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## Celebrating 50 years

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society celebrated their 50th anniversary by hosting a western formal gala at the Strathmore Civic Centre on Nov. 18.

The goal of the event was to celebrate the volunteers, sponsors and community members who make the Ag Society and all of its endeavors possible.

“When I experience our events and our facilities ... joy surrounds them. People are joy-filled, they are drawing people from across the community and region together who maybe would not necessarily bump into each other,” said Ryan Schmidt, president and CEO of the Ag Society. “Because of the events, it builds bridges between them, it overcomes barriers, it pulls the community together.”

Schmidt, who has been with the Ag Society for the last five years, added he feels a tremendous amount of responsibility to ensure the organization continues to grow, build community and “live up to the efforts and sacrifices” that contributors have dedicated to the organization.

Throughout the local community, the Ag Society plays host to the Strathmore Stampede, the Cowboy Town concert, Fight Nite, the Celebration of Lights, and the summer rodeo school, just to name a few.

Attending the gala were roughly 200 people who in some way or another— be them staff, sponsors, volunteers, competitors, etc. – have had a part to play in the Ag Society and their events.

“Something special about it is the way people have been willing to always sacrifice for it to succeed, and for it to build our community,” said Schmidt. “I think we have an impact of drawing people together, we have got an economic impact on the town and the region, and a tourism impact, but to me, what I see is the Ag Society is knitting together the social fabric of the community by providing these joy-filled events.”

Schmidt added he fully intends to attend the centennial banquet in 50 years’ time when he is 94 years old and is looking forward to the next half century of development for the organization.

Going forward, the next challenge the Ag Society is aiming to overcome is the winter off season. The development of the Western Events and Cultural Centre, Schmidt explained, will be the “keystone” for the next 50 years.

Upon its completion, the facility will allow the Ag Society to host events-year round, instead of being limited to the summer rodeo season.

“This is the vision for the next 50 years to start at least, and where it is by the time we hit year 100, I can’t say for sure, but I know we are going to start the next 50 years with that objective,” said Schmidt.



### Ag Society celebrates 50 years

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society celebrated their 50th anniversary, Nov. 18, with a western formal gala to commemorate the occasion. Roughly 200 members, sponsors, staff, volunteers, and event participants were reported to have attended the event.

John Watson Photo

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# Celebration of Lights returns

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The 16th annual Celebration of Lights, hosted by the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society, is preparing to bring the biggest and most impressive event ever.

According to Ryan Schmidt, executive director of the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society, there will be lots of activities for families to enjoy sprawling throughout the

grounds.

“We are excited for opening night coming up on Nov. 25 – so we are inviting everybody to come to the grounds for 6 p.m. and then we are going to do a countdown to turning on the lights once everybody is there,” he said. “Last year, we had a huge turnout of around 3,000 people, so we are expecting that again, especially if the weather is good and that night, there will be a lot going on.”

The celebration will consist of an appearance by Santa,

Santa’s cottage will be open, horse drawn carriage rides, free hot chocolate and smores, popcorn, mascots touring the grounds, several new lights displays, a display from the Strathmore Fire Department, and a fireworks show.

Six new light display panels have been hung on the fences this year, making up approximately 100 displays in total, as well as tens of thousands of lights have been hung throughout the ag grounds.

“We have a wonderful volunteer committee ... and they have been working for the entire summer, fall, up until now repairing displays from prior years, creating new ones, getting Santa’s cottage set up, and filling all the available volunteer shifts,” said Schmidt. “The Celebration of Lights is completely free and generously supported by the Town of Strathmore. They do a huge sponsorship of the event as well as other companies. It is funded through those sponsors and also through free will donations.”

He added a total of approximately 2,000 volunteer hours have been dedicated to preparing the celebration this year by locals within the community.

The sole component of holiday celebrations that comes with an active charge to participate is the Kids New Year’s Eve party, taking place Dec. 31 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tickets have been made available at Santa’s Cottage, The Rack on Third, the Ag Society office or online. Schmidt said \$5 per person covers admission, which includes entry to the event, pizza, drinks, entertainment, dancing and fireworks for the kids at the end of the evening.

