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Town's quality of life increases

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore, with the help of Framework Partners, launched a citizen satisfaction survey to gauge what is important for residents of the town.

This is the second year the town has launched the survey, which was launched on Aug. 18, with no set end date.

The survey was distributed to 1,858 households, receiving 790 responses recorded prior to Framework Partners' presentation to Town Council, Oct. 19.

Results from the survey were broken down by community within Strathmore, which did not require any weighting or balancing to be recorded accurately, and did not over or under represent any community by a margin of more than six per cent.

A total of 84 per cent of those who responded to the survey reported maintaining a "good" or "very good" quality of life, which was noted to be an increase from the 80 per cent recorded in 2021.

Fewer than two per cent of those who responded noted a "somewhat poor," "poor," or "very poor" quality of life.

Those who responded indicated the some of the primary reasons they experience a high quality of life in Strathmore is due to it being a small town with access to quality amenities.

Secondary recorded reasons included local schools, services and infrastructure, as well as safety and cleanliness.

For those who reported experiencing a poor quality of life, their grievances were recorded to be regarding unaffordability, specific issues, lack of accessibility, or generally having negative comments about the town.

Among the most important issues facing Strathmore, survey respondents indicated property taxes (38 per cent), new or additional recreational facilities (29 per cent) and community safety (28 per cent) were the top three within the town.

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Hopping Halloween

The Tyrrell Riding Academy hosted a Halloween Gymkhana on Oct. 30. Nearly 50 princesses, cows, teddy bears and many more wonderful costumes attended this year's Halloween event. The participants ranged in age from four years old to 60+ and involved participants with various skill levels ranging from trot, lead line, junior, senior and jack benny. Events included poles, figure eight, barrel and a costume competition.

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MLA Leela Aheer announces intent to not seek re-election

JOHN WATSON
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Chestermere Strathmore MLA Leela Aheer has announced her intent not to seek re-election for the United Conservative Party (UCP) in the next provincial election.

MLA Aheer posted her announcement to Twitter on Oct. 26 in a written statement, while issuing thanks to her constituents who have supported her.

"I chose to run for the UCP leadership to reflect my commitment and values and give back to the province that has given so much to my family and me," she wrote in her letter of intent.

"The members have stated their wishes for leadership and a new direction for our party. I respect their decision."

During the UCP leadership race which concluded Oct. 6, Aheer was defeated in the first ballot of the race, being supported by only 1.6 per cent of votes.

MLA Aheer first ran for public office in 2015, defeating the then incumbent MLA Bruce McAllister. She was appointed deputy leader of the UCP in 2017 previous premier, Jason Kenney.

In April 2019, Aheer was appointed as Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, which she served until her removal from the station, July 2021, following criticism of premier Kenney.

During her tenure, she introduced legislation aiming to empower those at risk of domestic violence, and declared Women's Entrepreneurship Day in Alberta.

Aheer has committed to supporting the current UCP government and honouring her commitment to the Chestermere Strathmore constituency and will remain in her position until the conclusion of the next provincial election.

When contacted regarding her defeat in the leadership race, as well as with respect to her statement to not seek re-election, the office of the MLA stated she would not be taking questions, as of Oct. 27.

MLA Aheer has yet to respond to further inquiry.

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Ag society seeking volunteers for festival of lights

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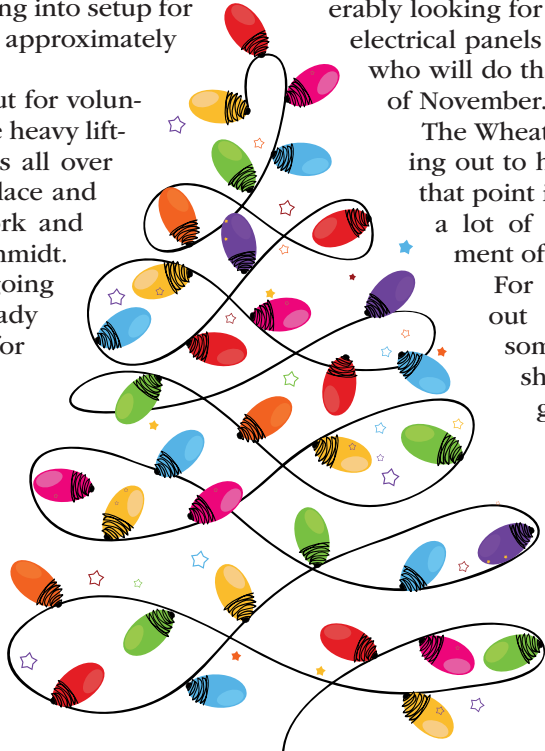
The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society is looking for volunteers to help with the setup for its annual festival of lights ahead of their opening night on Nov. 26.

Ag Society President and CEO Ryan Schmidt said as soon as Fright Night festivities wrap up, the team will be launching into setup for the festival, which will take approximately two weeks to do.

"We have got a big call out for volunteers for that for some of the heavy lifting of getting all the panels all over the baseball diamonds in place and set up, a lot of forklift work and things like that," said Schmidt. "The planning has been going on for a few months already and we are getting ready for opening night."

