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Lab services staying in town

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Alberta Health Services (AHS) announced on Oct. 3 that several in-hospital labs in the Calgary Zone will be shifting their focus to prioritize emergency, inpatient and ambulatory patients.

Those who do not fall under those categories or distinctions will be directed to labs in their local communities. This shift includes the Strathmore District Health Services.

Other affected labs include those at the Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Medical Centre, Okotoks Health and Wellness Centre, Peter Lougheed Hospital and the South Health Campus.

Lisa Sutherland, speaking on behalf of AHS, said all Albertans will continue to be able to access laboratory services at local lab sites as opposed to acute care centres.

"A new community lab is coming to Strathmore as part of the transition of community lab services to DynaLIFE on Dec. 5, 2022," said Sutherland. "The lab at the Strathmore Hospital will transition to provide services to emergency, acute and inpatients, while the new community lab will serve community patients. Strathmore residents can be assured they will continue to access lab services within their own community."

Sutherland clarified a temporary lab location is being developed to serve the community starting on Dec. 5, aligning with the date scheduled for the switch from service at the hospital.

The temporary lab will be situated at Bay H - 510 Hwy 1, Country Lane Mall, and is expected to be in place for several months until the permanent location in Edgefield is established completely.

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Perfect performers

The Hope Bridges Society hosted their 15th annual Artist Among Us fall gala performance on Oct. 16 at the Hope Community Covenant Church. The gala is designed to raise awareness for the society and to raise funds to further the impact of their inclusive art workshops and events. See Page 5 for more coverage.

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Blackfoot Confederacy signatories announce complaint against ISC

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Nation, in conjunction with the Kainai and Piikani Nations, hosted a press conference on Oct. 12 to discuss a complaint filed against Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

The complaint, filed with the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT), was made to address systemic discrimination against adult members of the Blackfoot Nations living with developmental disabilities through the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Program (PDD).

Carly Fox, speaking on behalf of Fox Fraser LLP, said the firm has spent the past several months working with the Blackfoot Nations making the claim and learning about their situations.

“One thing that we learned is that all of these families have a choice. They can either stay at home and live on the reserve with their culture, with their communities, or they can move off reserve in order to access services that are essential for the health and well being of their loved ones,” said Fox. “Being a First Nations person who lives on reserve should not mean that you don’t have access to health services that other people in Alberta receive.”

The basis of the complaint includes continuous discrimination caused by the ISC based on race, national or ethnic origin, disability, or an intersecting combination of such factors.

The Blackfoot Nations involved in the claim are voicing how the federal government has failed to fund and support services necessary to enable full

participation in society for First Nations adults with disabilities.

Siksika Nation’s Chief Ouray Crowfoot said it is the responsibility of chief and council to be the voice for their people.

“We are not seeking anything that every other Albertan doesn’t already receive. The thing that I have said constantly for three years is fair and equitable treatment,” said Crowfoot. “We are Albertans just like everybody else is Albertans. Our members shouldn’t have to leave the reserve to receive the same treatment they would in Calgary or any other municipality.”

The goal of the claim is to help establish stable and equitable funding for the creation of comprehensive and culturally appropriate programs, supports and services to meet the individual needs of the Blackfoot Nations.

Additionally, it aims to see transitional supports created for First Nations individuals with disabilities who are transitioning from childhood to adulthood.

Crowfoot said during the claim announcement, the Blackfoot Confederacy consisting of Siksika, Kainai and Piikani, comprises roughly 25 per cent of First Nations peoples in Alberta, and 80 per cent of First Nations in the Southern Alberta region.

“This is going to have a big impact, but it’s not just going to impact the Blackfoot Nations. There are other Na-



Signatories of the Blackfoot Confederacy announced on Oct. 12 that a complaint had been submitted to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) regarding the lack of access to services for disabled residents on the Nations. The claim aims to call attention to the lack of service and advocate for the development of equitable access for Nation members to services without having to leave the Nation.

John Watson Photos

tions suffering from the same (problem),” said Crowfoot. “When you talk about social and cultural isolation, the people who need support the most shouldn’t be asked to leave their communities in order to receive those supports.”

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Siksika Nation announces agreement for establishment of local police service

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The Province of Alberta announced on Sept. 23 that an agreement between the province, Government of Canada and Siksika Nation had been reached, allowing the Nation to take over local policing responsibilities from the RCMP.

The deal, for which a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed in July (announced on July 18) establishes the first self-administered First Nations police service in 14 years.

Siksika Nation Chief, Ouray Crowfoot, said policing and security are foundational for any community and is essential for local development.

"This has been a long time coming ... just because we have made the announcement, our police service is not going to jump back right away," said Crowfoot. "We are still working closely with the RCMP and as we build our capacity, probably in the next year or two, we will have a full service."

Siksika Nation previously facilitated its own law enforcement service, which operated between 1992 and 2002, under a 10-year agreement between the Nation, the federal government and the province.

The original agreement was not renewed at the time of its expiration due to a lack of available funding.

