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Siksika builds a stronger community

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Nation hosted an Every Child Matters powwow at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Sept. 30 to celebrate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The event was held in partnership with the Calgary Hitmen, as well as a host of partners and sponsors.

Consisting of two feature dances and a greeting from Orange Shirt Day founder Phyllis Webstad, the event attracted over 5,000 people from the local region in attendance.

Chief Ouray Crowfoot of Siksika Nation said the event was put together to be about healing and progress.

“It’s not just about Siksika or the First Nations around. You look around in the audience and there are a lot of non-natives in attendance,” said Crowfoot. “I think the more and more of these events that you have in the community and you invite the community and you have interactions with the community, native and non-native alike, you’re going to create that understanding.”

The Every Child Matters name is part of a movement founded by Webstad as a recognition and a commitment to action.

The goal is to ensure all children know their importance and to honour those who attended residential schools in Canada and to honour their families and their communities.

Crowfoot added among the goals of the event is to build bridges and establish relationships with organizations and potential partners.

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Truth and Reconciliation

Siksika Nation hosted a traditional powwow at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Sept. 30 to celebrate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The event, hosted in partnership with the Calgary Hitmen, saw more than 5,000 attendees showing their support. See Page 5 for more coverage.

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Running for Terry Fox

Westmount school students participated in their annual Terry Fox Run in Kinsmen Park on Sept. 29. Students ran and walked laps around the lake in the event that encouraged them to run for friends and family who had been affected by cancer.

John Watson Photos



Alberta Portrait Project

Local First Nations photographer Ramsey Kunkel displayed many of the works in his Alberta Portrait Project at the Vault Cultural Collective on Sept. 30. The gallery showcased the culmination of several years' worth of portraits, to which Kunkel intends to continue photographing to add to his series.

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Coffee with Council

Strathmore residents were invited to take part in a Coffee with Council event on Sept. 29, as an opportunity to ask questions to the mayor and council to get to know a little more about

what is happening around town and why. Mayor Pat Fule along with Councillors Jason Montgomery and Melissa Langmaid participated in the active question period.

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Tough weekend

The Wheatland Kings suffered a pair of 4-2 losses over the weekend, including one to the first place Okotoks Bisons on Oct. 1 at the Strathmore Family Centre. After traveling to Medicine Hat on Oct. 7, the Kings return to the Strathmore Family Centre to host the Cochrane Generals on Oct. 8 (8 p.m.).

Joe Lepage Photo



Wheatland Wonders Fall Market

The Wheatland Wonders Fall Market was once again hosted at the Nightingale Community Hall on Oct. 1. Proceeds from table fees went towards supporting the community hall.

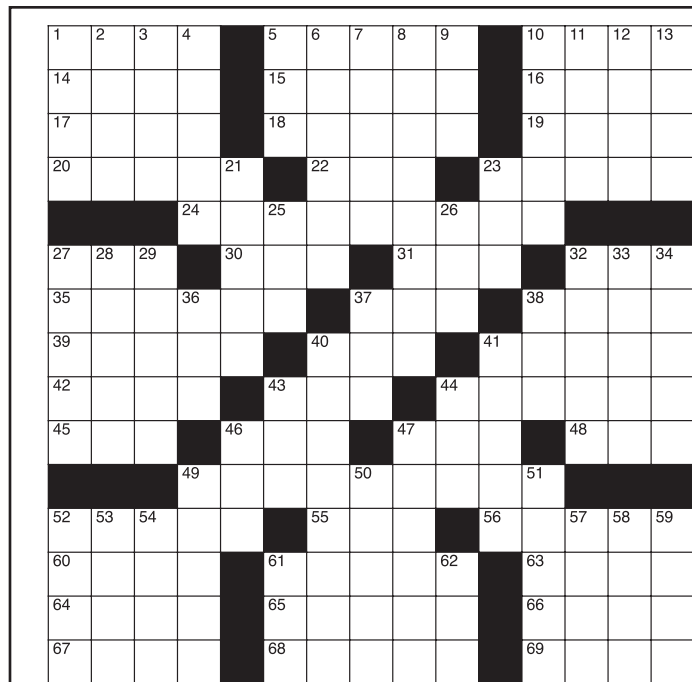
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Keeping the roads safe

Cst. Andrew O'Connell (middle) of the Strathmore RCMP was recognized by Cpl. Cumming's Watch for his road safety efforts in 2021 targeting impaired drivers. Cst. O'Connell charged more than 25 impaired drivers in 2021, which saw him awarded with the Gold challenge coin and certificate of appreciation presented to him by Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz (l) and his supervisor Cpl. Robert Kuehn (r).