The Celebration of Lights will be on display at the ag grounds until Jan. 7, and will be open every night from 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Dated at Wheatland County, Alberta, October 31, 2023.



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### Magnificent market

Piper shows off one of the many items available during the Strathmore Trading Post Market on Nov. 18 at the Strathmore Ag Grounds. The group will host their Winter Market on Dec. 1 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) also at the ag grounds.

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# SWCC Cookie Walk back for a third year

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) is hosting their third annual Cookie Walk and is encouraging as many in the local community as possible to come and participate.

According to Alyssa Bennett, who spoke on behalf of the SWCC, the event will kick off at noon on Nov. 25, starting off a full day of celebrations.

“Basically, families are going to go to Royal LePage, they are going to pick up their tins ... and then once you pick up your tin and a map, you can go around to as many businesses that are participating,” she said. “The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce is providing the cookies to our member businesses that are participating this year, as one of the ways we want to give back to our members, and show our appreciation for their membership.”

Following the Cookie Walk will be Strathmore’s annual Santa Parade, and the kickoff of the Celebration of Lights at the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society grounds.

A cookie tin can be purchased through the SWCC website for \$20 for anyone wishing to participate, and businesses can register to be a part of the event for free.

“The SWCC wanted to have the ability to bring the community to-

gether and help other people see and be involved with the businesses downtown, shop local – that sort of idea,” said Bennett.

She suggested the event has seen growth every year it has taken place, with more and more people signing up to participate, or joining in on site during the course of the event.

“It is one of the most exciting events that we do every year. While Christmas is the ultimate, but on top of that, everybody just gets to come downtown, come together and it really encourages people to shop local,” she said. “There are a lot of things downtown that maybe people do not know about, so this is a good way to get them down and bring the town together.”

Bennett did not specify how many businesses exactly have signed up to participate this year, nor did she state numbers of residents who have indicated interest to participate.

“It is about the excitement of the kids. The cookie walk starts and it paves the way for the rest of the day. You get to start going out and getting all of these different kinds of cookies and things that people have come up with ... and then right after, there is the Santa parade and then the Celebration of Lights,” she said.

More information about the event is available via the SWCC website.



# County MPC approves two development permit applications

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland County Municipal Planning Commission approved two development permit applications during the Nov. 14 meeting.

Development Permit application DP2023-153, which was brought before the Municipal Planning Commission first, proposed the relocation of an existing temporary golf clubhouse within the community of Speargrass.

The application proposed to move the golf clubhouse from its current location, to a position roughly 34 meters east of the first hole tee off.

According to information provided to the Municipal Planning Commission through the application, the move is required in order to facilitate the construction of a new permanent clubhouse in place of the old temporary structure.

The proposed new temporary location meets the setback requirements established by the Speargrass Special Medium Density Residential land use district, and it was noted that no changes to current access and parking were proposed.

Through their application, the applicant is anticipating the temporary structure will be in use for two years, and will then be sold once the permanent structure is completed.

County administration had recommended the development permit application be approved, in accordance with the land use bylaw and without variances being granted.

The development permit application was approved by the municipal planning commission board following administration’s presentation wit-

hout further discussion.

Development Permit DP 2023-158 was next on the agenda, being a proposal for a home-based business to import and sell Japanese domestic motor vehicles.

The application proposed to import right-hand-drive trucks to Alberta to sell to customers such as farmers, hunters, acreage owners, municipalities, golf courses, or feedlots.

Once in province, the trucks can be certified by the Province of Alberta for road use, or may be utilized for off-road travel only.

Following the approval of the development permit application, the applicant had stated they will obtain a dealer license from the Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council.

Once ordered, vehicles were noted to take approximately four months to arrive in Calgary, prior to being transported individually to the applicant’s property.

Trucks will be pre-sold prior to being ordered and delivered to Alberta, and a maximum of four trucks will be on the applicant’s property at any one given time.