All the displays are stored on the Ag Society grounds so setup will consist of carefully removing the displays from storage, getting them to their desired locations, setting up and testing for broken lights and other malfunctions.

Additionally, all the



required electrical panels and cabling will have to be set up and repairs will have to be done from the previous year.

"Inevitably, something has stopped working from the year before, so we have to chase down all those little things, as well as put up any new displays that are being introduced this year," said Schmidt. "For this setup, we need probably five to 10 really solid sets of hands to help. We are preferably looking for strong folks who can lift our electrical panels and so there is a core group who will do that during the first two weeks of November."

The Wheatland Kings will also be coming out to help with setup on Nov. 6. At that point in preparations, Schmidt said a lot of the overhauling or replacement of electrical panels takes place.

For families who wish to come out and lend a hand, there is something for everyone to do, should they be interested in getting involved.

"We always need help, especially during the Christmas period when it is actually up and running. We always need help at the seniors' cottage and at the gate," said Schmidt.

Something to look forward to this year is a big grand opening of the

festival during opening night, following the Town's Christmas parade.

Those who may be interested are invited to hit up the Ag Society grounds for a countdown to the lights being switched on instead of the event beginning when there is still light in the sky.

"We will have sleigh rides again, we will have Santa visiting, we will have mascots, very affordable food and we will have our huge opening night raffle," added Schmidt.

Also returning this year after being absent for the past two years due to COVID-19 concerns is the kids New Year's Eve party.

The festival of lights is scheduled to run from Nov. 26 to Jan. 7, 2023.

STARS provides annual update to Town Council

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

STARS presented their annual update to Strathmore Town Council, Oct. 19, describing some of their financial and response statistics.

Senior Municipal Relations Liaison for STARS, Glenda Farnden, said despite challenges encountered during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization has largely been able to maintain its regular practises.

According to the annual report, 20 per cent STARS' funding was acquired from AHS, while 80 per cent of their nearly \$40 million annual budget was generated through fundraising efforts to run three bases in Alberta – Grande Prairie, Edmonton, and Calgary.

STARS is currently engaged in discussions with AHS which may potentially see their government funding increase to 50 per cent of their annual budget, though it is unconfirmed whether the funding increase will be formalized.

"There has been lots of challenges as far as fundraising, (such as) COVID-19 challenges – not being able to hold events, that is a big part of our fundraising, as well as with our calendar campaign not being able to have a presence in rural communities," said Farnden. "We continue to strive and move forward, but we really do count on a lot of our mainstay donors which includes our municipalities across the province, which includes (Strathmore) as well."

Also within the report, it is indicated that roughly 82 per cent of STARS expenditures are split between aviation and clinical operations.

Farnden reported 2022 to be the fourth year

running STARS has maintained a 12 per cent expenditure for operating their bases, as well as administration.

She added according to the CRA, charitable organizations are allowed up to 35 per cent of their annual expenditures to be through administrative costs.

Stats available for Strathmore and Wheatland County within the report show numbers made available up to Sept. 30.

A total of 36 missions have been dispatched up to the recorded cutoff date within Wheatland County. Of these, 12 were within Strathmore Hospital, defined as critical inter-facility transfers, and five were noted as scene calls within Strathmore.

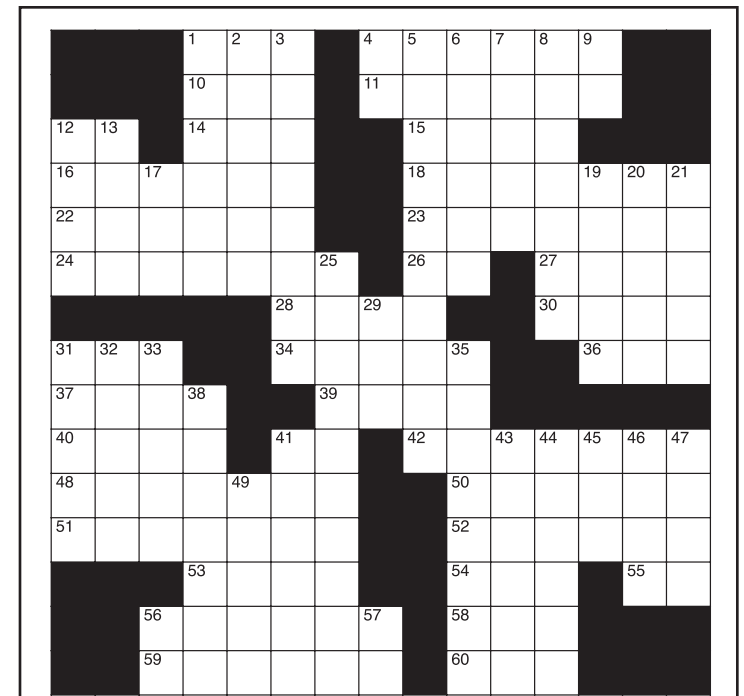
"You have a very busy hospital here, so it is important to recognize that STARS is able to not only support them in terms of transferring patients, but also for the fact that we can have virtual consultation with local doctors and provide that guidance in critical care," said Farnden.