Photo Courtesy of the Strathmore RCMP



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bay Area humorist
- 5. Hurt
- 10. Icelandic poems
- 14. A taro corn
- 15. Metaphorical use of a word
- 16. It fears the hammer
- 17. Excessively quaint (British)
- 18. Laid-back California county
- 19. Cook in a microwave oven
- 20. Not late
- 22. Go from one place to another
- 23. Peoples living in the Congo
- 24. Popular pasta
- 27. Available engine power (abbr.)
- 30. Popular musician Charles
- 31. Angry
- 32. Spelling is one type
- 35. One who makes a living
- 37. Indicates location
- 38. Imperial Chinese dynasty
- 39. Small water buffaloes
- 40. Hungarian city
- 41. Fabric
- 42. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 43. Precursor to the EU
- 44. Philly footballers
- 45. Female sibling
- 46. "When Harry Met Sally" actress
- 47. Magnetic tape of high quality
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Apparatus to record and transmit
- 52. Some is considered "dog"
- 55. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 56. Fencing sword
- 60. Ottoman military title
- 61. Wise people
- 63. Cold wind
- 64. Popular type of shoe
- 65. Administrative district
- 66. A way to reveal
- 67. Cooked meat cut into small pieces
- 68. Actress Zellweger
- 69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small town in Portugal
- 2. Site of famed Ethiopian battle
- 3. German river
- 4. Christmas carols
- 5. Cash machine
- 6. Rough and uneven
- 7. Rumanian round dance
- 8. Widespread occurrence of disease
- 9. A place to relax
- 10. Feeling of listlessness
- 11. Coat or smear a substance
- 12. Wild mango
- 13. Brews
- 21. Belgian city
- 23. Confined condition (abbr.)
- 25. Swiss river
- 26. Small amount
- 27. Part of buildings
- 28. Vietnamese capital
- 29. Sailboats
- 32. Shelter
- 33. Terminated
- 34. Discharge
- 36. Snag
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 38. A container for coffee
- 40. Spend time dully
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Consume
- 46. Type of student
- 47. Erase
- 49. Instruct
- 50. Girl's given name
- 51. Jewish spiritual leader
- 52. "To ___ his own"
- 53. North-central Indian city
- 54. Greek alphabet characters
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Amounts of time
- 59. American Nobel physicist vital to MRIs
- 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 62. Witness

Province announces fiscal support for rural broadband

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Hamlets of Gleichen and Cluny, as well as Siksika Nation are among more than 50 communities within Alberta to have been selected to receive broadband funding.

The governments of Canada and Alberta have committed to investing \$70.6 million to providing more than 10,400 homes across the province access to high-speed internet.

The announcement, made Sept 26, marks the first funding allocation by the governments for projects qualifying for what is being called the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF).

This project is part of Alberta's Broadband Strategy, which consists of a \$390 million commitment to be invested in over four years to improve high-speed internet infrastructure in rural, remote and First Nations communities.

The federal government has committed to matching Alberta's investment, bringing the total project contribution between the governments to \$780 million.

Minister of Service with the Government of Alberta, Nate Glubish, said improving access to high-speed internet is one of the most powerful things that can be done to support rural, remote and First Nations communities province-wide.

"A reliable internet connection unlocks access to the essential services we rely on every day, supporting everything from online learning to better home health care," he said in a statement. "Today's announcement is just the first of many to come and represents another step towards our goal of ensuring universal connectivity for all families and businesses in Alberta."

According to the province, the Broadband Strategy is estimating the creating of 1,500 jobs during the development of the project's necessary infrastructure.

Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, Nate Horner, said the project will help establish services to some of the province's most underserved communities.

"We all know that many of the educational and economic opportunities of the future are found online, and this funding for better broadband will help our rural communities seize those opportunities, which will go a long way in helping them attract newcomer to sustain and grow, and allow our famers to compete on the world stage," said Horner.