The majority of orders will be delivered directly from the applicant dealership to the customers, with some being picked up if the customers are local.

The development permit application noted there will be no associated noise, odor or nuisances with the business.

The Municipal Planning Commission approved the application following administration’s presentation with no further discussion.

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 5. Requesting
- 11. Give temporarily
- 12. Happiness
- 16. Military branch
- 17. \_\_\_, denotes past
- 18. Middle Eastern city
- 19. Air hostesses
- 24. Partner to Pa
- 25. Percussion instrument
- 26. Popular computers
- 27. Decrease light
- 28. Valley in the Osh Region
- 29. “To \_\_\_ his own”
- 30. Absence of difficulty
- 31. Notice announcing intended marriage read out in church
- 33. Trims by cutting
- 34. Impact
- 38. Military member
- 39. A French river
- 40. Member of prehistoric people in Mexico
- 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 44. Musician Clapton
- 45. Greek sophist
- 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 50. Narrow valley
- 51. A way to disentangle
- 53. Indicates not an issue (abbr.)
- 54. Recommending
- 56. Genus of legumes
- 58. Friend to Larry and Curly
- 59. Off-Broadway theater award
- 60. Fencers
- 63. Small Eurasian deer
- 64. Denoting passerine birds
- 65. Separate by category

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Colorless fluid part of blood
- 2. Of a main artery
- 3. Photographic equipment
- 4. Confirms a point
- 5. Developed over time
- 6. Not the leader
- 7. \_\_\_ Lang (country singer)
- 8. Adults need one
- 9. Nests of pheasants
- 10. Antelopes
- 13. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 14. Japanese three-stringed lute
- 15. Type of cat
- 20. Cools your home
- 21. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 22. Pouches
- 23. Trigraph
- 27. Form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan
- 29. \_\_\_ route
- 30. Body part
- 31. Bridge building degree
- 32. Indicates position
- 33. Political action committee
- 34. Tasty snack
- 35. Part of a quadruped
- 36. Locate
- 37. Pitching statistic
- 38. Of I
- 40. City in Utah
- 41. Football players in the trenches
- 42. Hammer is one
- 44. A “nightmarish” street
- 45. Performers
- 46. Slang for cut or scrape
- 47. More breathable
- 48. Most slick
- 50. Provokes
- 51. Home to college’s Flyers
- 52. Sodium
- 54. Large fish of mackerel family
- 55. Zero
- 57. \_\_\_ and behold
- 61. The Palmetto State
- 62. Popular Tom Cruise movie franchise (abbr.)

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# Lloyd presented Governor General Award

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Evan Lloyd was presented the Governor General medal on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Strathmore High School.

Presenting the award was Principal Doug Raycroft, who was happy to share this moment with fellow peers and drama teacher Deanne Bertsch.

The Governor General Award is presented to the student with the highest academic average over three years – Lloyd's average was 95 per cent.

"Evan, we are honored to present this bronze medal to you on behalf of our Governor General Mary Simon, for the academic excellence that you have achieved at Strathmore High School," said Raycroft during the ceremony. "It's an honour for the student and also we're very proud of our students that have been our Governor General Award winners over the years."

Lloyd is currently attending MacEwan University in Edmonton where he is taking a BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) majoring in musical theatre. For his particular program, the enrolment is very select, only accepting 28 students a year.

"It's a thing I'm proud of myself for, it's an achievement," said Lloyd of his audition and acceptance into MacEwan. "The very first thing that I ever did, performing arts wise, was I joined the Wheatland Elementary choir in Grade 4."

Lloyd explained that his passion for the arts was something he was drawn to at a very young age. This interaction with choir and his involvement with Shrek the Musical in fifth grade carried through his junior high and high school years where he was heavily involved with the drama clubs.

Outside of school, he was also a vocal student of LoraLee Laycock, where he performed for various festivals, including the Strathmore Performing Arts Festival, winning awards and scholarships for his achievements.