Among the eight counties noted in the STARS report, Wheatland County saw the second to highest mission count deployed within the last five years. Foothills County was the leader in that metric.

"We are well known for our critical care expertise – it is mandatory for (crew members to have) 160 hours of training each year," said Farnden.

This training includes on site and mock scenario training with survival partners.

For those who may be interested in supporting STARS or finding out more about potentially working with the organization, details are available online via their website.



CLUES ACROSS

- The central bank of the US
- Direct one's ambitions
- Only
- "Nothing ventured, nothing ___"
- Lead
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Indicates the pitch of notes
- Set up to blame
- States of rest
- Complete
- Be around longer than
- Instructs
- Childless (abbr.)
- Coffee machines do it
- Bowfin
- A group separate from established Church
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Mends with a needle
- When you hope to get there
- Popular 80's pop duo
- Beloved Mexican dish
- Extremely small amount
- Special therapy
- Cause to move slowly
- A person's natural height
- Elicited
- Legislator
- Baking ingredient
- Sandwich store
- Peyton's little brother
- Southeast
- Popular Mexican beer
- Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Car body manufacturer
- Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- Colorless volatile acid
- A way to tangle
- Jam rock band devotee
- The nation's highest lawyer (abbr.)
- Inviolable
- Collision
- Clumsy
- Bends again
- "Pollock" actor Harris
- Flew off!
- Soft creamy white cheese
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- Exclamation used for emphasis
- Expel from one's property
- Philly transit body
- Small amount of something
- Retirement account
- Holey type of cheese
- Young pig
- Climbing palm
- Discomfort
- Bullfighter
- High-level computer language
- Fleshy extensions above the throat
- Request
- Equal to 10 meters (abbr.)
- Bruce and Spike are two
- Precipice
- Wombs
- A radio band
- Emphasizes an amount

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Fright Night is Back

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society once again hosted the Fright Nights over the weekend prior to Halloween. Folks were able to drop by and enjoy games, a beer garden, pumpkin carving and a haunted house on site.

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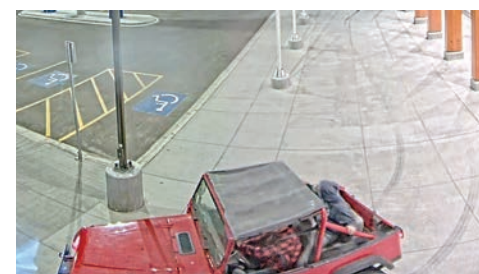
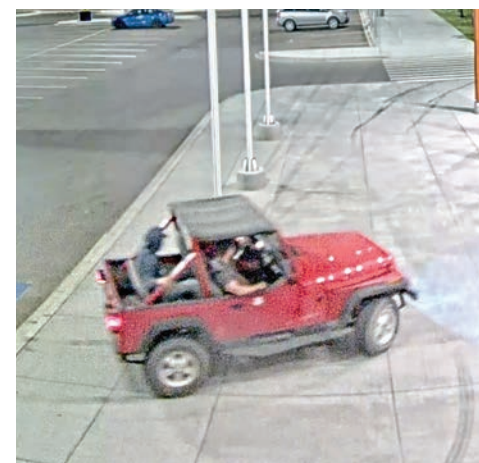
Searching for July vandals

STRATHMORE RCMP

On July 15 between 11:55 p.m. to 11:57 p.m., a red/orange coloured 1970-1980's model Jeep with three occupants were captured on video surveillance driving in a reckless manner and doing "burnouts" through the Town of Strathmore Municipal Building parking lot, onto the front pad area and onto the grass entrance into Kinsmen Park. The grassy area was damaged and tire tracks were embedded in front of Town Hall and throughout the parking lot.

"The Town of Strathmore invests considerable effort to provide and maintain parks and pathways for the public to enjoy," said Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz, detachment commander for the Strathmore RCMP. "While those involved may have thought their actions were fun, it only serves to ruin amenities for the rest of residents who enjoy using them, resulting in unnecessary cost to repair."

Strathmore RCMP are requesting the public's assistance in identifying the vehicle, owner and occupants. Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect is asked to call Strathmore RCMP at 403-934-3968, or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



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Thought for the Week
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 A lie goes around the world twice before the truth gets its shoes on.
 Mark Twain

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Town reviews results from second citizen satisfaction survey

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Community safety and affordable housing were both noted to be more important issues this year than in 2021.

Strathmore residents have reported high levels of satisfaction with the town's infrastructure and operations (67 per cent), as well as with protective services (66 per cent).

Satisfaction among other services such as infrastructure and operations, municipal planning and development, community development, and community services have all experienced significant growth over the past year.

Each indicated category experienced 10 per cent growth or more in citizen satisfaction since the previous survey.

Citizen satisfaction was also recorded to have increased regarding nearly all services indicated in the survey, with the exceptions being the Family Centre Arena, and with outdoor recreation spaces.

