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Weekend sweep

## Siksika Nation member files human rights complaint

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Nation member, Benedict Crow Chief, has filed a human rights complaint against Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Strathmore District Health Services in response to anti-Indigenous discrimination in the health-care sector.

The Alberta Human Rights Commission accepted the complaint, Aug. 24.

Crow Chief described in his complaint how he and his late wife Myra were subject to anti-Indigenous discrimination and racism at Strathmore, which led to Myra Crow Chief's preventable death in April 2022.

On Sept. 28, a panel consisting of Crow Chief, Lou Ann Solway and Sam Crowfoot, councillors for Siksika Nation, as well as Ouray Crowfoot, chief of Siksika Nation, announced the complaint against AHS.

"What we're trying to do here is highlight a widespread system failure by the Strathmore Hospital and the larger AHS system in violating our human rights while we receive health care," said Sam Crowfoot. "Our health care system is failing Indigenous people, and that racism toward Indigenous people still exists and even thrives in what are supposed to be our safe spaces."

Sam Crowfoot iterated the circumstances which lead to Myra Crow Chief's death. It is reported that she was ignored for seven hours at Strathmore hospital before being turned away without medication to ease her pain.

She was also described to have been ignored to the point of calling her husband to bring her water while she was awaiting help from doctors.

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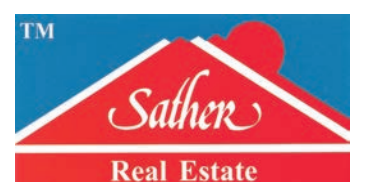
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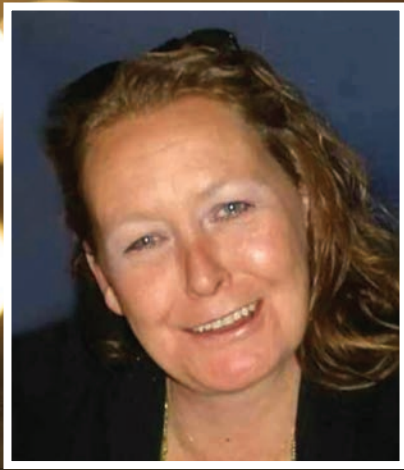
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# True North hosts annual formal gala

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

True North, formerly the Wheatland Crisis Society, hosted their annual formal gala, Sept. 30, at the Heritage Barn in Strathmore.

The event serves as True North's largest single fundraiser of the year, raising money to support the organization's initiatives and facilities. This year's event was black and white themed, inviting the community to dress formally for the occasion, and to enjoy a performance of dueling pianos.

"We've been here for 30 years, and unfortunately, we're still in business. And so, it's really about continuing to raise that awareness and how important it is to support the organization in our community," said Carol Manson McLeod, executive director of True North. "In addition to the awareness side, it allows us to come together as a community to talk about domestic violence ... (and) it allows us to come together as a community, celebrate, and enjoy each other's company as well."

She added a significant number of attendees who came to the gala were direct supporters of True North by way of committing time or finances to aiding their efforts.

Approximately 120 people came out to participate in the gala, the venue for which was donated for the evening by Bruce Klaiber.

"We've been a crisis shelter, so we look after both men and women who are mostly experiencing domestic violence. And we provide them (with) a short-term stay for up to three weeks. Right now, because housing is so difficult, people are staying longer. But really (we) help to get them on that road to recovery to be able to rebuild their lives," said Manson McLeod. "Our goal and one of the things that we're hoping to do as well, we have purchased some land, and we want to be able to build some affordable housing. So, we're starting to save, or to have money in order to be able to do that project as well."

She added one of the tremendous challenges clients of True North face is the financial stress of attempting to rebuild their lives, in addition to the personal detriment which comes with needing to escape an abusive relationship and household.

For those who are experiencing domestic violence, True North is open 24/7, with resources to get in touch with the team available through their website.

True North also intends to bring back its Christmas programming later in the year to support the community during that holiday season, but is otherwise looking forward to next year's events and opportunities.



True North hosted their annual fundraising gala at the Heritage Barn in Strathmore, Sept. 30. Roughly 120 people dressed up and came out to support the organization, and participate in the silent auctions. Funds raised through the gala will help support the community operations of True North through the upcoming year.

John Watson Photos

# Langdon high school consultation

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Rocky View Schools will be hosting a second public consultation and online engagement session to assist in formally deciding the grade configuration and attendance area for a new school, opening in September 2024 in Langdon.

In May, the school division presented an option for an accommodation plan which would impact the grade configurations of Sarah Thompson School, Langdon School, and Indus School.

The proposed accommodation plan would also have an impact on the attendance boundaries for select rural areas currently attending Chestermere High School.

Following feedback received through the consultation process, the school board has prepared two additional options.

Parents, guardians and community members are being invited to learn more about the additional plans under consideration and to provide their input at a public meeting, Oct. 17.