"Alberta's government unequivocally supports self-administered First Nations policing. With nearly 8,000 residents and one of the largest geographic footprints of any First Nation in Canada,

the Siksika Nation is ready and prepared to take this critical step and become the fourth self-administered First Nation police service in Alberta," said Tyler Shandro, minister of justice and solicitor general for the province.

Since the closure of the local police service, the RCMP detachments in Gleichen and Strathmore have been responsible for policing Siksika Nation.

When the local service re-establishes in full, Crowfoot said he estimates roughly 25 officers will be on staff.

"We would also be lending a hand to surrounding municipalities and I think that we have shown that in the work that we have done, trying to do our outreach," added Crowfoot. "It's not just about a safer Siksika. A safer Siksika equals safer surrounding communities, such as a safer Strathmore, a safer Calgary and a safer Alberta."

Siksika Nation had previously explored the idea of re-establishing their local police service in 2018, for which a third-party firm had been hired to conduct a feasibility study.

The study, which was funded in part by the province, led to the MoU which focussed on developing a funding framework for Siksika Nation's police service.

Once established, the local police service will aim to noticeably reduce response and reaction time to calls for aid within, as well as outside, the nation.

For the time being, a satellite station has been purchased by Siksika which is going to be leased by the RCMP. Once the Nation's service is fully

operational, Crowfoot intends for it to take over the lease and have the facility operate as the service's base of operations.

Until Siksika Nation's service is established, it will be working closely with the RCMP for law enforcement as well as officer training.

According to the province, Siksika Nation and the Alberta Government will be working collaboratively to determine a clear operational timeline, as well as to negotiate a transition agreement with the Government of Canada.

RCMP promotes pedestrian safety this October

ALBERTA RCMP

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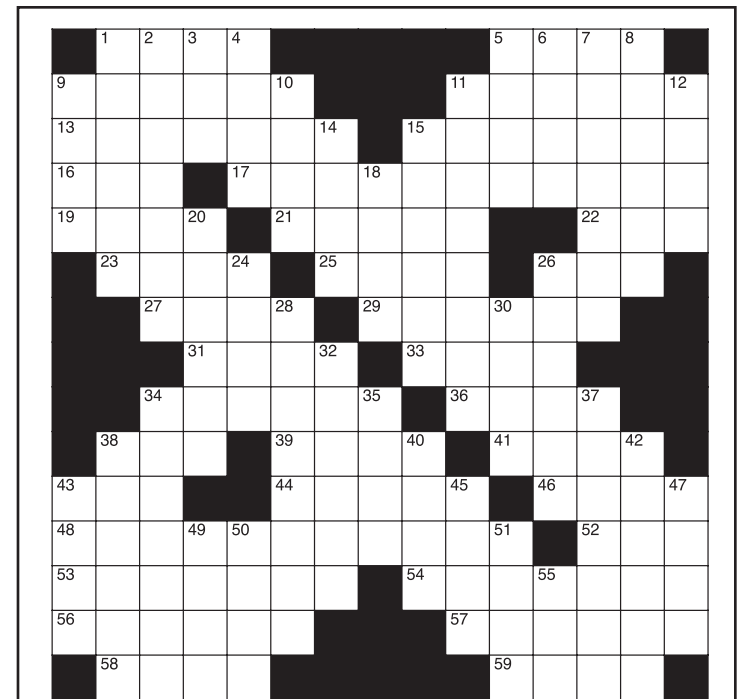
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| 16. Architectural structure | 43. Make a mistake |
| 17. Where Serena works | 44. Semitic Sun god |
| 19. Stringed instrument | 46. Ancient Greek City |
| 21. Estimate | 48. Beheaded |
| 22. Where sailors work | 52. A place to stay |
| 23. Popular Terry Pratchett novel | 53. Inanely foolish |
| 25. Popular slow cooked dish | 54. Most unnatural |
| 26. Twisted Sister's Snider | 56. "Dennis" is one |
| 27. "Office Space" actor Stephen | 57. Sooths |
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| 3. Pointed end of a pen | 30. Unruly gathering |
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| 5. College army | 34. Resembling pigs |
| 6. Highly spiced stew | 35. Russian assembly |
| 7. Exploited | 37. Take over for |
| 8. Main course | 38. Put in advance |
| 9. A bottle that contains a drug | 40. Satisfy |
| 10. The most worthless part | 42. Felt |
| 11. Everyone needs one nowadays | 43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese |
| 12. Japanese wooden shoe | 45. Witnesses |
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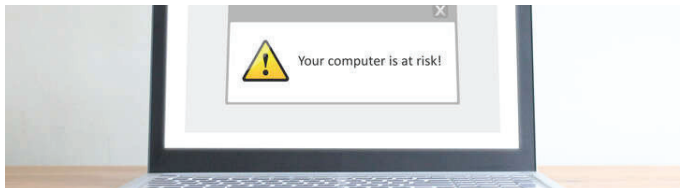
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How the scam works

Something is wrong with your home computer or internet connection, so you search online for a customer support phone number. In a rush, you click to dial the phone number listed in a top result.