With regards to town services, though none of the options presented to residents were indicated as favourable, what appeared as the most popular option was for the town to increase taxes and maintain its levels of service.

This was indicated as more favourable than decreasing taxes and services, maintaining taxes and decreasing services, or increasing taxes and expanding available services.

Further information regarding the survey was discussed during the Oct. 19 town council meeting, and survey results are publicly available on the town website.

Town acquires new ice resurfacer for local arena

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has purchased a new ice resurfacer for the Strathmore Family Centre, with a financial contribution from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC).

The new all-electric machine replaces the Town's previous 2005 model ice resurfacer that ran with a gasoline engine.

Strathmore Mayor Pat Fule said the Town is excited to have the new machine, as is intended to make a significant difference in the arena both for players as well as spectators.

"This electric ice resurfacer is going to do an incredible job in the arena and it is going to be great as far as (releasing) no emissions for the crowd who are watching the game," said Fule. "Our recreation facilities are really important to our residents and the new electric ice resurfacer means better air quality for all our users and we are happy about that."

The purchase is part of Town Council's overall goal of improving local environmental stewardship, as described in the Town's most recent strategic plan.

The old ice resurfacer had reached the end of its service life, according to Craig Dilts, manager of the Strathmore Family Centre arena, as the machines are realistically only meant to operate over an eight-to-10-year lifespan.

"The one we retired ... served a life and a half and those machines, typical-

ly, as long as you do really good service on them ... you can keep them running like a car," said Dilts. "There comes a point where you can't just keep it in your fleet and expect it to work and operate trouble-free. At a certain point, these machines get old."

The MCCAC provided \$50,000 in support of the \$189,635 cost through the Electric Vehicles for Municipalities Program.

Dilts added the Town had originally meant to acquire the new machine at a much later date, though unique circumstances moved up their timeline.

"The funny story behind this one is, it was first supposed to go to a Russian arena, but during the conflict nobody is doing sales and service with Russian rinks," said Dilts. "Olympia came to me and said, 'do you want your machine six months earlier?' and I was not about to turn that down."

The new ice resurfacer, as a joke and a homage to the circumstance, was aptly named "Rasputin."

The machine is designed to have an approximate 5,000-hour lifespan, or an eight-to-10-year operating life and will be much quieter to operate than its retired counterpart.

As well, maintenance on the machine will be consistent with Strathmore's first electric ice resurfacer, making the process easier on staff instead of having to operate on two very different machines.

The Town also received a trade-in credit for retiring the previous machine, though Dilts did not specify for how much value that covered.

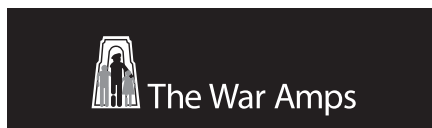


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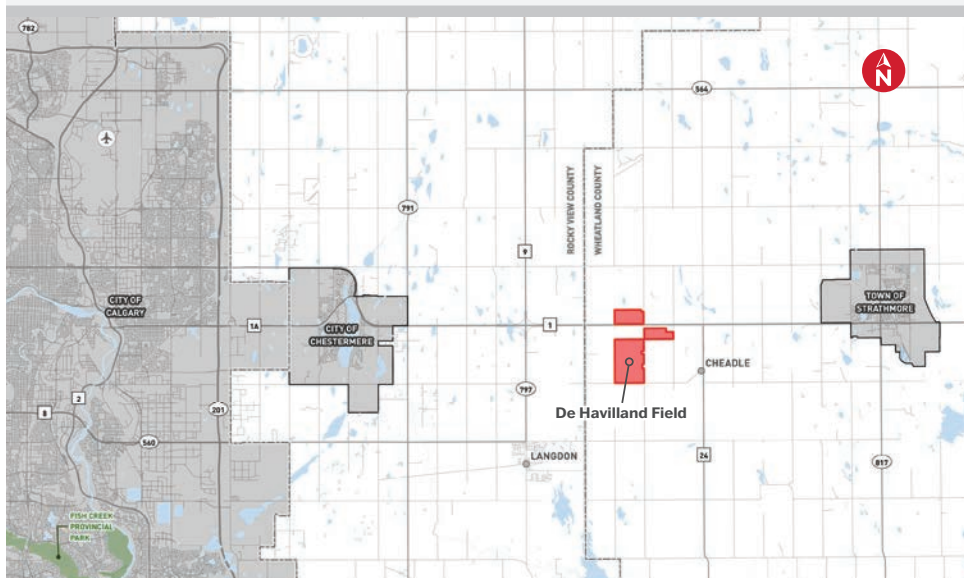
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J. Laslo Legacy Award

This award will be given to an agricultural producer in Wheatland County who has shown leadership in the implementation of beneficial management practices. The winner is dedicated to reducing the environmental impacts of their operation, and has an interest in promoting positive efforts to others in the industry.

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Award recipients will be recognized by Council at Wheatland County's Annual General Meeting, their name will be added to a plaque displayed at the County office, and they will receive a \$250 cash prize!