The meeting will take place at Langdon School,

beginning with a presentation by Rocky View Schools administration, followed by a feedback session.

Feedback to the school board may also be provided online starting Oct. 17, through [www.RVSEngage.com](http://www.RVSEngage.com). The school board will be closing their window to receive feedback on Nov. 13, at 9 a.m.

Going forward, the board plans to use information received from the public to help determine an accommodation plan for the new school.

Stakeholders will be given an opportunity to present to the school board at its public meeting, Nov. 16, starting at 10 a.m. Requests to present are required to be submitted no later than 12 p.m. on Nov. 9.

Rocky View Schools will be considering the accommodation plan for the new school in Langdon at a public meeting, Dec. 14 – this date being subject to change. The school board has stated that a notice will be issued to all stakeholders regarding any decision following the public meeting.

More information regarding the new school and how to be involved with the decision-making process is available online.

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# Fright Night returns for fourth year of operation

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society is bringing back their annual Fright Night to the ag grounds bigger and better than ever for its fourth iteration.

Halloween activities will be fully set up on the grounds from Oct. 27-29, which will include activities for all ages and two haunted mazes.

“It’s going to be pretty similar to last year, but with a new theme. We’re kind of going for old school haunt with some of the old school serial killers. So, Michael Myers, Chuckie, Freddie, all of that you can expect in the larger maze,” said Kate Dubois, events coordinator for Strathmore Agricultural Society. “We will have out little Buckaroos 4.0 being a new scene this year for the kids, as well as a carnival which we have coined ‘Carn-Evil,’ and in addition to that we have outdoor activities, fireworks on the Friday provided by Lakewood of Strathmore and GlobalFest, and then a DJ on Saturday.”

A more family-oriented aspect of the event will be set up to take place on the Sunday, though Dubois said details regarding that are still in the works.

Pumpkin carving will also be provided once again this year throughout the event.

“Our goal is to build onto the event every year by growing it. This year is more the year to establish what we worked on last year and just make

it even better and then continue to add on year after year,” she said. “Every year we go for a different theme in both of our mazes. We always coin the little kid one as Little Buckaroos, and that is for kids between the ages of two through eight depending on what level of scaring they are comfortable with.”

The bigger maze, designed for more general audiences, she said, is for those who enjoy a scare and are stouthearted enough to make it all the way through.

Similar to other events hosted on the ag society grounds, volunteers are necessary to operate this event over the course of the weekend, and they are welcome to dress up in their Halloween costumes while they are helping out.

“We actually do look for volunteers for this event as well, like every single event that we host ... the areas that are available to volunteer in would be a maze scarer, so in our large maze getting done up as some of our characters and scaring the heck out of people going through,” said Dubois. “Other areas would be helping out with the little buckaroos haunt, so that maze there, as well as the Carn-Evil that we have established this year, the REPs (RE/MAX Key) are always looking for help too with the pumpkin carving ... and then as well just helping out around the grounds.”

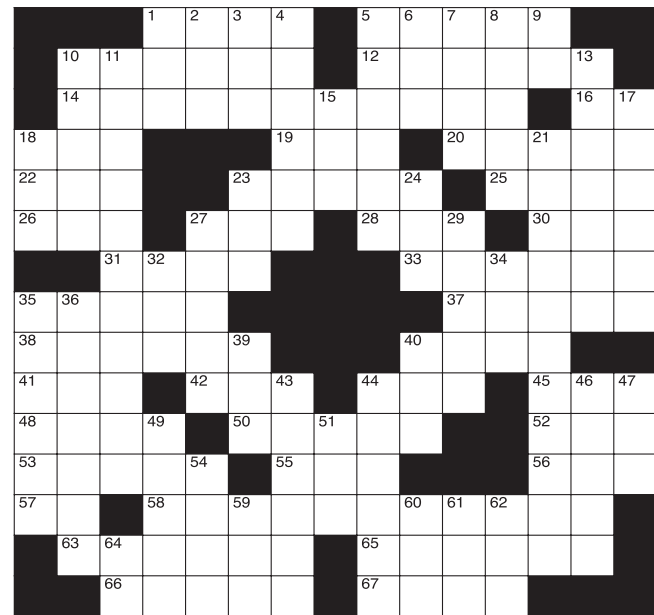
In addition to the regular show, this year will also feature a sensory friendly night, taking place Oct. 26 before the doors open fully.

This will be geared more towards people with

sensory needs who may be more sensitive to stimuli such as strobing lights and loud music.

Families who have kids who have sensory needs, as well as adults, can still come out and enjoy Fright Night at a reduced price while the grounds are getting set up for the rest of the event.