A company “representative” answers and asks you a few standard questions about your device, such as the make and model number. The call seems normal at first, but it soon takes a turn. This “tech support rep” has some creative stories to explain the issue. They may insist that someone in your house has been watching pornography, and that has resulted in your computer being hacked. In one recent report, the “representative” asked if the caller had a teenage son and then insisted the boy was to blame. In another case, “tech support” claimed that “thousands of people” had been using the caller’s IP address to view pornography.

This scam is a setup for selling expensive computer security software, typically costing victims between \$200 and \$900. Unfortunately, it does nothing to fix your computer or internet issues. In some cases, the scammers will also want remote access to your computer. Allowing them remote access enables them to install malware that records passwords, keystrokes, or other files that contain personal information.

How to protect yourself from tech support scams

- Never open attachments or links in emails from unknown senders. These can generate fake warning pop-ups that prompt you to make a call to scammers. If you get a suspicious pop-up alert, don't click on anything and restart your computer, tablet or phone.
- Never give strangers remote access to your computer. You should only allow remote access to technicians of trustworthy companies you contacted through a legitimate customer service number or chat.
- Avoid clicking on pop-up boxes or ads stating that something is wrong. If a pop-up won't go away, disconnect from the internet and wi-fi by shutting off the device immediately and restarting it.

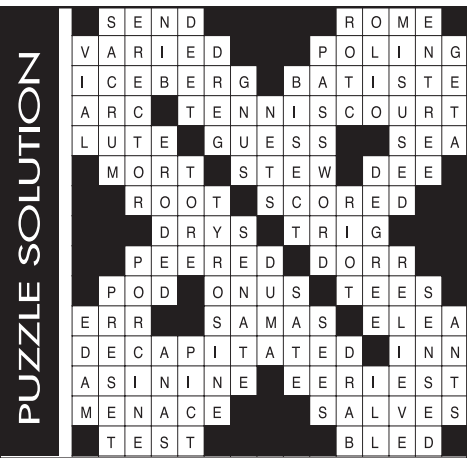
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- Many tech support scams use similar techniques. See BBB's article on tech support scams and this article on fake customer service numbers.
- If you've been the victim of a tech support scam, report it to BBB Scam Tracker. By reporting your experience, you can help others avoid falling for the same scam.
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For a passing grade in traffic safety, remember the following:

- When entering a school or playground zone, slow down. Pedestrian collisions at lower speeds have a higher survivability rate and reduce serious trauma.
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- When pedestrians are crossing the street, come to a complete stop and do not block the crosswalk with your vehicle. Make eye contact with the pedestrian and ensure they have cleared the road before proceeding.
- Always follow the direction of crossing guards. Crossing

guards are there to keep children safe.

• Keep an eye out for children, especially during school operating hours. Kids can easily become distracted and do not always understand the rules of the road.

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“We want to make sure the start of the school year is a safe one,” says Insp. Chris Romanchych, Alberta RCMP Traffic. “By practicing safe driving behaviours in our school zones and during our morning and afternoon commutes, we can each do our part to reduce roadway risks this September.”

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AHS shifting in-hospital lab priorities, new community lab in development

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For those who require lab services, the site will be fully serviced, and patients are intended to not notice or be affected by its temporary nature.

Once the permanent location is established it will be a full-service Patient Service Centre (PSC).

“It will offer the entire approved contractual test menu for

physicians to support their patients and private rooms to conduct electrocardiogram (ECG) tests. Additionally, Strathmore, like all our locations, is wheelchair accessible,” said Sutherland.

Upon DynaLIFE taking over lab services, there will be no additional fees to residents, nor will there be impacts to wait times for results.

Sutherland also confirmed no jobs will be lost during the transition in the community in Strathmore.

DynaLIFE will be maintaining the same level and offering of services that were maintained through AHS and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) at the Strathmore Hospital prior to the transition.

The shift is expected to generate savings for the province aligned with estimates in the AHS review, which may be used to support other provincial priorities and services across the healthcare system.

Clients in need of lab services in Alberta are still able to book appointments up to 90 days in advance, though will no longer be able to schedule appointments at the noted hospital sites on or following Dec. 5. Those who had pre-existing appointments booked for Dec. 5 will be redirected to their nearest laboratory site.

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Hope Bridges Society hosts 15th annual gala

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The Hope Bridges Society hosted their 15th annual gala on Oct. 16 featuring a host of musical performances.

Sheila Konschuh, who spoke on behalf of the Hope Bridges Society, explained the organization is a non-profit within the community which “uses the universal language of the arts,” to help people build friendships and connections.

“It has been a tremendous experience to develop the gala each year. We feature our drumming group and our singing group and we also have guest performers attend too,” said Konschuh. “This year we had the Rosebud School choral in attendance ... and we also had Jesse Dollimont and many more.”

