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Data centre moves forward

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Wheatland County has taken its first steps towards the construction of the Goldfinch Technology Park proposed for Carseland.

Council voted 4-3 in favour, Aug. 11, to approve Bylaws 2025-34 and 2025-34, being to allow a data centre as an appropriate industrial use case, and to redesignate lands in the Goldfinch Industrial Area Structure Plan (ASP) to accommodate it.

Reeve Scott Klassen, Coun. Shannon Laprise, Coun. Berle Hebbes, and Coun. Keith Klayton voted in favour.

Coun. Donna Biggar, Coun. Rick Laursen, and Coun. Glenn Koester voted against. Koester previously voted in favour of first and second readings.

“There was numerous concerns from the public, numerous letters ... and I thought there was a good response from the developer and everything, and that is what makes it so tough, but the public did not want it,” said Koester. “I have a hard time with this because the rate-payers should be happy ... overwhelmingly, the response is not too good for the development. I don’t know why.”

Laprise emphasized council to be approving a concept plan, and there remain opportunities throughout the development process to address ongoing concerns maintained by local residents.

The proposal on the table promotes the construction of a nearly 600-acre data centre located immediately south of Township Road 222, and west of Highway 24.

The data centre campus, as currently presented, estimates being comprised of approximately 3.5 million square feet of floor space built out across its designated development areas.

“On the human health side, I went and looked at the Mayo Clinic. They have an absolutely neutral stance on data centres. Then ... I went and looked at Harvard, and they have two concerns, water and electricity,” said Hebbes. “The water usage in these types of plants is very highly mitigated by using air cooling and glycol, so the water, it is going to be 50 to 100 people (working in the plant) ... the water use is important to me, but I think it is mitigatable.”

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Stomping barriers

Participants of all ages took to Strathmore's parks and canal pathways on Aug. 9 for the Stomping Down Barriers for Mental Health Run, which started and finished at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. Hosted by the Town of Strathmore and FCSS, the community event featured a 1K Kids Fun Run, 5K, 10K and Half Marathon, raising funds for the Strathmore Elks Mental Health Project while promoting wellness, inclusivity and open conversations about mental health.

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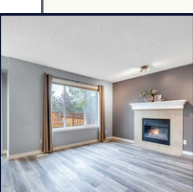
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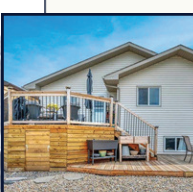
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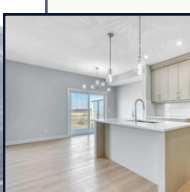
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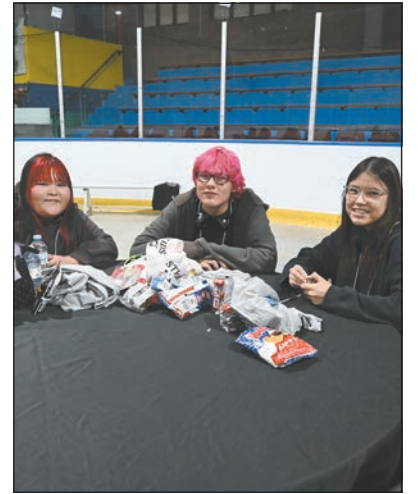
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Local expertise, built on higher expectations





The 22nd Annual Run As One Youth Awareness Week took place from Aug. 3-6 at the Deerfoot Sportsplex on the Siksika Nation.

Melissa Piche Photos

Run As One Youth Awareness Week returns for 22nd iteration

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Health Services was excited to celebrate its 22nd annual Run As One Youth Awareness Week, having taken place Aug. 3-6 at the Deerfoot Sportsplex.

This year's festivities consisted of a pep rally for athletes set to compete at the Alberta Indigenous Games, as well as two days of a youth conference geared towards education and trades.

"Throughout the years, we always like to add a few additional things ... one time there was a video game tournament, and now this year, we had a sort of karaoke night for the community," said Rilee Many Bears, on behalf of

the Siksika Health Services Community Wellness Department. "In the past, we always had a music festival, and (that) was the longest running Indigenous music festival in Canada. It is also good to see that all these other communities are doing their own things."

Jevon Holloway, a post-secondary student who spoke on behalf of the youth conference, explained the occasion not only serves as an activity to look forward to throughout the summer, but also to connect local youth with resources and career opportunities.

"We always have different groups come out to display different careers; different trades come out and do hands-on workshops; we usually have booths from the University of Calgary, (and)

University of Alberta coming out to display their courses," he said. "Every year, we have a keynote speaker come out and it is usually a successful Indigenous athlete. We had an astronaut come out one time – just very notable, successful individuals to inspire the youth and show them there is a lot that us Indigenous people can do."

