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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It's time once again to honour our veterans, as the Legion's annual poppy campaign kicks off in order to support and remember our troops.

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Jenny Schumann, chair of the poppy board, said poppies have been sent out to businesses across Strathmore and Wheatland County and so far, the community has been generous with their support.

"The town of Strathmore has been very generous so far, which is great. We have volunteers sitting in the Calgary and Strathmore Co-Op, and the Walmart and No Frills. It is going really well," she said. "The money is used to help our veterans and their families, depending on their needs. Right here, we have quite a rehab program with wheelchairs and walkers and scooters - you name it. We also help some veterans if they need help getting to Calgary for appointments on the handibus."

She added services for veterans also extend to retrofitting homes with wheelchair ramps or other methods for easier accessibility, giving out bursaries to students of veterans, and veterans themselves if they choose to go back to school, among other sources for aid.

Traditionally speaking, poppies are worn after the Governor General receives hers, but the campaign begins on the last Friday of October until Remembrance Day.

Schumann added some will choose to wear their poppies year-round for their own personal reasons, which are not inquired upon.

Technically, it is not disrespectful to bear a poppy throughout the year, though the practise is irregular.

"The poppy campaign helps a lot, and we also send cash donations or cheque donations into the veterans food bank. Though it is based out of Calgary, it serves all the veterans in the area," said Schumann. "We are still needing some volunteers to sit at the different places where they take the poppies at the three stores ... if there are any volunteers who would like to come in and help us out, that would be great." Continued on Page 4



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Fit for a princess and warrior

Crowther Memorial Junior High School hosted their third annual Princess Warrior pageant on Nov. 1 at the school. Shallon Black (shown here) was crowned the princess and Jerace Spotted Eagle was named the warrior. Joe Lepage Photo

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Sunsets at the Art Society The Wheatland Society of Arts hosted a family paint night Nov. 4. Those in attendance were instructed to paint sunsets on canvas over the course of the session. The event attracted a little over a dozen people to the studio for the evening. Emmeline Keeling oversaw the group's instruction. John Watson Photo



Library Café is the cat's meow

The Strathmore Municipal Library partnered with Happy Cat Sanctuary to host a café event, Nov. 5. Roughly a dozen cats from the shelter were brought into the library's event room for people to interact with, while drinks and snacks were served outside the play area. The event was also made possible through grant funding by Strathmore FCSS. John Watson Photo





Bristie Kugler has qualified for the Mike and Sherrylynn Johnson Vegas Tuffest Jr. World Championship in Las Vegas, Nev. from Dec. 1-5.

> Photos Courtesy of Bristie Kugler

Local rider earns spot in Las Vegas

MELISSA PICHE *Times Contributor*

Wheatland County local Bristie Kugler has been riding horses since she was three years old, and now at the age of 11, she has qualified for a World competition in Las Vegas.

Kugler will be competing in The Mike and Sherrylynn Johnson Vegas Tuffest Jr. World Championship in Las Vegas, Nev. from Dec. 1-5.

She is amongst the 840 competitors



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Competitors have the opportunity to win their share of \$1 Million in cash and prizes ranging from saddles to Championship rings.

"I have rode all my life," said Kugler's mother, Holly, as she explains how rodeo is just a way of life for their family. Kugler's mother trains her, along with many mentors she has connected with over her rodeo career.

On top of school work, school sports and recreational gymnastics, Kugler trains for her riding seven days a week. This is Kugler's first time qualifying for this event, although she has competed in many rodeos all over Alberta.

Kugler's cousin Tynell McInenly, 17, from Vulcan, will also be at the Tuffest Jr. World competing in the 19 and under goat tying division. Events showcased at the Tuffest Jr. World are barrel racing, double mugging, breakaway roping, goat tying and tie down roping.

The Tuffest World Championship will be live streamed at www.johnsonsportline.com where you can watch Strathmore's very own showcase true Alberta talent.



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Library launches month-long book sale

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library is once again hosting a large book sale for the benefit of both the facility and the community.

According to Carmen Erison, assistant director of library services, the sale is put on several times per year to run for a month at a time.

"One thing we like to tell people about this book sale is that even though you have come in once, keep coming, because we are always adding to the book sale," she said. "We are only running the book sale down the centre of the lobby area of the library, so we can't fit all of our books on those tables. We are constantly refilling the tables."