The gala is an important opportunity to celebrate everything society members accomplish and believe in.

Similarly, Konschuh said it is a joy to be able to put on a show for a receptive audience in a full house.

“Year over year, we do grow and what we are able to do changes year over year and of course, during the pandemic we had some struggles — we had to close our office and our studio,” said Konschuh. “For quite a bit of time we had to offer our music and drumming via Zoom and although that was good and we were happy to be able to do it, it is nothing like being

together in person.”

The Hope Bridges Society, based in Strathmore and Wheatland County, is a by-product of Project HOPE and operates as a therapeutic program offered to students in the Golden Hills School Division.

As a partner focus, programs for adults are also available for those who are experiencing feelings of isolation for reasons including but not limited to disability and old age.

Among its services, are inclusive music and arts-based classes, workshops and kits for those who express interest. The activities are facilitated around the goal of breaking down barriers for people and making those who use the service feel at home and find a sense of belonging.

The society has also been involved in community projects such as the painted quilts and trail tours around Strathmore, the Belong Beach and the Flight Mural.

“I think our mission remains very solid, that with everything we do, we incorporate hospitality and a spirit of excellence,” said Konschuh. “We are just hoping to continue to facilitate connection and friendship through inclusive arts activities in our community ... as time progresses, we will continue to re-evaluate and hopefully be able to offer more activities.”

Between 300 and 400 people were in attendance at this year’s gala.



The Hope Bridges Society hosted their annual Artist Among Us gala and dinner at the Hope Community Covenant Church on Oct. 16. The society inspires a meaningful connection between all participants through art and music.

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AHS introduces new ambulances to Calgary, Edmonton area fleets

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Alberta Health Services (AHS) announced on Sept. 27 the addition of 10 new ambulances to its fleet in service for patients in Calgary and Edmonton.

The new vehicles, five designated for Calgary, and five for Edmonton, are intended to help relieve pressure on EMS and improve access to emergency patient care.

These 10 are in addition to nine new vehicles added to the fleet in June, funded via \$16 million designated by the Government of Alberta in the most recent budget.

James Wood, who spoke on behalf of AHS, said the additional ambulances in the metro centres will have a ripple effect on surrounding communities, including within Strathmore in the Calgary region.

“More ambulances in Calgary and Edmonton to respond to events reduces the use of ambulances from surrounding communities handling calls in those cities,” said Wood. “Ambulances stationed in Calgary and Edmonton are able to manage their own events with greater frequency.”

There will still be some occasions where demand in Calgary will outstrip available capacity, in which case, resources from outside the city may still be required to manage events in times of greater call volumes.

When asked about how the expansion of ambulatory services in Calgary would affect Strathmore and Wheatland County in regard to maintaining their fleet more locally, the Strathmore and District Ambulance Society declined to comment at

the time they were contacted, suggesting instead to be in touch with AHS directly.

The existing Metro Response Plan, Wood assured, allows for the borrowed units to be returned to serving their home communities as quickly as possible.

According to Wood, since the introduction of the Metro Response Plan in February, the number of suburban responses into Calgary has dropped by approximately 50 per cent across the Calgary Zone.

“The elements of the Metro Response Plan began rollout Feb. 7, 2022, and since then there have been significant and noticeable improvements in keeping suburban ambulances in their home communities,” said Wood. “The Metro Response Plan is one element of the EMS 10-Point Plan to help create capacity in the healthcare system.”

To staff the new ambulances, AHS has reportedly hired 40 new Primary Care Paramedics – 20 for Calgary, and 20 for Edmonton, augmenting the 40 positions created and filled in the spring.

According to the release, EMS has been experiencing a sustained increase in 911 call volumes of up to 30 per cent above pre-pandemic levels and call volumes have increased nearly 60 per cent since 2010.

“We are delivering on the commitment to fund new ambulances for service as quickly as possible. These new ambulances will help create additional capacity in the system, which is much needed,” said Jason Copping, Minister of Health.

More information regarding the AHS EMS 10 Point Plan, as well as other initiatives by AHS to improve and sustain emergency medical services is available through the AHS website.

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November 15: Committee of the Whole

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Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Call for Members



Wheatland County is seeking a representative from Division 2 and Division 6 to sit on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). If you reside outside of these Divisions and still wish to apply, please submit your application for consideration.

The SDAB deals with subdivision and development appeals in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act; and shall exercise any other powers, duties, and functions as assigned by Wheatland County bylaws or policies. Members of the SDAB serve a three-year term and meet as necessary during the day or evening.

Following your appointment to the Board, SDAB members must successfully complete training provided by Municipal Affairs. This training may be in person or online and members will be financially compensated for their training and attending appeal hearings.

For more information regarding training, please go to: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-and-development-appeal-boards-training.aspx>

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 sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca.

Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board

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



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Badlands Search and Rescue hosts open house

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Badlands Search and Rescue Association (BSRA) hosted an open house in Kinsmen Park on Oct. 15 to both raise awareness of the organization and discuss what they do.

Scott Campbell, president and founder of the BSRA, said the team was looking to recruit volunteers, as well as to educate the public about safe adventuring.

“We want people to know what to do when they get lost, what tools to carry with them and how to signal for help if they need it,” said Campbell. “We are here to engage people, see if they want to chat with us, see some of our gear and see the command post.”

To be a volunteer search and rescue worker in Alberta, Campbell explained, the provincial resident must be 18-years-of-age or older, pass a criminal record and vulnerable sector check with the RCMP or their local law enforcement and must complete an application.

Campbell added the application to become a volunteer is not like what is necessary for a job or career and is more-so an opportunity for the team to get to know the applicant before they begin.

Once an application has been accepted, volunteers will be required to attend a few weekends of basic search and rescue skill training sessions and complete online courses that cover much of the classroom curriculum.

These skills include how to read a map and compass, GPS navigation, field communications, how to use a radio properly and how to use the phonetic alphabet, as well as equipment training.

Training sessions are also held twice a month which volunteers are asked to attend, and personnel are requested to participate in as many searches as possible.

“We have a low call volume, but they are high risk calls. We



The Badlands Search and Rescue Association (BSRA) hosted an open house in Strathmore on Oct. 15 to engage with the community, educate folks about the organization and potentially recruit some volunteers to receive training and help in any needed search and rescue efforts. The event was hosted in Kinsmen Park and allowed for passersbys to overserve what much of the BSRA equipment looks like and how the command center functions

John Watson Photos

also do get tasked out quite a bit with law enforcement to assist in long term missing person cases, looking for human remains and evidence-based searches,” said Campbell. “If (local law enforcement) says there may be evidence in an area, we may be called to search an area looking for evidence ... we are also available for civil emergency response, such as wildland fires and natural disasters.”

Campbell clarified volunteers are typically called out for a search between three and five times per annum, depending on local instances.

He described participation as a very rewarding experience, being able to find and assist people in need, however, responders must also be prepared for a case in which they were unable to locate a person in time.

An additional benefit to volunteers is an annual tax credit for their hours served. According to Campbell, for those who serve more than 200 hours, there is a \$2,000 credit which may be claimed.

More information about volunteering for the BSRA can be found via their website, badlandsearchandrescue.com or their Facebook page.

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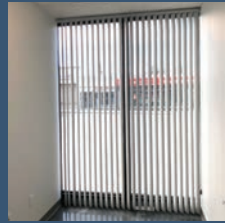
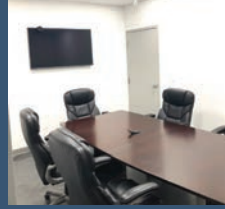

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SHS restarts annual cake auction for cancer research

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

On Oct. 7 Strathmore High School hosted their annual cake auction to raise money for cancer research, shortly preceding their Terry Fox Run.

For many of the students it was their first time participating in the event as the school had held off from hosting the auction during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, with the tradition returning, staff and the roughly 800-student school population raised a total of \$3138 in donations.

Strathmore High School principal Doug Raycroft said being able to host the auction was a good feeling for all those involved.

“For a couple years with the pandemic, we weren’t able to do group events like this and this is a fun one for our staff and students in which we are doing something for a great cause,” said Raycroft.

Strathmore High School’s cake auction had been an activity which staff and students participated in on an annual basis for several years prior to the pandemic, according to Raycroft.

It was organized this year by the student council, who facilitated the acquisition of pastries via donations, made by students and their families, or by purchase for the purposes of adding to the auction.

The activity was likened to the way a cattle auction may have been operated, something that many students were unfamiliar with.

Raycroft added many of the students attending Strathmore High School have an interest in making a positive impact on society and tend to jump at the opportunity to do good.

“Anytime they can, they can do anything to be a good citizen. It is amazing the kind of support you can get from these kids,” said Raycroft.

Adding to the merriment and excitement, many of the pastries which were up for grabs had been creatively decorated either for the occasion, or simply to be a rather unique edition to the pile.

Although Raycroft was unsure of exactly when Strathmore High School adopted the tradition of hosting a cake auction, he said the school is not the first to have come up with the idea.

“We had our first cake auction probably around 2016, (and) it was a lot of fun. We were not the first ones to do a cake auction, we heard about the idea from somewhere else and we implemented it into our school, and it was a smash hit right away,” he said.

Now that concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic have largely subsided for public education facilities, Raycroft said the school intends to continue hosting the event annually so long as it is able.

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LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. The Strathmore Laboratory Services is not closing. We have had so many emails with concerned constituents reaching out. The Laboratory Services is temporarily relocating. They are moving to a new building that they are building.

Did you know that the Wheatland Crisis Society is holding a Harvest Masquerade Gala? As you know, the Wheatland Crisis Society provides programs and services to women, men and children who are affected by family abuse. The ability to resolve conflict in peaceful and productive ways is critical and we are so grateful to The Wheatland Crisis Society for its work. The Gala is on Oct. 29 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. There is still time to purchase tickets and make donations. Check out their website (www.strathmoreshelter.com).