The province has stated, based on data collected during development of the broadband strategy, roughly 489,000 Albertans residing in 201,000 households lack access to federal target speeds of 50 Mbps download, and 10 Mbps upload speeds.

Similarly, approximately 80 per cent of First Nations communities, and 67 per cent of rural and remote communities do not have access to reliable high-speed internet.

The governments intend to make additional announcements as more of hundreds of projects are evaluated to determine which are best able to accomplish the overall goal to achieve universal connectivity.

Alberta has stated a commitment to delivering universal connectivity throughout the province by the end of the 2026-27 fiscal year.



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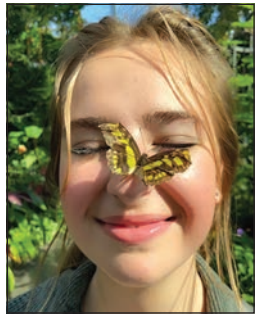
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Zoo fun

Holy Cross Collegiate celebrated the return to school with a fall activity day on Sept. 15. Activity days allow HCC students to build positive relationships with peers, across all grades and with staff, while promoting school spirit. Grade 7 to 11 students enjoyed a fun day at the Calgary Zoo while the Grade 12 students challenged themselves at the Locked Room in Calgary.

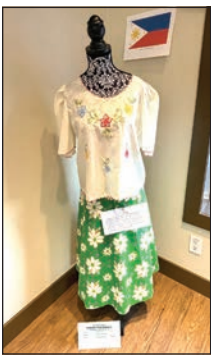
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Celebrate the world

In celebration of Alberta Culture Days 2022, the Vault Cultural Collective presented a display from cultures around the world curated by Vault vice-chair Donalda Ledene. All the artifacts displayed were shared from Strathmore community members. The displays told the story of where they came from, showing the rich and varied heritage of Strathmore's citizens. The countries and cultures represented were Estonia, Holland, Norway, Mennonite, the Philippines and Scotland. The display ran from Sept. 17-27.

Photos Courtesy of Carolyn Steeves



The Town of Strathmore celebrated the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30. Several activities were offered around town all day, including walk in Kinsmen Park and a Kairos Blanket Exercise hosted at the municipal building. **John Watson Photos**

Town Celebrates second annual Day for Truth and Reconciliation

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore celebrated the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30 by offering a variety of activities for residents to participate in and learn a little about Indigenous history.

Among the activities organized to recognize the occasion, was a ceremony and walk in Kinsmen Park, as well as two Kairos Blanket Exercises in town.

Astokomii Smith, Town of Strathmore Indigenous liaison, said that leading up to the day many community members had expressed a lot of interest in what would be happening this year as the second official Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

"I've had people ask me weeks before Sept. 30 what the Town has planned, and even with our event staff partaking in an entire day of learning about Indigenous history and culture, I think that speaks volumes," said Smith.

Strathmore started the morning listening to residential school survivor and Elder, Randy Alexander, followed by some videos presented at the Strathmore Municipal Library.

Smith said the day was organized through the efforts of many members in Strathmore collaborating with Elders and Knowledge Keepers from Siksika Nation.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was first observed on Sept. 30, 2021, having been named to coincide with Orange Shirt Day.

The day recognizes the tragic legacy left behind by former Canadian residential schools, and the impact the facilities had on First Nations peoples.

"I believe Truth & Reconciliation Day to Indigenous peoples means an opportunity to share their stories and experiences, to recognize all that they've been through and to honour them and their ancestors," said Smith.

Regarding the Kairos Blanket Exercises, the two activities were organized with the help of Trellis. The first was hosted in council chambers at the Strathmore Municipal Building, hosting RCMP members, the Strathmore Fire Department and Town of Strathmore staff.

The second exercise was hosted for members of the public to attend.

"We host blanket exercises throughout the year and the intention is to have the Reconciliation Walk as an annual event while exploring more opportunities to provide education around this day to our community," explained Smith. "The Kairos blanket exercise is a unique experience for those wanting to further their knowledge on Indigenous history. It creates a different perspective by putting participants in the roles of different Indigenous groups across Canada. I think everyone should attend at least one blanket exercise in their lives."