More information as well as tickets for Fright Night are available online via the Strathmore Stampede website.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 5. Byproduct of fire
- 10. Talked
- 12. Unique skill
- 14. Unembarrassed
- 16. Where teenagers go
- 18. Boxing’s GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
- 22. Auburn great Newton
- 23. Some are for Christmas
- 25. Dried, split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Where to get your mail
- 28. High schoolers’ test
- 30. Flightless bird
- 31. Expectorated
- 33. Practice of misrepresenting the truth
- 35. Type of patch
- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton’s little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Progressive country musician
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. Type of “cast”
- 56. Popular breakfast food
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Position north or south of the equator
- 63. Gadget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Irregular bulges in cell membranes
- 67. Dark brown

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 2. Partner to flow
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of stems
- 6. Angry
- 7. Spanish stew: \_\_ podrida
- 8. Fastened with a pin
- 9. On your way: \_\_ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Enmities
- 13. B complex vitamin
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team’s best pitcher
- 21. Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Full of tears
- 32. Touch softly
- 34. Former OSS
- 35. A person’s chest
- 36. Came from behind
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie \_\_, journalist
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Weather
- 46. Sports broadcaster Ian
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Phenyl salicylate
- 51. Web of Things
- 54. Ship goods as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Young female
- 61. OJ trial judge
- 62. One’s grandmother
- 64. West Siberian river

# Overnight Shelter to host their largest fundraiser of the year

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Overnight Shelter is once again hosting its Before it Gets Cold march, being the single largest fundraising event of the year for the facility.

Elizabeth Karp, executive director of the Strathmore Overnight Shelter, said the goal this year for the march, set to take place Oct. 28, is to exceed \$10,000 raised for the shelter.

“People can probably start coming in around 3 p.m., we are going to have the mayor there speaking, and we are looking at getting somebody singing, and maybe some First Nations dancers in,” said Karp. “Anyone can get someone to sponsor them either for two kilometers or five kilometers for when we start the walk, and then Coun. Denise Peterson will be providing us with a nice stew dinner after.”

For those who wish to sponsor somebody participating in the march, any donation which is \$20 or more will be eligible for a tax receipt at the end of the financial year.

Historically, Karp said between 40 and 60 people tended to be in attendance to participate in the annual march.

“There is a lot of participation from community. That is what makes it successful, so getting the word out there is super helpful,” she said. “(\$10,000 will) have a huge impact. It will help

towards staffing, it will help towards food, it will help towards utilities. We do fundraising throughout the year off and on – it’s a constant. Everything is so much more expensive. Utilities are up, food is up, the costs (are) just absolutely tremendous. So, it’ll help in all those areas.”

Overnight occupation tends to vary around this time of year, but Karp said the shelter tends to see anywhere from seven people, up to their maximum capacity of 20.

In addition to financial donations, the Overnight Shelter is also in need of gloves, mittens and other winter garments, with the temperature soon to start dropping.

“We do the coat program for the community as well, so anybody who has gently used coats, we could use those. We always need laundry detergents, coffee, and there is a list on our website now of our highest need items that we use constantly,” she said. “This time of year, we are obviously looking at winter and are needing warm clothing and outerwear.”

Outside of the Before it Gets Cold march, those who are interested are always able to make donations at the shelter.

During the march, a 50/50 raffle will be running, as well as a silent auction in order to supplement sponsored donations.

More information regarding both the march event and the shelter itself is available online.

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Siksika Nation has filed a human rights complaint against Alberta Health Services regarding the discriminatory treatment of First Nations individuals in the health care system. Lead complainant, Benedict Crow Chief, lost his wife Myra to entirely preventable circumstances last year, and detailed her death within the submitted document. A press conference was hosted Sept. 28 at the Blackfoot Historical Museum to publicize information regarding the complaint.

John Watson Photo

# Siksika Nation member files human rights complaint against Alberta Health Services

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"She bled to death over a series of days and was ignored and lied to by the very people who were supposed to care for her, who were supposed to heal her, and they didn't," said Sam Crowfoot, referring to the active internal abdominal bleeding which was determined to be her cause of death.

"As if the pain and agony of losing (his) wife from very preventable circumstances was not enough, adding insult to injury, (Myra's) surviving husband, Ben, endured an overly cumbersome, slow, and ineffective complaint process set up by Alberta Health Services."

It would be over eight months following Myra Crow Chief's death before Ben Crow Chief would receive a brief and "curt" response from AHS, finding that no misconduct had been perpetrated in his case.

The complaint against AHS describes Strathmore Hospital as being notorious within the Siksika community as a locus of systematic, anti-Indigenous discrimination. Many Siksika members are reluctant to visit the hospital, notwithstanding its proximity to the reserve.

Many members choose to travel the additional distance to Calgary, even in circumstances of acute medical need, rather than risk receiving discriminatory treatment at Strathmore.

"When our people are in need or in pain or are under some kind of ailment and they go to the hospital, they shouldn't

have to worry about if they're going to be sent home or dismissed or overlooked or simply wheeled out in the hospital to pass away in the hallway," said Ouray Crowfoot.

