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## Palliative care coming to Siksika

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Health Services has announced it has received a Palliative and End of Life Care (PEOLC) Community Capacity Building Grant Program grant from the Alberta government.

A total of 25 grants were released to successful applicant organizations. This wave of funding saw \$11.3 million distributed between the 25 successful applicant projects.

The funding was dolled out as part of the province's commitment to put \$20 million towards palliative and end of life care initiatives.

Cheryl Sorensen, team leader for Siksika Health Care, said the grant is a huge boon for Siksika Health Services and allows them to further local services.

"I'm really excited, we really struggle to provide palliative services in the community in the past and it's often meant that people have to leave the community to receive those services for end-of-life care," said Sorensen. "This grant money will be used to strengthen and enhance the services that we are currently providing through home care and the elders lodge for palliative services on the nation."

The new resources will enhance Siksika Health Services' capacity to care for local palliative patients by allowing more people to receive care without leaving the nation.

Palliative care services are currently offered in the community by Siksika Homecare in partnership with the Siksika Elders Lodge, Rural Palliative Care Consult Service, and from Okotoks.

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## Hockey's back baby!

Wheatland Kings defencemen Kyle Feick celebrates a goal during a 5-4 exhibition win over the Medicine Hat Cubs on Sept. 10 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Kings will open the regular season with a pair of road games in Rocky Mountain House and Red Deer on Sept. 16-17 before returning to the Strathmore Family Centre for the home opener on Sept. 18 (4:30 p.m.) versus the Cochrane Generals.

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# Teddy Bear Picnic returns to Strathmore

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For the first time since COVID-19 restrictions were launched in 2020, Strathmore's annual Teddy Bear Picnic was once again able to be hosted.

Taking place Sept. 10, alongside the RCMP silent auction and the Farm and Flea market in Kinsmen Park, the event invited folks out for a fun afternoon in the park to interact with giant teddy bears, as well as to raise articles for a good cause.

Organizer Debbie Mitzner said she was excited to have been able to bring the event back to the community.

"We're having teddy bears picnic in the park. It's a fun free family event and we've done it yearly, except we missed two years for COVID," said Mitzner. "And now, we're back to business."

The community was invited to drop into the park between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to enjoy treats, music and simple recreational activities.

The Teddy Bear Picnic also served

as an outlet to gather materials and articles for the Wheatland Crisis Society and for the Wheatland Food Bank.

Mitzner said the event posed an excellent opportunity for people to simply get out of the house and enjoy their community, as well as to make meaningful donations.

"Living in community, giving back to community and just seeing that fun that everybody has nice to see people come out in groups, is an excellent motivator to continue hosting the picnic," said Mitzner. "It's a big hit, especially with younger families. Some people have phobias about the bears and the mascots, but that's okay. They'll be back next year."

Mitzner estimated between the donations raised by the event for the various non-profit organizations it supports, over \$1,000 worth of materials will have been assembled.

Since the picnic has begun to be hosted in conjunction with other events such as the Farm and Flea market, it has begun to experience even more growth and attendance.



Debbie Mitzner hosted Strathmore's annual Teddy Bear Picnic on Sept. 10 in Kinsmen Park to give locals a fun opportunity to come out and have some fun with the family for free. Folks were also encouraged to bring donations for local non-profits  
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### BBB Tip: Calculate the cost of owning a pet



Owning a pet can bring your family much joy, but taking care of a dog, cat, or other animal comes with significant costs too. Unfortunately, this year, many pet owners have found themselves in a heartbreaking situation, forced to give up their pets for financial reasons.

If you are thinking about taking home an adorable furry friend, it's wise to check your budget first. According to the American Kennel Club, dog owners can expect to spend about \$15,000 over the lifetime of their pet. Here are the costs you should consider before getting a new dog, cat, bird, or other pet.



#### How to calculate the cost of a pet

- Any new pet comes with substantial expenses. For example, if you purchase a puppy from a breeder, you can expect to spend anywhere from \$500 to \$2000 or more. Purebred cats can be costly too. If you don't have your heart set on a specific breed, you can cut costs by adopting a mixed breed pet from a shelter, but there will still be a modest expense, usually in the \$50 to \$200 range. After the purchase cost, factor in your pet's first vet visits, which may include vaccines and boosters, deworming, and spaying or neutering...

...The cost for these items and treatments can quickly go over \$1,000. You can save money by adopting an older pet that is up to date on vaccines and has already been spayed or neutered. Finally, don't forget about supplies. You'll need your pet's food, food and water bowls, collars and leashes, toys, beds, crates, etc. The average consumer spends about \$425 on initial expenses when it comes to supplies. Include these items in your budget as part of the initial cost of buying or adopting a pet.

- Factor in food. Standard food for dogs or cats will cost you a few hundred dollars a year. However, if your pet develops a food allergy, expect to pay more for a prescription diet.
- Budget for veterinary visits. All pets need an annual exam and vaccinations. Some pets will need annual checks for parasites and deworming too. These visits average about \$160 for cats and \$225 for dogs. Of course, the price for a yearly vet visit will vary depending on where you live, so be sure to check with your local veterinarians. Also, choose a veterinarian you trust before you get a pet. Keep in mind that your pet may also need routine care along the way, such as dental cleanings.
- Know the cost of preventative medical care. Most dogs and cats need flea, tick, and heartworm prevention. Budget for the cost of preventative medical care when planning for a pet. Purchasing preventative medications can save you a big bill on medical care down the road.
- Think about grooming. If your pet needs regular grooming, such as nail trims, baths, and haircuts, find out how much you can expect to spend by calling local groomers and asking about pricing. Ask them how often you should plan to have your specific breed of animal groomed.
- Plan for kennel boarding. If you are a frequent traveler and don't plan on taking your pet with you, another expense you should factor in is boarding costs. According to a national pet owners survey, dog owners spent an average of \$228 on kennel boarding and cat owners spent an average of \$78. If you don't like the idea of boarding your pet in a kennel, you'll need to find out how much it costs to hire a pet sitter. If you plan on traveling with your pet, factor in additional travel expenses like pet fees at your hotel or the cost to fly with your pet.
- Don't forget the extras. Plan for miscellaneous expenses, such as licenses, toys, treats, obedience classes, replacing damaged furniture, and more. Check out this list for more unexpected expenses of owning a pet.
- Have an emergency fund. Even if you have a healthy pet, know that emergencies can arise. It's wise to keep an extra \$1,000 to \$2,000 in an emergency fund specifically for surprise vet bills, which can be costly if emergency treatments or surgery are needed.
- Consider pet insurance. Pet insurance can cover unexpected vet bills and sometimes wellness visits, but plans and coverage vary greatly. Do your research to find out if there is a pet insurance plan that could work well for you and your pet.

For more information go to BBB.org

# Statement on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

LEELA SHARON AHEER  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

It is with great sadness and sincerest condolences to His Majesty the King and the entire Royal Family that we observe the passing of our Sovereign, Her Majesty Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada.

For the vast majority of us, Her Majesty is the only Sovereign we have ever known – a model of decorum and decency that served as a stabilizing force to the Commonwealth and the world for more than 70 years.

From Her Majesty's inspirational service in World War II to her engagement and support of more than 600 charitable causes across Canada and her role as Regimental Colonel for 14 Canadian Regiments, including the Calgary Highlanders, The King's Own Calgary Regiment, and the Royal Canadian Air Force, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been a beacon to Canadians and the centre of our institutions.

Her Majesty visited Alberta a number of times over her more than 70 years as our Sovereign and many Albertans fondly remember those visits in 1985, 1987, 1992, and 2005 and the many visits at the beginning of her reign.

