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## Community group funding

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore will be deliberating several funding requests from local community groups, prior to the beginning of 2024 budget discussions.

Presentations were heard by the Committee of the Whole, Oct. 25. In 2022, the town changed its budget processes to host a community delegation night to hear requests prior to the start of the greater budget.

This move was made in order to better inform the town's budget on any given year and streamline the process for groups getting approved. This also gives the town a better idea of how much it will be spending to support various local groups and organizations.

In 2023, more than \$800,000 was provided to more than 20 different community groups throughout Strathmore.

Community groups requesting funding from the town were required to state the type of program or service they will be delivering, what the funds will be used for, and the dates of programs or services that will be delivered.

Groups were also asked to identify the number of persons who may be participating in the programs or receiving services, and to explain why their case is important and unique from any other similar groups or services already provided within the local region.

Further, financial statements were required from applicant organizations, their budgets, as well as any additional information which may have been relevant to their applications.

A total of 10 different community groups presented before council during the community delegation night. No decisions regarding who would receive funding were finalized during the meeting.

Town administration will bring back the requests into the 2024 budget deliberations at a later meeting of council.

STARS were the first organization to appear before council during the meeting to request \$14,339 to support their operations throughout 2024. STARS performs emergency rescue and life-saving operations for those in need of immediate care and transport to the nearest hospital. This year's request is \$4,339 greater than last year.

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## Fright night!

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society got into the Halloween spirit by hosting their annual Fright Nights Oct. 27-29. Folks were able to drop by and enjoy games, a beer garden, pumpkin carving, a haunted house, food trucks and much more. See Page 5 for more coverage.

Joe Lepage Photo

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Sheila Clark was recognized by Direct Energy as a finalist for their Volunteer Citizen of the Year award. As a result, Direct Energy donated \$500 on her behalf to the Strathmore Meals on Wheels, which she has been volunteering with for 37 years.

Photo Courtesy of Sheila Clark

## Strathmore local recognized as Direct Energy Volunteer Citizen of the Year finalist

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Direct Energy awarded Strathmore Meals on Wheels \$500 on behalf of local, Sheila Clark, in prize for being selected as a finalist for their Volunteer Citizen of the Year award.

Beginning in 2004, Direct Energy partnered with the Alberta Weekly Newspaper Association (AWNA) to establish the award, and recognizes volunteers annually.

"We partner with the AWNA every year to try to showcase individuals living in all the local communities— more so the rural or smaller towns serviced by the AWNA network, and find the great people who are doing awesome things in these communities," said Dan Smith, director of marketing and creative with Direct Energy. "We do our own advertising to let people know across Alberta that they can nominate their friends, their colleagues ... and folks out in the community and we also get the word out through all the local newspapers and solicit those nominations."

The winner of Volunteer Citizen of the Year is awarded \$5,000 to donate to the charity of their choosing on an annual basis following nominations and the selection process.

Smith explained due to the record high number of nominations this year, as well as a feeling that several were

deserving of recognition, seven finalist awards were created, each being awarded \$500.

"I never saw the advertisement, I think it was my daughter ... who saw it and thought this would be perfect for Meals on Wheels if we could get some extra money," said Clark. "She applied for it and fortunately, we are in the runners-up. I went online and saw who the big winner was, which was interesting, and I'm quite pleased that we at least got on the runners-up list."

Clark explained she moved to Strathmore in 1983 and has been volunteering with Meals on Wheels since 1986.

"I went from delivering meals, to being on the executive. I have been everywhere from treasurer to secretary to president and that's where I have been sitting for the last 20 years or so," she said. "The organization itself, we are very fortunate we have never had to do a big fundraiser because we pay what the hospital charges us ... and with this extra money that we have been getting, we have been able to give a benefit to the people who are getting meals; we have been charging them less."

Smith added Direct Energy will be continuing to recognize finalists through its award program, as well as the Volunteer Citizen of the Year. For 2024, nominations will open again in June. Smith hopes to once again see a record number of nominations.

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# Calgary woman deceased after being struck by vehicle in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A Calgary woman suffered fatal injuries as a result of a collision with an oncoming vehicle in Strathmore, Oct. 20 while attempting a crossing at a marked crosswalk.

According to Staff Sgt. Mark Weilgosz, Strathmore RCMP, the collision occurred at approximately 7:43 p.m. and RCMP members were called to respond at the intersection between Thomas Drive and Brentwood Drive.

“Our members attended to find that a pedestrian who was crossing within the crosswalk had been struck by a vehicle that was travelling southbound,” said Weilgosz.

The pedestrian was a 38-year-old woman, who was a resident of Calgary. She was transported to hospital by Emergency Medical Services and was pronounced deceased as a result of her injuries from the collision.

Weilgosz explained RCMP were not in a position to release the identity of the victim as of Oct. 25, though it was indicated efforts from RCMP had been made to contact and notify the woman’s next of kin.

“On the evening in question, the weather was not adverse – in fact it was fairly warm out, there was no snow cover yet, it had not snowed yet, however, it was in the darker hours of the evening,” he added.

“From what we can gather, there were no overt unusual factors present in the collision itself. Our collision analyst did attend the scene to conduct an investigation and scene examination.”