In high school, he was a hit on shows such as Frozen or Grease. If he wasn't front and centre on stage, he was in the sound room, ready to perfect the sound quality and lighting. He has also taken on the role of director for a number of productions over his high school career.

On top of his success as a performing artist, Lloyd is an academic scholar with his Governor General award.

"I have varied interests, so it makes me feel good to achieve in one – the one that I'm going to school for," said Lloyd. "It also makes me feel good to have achieved in others that I still really care about despite not going to school for them."

With only a few months at MacEwan under his belt, Lloyd already knows it's a great fit.

"I love it. I'm meeting such lovely interesting people and learning such lovely interesting things," he said. "I'm really glad that I'm there and that I got in."

He would like to see where his experiences will lead him.

"I'd love to professionally act, professionally perform. I have few illusions of going and doing the Broadway thing," said Lloyd of his future plans within the arts community. He realizes he could be dreaming big, but why not? "There is acting in Canada and I'm going to squeeze the life out of it."

Lloyd hopes to inspire young people thinking about a career in acting or the fine arts.

"It's a lot more possible than people think," he said. "If it's something you care about, you can just go out and do it. If you're interested, for sure go out research what you can work at and learn at and you can do it."



Strathmore High School Principal Doug Raycroft (r) presented Evan Lloyd the Governor General Award on Nov. 14. The award is presented to the student with the highest academic average over three years.

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### Wheatland County 2023 Community Non-profit Groups Grant Writing Workshop

Wheatland County is hosting a lunch and learn grant writing workshop on November 29, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the County Administration Office, 242006 Range Road 243.

The goal of the workshop is to assist non-profit community group grant writers by providing insights into the evaluation criteria used by grant assessors. This will help improve your grant applications.

The workshop also offers networking opportunities, Q&A sessions, and information on:

- The different Wheatland County community grants and requirements
- Other grant resources available for participants.

Workshop Leader: Marcy Field

Marcy Field has volunteered and chaired the Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board for 12 years. Marcy is passionate about helping the community and strengthening the network of non-profit organizations that offer essential facilities, services, and programs.

#### Interested in Attending?

If you are a volunteer with a non-profit community group interested in registering, RSVP with your name and the name of your affiliated community group through one of the following methods:

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please reach out to Dave Rimes, Wheatland County Community Services Coordinator, at 403-361-2171 or via email at [dave.rimes@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:dave.rimes@wheatlandcounty.ca).



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# The Christmas Tree comedy a Rosebud Final Project

LAUREEN F. GUENTHER  
Times Contributor

*The Christmas Tree*, comedic play by Norm Foster and Canada's most frequently-produced playwright, will be performed in Rosebud, Dec. 8-10.

The one-act show is the Final Project of Lacey Cornelson, a graduating student at Rosebud School of the Arts.

*The Christmas Tree* is about two lonely strangers who have

lost the Christmas spirit.

The roles are performed by Lacey Cornelson and Joel Braun, a Rosebud School of the Arts (RSA) graduate who's also performing in Rosebud Theatre's *All is Calm* this season. RSA instructor Deanne Bertsch is directing. Anja Darien, an RSA graduate, is managing costumes. Josie Kaip, who's Rosebud Theatre's marketing assistant, is managing the sets and lighting. Karyssa Komar, a third-year student at RSA, is stage-managing.

"At the last minute on Christmas Eve," Cornelson said, the lonely strangers "decide they're going to get a Christmas tree, because maybe that will help them find some Christmas joy again."

"And when they get to the tree lot, it's just the two of them, but there's only one tree left."

The rest of the play is "about the two going back and forth, deciding whose life is more pitiful, that they deserve this Christmas tree," she said. "They make up a bunch of stories, just trying to win this battle."

Cornelson laughed aloud the first time she read this play, and she knew she wanted to perform it for her Final Project.

"It talks about deep things and it has a lot of heart in it," she said, "but it's also just so funny."

"Theatre doesn't always have to be depressing," she said. It can also be hopeful and joyful.

