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## Bursting the banner

The Strathmore Badgers bantam football team burst through the banner prior to their CAFL Bronze final on Nov. 4 at Crowther Memorial Junior High School. Despite falling 78-33 to the Ponoka Broncs, it was a fun, good learning season for the Badgers.

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## Future of taxi businesses discussed at town council

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore Town Council heard a delegation from Strathmore and Wheatland Taxis during the Nov. 1, regular meeting, which concerned any future broker licenses within the town.

Robert Seabrooke, representing Wheatland Taxi, and Ajaypal Singh, speaking on behalf of Strathmore Taxi presented before council.

“We are not against competition, it is good for everybody, but what we are saying right now is, the current population of Strathmore and the service levels we provide, we feel do not dictate another broker coming in,” said Seabrooke.

“We (would) just like to bring this up ahead of time, so we are asking council to

consider, not so much a moratorium, but a case would need to be made for another broker to come in.”

In the request form to speak which was submitted to the town, Oct. 4, Seabrooke and Singh noted there would be detrimental effects to their businesses, as well as for the overall service to the town, should more companies open in the area.

Seabrooke added taxis are much more regulated than most other businesses in town, which he explained is cause for him to have more at stake to lose should his business experience unnecessary competition.

“Currently Wheatland Taxi operates five vehicles; at any given time, 60 per cent are being utilized. Strathmore Taxi has four (and) at any given time, 50 per cent are being utilized,” said Seabrooke. “Only on two

occasions, extreme weather aside, do we find we do not have enough vehicles and that is Stampede weekend, and New Year’s Eve, but that goes anywhere.”

Under the town’s current bylaws, Strathmore and Wheatland Taxis operate 24 hours per day, seven days a week, as that is expected of them.

The argument is that should another business open its doors in town, there will not be enough regular demand split between each of the services for any of them to be sustainable.

Another concern Seabrooke brought up was regarding the amount of money Wheatland and Strathmore Taxis put back into the local community on an annual basis, and the desire to continue that, rather than to see another business take money elsewhere.

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### Earning the split

The Wheatland Kings split a pair of games against two of the top teams in the HJHL Southern Division Nov. 3-4. The local Junior B team opened the weekend with a close 4-2 road loss to the top team in the league, the Okotoks Bisons, before posting a 6-5 overtime win over the Medicine Hat Cubs the following day at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Kings will travel to Didsbury on Nov. 11 to face Mountainview before returning home to host Ponoka the following day at 4 p.m.

Joe Lepage Photo

Wheatland Elementary hosted a food drive for the Wheatland County Food Bank, as well as Soup for Soldiers, Oct. 30 through Nov. 4. On Nov. 6, representatives from the food bank attended the school to pick up their donations. Students and staff were able to fill two pickup trucks worth with their contributions.

John Watson Photo



## Wheatland Elementary hosts successful food drive

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland Elementary School resumed their annual Take a Bite out of Hunger campaign, encouraging students to bring in donations for the Christmas Hamper Society.

Devon Kirby, a Grade 5 teacher at Wheatland Elementary, explained the initiative has been on hold since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and is finally able to resume.

“We are calling it ‘Take a Bite out of Hunger,’ and so this week at school we are collecting items for the Christmas Hamper Society, and then also we are doing Soup for Soldiers,” she said. “Each day we are collecting different items — Oct. 30 was pasta and pasta sauce, Oct. 31 was breakfast and lunch items, Nov. 1 was hygiene, Nov. 2 was

new toys and games, and Nov. 3 was our Soup for Soldiers Day that we were collecting cans of soup that went to the legion.”

The school has a total student population of 340 kids, who as of Oct. 31, being the second day of the program, had already amassed over 400 items collected for donation.

According to Kirby, hype and excitement spread like wildfire through the school as students were aiming to achieve specific donation goals which carried some added incentive.

“(Students) have been very excited, the whole school is involved, and we are working towards a couple of goals. If the students brought in 2,000 items, our associate principal would be duct taped to a wall, and if they brought in over 2,500 items, then our principal would be duct taped to the wall. They were very excited to work towards those goals,” said Kirby. “Every day in the hallways, you could hear kids taking about what they were going to bring the next day ... staff are participating as well so they could bring in items and get us to our goals.”

The Christmas Hamper Society was notified ahead of the event so that they could be made aware of the influx of donations coming their way.

Parents of students were also made aware of the project, though much of the notice and information was spread through the school from student to student.

“We did send some information home to parents, but my Grade 5 class last week went around to all of the classes to explain what we were collecting each day, and they gave examples of things that they could bring in each day,” said Kirby. “They (The Christmas Hamper Society) were shocked that we were thinking of this so early, but so very grateful. They came on Monday, Nov. 6 to pick up all of the items and they were so excited when I called and talked to them to tell them that we were doing this, and they were excited to have this stuff so early.”