According to Erison, the sale is always a popular and well-anticipated event with the community, as it is an excellent opportunity to pick up extremely affordable books.

Though the event does not tend to run on an exact timeline, the library will host a sale whenever their shelves approach capacity and the team needs to create space for new items.

"We used to run a really large book table in the library, but as the library and our services have grown, we just have run out of space to host a larger table of book sale items," said Erison. "We do have a small bookcase of sale items that we do sell on a regular basis, but this is our large book sale where you will see quite a large amount of books.'

Items set out for the sale are often listed for \$1 per book, or three for \$2. Due to many of the books acquired by the library having been originally donated by the community, a large quantity of what is for sale is in excellent condition.

The money raised through the book sale will be going to help further library services and programs throughout the year.

"Every little bit helps. It always helps when we are looking to increase any programs or services at the library," said Erison. "One thing that we wanted to do this year was to provide free memberships and zero fines, so that was our goal to provide for the community.

She added it is often exciting to see some folks walking away with crates or boxes full of books, especially this time of year when many people begin to think about the Christmas season.

Many of the available books amidst the sale are young adult and adult fiction, though children's fiction and the occasional non-fiction volume will find their way onto the table.

Board games that are being filtered out of the library's collection to make room for new additions are also being made available for purchase. The sale began Nov. 1 and will be operating until Nov. 30 this month.

Plans moving forward to host powwow in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Organization is moving forward for a powwow in Strathmore to take place in March, in honour and memory of Kristian Ayoungman.

Melodie Ayoungman, Kristian's mother, presented to Strathmore Town Council during the Nov. 2 regular council meeting to share an update.

'We have been working closely with the Town of Strathmore and also, I have been in communication with Chief Ouray (Crowfoot) and some council members, and some people from Siksika who would like to participate in sponsoring the powwow," she said.

"As far as things are going, we have contacted the main staff of those who will be (facilitating) the powwow - the MCs, the arena directors and so forth, and all the people who we contacted are very honoured to have been asked. Everyone is looking forward to this event in March."

Ayoungman had originally brought the idea forward to Strathmore Town Council in July, which was readily received.

Ayoungman and Town Administration have since been working to plan the powwow for March 18-19, 2023 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre.

The town has offered to facilitate communica-

creation of such an event to honour Kristian.

"I think we all agree this is another event to keep on carrying on Kristian's legacy and who he was as a person and honouring him, and also to bring our communities close together to keep that work going," he said. "It really brings in a lot of people to Strathmore to do an event that is so powerful ... we are really excited about this."

Kristian Ayoungman was fatally shot on March 17, 2019 during a confrontation that occurred over a pack of cigarettes.

The powwow will be the fourth event organized by Ayoungman to honour her son. She added during her presentation, she would also like to dedicate the event to missing and murdered Indigenous men, citing the demographic is underrepresented.

According to Town of Strathmore CAO Kevin Scoble, a team has been formed with a sponsor, economic development and events staff have been mobilized.

At the time of the council meeting, he reported efforts were being made and scheduled to facilitate the event continuing forward.

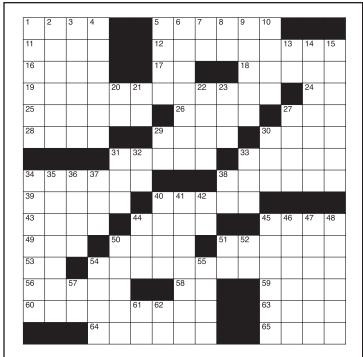
The proposed budget for the event is \$80,000, of which Town Council has budgeted \$10,000 as a contribution, but that amount remains subject to the Town's upcoming budget discussions.

The Town is also estimating to receive \$10,000



The Strathmore Municipal Library once again is hosting a book sale in its lobby both to raise funds for the facility, and offer affordable literature to the community. The event will be running throughout the month of November and will also serve to clear space in the facility for new books

John Watson Photo



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- 1. Clip a small piece
- 5. Enter forcibly
- 11. Southwestern Native American tribe
- 12. Helps you smell better
- 16. Sun or solar disk
- 17. Low frequency 18. Former Houston football
- player 19. Federal crime
- 24. Home to Boston (abbr.)
- 25. Approval26. Those who fight an
- establishment (abbr.)
- student, learns healing
- 28. Indian groomer of horses
- 29. Line where two pieces meet
- 30. One might be brief Type of sword
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 - Functionary
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 - the thumb
 - 5. Not moving
 6. Sports official