"One of my favorite things to do is just go to the theatre and laugh. And I always leave feeling so much better afterwards. I wanted to create that experience for people."

"I want them to experience that coming together to find Christmas spirit. Not being alone."

As Cornelson produces, rehearses and will perform *The Christmas Tree*, she feels especially rewarded to work with her team members who have

also taken a script on paper and developed their own vision for the show.

She's also grateful to have an all-female crew, so she can offer more theatrical opportunities to women.

Producing also offers significant opportunities for challenges and growth, she said, especially around budgeting. The production is fully student-funded, which requires fundraising on her part. Budgeting also puts into perspective how many elements are involved because everything – lights, sets, costumes – needs to be budgeted and paid for. But that experience will also be a great asset in the future, whenever she's involved in producing a theatrical or non-theatrical production.

*The Christmas Tree* will be performed in Rosebud's Akokiniskway Gallery on Dec. 8 and 9 at 10 pm. It will also be performed at 1 p.m. and at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to showtime.

The 10 p.m. shows will be following *All is Calm*, Rosebud Theatre's Christmas show, which ends just before 9:30 p.m. Cornelson invites guests to come to Rosebud to see *All is Calm* at the Opera House, and then walk down the street to see the 45-minute long *The Christmas Tree*.

You can reserve tickets by emailing laceyacts@gmail.com.

You may pay to that address via etransfer, or pay in cash at the door. Walk-in tickets are also available. Admission for all tickets is \$12.

Complimentary hot chocolate will be served at a fellowship time after each performance, and guests are invited to stay and visit about their own Christmas experiences.

"I'd just love to get to know more people through this event," Cornelson said.

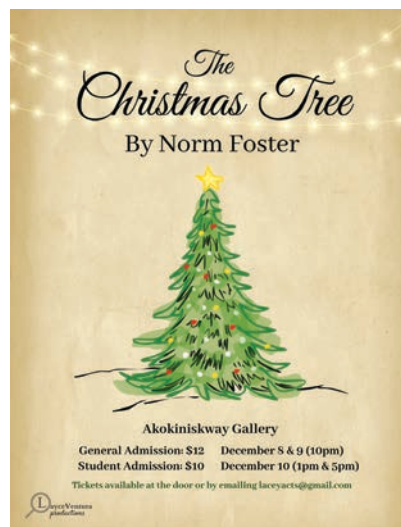


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Strathmore local Danai Allan will be performing in the Christmas production, *Christmas at the Market Place*, as part of the Rosebud School of the Arts Artists-in-Training Nov. 24 to Dec. 16 on the Rosebud's Studio Stage.

Photo Courtesy of Danai Allen

## New show to hit the stage

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Rosebud School of the Arts is excited to celebrate the holidays with their presentation of *Christmas in the Market Place* by Henri Gheon from Nov. 24 to Dec. 16 on the Rosebud's Studio Stage.

Strathmore High School graduate Danai Allan will once again be delighting audience members with her musical presence. Allan has been in a number of productions out at Rosebud, including *The Sound of Music* this past summer and a performance in a previous Christmas production in her second year.

She has also been featured at the Arts on 817 concert series where she headlined as the first Opening Act in September.

Allan grew up in Strathmore for most of her formative schooling years and graduated from SHS in 2018. Her family still lives in Strathmore and she continues to connect with her high school drama teacher and mentor Deanne Bertsch, who is also quite involved with Rosebud School of the Arts where she has directed plays and is also the

movement instructor.

"Me and her are pretty close, so we try to collaborate on things," said Allan of the bond the two share. "We get to work together quite a bit which is so awesome because I love her."

Allan is excited for the performance.

"It's kinda like a classic Nativity tale but there's a spin on it," said Allan. "It's like a humble little family telling a twist on the Christmas story."

Allan said there are roughly nine cast members – all students in their 2nd, 3rd and 4th year of schooling out at Rosebud School of the Arts.

"My favourite part about it (*Christmas at the Market Place*) is that it's not a typical telling of the story," she said. "There's aspects that are typical – it's not exactly as you'd expect from a Christmas play. It feels fresh in a way but also familiar."