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# Hospice Society, Drew Gregory to host third annual harvest wrap up

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland and Area Hospice Society and Drew Gregory are hosting their third annual harvest wrap up party at the Strathmore Legion, Nov. 24.

Keith Clayton, director of the board for the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society, said this year's acreage and crop sale were extremely successful for the cause.

"It was a very good harvest. We presold the barley and the actual income from just the sale of the barley was \$152,000. We have sold the straw and we are selling acres for input costs and that kind of stuff," he said. "It was the best return of any crop that we have raised so far for the Farming for Hospice ... this is our fifth year; the first one was in Standard, and the last four have been at the Nutrien plant down at Carseland."

Support from the surrounding community, he added, has played a key role in making the project a success since its inception.

"We have had wonderful sponsorships from ... members in the community who have come out to help plant, help spray, help harvest with combines, help truck materials to destinations, it has been a real wonderful participation with the community," he said.

The harvest wrap up celebration at the legion is a ticketed event, also featuring a raffle to further raise both funds and awareness for the Farming

for Hospice.

Gregory explained he has been excited to partner with the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society since working with them through his tenure with Project Wild.

"I was involved with a thing called Project Wild in Calgary which was put on by Wild 95.3 and it was an artist development competition and there was \$100,000 at stake in that competition," he said. "The first year was because of Project Wild, but the last two years I just wanted to keep it going – it was such a great success and I definitely want to keep staying involved as long as they will have me."

The event will largely consist of a dinner, as well as a performance by Gregory, as well as several other featured artists.

Clayton explained tickets have been on sale as of Oct. 30, and are purchasable through the Wheatland Hospice website. Similarly, a link is also posted to purchase raffle tickets.

The 2024 Farming for Hospice campaign will kick off following the new year, though preparations for that season are already under way.

"We have next year's crop already in the ground ... we were able to plant next year's crop to fall rye but that does not mean that we do not need to sell inputs for acres or anything else," said Clayton.

More information regarding the harvest wrap up event, as well as the Farming for Hospice initiative is available through the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society website.

# Town defers Cemetery Bylaw discussions until May 2024

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore Council has voted to differ further discussions regarding potential amendments to the Cemetery Bylaw until May 2024.

During the Nov. 1 regular meeting of council, Coun. Denise Peterson motioned to differ the discussion to allow for more time to consider feedback from the community, as well as for council to consider the amendments.

Administration had recommended that council give third and final reading to the bylaw during the meeting.

Second reading for Bylaw 23-31, being the cemetery bylaw, was passed during the Oct. 18 regular meeting of council, though the matter remained divisive, and third reading was not granted unanimous consent to be had at that time.

The cemetery bylaw governs the operations, maintenance and enforcement of the facility in conformance with the Cemetery Act.

Discussions were initially introduced to council during the Oct. 11 Committee of the Whole meeting, presented by Donna McCallum, operations manager for the Town of Strathmore.

During the Nov. 1 regular meeting of council, members of the public were allowed to speak to council regarding their concerns over the amendments to the cemetery bylaw.

"Differing this bylaw gives time for council to consider and reconsider all of these ideas that have been brought forward and give them the fullness of the attention that they deserve," said Peterson. "It also allows time for the persons who ventured into this room tonight to explore some of the excellent ideas that they may be able to incorporate into some future rendition of a bylaw."

Peterson specified she motioned to differ the discussion until May to account for town staff's time and not rushing them prior to the drafted bylaw being brought back before council.

Coun. Brent Wiley also spoke in favour of differing the discussion, speaking to his belief in the importance of being able to adequately consider community feedback.

"A Committee of the Whole meeting is where council gets together and we have time to go through the bylaw, to really consider everything that we have heard tonight, to go through the different amendments that some of us councillors might be bringing forward, to try and balance things out, (and) to debate," he said. "A Committee of the Whole meeting is not a vote, so we will not even be under the pressure to make a decision that night; we will be able to take it all in, and then the vote would happen at a later date."

Peterson's motion was passed unanimously by council following discussion.



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- 1. Happen again
- 8. Large flightless birds
- 13. A type of account
- 14. Beyond what is natural
- 15. Beloved comfort food
- 19. Rural delivery
- 20. Belonging to us
- 21. Typical
- 22. Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 24. Not us
- 25. Discharge
- 26. Made empty
- 30. Fishing net
- 31. Fast-moving, harmless snake
- 32. Analyzed into its parts
- 33. In a way, chilled
- 34. Hindu queen
- 35. Circles around the sun
- 38. Used for emphasis
- 39. Reactive structures
- 40. Recommendations
- 44. Feel intense anger
- 45. Puke
- 46. Rural Northern Ireland community
- 47. Naturally occurring solid material
- 48. British watch brand
- 49. Toddler
- 50. Integrated circuit
- 51. Being revered
- 55. "Pets" you can grow
- 57. Continual
- 58. Puts together in time
- 59. Houses temporarily