 - 7. Water purification process (abbr.)
 - University of Dayton
 - 10. High schoolers' math course
 - 13. Yankovic is a weird one

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ammonia 40. Sir <u>Newton</u> 43. Wild goat 44. Muslim ruler

45. Scottish ancestor

50. Horse mackerel

38. Stroke

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53. Tech department 54. Manifesting approval 56. Upper bract of grass 58. Of I

65. Greek God of war and courage

51. Alcoholic accompaniment

39. Industrial process for producing

- 33. Political action committee
- 34. Makes lightbulbs 35. Natural home of an animal
- 36. In bed
- 37. Superman villain

42. Atomic #18

47. Deep red color

- 38. The Golden State
- 40. One who leads prayers in a mosque 41. They accompany a leader

44. Electronic countermeasures

46. Connecting line on a map

45. The appearance of something

- 9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens
- 14. Adversaries Merchandisers 20. Radioactive metal (abbr.) 21. Atomic #52 22. The back 23. One-time computer giant 27. Female of a horse 29. Football's big game (abbr.) 30. Vehicle 31. Single Lens Reflex 32. It's becoming more prevalent

tions and marketing, securing sponsorship, coordination of donations, and staffing for the event.

According to Town administration, the powwow will continue to support the partnership between Siksika Nation and the Town of Strathmore, as well as reconciliation efforts.

Town of Strathmore Mayor Pat Fule said he was more than pleased for the town to be aiding in the

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of in-kind support from staff, operations and other assorted means of contribution to the event. Ayoungman estimated the powwow will draw a minimum of between 500 and 800 people into Strathmore to be in attendance. Those who plan to be in attendance are being requested to wear green.

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Shields responds to Fall Economic Statement

FROM THE OFFICE OF MARTIN SHIELDS

Martin Shields, Member of Parliament for Bow River released the following statement on the 2022 Fall Economic Statement:

"Canadians have grown tired of this government and the

BBB Scam Alert: That's not your mom texting! How to spot an impersonator in your text messages

Scammers have long used social media to impersonate people you know and trust, but recently they've been using a new tactic: text messages with a spoofed caller ID. This scam can be hard to spot at first glance, so watch out for the warning signs.



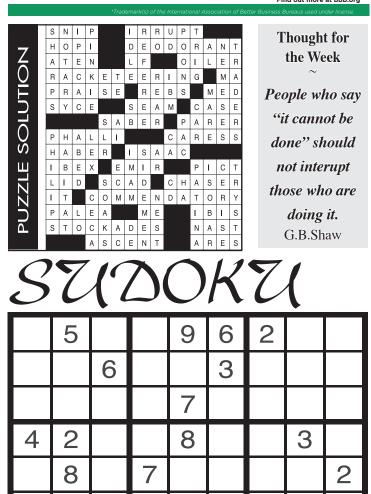
How the scam works

You get a text message that shows up in your phone as from "Mom" (or in other variations, "Dad.") According to the message, "Mom" is at the store, but she left her credit card at home by accident. Could you send her \$150 to finish her shopping?

The request seems harmless, but don't do it! Scammers have spoofed caller ID to appear as "Mom" or "Dad." They are relying on the fact that many people have "Dad" or "Mom" saved in their contacts list. Scammers hope you won't think twice (or double-check the phone number) before sending help. If you do transfer money to a bank or digital wallet account, your money will be gone for good.

How to spot fake emergency text messages

- If anything about a message is unusual, consider it a red flag. If your parents never send text messages, it's probably not them texting now. On the other hand, if they text all the time but never ask for money, you're probably dealing with an impersonator.
- Look for a new message thread. If you text with your parents on a regular basis, you should be able to see previous messages from them. If you can't see any of the earlier messages, it's probably a scammer contacting you for the first time.
- Double check the sender info. Click on the sender information to make sure the name matches your parent's real phone number.
- Call your parents to confirm the story. Look up their number in your contacts list and call them to confirm if the message really came from them.
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policies that have left families with less money for their children's futures.

"With today's fall economic statement, the NDP-Liberal costly coalition is choosing to continue its spending spree, fueling the inflationary and cost-of-living crisis – or risk the NDP-Liberal spend-and-support deal that's on thin-ice and force an election.