This year, serving as a special guest youth speaker, Selena Maguire was invited to present during the festivities. She was recruited last year to play basketball at Red Deer Polytechnic while pursuing her post-secondary education.

Many Bears added for both himself and Holloway, they used to be regular attendees of the Youth Awareness Week and have since been inspired to return

and aid in its operations.

"From years past, we have seen a very large increase in the amount of post-secondary students from the reserve, and that is reflected in our actual numbers because we advertise to the post-secondary summer students and our high school summer students," said Holloway. "It is amazing to see the influence from the conference just to have more kids pursuing post-secondary education and furthering their education in whatever avenue they decide to do."

Beyond career and class opportunities, the event was also proud to feature Nation members from Bow Valley College involved in eSports, instructors in music, and Siksika's own Many Guns Boxing Gym.



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Strathmore and Wheatland County residents save a trip with online passport renewals

MARIO PRUSINA
Times Contributor

Strathmore and Wheatland County eligible adults can now renew their passports online as the federal government expanded its digital passport renewal service across the country.

Announced July 29 by Parliamentary Secretary Peter Fragiskatos on behalf of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister Lena Metlege Diab, the change removes the previous limit on the number of people who could access the online renewal service.

Eligible Canadians can now submit their passport renewal application, upload a digital passport photo and pay online, eliminating the need to mail documents or visit a Service Canada Centre. In-person and mail-in services will continue to be available.

Diab said the expansion is part of the federal government's effort to modernize passport services.

"Canadians expect passport services that work for their lives," said Diab. "Expanding online renewal gives eligible Canadians a simpler, more convenient way to renew their passports, without unnecessary barriers or delays. This is part of the Government of Canada's ongoing work to modernize passport services and deliver public services that are responsive to the needs of Canadians today."

The government said the online service is expected to improve access for Canadians living in rural and remote communities, like Wheatland County, as well as those with mobility challenges. Applicants renewing online will receive the same 20-business-day service

standard as simplified adult renewal applications submitted by mail or at most Service Canada Centres. The online system also provides real-time updates, allowing applicants to track the progress of their application.

The expansion follows several recent changes to passport services, including the introduction of an online application status checker, expanded access to 10-business-day passport service at select Service Canada Centres, and the federal government's passport service guarantee.

Fragiskatos said the expanded service reflects how Canadians increasingly expect to access government services.

"Expanding online passport renewals reflects the way Canadians increasingly expect to interact with government: through secure, convenient and reliable digital services," said Fragiskatos. "By modernizing the passport renewal process, we improve accessibility, enhance the client experience, and deliver faster, more efficient service, while maintaining the integrity and security of Canada's passport program. This is another step toward building a responsive, client-focused service that meets the needs of Canadians in today's digital world."

All passport applications require commercially taken photos, and online applicants must obtain a digital passport photo file from a commercial photographer. Canadians requiring a passport sooner must continue to apply in person at a Service Canada Centre or passport office offering 10-business-day, express or urgent service. Canadians applying from outside the country can continue to apply by mail or through a Government of Canada office abroad.

Local health care aides voicing concerns

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Local health care aides employed by Bayshore HealthCare continue to voice their concerns regarding their working conditions and compensation amid ongoing negotiations.

To date, the process between the unionized workers and the employer has spanned over three years in Strathmore.

“There is burnout, there is frustration, there is stress, there are feelings of giving up. We all feel very much like they do not care anything about us. We are very underpaid in Alberta for what we do,” said Shannon Neufeld, a health care aide employed by Bayshore. “It is hard making ends meet when your pay scale is so low right now and nobody is really listening or cares to listen from what we feel.”

Despite their feelings of hopelessness towards the issue, Neufeld explained those who have remained as local aides do so out of a motivation to their clients.

She added the current roster, consisting of just under 40 aides, is consistently short staffed while new clients are added to their schedules. This results in being required to spend less and less time with any one client before taking to the road again to reach the next.

“We start anywhere from 6 (o’clock) in the morning, before what we would typically start at, in order to incorporate most of our clients somewhat on time. We start extra early, and you go from house to house until you’re done,” said Neufeld. “A lot of times, we are driving extra fast to get to the next client and people are waiting for us to show up for their medications, or showers, or wound care ... when there are sick calls, they (Bayshore) are asking us to pick up even more clients to put in our schedules.”

Under current agreements, Bayshore compensates their employees for mileage incurred at a certain distance beyond Strathmore’s municipal boundaries.

Legally within Alberta, there is no defined requirement to provide any reimbursement for mileage. Despite this, for many employers, some kind of reimbursement is considered a standard practice.

Driver safety being its own discussion, Neufeld explained due to the amount of driving required for the job, without an increase in reimbursement, many Bayshore employees are often forced to choose between paying their rents, feeding themselves, or putting gas in the tank.