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vital public document
- 2. Disinter
- 3. Musical performances
- 4. After B
- 5. Every body has one (abbr.)
- 6. Utilize
- 7. In a way, disproved
- 8. Fisherman's tool
- 9. Of she
- 10. Trauma center
- 11. Commercial flyer
- 12. Administered medicine to calm
- 16. Popular R&B performer
- 17. Regretted
- 18. Leg (slang)
- 22. "Night Train" author
- 25. More supernatural
- 27. Baltimore ballplayer
- 28. Shoe parts
- 29. Scores perfectly
- 30. More lucid
- 32. Trim by cutting
- 34. Disreputable people
- 35. Dramatic behaviors
- 36. Disorder
- 37. Private box in a theater
- 38. More dried-up
- 40. Raw
- 41. In operation
- 42. Pillager
- 43. Butterflies with brown wings
- 45. Disallow
- 48. Own up
- 51. Hungarian city
- 52. A way to condemn
- 53. Tax collector
- 54. Lease
- 56. Not out

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### Home tourney

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## Steve Kindred the featured artist at Strathmore Library for November

JOHN WATSON  
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Steve Kindred is the Strathmore Municipal Library's artist of the month for November, who has chosen to showcase a very different art style to what is often seen in the library's gallery.

"It is a really cool art that he produces. He takes classic cars, reproduces them into a model size and then uses those models to create ... pop art is how I would describe it, but he may have a different description," said Laura Henderson, assistant director of library services. "He is definitely a very independent artist, he really likes to do things - he wants to make sure he hangs the gallery so it is curated the way he sees it curated, and very much wants the messaging to be his messaging."

This gallery will be Kindred's first time displaying with the library, though it is not his first time to be showcased.

According to Kindred, he explained in a statement his work has recently begun to find homes in automotive dealerships, auto-related retail locations, and collector car clubs.

He described having spent 25 years in the automotive dealership business, with 17 of that as a general manager.

Now, he creates 1:24 scale replicas of classic cars, mirroring his clients' full-size models, then stages them in a sort of pop art type of imagery.

"Steve is a very unique artist; he is currently one of the Vault's artists and I think that is how we connected with him," added Henderson. "When he came to meet with me, he brought more prints than any artist has ever brought to show me and they were so cool and different. It is going to be a very different gallery than what we have shown in the past."

Henderson said when she was in discussions with Kindred regarding the display, he had mentioned his art started as a side project before becoming a much more significant part of his life.

Though she did not give an exact date, as it has not yet been scheduled, Henderson relayed that Kindred is very interested in conducting a Meet the Artist event at the library during his tenure as the featured artist for the month.

Some of Kindred's work will be for sale during the duration of the gallery. Henderson did not specify whether Kindred is open to taking commissions for similar pieces from potentially interested parties.

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## Town hears concerns regarding potential future taxi businesses

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Currently, there are no ghost transport services, such as Uber, which operate within Strathmore.

Mayor Pat Fule posted a question asking if the town was legally able to limit the number of operating taxi businesses within the local region. Town CAO Kevin Scoble clarified if the town attempted to do so, they would be open to liability from somebody who did want to establish and would then be not permitted to do so.

Coun. Brent Wiley requested a business case from Strathmore and Wheatland Taxis in order for the town to further examine the discussion.



### Braves cruising

The Wheatland Braves improved to 7-2-0 on the season following a 3-2 win over the East Kootenay Avalanche on Nov. 4 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The same two teams battled the night before in Hussar with the local U13AA team winning 9-3. The Braves will now hit the road for eight games before returning home on Dec. 10.

Joe Lepage Photo



### Making strides

The Strathmore U11AA HADP team earned a 10-3 win over Brooks on Nov. 4 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Strathmore then dropped a 16-6 road loss the following day. The team will play a pair of road games before hosting Medicine Hat on Nov. 24.

Joe Lepage Photo



### Winning ways

The U16B RISE ringette team improved to 6-0 on the season after a 5-4 win over Lethbridge on Nov. 4 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The RISE will play a road game on Nov. 12 before returning home on Nov. 26 (7:15 p.m.) to host the Cochrane Rockies.

Joe Lepage Photos

## Lakewood of Strathmore to partner with American Legion to honour veterans

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Following the grand opening of Brave Park, Lakewood of Strathmore is creating a twinning program with the Pearl Harbour National Memorial, and the American Legion, Oahu Post.

Scott Silva, director of sales and marketing for the community of Lakewood, who attended a ceremony at Pearl Harbour, Nov. 8, said the goal for the partnership is to establish camaraderie between the legions and associated organizations.