"What we're looking for here is equitable treatment and to hold the Alberta Health Services accountable for the inequitable treatment that our people have been receiving."

Ouray Crowfoot added the complaint calls for board systemic remedies such as an equity audit to investigate the inequitable treatment of Indigenous people in Strathmore Hospital, as well as changes to hiring and retention practices and workplace anti-racism, cultural sensitivity, and trauma-informed training, among other remedies.

Sam Crowfoot added the complaint also calls for a formal acknowledgement from AHS that they understand and recognize and appreciate the threat that racism has to their system, to the people they are supposed to serve.

"We are asking hospital personnel and physicians to participate in mandatory anti-racism training, cultural humility, and trauma-informed practices being more developed in cooperation with First Nations in their governing bodies and respective organizations," he said.

"We have the Indigenous knowledge; we have the competency to help change the system. We want to be engaged in that. And if and when and where the system is not able to do that, we want our own facilities on Siksika where we can build off of our current health system."

The systematic discrimination experienced by Siksika members, as described in the submitted complaint, ranges from incidents of overt racism and stereotyping – with respect to substance abuse in particular, to the failure of hospital personnel to accommodate the particular needs and circumstances of Indigenous persons.

This complaint follows the culmination of reportedly thousands of complaints from Nation members to chief and council during an information-gathering initiative launched in February 2022, which looked into reports of Siksika Nation members and other Indigenous persons suffering discriminatory, racist, and otherwise harmful treatment at Alberta hospitals and healthcare facilities.

"Clearly, my late wife's condition was urgent. Her death was preventable. Why are our hospitals taking in patients when they're just going to discharge us without proper care and attention?" asked Ben Crow Chief. "Would we be treated differently if we were not Indigenous? I feel the answer is yes. I feel she would still be alive and her concerns would have been taken seriously."

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The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks Sr. girls' volleyball team hosted league play at the HCC Gym on Sept. 27. The Hawks played a pair of games in the round robin format, falling to the Strathcona Tweedsmuir Spartans before defeating Vulcan.

Joe Lepage Photos



**Hawks in action**

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks JR girls volleyball B1 and B2 teams hosted Trinity Christian Academy on Sept. 28 in the HCC gym.

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There is absolutely no link between the mumps, measles, rubella vaccine (MMR) and autism. This conspiracy theory has been disproven time and time again. For example, a study of a half million Danish children proved that those who received the vaccine were no more likely to develop autism than those who didn't. Get your children vaccinated.

The use of duct tape to treat warts has some validity. How to do this? Cut a small piece of duct tape to cover the wart. Leave it on for 5-6 days then remove the tape and soak the wart area in warm water then use a pumice stone to slough off the top layer of the wart. Leave uncovered overnight then repeat. It may take a month or so but it just might work. If not, see your doctor.

Are there any true methods for preventing colds? One obvious one that we learned during COVID-19 is washing hands frequently throughout the day. Zinc lozenges every two hours at first sign of a cold might shorten the duration. Mask-wearing during the cold and flu season is another way of cutting down exposure to the viruses. Plus stay home if you're sick.

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# Library gearing up for annual costume exchange

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library is once again hosting its annual costume exchange, creating a space for folks of all ages to potentially find a new costume for Halloween.

"The costume exchange is coming back; it will look pretty much the same as it always has. It began (Sept. 25), patrons can bring in their used costumes, exchange a costume for a costume ticket, or a costume accessory for a costume accessory ticket," said Laura Henderson, assistant director of library services. "They bring those tickets back the day of the event which is Oct. 7, here in the library in the program room, and they can use those tickets to exchange for a new costume."

Alternatively, if a patron does not have a costume to exchange but still wants to participate, they can do so with a donation to the library.

The costume exchange was launched at the library originally in approximately 2016, then was put on hiatus during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was finally brought back to the library in 2022.

"We brought it back because people just kept asking about it. It is a very popular program – it is such a great way for parents and their kids, who grow out of their costumes so quickly, they can come in and exchange their old one for a new one without having to go out and spend a whole lot," said Henderson. "We do get costumes for all ages but because kids' sizes are grown out of, we tend to see those coming and going. We do get a lot of requests for adult costumes and we do not have nearly as many of those typically as the demand is."

Approximately 75 per cent of the costumes which pass through the exchange are sized for infants through young adolescents.

Henderson explained the library does not have strict expectations regarding the state or condition of the costumes brought in for exchange, aside from that they be clean.

Costumes that come in damaged are set aside on a designated table for any who may be interested in doing some repairs or salvage work to make some-

thing new.

"Usually, I just tell people to take them and there are a lot of crafty people who often want those pieces of things as well so they can adapt it into their own costumes," said Henderson. "We do not really need a lot of rules, it kind of runs itself in either you like something, or you do not."

Costumes are in storage at the library until Oct. 7, at which point tables are set up and costumes laid out in the program room.

Tables will be organized as best by size as possible, and the public can come choose their costumes from there.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., though Henderson is confident there will be enough of a selection that folks will not have to feel rushed to get in the doors.

"It is so exciting because you can kind of see a different variety of things than you would see in any one given store. The downside is that we do not have different sizes of different items and we cannot inventory, so we do not even necessarily know what we have."

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**October 17: Council Meeting**

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**Wheatland County Council Chambers October 17, 2023 at 11 a.m.**

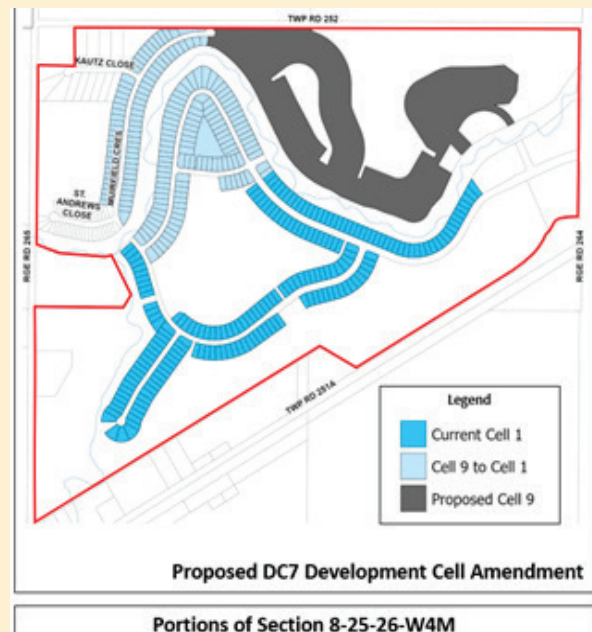
Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023.

The following public hearings begin at 11 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

**Bylaw #: 2023-22**

**Legal Description:** Portions of Section 8-25-26-W4M

**Proposal:** To amend Appendix A of Direct Control District 7, Development Cells Map, to redesignate a portion of the lands from Cell 9 to Cell 1 in order to allow for residential development to continue in accordance with the Lakes of Muirfield Area Structure Plan.



**Bylaw #: 2023-11**

**Legal Description:** Area K, Plan 9810989, within SE-33-23-25-W4M

**Proposal:** To redesignate the subject lands from Agricultural General District to Rural Business District, in order to facilitate the development of a wedding venue that includes a bed and breakfast, entertainment venue, and short-term overnight camping for patrons of the venue.



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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.



### Recognizing outstanding student achievement

Rosebud Theatre and Rosebud School of the Arts Executive Director, Paul Muir (back turned to camera), preps the faculty and students of Rosebud School of the Arts for a school photo at the annual ROSAs (Recognizing Outstanding Student Achievement) Oct. 1. A ceremony awarding scholarships and celebrating graduations was held at the Rosebud Opera House, followed by a banquet in the Mercantile. This year's school body includes 16 students spread across the four years of the schools programmes. Six students plan to graduate with the four-year FRSA credential next fall.

Lauren F. Guenther Photo



### Exhibition win

The Strathmore Storm U11AA team picked up a 12-10 exhibition win over the Okotoks Oilers on Oct. 1 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Storm will open the regular season on Oct. 7 (11:45 a.m.) when they host the Oilers again at the same venue.

Joe Lepage Photos



# Calgary Stampede sport Blackfoot iconography

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Nation partnered with the Calgary Stampede to see them brandishing a new stylized horse graphic on their helmets for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The new iconography was first showcased in Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 30, when the Stampede squared off against the Tiger-Cats.

"We got an invitation from the Calgary Stampede to help design a helmet for their game on (last) Saturday, and so of course we gravitated towards doing that, and it has been a blessing working with them," said Richard Running Rabbit, Siksika Health Services recreation team lead.

"One of the coolest things, I think, about the design is a braid. That is to signify all the children who went to residential school. One of the very first things they did was cut their hair and chop their braids off. And so, we wanted to symbolize that on the helmet."

The icon was designed by Running Rabbit, Jacob Alexis, and Siksika Health Services CEO, Dr. Tyler White. Based on a release from the Calgary Stampede, it is stated the concept of the icon emulates the Contemporary Plains Style Traditional Art.

The symbols used are paint styles that would historically be used for horses on special occasions including going into battle.

"Back in the day, those symbols and markings were used to signify deeds that the horse and warrior had accomplished, and also to give power to the horse," said Running Rabbit. "There are lightning stripes down the legs for speed and for agility, there is the circle around the eye to signify good eyesight and good coordination, there are the bars across the nose and those symbolized deeds and accomplishments the horse and rider

achieved."

The eagle feathers in the mane were given in respect and are a symbol of high honour of accomplishment, which Running Rabbit explained is referred to as counting coup.

On the hindquarters, the markings symbolize the constellation Palladius, which represents the seven brothers and are present to be a symbol of the children.

The handprint symbolizes a war deed, but in this case is also now being a symbol for the children.

Siksika Nation has to date, also worked with the Calgary Hitmen, Flames, and the Jr. A Canucks on designs and symbolism showcased on jerseys and memorabilia, as well as creating opportunities for Every Child Matters dedicated games.

"It has been an awesome journey ... for us, we are especially proud when the work is well accepted, but also, because a lot of this work is representing our Indigenous culture and our Indigenous peoples. When I hear positive feedback from my native brothers and sisters, it feels very good to hear that we are representing them," said Running Rabbit.

In addition to the stylized horse, the Stampede helmets will also feature custom numbers and braid-style striping. These are symbols depicting mountains and tipi lodges representing the people of Treaty 7, the people by the mountains.

"In Siksika, we have received nothing but hospitality from Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corporation teams," said White. "The Calgary Hitmen, the Calgary Flames, and now the Calgary Stampede. It is such an honour to be able to share our Blackfoot artwork and culture with friends and community."

The unique orange Stampede pregame jerseys were raffled off to fans, with proceeds being donated to youth programming benefitting Treaty 7 First Nations communities.

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**Winner, winner**

The Wheatland Kings improved to 3-1 on the season after a pair of home wins this past weekend at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team opened the back-to-back with a 10-2 trouncing of Ponoka Stampeders on Sept. 30, before a 6-4 win over the Sylvan Lake Wranglers on Oct. 1. The Kings will once again host a pair of home games when they entertain the Three Hills Thrashers (8 p.m.) and the Red Deer Vipers (4:30 p.m.) on Oct. 7-8 respectively.

Joe Lepage Photos



The Calgary Canucks and Siksika Nation partnered to host an Every Child Matters hockey game on Sept. 29 at the Max Bell Centre in Calgary. The event consisted of a ceremony prior to the start of the game, which took place against the Drayton Valley Thunder.

John Watson Photos

# Siksika Nation, Calgary Canucks host Every Child Matters hockey game

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Nation and the Calgary Canucks partnered to host the first Every Child Matters game through the AJHL, Sept. 29 ahead of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Richard Running Rabbit, recreation team lead for Siksika Health Services, explained the partnership began roughly 10 weeks ago when the Canucks organization reached out to Siksika Nation Chief Ouray Crowfoot wanting to create a partnership.

Throughout the process, it has been very good and uplifting. We were invited to their fundraiser gala night ... and to see the amount of work and organization that went into that, it really opened our eyes to see what kind of partners that we were working with," he said. "As Siksika Nation, we always try to put our best foot forward and ... this partnership ... it is a reciprocal process."

Running Rabbit reported over 40 elders were bussed from Siksika Nation for the event, and another 46 community members were brought in a second vehicle. He added another approximately 60 came on their own, and another bus brought 15 disabled individuals to the Max Bell Centre.

Siksika Nation was responsible for the new jerseys the Canucks wore for the occasion, showcasing several aspects of Indigenous culture throughout the design.

Indigenous designs from partnerships with Siksika have also been featured by

the Calgary Hitmen, via their own Every Child Matters and preseason games in Siksika Nation, as well as the Calgary Stampeders, who wore a stylized horse icon, Sept. 30 in Hamilton, Ont. for Truth and Reconciliation Day.

"Sports is more than just sports. It is a tool that you can use to create social change. It is very powerful," said Running Rabbit. "The Canucks have been very welcoming to us and a great organization to partner with. This partnership extends beyond this event. It doesn't end here. They've dedicated and committed to doing hockey camps, seven of them throughout the year, with First Nations communities and Treaty 7."

Running Rabbit added the hope is for the relationship and partnership between Siksika Nation and the Calgary Canucks to continue, and for an Every Child Matters game to take place on an annual basis.

He made a point to also recognize all those who were involved in facilitating the partnership on both sides of the discussion. Running Rabbit expressed his gratitude both to Siksika Nation, and the Calgary Canucks for their efforts.

"There's so much we can talk about when it comes to trauma and the hurt and what people endured, but, you know, celebrating our cultures, putting that aside, not forgetting about it, but moving forward in a good way," he said. "In partnership together, realizing that we're, we're all one race ... we want to keep sharing that because it's meant for everybody."

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# Super show

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

The Strathmore Musical Arts Society, along with the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, presents two-time Grammy nominee Guy Davis, along with local opening act Melissa Matheson on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Strathmore Travel Lodge.

Storkson has been involved with the Strathmore Musical Arts Society since its conception in 1996 and she currently sits as president of the board. The Musical Arts Society has been presenting Strathmore with first class live music for nearly 30 years and they are happy to continue with their commitment to offering “top quality music in a dinner theatre atmosphere.”