"The government is continuing its damaging high tax, high spend policies of which Conservatives have asked to not impose any new taxes, scrap the carbon tax, and find a dollar saved for every dollar spent to help Canadians, but the government has refused.

"In the meantime, Conservatives will continue to hold the government to account on endless spending and propose common sense solutions to make life more affordable.

"Should the Prime Minister want an election, Conservatives are ready."

RCMP reminds motorists of the importance of child seat safety

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is it critical parents and caregivers understand the importance of child seat safety. When used correctly, child safety restraints can reduce fatal injury and save lives.

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• Children under six years of age, weighing 18 kg (40 lb) or less, must be in a car seat (Government of Alberta, 2022).

• It is recommended that children over the age of six use a booster seat until they reach the maximum height and weight (as stated by the manufacturer) and a seat belt fits properly (Government of Alberta, 2022).

• A child safety seat must have a Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standards sticker on it to prove it meets national safety standards (Government of Alberta, 2022).

• It is not recommended that you purchase a pre-owned car seat as they may be damaged, recalled, or expired, and may not meet current safety standards (Alberta Health Services, 2022).

• Children younger than 13-years-old are safest travelling in the backseat of a vehicle (Government of Alberta, 2022).

Last year, Alberta RCMP issued 156 tickets to motorists for failing to properly restrain child passengers.

"By law, it is your job as a driver to ensure children under the age of 16 are secured using the proper safety restraints," says Insp. Chris Romanchych, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "Their safety is your responsibility."

For more traffic safety information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and Twitter @RCMPAlberta.

Annual Veterans' poppy campaign kicks off

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Poppy tables will be out until Nov. 10, at which time, they will be collected from supporting businesses and taken to the Field of Honour to be placed upon veterans' graves.

Volunteer shifts go from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at each posting. Schumann said if somebody for whatever reason is needed away from their shift, somebody will step in to cover the remaining time.

Though she said anything is accepted and goes a long way towards helping veterans, Schumann added the ultimate goal this year is to raise between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

Remembrance Day ceremonies in Strathmore will once again be hosted at the Legion branch, starting at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 11. Weather permitting, ceremonies take place outdoors.



Strathmore's annual Boob Tour returned for its 10th annual show at the Strathmore Civic Centre on Nov. 5. According to organizers, the show was sold out for the occasion and would be the last time the team facilitates the event. The goal of the night was to breach the \$100,000 mark for funds raised over the 10 year tenure of the event, and to pass off its organization to another party.



Chiefs clipped by Hawks

Despite outshooting the CBHA Hawks 42-30, the Wheatland Chiefs lost 3-2 on Nov. 4 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local U18AA team is back in action Nov. 12 (7:30 p.m.) when they host the Red Deer Elks in Hussar

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Boob Tour comedy show returns for 10th and final run

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Following its hiatus due to COVID-19 concerns, the Boob Tour comedy show made its return to Strathmore in time for its 10th year.

The show, which was born following in the wake of an event called Relay for Life, aimed to raise \$100,000 for the Alberta Cancer Foundation during its tenure.

Amy Hampton, one of the four women responsible for organizing the show, was excited to report having sold out entirely for this year's event.

"It was a long two years, it was a strange two years that we missed it, and I am glad that for our 10th year we get to pack the house with over 300 people," she said."

"For our first Boob Tour, we only sold 112 tickets and our comedians worked for free because we couldn't pay them. Now, we are sold out and we are hoping to hit \$100,000 that we have raised over the years."

The Boob Tour has been hosted in Strathmore on the first Friday of November every year since its launch, and has steadily grown in popularity ever since.

Shelly Neal, another of the organizers, regarded it has been quite a substantial journey for the team since beginning to organize the Boob Tour.

"It started in 2007 in Drumheller with Relay for life. A friend of ours had started Relay for Life that year and she was a cancer survivor at that time," she

said.

"She started Relay for Life, and then the team has continued from there. They did Relay for Life for a couple of years in Drumheller, and then it moved to Strathmore. When it closed in Strathmore, we started on the Boob Tour, and we have been doing it every year since."

John Watson Photos

Hampton added the team's motivation for starting the Boob Tour stemmed from wanting to support friends and family who have been impacted by cancer.