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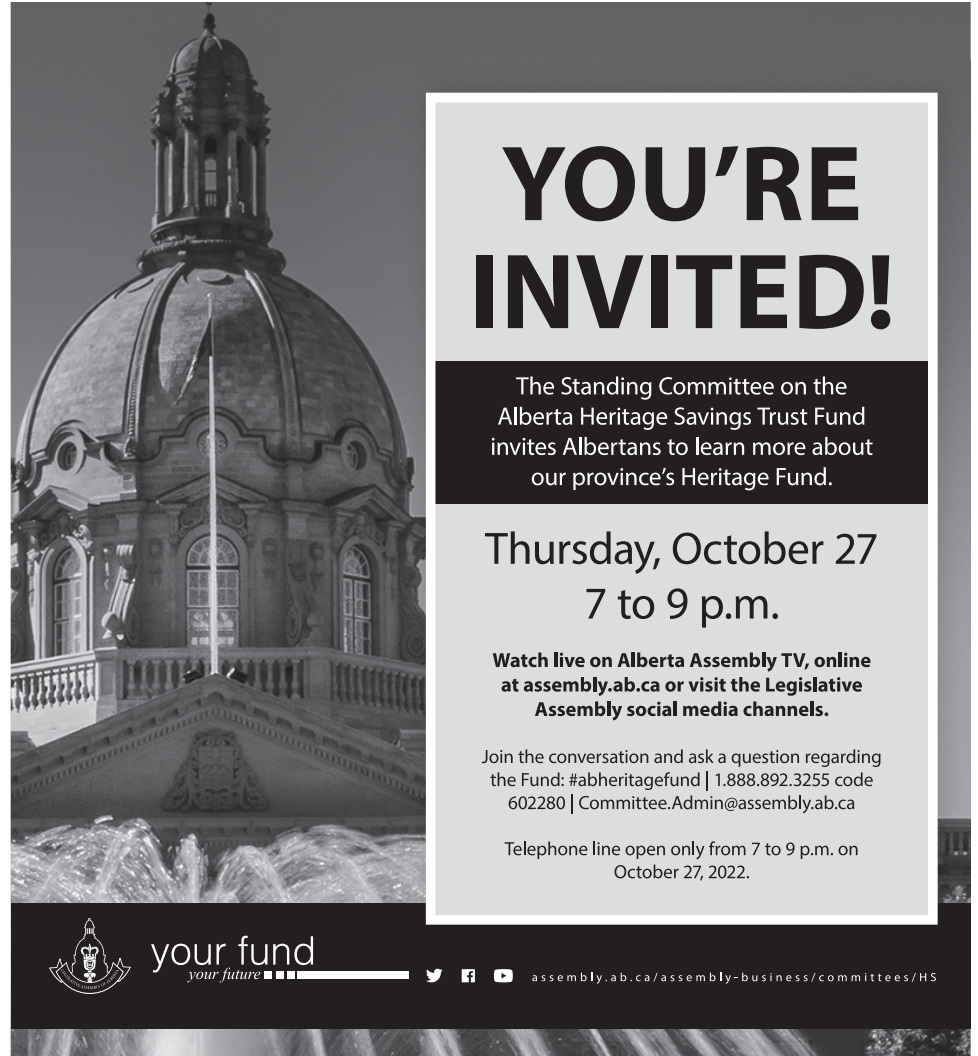
Flu Vaccine is now available in Alberta. Starting Oct. 17, Albertans six months of age and older can get their flu vaccine. Albertans over 65 are eligible to receive a high-dose flu vaccine, while those aged six months to 64 years will receive the regular dose. Both pro-

tect people from four common strains of the influenza virus. Bookings will be available through the Alberta Vaccine Booking System online (<https://book-vaccine.alberta.ca>) or by calling Health Link at 811.

Some pharmacies will also be welcoming walk-ins. Contact them directly for walk-in information.

Alberta's government is expanding access to dual credit opportunities to help students personalize their high school experience, discover their career passions and make meaningful transitions to post-secondary education or the workplace. We are providing \$4 million to help school authorities offer more career-based programming so that students will be better prepared for the job they want, and job creators will have the skilled workers they need. Forty-three school authorities will receive grants for the 2022-23 school year to either create new dual credit opportunities or enhance existing dual credit courses.

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



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Purrfect bake sale for Happy Cat

The Happy Cat Sanctuary Society of Alberta hosted a bake sale at the sanctuary on Oct. 15 to raise money for supplies needed to help take care of the felines. Over \$750 was raised and due to the large success of the bake sale, the society has plans for another sale to take place in December.

Rose Hamriik Photo

Investment growing in the Bow River riding

MARTIN SHIELDS
Member of Parliament Bow River Riding

Investment into the Bow River riding is coming in hard and fast with several multi-million-dollar projects announced and soon to be in the works.