“What we wanted to do at Brave Park was to immortalize those who have given sacrifices to us not only locally, or nationally, but also internationally,” he said. “What we are adventuring on is our first plaque and our first international recognition of those who have sacrificed for us both here and abroad.”

The process for getting everything established was launched Oct. 30, piggybacking on an opportunity he was taking to visit Pearl Harbour, Silva explained

In the three days allotted to creating the programme, the plaque was created, and letters of introduction and understanding of the Lakewood team’s intent were circulated to the National Memorial team in Pearl Harbour.

“I had no idea what it was going to look like, I was not expecting anything grand or anything large. We were hoping for a small ceremony where we could offer the plaques that we have been able to produce for them, and with hopes that we could bring something back from them in return,” said Silva. “Whether that is an artifact, a piece of memorabilia, something from them that we can then host at our legion as a significant tribute to not only those soldiers, but also part of the beginning of our exchange or twinning program with the American Legion and National Memorial in Pearl Harbour.”

Through the twinning program being launched, Silva explained the

idea will be to share cultures, experiences, ideas, locales, and events.

He described it as a great way to embrace the differences between Oahu and Strathmore, share and celebrate them with one another.

“We would love to be able to see them and host them up here for Strathmore Stampede ... also we would love to host them in the winter, although we do not know how excited they would be about that,” Silva joked. “Really, the exchange program is about exchanging everything from stories to camaraderie, to fellowship, to hosting memorabilia, to celebrations,

to everything involving an individual’s military career and how that really stretches out to the community.”

Brave Park, which opened Oct. 21, stands as a memorial to honour first responders, police, and military personnel for their efforts and sacrifices.

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The 1918 flu virus that killed 50 million people worldwide has undergone genetic sequencing by scientists to help understand how to control and prevent future flu epidemics. Evidently, the viruses that caused the flu epidemic in 1957 1968 and 2009 were all descendants of the 1918 virus. Also, in some years, like 2009, the flu virus seemed to target younger people who had never been exposed to the 1918 virus so the flu shots that year were designed to target that age group.

Are women in certain professions more susceptible to ovarian cancer than others? A study published recently show that women in these professions for more than 10 years...of hairstyling, sewers and embroiderers working with fabrics and accountants were at high risk. For hair stylists, having a 3-fold higher risk, it was the chemicals they work with daily that was the culprit. For accountants? More research must be done.

England is another country with a goal of reducing the smoking rate to below 5% by 2030. They will offer pregnant women up to £400 to stop smoking and one million smokers will be given a free vaping starter kit to help get them off smoking tobacco. Up to 2 of 3 lifelong smokers will die from smoking. It’s the only product on sale which will kill you if used correctly.

“Shingles” comes from the Latin word, *cingulum*, meaning belt or girdle because the rash usually appears in a band or belt-like pattern. The virus causing it is herpes *zoster*. Zoster is from the Greek also meaning girdle.

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## Upcoming Meetings

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**November 14: Public Presentation Committee**

**November 14: Committee of the Whole**

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### 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.

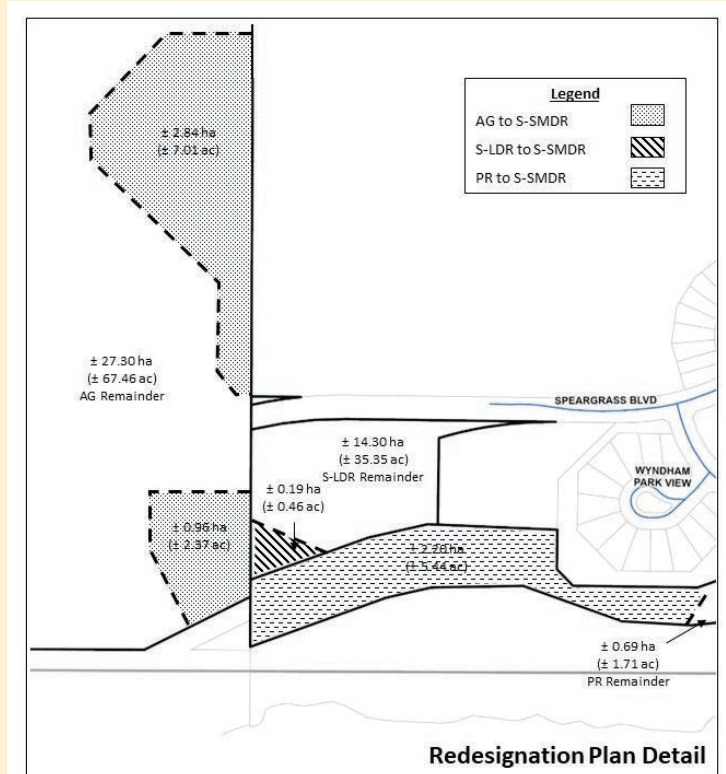
The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

**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 County Food Bank gets major boost

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland County Food Bank received a \$5,000 donation from the CGC, Nov. 7, as part of the company's annual Give Local program.