"The majority of people that we know in our lived are either cancer survivors or we lost them. It really means a lot for us to see it grow and that is our biggest motivation," she said.

All the money raised through the comedy show, the 50/50 draw, and the silent auction is used directly for patient care, such as getting people to the hospital, and comforts once patients are admitted.

Averaging roughly \$10,000 per year, the team was confident they would be able to reach the \$100,000 mark this year, at the conclusion of their event.

"We are hoping somebody will take it over. We don't want it to just end and be done," added Hampton. "We are hoping somebody will step up and take over and make their own event and make it go longer and bigger and better."

There has not yet been notification as to whether another party has committed to organizing the event next, or in years to come.





Offering a helping hand

The Wheatland Kings were credited with a major assist when they helped with the setup of the Celebration of Lights Christmas Park on Nov. 6. The Kings were supposed to have a busier weekend, but their scheduled home game the night before was cancelled because of the treacherous road conditions. The team did earn a 6-5 overtime road win on Nov. 4 in High River.

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If you require additional information, please contact the Wheatland County Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Clerk, Michelle Van Haarlem, at (403) 361-2000. Please forward letters of interest to <u>michelle.vanhaarlem@wheatlandcounty.ca</u>.



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Nomination Information

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Local student brings Soup 4 Soldiers back for third year

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's annual Soup 4 Soldiers campaign is back for another round, spearheaded by Strathmore High School's Emma Moore once again.

The campaign will be operating from Nov. 1-10, with no specific goal set in mind. Moore said simply the campaign will be grateful for any donations that folks are able to send in.

"Last year, the collected total was 4,699 non-perishable food items, and in 2020, it was 2,127 non-perishable food items. This year, my goal is to hit 5,000 but really, anything is accepted," she said.

For her third year running the campaign, Moore has partnered with a host of returning schools and businesses, as well as a handful of new schools.

Crowther Memorial, Strathmore High School, Brentwood School, Westmount School, Sacred Heart Academy and Calgary's Branton School are all supporting Soup 4 Soldiers this year.

"This year, I am also honouring Mrs. (Anne) Paskevich – she was a teacher at Crowther Memorial who passed away this year, and she was the one who introduced me to Soup 4 Soldiers," said Moore. "I'm hoping that we have some good pickup from Crowther Memorial especially, but I'm just happy that this year, I am able to honour her memory. She is really one of the main people who told me to continue my initiatives and she was a major influence in them."

Moore jumped in to run Soup 4 Soldiers in 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when schools were unable to hold typical Remembrance Day ceremonies, and she wanted to still find a meaningful way to give back to veterans.

She added that after hearing about the campaign, she figured it would be a great opportunity for students to still do something meaningful, without needing to gather in one place.

"I had thought, what better way to donate, especially because there was such a need then, and there still is now, to be able to expand," said Moore.

Though she has been heavily involved in the Soup 4 Soldiers campaign for the last three years, as well as a variety of other fundraisers around Strathmore, Moore will not be continuing next season, as she will be starting her post-secondary education out of town.

Moore added discussions are in the works for somebody to fill her shoes, so to speak, next year, but planning is very much still in its early stages.

"Nothing is solid, but I'm hoping it's a possibility ... I understand that it is a lot of work and it would take a lot for whoever chooses to keep doing this," she said. "It is definitely very bittersweet. It is very sad to me that it will be done, but I also feel like it is going to be a little bit of a new chapter, and I can see other ways that I can make an impact."

Dropoff locations for the campaign will be located at Brentwood School, Crowther Memorial, Strathmore High School and Sacred Heart Academy throughout the entire campaign.

Westmount School acted as a drop-off point from Nov. 1 to Nov. 4. Those who are interested in donating can also





Emma Moore, a student at Strathmore High School, is once again facilitating the local Soup 4 Soldiers campaign in Strathmore. Pictured are some of the donations which had been received through the campaign as of Nov. 2, as well as donations from last year's campaign.

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contact Moore directly via Facebook to arrange a pickup or drop-off at another location.

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MLA Leela Aheer is excited to announce open submissions to nominate the many deserving volunteers in our community to receive the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal. Nominees should demonstrate over and above dedication to their communities, province, and country, much like the late Queen herself.