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Thought for the Week

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Siksika Nation hosts massive powwow at Saddledome

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“One of the themes that we are seeing is moving forward. That is part of the healing process as well, all the trauma that has happened in the past you have got to grieve from that and then also start saying ‘how do we move forward?’,” said Crowfoot. “I think it is events like this that propel that moving forward.”

According to Crowfoot, there is intent to host similar events to grow awareness, education, partnerships and branding.

He said it was made clear, based on attendance at the pow wow being over five times what was anticipated, that there is demand for more.

“What is Siksika? Who are we as a people and having that cross-cultural relationship ... It’s amazing to me how many people know so little about residential schools,” Crowfoot added. “It is a reflection on residential schools, but it is also about healing and moving forward. As a community, as we heal together and move forward, we will be a stronger community, a stronger Calgary and a stronger Alberta.”

Crowfoot specified that an event of this scale is intended to be more than simply a one-off occurrence, and reconciliation is something that needs to be actively considered more than simply on one day of the year.

More than 5,000 people attended a traditional powwow at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Sept. 30. Siksika Nation and the Calgary Hitmen hosted the event to celebrate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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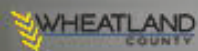
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Development Permit 2022-173
Re: Refusal of Development Permit 2022-173 for a Dwelling, Manufactured Type 2
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Permit Refused – September 13, 2022 - Municipal Planning Commission

At the hearing(s) the SDAB will hear from the appellant(s) and/or the agent; from any person who claims to be affected by the proposal; and from any other person who wishes to make representation AND whom the SDAB agrees to hear. Comments may be made verbally at the hearing, OR if you wish to present a written submission, you must have copies of the same to be distributed at the commencement of the hearing. Any submissions you make are collected under the authority of subsection 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purposes set out in sections 678 and 686 of the Municipal Government Act. Submissions will form part of a report available to the public and may be referenced in the Board's public written decision. If you have any questions regarding the collection or retention of this information, contact the Wheatland County FOIP Coordinator at (403) 934-3321.

A time limit may be imposed on verbal submissions, at the discretion of the Chairperson. No comments via telephone will be considered by the SDAB. We would appreciate receiving your written comments by end of day Wednesday, October 12, 2022, regarding this matter.

The complete file for this application may be inspected in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information will be posted on the Wheatland County website for public to view prior to the Hearing date.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Van Haarlem at the Wheatland County Administration Office (403) 361-2000 or email sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca.

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Ag Society unveils newly developed horseshoe pits

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society (SDAS) is proud to have officially unveiled and opened their new horseshoe pits for public use.

SDAS president and CEO Ryan Schmidt said the occasion was exciting both for the SDAS as well as the town, as the pits have been highly anticipated amongst residents.

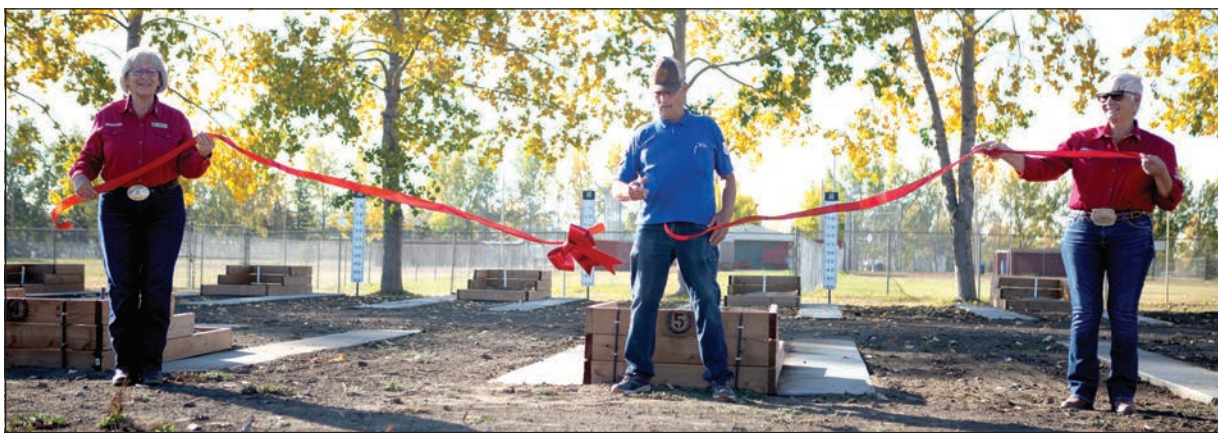
"I think it's an exciting example of a citizen, Wes Walker, really being present and persistent and making something happen for the community. There is a lot to celebrate," said Schmidt.