Tickets for *Christmas at the Market Place* can be purchased online (rosebudtheatre.com). Showtime are 4:30 p.m., Thursdays to Saturdays. Adult tickets are \$25 and youth tickets are \$15.

Theatre and buffet tickets are available on Fridays and Saturdays, as an add-on, subject to availability.

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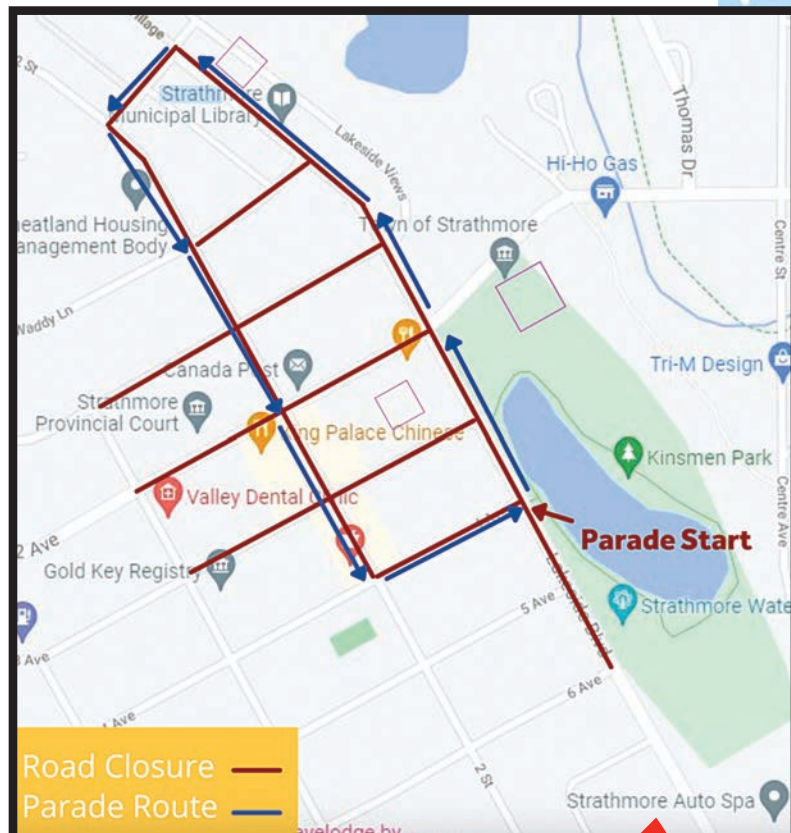
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### New season begins

Members of the Rockyford Beef 4-H Club hosted their season-opening steer weigh-in on Nov. 10, with the average steer weighing close to 700lbs. The club is looking forward to a fun and productive year with lots of activities planned for the season.

Photo Courtesy of Timbree Desmet

## Town passes fees bylaw regarding all-access recreational passes

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore gave third and final reading to Bylaw 23-34, being a fees amending bylaw, during the Nov. 15 regular meeting of Council.

During the Oct. 4 regular meeting of council, Town Administration was directed to provide additional pricing options related to a one-month, three-month, six-month, nine-month, 10-time pass, and 30-time pass all-access memberships to utilize recreational facilities throughout the town.

Administration presented to council during the Nov. 1 with the requested additional pricing options, excluding the nine-month all-access membership offering.

Council approved the additional all-access membership options presented, and motioned to direct administration to amend the fees bylaw to include the newly created membership options.

Coun. Richard Wegener asked follo-

wing a brief presentation by administration whether if due to vacation or injury, passes purchased could be put on hold so as to maximize available use for clients.

“We do allow patrons to freeze memberships for medical reasons, so yes, if it was a medical reason, we would allow them to freeze it and contact us when they are able to use it again and we would reactivate that,” said Leana Ashbacher, manager of financial services. “Over COVID-19, we did freeze memberships as well, obviously that is another unforeseen situation, so if anything like that were to arise again, we would freeze in that instance as well.”