We want to express our sincerest condolences to His Majesty the King, the entire Royal Family, and all Canadians who grieve the passing of our beloved Sovereign. God Save the King.

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

## Siksika Health Services receives palliative care grant

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Previously, nation members were supported in their homes until adequate services could no longer be provided to the patient within the community, they would then have to be sent to hospice off nation for their final days.

"We've found that most of our clients wish to remain in the community for their final days, surrounded by their friends and family. Ideally, we try to honor their wishes, but sometimes it's just not possible," said Sorensen. "With this grant we'll be able to develop, furnish and staff dedicated spaces for palliative care, which will allow community members to stay."

The proposed spaces will be located close to the Siksika Health and Wellness Centre and will be available for patients and families to be supported and have easy access their services.

Siksika Health Services also plans to provide education sessions for community members who are interested in providing respire care for the families of palliative patients.

"Currently, we have a position posted for a palliative social worker to provide supports to the clients and the nursing staff," added Sorensen.

The new Continuing Care Center will have dedicated rooms available to provide palliative care and nursing staff at the Siksika Elders Lodge will be included in local education sessions in order to develop and maintain the skills needed for when the service center opens.

Sorensen did not disclose the exact amount Siksika Health Services was specifically granted through the PEOLC Community Capacity Building Grant Program.

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# Holy Cross Collegiate student wins \$1,000 musical scholarship

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Mickaela Boll (17), a Grade 12 student of Holy Cross Collegiate, has been awarded the first Alberta Band Association (ABA) Mike W. Achtymichuk Memorial Scholarship.

The award was created by Joyce Howdle and Olga Achtymichuk to honour the memory of Mike Achtymichuk. On an annual basis, \$1,000 will be granted to a junior or senior high school student wishing to enhance their musical education, within the province.

This is defined by activities such as participation in MusiCamp Alberta, private music lessons, joining a community ensemble, playing in honour bands, or a similar musical enrichment activity.

Boll has decided to use her scholarship to aid in funding her participation with the Calgary Stampede Showband in order to enhance her percussion skills, and apply for a Bachelor of Music and Education (B.Mus/B.Ed) post high school.

"I was with a friend the day I got the letter from ABA, and it was handwritten. She (my friend) encouraged me to open it right away and it was a very exciting moment," said Boll. "I applied for it after I went into the Youth Wind Symphony Band from ABA, and then they sent my band teacher an email saying that I could apply for the scholarship."

The application criteria for the scholarship,

as indicated on their website, suggests the ABA seeks students who are involved in a school or community band program, demonstrate financial need, contribute to musical activities within their school or community, demonstrate enthusiasm for music and a desire for excellent musicianship, and showcase evidence of musical potential and leadership.

According to Boll, her participation with the Calgary Stampede Showband requires an investment of \$1,300 to join. For her, the scholarship will considerably reduce her entrance costs.

Boll added her enthusiasm for music stemmed from her participation junior high band, following a distinct disliking for the subject while in elementary school.

"When I was in elementary school I hated music class, it was always boring. I was going into second semester Grade 7 (and) I had no other options to pick so I was like, 'I'll try the band' and then I just stuck with it ever since," said Boll. "I think it was partially the band teacher and then just the environment. It was very much a group environment, it wasn't toxic. We grew by helping each other grow individually as players, it's definitely a team building thing."

Boll explained her drive to become a music teacher is to do for other kids what music did for her, helping her grow, deal with personal issues and present an opportunity to be a part of a community.

## Leela Aheer, MLA

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# National Suicide Awareness Day recognized locally

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As Sept. 10 was National Suicide Awareness Day, the Centre for Suicide Prevention set up a stand at the Strathmore Farm and Flea Market on the same day to help raise awareness.

Executive director of the Centre for Suicide Prevention Mara Grunau explained suicide is an issue that remains not discussed enough and is the cause of death for a significant number of people annually.

"Suicide is really interesting because more people die by suicide around the world every year than they do (from) homicide and war combined," said Grunau. "Most people don't know and it's a bit of a silent killer that way. Because of the stigma people are not willing to talk about it, or they're so uncomfortable they don't know what to say, and often people don't know until they lose somebody."

Grunau said with the onset of COVID-19 restrictions, generally speaking, people did not fare well and mental wellness was significantly impacted.

With rising mental unwellness, more people were willing to talk more openly about suicide after having experienced mental unwellness that some may not have otherwise been able to understand.

"More people are willing to talk about suicide because now they kind of get it. Maybe they had never experienced mental unwellness before and now they see how (suicide) could be a possibility for someone," said Grunau.

Stigma is the biggest barrier to suicide prevention. Grunau explained if the topic is swept under the rug and not addressed, nothing is able to be done about it.

For those who are concerned about a friend or loved one who may be considering suicide, open and gentle conversations are a step in the right

direction to potentially saving their lives.

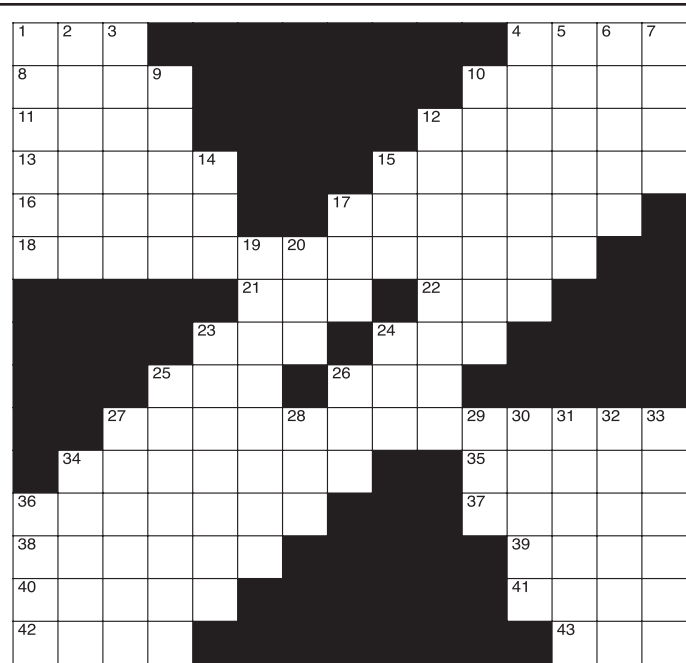
"So often when we're having thoughts of suicide, we don't want to share that with anybody because we're embarrassed or we feel ashamed or we feel even worse about ourselves," said Grunau. "If someone can ask you instead of you having to ask them — if someone can say to you, 'hey, you're not yourself these days, I'm concerned about you, I see this,' and you were very specific about what you see ... give the person an opportunity to talk. And if you're still concerned you can ask them directly."

Significant changes in behaviour can be possible signs of suicide consideration. As an example, Grunau explained, if perhaps someone who is normally very reserved is noticeably more outgoing without apparent reason or cause, or inversely, someone who is normally more boisterous becomes quiet and distant, these can be indicators to look for.

For some, it may also be an increase in risky behaviour or substance use. The important factors to look for are traits that are out of the ordinary and to create a comfortable invitation to discuss those changes with the person one may be concerned for.

"If you can get to the point of saying, 'are you thinking about suicide?' If the person says no, okay, it might be a little bit awkward, but the person is going to go away knowing you cared enough to ask," explained Grunau. "If they say yes, don't panic, even though of course you will be panicking. Don't panic, together, call the crisis line ... the other thing you can do is listen. And I know that sounds like nothing, but it's so important."