For more information, please email: chestermere.strathmore@assembly.ab.ca



The cough, cold and flu season is upon us and here's an idea that will help stop the spread of these contagious diseases. Wear a mask. The public did a good job of doing this for the past two winters. It kept cold and flu levels down and resulted in less student absences in schools.Mask-wearing protects you as well as protecting others. Washing your hands often throughout the day is still a good idea.

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Local author publishes debut novel

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A new local author has recently published her debut book, which has effectively been roughly 30 years in the making.

Moira Wiley, published under the name "Moira Darrel," self-published her book, "Selena and Her Mysteries," following roughly 16 months of work during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am feeling excited, I actually don't believe I did it ... I think I started this book 30 years ago, wrote about two or three thousand words, and then life got in the way," explained Wiley. "I pretty much changed everything that was in the original book, the 2,000 words I had written because that was when I was 37, not 67 as I was writing it."

Wiley said she returned to the project during lockdown, as she was looking for something to occupy her time.

Recovering the original draft, she added became something of a process, as it was originally printed on a dot matrix and saved to a floppy disk.

"While I was retyping it, I realized I don't feel the way I felt when I was 37 writing the book, I felt that I had so

much more to add to it," she said.

Selena and Her Mysteries is written as a coming-of-age mystery novel, according to Wiley. Amidst the story are also a series of poems penned by Wiley and her daughter which are meant to add to the narrative.

"A huge amount of the book revolves around emotions, family, drama, mystery, (and) I have an oddball sense of humour that plays in there," said Wiley.

Describing herself as a natural creative, Wiley creates pottery and poetry as artistic outlets and wished to come back to her narrative that she started three decades ago.

She explained, particularly during the lockdowns, she would lie awake at night contemplating the book, experiencing a need to be writing and telling the story.

At the time of writing, Wiley said she had thought the book to be a one-off endeavor for her, but has since started into writing more in the background of her protagonist's life.

The book is now available as an e-pub on Kindle, Kobo, and Apple, or for those who prefer a physical copy, they can order it through Amazon.

A handful of copies have also been made available for purchase at The Vault Cultural Collective, as well as at Home Hardware in town.



Moira Wiley recently published her debut novel, "Selena and Her Mysteries" which is now available at select local businesses, as well as on Amazon, Apple and Kindle. Wiley plans to continue writing, turning the novel into the first of a series. Selena and Her Mysteries, is a project which Wiley said began roughly 30 years ago, which was able to see completion through the COV-ID-19 pandemic. John Watson Photo

Carmen Erison showcased for November Library Gallery

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library is now showcasing its November gallery, featuring Carmen Erison, who is a returning artist to the exhibition.

Erison has titled her gallery "Inspiration Gone Wild," after the variety of styles and mediums she has employed in creating her works.

"My mind is circling with new ideas, and I always say from browsing the aisles of a thrift store to a simple stroll along the river, I always see so many possibilities, and I think this world is so full of inspiration," said Erison. "I'm really hoping that my creations will bring inspiration to others as well ... it's a collection of pieces that were inspired in me and were just fun to create."

Erison has showcased her work in the library before,



though she said it has been roughly 18 months since she has done so.

A very multidisciplined artist, she is showcasing completed works having used resin, wood, canvas, and a host of different styles of paint.

"It is a very mixed bag this year... I used to do strictly fluid art with paint pouring, then I started moving into mixed media, incorporating resin into my art, silhouettes, and different types of mediums," said Erison. "I think art is just therapeutic ... during the pandemic, I think many people really struggled and for myself, art just really helped keep me going all of those days when we were locked up."

She explained her motivation to branch into several disciplines was born simply from a desire to try new things and to seek different ways to look outside the box, so to speak.

As a hobby, she added, her love to create started at a paint night at a bar roughly six years ago, which has led to multiple exhibitions.

"I have exhibited inside The Vault here in Strathmore, and I was invited to be part of (the) Raw Natural Born Artists showcase in Calgary and Edmonton," she said.

Erison is showcasing 20 pieces in the library this month, all of which are for sale. Displaying in the library is free for anyone who is interested, though if pieces are put up for sale, the library does claim a small commission which goes towards the facil-



Carmen Erison's gallery "Inspiration Gone Wild" is being featured at the Strathmore Municipal Library for the month of November. John Watson Photo

ity's operations.

Continuing with her desire to try new things, Erison said she is curious to try working with alcohol inks in the near future.