Weilgosz said RCMP will determine what, if any, charges are appropriate in relation to the collision following the conclusion of the scene examination.

The driver of the vehicle is reported to not have been physically injured as a result of the collision.



Strathmore RCMP and EMS responded to a collision involving a pedestrian and a vehicle at the intersection of Thomas Drive and Brentwood Drive, Oct. 20. The pedestrian, a 38-year-old woman from Calgary, was taken to hospital where she was pronounced deceased from her injuries. Police have not released her identity, though have made efforts to contact her next of kin. No charges regarding the incident have yet been laid. Photo Courtesy of Bryce McCormick

“Incidents such as this are always tragic and unfortunate whenever they occur. I think the only advice I can really give is – and it is not specific to this matter itself, whether you are a motorist or a pedestrian, I think it is useful for everyone to remain vigilant of their surroundings, and certainly give motorists space ahead of you as you are approaching intersections or crosswalks,” said Weilgosz. “We want to make sure that everyone is observant of the rules of the road, but also as pedestrians we are aware of our surroundings to ensure that everyone can be safe on the roadways.”

Strathmore RCMP have released no other information regarding the incident prior to publication.

# Strathmore locals publish third children’s picture book

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore locals Rew and Sarah Jones have published their third children’s picture book, which was made available to the public, Nov. 1.

Titled, *A Day When Nothing Happened*, Rew Jones said the story is about a little boy whose mother tells him the family is going on a nature hike, and he replies, saying nothing ever happens on a nature hike.

“This one came from Sarah’s imagination first and foremost, and was just really inspired by getting out for family walks and enjoying our surroundings. We love to go out on family hikes and stuff, and so it is a good chance to share some of the benefits and joy that can come out of that,” said Jones. “(The boy) is dragging his heels a little bit, but then he gets out there and he discovers the wonder of being out in our natural world and the chance to bond with the family and all of those things.”

Jones added he and his wife have six children together, and are often inspired by wanting to share positive experiences with and for other families – in this instance, creating reading material for occasions such as bedtime stories.

*A Day When Nothing Happened*, he explained, was largely written a couple of years ago as a first

draft, and has been a priority for the duo to publish when an opportunity arose.

“The last couple of years, I have been quite busy doing work in the locations department in the film industry, but as the whole film industry went on strike for a few months ... it gave us a chance to focus down on our books again for a bit and get this one out there,” he said. “We use our production company also as a small publishing company, but essentially, we are self-publishing. That is what we have done with our last two books, and we have sold over 2,000 copies. We are excited to see that hopefully continue to grow.”

Jones explained much of, particularly his wife’s inspiration to begin writing and publishing stories, began when her school as a youth was visited by Martin Godfrey, who at the time had stated to the school, anyone can be an author.

“I think some of those lessons that we learn back when we are kids and just the way our imaginations develop helps shape things for years to come, so if we can help put stories of hope and kindness and joy in kids at a young age, I think that’s critical,” he said.

*A Day When Nothing Happened* has been made available online through Amazon, as well as locally in person at Lil Hoots.

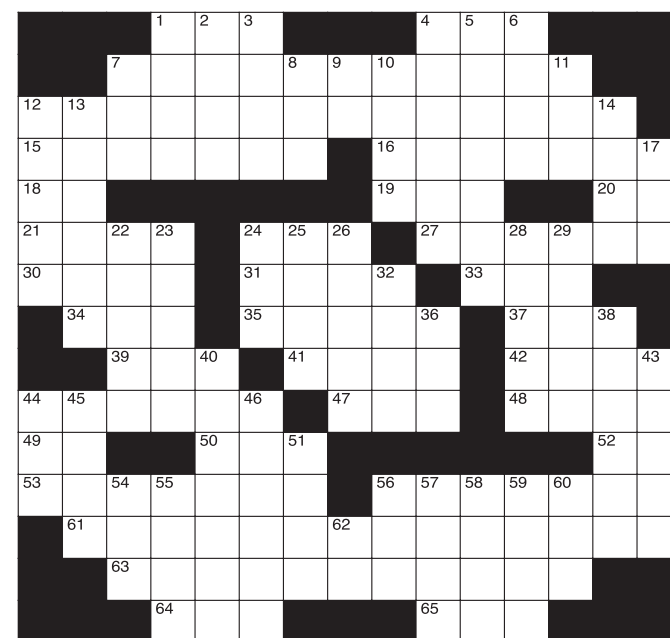
## Season of giving

With the holidays fast approaching, the annual Operation Christmas Child is kicking into high gear. Children from Costa Rica, shown here, received gifts from last year’s campaign. You can do your part by



dropping off shoeboxes in town at the Strathmore Alliance Church, 325 First Ave, Strathmore. The drop-off is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13-16, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 18 and 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 19.

Photo Courtesy of Frank King



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A way to drop
- 4. Bits per inch
- 7. Ghosts
- 12. Presents
- 15. Noises
- 16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
- 18. Elevated railroad
- 19. A way to drench
- 20. The Tarheel State
- 21. Lilly and Manning are two
- 24. Where golfers begin
- 27. Harvester
- 30. Unit of subjective loudness
- 31. Jewish calendar month
- 33. Dash
- 34. Armed conflict
- 35. Daisy \_\_: Broadway actress
- 37. Jump
- 39. Get free of
- 41. A written proposal or reminder
- 42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
- 44. African country
- 47. Cool!
- 48. Used to treat Parkinson’s disease
- 49. \_\_ route
- 50. Ed Murrow’s home
- 52. Lethal dose
- 53. Give cards incorrectly
- 56. A treeless grassy plain
- 61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
- 63. In an incisive way
- 64. Mark Wahlberg’s screen partner
- 65. Criticize

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
- 2. A domed or vaulted recess
- 3. Trade agreement
- 4. Larger
- 5. Edged
- 6. Data
- 7. Something curved in shape
- 8. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 9. Farm state
- 10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
- 11. Short-term memory
- 12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
- 13. Honor as holy
- 14. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 17. Company that rings receipts
- 22. City in Finland
- 23. Small finch
- 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 26. Very willing
- 28. Partner to “oohed”
- 29. Turntable
- 32. Major Hindu deity
- 36. Move head slightly
- 38. Plain-woven fabric
- 40. Die
- 43. Shipped as cargo
- 44. Something highly prized
- 45. Individual thing or person
- 46. Humbled
- 51. Speak indistinctly
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Financial obligation
- 56. Green vegetable
- 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 58. \_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Singer Charles
- 62. Camper

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### Golden game

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks Jr. B volleyball team came away with gold in their home tournament Oct. 27-28. The Hawks played a third set against Webber Academy and brought home the win.

Manny Everett Photo

# Council discusses community group funding for 2024

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The Strathmore Municipal Library Board requested \$407,056 from council, an increase of \$65,806 from last year. The funding would be used to staff the library, support library programs and research, as well as for community partnerships and collaborations throughout the year.

Wheatland Society of Arts once again requested \$40,000 from council, exactly the same as last year in order to continue keeping the doors open, and to provide affordable arts programming within the community.

The Growing Families Society made two funding requests to council, on behalf of 5 for Life, for \$10,000, and Bridging the Gap, for \$18,100. This funding would be utilized in order to continue programming such as Mother Goose in the Park for supporting early childhood development within Strathmore. The Growing Families Society did not receive approved funding from council last year.

Strathmore Musical Arts Society requested \$12,000 of council, from having not received approved funding last year, in order to facilitate the ability to keep spectator prices to view and support programs down.

True North, formerly the Wheatland Crisis Society, which did not receive approved funding from council last year, requested \$318,376 to assist with the construction of 37 affordable apartments for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence. It is also noted that other levels of government are apparently more willing to fund endeavors such as this when the local municipal government has also provided some support.

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society has once again requested \$10,000 from council for the operation of the Celebration of Lights during the holiday season. This request is for the same amount of approved funding which was received last year.

The Strathmore and Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society requested \$5,000, the same as last year's funding to support the purchase of food such as turkeys to fill the hampers for clients.

Strathmore Overnight Shelter Society requested \$50,000, an increase of \$40,000 over last year, to accommodate additional staffing at the shelter for both client and staff safety purposes, as well as to support food, utility, and shelter operational expenses.

The Kakato'si Ayongman Foundation submitted a request to council for an unspecified funding amount in order to support the idea of a 2024 Lead By Example Powwow. In 2023, \$10,000 was budgeted for the event, which was its inaugural celebration at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. The Foundation is aiming to be able to make the powwow an annual event in Strathmore. Communities in Bloom and the Strathmore and Area Inclusive Friends, which had each made funding requests in 2023, did not apply for further support from council in 2024.

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**Thought for the Week**

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*Could it be there is a purpose in the process of our lives, and might it be called preparation?*

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### ALL SAINTS DAY

It is not as well-known nor as broadly observed as the celebration that occurs the night before, on All Hallows Eve – or as we commonly shorten it, Hallowe'en. Nor is it marked by the over-consumption of candy. Nevertheless, the celebration of All Saints Day is an important focus in several branches of the Christian faith. While many exemplary Christians of the past are recognized on their own individual days, like St. Patrick in Ireland or St. Jean Baptiste in Quebec, All Saints Day is about celebrating ALL the saints, including especially those whose sainthood is known only to God.

At its core, the celebration of saints who have gone before us serves two purposes: first, to provide examples of what the life of faith looks like, not unlike what the writer of the letter to the Hebrews

does in Chapter 11; and second, to encourage us to continue to place our faith in the God who enabled such extraordinary feats in the saints of old, which is the focus of the opening of Chapter 12 of Hebrews. Borrowing strongly from those themes in Hebrews, song writer Jon Mohr captures both emphases in his song 'Find Us Faithful,' made popular by Steve Green:

Becoming a saint, even an exemplary saint, is not a super-human endeavor, nor is it about achieving fame for oneself. Rather it is about pointing others, and ourselves, to the God who, having begun a good work in you will be faithful to complete it – the God who, by his power at work in us is able to do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine.

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# New opportunities arise

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Strathmore's own Connor Kautz is exploring new athletic opportunities as he has caught the eye of scouts from Luge Canada at an RBC Training Ground event in March.