If you or anyone you know is considering suicide, there is help available through the national crisis line at 1-833-456-4566.



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- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Argued publicly
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. They star at weddings
- 39. Indian god associated with reproduction
- 40. Ocean sunfishes
- 41. Slowly leak through
- 42. Plant part
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Accumulate on the surface of
- 2. Not a good feeling
- 3. Got smaller
- 4. Helped a golfer get around
- 5. Military forces
- 6. Partner to ways
- 7. Low, one-horse sleigh
- 9. Japanese seaport
- 10. Inclined to favor
- 12. Avid reader
- 14. Lead singer of Heart
- 15. Pigeon sound
- 17. Vital part
- 19. People who are not Jewish
- 20. Shed tears
- 23. Pokes holes in the ground
- 24. Beverage receptacle
- 25. Stone used to surface roads
- 26. French-Belgian river
- 27. Type of phone
- 28. Long-lasting light bulb
- 29. Type of medication (abbr.)
- 30. German city
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They're in martinis
- 33. Get away from
- 34. Dormouse
- 36. Database management system

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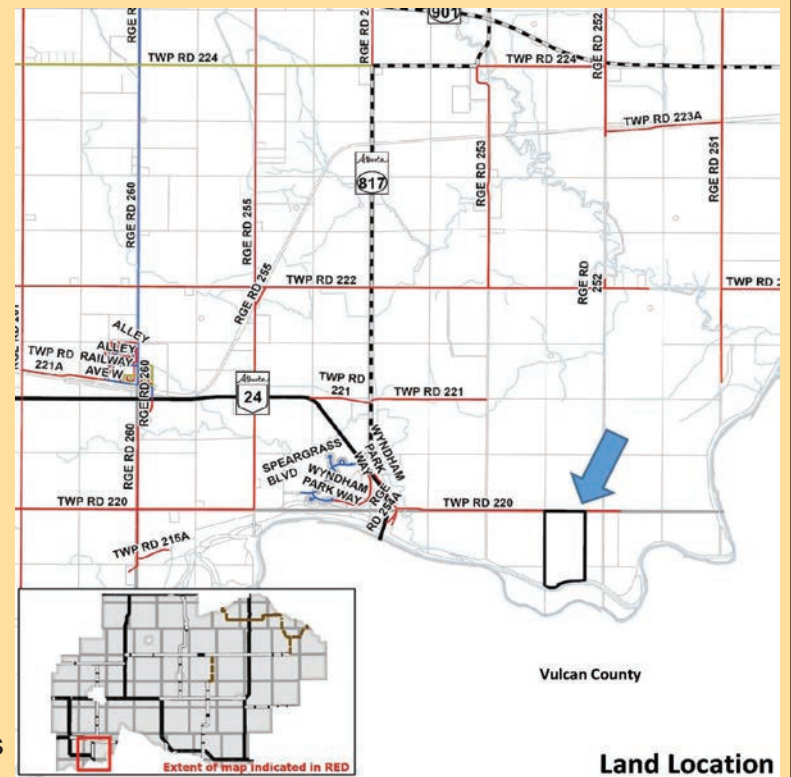
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**Proposal:** To redesignate the subject lands from Agriculture General District to Natural Resource Extraction/Processing District, in order to allow for the future development of an aggregate extraction and processing operation.

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.



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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 their attendance at appeal hearings.

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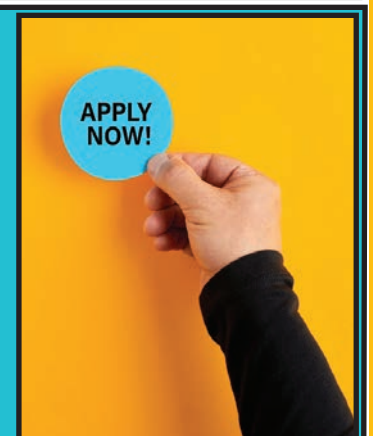
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**Deadline for applications is September 30, 2022.**

For more information, or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Jessica Salmon at 403-361-2021 or via email to [jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca).



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# Local dog trainer nominated for CW Dog of the Year

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A local dog trainer has been nominated for the CW Dog of the Year award and will be the subject of a documentary episode as part of the associated series.

Jennifer Fraser said she received an email regarding the nomination of her show dog, Daiquiri, very suddenly and out of the blue, informing her of the request to film.

“They told me that it’s about dogs who are extraordinary and have gone above and beyond and are dogs who are special in ways that nobody can really understand,” said Fraser. “They picked seven dogs and they want Daiquiri to be one of them. The film crew will be arriving at the end of September.”

Never one to be doing nothing, Fraser has since left for London, Ont. to perform with her dogs and will return to her home in Wheatland County three days prior to the arrival of the film crew.

Fraser added it was an inspiration from her grandmother that got her into training dogs and competing. Because of this, Fraser asked her grandmother to come out and be a part of the project.

“I’m getting my grandmother to come here because she is the one who has inspired me, from the time I was little,” said Fraser. “One of the very first memories I had as a child was sitting on my grandmother’s knee watching Crufts, which is the biggest dog show in the world. I said to her ‘I’m going to be there one day.’”

The feature of Fraser for the series will be one episode shot in a documentary format, telling both her and Daiquiri’s story. According to Fraser, the story of getting to Crufts and her achievements with Daiquiri is what the feature will be focusing on.

For Fraser, this opportunity is ultimately just the starting line when it comes to media production.

“The more exposure I get, the more these opportunities start coming to me. I also have an idea about making a similar show to ‘So You Think You Can Dance?’ called ‘So You Think You Can Train,’ but I need to find



Jennifer Fraser and her dog Daiquiri have been nominated for the CW Dog of the Year following their exploits on stage. The Dog of the Year feature showcases dogs that have gone above and beyond in their fields to aid their partners.

John Watson Photo

the right people for it,” said Fraser. “This definitely just opens the door for more opportunities for me and my dogs.”

Daiquiri will be featured in the series amongst other dogs such as a bomb detection dog, a service animal and other animals who have gone above and beyond to aid their people.

Fraser did not indicate when her Dog of the Year feature would be released for public viewing.

Continuing forward, she intends to pitch a dog show in Las Vegas in 2023, among a host of other projects, and is currently training a puppy who will grow to eventually take Daiquiri’s place when Daiquiri enjoys his retirement after he is too old to continue performing.



## Farm and Flea draws crowd

Strathmore’s Farm and Flea market was once again hosted in Kinsmen Park on Sept. 10 for the community to come out and explore local vendors. This time around, the event was hosted in conjunction with the RCMP Silent Auction as well as the Teddy Bear Picnic, drawing an even larger crowd.