Guy Davis

Davis has performed with the Strathmore Musical Arts Society in the past, so having him return is a delight.

“He’s a top-notch blues player,” said Storkson. “The icing on the cake is having Melissa Matheson there with her new single Life of a Farmer.”

Matheson has recently released her first single Life of a Farmer on Sept. 30. Having lived in Strathmore her whole life, Matheson is eager to share her music with her community.

Matheson’s musical journey began in 2020, in the height of the pandemic. In three short years, she taught herself how to play the guitar and really reached her peak with her singing.

“Every opportunity seems to lead to the next opportunity,” said Matheson. “Obviously, the pandemic brought a lot of challenges, but the one thing it also brought was the gift of

time.”

Matheson has been a part of the audience for the Strathmore Musical Arts Society in the past, but this event will mark her stage debut for this event. She is hopeful that she will be able to work with them again in the future.

“I’m excited to be a part of it,” she said.

Guy Davis will play two 45-minute sets ensuring ticket holders get their full money’s worth of musical entertainment. Davis describes himself as a musician, actor, author and songwriter. His musical genre can’t be grouped into just one type of music – it’s a blend of blues, folk, rock, rap, spoken word and world music just to name a few.

Davis has performed in the past here in Strathmore for the Musical Arts Society and he is excited to be back.

“I’ve got a lot of history in Canada – in fact all over the doggone place, particularly Alberta,” he said. “When I come to Strathmore this time, I’ve got songs that go to the edge of the blues; that go outside of the blues.”



Melissa Matheson

Davis said people who come to his show on Oct. 14 are in for a treat.

“I ask that everybody be prepared to have a good time and also to sing along with some of these songs,” he said.

Ticket and more information can be found on their webpage ([www.strathmorearts.com](http://www.strathmorearts.com)).



## New season

Lizzy Hoyt played to a full crowd for the first event of the Arts on 817 Concert Series, Season 6 on Sept. 29 at the Strathmore United Church. Carolyn Steeves, chair of The Vault Cultural Collective, gave heartwarming dedication of the concert to the late Janet Bolinger and her musical legacy.

Melissa Piche Photo



Former Strathmore resident Jamie Hilton (18) and her horse Leo hope to take part in the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Ont. Nov. 3-12.

Photo Courtesy of Rylee Smolarchuk

# Royal experience

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Former Strathmore resident Jamie Hilton (18) has her sights set on attending the horse jumping event at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Ont. Nov. 3-12.

Jamie has been jumping since she was five years old and she’s been riding the same horse, Leo, for the past four years.

Through the help of her coach and her trusted horse, Jamie’s goal is to be able to attend the competition with Leo.

“The partnership is so important, it’s special,” said Sheryl Hilton, Jamie’s mother. “She’s slowly been rising through the ranks and now competes against the pros and wins against the pros and some of the toughest levels of competition here in Alberta.”

The categories Jamie has been focusing on and the ones she’s qualified for are junior hunter 3’ 6”, combined hunter 3’ 6”, hunter derbies 3’ 6” to 4’ and Jump Canada medals.

“It’s all the ability (Jamie has) to compete for Alberta,” said Sheryl. “It’s like Olympic level (competition) for Canada.”

Jamie and Sheryl hope that through continuous fundraising and perhaps some sponsorship, Jamie and Leo will be able to attend the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

For more information on helping Jamie meet her goal, you can email Sheryl ([sherylhilton2020@gmail.com](mailto:sherylhilton2020@gmail.com)) or Jamie ([hiltonhorsegirl@icloud.com](mailto:hiltonhorsegirl@icloud.com)).

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Photo Courtesy of Tina's No Frills

# Listening to Albertans

CHANTELLE DE JONGE  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

As your elected representative, I am always interested in hearing your opinion on the issues of the day. The Alberta government also provides opportunities to receive your feedback directly to the department responsible. Two such surveys are described below.

In the fall of 2019, Alberta's government launched the Fair Deal Panel to advance Alberta's economic interests and look at ways to achieve a fair deal for our province within Confederation.

One of the items the panel considered and discussed with Albertans was an Alberta Pension Plan. Was it possible that Albertans could receive better pension benefits by contributing to a made-in-Alberta pension plan and, if so, what would that look like?

Recently, we updated Albertans on our work in exploring this opportunity.

According to an independent, third-party report from Lifeworks that was commissioned in 2020 – the creation of an Alberta Pension Plan could, in fact, benefit all Albertans.

According to Lifeworks' expert analysis, an Alberta Pension Plan could increase benefits for seniors, reduce premiums for workers, and protect the pension interests and benefits of all Albertans.