A cheque presentation event was hosted for the occasion to present the dona-

tion. Every year, CGC plants and sales teams provide a donation to non-profits in the respective communities in which they operate.

"This is part of our company-wide Give Local program where each of the facilities in North America ... has a budget of \$5,000 that every year, the employees at

that facility have a vote to decide which charity in the community receives this \$5,000 payment," said Steve Forcier, vice president of manufacturing for CGC. "The decision was made by our team as part of the Wheatland Plant Project and then we communicated with the food bank that we wanted to make this donation to them and then we set up this event on Tuesday where some of our employees (were) there to give them the cheque."

CGC has been conducting their annual donations in this format for the last five years across their locations in Canada and the United States.

Forcier added he believed the timing of the donation to be particularly favourable, with the Christmas holidays coming up, and acknowledging the increased reliance on food banks during this time of year.

"It is something that is near and dear to our hearts and we want to make a difference in the communities that we operate in," he said. "We have this Give Local donation that happens to be the Wheatland County Food Bank this year, but all of our facilities also participate in their own food drives as well."

"At this time of year, our employees bring in food and the plant teams will deliver that food to the food banks as well. We are really proud to be able to contribute to improving food security. In speaking with Lynnette



The CGC made a \$5,000 donation to the Wheatland County Food Bank, Nov. 7, as part of their annual Give Local initiative. The idea is, each CGC location across Canada and the United States will make a donation to a local non-profit within their respective operating areas. Employees vote on which organization will receive the funds.

John Watson Photo

Aschenbrenner, executive director for the Wheatland County Food Bank, Forcier said specific numbers regarding the impact of the donation are hard to calculate, though \$5,000 is able to make a significant difference over the holiday season.

Prior to the Give Local program, CGC facilities acted individually on making annual charitable contributions to their respective communities. The idea behind Give Local was to give structure to the donations and formalize the program so communities could see as much benefit as possible from it.

"We are a company that has been around for over 100 years and each facility for decades had their own budget and ideas on how to contribute into the com-

munities that they operate in. About five or six years ago, we decided we want to make sure that all of the facilities in our organization have a healthy set budget to do this and standardize it across the company," said Forcier. "The employees make the decision and the employees are the folks who live in the communities and know the issues ... and it is a healthy amount of money that goes directly to a charity in the community that we operate in for them to make immediate improvements in whatever problem they are trying to solve."

CGC is currently in the permitting and build stage of establishing a wallboard manufacturing facility within Wheatland County.

**Please join BTG for some Christmas crafting out in the County!**

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# The importance of community newspapers

MARTIN SHIELDS

Member of Parliament Bow River Riding

Dear constituents,

Local print news is an important resource in rural and smaller communities across the country. But in recent years with the rise of digital media, print newspapers have been shutting their doors from coast to coast. That's why I believe it's vitally important to support our local weekly newspapers.

In the Bow River riding, we have a host of dedicated professionals behind several weekly newspapers that provide factual, informative, and captivating stories about our communities. Some have maintained their physical paper circulation, others have gone entirely digital, while many maintain a combination of both.

In this digital world we live in, Canadians are changing the way they consume the news. Through social media, it became even easier to aggregate what you wanted to see right on your feed. But then the Liberal government introduced Bill C-18, the Online News Act. When the Bill was introduced, Cana-

dians were told that the intent behind the Bill was to "level the playing field" between social media giants like Facebook and Google, and Canadian news organizations. At the time, large news broadcasters like CBC, Rogers, and Bell were very supportive of it. Why? Because most of the money received from the provisions in the Bill would flow to the big broadcasters – not the local newspapers like in the Bow River riding.

When C-18 was at Heritage committee, I joined the chorus of voices in opposition to this bill because we knew it could kill small Canadian news outlets. Conservatives warned this Bill would disrupt access to online news and in fact do the opposite of what it was intended to do. Lo and behold, Facebook banned news from its site, and Google has set a date in December to do the same. With Bill C-18 set to come into force on Dec. 19, many large and medium news organizations across the country are reversing course in supporting this Bill because of the consequences of its implementation.

But that's why during my time as MP for Bow River, I have always support-

ted our local weekly newspapers, and my office continues to advertise in our weekly newspapers. Here is the annual breakdown that directly supports our community newspapers and flows into our communities:

- 17-18: \$29,735.76
- 18-19: \$23,748.99
- 19-20: \$24,423.23
- 20-21: \$43,368.53
- 21-22: \$49,176.77
- 22-23: \$48,943.96

I believe our weeklies provide a crucial service to the Bow River riding. That's why my office continues to support them and write columns just like these so you as constituents can stay informed.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## APP, a feeling survey?