The latest is a new 1,500 acre De Havilland Aircraft facility to be built south of Highway 1, about 15 kms away from Strathmore. The project is called 'De Havilland Field' and will include 12 to 15 different facilities, including a runway. 1,500 jobs would be added to the local economy to begin with, bringing in local talent as well as more individuals to the Bow River riding.

The project is expected to be built within the next 10 to 15 years. A long time, but with a magnitude and scope of this kind, I believe it will be worth it in the end.

This facility announcement is in addition to several recent investments to the Bow River riding including a \$200 million pea processing plant announced in May of this year, as well as another \$200 million wallboard manufacturing plant announced in late July.

The Bow River riding is growing in population and to keep up with these demands, the Alberta and Federal governments have jointly invested over \$70 million in rural broadband internet connectivity as part of the joint \$780 million commitment to improving connectivity in the province. The communities in the Bow River riding impacted by this initial announcement are: Carmangay, Champion, Cluny, Ensign, Gleichen, Mossleigh, Namaka, Little Bow Resort, Siksika Nation and Vulcan.

These investments are tangible results that cement the Bow River riding as a prime destination to live, work, and raise a family. With so many communities to choose from, there is a vast diversity of lifestyle. From suburban to rural, whether you work in tech, agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, or others, the Bow River riding has it all.

What do you think of these recent investment announcements? Feel free to contact me.

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).

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Obituary

ANDRUS, Franklin Joseph

May 28, 1938 - October 10, 2022

Franklin Joseph Andrus had a peaceful passing at his home in High River, Alberta, surrounded by the love of his family.

Frank was born in Bassano on May 28, 1938 to Esmom "Andy" and Alice (Galarneau) Andrus, the fourth of eleven children. He married Joan Viola Sonnie on August 02, 1958. Together, they welcomed six children: Morgan, Nadine, Valerie, Miles, Avril, and Stacey. After Joan's untimely passing, he married Betty Davies who had two children, Bobby and Deniece.

He is predeceased by his loves, Joan and Betty, daughter Valerie, brothers Walter, Doan and Chuck, and sister Mary. He is survived by five children, Morgan (Janet), Nadine (Tom), Miles, Avril, Stacey (Audrey); one son-in-law, Perry; twenty grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren; five sisters; one brother and too many nieces and nephews to count. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Calgary Children's Hospital. To forward expressions of sympathy, please visit our website at <https://www.snodgrassfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?obid=26104734>.

Obituary

ROSS, Marlene Elizabeth

Our most beautiful beloved Marlene Ross, wife of Don Ross, mother of four children and eleven grandchildren, passed away peacefully at Strathmore Hospital on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Born December 24, 1940 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Marlene was the beloved wife of Don Ross of 62 years.

Marlene met her beloved Don when he was stationed in Yorkton with the RCMP. They got married and moved to many places within Saskatchewan, in Don's 25 years of service with the RCMP. Packing/unpacking personal belongings and four children for 6-7 moves throughout those 25 years and meeting many beautiful people who became lifelong friends. After Don's retirement, they moved to Calgary and then eventually, 30 years ago, to Strathmore.

Marlene was one of the hardest working people, raising four children and working full time most of those years. She was always cooking and canning for the whole family and many friends and relatives. Marlene worked full time for Electrolux Canada front desk and bookkeeping, The Bay as bookkeeper, Western Canada's Top Sales Manager for Avon, and owner/operator of her own business for 10 years.

Marlene loved to curl and being the skip, had won many bonspiels.

Marlene was the most selfless person we ever knew, helping those in need and those who were less fortunate.

Our lovely, beautiful mom/wife went to heaven on September 24 to be with our beloved brother/son who passed away 19 years ago, September 2003. We will all miss our Marlene dearly. Dad will miss his beautiful wife dearly...her hugs, laugh, smile, jokes, and love of curling, (never missing any games that came on tv), shopping at second hand stores, cooking, canning, gardening, her beautiful way with words, and as much family time as she could possibly get. Our hearts are so sad without Marlene.

Mom: you were the most kind, gentle and giving wife, mother, grandmother that anyone could have ever asked for! May you be dancing in heaven with no pain and so much laughter! Love you forever!!

We would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and Physio at Strathmore hospital. Mom was so thankful for everyone of you, trying to help her get better. She was so sad that she had to be there, yet so thankful for everything that was done for her.

Lastly, thank you to all the neighbour's, friends, and relatives who sent flowers, food, phoned, and visited.

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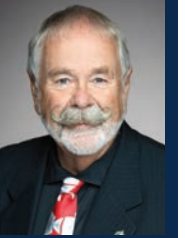
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Upcoming Council Meetings

October 19, 2022 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting
November 2, 2022 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting
November 9, 2022 | 6pm Committee of the Whole Meeting

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

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Holiday Waste Collection Changes

Great news from the world of waste collection!

Strathmore's residential waste removal schedule will no longer be impacted by holidays, except for Christmas and New Years Day. This means that you can put out your waste carts on statutory holidays that fall on your collection day. Christmas and New Years both fall on the weekend this year, so they will not impact your collection schedule in 2022.