The 15-year-old hockey player will attend the RBC Training Ground National Final in Toronto, Ont. in December.

Connor participated in a free qualifier event in March of this year in Calgary where he was selected by Olympic talent scouts.

"Our family loved the Olympics," recalls Connor's mom Jenilee Kautz. She remembers how they noticed the RBC Training Ground advertisement and knew as a family it would be something their children would be interested in trying.

When they applied for the Training Ground in January of this year the family's expectations were modest, hoping that he would have "a fun opportunity and another great way to meet some kids – really expecting nothing to come out of it. An opportunity to learn and try something new," said Jenilee.

In September they got an email from the RBC Training Ground committee congratulating Connor on his accomplishment of making it

as one of the Top 100 athletes that shows Olympic potential and earning a spot in the finals.

Connor is a diverse athlete across the board, playing badminton, track and volleyball at his school, Holy Cross Collegiate. He is also a member of the Wheatland Raiders U16AA team. Connor is eager to try to balance all of his sports interests for the time being.

Connor will be attending the finals on his own, leaving on Dec. 1, his 16th birthday.

"He will be celebrating his birthday with his new friends," said Jenilee. She explained that having family attend the finals is more of a distraction to the athletes as the weekend is very busy with numerous activities on and off the track.

"Getting to attend the RBC Training Ground final is the greatest moment I've had so far as an athlete," said Connor. "I was pretty excited and

I'm really looking forward to Toronto and having a good experience with RBC."

Overall, Connor is excited about his December trip.

"I would be nervous, but I have a buddy (Damon McEvoy) going too, so that kinda takes the nerves away, so I'm not as nervous as I would be," he said. "I'm more excited now for it."

McEvoy is also participating in the luge.

"Connor exhibited very good physical testing scores, so we invited him to a camp where he could try our sport and where we could see if that raw ability might translate to Luge," said Mike Lane, Junior National Head Coach, Luge Canada. "We were excited to see that he had proficiency in learning all of the Luge skills. He also had the fastest time among



Connor Kautz will take part in the RBC Training Ground finals in Ontario on Dec. 2. Kautz will be participating in the luge activities, hoping to make the Final 30 as a prospective Olympic athlete.

Photo Courtesy of Jenilee Kautz

all the new athletes in the ice house, and won all of his head-to-head paddling matchups."

A new season of RBC Training Ground will be launching in 2024; people can read more about the RBC Training Ground and seeing the list of participants online.

## Halloween fun

There were plenty of things to see and do for the entire family as the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society hosted their annual Fright Night Oct. 27-29. The next event the Ag Society is working on is the Celebration of Lights later this month.

Joe Lepage Photos

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Gord Morck Pharmacist  
**Capsule Comments**

This is another reminder to get your COVID-19 booster shot when it's offered. The virus has not disappeared and the new variants can still seriously affect one's health. The effects of Long COVID-19 are still being researched but reports from those who have it say it's not much fun.

Did you know that muscle mass and strength peak around the age of 30 to 35 years of age then it's downhill from there on. After the ages of 65 to 70 the pace of decline speeds up and one's balance and flexibility decreases. For those over 65, it's important to keep the body moving. Try to work in exercise into your daily routine. About 150 minutes per week is recommended.

The enamel of our teeth is very hard... somewhere between steel and titanium. It's the mineral content of the enamel that gives it its strength but drinking acidic drinks can leech these minerals away. Curtailing soft drinks is a good first step. The pH (measure of acidity) of these drinks like cola drinks are very acidic and even some cranberry juices are acidic. If you must have a soft drink, rinse our mouth thorough after drinking.

UBC chemistry department researchers are working on robotic testing equipment that can test a sample of drugs to see whether there is any harmful amounts of drugs like *carfentanil* or *fentanil* in them. The hope is that this equipment will give results in 15 minutes and tell drug users whether the drug mixture will kill them or not.

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## Upcoming Meetings

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

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**November 14: Municipal Planning Commission**

**November 14: Public Presentation Committee**

**November 14: Committee of the Whole**

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### Wheatland County Fire Ban Lifted

Effective October 24, 2023, the Fire Advisory for Wheatland County has been LIFTED.

In light of a change in weather conditions, the Fire Advisory in Wheatland County is now lifted. Please note that a fire ban may be reinstated if conditions change or deteriorate.



To obtain a fire permit, visit our website: <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/firepermits/>

Prioritizing fire safety is essential for everyone. Please be fire safe!

### Agricultural Service Board Calls for Members-at-Large

Wheatland County invites applications for "Members-at-Large" to the Agricultural Service Board (ASB). The ASB is a special committee appointed by Wheatland County Council to address agricultural concerns within the municipality. Their work primarily involves the development and evaluation of agricultural policies and programs to fulfill the specific needs of Wheatland County. Ideal candidates should have a strong understanding of various agricultural areas, reside in or own property within Wheatland County's boundaries, and commit to attending four board meetings per year. Furthermore, they should be willing to participate in other ASB-related committees and take part in the Regional and Provincial ASB Conferences.

Membership appointments may be decided by the Wheatland County Council during the Regular Council Meeting on November 21, 2023, for a three-year term, with the possibility of reappointment. The current board membership consists of both Councillors and Members-at-Large, and the composition of the board going forward will be determined at the Organizational Meeting. Wheatland County Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

The application deadline is November 15 at 4:30 pm.

For further information or to submit your application, please reach out to George Bloom, the Manager of Agriculture & Environment at Wheatland County, through email at [george.bloom@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:george.bloom@wheatlandcounty.ca) or by phone at 403-361-2006. Alternatively, you can submit your application in person at the Wheatland County Administration Office, located at 242006 Range Road 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4.

For more details and to access the application form, please visit our website at <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/news/>



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### Public Hearing

Wheatland County Council Chambers November 21, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023.

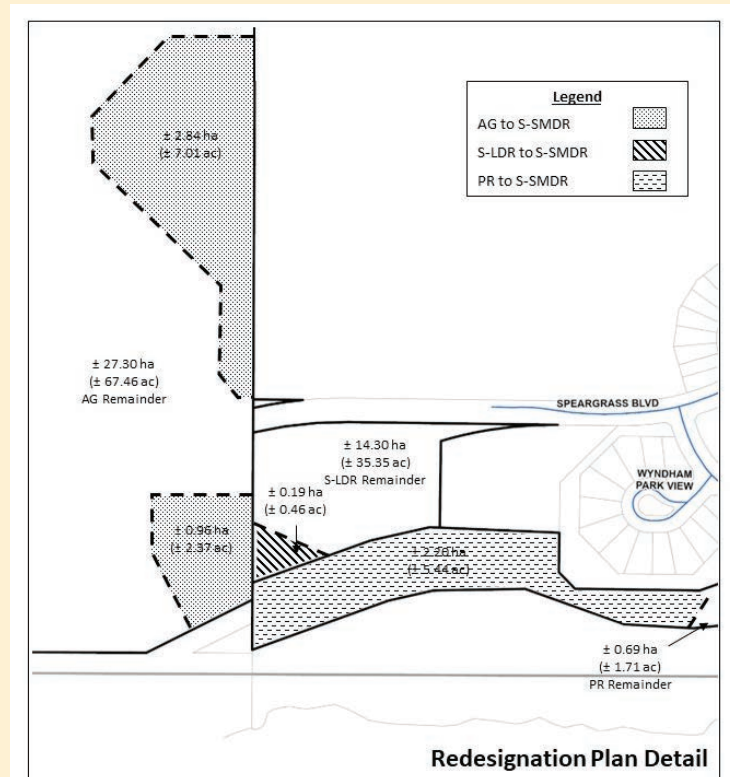
The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

**Bylaw #:** 2023-14

**Legal Description:** Lots 2 & 3, Block 1, Plan 0211957 within S-5-22-25-W4M, and a portion of SW-5-22-25-W4M

**Proposal:** To redesignate portions of the subject lands from Agriculture General District, Parks and Recreation District, and Speargrass Low Density Residential District to Speargrass Special Medium Density Residential District in order to facilitate a future boundary adjustment, allowing for the reconfiguration of the Speargrass Golf course and the construction of a driving range and practice facility. The subject lands include:

- ± 3.80 hectares (± 9.38 acres) of SW-5-22-25-W4M,
- ± 0.19 hectares (± 0.46 acres) of Lot 2 Block 1, Plan 0211957, and
- ± 2.20 hectares (± 5.44 acres) of Lot 3 Block 1, Plan 0211957



**Lots 2 & 3, Block 1, Plan 0211957 within S-5-22-25-W4M, and a portion of SW-5-22-25-W4M**

**Redesignation Proposal:** To redesignate portions of the subject lands from Agricultural General District (AG), Parks & Recreation District (PR), and Speargrass Low Density Residential District (S-LDR) to Speargrass Special Medium Density Residential District (S-SMDR) in order to facilitate a future boundary adjustment, allowing for the reconfiguration of the Speargrass Golf Course and the construction of a driving range and practice facility.



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.

# Wheatland Kings lose fourth in a row

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Kings losing streak extended to four games after a 4-2 loss to the Coaldale Copperheads Oct. 29 at the Strathmore Family Centre.

According to head coach Doug Raycroft, the team needs to put in a solid team effort to be successful.

“We just did not start the way we wanted to, and we were short some players too ... I really felt like the second half of the second period and most of the third, our effort was much better, but ... if you do not play 60 minutes, you are giving up a lot of chances,” he said. “We (were outshot 38-20) tonight. Whenever you have those kinds of stats coming against you, you know you have not played very well.”

Similar to some of the sentiments from last season, Raycroft said he wants to see the most effort possible from his team for the whole 60 minutes of game time.

The other problem currently faced by the Kings is being down players due to suspension or injury. Sunday’s game saw only 10 forwards and five defensemen rotating on and off the ice.

“Some of the guys, their confidence is pretty low, so there were a lot of scoring opportunities that guys just lost the puck when they usually would not,” said Raycroft. “The pass is right on the stick and they got a chance to shoot and they lose the puck. That was happening quite a bit. It is just, to me, a lack of confidence.”

He explained whenever a team is going through a tough time or a losing streak, the trick is to rely on hard work and giving that little bit extra until the team works itself out of the streak.

The Kings will be kicking off November on the road against Okotoks on Nov. 3, before returning home the following day (8 p.m.) to host Medicine Hat.

According to Raycroft, the team needs to be at its best against the Top 2 teams in the South Di-

vision.

“I do not feel we have played our kind of hockey the last two weekends, and that kind of hockey is where we move the puck well and we play fast ... I do not think we played that way at all in the last couple weekends,” he said. “It is a long year, there are going to be ups and downs in any season, we are not panicking. Last year, this group lost 10 in a row ... in the grand scheme of things, it’s been a couple bad weekends for sure, but there is no reason to hit the panic button yet.”



## Rising to the top

The RISE U12A scored four goals in less than seven minutes to open the game en route to a 10-3 win over the Calgary NW on Oct. 29 at the Strathmore Family Centre.

Joe Lepage Photos



**Chantelle de Jonge, MLA**  
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The Wheatland Kings squared off against the Coaldale Copperheads at the Strathmore Family Centre Arena, Oct. 29. After scoring the opening goal at the end of the first period, the Kings were ultimately defeated 4-2. The Kings are now on a four game losing streak, and will next be facing the Okotoks Bisons, Nov. 3.

John Watson & Joe Lepage Photos



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# PREMIER AUCTIONS



# Snow White comes to town

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

The Strathmore Theatre Players' Guild is gearing up to present their fall show, *Snow White - a Pantomime* Nov. 3-5 at the Hope Community Covenant Church in Strathmore.

Pantomime is a stage production designed for family entertainment, with more modern pantomimes including songs, gags slapstick comedy and dancing.

"Pantomime is intended to be very family-friendly and silly and fun and take something like Snow White – a fairy tale that everybody knows – and throw in some pop culture references and jokes and audience participation," said Tashina Mackenzie, a long-time member of the guild.

She explains that the fall performance is very family-friendly.

"It's great for kids because the kids are supposed to shout at the bad guy, they're supposed to



cheer for the good hero or heroine and they're supposed to argue with the character on the stage who is obviously saying something that isn't true," she said. "It's very engaging."

The actors have been hard at work for about six weeks by the time they are ready to perform on Nov. 3. The cast and crew have been practicing three times a week up until opening night.

"It's quite a group effort," said McKenzie.

She said that sometimes crew members are doing multiple roles such as acting as well as stage design or lighting, for example.

*Snow White - a Pantomime* will run

the first three weekends in November at the Hope Community Covenant Church in Strathmore: Fridays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17 at 7 p.m. nightly. Saturdays, Nov. 4, 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 5 and 12 at noon and 2 p.m.

For ticket information people are encouraged to visit their website at [www.strathmoreplayers.ca](http://www.strathmoreplayers.ca) or find them on social media @strathmooreplayers.



## Perfect prep

The Holy Cross Collegiate held a prep rally for their fall sports teams on Oct. 27. Student athletes in volleyball, cross country and golf were celebrated and introduced to the student body. The school's marching band played during the introductions and student council threw out Halloween candy to the crowd.

Joe Lepage Photos

# Town continues Cemetery Bylaw amendment discussions

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore passed second reading for bylaw 23-31 during the Oct. 18 regular meeting of council, though the bylaw remains divisive amongst members.

The bylaw is the town's cemetery bylaw, which governs the operations, maintenance, and enforcement of the facility in conformance with the Cemetery Act.

Discussions regarding the bylaw were

introduced to council, Oct. 11, during the committee of the whole meeting by Donna McCallum, operations manager for the Town of Strathmore.

At the time, she had informed council the last time the bylaw was discussed had been in 2019, and updating it would provide a host of improvements to the town's operation of the cemetery.

According to administration, which was presented to council via their public agenda, there are challenges to administering all the activities required

to manage the cemetery, as the current bylaw is not clear and has loopholes.

The amendments proposed within the bylaw include several definitions of terms outlined in the document, as well as multiple policies.

Coun. Brent Wiley, after hearing McCallum address changes made to the proposed bylaw following the Committee of the Whole meeting, motioned for council to direct administration to once again bring the bylaw back to a future committee of the whole meeting.

"Graveyards are interesting places and then there is our bylaw, and I think what it is doing when it continues to rattle uniformity ... that is boring, and so I think I am just philosophically opposed to the direction that this is taking," he said.

Wiley's motion was defeated by council following discussion in a vote of 5-1 against. First reading of the bylaw was passed in a vote of 5-1 in favour, with Wiley voting against.

Coun. Melissa Langmaid motioned for council to give second reading to Bylaw 23-31 as amended by administration.

The amendments mentioned through Langmaid's motion came before council in the agenda and needed to be read into the record of the meeting, and were not amendments she proposed.

Following discussion, second reading was passed by council for second reading of the bylaw, following editorial amendments to the bylaw, making minor amendments to some of the policy language.

As per the Town of Strathmore's policy, council was required to vote to give unanimous consent to have third and final reading for the bylaw in the same meeting at which the first two readings were read.

Unanimous consent to have third reading was not given, thus the bylaw will return to council for further discussion during the Nov. 1 regular meeting.

# Library hosts Halloween Spooktacular with WYN

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library was excited to host a Halloween Spooktacular event, in partnership with the Wheatland Youth Network (WYN), Oct. 27 for local youth to enjoy.

According to Laura Henderson, assistant director of Library Services, the event consisted of a series of activities set up around the program room which participants could go around and complete, as well as try to win a prize at the end of the event.

"When they complete each station, they get a stamp, at the end they are entered for a draw, and everybody goes home with a little prize," she said. "What is unique about this one is that the Wheatland Youth Network Youth Subcommittee is spearheading this program. One of the members approached me and she was wanting to do a little bit more substantial volunteering at the library."

Henderson explained the WYN youth took the lead on the program, as well as operating the stations set up for visitors to participate at.

Though the library has operated similar programs in the past, Henderson explained nothing quite like this year's Halloween Spooktacular has been set up before.

"It is really unique and a great oppor-

tunity for youth to be in a leadership role in the community, working with other youth in the community," said Henderson. "We did at one point have a teen advisory council that was part of the library and they helped with some things but they had not gotten to the point of running programs."

The WYN aims to help youth ages 11 to 24 in accessing mental health resources, which includes natural supports such as libraries, schools, and opportunities to participate within the local community.

Henderson added providing local youth with another opportunity for a leadership role within the community seemed like a very unique and different way for them to be excited and involved.

"We do partner with the youth network in other ways, and we have been for a while now, but having the youth lead aspect is new and I would really love to build on this," she said.

Henderson explained she would be extremely open and excited to see and discuss with interested youth the possibility for them to lead more library programs in the future and build off the event.

The Spooktacular ran from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. in the library program room, similar to many other events held on "Flex Fridays" with folks from the community having been invited to drop in at any time to participate.



Joe Lepage Photo

## Tiering time

The Strathmore Storm Tier 2 team lost 9-4 to Medicine Hat on Oct 29 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The league is capping off its tiering round this coming weekend before their official divisions are set for the season.

# Report card for Canada's senior governments

CHANTELLE DE JONGE  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

On Oct. 24, the distinguished C.D. Howe Institute released its Report Card for Canada's Senior Governments, 2023.

According to this year's report card, which grades the ability of governments to provide strong economic management and fulfill budget promises, Alberta's government earned an A+, while the federal government barely earned a C-. And that trend is expected to continue, with the Institute predicting that "Ottawa will get a C next year and Alberta will top the class again with an A+."

Our United Conservative government's prudent fiscal policies have allowed Alberta to top the charts in fiscal accountability, resulting in Albertans having the best take-home wages in the country, paying the lowest taxes, and having more economic freedom and opportunity than their provincial counterparts. While others – especially the federal government – have faltered, Alberta is standing tall.

With a new legislative session beginning this week, this recognition of our province's remarkable track-record is timely. Receiving the highest possible grade from a top Canadian research

institute reflects our government's commitment to making life better for everyday Albertans. As we embark on this new session, our United Conservative government remains committed to keeping life affordable, growing and diversifying the economy, fixing the health care system, and standing up against hostile policies from Ottawa.

Last week, good news came for Alberta's livestock producers, who are vital to our province's economy. It has been a tough growing season with challenges due to dry conditions causing many of our farmers and ranchers to face extraordinary costs. To help them through this difficult time, the governments of Alberta and Canada are partnering on a 2023 Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance response. Funding for this joint AgriRecovery initiative is cost-shared through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, with the federal government providing \$99 million and Alberta's government providing \$66 million. Program details are still being finalized with the Government of Canada, and more information will be available soon.

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 100-year-old veteran remembers the fallen

To the Editor

I lost my right arm on Oct. 18, 1944, while serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in Italy. I was staked at a farmhouse that had a children's treehouse located nearby. In the treehouse was a sniper who kept shooting at our boys. A tank then came which shot out shells, the shrapnel hitting my right arm.

When I returned home from the war, I joined The War Amps and have been a member ever since. This Association was started by First World War amputee veterans to help each other adapt to their new reality as amputees.

Having just recently turned 100, I am reflecting this Remembrance Day upon all those who served in my regiment

and never returned home. Their absence weighs on me and it is essential that we keep their memory alive. I take comfort in knowing that The War Amps and its young members will continue to keep spreading the message long into the future.

The sacrifices of those who served (and continue to serve) deserve to be remembered and honoured. Each Remembrance Day serves as a poignant reminder of the tremendous price paid by these brave individuals. Their selflessness and courage continue to resonate, and it is our duty to ensure that their legacy endures.

Lloyd Brown, 100  
Member of The War Amps

### Stop wasting time

To the Editor

Here is an open letter to the Alberta Government. You should stop wasting your time and taxpayer money promoting the development of an Alberta Pension. The majority of the people of Alberta do not want one.

You of course already know this or you would have had the proposal for an Alberta Plan as part of your election platform. You have identified no problems with the Canada Pension Plan that you are trying to fix. Your justification for an Alberta plan is to reduce what Albertans and/or Alberta businesses pay and increase what the rest of Canadians and/or Canadian businesses will pay. You can

dress this up with all kinds of bells and whistles to make it look good, but the above simple equation still holds true.

I spent 20 years in Saskatchewan growing up and going to school, 30 years working in Alberta, 20 years retired in B.C. and now back in Alberta to be close to family. I consider myself a Canadian first and just happen to be living within the borders of Alberta at this time. Reducing what I pay for a pension so that some other Canadian has to pay more goes against all of my principles of being a Canadian.

Thank you for listening.

Neil Worthington,  
Strathmore

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## Obituary

GUSTAVSEN,  
Phillip "Phil"  
Joseph Albert



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Phillip "Phil" Joseph Albert Gustavsen on October 26, 2023, at the age of 81 years.

Phil grew up in the Standard area where he graduated from Standard school. This is where he met his wife, Sharen, and they married on February 20, 1965. Phil's career in the oilfield took him and Sherry to Calgary, Edson, and Drumheller/Dalum areas where they expanded their family with three children: Darren, Dereck, and Cari. Phil then took over the family farm in Chancellor until he retired in 1993. After another brief stint in the oilfield, he and Sherry moved to Strathmore in 2008.

Phil kept himself busy by cutting grass at Oxbow Golf Course and, most recently, as a bingo caller at the Strathmore Legion and at Ranch Estates. Phil was an avid golfer and curler, but his real love was playing cribbage. He recently fulfilled his life dream of winning the Legion Dominion Cribbage Championship in April 2022.

Phil is survived by his wife, Sharen, of 58 years; three children Darren (Tracie), Dereck (Cori), and Cari; eight grandchildren, Clay (Liz), Colby, Kian, Brianne, Ryan, Joel, Jordyn (Josh), and Tyler; sister-in-law Donna; and numerous extended family and friends.

The family would like to send a heartfelt thanks to the many doctors and nurses that cared for Phil during his time at South Health Campus in Calgary.

Phil's family would like everyone to join them for a Celebration of Phil's Life on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at the Strathmore Legion Hall at 1:00 p.m.

To send condolences, please visit Phil's obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca).

Wheatland Funeral Home  
Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

## Obituary

HILLER, Jack William  
1951-2023



It is with the utmost sadness that the family of Jack William Hiller announces his passing at the age of

71. On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, Jack lost his courageous, hard-fought battle against cancer at the Strathmore Hospital with loved ones by his side.

Born in Bassano on May 6, 1951, to Francis (Kuzma) and Emil Hiller, he and his four brothers grew up on a family farm in the Hussar area. One of Jack's first jobs was as a teller at the Hussar Credit Union and that would set in motion a long and distinguished career that lasted nearly 40 years at numerous credit unions in Alberta. Jack climbed the ladder to manager and Chief Financial Officer and worked in Lethbridge, Wetaskiwin, Drumheller, Hussar, Brooks, and Strathmore. His career took him to many places and introduced him to many colleagues, co-workers, and patrons, many of whom remained close friends. A true testament as to how well respected and loved Jack was throughout his life.

After his retirement, Jack kept busy enjoying his hobbies which included golfing, gardening, canning, fishing, and woodworking. His generous gifts of salsa and other canned and fresh goodies from his garden will be greatly missed. The beautiful woodwork items he made for family and friends will be treasured for many years to come.

Jack leaves to mourn his beloved wife Nancy, sons Clark (Shari), Derrick (Amanda), grandchildren, Ethan, Maya, Nash, Silas, and Brooklynn. Brothers Roger (Cathy) and Manville (Karen) along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members. Jack was predeceased by his parents, brothers Emil and Mark and by his son Jon.

Now that the pain and sickness are gone, it is hoped that Jack is at peace in his heavenly home and there is a very good chance he is visiting with family and friends with a cold beer in hand.

A Celebration of Life for Jack will be held on Saturday, November 4 at the Strathmore Alliance Church beginning at 1 p.m. with a luncheon to follow. The service will be live streamed on the Wheatland Funeral Home's YouTube channel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hope Bridges Society in Strathmore or to the charity of one's choice.

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The fee is recovered by FortisAlberta from its customers as the local municipal access fee on electric billings of all customers that receive electric service in the Village. This local access fee will be increased from \$3.56 (5%) to \$5.31 (7%)\*\* of the delivery charge of FortisAlberta, excluding energy related riders. This calculation is based on 640 kWh consumption in 30 days.

Questions or concerns should be directed to Lori Miller, Chief Administrative Officer at 403-533-3950.

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Committee of the Whole

**November 14, 2023 | 6 P.M.**

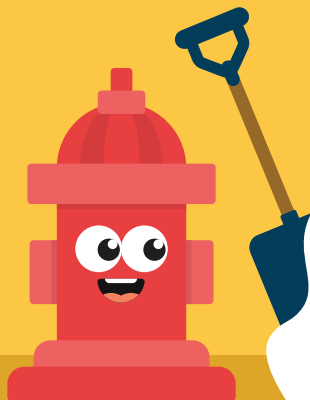
Regular Meeting of Council (Budget)

**Come Say Hi**

Hearing from the community is really important to us, so you're welcome at any Council or Committee of the Whole meeting. You do not need to call ahead or register to observe Strathmore Council in action. There is ample public seating and additional standing room if needed. You can also watch livestreamed meetings online as they happen, or catch up later on YouTube.

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**NOVEMBER 7 | 9 AM**

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**Applications due November 30th**



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**Deadline to apply:**

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