The development of the horseshoe pits was announced this past May. Details of the announcement were printed in the May 11 edition of The Strathmore Times.

Both Walker and other Horseshoe Pitchers Association members were persistent and enthusiastic in seeing the adequate facilities developed locally in order to play, practice and eventually compete.

"Horseshoe Pitchers Association members are going to come out and hold league play here and have official practices. We envision working with the schools to have them come out and enjoy the horseshoe pits for activities," said Schmidt. "We also envision there being senior's nights and youth nights, plus anybody in the community can book the horseshoe pits to come and play just by calling the Ag office."

Strathmore's new horseshoe pits are measured and built to official tournament regulation size and distance. Schmidt noted in communication with the Horseshoe Pitchers Association, they took development very seriously in order to



Having been under construction throughout the summer, the new horseshoe pits at the Strathmore Agricultural Society grounds were officially opened on Sept. 27. The pits will be freely open to the public, as well as be available for private bookings through the Ag Society. The project was originally announced earlier this year in May. **John Watson Photo**

potentially attract future tournaments.

The pits are located adjacent to the Ag Society baseball diamonds and are close to the existing washroom facilities and concessions.

Schmidt said the team at the SDAS try to stay true to their agricultural mission, however, there are occasionally ideas pitched to them for development, such as the horseshoe pits, that are worthwhile to explore that may be outside of their regular programming.

Prior to the development of the pits, Schmidt challenged Walker to get a minimum of 20 people signed up for an association prior to the SDAS AGM so that community interest could be gauged.

Schmidt said, jokingly, that he surrendered to Walker's determination once returned to the Ag Society within weeks of the challenge having collected a stack of signatories more than sufficient to warrant consideration for development.

The pits were developed using a \$20,000 grant that was awarded to the Ag Society by the New Horizons for Seniors program, to which Schmidt made note to thank the federal government for, during the opening presentation at the unveiling.

Though the season for pitching is nearing its end and winter is approaching, Schmidt expects the pits will see popular use once the snow melts in the new year.

Arts on 817 concludes season four of local concert series

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Fretless, who made their debut appearance in Strathmore, capped off Season 4 of the Arts on 817 at the Strathmore United Church on Sept. 30.

"They were originally supposed to play on Jan. 28, 2022, but then the Omicron wave hit and so they had to cancel their performance," said Carolyn Steeves, artistic director of Arts on 817. "It was their first time in Strathmore, but they have played in the Calgary area a number of times or in communities close by."

Steeves said she had a great deal of excitement for the string quartet to be coming to Strathmore. The group specializes in grassroots and folk music.

"They are also all amazing improvisers and amazing musicians, so their concerts are absolutely fabulous. In 2017 they won their first Juno for instrumental album of the year," said

Steeves.

The Fretless have currently been touring with vocalist Madeleine Rodger, who also adds an acoustic guitar to the band. The band by themselves sport two violins, a viola and a cello.

During the concert on Sept. 30, Steeves announced the launch of Arts on 817 season five, which will consist of six concerts over the course of 2022 and 2023.

"The concert series will start in November, then there will be one in December, February, March, April and May," said Steeves. "Season 4 was a struggle because of COVID-19 ... we weren't able to pull off a lot of concerts, so we are just thrilled to be hosting another season post pandemic."

Steeves added the audience base for Arts on 817 concerts boasted roughly 100 season ticket holders, as well as those who chose to attend concerts as one-offs. Generally, seating in the Strathmore United Church was close to



max capacity for each concert.

"I think our Season 4, which was of course a crazy season being with Omicron, we (still) had around 85 season ticket holders. I don't know what it will be this time around but it's nice to have that season ticket base."