Nomination Information

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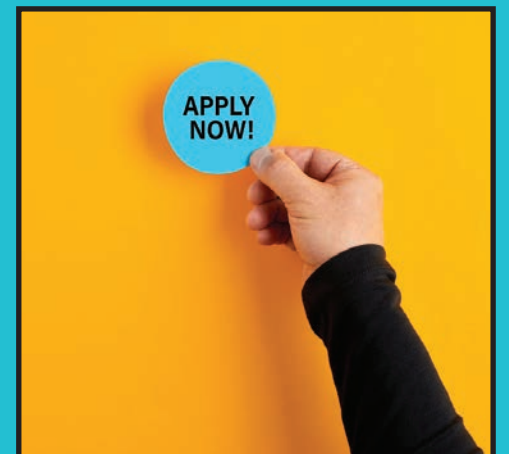
Submit nominations by **January 1st, 2023**

For more information wheatlandcounty.ca/documents/environmentalstewardshipawards

Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board

Wheatland County invites applications for membership on the **Community Enhancement Regional Board** with appointment to commence **November 01, 2022**. One representative from Electoral Division 4 will be appointed. The Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) consists of two members from each Electoral Division, appointed by Wheatland County Council. Membership on the CERB is appointed for a two-year term with alternating expiry dates. The Community Enhancement Regional Board meets three times every Spring to evaluate applications and decide on the allocation of Community Enhancement Funding to Wheatland County community groups.

For more information, or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Jessica Salmon at 403-361-2021 or via email to jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca.



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Ladies Auxiliary donates to Fire Association, local Food Bank

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion #10 recently made notable donations to the Wheatland County Food Bank, as well as the Strathmore Firefighters Association.

According to Karen Wournell, who spoke on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, the donation to the foodbank was in the order of \$1,000, and \$2,000 was given to the Firefighters Association.

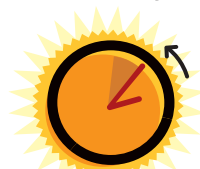
“We donate to the firefighters association and they contribute to community projects, and of course, we always donate to the Wheatland County Food Bank every year,” said Wournell. “They are both organizations that are integral parts of the community. We do have other organizations that we donate to, but those are two major ones that we support annually.”

The Ladies Auxiliary budgets for the donation every year, aiming to raise money for the effort through fundrais-



The Strathmore branch of the Ladies Auxiliary made a \$2,000 donation to the Strathmore Fire Department, as well as \$1,000 donation to the Wheatland Food bank, in the wake of their annual fundraisers.

Photo Courtesy of Karen Wournell



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ers such as their annual harvest dinner, bake sales, and high teas.

According to Wournell, the Ladies Auxiliary have been making the regular donations to the Food Bank and the Firefighters Association for roughly the last 20 years.

She added the first rescue boats purchased in Strathmore for water rescues by the Firefighters Association were purchased in part due to the donations from the Ladies Auxiliary.

Ultimately, once the donation is made, the recipient organizations are free to do with the money as they see

fit to help the local community.

Wournell said, however, she has concerns for the long-term viability of being able to continue their annual donations, as members of the Ladies Auxiliary age and pass away, without a steady influx of new members.

“I hope to continue it, but it is going to be tough, just because it is hard to get new members. The Ladies Auxiliary is not like most organizations such as the Lions Club for example,” she said. “There really are not that many people joining the Ladies Auxiliary anymore ... it came formally into service in 1926

and it became a fundraising arm for the Legion.”

Coming up, she added, the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Christmas tea and bake sale, among other fundraising efforts, but she did not provide exact dates for when such events would take place.

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Storm on a roll

After a scoreless first period, the Strathmore Storm U18A female hockey team went on a tear, scoring five goals in the second period and another eight in the third period en route to a 13-1 win over Cardston on Oct. 29 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Storm then earned a hard-fought 1-0 road win over the 3C's the following day to improve to 2-2 in the tiering schedule.

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Home cooking

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks hosted their Junior B volleyball tournament on Oct. 29 at the HCC gym. Both the boys and girls teams took part in the one-day tourney.

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Local curling leagues resume in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Curling season is officially a go as of last week in Strathmore, as all of the local leagues kicked off on their respective scheduled days for play.

The men's league was the first to kick off on Oct. 24, followed immediately by the women's league on Oct. 25, then mixed league on the 27 and 28.

Ken Shackleton, president of the Strathmore and District Curling Club (SDCC), said although registration is lighter than it historically has been, he is pleased to see folks coming out again to curl following the relief of COVID-19 concerns.

"We have got 12 teams in the men's, eight teams in the ladies' and 15 teams in the mixed league, and we have a sturling league (teams of two instead of four) with eight teams in that," said Shackleton.

An afternoon league aimed at seniors has launched, hosting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the club is also excited to welcome back school physical education programs to the ice.

The casual leagues host players of demographics ranging from those in their 20's, to seniors, according to Shackleton.

During the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the curling club cancelled league activities for 2020, and resumed with limitations last season.

This year, the club is back to fully operational and hopes to grow the roster of teams back to pre-COVID-19 numbers within the next few years.