In cases of recreational absence, such as if a patron were to go on vacation, they would not be allowed to put a freeze on their pass.

According to the report presented to council by administration, the amended bylaw provides clear and transparent rates to allow the town to operate and ensure stable revenue from this particular source.

Following the passing of the bylaw, town staff need to be made aware of the additional membership options, and the new options must be added to the town’s recreation software system.

Administration has noted it is unknown whether the changes will provide an increase in revenue associated with the new membership options. Conversely, the town may experience a revenue decrease from this source instead.

The original idea was to be able to provide a consistent rate for patrons to be able and allowed to access all of the town’s recreational facilities with one pass, rather than paying different rates multiple times for various services.

During the regular meeting, council voted to hold all three readings to amend the bylaw, which required unanimous consent to permit third reading during the same session.

More information regarding the all-access passes and fees, as well as prices can be found through the Town of Strathmore website.

## Sustaining the Alberta we love

CHANTELLE DE JONGE  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

This past week, Albertans celebrated as the courts confirmed, once again, that the federal Liberals’ climate policies are both unreasonable and unconstitutional.

A little over a year ago, Alberta intervened with the Federal Court to argue that the federal government’s decision to unilaterally label plastic as a ‘toxic substance’ is an unconstitutional intrusion into provincial jurisdiction and a

threat to our economy.

In a ruling released Thursday, Justice Angela Furlanetto wrote that it was “unreasonable and unconstitutional” to list all plastic manufactured products as toxic in the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, adding that the federal government “acted outside of their authority.”

The court also had to educate the federal government on what exactly their job is, reminding them that “cooperative federalism recognizes that the provincial government and federal govern-

ment are coordinate – the provinces are not subordinate to the federal government.”

Soon after the decision, Premier Danielle Smith and Environment and Protected Areas Minister Rebecca Schulz highlighted how Ottawa’s policies have put “thousands of jobs and billions of investments at risk.”

To echo our Premier and Environment Minister, it’s time for the federal government to listen to the courts and to Canadians, act within their scope, and acknowledge their continued pattern of overreach and the wide-ranging consequences this behaviour has had on the provinces.

Alberta is proudly home to Canada’s largest petrochemical sector, a sector with more than \$18 billion in recently announced projects that were needlessly put in jeopardy by a virtue-signaling federal government with no respect for the division of powers outlined in the Canadian Constitution.

For those keeping score, this is the second time in only two months that the Liberals’ climate policies have been slapped down by our country’s highest courts. In October, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that Bill C-69 was also unconstitutional. We hope this latest decision marks a turning point in the federal government’s approach, but we won’t hold our breath.

Premier Smith and our entire United Conservative team are listening and responding to the needs of Albertans. Alberta is back, leading the nation in economic prosperity, freedom, and opportunity. And we will work tirelessly to ensure this does not change.

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

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### Obituary



**CAMPBELL, P. Jaye (Pat)**  
May 21, 1934, Lashburn, SK  
November 14, 2023,  
Calgary, AB

With sadness, the family of P. Jaye (Pat) Campbell announce his passing. His complete obituary can be found at [www.choicememorial.com](http://www.choicememorial.com). A Celebration of His Life will be held Monday, November 27, 2023, between 11:00AM – 2:00PM at Choice Memorial (4715 – 13 Street N.E. Calgary, AB).

### Obituary



**STEPANIUK, Ken**

It is with extreme sadness we announce the passing of Ken, Wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. Ken passed away November 18, 2023 at the age of 72.

He leaves behind his loving wife Wendy of 53 years; his 4 children Kori-Lynn (Darren), Kandis (Randy), Lance (Lhotte), Kevin (Karmina) and Andy whom he loved like a son; grandchildren Brooke-Lynn (Cody), Jessica, Colby, Jaicey, Brody, Allen, Maddie, Rebecca, Israel, and Regina; great-grandchildren Bennett, Memphis, Kalev, Kateleya, and Mat; brothers Alex (Sharon) and Dan (Hazel); sisters Lorill, Cathy (Stan), and Enjoulyna; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Ken was loved for his goofy sense of humor and his kind loving soul. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Ken was predeceased by his parents, Nick and Dora; sister Kory; cousin Walter; nephews Daren and Tyler; and niece Shauna.