To the Editor

Alberta's finance minister was interviewed on CTV national news program "Question Period" Oct. 29, and I paraphrase, the interviewer asked him about the APP survey on what would it take or how is it being measured to be considered for a referendum, and was this action due to current issues between Alberta and Ottawa?

He stated if they get a feeling, they could move to a referendum and didn't really answer the Alberta, Ottawa question. Is that what democracy is now to our governing leaders – a feeling of something that puts people's life retirement savings at risk with an unproven system like the APP?

Ask your MLA, how many people does it take to get a feeling? If you choose to sit on the sidelines and not question your representatives on their methods then hope the "feeling" of governance meets your expectations. The interview is now on YouTube if interested in further details or clarifications.

Here's some facts, not assumptions or feelings like our government appears to state they understand.

The maximum insurable earnings for QPP and CPP are the same at \$64,900, along with the basic exemption of \$3,500.

The reported cost listed to maintain those 2023 contributions: Employee QPP 6.16 per cent, CPP 5.7 per cent, employer is to match the same in both cases.

Self-employed QPP 12.3 per cent, CPP 11.4 per cent. Alberta states it contributes more due to a reported young workforce and higher wages. Question: how much of that high income is oil sector related, and how long will that last compared to CPP's current 75-year guarantee? What those numbers show is Quebecers pay more for their personal pension plan than the rest of Canada. The Alberta government is promoting it could be less. Is that an acceptable risk in guessing for your pension security?

Going with facts, not feelings, the number of contribution inputs also determines the rate of growth. Here are the Top 4 provinces' populations: Ontario – 15.6 million, Quebec – 8.8, BC – 5.5 and Alberta – 4.6, million. Canada is at 39.4 million, taking away Quebec's population brings it to 30.6 million. When Quebecers have to pay more with having twice the population of Alberta, it not only makes you wonder who's doing the math, but how our government can state the cost will be

less based on this actual reality.

It's been reported that if Alberta opts out of CPP there's no going back – are you willing to risk that lifetime of saving for political reasons? It would be one thing if the CPP plan was problematic, but it's known worldwide as the best and well-managed fund that the envious world is impressed by. So, what's there to fix? As of Sept. 30, 2022, it's reported that more than 725,000 Albertans were over the age of 65. That number is expected to double within the next two decades. What do you think the price of oil will be in that time frame given the world movement towards decarbonization, so your kids have a future to go to? Where is the Alberta money coming from in the next two decades with any assurance?

Ask yourself, do you want to be part of a Smith UCP legacy that disrupted the CPP for all Canadians? To be used in a way that potentially affects your retirement security for what appears to be nothing more than personal politics? Is that what Albertans historic legacy should be remembered for?

The federal conservative leader, Poilievre has stated Canadians should stay with the CPP – so why say that? Could it be he's concerned about the fallout it may generate across Canada? With all that needs addressing in Alberta: housing, cost of living, health care, education, etc., our UCP government feels that it is important to address a Canadian retirement system that has no issues to be concerned about fixing by anyone else. Our premier has recently stated on the news that she feels the federal government decision on the carbon tax for only home heating oil is not bringing Canadians together, but has no issues with introducing the APP that separates Alberta from Canada which has a potential impact to all Canadians.

What does that say to you about the APP intent? What will this potential change do to attract business and professionals? Do you believe individual Albertans should have the option to stay with the CPP by opting out of supporting an APP, if adopted? Ask your MLA. If you care about your retirement security future then talk, write, call, meet with your representative as they are saying they want to hear from you – so test them out on that and you'll get your answer on who they are representing. Your money, your future, your country.

Dennis Bigras  
Wheatland County

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# Rosebud Theatre's *All is Calm* a song for peace

LAUREEN F. GUENTHER  
Times Contributor

*All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914* opened at Rosebud Theatre, Nov. 4, running til Dec. 23. The musical play, written by Peter Rothstein, was directed by Morris Ertman, with musical direction by Bill Hamm.

An ensemble of eight men – Joel Braun, Griffin Cork, Tim Dixon, Mark Kazakov, Aaron Krogman, Steven Morton, Kenaniah Love Schnare and Blair Young – tells this story in acapella music and authentic letters written from the front.

The men sing and tell of the excitement of setting off to war, proclaiming their optimism that it will all be over by Christmas. But soon they're singing of the loneliness, the deprivation, the darkness, the deaths of their comrades. When Christmas nears, the war's end is further away than ever.

But then soldiers begin singing to each other from the trenches. By Christmas Day, they're out of their trenches, fraternizing in No Man's Land. They sing together in English and German. They share photos and stories. They bury their dead in a shared, bilingual graveside service. And they enjoy a game of football.

Quickly, their commanding offi-

cers issue a sharp reprimand. And the Christmas ceasefire is never repeated during the war.