Additionally, Erison teaches art classes for those who may be curious to give potentially a new medium for their own art a try.





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Recognizing Family Violence Prevention Month

LEELA SHARON AHEER Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. Every November, we recognize Family Violence Prevention Month to demonstrate our commitment to ending family violence and raising awareness of available resources for those in need.

I have personally worked on the legislation now known as Clare's Law to give individuals the ability to get information about their partner, allowing them to make informed choices about intimate relationships. Bill 17, the Disclosure to Protect Against Domestic Violence (Clare's Law) Act, allows individuals who feel at risk of domestic violence to access their partner's criminal records to find out if their partner has an abusive or violent past. There is still so much more work to be done, and we all share the immense privilege and responsibilities of helping, reaching out, reducing stigma, and educating ourselves on how to help survivors.

The Family Violence Info Line is available 24/7 by dialing 310-1818. This resource provides support for those in need in more than 170 languages. To learn more about what you can do to prevent family violence, visit alberta. ca/EndFamilyViolence

Family Violence Prevention Month began more than 30 years ago as a local initiative in the Town of Hinton and is now recognized by numerous municipalities, communities, and organizations. Support for people at risk of family violence includes:

• Alberta Supports financial benefits for personal needs, emergency transportation, shelter, and damage deposits.

• The Safer Spaces program allows victims of domestic violence to end their lease at no cost by obtaining a certificate. Over 2,100 certificates have been provided since the program started in August 2016.

• The Family Violence Info Line (310-1818) helps Albertan's access needed support and services 24/7, toll-free, province-wide, in more than 170 languages.

It's #FinancialLiteracyMonth! Alberta has some great programs and resources that can help keep more money in your pocket. We are all interested in learning about saving, budgeting, spending, and investing in today's world with rising inflation and many other financial hardships that we are facing as a province. Financial literacy programming will ensure students have access to financial literacy education and gives future generations the financial knowledge & skills needed for success.

Here are some of the programs:

· Supporting students and youth with a financial literacy grant, smart banking tips for students and credit card tips for students.

· Supporting workers and employers with fraud prevention and a Canada-Alberta job grant.

• Supporting families with a federalprovincial childcare agreement and how to financially plan for a baby.

· Supporting businesses with a film and television tax credit and self-employment program.

• Others support programs in regards to credit reports and auto insurance.

The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal

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 their significant contributions to the province.

The Platinum Jubilee Medal program is continuing as planned despite the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The nomination deadline for the Chestermere - Strathmore Constituency is Nov. 15.

The eligibility criteria for this medal is intentionally broad so that 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, the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne

More information is available at Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal | Alberta.ca or the Chestermere Strathmore Constituency office at (Chestermere. strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

Finally, for seven years, I have written to you in these articles almost every week. It has been a tremendous privilege to do this, and I will continue to the end of my term. Politicians are elected to be the voice of their government. My position is to bring issues - the voices of public concerns and

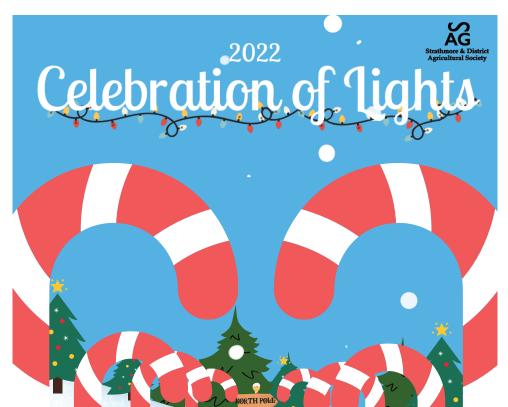
demands to the legislature and stay current on issues affecting our community and the province. I want to thank the thousands of folks that have reached out to my office over the years. I hope we have been of service. I have lived in my riding since the age of 7, and I have seen this area grow and develop in ways I could have never imagined. Soon you will have new representation, and I hope that whoever you elect as your MLA feels as lucky as I have to have represented you.

As always, we love you hear from vou

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







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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kiwanis here to help kids

To the Editor

Fundraising

The Sacred Heart

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As a long-time resident, I have seen the amazing changes in Strathmore, from a sleepy village to vibrant community town. With two children in elementary and junior high school I have become acutely aware of our changing society and the needs and challenges facing all of our kids.