There will be a celebration of Ken’s life held Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cheadle Community Hall (10 Malone Ave Cheadle, Alberta). To send condolences, please visit Ken’s obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca).

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**Upcoming Council Meetings**

**December 6, 2023 | 6 P.M.** Regular Meeting of Council  
**December 13, 2023 | 6 P.M.** Committee of the Whole  
**December 20, 2023 | 6 P.M.** Regular Meeting of Council

**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.

*Winter magic returns with Strathmore's Spirit of Christmas*

**Saturday, November 25, 2023**

Event	Time	Location	Registration Opens
Candy Cane Swim	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Aquatic Centre	Nov 17 at 9 a.m.
Afternoon Movie (The Grinch)	2 p.m.	Joyland Theatre	n/a
Santa Claus Parade	5 p.m.	Downtown	Open
Carols and Tree Lighting	6 p.m.	Strathmore Municipal Building	n/a
Celebration of Lights	6:30 p.m.	Strathmore Ag Ball Diamonds	n/a

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

Event	Time	Location	Registration Opens
Family Jingleball	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre	n/a
Skate with Santa	2:30 to 3:30 p.m.	Family Centre Arena	n/a

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**Municipal Enforcement's Toys for Tickets is back for 2023**

The Town of Strathmore is revving up its second annual Toys for Tickets program. In the spirit of the holiday season, the Town of Strathmore will be launching the second annual Toys for Tickets campaign. Toys for Tickets gives every person who is issued a Municipal Enforcement non-moving violation the opportunity to pay the fine amount by donating a new, unwrapped toy of equal or greater value to the penalty of their parking ticket. All toys collected as part of the Toys for Tickets

program will be donated by the Town of Strathmore in support of the Strathmore & Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society. "Toys for Tickets is a wonderful opportunity to help children in our community have a joyous and memorable Christmas. Many in our community are facing challenges this holiday season, and this program allows people to turn their ticket into a means of helping our neighbours and community have a Merry Christmas," said Mayor Pat Fule. To donate, every person who receives a Municipal Enforcement non-moving violation ticket from November 13 to December 11, 2023 can bring their ticket with an unwrapped toy in its original packaging

and proof of purchase to the Strathmore Municipal Building (1 Parklane Drive). Donations of more than one toy are accepted if the value of the toy equals or exceeds the amount owing on the fine. Didn't get a ticket but would still like to help? Anyone is welcome to bring new, unwrapped toys to the Strathmore Municipal Building as part of this campaign. All toys left under the lobby Christmas trees will also be donated in support of the Strathmore & Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society. "We are excited to announce our second annual Toys for Tickets campaign. Toy donations in lieu of parking tickets is a great way the Town can be innovative and make a difference in our community. Last year, participants donated over \$700 worth of toys to the Strathmore and Wheatland Christmas Hamper Society," said Mark Pretzlaff, Community & Protective Services

**FCSS/United Way Grant Funding Call for Applications**

Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) works closely with the United Way to provide funding to non-profit organizations that enhance the social well-being of individuals and families. Premised on strengthening individuals, families, and the community, FCSS/United Way funded programs build knowledge, skills and healthy behaviours, improving quality of life and building capacity to prevent and deal with crisis situations should they arise. These activities are carried out under the authority

of a joint municipal/provincial program regulated by the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Act of Alberta. The Town of Strathmore allocates this funding based on the needs of the community and evaluation criteria.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must be eligible under the Family and Community Support Services Act and Regulation as well as the United Way Funding Agreement. Preference will be given to not-for-profit organizations registered under the Societies Act that:

- Sustain people as active participants in the community
- Help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis
- Help people to develop an awareness of social needs
- Help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people
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- Provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community

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