The songs of *All is Calm*, ranging from sacred to traditional to ribald to ridiculous, are marvelously sculpted. Under Bill Hamm's direction, the music feels warm and personal, so that the whole experience feels like a conversation, a personal storytelling. We so completely take these long-ago soldiers into our hearts that, when the performers waved goodbye before leaving the stage, audience members waved back.

As we recognize Remembrance Day this week, and Christmas just a few more weeks away, war still ranges in far-away countries, and at home, opposing political views are separating friends and families.

But as *All is Calm* speculates, what would happen if we all laid down our arms, reached out our hands, and refused to fight any more? We long for this reminder that we can work for peace – and the hope that we can still make it happen.

*All is Calm* runs on Rosebud's Opera House stage until Dec. 23. Tickets come with the buffet meal, but may also be purchased without. For tickets and more information, go to [rosebudtheatre.com](http://rosebudtheatre.com) or call 1-800-267-7553.

## Sustaining the Alberta we love

CHANTELLE DE JONGE  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Below is an excerpt from my Nov. 8 Maiden Speech in the Alberta Legislature ...

I got into politics to sustain the Alberta we love and to expand on the strength and freedom that nourish the Alberta spirit. We are strong when we are free, and we are free when we are strong. To sustain our strength and freedom and to ensure that these principles remain a beacon for generations to come, Alberta must face two sets of related challenges, simultaneously internal and external.

First is the woke culture of progressives, which includes radical environmentalism and an obsession with identity politics. Woke progressive culture is a creature that feeds on division sown by invented grievances. It is a creature that reduces and diminishes people to narrow identities. It is a creature that opposes freedom of expression in the public square and in our schools and universities. It is a creature that scorns science, faith, and hope. Woke progressive culture is a creature hostile to the core traditions of Albertans and who we are. It divides friends and families. It pits parents against children, citizens against neighbours, and workers against businesses. It is a creature that afflicts many, chief among them our

friends across the aisle, Mr. Speaker. And in this execution of that progressive plan, we are seeing an attack on Albertans, on our provincial identity, our energy sector, our farms and ranches, our institutions, and our families. We are seeing an assault on parental rights and authority, tacitly endorsed by Ottawa with New Democrat complicity, and this is wrong.

As the main founder of our province, the famously pragmatic Frederick Haultain often repeated: there is no compromise with wrong. The family is the fundamental building block of society and how citizens naturally pass on the torch of culture. Healthy and strong families beget strong communities and healthy societies. Without strong families, individuals quickly become vassals of the state. There's no culture without families, and our coalition was built on this principle and on the promise that families are protected from state intrusions. We must never let ideologues interfere with the fundamental natural rights of parents to raise their children with the same love, care, and principles they hold dear. It is our job to sustain Albertans, and we maintain and develop a stronger culture by maintaining strong families.

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

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### Obituary



**COLDWELL,**  
Guy "Sid" Richard  
Dec 25, 1953 - Oct 25, 2023

It is with deep sadness we announce the sudden passing of Guy on October 25, 2023 in Strathmore.

He will be lovingly remembered by his mother Wanda, brothers Dan Keeler (Brenda, Dan Jr.), Jack Coldwell (Molly, Emma), sisters Lynn Coldwell (Christine), Lee Simonin (Bailee) and a multitude of friends.

Guy is predeceased by his father Jack, his brother Darrell, brother-in-law Ron and nephew Duane. A celebration of life will be held at the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

We would like everyone to join us afterwards for lunch and memories.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made directly to Royal Canadian Legion #10 or an animal shelter of your choice.

Please wear bright colors to the Celebration of Life.

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

Wheatland Funeral Home  
Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

### Obituary



**SHELLEY,**  
Donald Pickering  
1936 - October 31, 2023

Don Shelley, a dedicated individual who spent a significant part of his life in the service of others, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was 87 years old.

Don's commitment to the well-being of his community led him to a lifelong career in emergency services. In 1982 he co-founded Global Training Centre in Strathmore, Alberta, with his daughter Debbie with the sole mission of saving lives and making a difference. His passion for saving lives started way before Global, when he opened one of the first ambulance services in Calgary - Stampede Ambulance. His need "to help" continued with his service, in both Strathmore & Wheatland rural fire departments, and just recently received from the Government of Canada his Fire Services Exemplary Services Medal in recognition of 50 years of service. He leaves behind a legacy of love, selflessness, and service.

In addition to his remarkable professional life, Don was pre-deceased by his beloved of 65 years Joan Marguerite Shelley (Banning). He was a loving father to children, Debbie (Delor) and Michael (Connie), proud grandfather to J.R. (Dwila), Taryn, Tashina, Joshua, Justin, William (Hope) and Bridget, and great grandfather to Delor (J.R. & Dwila) and Teagan (William & Hope), and good friends Wayne & Robin Caughell.