Find your collection schedule at Strathmore.ca/Garbage

Notice of Public Hearing **Nov 2, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

Development Permit D22-097

The Town of Strathmore has received an application for a six-unit townhome at 401-411 Strathcona Circle. The applicant has requested the following variances to both side yards and the front yard setbacks.

- a 0.8m variance to the 1.5m west side yard setback,
- a 2.3m variance to the 3m east side yard setback, and
- a 2.6m variance to the 4m front yard setback.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the application may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB). Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM **AND** in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on **Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022**, commencing at 6:00pm with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #22-10 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed development permit may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the Council meeting. Written submissions to the Council meeting or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Council meeting must be sent to Johnathan Strathdee at Johnathan.Strathdee@Strathmore.ca by Noon **November 2nd, 2022**.

Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

Please contact Johnathan Strathdee at (403) 934 3133 prior to attending a Public Hearing to determine the order of Bylaw presentations in the Council Agenda to ensure efficient use of your time.

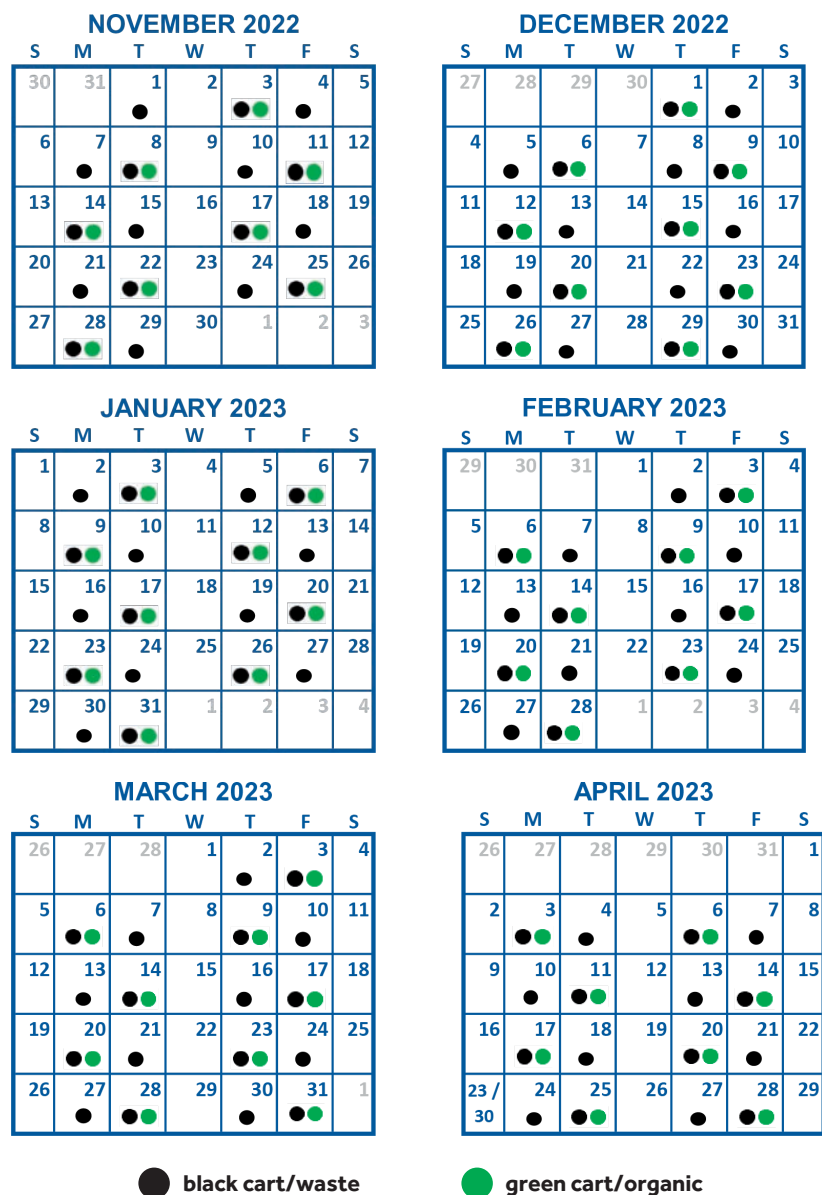
Bi-Weekly Green Cart

The annual switch to biweekly Green Cart collection begins on November 1.

Here are a few Green Cart reminders to help ensure a smooth pickup:

- Place your cart at the curb or near your fence-line if your collection is located in an alley. Avoid placing carts on the sidewalk or in the middle of the alley.
- Leave 1 meter space around each cart.
- Set out your cart no later than 7:00am on collection day.
- Return your cart to the storage location on your property no later than 11:00pm on the day of collection to keep your street or alley free of obstruction and to prevent your cart from being stolen or vandalized.

Review items that can be composted, and check out our bi-weekly Green Cart schedule at Strathmore.ca/GreenCart



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