John Watson Photos

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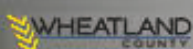
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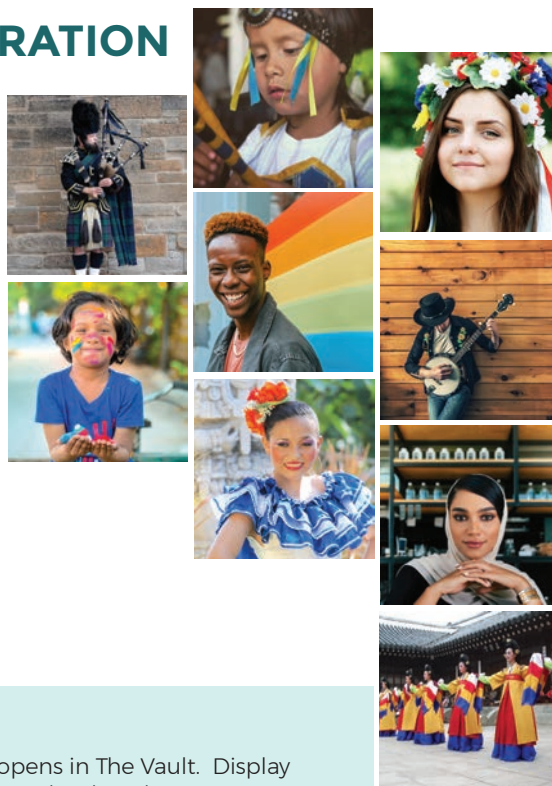
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Local farmer Kevin Slemko (second from the left) recently became the Alberta winner of the Hometown Roots Family Contest through Lallemand after purchasing their inoculant from the Strathmore UFA. After winning, Slemko chose the Hussar Community Hall as his choice of a hometown organization to receive a \$5,000 from Lallemand, funds that were topped up by an extra \$1,000 from the Strathmore UFA, totaling a \$6,000 donation for the hall. Brett Yeske (l-r) of UFA, contest winner Kevin Slemko, Jayden Nail of UFA and Russel Nail of UFA, at the Hussar Community Hall.

Photo Courtesy of Lallemand

## Hussar receives community funding support

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Hussar and District Community Hall has received a \$6,000 financial boost, thanks to a nomination for funding through a contest hosted by Lallemand.

Lallemand announced Kevin Slemko as the Alberta winner of the Hometown Roots Family Contest, which awarded him the opportunity to select an organization for a \$5,000 contribution.

Slemko made his purchase from the Strathmore UFA, which has since offered to add a \$1,000 contribution to the Hussar and District Community Hall.

"The last couple of years have shown us that community functions and gatherings are a very important part of our life, not only for our sense of community, but also for our mental health," said Slemko.

The contest draw was made available to legal Canadian residents within Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

In order to qualify, an applicant needed to have purchased 160 acres worth of a Lallemand branded inoculant, or they could opt to submit an essay describing what agriculture meant to the applicant and how they would use the funds to better serve their community.

"We wanted to create a campaign that kept family and community as that centrepiece. Just as we support

the communities we live in, we wanted to provide a way for growers and their families to give back to the communities that they are a part of as well," said Collin Sebulsky, marketing manager for Lallemand Plant Care. "We're trying to find a way to get a bit creative and escape the noise of the standard medias for advertising ... we are family owned so we tried to come up with a unique way to give back to communities."

The contest ran from November 2021 until May 2022. According to a release, a winner was also selected in Saskatchewan and in Manitoba.

"Coming from a small town as well, it's important to see those communities, you they can use any support they can get in most fashions, so it's just really nice for us to be able to give back," said Sebulsky. "It was quite successful, so we're definitely running a similar campaign going into the following season. We're hoping to launch that on Nov. 1 again and that's how it ran last year was November through the end of May. And then the draw day was June 1. So, our intention is to do the same thing with the upcoming season."

Slemko added he was impressed that organizations such as Lallemand and UFA had opted to support local communities and described that community involvement in agriculture at smaller scales is in decline, and it was a pleasant sight to see companies giving back.

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Local high school student Emma Moore (17) has launched her sixth annual Clean Campaign to help raise personal hygiene products for the Wheatland County Food Bank. Pictured, Moore stands with representatives from organizations and businesses that are supporting her cause.

Photos Courtesy of Emma Moore



# Local high school student brings back Clean Campaign

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Local high school student Emma Moore (17) has brought back her annual Clean Campaign for the Wheatland County Food Bank for the sixth straight year running.

Moore, who prolifically operates fundraising initiatives within the community, said she has been doing so since she was 11, with growing success every year.

The Clean Campaign aims to collect articles such as shampoo, conditioners, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other assorted personal hygiene items to donate to the food bank.

“My goal was 100 bags and I’m going to donate those to the food bank because they can’t put hygiene items in their hampers, and most of their hygiene items have to be donated to them,” said Moore. “All the money that they get through donations has to go to food and because it’s such an expensive time, especially in September with back to school, people that are in need of food are also most likely in need of things like hygiene items.”

In speaking with the food bank as well as to the Strathmore Overnight Shelter (SOS), Moore said she was able to determine a need for personal hygiene items and had asked what she could to help.

“Nobody really likes to smell bad or have poor hygiene, and it really takes away from your self-confidence,” said Moore. “I really thought this could be something to help a whole bunch of people in our community, especially with kids going back to school and how hard that can be on

families.”

Despite not observing the impact her campaign has for the community, Moore is adamant that as long as it continues to happen and people are able to access the supplies they need, that alone makes the effort worthwhile.

This year, Moore has partnered with Strathmore High School, Brentwood Elementary, Crowther Memorial Junior High School, Strathmore Gymnastics Club, Royal Bank of Canada Strathmore branch, Centre Point Chiropractic, Town of Strathmore, Strathmore Civic Centre, Strathmore Family Centre Arena and George Freeman School, to raise the donations needed for the personal hygiene bags. Moore has also received a donation from Tina’s No Frills.

Each of the partnering schools, businesses and organizations are hosting drop-off bins for people to deposit products, or folks can reach out to Moore directly through her social media, Em’s Donation Projects on Facebook.

The campaign, which launched this year on Aug. 26, will run until Sept. 15.

“I’ve seen so many great donations. Even when we get donations that don’t necessarily go into the hampers, I’m still able to donate those things to places like the crisis shelter – things like makeup and feminine hygiene products,” said Moore, who will also be running her Soup for Soldiers campaign again later this year, as well as her birthday fundraiser in the spring.

Beyond that, Moore is hoping local businesses or organizations will pick up and continue her annual campaigns, as next fall she intends to be taking off for post-secondary education outside of Strathmore.

## Recovered goods auctioned

Articles confiscated or recovered by the RCMP over the last few years were put up for silent auction on Sept. 10 to clear them out of storage as well as to raise money for a good cause. Proceeds from the auction will be split between Strathmore Regional Victim Services and the Pregnancy Care Centre.

John Watson Photos

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The *Pap Test* was invented by a Greek doctor, Georgios Papanikolaou in the 1940s as a screening test for abnormalities of the female cervix which might indicate cancer. The recommendation is Canada is to have this test done every 3 years beginning at the age 25 up to the age of 69.

In the 100 years since the discovery of insulin, there have been many advances in the treatment of Type-1 insulin-dependent diabetes. The latest is the artificial pancreas where a sensor is implanted under the skin and continuously monitors the levels of sugar (glucose) levels in the blood. Readings are sent to an insulin pump which automatically adjusts the amount of insulin needed. The user can monitor readings on a smart phone in which allows the user to input of the amount of food eaten at each meal.

Covid is still out there. The vaccines against Covid work well to prevent or reduce the severity of the disease. If you haven’t had your shot yet, do it soon. From 10-30% of people who get Covid will suffer from “Long Covid”....not something you want to have to endure for months if not years.

One other fact about Long Covid is that it appears to be more prevalent among those with a cancer diagnosis, particularly cancers of the skin, breast, prostate and those with blood cancers. Covid vaccines are highly recommended for this group.

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### How to help during harvest

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Adelle Ellis Photo



### Vintage market

The Vintage & Vines Country Market was held at the historic Klaiber Barn in Strathmore on Sept. 10. Proceeds from the market went to the Wheatland & Area Hospice Society.

Joe Lepage Photos

# Crisis Society celebrates success of first golf tournament

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Crisis Society (WCS) is excited to have seen success from the first of what the team would like to be, an annual golf tournament.

The tournament took place Aug. 26 at the Strathmore Golf Club with over 100 golfers coming out to participate, according to Natasha Fyfe, business development and communication specialist for the WCS.

In all, Fyfe reported the tournament brought in just over \$13,000, which will go directly to their programs at the shelter, as well as to the facility itself.

"It was our first year doing this, and we were looking at different ways of connecting our supporters and all of our volunteers with our staff and the community," said Fyfe. "We thought a golf tournament would be a great way to get everybody to come out and get everybody meeting each other and then get to spend some time together."

Fyfe added that being the first time the WCS has hosted such an event, she and the team did not know what to expect going in but are extremely satisfied with the results.

Going forward, they hope to host the tournament on an annual basis as a way for staff, volunteers and community members to let loose, enjoy themselves and support a good cause.

"Our supporters and our sponsors

definitely showed up for us that day — we had quite a few sponsors for the golf tournament itself and then we had a lot of people who just decided to come out and golf," said Fyfe. "Being our first year, we didn't want to go too big and too grand for the first time out of the gates. I think next year, we are going to have some more activities on the holes and some fun for our contestants and we'll be able to show that on social media."

Fyfe explained the WCS needs roughly \$90,000-\$100,000 of annual net fundraising and donations to keep the shelter properly maintained and in working order.

Despite rising annual costs, the team has not received any increases to annual funding from government sources since 2015.

Fyfe said she hopes to see the tournament become something local, and those from surrounding areas, look forward to every year.

Ideally the tournament will develop into a full two-day event rather than a single day tournament.

"Golf tournaments always seem to be a lot of fun and we'd like to raise money in fun ways and not just ask for the give from everybody," said Fyfe. "We would like to meet everybody and we'd like to come out, have a good time, and get to know people on a personal level — so a golf tournament seemed like the best fit."

# Local RCMP remain busy

STRATHMORE RCMP

On Aug. 14 at approximately 2:30 a.m. while on regular patrol, a Strathmore RCMP member encountered a U-Haul truck along with another pickup truck and travel trailer stopped at the on ramp to highway 1 eastbound from highway 797. The trailer lights on the travel trailer appeared to be out. The member stopped to offer assistance to the driver pulling the travel trailer. When the driver noticed the car was a police vehicle, he pulled away quickly. The Strathmore member followed and tried to initiate a traffic stop on both vehicles but discontinued efforts when both vehicles refused to stop and engaged in an erratic driving pattern. HAWCS was requested to assist.

The truck and travel trailer were spotted by another Strathmore member East of Strathmore on highway 1, which had turned back westbound toward Strathmore. Another traffic stop was attempted but the driver began swaying across both lanes of travel. The Strathmore member discontinued attempts to stop the vehicle while HAWCS was positioned to monitor the vehicle. The truck and travel trailer were abandoned in Strathmore and the driver got into the U-Haul truck. Members continued to receive updates from HAWCS who reported a location where the U-Haul truck stopped and both occupants fled on foot. A Calgary Police Service Dog and handler were on site who assisted in tracking the suspects, one of whom was taken into custody.

The investigation revealed the travel trailer, worth approximately \$40,000, was stolen from a RV dealership in Calgary. The pickup truck, valued at

approximately \$24,000, was also determined to be stolen in Olds. Both owners were unaware of the thefts before police contacted them. The U-Haul was overdue to be returned and was filled with property that was believed to be stolen. The apprehended male driver identified as Devon Tanner, a 36-year-old man last known to reside in Red Deer, was held for a hearing on 22 charges which include: two counts of flight from a Peace Officer; dangerous operation of a motor vehicle; nine counts of failing to comply with a release condition; three counts of failing to comply with a probation order; possession of a controlled substance; two counts of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000; driving an uninsured motor vehicle on a highway; driving while unauthorized; possession of break-in instruments; and pulling a trailer with no signal lamps.

Tanner currently remains in custody. The investigation remains ongoing with an additional suspect and continued efforts to identify owners of recovered property from within the U-Haul truck.

"Strathmore members are active in their patrols throughout our area to keep our residents safe, to detect and to deter crime," said Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz, detachment commander Strathmore RCMP. "In this case, being observant resulted in the recovery of a significant value of items which were returned to their owners, and one of the offenders involved, at this time, will face charges. I'd also like to express my thanks to Calgary Police Service for their assistance in this investigation and continued seamless working relationship to keep Albertans safe."

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### Supporting Crisis Society

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John Watson Photo.

# SHS Alumnus leads national men's volleyball team at world championship

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore High School Alumnus Ben Josephson, named head coach of Volleyball Canada's senior men's indoor team in November 2021, lead his team at the world championships this year.

Josephson stepped into his position officially on April 1. The world championship, which took place in Slovenia and Poland this year, is the second-to-largest tournament in the world, following only behind the Olympic games.

"Worlds was a roller coaster. It was an up and down experience — we saw some really great performances from our team and we saw some disappointing losses," said Josephson. "I think when you're at a tournament as big of a stage as the world championships, you're liable to see all kinds ... every four years we get to play this tournament ... so all the teams are really prepared and really good, and it was eye-opening for us to see the level we were going to have to play at to win all the games."

Josephson said going to worlds was a unique experience to cherish, especially in his first year of coaching his team, despite Canada's early elimination from the tournament.

"It's a pretty special moment when you realize this is the absolute peak of the mountain. There's nothing better than this tournament when it comes to volleyball quality," said Josephson. "It was very surreal for me, and super humbling to get to coach Canada at that, and I just wish we would perform better but it sure was eye opening and I can't wait to get back to work to prepare for the next opportunity."

Josephson described going to Slovenia as being a very far cry

from playing volleyball at Strathmore High School.

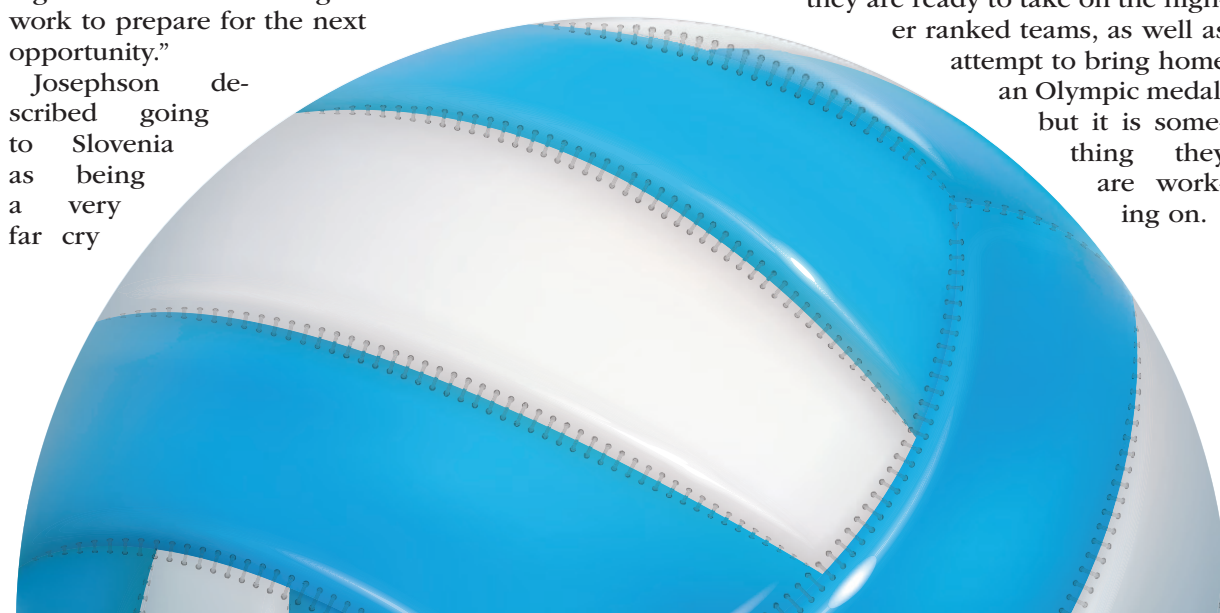
His experience in Strathmore was actually his introduction to playing the sport, which he tried out for initially as a way to meet people at the school.

"I was actually more interested in basketball at the time, but ... a bunch of my teammates were really involved in club volleyball and the high school team was really strong," said Josephson who continued his volleyball journey this past spring by stepping into the daunting task of replacing his predecessor, Glenn Hoag, who coached Canada's team for 15 years, as well as working with a large turnover of players following the Olympics in Tokyo.

Josephson said it will take a few years to kickstart the program and become successful, but hopes to take his current momentum and lessons learned from the world championships and snowball it into future success.

"I think we're a really creative, athletic, offensive team. I think we play really fast and fun and creative. And I think that's a style that we've been working hard at all summer," he said. "I think Canadian athletes are really physical by nature. We've got big, strong guys who hit the ball high, hard and jump really high. We're trying to play a very fast, skilled, athletic kind of style ... which hasn't been done a lot in Canada. This kind of new hybrid offense is something that we put a lot of time into, and we're excited about."

Josephson added that there are still many gaps to be filled in the team's performance before they are ready to take on the higher ranked teams, as well as attempt to bring home an Olympic medal, but it is something they are working on.



### Village of Hussar NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Land Use Bylaw No. 543-22

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, The Village of Hussar has given 1st reading to Bylaw No. 543-22, a draft Land Use Bylaw (LUB) with the **purpose** of regulating the use and development of land and buildings in the Village of Hussar. The LUB provides a framework within which the orderly, economical, and beneficial development and use of land can take place.

A **public hearing for Bylaw No. 543-22** will be held in person and Via Conference Call at the Sundowners Senior Centre at 120 Centre Street, Hussar, AB on **September 29th, 2022 commencing at 7:00pm**. Members of the public who are unable to attend the meeting in person may attend virtually:

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Phone Conference ID: 135 851 202#

Council will hear from any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw.

Written comments or concerns may also be submitted for Councils consideration. Written submissions will be received up until 4:00pm on September 29, 2022. Submissions should be addressed to The Village of Hussar, and may be submitted Via Mail- P.O. Box 100 Hussar, AB, T0J 1S0 or Via Email - office@villageofhussar.ca

Please be advised that the personal information in submissions made, is collected under the authority of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 33(c) and subsequent versions of the Act. All submissions provided to the Village Council will be publicly available, in accordance with Section 40(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Proposed Land Use Bylaw No. 543-22 can be reviewed online at <https://www.villageofhussar.ca/planning-development>, or copies may be picked up Tuesdays & Thursdays at the 109 – 1 Avenue East, Hussar, AB from 8:30- 4:30 pm.

### Village of Hussar NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Urban Hen & Quail Bylaw No. 549-22

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, The Village of Hussar has given 1st reading to Bylaw No. 549-22, a draft Urban Hen & Quail Bylaw with the **purpose** of regulating and controlling the keeping of chickens and quail within Urban Areas in the Village.

A **public hearing for Bylaw No. 549-22** will be held in person and Via Conference Call at the Sundowners Senior Centre at 120 Centre Street, Hussar, AB on **September 29th, 2022 commencing at 7:00pm**. Members of the public who are unable to attend the meeting in person may attend virtually:

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# Hospice Society receives government grant

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland and Area Hospice Society (WAHS) has received a \$7,000 grant from the Alberta Government to aid in bolstering end of life care for hospice patients.

WAHS president Joni McNeely said the grant is part of the government's second wave of funding towards the project.

"A few years ago, the provincial government announced a \$20 million funding for palliative care, and to improve access to education and services. The first \$9 million was already released and this is the second funding amount," said McNeely. "The first funding out

included a lot of educational resources, so we were happy to leverage our grants application to improve access to those educational resources."

The grant money went towards funding the purchase of eight iPads and headphones, as well as the data to keep end of life patients connected online.

McNeely said granting easy access to information for those who are largely unable to access such services otherwise can be a relief to those who need it.

"Online, there's lots of resources regarding living with advanced illness, grief support, palliative education and general palliative issues," explained McNeely. "There's there also Zoom meetings and Zoom support groups that can

help both a palliative client and their caregiver, and we're hoping to use the iPads just to assist families to connect with their loved ones who may live farther away."

The WAHS has also partnered with the Strathmore Municipal Library to create the Compassion Corner, which displays books and other resources regarding palliative care.

The library is also aiding in the distribution of the iPads and headphones for palliative patients. A volunteer will check out the equipment from the library and make the delivery either to the palliative patient's home or long-term care facility.

"There's so much information now that's available online, both nationally,

provincially and locally. We recognized that there was a break in actually creating and developing the programs and information that are online and the actual accessing of those resources," said McNeely. "Our volunteers will supply the equipment and they'll actually accompany and chaperone clients and caregivers to help access and to sit with them while they're watching the programs, and to have some sort of discussion afterwards if that's needed."

The WAHS is also continuing its Farming for Hospice fundraiser, which will be ongoing until the end of November. The organization is continuing to encourage folks to purchase acres of land to help support the society and next year's harvest.

# RCMP search property and recover multiple stolen vehicles

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

On Aug. 3 at approximately 8:10 a.m., Strathmore RCMP members attended a rural property in Rocky View County near the Hamlet of Langdon upon receiving information that a stolen vehicle

was located there. Upon arrival members encountered an unrelated vehicle, later determined to be stolen, which fled the property. The vehicle, a late 2000's model Blue F350 pickup truck fled the area through a large hay bale and onto a nearby road. Strathmore RCMP members in the area monitored the vehicle and later attempted the use of a tire de-

flation device which the offender avoided by driving through a ditch narrowly losing control. The vehicle was monitored with the assistance of HAWCS and Calgary area RCMP detachments for approximately four hours until efforts were discontinued.

Further investigation with the assistance of Airdrie RCMP resulted in recovery of the stolen pickup truck in Airdrie. Nearby video surveillance revealed the suspect ditched the pickup truck and fled the area in a Maroon colored Chevrolet Avalanche that was parked nearby. The Maroon Avalanche was also determined to be stolen.

A search warrant was obtained for the rural property and was searched by Strathmore RCMP with assistance from Langdon RCMP members, RCMP Auto Theft Section, RCMP Police Service Dog and Strathmore General Investigation Section. In total nine vehicles, one trailer filled with property believed to be stolen, one rifle and one motor bike were recovered from the property. The investigation is ongoing and charges are expected on at least one individual.

"Property crime is becoming an increasing problem with offenders operating in a manner dangerous to the public as noted in this occurrence," said Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz, detachment commander Strathmore RCMP. "Despite situations such as this, our members take great care to minimize risk to the public while working to apprehend those responsible for these types of crimes. Fortunately, nobody was hurt. We continue to rely on assistance from the public to help identify persons involved in these crimes."

Strathmore RCMP would like to request public assistance in identifying the male suspect who fled the property. The suspect is described as a Caucasian male in his mid 20's to mid 30's with a dark coloured sweater and ball cap. If you wish to remain anonymous, you contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com) or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



The male suspect (top photo) was caught on camera fleeing in a maroon-coloured Chevrolet Avalanche. RCMP members are asking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect. An outbuilding (bottom photo) was found on the rural property containing stolen property that was recovered by RCMP members.