"We have mostly curlers who have been here for a long time, but we do have a few new curlers who we gain through the learn to curl clinic



Strathmore's local curling leagues kicked off last week after being on hiatus due to previous COVID-19 concerns. The men's league began Oct. 24, and the women's league on Oct. 25. The mixed league also returned to the club for the winter play season.

John Watson Photo

every year," said Cindy Shackleton, who runs the ladies' league. "With new people coming to town and the town growing, we hope that we can grow our league as well from new residents."

Prior to the launch of the casual leagues, the SDCC hosted five "learn to curl" evenings for new players to come out and try the game.

According to Cindy Shackleton, the event was a huge hit and spurred many of the new players to join the casual leagues.

Though competition is friendly and winning the leagues is mostly for bragging rights throughout the season, the SDCC does also host several competitive bonspiels for teams to attend.

These events encourage teams from the greater Calgary region to attend and is host to much more competition, including a prize pool.

"You definitely want to be putting your competitive team in for that because you do get some strong players and teams coming from all around the small towns, as well as Calgary," said Cindy Shackleton.

The casual and scheduled leagues will operate on a weekly basis until March.

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After an eight-game losing streak, the Wheatland Kings named Doug Raycroft as the team's new head coach on Oct. 28. Raycroft's inaugural game saw the Kings squaring off against the top-ranked Okotoks Bisons, resulting in a 2-0 home loss on Oct. 29. The Kings finally ended their losing streak the following night with a 6-2 home win over the the Coaldale Copperheads.

John Watson and Joe Lepage Photos

Wheatland Kings led by new coach Doug Raycroft

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Kings have brought on Doug Raycroft to take over as their head coach for the remainder of this season.

Raycroft took over the mantle from his predecessor, Ron West, following an eight-game losing streak for the Kings.

The Wheatland Kings squared off against the Okotoks Bisons for Raycroft's inaugural game, Oct. 29, ultimately losing the match, 2-0, though keeping pace with the overall shot count, 31-30.

"We were playing the best team in the league, so we knew we were going to have a challenge ahead of us. The boys played really hard, we played as a team, and we easily could have scored a few goals," said Raycroft. "When you are playing a good team like that, it's tough. We have had quite a losing streak before I started, but you have got to do things right to get the results that you need ... play good in your own end and play as a team. We did all those things today and we could easily beat this team."

Stepping in as head coach for the Kings, Raycroft explained he has a vision for working with the team, and is already planning what he wants to work on with them to see overall improvement.

"I think I think we got a good young crew and there is no reason why we can't get better every game and turn this thing around," he said. "We have the potential to play a really strong game. I think if we play the physical teams in the league, we can be just as physical as them ... and we can skate with any team in the league. We proved that today against Okotoks."

Raycroft added he wants to see his team tighten up their defense more, work on controlling the puck in their zone, and take less penalties over the course of a game.

Currently standing, the Wheatland Kings are the most penalized team in the junior league. During Saturday's game, he said he was pleased to see a lack of undisciplined penalties, rather, keeping the infractions to aggressive penalties.

Raycroft said team morale has been low lately, given the lack of success in the arena, though following the game against Okotoks, the team's spirits picked up.

"They know they played good today. They know they played a good hockey team and they played well," he said. "Morale is a bit higher and we are looking forward to tomorrow."

The Wheatland Kings ended their nine-game losing streak, taking a win against the Coaldale Copperheads on Oct. 30, 6-2 at the Strathmore Arena.

WCS harvest masquerade gala returns

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Crisis Society hosted its harvest masquerade gala on Oct. 30 both to celebrate the fall season, as well as to raise money for victims of domestic violence.

This year is the first such event to be hosted since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and attracted roughly 260 members of the community.

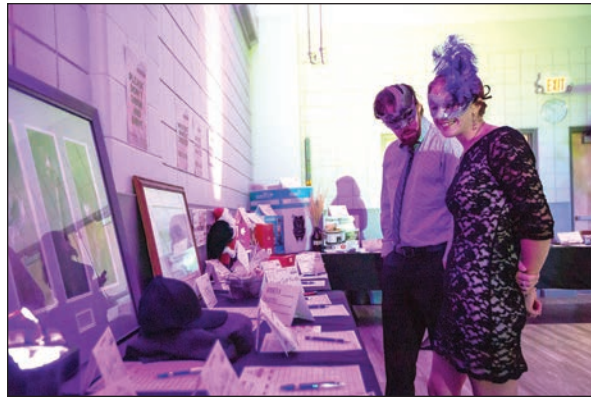
“It has been a couple of years since we have held this event. It was an annual event, and then COVID-19 hit so we did not get to have it. But this year, we are extremely excited to bring our gala back to Strathmore,” said Natasha Fyfe, business development specialist for the Wheatland Crisis Society.

“The community is excited ... I can (say) there (were) a lot of people in the room ready for the night to get started, and I am appreciative of the support we get from our community and the ongoing support we (received).”