Don will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to helping others, his contributions to safety and emergency services, his warm and loving presence, and the countless lives he touched throughout his journey. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished by his family, friends, and the community he served.

Mom & Dad were avid jive dancers, so Dad's request was no funeral and a rockin' good 50's themed dance – so get your poodle skirts ready! This will be held in early 2024, so please watch for the announcement. In lieu of flowers a firefighters boot will be present at the celebration of life for donations in his memory.

### THANK YOU

Thank You

We would like to thank the Strathmore Acute Care Staff for their support, care and compassion while Loretta was in their excellent care.

We would also like to thank the Strathmore Home Care Unit /staff, the Palliative Team, the Wheatland Hospice Society, and Wheatland FCSS, for their support and care.

We also want to thank the Royal Canadian Legion, Strathmore Branch #10, for use of their loaner equipment and support.

We wish to thank our friends, especially Rob and Coral, for their continuing compassion and support.

And a huge thank you to our family and relatives for their support.

Cliff Scott and family

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**NOTICES**

**Wheatland County Food Bank Society**  
**AGM**  
 Monday  
**November 20**  
 at 1:30PM  
*Public Welcome*  
 122 Canal Gardens

**NOTICES**

**The Nightingale Community Association**  
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**MISC**

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**TENDER**

**Public Sale of Land (Municipal Government Act)**  
**Village of Rockyford**

Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Village of Rockyford will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Village Office, Council Chambers, 110 Main Street, Rockyford, Alberta on November 22, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., the following parcels:

Roll No	Lot	Block	Plan	C of T	Reserve Bid
360	6,7	3	5728CC	971 336 368	\$49,120.00
670	1,2	6	7531CN	791 033 966	\$170,360.00
680	3,4	6	7531CN	791 033 964	\$66,570.00
690	5,6	6	7531CN	841 092 916	\$46,030.00
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- Any parcel of land offered for sale may be redeemed by payment of all arrears, penalties and costs by guaranteed funds at any time until the property is declared sold.
- Each parcel of land offered for sale will be subject to a reserve bid and title will be subject to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.
- The lands are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and the municipality makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the state of the parcel nor its suitability for any intended use by the successful bidder.
- The auctioneer, councillors, the chief administrative officer and the designated officers and employees of the municipality must not bid or buy any parcel of land offered for sale, unless directed by the municipality to do so on behalf of the municipality.
- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for property taxes and utilities for the current year. There will be no adjustment to the date of sale.
- The purchaser will be required to execute a sale agreement in form and substance provided by the municipality.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft payable to the municipality as follows:
  - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
  - If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale. (if the certified cheque or bank draft exceeds the final purchase price, the excess will be refunded within a reasonable time)
- GST will be collected on all properties subject to GST.
- The risk of the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- The purchaser will be responsible for registration of the transfer including registration fees.
- If no offer is received on a property or if the reserve bid is not met, the property cannot be sold at the public auction.
- The municipality may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.
- Once the property is declared sold at public auction, the previous owner has no further right to pay the tax arrears.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.  
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**Upcoming Council Meetings**

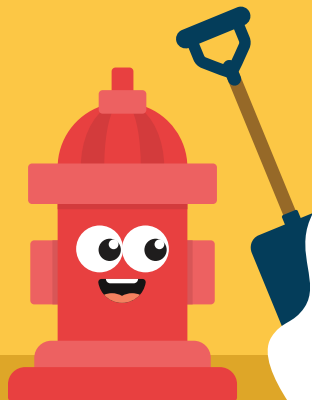
November 1, 2023 | 6 P.M. Regular Meeting of Council  
November 8, 2023 | 6 P.M. Committee of the Whole  
November 14, 2023 | 6 P.M. Regular Meeting of Council (Budget)

**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**

**Low-Income Senior's Property Tax Rebate Program**

Applications due November 30th



The Seniors Property Tax Rebate program is a compassionate initiative designed to support low-income senior property owners through a small tax rebate.

**What to bring when you apply:**

- Copy of current (2023) property tax statement;
- Copy of 2022 Personal Income Tax Notice of Assessment for both the applicant and spouse;

**Qualifications:**

- Applicant must be 65 years of age or older;
- Applicant must be the registered homeowner on title;
- Applicant must reside in the home.
- Applicant and spouse/partners annual gross household income is the same as or less than the income thresholds set by the Government of Alberta based on line 15000 of the tax year notice of assessment;
- Applicants property taxes are in good standing.

**Deadline to apply:**

- Applications must be made before November 30th of the tax year being applied for.

To learn more, call FCSS at 403.934.9090 or visit their office at the Strathmore Municipal Building.

**STRATHMORE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**

**Winter magic returns on November 25, 2023.**

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