“It seems like we’re not getting anywhere. I personally know the union is doing everything in their power, but we all seem to talk and say that it just seems like Bayshore doesn’t care at all, and they’ll keep it going stagnant forever if they could,” she said. “It shouldn’t take this long to come up with

an agreement or a respectful offer. We should be actually negotiating, and it should be wrapped up, I would think, well within a year.”

Bayshore responded to a request for comment regarding the ongoing negotiations with a statement provided by Kari Cuss, executive director of public affairs and communications, but declined to engage with questions.

“Bayshore HealthCare values the important role Health Care Aides (HCAs) play in delivering patient care in Strathmore and across Alberta.

“Bayshore HealthCare is currently engaged in collective bargaining with the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) representing Health Care Aides in Strathmore, Atla. We are bargaining in good faith within Alberta’s regulated healthcare labour relations framework with the objective of reaching a fair collective agreement.

“Throughout this process, our priority remains ensuring uninterrupted, high-quality care for patients and their families. We look forward to continuing constructive dialogue with the union.”

Neufeld added for many of her colleagues, there is an ever-present fear of speaking up about their situation, wishing to not put their continued employment at risk by doing so.

Les Groeller, who with his wife, were former clients of Bayshore, opted to decline further services, instead contracting a private home care company administered through Blue Cross.

“With Bayshore not being able to provide anything more than four to six hours a week on a consistent basis, it did not give me any confidence that they would be able to provide the help that we were qualified for,” he said. “The home care aides have really tried to keep the service the same when they are actually here ... the girls are overworked and underpaid. I don’t know what their pay scale is; I know private, by anecdotal information, pays better.”

Neufeld and Groeller both iterated after a certain point, clients and regular aides develop an almost familial relationship – something Neufeld said becomes a major motivation to remain with the employer.

As of 2023, health care aides in Alberta receive an average compensation between \$16 and \$22.70 per hour. The current provincial minimum wage has sat stagnant at \$15 per hour since October 2018.

Bayshore took over delivery of in-home health care services from Calgary Family Services in 2013 for clients within Strathmore and Wheatland County. At the time, Bayshore employees were represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

The current contracted collective agreement for Bayshore in Strathmore is held and negotiated by UFCW (United Food and Commercial Workers) Local 401.

Man arrested in Strathmore following firearms discharge complaint

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A man was arrested in the early hours of Aug. 2, in Strathmore following complaints of a reportedly discharged firearm in the block of Lakeside Boulevard.

Kieon Northpeigan (30), who has no fixed address, was identified as the suspect, having been determined to have been ejected from a licensed premises after causing a disturbance.

Police released Northpeigan, who was noted to have returned to the location he had been removed from with a sawed-off shotgun, becoming a threat to nearby patrons. The gun in question was located in a nearby park hours following the incident.

Northpeigan has been charged with 14 offences, including seven firearms related charges, four counts for failure to comply with release conditions, mischief, resisting arrest, and uttering threats.

According to police, he remains in custody while the investigation is ongoing. He was scheduled to appear in the Alberta Court of Justice, Aug. 7.

Information from the Court of Justice has not yet been obtained by the Strathmore Times regarding his appearance.

Staff Sgt. Mark Weilgosz noted incidents such as these are rare and unwelcome within Strathmore, and no injuries were reported as a result of the encounter or arrest.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between south and southeast

4. Fathers

9. Wine grape

14. Al Bundy’s wife

15. Derived from ammonia

16. Venezuelan state

17. Interest rate

18. Experts

20. Vascular tissues

22. Smooth and glossy

23. Administrative region in S. Korea

24. One from Damascus

28. Special interest group

29. It cools your home

30. Oh, God!

31. Intestinal pouches

33. Men

37. Twelfth star in a constellation

38. Former CIA

39. Arrange in grades of size
41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

42. “The Great Lakes State”

43. Having earlike appendages

44. Momentarily stop

46. Ancient kingdom

49. Of I

50. White clerical vestment

51. Songs to one’s beloved

55. Charges

58. Computer application originator

59. A place to dock a boat

60. One guided by reason

64. Slang for cigarette

65. Sailboats

66. “Jerry Maguire” actor Zellweger

67. Screen type

68. Country legend Haggard

69. Puts together in time

70. When you anticipate arriving

CLUES DOWN

1. Involuntary muscular contraction

2. Eastern US transit agency

3. Leaves a place

4. Cease to participate

5. Current units

6. Cease to exist

7. General’s assistant (abbr.)

8. Earth vibration

9. Very strong winds

10. For each one

11. A bog

12. The creation of beautiful or significant things

13. Affirmative

19. Pie __ mode

21. Nonclerical

24. Indonesian island

25. Educational environment

26. Namibian peoples

27. Bring out or develop
31. