extremely rare for an approval to be canceled. Instead, the majority of the time it is either approved as presented, or changes are made.

Van Nes was unable to speak to the potential environmental impacts which may be caused by the infilling of the wetlands in question.

There will be a meeting between all parties on May 16, at which time a date will be established for when the hearing will continue.

The public will be allowed to attend via video conference upon request prior to the start of the appeal hearing. Following the appeal, the audio will be made available to anyone who requests it.

Bow River Riding shows solidarity and its giving spirit

MARTIN SHIELDS
Member of Parliament Bow River Riding

Municipalities and residents in the Bow River riding have once again shown our hospitality, kindness, and generosity in supporting Ukraine and its people. Through several charitable initiatives, Bow River has stepped up to raise money, send essentials, and raise awareness about the devastation the Ukrainian people are living through as we speak.

Canada is home to the second largest population of Ukrainian diaspora (that is, immigrants or Canadians with Ukrainian heritage) around the world – over 1 million people in fact. Nearly 10 per cent of Alberta's population is part of Ukrainian diaspora.

Furthering our efforts to support humanitarian relief is important to so many of our neighbours, and I commend all those who have given their hard-earned money and time for this

cause.

Just a few examples of local initiatives to support Ukraine in the Bow River riding;

- May 8th Food Trucks for Ukraine in Chestermere at the John Peake Park
 - Chestermere Mobil Mart gas station donating a portion from gasoline sales (April 2nd, 9th)
 - Strathmore Fire Department donating firefighting gear to the Firefighter Aid Ukraine Program
 - Dobre Food and Catering Strathmore Ukraine Red Cross Fundraiser (April 3rd)
 - Brooks Trinity Lutheran Church dessert fundraising auction (April 23rd)
- Through initiatives like these and others, I am proud of our communities coming together.

I also wanted to give a special congratulations to the Hockey Marathon for Kids held in Chestermere raising money for pediatric cancer research – over \$875,000 – and setting a Guinness World Record to boot!

With 261 consecutive hours of hockey played, 40 players, and alternating up to 18 hours a day on the ice, the perseverance and dedication for this cause is unmatched. The participants, organizers, and donors to the hockey marathon serve as an inspiration to us all. Congratulations on many days of hard work and thank you for your efforts in raising money and awareness for such an important cause.

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Hike For Hospice returns

The fifth annual Hike for Hospice was hosted at Kinsmen Park on May 1 to raise money for the society. Upwards of 100 people came out to walk around either Kinsmen Lake, or throughout the community to show their support for the organization.

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Notice of Public Hearing **May 18, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 14-11 to clarify regulations, improve safety around sea cans, align the regulations with Provincial and Federal law, and to reduce red tape. Many of the proposed amendments are housekeeping amendments.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed Bylaws may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB), or can be found on the Town website (<https://strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/public-hearings.aspx>). Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, commencing at 6:00pm with procedures in

accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #16-18 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Johnathan Strathdee at johnathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 11th, 2022 in order to register to present.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Planning and Development Department prior to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 11th, 2022 as outlined in Bylaw #16-18 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.



Local volunteer recognized for 30 years of service

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

In time with National Volunteer Week, the Strathmore Municipal Library hosted an event to honour its volunteers and to celebrate the most veteran among them.

Pat Frederick was recognized during the event for 30 years of volunteer service at the library. A poster bearing her name and recognition will now hang prominently within the facility.

"I'll often joke that she volunteered longer than she worked in her life, which is incredible, but it's very hard to imagine the library without her," said Rachel Dick Hughes, on-leave director of library services. "We're definitely going to miss her, she's been a huge part of the library. She was also part of the inspiration for our visiting library service because she would deliver books to older people in the community who she knew who couldn't get to the library."

Frederick began working with the library in 1961, working two three-hour shifts per week. According to Dick Hughes, Frederick only decided to re-

tire fully from service in December 2021.

"It's been a treasure working with all these wonderful people all these years. I've seen a lot of changes — we certainly didn't have any computers, (they) were unheard of," said Frederick. "My first job was straightening shelves ... and I learned a lot just from seeing those same books twice a week."

Humbled by the event, Frederick said she didn't feel she deserved the recognition, though appreciated the gesture, nonetheless.

She explained she got her start with the library after seeing an ad looking for help that was placed in the Strathmore Standard and quickly came to love the job.

"The people made me feel so welcome and I felt as though I was being a help. I wanted to do something to pay back the community for as good as they were to me and this was one way of doing just that," said Frederick. "I really appreciate everything that everybody has done for me and I'll never forget them all."

Dick Hughes said for the occasion, she and her staff wanted to do some-



Pat Frederick was recognized by her peers at the Strathmore Municipal Library for her 30 years of volunteer service for the facility. She officially retired from volunteering at the end of 2021, though still often returns to the library to check out books. She was presented with flowers and a poster bearing her name, which will hang in the library to recognize her commitment to service.

John Watson Photo

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Mama Mia what a show

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This will be the first time the STPG has presented Mama Mia! The team has, however, performed musicals in the past, such as "Kiss me, Kate," and "The Sound of Music."

Two of the performances of Mama Mia! will be special sing-along shows, as Brown points out, it is "very difficult for people not to sing along."

"It's such a lively, joyful experience. It's just fun to be involved in the production, so we just want to share it with an audience," said Brown.

The show will run from May 4 until the 14 with each show beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Hope Covenant Community Church. Tickets can be purchased online through Eventbrite.



The Strathmore Theatre Players Guild are finally able to put on their rendition of Mama Mia!

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thing special for Frederick, who is apparently something of a local celebrity to the library community.

"Pat resigned in December and we really wanted to do something. Of course, when I approached her about it, she said we didn't have to, but my staff would mutiny if we didn't acknowledge her in a really big way," said Dick Hughes. "Now that it's National Volunteer Week and we could (meet) in person, we wanted to acknowledge all our volunteers, they are all really valuable, but ... I don't know if we'll ever see a 30-year volunteer again."

Though no longer helping with the library, Frederick said she is still an avid reader and continues to sign out books whenever she is able.

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Strathmore RCMP are reminding residents to Lock-It or Lost-It following several thefts from vehicles.

- Locking your vehicle doors is a quick and simple way to help prevent this crime.
- Hide loose change inside the vehicle where it can't easily be seen and take all items of any value with you when leaving your car.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended.

Strathmore RCMP ask residents to help do their part by ensuring their property is properly locked.

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YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE
Gord Morck Pharmacist
Capsule Comments

There has been much information about the importance of vaccinating children and adults against COVID. But it's also important not to forget to vaccinate infants and children against all the other diseases like mumps, chickenpox and measles. One hundred years ago, before vaccinations, one in five children died before the age of five. Vaccines work. Parents, check your children's vaccination history and ensure it's up to date.

Heart disease and stroke accounts for 32,000 deaths of women in Canada, second only to the number who die from cancer. Most women are unaware of the threat of heart disease. It's important to be know the symptoms of a heart attack. Some women have no symptoms but others may have dull, heavy or sharp chest pain, pain in the neck or jaw or throat or pain. Call 911 for immediate help.

Work is being done worldwide to find out why some people just don't get COVID-19. These people are called the *Never Covid cohort*. Research so far has suggested that this group has a higher level of T cells, cells that are part of the immune system created from exposure to other types of viruses like the common cold. Since the average person isn't aware of his T cell level, vaccination is the surest way of protection.

If you were one of the people who took advantage of "Weedless Wednesday" in January to quit smoking and are now a non-smoker after four months, congratulations!

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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 10: Municipal Planning Commission

May 17: Council Meeting

June 7: Council Meeting

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted. Agenda packages can be found on our website.

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242006 Range Road 243, Wheatland County

Attention Wheatland County Property Owners



The 2022 Tax and Assessment notices were mailed April 21, 2022. If you do not receive your notice by mid May, please contact the County office.

A reminder that taxes are due June 30, 2022, and complaints related to your assessment are due June 28, 2022.

If your address has changed, please call the County office or visit our website for instructions on how to change your address.

Phone: 403-361-2029

Website: www.wheatlandcounty.ca

Careers with Wheatland County

Available opportunities include:

- **Community Peace Officer**
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- **Accounting / Administrative Assistant - Summer Student (Seasonal)**
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- **Information Services Assistant - Summer Student (Seasonal)**
Closes May 13, 2022



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2022 Gravel Pit Sales

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Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Seedling Program

Now accepting applications!



The 2022 Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Seedling Program is open and accepting applications.

This program offers support to landowners in planting seedlings including drip irrigation and mulch materials. Wheatland County will pay \$2.50 per plant up to \$1000 for seedlings, and 50% up to \$500 for drip irrigation or mulch materials. GST and shipping costs are not eligible for funding.

An application form and information about available funding opportunities located as follows:
<https://wheatlandcounty.ca/fundingopportunities/>

Change of Mailing Address

In 2021, Canada Post changed over 1400 addresses in Wheatland County from rural route addresses to civic, or 911/blue sign, addresses.

If Canada Post changed your mailing address, please contact us to ensure your tax account is up to date.

2022 tax notices were sent April 21, 2022, and it's important to have the correct address on file, as non-receipt of the tax notice doesn't exempt you from late penalties.

To change your address:

- **Online:** Visit www.wheatlandcounty.ca, click on 'Taxes' and select the 'Change of Mailing Address Form'. Please complete the form and email it to tax@wheatlandcounty.ca.
- **Email us at** tax@wheatlandcounty.ca.
- **Call** the County Office 403-361-2029.
- **Visit** the County Office at 242006 Range Road 243.

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

We usually only accept address changes from the Land Titles Office, but due to the changes made by Canada Post and delays at the Land Titles Office, we will accept changes directly from property owners until July 2022.

If you have not received your tax notice by mid-May, please contact the Wheatland County Office. Taxes are due June 30 and late penalties will be applied on July 1.

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



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County approves funding for hamlet community structure repairs

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

County council has voted to approve funding grants to Gleichen and Carseland through a program designed to replace the Community Regional Infrastructure Services Program (CRISP).

On Feb. 16, 2021, county council approved the Hamlet Community Facilities Funding Grant Program policy, establishing the grant program aimed at providing support for community non-profit organizations.

This year marks the second year that the new funding program has been in place and is operating with an approved budget of \$204,000.

"This program was set up to replace the CRISP and these community groups in these two hamlets were the ones who received this CRISP funding, so that policy just covers those two," said Dave Rimes, community services coordinator for Wheatland County.

County administration had previously notified community associations in Gleichen and Carseland that the County was accepting applications for funding and received applications from both groups prior to the March 31 deadline.

Included in both applications was a summary of what the funding would ultimately be used for within the respective buildings used by the associations.

Based on the summaries, county administration recommended the approval of \$27,160 for the Gleichen and District Community Association, which matches the ask detailed in the application.

Per administration's report to council and the application from Gleichen, the grant funding would be used to cover the expenses incurred by Insurance, security systems, utilities, upgrade of toilets and bathrooms to meet accessibility requirements, cooling fans for the main hall and kitchen and an out-

side security light.

Administration also recommended the approval of \$98,908 for the Carseland and District Community Association and Agricultural Society, again matching the requested grant.

Carseland detailed their projected use of the funding, which includes: structural upgrades for the buildings, shop mudjacking concrete slab to ensure structural stability, hall upgrades to eaves troughs, painting, replacing carpet and exterior doors, replacement of the recreation center's exterior door, all facility fire safety maintenance and repairs, engineering and construction management costs for developing a sports complex area for the rodeo in-field, construction costs for stripping, grading and material for a rodeo in-field.

The total combined requested and approved grant funding totals \$126,068, which was approved by council without opposition.

Local communities gather together to give back

LEELA SHARON AHEER
MLA Elect for Chestermere-Strathmore

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. I wanted to share something that profoundly touched my life with you this week. As an elected official, I am privileged to spend time with so many of you inside and outside the riding. I learn so much from our conversations as we try to help solve some of the problems and issues, I find myself continually humbled.

This week, I met with the Chestermere Chamber and their incredible board to honour our hard-working and inspired businesses in the City of Chestermere. They, of course, honoured our beautiful brother, Alex Halat, for his incredible volunteerism and organization of the Longest Hockey Game. They also honoured our brother, Steve King, who we lost too early on March 12, for his incredible work with therapy dogs. Also, the Hike for Hospice held their very successful event in Strathmore as they work to help those of us with loved ones who require palliative care. Something we can all relate to.

This past Sunday, as Ramadan came to a close, I was honoured to be invited to help hand out meals at the Drop-In Centre in Downtown Calgary with the folks of the "Love with Humanity Association," who had already distributed 500 meals by the time I showed up. I was taking a picture of these extraordinary gentlemen when I heard a scream behind me. A young woman

had collapsed from an overdose. Her lips were purple, her tongue swollen and she had a faint pulse. I swept her mouth for obstructions, turned her on her side and held her as she was, I later learned, clinically dead. We were about to start CPR when the amazing and beautiful folks from the Centre came rushing out and gave her the fourth dose. Apparently, she had been previously dosed with three needles of Narcan (naloxone). The young woman went from purple and so close to death to pink and breathing within minutes. She is beautiful and she is alive. I'm not sure where everyone sits in the discussions or your individual opinions on misuse of substances and misuse of substance treatment, but this day has changed me forever. Harm reduction is a real thing and many governments and organizations work hard every day to save lives, but what was profound for me is the dignity of every life. I sat on the ground with this beautiful lady, surrounded by strangers working to save her life: volunteers, staff and her friends. She had utterly crumpled when she fell, her legs were behind her back, and we worked fast to untangle her so she could breathe. We almost lost her. The opioid crisis is real, and these people are real. I have been volunteering as a musician at the drop-in centre since it opened and I've never experienced what I saw, felt and learned. These extraordinary people save lives in that way every single day. What will stay with me forever was the staff gath-

ering around me to see if I was, ok? Did I need to talk about what I had just seen and then they ran the scenario from the top so I could understand what had just happened. Then the program coordinator explained to me that though she had a pulse, she was clinically dead, and no amount of CPR would have helped. The staff explained that sometimes it takes up to seven vials of Narcan to revive a person. They do this every day. Overdose management and the work that goes into helping folks find sobriety is hero's work and believe me, these folks are heroes. We all have family and friends who are impacted by misuse of substance. We all know someone who is struggling. Our empathy, humanity and compassion are part of the solution to dealing with and healing from the disease of misuse of substance. I am grateful to see the work being done. I will continue to advocate for services to help those in need, but these folks need your help. Whether it's hospice, the Children's Hospital, or those trapped in addiction, your generosity, either through volunteering or dollars, is saving lives and helping families.

I will never forget the generosity that I have seen this week. This is the Alberta we all know and love. Thank you for all you do to build our communities and let's rally around those who need us.

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

Local RCMP warns public of high-risk offender

STRATHMORE RCMP

In the interest of public safety, Strathmore RCMP are issuing the following information and warning, regarding the release of Trong Minh Nguyen on April 21, upon completion of his sentence. Nguyen was incarcerated for conspiracy to commit murder and counseling an indictable offence which was not committed.

Nguyen (38) is described as: Vietnamese male, 170 cm (5'5"), 59 kg (130 lbs), with

brown hair and brown eyes. Trong Minh Nguyen has been convicted of previous offences including firearms offences, assault of a peace officer and failing to comply with his release conditions.

The RCMP is issuing this information and warning after careful deliberation and consideration of all related issues, including privacy concerns, in the belief that it is clearly in the public's interest to inform the members of the community of the release of Trong Minh Nguyen. The RCMP be-

lieves that there is a risk of significant harm to the health and safety of the public.

Members of the public are advised that the intent of the process is to enable members of the public to take suitable precautionary measures and not to embark on any form of vigilante action. Anyone believing that a crime has been or is about to be committed is encouraged to call police. If the matter is felt to be of an urgent nature, please call 911 to report the location and circumstances.



Obituary



HEBBES, Roger Barrie
August 6, 1928 ~ April 23, 2022

Roger was carried peacefully home to Glory on April 23, 2022.

He lived at a time when the economy was extremely slow, and was taught to be thrifty. As a child he felt unloved and sad. The family attended church in a private home every Sunday and the service included singing. He became a believer when the congregation sang, "Jesus loves me, this I know. From then on he knew and firmly believed that the Lord Jesus always loved him, and that was his confidence until he passed away.

Roger was born August 6, 1928 in the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary and grew up on a farm near Carseland. He received his Public and High School education there. Roger was an excellent student. His recall ability was fantastic - and he always seemed to have a book, magazine, or newspaper in his hands and kept up to date on a wide number of subjects, naming a few - it would be from biblical, ancient, present history, politics, cars, cars, cars!

He worked various jobs after high school, but then also managed to obtain some Bible College training at Prairie Bible Institute, and graduated from Berean Bible College in Calgary. Around that time, he realized that his parents needed help on the farm, and dedicated up to fifteen years helping them, thus discouraging special career training for himself. However, he did find opportunity to seek employment and with his bible college education was able to step into a Social Work position up in High Prairie, Alberta. Roger really loved the career of helping and advising people, which were two of his strong points. This job later got him connected with a Government position. He continued with the job until the Social Credit government was defeated.

Roger returned to Carseland, and settled there, and bought some real estate which he kept improving. He met and married Lois Berg, a nurse from Saskatoon, who was working in Calgary, and she then commuted after their marriage. We had a wonderful marriage for forty-three years, and spent many weekends hiking, and just sight-seeing. We also did some traveling. With advancing years comes advanced problems and on February 10, 2021, Roger being a diabetic with it's problems, needed to have an above knee amputation; a very difficult and stressful surgery. He did quite well, although painful with spasms and phantom attacks again he rallied, but after a little more than a year and two months his old symptoms returned and slowly he went downhill and passed away April 23, 2022, at 10:30 p.m. However, we do believe that he is now safely in Heaven, made whole, and has two legs. Roger leaves to mourn his loving wife Lois, his sister Audrey Agar, and also numerous nieces and nephews, and friends. He was predeceased by his Dad and Mom, Hugh and Alecia Hebbes, his brothers Murray (Dulcie) and Bud (Anne) Hebes, and brother-in-law Don Agar.

Thanks to the hospital staff for the care given, and special thanks for the support given by Dr. O'Brien. A Funeral Service will be held at Mountain View Funeral Home (Arbor Chapel, 1605 100 Street SE, Calgary) on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. with viewing beginning at 1:00 p.m. Burial to follow at Mountain View Memorial Gardens. To express condolences, share memories, and access the link to the virtual funeral service stream, please visit: www.mountainviewmemorial.ca

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COMING EVENT

There will be a celebration of life for **Guy Boisjoli** on Sunday May 15, 2:00 PM at the Indus Community Center

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

NOTICES



2022 NOTICE OF WEED CONTROL TREATMENTS

The Western Irrigation District will be controlling broadleaf weeds along it's right of ways for the 2022 irrigation season. The District will use 2,4-D, Milestone, Clearview and Glyphosate for weed control on driving banks and reed canary grass control along canals. This spray program will be starting in April of 2022 and will continue to the end of the irrigation season.

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 2022 irrigation season. The Canals will be treated with Magnicide H (Acrolein, Inhibited) to control the growth of aquatic weeds and algae.

YEAR 2022 AQUATIC TREATMENT LOCATIONS AND DATES
May 16-20 June 6-10 June 27-July 1 July 18-22 Aug 8-12 Aug 29-Sept 2 Sept 19-23

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)
Glenrose lateral at the split/head gate and downstream (NW 34-24-24)
From Rge Rd 262 (SE 10-25-26) road crossing to the end of Standard and Glenrose laterals

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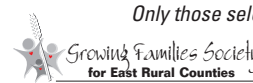
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Jocelyn Hastie - our Keynote speaker brought us laughter and self-awareness with The Cowgirl's Code

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Our many volunteers who made this event possible, including the employees of Connect First Credit Union who served a fantastic lunch made by the Strathmore High School.



Strathmore Theatre Players' Guild and the The Strathmore Performing Arts Festival who presented us with an outstanding sample of what they are all about.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