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# Conservative Party of Canada elects new leader

FROM THE OFFICE OF  
MARTIN SHIELDS

Martin Shields, Member of Parliament for Bow River released the following statement on the election of the new Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada and His Majesty's Loyal Opposition, Pierre Poilievre.

"I would like to extend my best wishes and congratulate Pierre Poilievre on his election as leader of the Conservative Party of Canada and His Majesty's Loyal Opposition," said MP Shields. "With such a resounding victory as it was, the Conservative Party has never been more united.

"We must now work towards defeating Justin Trudeau and the Liberals to undo the damage caused by out of control spending and policies that have directly led to a cost-of-living crisis and soaring inflation.

"I look forward to working with Pierre and our Conservative caucus to give Canadians a sensible, responsible Government and once again make Canada the greatest country to live on earth."

## Local RCMP coordinate with other Southern Alberta detachments to catch offender

STRATHMORE  
RCMP

On Aug. 20 at approximately 1:40 p.m., Strathmore RCMP was notified that two stolen vehicles had fled from a member in Three Hills who attempted a traffic stop after confirming one vehicle was stolen. Strathmore members obtained a visual of the vehicles as they headed South on Highway 21. An unmarked unit followed one of the stolen vehicles, a black mid-2010's model Dodge Ram pickup truck, at a distance. The vehicle travelled West and back to highway 21 North through Airdrie rural area. The vehicle continued until it turned West on highway 27 towards Olds. Olds detachment members deployed a tire deflation device East of highway 2 that was effective in disabling the vehicle. The offender drove the stolen truck on flat tires westbound until it could no longer be operated. The Strathmore member who was following the suspect moved in and took the offender into custody as Olds members moved in to help clear the vehicle.

The truck was recovered with stolen property and illicit substances found inside. The offender identified as Mitchell Engler, a 37-year-old resident of Innisfail, was transported to the Strathmore detachment where he was charged with 15 new offences and was remanded in custody. Charges included: flight from Peace Officer; four counts of failing to comply with condition of probation; five counts of failing to comply with condition of release order; operate a motor vehicle while prohibited; two counts of possession of a controlled substance; possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000; and possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

Engler, at the time of his arrest, was subject to a driving prohibition, bound by two probation orders, and two other release orders for 25 outstanding charges involving drugs, failure to comply with conditions, prohibited driving and property offences.

"While we are observing an increase in property crime, so too are the efforts of our frontline members," said Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz, detachment commander of the Strathmore RCMP. "The proactive effort to identify criminal activity and coordination between four detachments to apprehend this offender exemplifies the professionalism of our members proudly serving Albertans."

## Obituary



### GRAY, Harrison

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Strathmore Travelodge (350 Ridge Road, Strathmore). In Lieu of flowers, if you wish, donations may be made in Harrison's honour directly to the Wheatland Hospice Society (Box 2154 Strathmore, AB T1P 1K2 or [www.wheatlandhospice.ca](http://www.wheatlandhospice.ca))

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

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## Obituary



### POOL, Robert Arthur

Born in Eston, Saskatchewan on October 7, 1951  
Passed Away in Standard, Alberta on July 30, 2022

Rob Pool passed away unexpectedly at home on July 30, 2022 at the age of 70 years.

He leaves behind a brother Russ, sister-in-law Deb and their children Adam, Ryan and Kelsey, all of Australia. He also leaves behind many cousins and friends.

Rob was always up for a good 'tongue wag' with anyone he encountered: friends, neighbors and strangers. He came to know many folks from all over the province with his meat delivery service and kept in contact with many of them even after retirement. He cared deeply for people, and was truly interested in their lives, stories and opinions. He valued the experience and opinions of others when making decisions and he would carefully take into consideration the viewpoints offered. He rarely, if ever, made a snap decision, and in the end he did what he knew suited him best. He was an educated and intelligent man, but he had no use for technology, going old school with his land line and Canada Post. Rob loved chatting on the phone, politics, the New York Rangers, baseball tryouts, reading books, watching Christmas movies, and going for his daily walks. He loved children and the elderly. He had a boisterous and hearty laugh, and he laughed a lot. He thought life was great fun. He considered carefully where his hard earned money would be spent; joyfully relishing any bargain that he was able to negotiate. If you met and had a good conversation with Rob, you probably never forgot him; it was abundantly clear that he loved people and was interested in what they had to say. He was a solid and loyal friend. Auggie the doggy will be overjoyed to see Rob again and vice versa, but those of us he left behind shall miss him sorely. Rest peacefully, our friend.

There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, October 1 at the Standard Senior Centre (814 The Broadway Street) at 1 pm. We hope you share your stories and memories with us all. If you wish to make a donation in Rob's name, you may do so at the Standard Library.

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## Obituary



### REINWALD, Henning

November 1, 1931 - September 1, 2022

With sadness we say goodbye to our father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend Henning Reinwald.

Henning was born in Bruel, Germany and was predeceased by his parents, sister and more recently by his loving wife Anna. Surviving Henning are his children Maria Rospenda (Chris), Pierina Rose, Leisa Reinwald, Richard Reinwald (Vanessa), Peter Reinwald as well as his sister Irmela Jantzen of Bruel Germany and her family; grandchildren Matthew, Jonathan, Joseph, Katrina, Darren, Tara and Isabelle.

A Memorial Service will be held at Lord of All Lutheran Church, 112 Lakeside Blvd, Strathmore AB T1P1A1 on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. A private family graveside will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made directly to Lord of All Lutheran Church, a place where Henning spent many happy hours. To express condolences and share memories, please visit: [www.mountainviewmemorial.ca](http://www.mountainviewmemorial.ca).

## Obituary



### TRACHSEL, Genevieve

April 24, 1980 - December 23, 2021

Genny, or Gen to her friends and family, passed away at the Peter Loughheed Centre in Calgary on December 23, 2021 at the age of 41, surrounded by family and friends.

Genny was born in Calgary at the former Grace Hospital on April 24, 1980 during a nurse's strike, and was raised in Strathmore, the oldest of three children. This was to be a foreshadowing of her life to follow. Never one to say no to trying new things, she was always involved in different activities. Piano lessons, gymnastics, and later tumbling and trampoline and skiing were some of the activities she enjoyed. The latter led to an interest in Freestyle skiing, more particularly aerials. Flips on the water ramp in Red Deer were followed by flips on snow at Fortress Mountain. She was a member of the Southern Alberta Freestyle Ski Association and later the Alberta Freestyle Ski Association in the mid 90's. Injuries forced an end to these activities. Time to do something else! She finished her schooling in Strathmore and enrolled in Lethbridge Community College taking the Law Enforcement program. Genny transferred to Mount Royal College, but discovered this was not something she would be happy doing. Some jobs passed and she finally took a job with her Dad who was the owner of an electrical contracting company in Strathmore and area. This led to her attaining a Red Seal (Journeyman) as an electrician. Various companies and experiences as an owner of her business in Strathmore later, she was attracted to the Bonnyville area and the oil and gas industry. She and her partner, Tyler, moved there where she worked for a number of years in that industry. A new chapter in her life opened with the birth of their son, Tucker, on June 11, 2015. He was the love of her life. She was a devoted Mom who loved to cook wonderful, sometimes exotic, meals, and who loved entertaining family and friends as much as possible. Christmas was always a special time and she spared no effort on this day.