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Ultimately, it's your pension and your choice. Nothing will happen to Albertans' pensions without Albertans deciding. To provide more information on the potential benefits of an Alberta Pension Plan, Alberta's government has launched a new website. I encourage you to visit [www.albertapensionplan.ca](http://www.albertapensionplan.ca) to read the Lifeworks report, learn the facts, and provide your feedback.

For those of you with a keen interest in our children's education, our government is beginning a transparent and collaborative process to engage Albertans and education partners on redrafting the province's K-6 social studies curriculum.

Using the valuable feedback Albertans have provided over the last two years, Alberta Education is redrafting the K-6 social studies curriculum to ensure content builds students' critical thinking and communication skills, enhances Indigenous, multicultural and francophone perspectives and is age and developmentally appropriate. Albertans are encouraged to visit [www.alberta.ca/curriculum](http://www.alberta.ca/curriculum) to learn more and have their say.

Please keep in touch and send your feedback as we work together to keep Alberta the best place to live, work and raise our families.

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

## Obituary



**HEINZLMEIR, Irene Theresa (Bazant)**  
Jan 13, 1938 – Sept 27, 2023

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Irene Heinzlmeir, of Strathmore, Alberta on September 27, 2023 at the age of 85 years.

Irene will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 65 years, Harold; children: Murray (Maria) and Danny; grandchildren Emma, Aaron, and Jacob; brother, Jim (Mary) Bazant and sister-in-law Anita Bazant as well as numerous friends and relatives. She was predeceased by her brother Ted Bazant.

Irene was born and raised on the family farm in the Strathmore area to loving parents Walter and Theresa Bazant. She graduated High School in Strathmore and went on to take a business administration course and work in Calgary. Soon after she was to meet her future husband, Harold, having been set up on a blind date by a mutual friend. After meeting, they were inseparable! Together they went on to buy a farm, raise a family and enjoy their retirement. Irene always worked hard, had a sharp wit and a big heart. Though she struggled with health problems in her later years, she never complained, she fought hard and put on a brave face, always more concerned with everyone else. She will be greatly missed.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the wonderful staff at the Strathmore Hospital for their care and compassion.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at St Rita's Catholic Church, Rockyford, Alberta at 11:00 a.m.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

- October 4, 2023 | 6 P.M. Regular Meeting of Council
- October 11, 2023 | 6 P.M. Committee of the Whole
- October 18, 2023 | 6 P.M. Regular Meeting of Council

Come Say Hi

Hearing from the community is really important to us, so you're welcome at any Council or Committee of the Whole meeting. You do not need to call ahead or register to observe Strathmore Council in action. There is ample public seating and additional standing room if needed. You can also watch livestreamed meetings online as they happen, or catch up later on YouTube.

Thank you

Wheatland Regional Emergency Management Partnership (WREMP)

On September 28, over 200 people from 35 agencies across the region participated in a live emergency management exercise. Thank you to all those from the Town of Strathmore, City of Chestermere, Wheatland County, the Village of Standard, the Village of Hussar, and the Village of Rockyford who helped ensure our region is prepared in the event of an emergency.



SPECIAL BUDGET CAFE EDITION

COUNCIL IN CHAMBERS GETTING COFFEE



"The Town needs one of these!"
"The Town spends too much on \_\_\_\_\_!"
"The Town needs to spend more on (insert your favourite service here)!"

We're talking all things 2024 Capital and Operating Budget.

Hearing from the community is important to us. We encourage you to take this opportunity to ask your budget related questions and share your feedback. This is a great time to gain a deeper understanding of how the municipal budget process works and how you can be a part of it.

NOVEMBER 7 | 9 AM

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30, 2023

"Nearly 150 years ago, Treaty 7 was signed at Blackfoot Crossing - not far from this very spot. Siksika Nation has always been a part of Strathmore's history. Through collaborative efforts such as co-hosting the Lead by Example Powwow, engaging in advocacy work with the Alberta Government, and supporting Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between the private sector and Siksika Nation, we're working to ensure all Indigenous people feel welcome in Strathmore.

But the progress we've made didn't happen by accident, and it won't continue without effort. We have a responsibility to move forward in the spirit of reconciliation.

Strathmore recognizes the importance of continuing to identify opportunities for meaningful Indigenous inclusion and relationship building. Flying the Siksika Nation flag at the Strathmore Municipal Building symbolizes a crucial step forward. It acknowledges the power of unity and reflects on the found connection between raising the flag and the pursuit of truth and reconciliation.

Public commemorations hold a vital role in the reconciliation process. As we witness the Siksika Nation flag ascend today, let us reflect on the enduring strength and resilience of the Siksika Nation, who have thrived on this land for countless generations. It is our duty to honor their cultural heritage, preserve their cherished traditions, and recognize their invaluable contributions.

Let us redouble our efforts to ensure their voices are not only heard but respected in every facet of our endeavors. Strathmore is your home, and we stand proud as neighbours and allies in this collective journey of growth and understanding."

- Mayor Pat Fule