The gala encouraged attendees to dress formally, as well as to don elaborate masks for the occasion. As part of the festivities, a live and silent auction were held, as well as a 50/50 draw aiming to continue raising money for the WCS.

Fyfe said the WCS is always happy to get some help from the community, especially while hosting a celebration for the enjoyment of its supporters.

“Our shelter runs on a little bit of government granting, and everything above and beyond that comes from what we do in the community, whether it be donations from our corporate donors, or personal donors, right down to all the



The Wheatland Crisis Society brought back their harvest masquerade gala this year, which took place Oct. 29. The event had been on hiatus previously due to COVID-19 concerns. The gala, like other WCS events, aimed to raise money for the shelter to aid those who require its services.

John Watson Photo

events that we hold,” she explained. “The gala is an example, or the drag show we hold every year, or any kind of community event that you see us attending. We’ve got some great sponsorship from a lot of different companies throughout and around Strathmore, so we feel completely supported for this event.”

According to Fyfe, the gala typically hosted between 150 and 200 people prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. She is optimistic the event will continue to grow even beyond this year’s numbers.

As far as she was able to reference, the WCS harvest masquerade gala has been an annual event in Strathmore since roughly 2012, “if not prior,” and had previously been hosted in September.

“We always have some fundraising goals in mind when we plan an event. There is a huge need in the community right now for second stage housing or low income housing support,” she added. “Not only that, it also goes towards programs we offer in shelter that are not covered by government grants, (such as) our yoga program and our outreach program.”

Fyfe said the gala also, quite simply, was an opportunity for folks in the community to dress up, get out and enjoy a unique type of event.

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LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

On Oct. 25 I decided I will not be running for the United Conservative Party in the next provincial election.

I am a mother, musician, proud wife, friend, entrepreneur, advocate, and 1st generation Albertan.

I am a rural MLA, and my roots and experiences reflect my values.

I am compelled to give back to my province and community as I had the good fortune of being born and growing up in Alberta.

That is why I ran for public office in the first place in 2015.

My sincere thanks to those who paved the path for me to serve you. It has been an immense privilege. During my time in public life, I have learned so much, and I hope that the contributions that I have made both to my riding and our province have resonated with you. Alberta’s advantage is Albertans. I am and always will be fueled by our strength and resilience.

I chose to run for the UCP leadership to reflect my commitment and values and give back to the province that has given so much to my family and me. But the members have stated their wishes for leadership and a new direction for our party. I respect their decision.

I will support the government and honour my commitment to the Chestermere-Strathmore constituency. Thank you to my team, volunteers, friends, and family, who worked hard to make our dreams and visions a reality.

Thank you to my caucus colleagues, opposition colleagues, staff, friends, and the folks behind the scenes who work so hard on our behalf every day.

Thank you to all Albertans, particularly those from my former riding of Chestermere-Rocky View and new riding of Chestermere-Strathmore, for providing me the opportunity to serve. We have accomplished so many things together.

No matter who you love or who you pray to, whether you are First Nations, a newcomer, or a

generational Albertan, this is your Alberta. I am truly grateful you allowed me the opportunity to be part of all of it.

A new commemorative medal has been created to mark the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. The Queen Elizabeth II’s Platinum Jubilee Medal is a tangible way for Alberta to honour Her Majesty’s service to Canada.

The Medal program will be part of the Platinum Jubilee year celebrations, organized by the Government of Alberta. Permission is being sought from the Government of Canada to have the Medal included in the Order of Precedence, along with the other commemorative medals of the Canadian Honours System.

The Queen Elizabeth II’s Platinum Jubilee Medal will be awarded to 7,000 Albertans throughout 2022 in recognition of significant contributions to the province.

The Platinum Jubilee Medal program is continuing as planned despite the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Nominations for the Chestermere – Strathmore Constituency is Nov. 15.

ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria for this medal is intentionally broad so it can recognize a wide range of accomplishments in many areas.

A nominee must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident with a tangible link to Alberta at the time the medal is granted

- have made a significant contribution to Canada, Alberta, or to a particular Alberta region or community

- have been alive on Feb. 6, 2022, the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty’s accession to the throne

More information available at Queen’s Platinum Jubilee medal | Alberta.ca or the Chestermere Strathmore Constituency office at Chestermere. strathmore@assembly.ab.ca nomination deadline for the Chestermere – Strathmore Constituency is Nov. 15.

(Leela Sharon Aheer is the MLA Elect for Chestermere-Strathmore)

Obituary



GRANT, Colin Lorne
1937-2022

On October 29, 2022, Colin Lorne Grant of Strathmore passed away at the age of 85 years. Colin was predeceased by his loving wife Dorinne Grant in 2008.