Genny is survived by her partner of many years, Tyler Hamilton, and their son, Tucker. Also by her parents Terry and Margaret (Maggie) (Simpson) of Strathmore, her brother Tyson of Calgary, and sister Kerilyn (Steve) Grove of Strathmore, and their two children, Orion and Xander, special nephews she doted on. She was predeceased by her grandparents Alfred and Jeanne (Turcotte) Trachsel, and Alex and "Ross" Redfern.

A memorial was held on Friday, September 9, 2022 at the Strathaven Community Centre in Strathmore.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish, donations can be made to the Wheatland Hospice Society, or any other charity of your choice.

## Obituary



### TRUDEL, Rene

With sadness, but with joy for a life well-lived, we announce the passing of Rene Trudel, our beloved father, brother, Uncle, Grandfather, Great-grandfather, and friend, on Sunday, Sept. 4 at the age of 86 with family surrounding him.

Born in Cabri, Saskatchewan on March 6, 1936, Rene grew up with his brother and two sisters in the small town of Lancer, Saskatchewan. He often stated how happy he was working outdoors on the family farm just outside of town. He especially enjoyed playing baseball and hockey with friends and driving the side roads in the family Fargo truck.

He studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan. While there, he met Ona Zimmer, and after graduating, they were married on Oct. 25, 1958 and moved to Drayton Valley where Rene started his professional career with Mobil Oil. All four of their children were born there. In 1966, the family moved to Calgary, where they stayed until 1980. Rene was transferred to Lloydminster, where he and Ona spent many happy years. Shortly after Rene retired in 1990, he and Ona moved to Strathmore to be closer to their children, and especially their grandchildren. In every place they lived, they made many close friends.

Rene enjoyed long walks, camping, curling and hockey and enjoyed sharing the outdoors with his family. Always a present and active father, he was very involved in the household chores and supported his children's activities. He volunteered at the Catholic Churches wherever he lived, drove the Strathmore Food Bank truck for years, and was known for his quiet, courteous willingness to help wherever needed. In their later years, Rene and Ona moved into Wheatland Lodge, where they were well cared for by the staff and enjoyed the company of their fellow residents. After Ona's death, Rene found the companionship of his special friend Phyllis Primrose consoling and enriching.

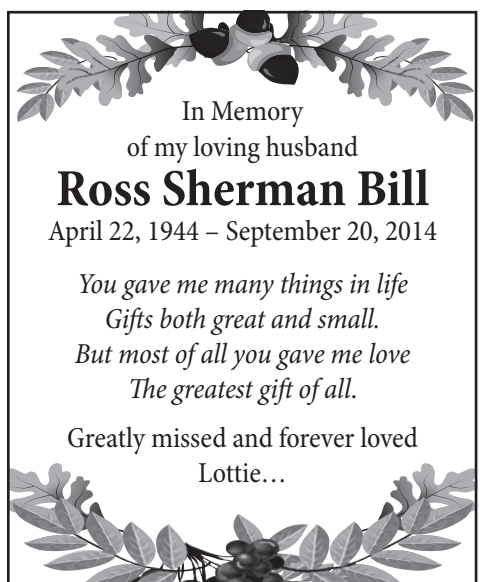
Rene is survived by his beloved children, eldest son Mark (Sandy) and grandchildren Rachel (Graham Atkins and great-grandson Asher) and Nick (Brooklyn and great-grandchildren Theo and Aria), along with their mother Cheryle; daughters Jody (Ken McKinnon) and Shawna Trudel; and son Rev. Guy Albert Trudel, OP. He is also survived by his sister Sharleen Trudel, his sister-in-law Jeanne Trudel, brother-in-law Gerry Zimmer (Marie); sister-in-law Belva Dossdall, along with many nieces and nephews whom he loved. He is predeceased by Ona, his beloved wife of sixty years, his parents, parents-in-law, sister Pauline Schmidt and husband Fred; brother Cameron; brothers-in-law Roy Dossdall and Ron Bitz.

The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and aides of South Health Campus, unit 78, and the staff of Southwood Hospice for their care and kindness to Rene and his family in his illness.

A prayer service was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Wheatland Funeral Chapel (202 Lakeside Blvd, Strathmore) at 7:00 p.m. A Catholic funeral mass was celebrated on Friday, September 9, 2022, at Lord of All Lutheran Church (112 Lakeside Blvd., Strathmore) at 11: a.m. In lieu of flowers please make donations directly to the Wheatland Food Bank ([wheatlandfoodbank.ca/donate](http://wheatlandfoodbank.ca/donate)). To send condolences, please visit Rene's obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca)

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- Minimum of three (3) years of administrative experience preferred
- Post-secondary degree or diploma in a relevant field of study or work experience

Please submit your cover letter and resume (with a minimum of 3 employment references) electronically, regular mail, fax or in person outlining your experience, education in key municipal functions, reasons for applying and salary expectations. The position will be open until September 28, 2022, or until a suitable candidate is found. A copy of the full job description can be found on our website at: <https://www.villageofhussar.ca/council/careers>

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Strathmore & Area Adult Inclusive Literacy provides confidential one on one and small group tutoring for adults in Wheatland County who would like to improve their literacy skills and English language skills. Your primary responsibility will be to facilitate an ELL program according to our grant goals and guidelines. This is a short-term contract with potential for renewal.

**Areas of Authority**

The Literacy/ELL Practitioner supports CALP funded programming in facilitating learning opportunities based on community needs and priorities. Under the direction of the Executive Director and Literacy Services Coordinator, the Literacy/ELL Practitioner has the authority to direct the approved programs and services.

**Areas of Responsibility**

- ◆ Learner Assessment & Evaluation
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- ◆ Program Delivery & Reporting

**Required Experience/ Skills**

- ◆ Knowledge and application of Canadian Language Benchmarks.
- ◆ Have a passion for and understanding of lifelong learning.
- ◆ Excellent oral and written communication skills; working knowledge of Microsoft Office
- ◆ Ability to work remotely and the ability to adapt to new technology.
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## Notice of applications Nova Solar Power Plant and Nova 1005S Substation

Nova Solar G.P. Inc. has filed applications for a solar power plant and a substation in Wheatland County



### Proceeding 27589 Applications 27589-A001 and 27589-A002

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be considering the power plant and substation development applications in Proceeding 27589. If you feel you may be affected by these applications you can provide input to the AUC to review before it makes its decision.

« **Written submissions are due  
September 29, 2022.**

Nova Solar G.P. Inc. has applied to construct and operate a 150-megawatt solar power plant, designated as the Nova Solar Power Plant and its associated Nova 1005S Substation (collectively, the project), under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*. The project would be located on approximately 1,280 acres (518 hectares) of private, cultivated land in Wheatland County, Alberta, approximately two kilometres west of the hamlet of Carceland. Specifically, the project would be located within sections 2 and 3, Township 22, Range 26, west of the Fourth Meridian.

#### Additional information about the applications

The applications and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca). Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the applications, please contact:

Nova Solar G.P. Inc.  
Andrea Cosman  
Phone: 514-607-9055  
Email: [andrea.cosman@res-group.com](mailto:andrea.cosman@res-group.com)

#### Participant information

For more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under "Get involved."

#### Submissions

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 27589, and register to participate under the "registered parties" tab. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca) for more information or assistance with filing your submission. The lead application officer, Joan Yu, can also be contacted at [joan.yu@auc.ab.ca](mailto:joan.yu@auc.ab.ca) or 403-592-4380.

The AUC may make its decision without further notice or process if no written submissions are received.

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To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available through the AUC's eFiling System. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.