Arts on 817 concerts tend to range in genre from folk to classical music to comedy, but is not limited to that selection.

More details about the upcoming season five will be available through The Vault Cultural Collective's website.

Arts on 817 presented their last concert of Season 4, the Fretless, a Canadian folk music group, on Sept. 30 at the Strathmore United Church. They were joined by Madeleine Rodger, a singer-songwriter from Winnipeg. Ben Plotnick (l-r), Trent Freeman, Madeline Rodger, Eric Wright and Karmnel Sawitsky delighted the music seeking crowd.

Photo Courtesy of Carolyn Steeves

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It's never too often to remind diabetics to take care of their feet. Foot disease is one of the most serious and costly complications of diabetes. Up to 25% of diabetics will experience foot ulcers. Daily checking of the feet is important to notice any changes in the feet to report to your doctor. Early detection of foot problems will avoid and serious problems like amputation having to be done in the future.

The use of some psychedelic drugs has shown some promise but it's too early to make them art of mainstream therapy. Small studies using *MOMA (ecstasy)* have show some success in treating serious cases of PTSD and some success in treating depression with *psilocybin*.

Interesting blood facts: There are about 5 million red blood cells per micro litre of human blood. It varies a bit by gender and age. To put this into perspective, one micro litre is *one millionth of a litre or 1/10 the diameter of the human hair*. Pretty small! A red blood cell lasts about 4 months then dies. But the bone marrow is constantly making new ones.

Sobering statistics: About 234,000 cancer cases are predicted this year in Canada. The good news is that the overall cancer rates are declining although the numbers are growing with population increase and an aging population. Lung cancer rates are dropping because the message is finally being believed: *Smoking causes cancer*.

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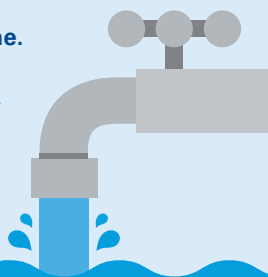
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Rescued Paws hosts adoption and awareness event

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Rescued Paws at Alpine Foundation hosted an adoption and fundraising event in Strathmore on Oct. 1 called Pawsitive Movement for paws, to raise awareness and money for the organization.

“We are the local rescue for dogs in the Strathmore area. We have roughly 16 dogs in our foster program right now that we are just basically trying to find suitable fosters for, as well as to rehome,” said organization/owner, Kyla Janes. “We are also trying to raise money because we are at the point where we need to expand and start building a building.”

Janes added there has been a large influx of dogs in need of fosters and forever homes in a relatively brief amount of time.

The goal for Pawsitive Movement, as well as similar occasions which are in the pipeline, is to increase awareness of the organization for incoming dogs, as well as to encourage locals to consider fostering and rescuing.

“We have, I think, in the last six weeks, had 15 dogs come in. A lot of them have been rehomed at this point or put into fosters so we can still help some other dogs, but we are finding more and more dogs that are being surrendered for just dropped off,” said Janes. “Up until now, we have been a sort of silent rehoming group within my business, but what we are trying to do right now is create awareness and a presence within the town.”

For those who are first time dog owners, especially who are thinking of raising a puppy, it is important to be aware of the commitment, as well as the needs of the animal you are bringing home.

Janes did not wish to discourage folks from considering adoption, but rather to encourage them to research ahead of time and speak to other dog owners



The Pawsitive Movement for Paws walk and adoption event was hosted in Strathmore on Oct. 1.
John Watson Photo

about how best to care for their pet. “There are a lot of first-time dog owners and there are a lot of questions that people are just Googling and thinking it is really easy to raise a puppy,” said Janes. “We suggest that you need to socialize your dog and coming to puppy classes, doing pack walks, doing stuff like that — just exposing your dog and having them out into public is really important.”

Inversely, she explained that bringing a dog home can be an extremely rewarding experience.

“There is a lot of mental support there. With PTSD, anxiety, stress, it helps to lower all of those, and your mental health is usually a lot better. Dogs, and pets in general, can help a lot with mental health, and benefit your family life as well,” explained Janes. “The benefits of fostering or adopting from a rescue is that you’re not only helping dogs that may have been potentially left on the side of the road, but you’re saving a life and helping yourself.”