He is survived by his son Greg Grant (Sandy) of Didsbury and daughter Kim Grant of Standard, Alberta. He also leaves behind his grandson Paden Grant (Ali) of St. Albert, AB and great-grandchildren Graysen and Maisie; granddaughter Shawna Ferradi (Derek) of Strathmore, AB and great-grandchildren Jaxon and Addilyn; grandson Colton Grant (Tonya) of Strathmore, AB and great-granddaughter Dorothy; granddaughter Courtney Ohler (Jon) of Taber, AB and great-grandchildren McKinley, Merek and Millie; granddaughter Shantelle Jonassen Coghill (Travis) of Strathmore, AB; brothers Gordon Grant of Standard, AB and Gene Grant of Strathmore, AB; and sister in law Loretta McMillan of Chestermere, AB

A Celebration of Colin’s Life will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Hope Community Covenant Church (245 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB T1P 1W4) at 1:00 p.m. Family and friends are encouraged to come share memories during the celebration. If desired memorial donations may be made directly to the Alberta Parkinson Association (120, 6835 Railway St SE, Calgary, AB T2H 2V6 Toll-Free: 1-800-561-1911 Email: info@parkinsonassociation.ca) or the Wheatland Hospice Society (Box 2154 Strathmore AB T1P 1k2 Info@wheatlandhospice.ca Phone 403-934-8199). To send condolences, please visit Colin’s obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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Obituary



THORNHILL, Ronald Beverley

We are sad announce the passing of our father, Ronald Beverley Thornhill. He was born on November 13, 1934, in Toronto, Ontario. Dad was the last surviving sibling from a family of thirteen children of Bruce & Evelyn Thornhill.

Dad passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of Sunday, October 23, 2022.

Predeceased by his loving wife Shirley Thornhill in 1982.

Dad had 2 true passions - horses and trucking. He grew up working with horses, and his love of draft horses continued throughout his life. Trucking was also a significant part of his adult life.

He was the proud owner and operator of his own company “R. Thornhill Trucking” for many years until his retirement.

Anyone who knew Dad would remember his kindness, his horsemanship skills - especially with the draft horses, his generosity and wonderful sense of humour.

Dad was the loving father of 4 children: Vicki, Wendy, Kelly, and Ron, father-in-law to Kathy, and Grandfather aka “Papa T” to Grace and Austin.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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COMING EVENT

Celebration of Life for Herbert (Bert) Caveny (1929 – 2022)

A celebration of life will be held for Bert Caveny on **November 5, 2022** from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the **Origins Brewery, 60 Spruce Park Dr., Strathmore, Alberta.**

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Strathmore Musical Arts Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 7
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FORM 5

Irrigation Districts Act (Section 85/86)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE THE AREA OF AN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

TAKE NOTE that applications have been received by the Western Irrigation District to change the area of the District.

Applications to ADD parcel(s) that consist of:

Name of Landowner	Number of Irrigation Acres	Legal Land Description
AG Venture Farms Ltd.	50	4;23;25;1;SW

Any person wishing to complain is required to submit a written complaint to the Western Irrigation District at Box 2372, A-1000 Pine Road, Strathmore, Alberta, T1P 1K3 within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice.

Sean Mascalluk
General Manager

TENDER

Farmland for Rent by Tender

- Parcel 1. E 1/2 15-25-22 W4
- Parcel 2. N 1/2 20-25-21 W4
- Parcel 3. S 1/2 29-25-21 W4 SW 28-25-21 W4

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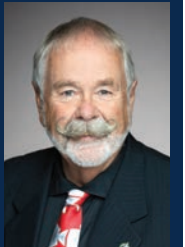
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Upcoming Council Meetings

November 2, 2022 6pm	Regular Council Meeting
November 9, 2022 6pm	Committee of the Whole Meeting
November 16, 2022 6pm	Regular Council Meeting

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

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

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If a hydrant can spot you, it can help you.



Adopt A Hydrant Program

Winters can be cold and snowy in Strathmore. During a fire, the responding crews need to quickly locate and gain a water supply from the nearest fire hydrant. If a fire hydrant is buried in snow, it can be difficult to locate and valuable time must be spent digging it out. The delay in gaining a water supply can severely limit the effectiveness of fire suppression until that connection can be made.

The Town of Strathmore's Operations Team does a great job of clearing snow from around the town's hydrants. But since it's difficult to quickly remove snow from over 370 hydrants all at once, our Adopt-A-Hydrant Program encourages volunteers to help keep fire hydrants clear.

Adopt a hydrant at Strathmore.ca/Adopt-A-Hydrant



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 Wednesday: 8am-9pm
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STRATHMORE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Saturdays are for Christmas movies

Celebrate the Spirit of Christmas at Joyland Theatre with a free movie every Saturday at 2pm



Snow Angels

The Snow Angel program pairs volunteers with seniors or those with disabilities that need help clearing their driveways and sidewalks in winter.

If you need help with snow this winter or are willing to lend assistance to someone in need, visit Strathmore.ca/SnowAngels

Keep in Touch

Are you a senior who is feeling lonely and would like someone to Keep in Touch?

The Keep in Touch Program connects Strathmore's residents with one another through a weekly telephone support system.

Learn more at Strathmore.ca/KIT

Volunteer Connector

Looking for a way to give back to your community? The Volunteer Connector website connects volunteers with community events, activities and organizations that require their services.

Volunteer today at Strathmore.ca/VolunteerConnector