"For a community to be truly great, it must be great for all" was a saying I heard many times while I was a member of a Kiwanis club in Calgary. Kamp Kiwanis, bikes for kids, playgrounds accessible to children of all abilities, a holiday toy party and many youth leadership initiatives were among the projects that Kiwanis clubs in Calgary undertook to strengthen the community. The Kiwanis clubs did this work so the children could grow up in a community where they were happy, heathy, safe, and loved.

Having served as a past governor of Kiwanis in Western Canada, I have seen the impact that a dedicated group of volunteers can have on children and their community. Local clubs decide how they best serve children in the community by meeting needs others may be unaware of. They do this by talking with local leaders, non-profit organizations and government officials who work with children and families.

We are preparing to open a club in Strathmore so we can experience the friendship, fellowship, and knowledge that we have made a difference! Kids need Kiwanis, in communities around the world - and in Strathmore.

An informational gathering will be held on Nov. 16 (7 p.m.) at the Strathmore Family Centre, 120 Brent Blvd. Information about the international organization will be shared, along with the potential impact a club can have on a community. Attendees will also receive information about how to form a club.

It has been said that 'it takes a village' and 'amazing things happen when a group of like-minded volunteers work together.'

Please join me there and learn how you can make a difference or send us an email (Kiwanis.Strathmore@gmail.com).

Yours in service to kids,



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<u>Obituary</u>



SCOTT, Bonnie (nee McPhee) March 24, 1937 - October 30, 2022

It is with loving memory that we announce the passing of Bonnie Scott (nee McPhee) at the age of 85. She is predeceased by her parents, Bob and Mildred. Siblings Daphene and Peter as well as her loving husband Andy.

Bonnie is survived by her sister Arlene and brother Terry. Nieces Leanne (Dave) Glenn, Chantel McPhee (James) and nephew Rob McPhee. As well as her great niece and nephew Dalea and Tayber Glenn as well as the numerous friends she had.

Bonnie was born in Edmonton and raised on the familv homestead in the Glenn Leslie area east of Grande Prairie. She rode horse back to Somme school for grades 1-9. She attended high school in Grande Prairie where she stayed in the dorm with her life long friend and cousin Jean Rockerts (Moon). After graduation her and Arlene moved to Edmonton where they rented a small downtown apartment with Florence Noyes. Bonnie soon moved on to Calgary where she began her career at AGT. At the age of 40 she married Andy on New Years Eve. Andy always laughed this was the best time to get married because you could get a tax break! They relocated to Strathmore where they remained for the rest of their lives. Bonnie retired at the age of 50. Her and Andy were avid travelers and enjoyed many cruises and trips to all parts of the world. She enjoyed reading, doing puzzles and tinkering with her plants. Bonnie and Andy always had an open-door encouraging family and friends to stop by for a bbg or happy hour visit with lots of laughs and story telling.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the wonderful caring staff at Sagewood care center in Strathmore, Judy Jamieson from Kindred Companions, and to Sandra Hagen and Laverne Lien for their dedication love and care to Bonnie and Andy over the last few years. We can never express our sincere gratitude for all you have done.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made directly to Wheatland and Area Hospice Society (Box 2154 Strathmore. AB T1P 1K2 or www.wheatlandhospice. ca) or the charity of one's choice.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

November 9, 2022 | 6pm November 16, 2022 | 6pm November 24, 2022 | 6pm Community Budget Engagement

Committee of the Whole Meeting Regular Council Meeting November 22, 2022 | 6pm Community Budget Engagement

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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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.

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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



Why does the Town need two budgets each year?

The Province requires every municipality to pass an Operating Budget and a Capital Budget each year. The Operating Budget includes the ongoing programs and services that the Town provides – like the Strathmore Fire Department, parks maintenance, and community events.

The Capital Budget includes hard assets such as vehicles, building improvements, and equipment.

Drafts of the 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets are being presented to Council at the November 7 Special Meeting. They will review this information over the next two weeks before scheduled budget meetings later this month.

Resident feedback is an important part of our budget planning. You are welcome to speak at one of our Community Budget Engagement sessions. Send a completed Council speaker form to our team at LSAdmin@Strathmore.ca - you can get the form at https://www.Strathmore.ca/CouncilSpeaker

The 2023 budget is not complete – it's a work-in-progress. You can download what is being presented to Council at https://www.Strathmore.ca/Budget2023





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