Pawsitive movement allowed potential fosters or adopters a chance to meet some of the dogs available for adoption, as well as to take them for a group walk, of which all local dog owners were also welcomed to bring out their own canine family members.

Janes said to keep an eye out for more local adoption and awareness events that will continue to pop up throughout the community.

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Halloween Haunts set to return for third year of scares

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Halloween Haunts at the Strathmore Agricultural Society grounds will be going ahead this year, but will look a little different than previous renditions.

Christine Scott, who sets up the event alongside the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society, originally posted on Facebook on Sept. 16 that she would not be involved in organizing the event this year.

However, by the end of September she explained that an agreement had been reached and the event would proceed on the grounds for its third year running.

“We decided to change it up a little bit. For the first two years of doing it we have had two mazes, one that would be a little scarier than the other and we would take up the entire 3,000 square

feet of space that we had,” said Scott. “This year, we have decided instead of doing two completely separate ... we are actually doing one huge maze. Guests will basically purchase one ticket, but it will grant access to just the one maze versus having to buy two different tickets.”

Prior to working with the Ag Society, Scott had operated a small-scale haunt out of her home for the better part of a decade before deciding to create a larger event.

The plan for this year alongside the larger maze is to transform the Ag Society grounds into a sort of Halloween town and attract more people than ever before.

Activities on site will include pumpkin carving, a trick-or-treating area and a beer garden, among others. As of Sept. 30, Scott said many of the details were still being finalized.

“It is the feedback that we have been getting that really makes it worth wanting to do. I initially

had gone to the Ag Society with my idea two years ago, looking to rent a space because I had been doing it out of my home and I wanted to extend,” said Scott. “To see the difference in the two years with me approaching them and going with it, even from last year it has grown so much. I see a lot more growth for it and it’s going to be very exciting.”

Going forward with the event and already thinking into future years, Scott said she hopes Strathmore’s Halloween Haunts continues to grow and become a staple on Halloween for the local community.

“I’m hoping to do a sort of cabaret or costume contest eventually, there are so many different possibilities like a scavenger hunt or fireworks. There are nothing but opportunities with it,” said Scott.

The event will be operating from Oct. 28 to 30, and tickets have been made available for purchase as of Oct. 1.

Progress made with new high school

LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. You may have seen that Langdon’s new high school is finally under construction. I want to take this opportunity to thank the parents, teachers, school authorities and all those who worked so hard to see this school come to fruition. Congratulations! I can’t wait to see how things progress and our first classes go through the front doors.

Congratulations to Alberta’s doctors who, along with the Ministry of Health and Minister of Health Jason Copping, have ratified a new four-year agreement. This agreement will stabilize the health care system, foster a collaborative working environment and incentivize innovation to improve our system. I am so grateful to everyone involved and I want to say a “huge thank you” to those who helped to get this agreement done.

Our government chose to fight with doctors instead of collaborating and this opportunity to make things right is truly a gift, one that I am truly honoured to see happening. We have a lot of work to do to earn back the trust of our front lines and this is a great start. Alberta will invest \$750 million to stabilize our health care system; more than \$250 million is targeted funding over four years to address pressures including recruitment and retention programs so that more Albertans can access family doctors. I, along with our municipal partners, have been advocating for this for some time. This means an 8.2 per cent increase for family physicians and a 1 per cent lump sum recognition payment. The agreement will be in force for four fiscal years, from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2026.

- One per cent rate increase in each of the first three years (2022-23 to 2024-25) and 1 percent recognition lump sum payment in 2022-23. This is in line with other recent public sector agreements. The \$252 million in new spending over four years is for targeted initiatives: \$59 million in annual funding and \$16 million in one-time investments targeted at communities and specialties facing recruitment and retention issues.

- Lump sum increases for Primary Care Networks (PCNs) of \$20 million in each of 2022-23 and 2023-24 to provide additional support for primary care while the Modernizing Alberta’s Primary Health Care System (MAPS) work takes place.

- The agreement also outlines processes and other commitments to jointly address key issues related to physician compensation, including: stipends, overhead and z-codes; caps to daily visits; virtual code enhancements for psychiatry; and extending physician support programs to medical examiners.

Also, medically required diagnostic imaging (DI) services, including x-rays, ultrasounds and fluoroscopies referred by uninsured health providers will now be insured under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan. What this now does is chiropractors, physiotherapists and audiologists are able to provide referrals for insured DI services, will ease congestion in the primary health care system and improve patient access so diagnosis and treatment won’t be delayed, and increases access to publicly funded DI services for patients who can’t pay out-of-pocket or don’t have third party insurance when they are referred for diagnostic imaging services by chiropractors, physiotherapists and audiologists. Albertans are investing about \$8.4 million into this program.

- The Chiropractic Association of Alberta (CAA) has worked with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) to advocate for the reinstatement of insured DI services ordered by uninsured practitioners.

“The AMA has supported the CAA’s position based on the principles related to safety and value for patients, improv-

ing comprehensive and coordinated care, and improving the efficiency of the health care system. The inclusion of these health care providers in multidisciplinary care teams can benefit overall care delivery. Specifically, the scope of practice for physiotherapists allows them to play a role in reducing surgical wait times. On March 31, 2020, the government implemented its Physician Funding Framework; one of its initiatives reinforced that only referral for DI from practitioners who provide publicly funded services could be covered under the AHCIP. This removed the ability of uninsured service providers to refer patients for insured DI services. The change did not affect the providers’ scope of practice or their ability to refer patients for DI services. It only transferred the responsibility for payment for these DI services from the AHCIP to the patient (or their third-party insurance provider).”

I was honoured to join Astokomii Smith, Elder Black and Elder Wolfleg as Alberta declared Sept. 30 as the Day for Truth and Reconciliation in our beautiful province. The Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which will occur in perpetuity, is a time to recognize the harmful legacy of residential schools, honour the survivors of residential schools as well as the children who perished in them and recommit ourselves to meaningful Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

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Doug retired in 2009 after 27 years with the Calgary Police Service. His hobby, upon retirement was photography. He spent many hours as a photographer for both the Strathmore Wheatland Kings hockey team and the Strathmore Times newspaper. Also, his love for nature and wildlife showed through the photos he took. Doug had a great sense of humor, loved a good joke and had a hearty, contagious laugh. Doug also enjoyed time spent with his dog buddies, Arlo and Webster.

Doug was predeceased by his mom, Helen and dad, Gordon Taylor. He is survived by his loving wife, Karen; his daughter, Jennifer (Ben) Wood and their two children, Paisley and Elliott.

Karen would like to thank the many people who have reached out to her at this sad time. As per Doug's wishes, there will be no funeral or Celebration of Life.

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A valid Class 5 driver's license and clean driving record are required (a driver's abstract shall be provided if requested).

Any questions about this posting or the position should be directed to Carmen Spitzer, Associate Principal for Golden Hills International Program, at carmen.spitzer@ghsd75.ca or 403-823-0607.

This posting will close as soon as a suitable candidate is found. Please submit a resume, RCMP criminal record check (including vulnerable sector check) and a Child and Family Services intervention record check to the undersigned.

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Is your community group or organization looking to request funding from Council?

The Community Group Delegation Night is a designated Council meeting where Strathmore Town Council will review community group funding requests and allocate funds to help ensure the success of local service clubs, non-profits, and sports organizations.

Join Council on October 26, 2022 - submit your delegation request by October 14 at

Sign up at Strathmore.ca/CouncilMeetings



Monday: 8am-9pm
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Our scheduled shutdown of the Aquatic Centre is longer than we'd anticipated. During our inspections we discovered that the heat exchanger had reached the end of its lifespan. We have been seeking replacements for this important part of our operations. It handles huge volumes of water everyday, and without it our pool would be a chilly five degrees! Our last one was the original part from the pool's opening over twenty years ago!

Council approved a request for funds to purchase a replacement. It's been ordered and is on its way! Once it arrives we'll need some time for installation, testing, and refilling the basin. We expect to reopen within four weeks, but we'll keep you updated on any changes to the schedule.

We're as excited to get the pool back up and running as you are. Thanks for your patience while we make these necessary repairs!

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 and make sure to put your carts out on Thanksgiving if Monday October 10 is your regular collection day!

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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DECEMBER 2022

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APRIL 2023

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● black cart/waste

● green cart/organic

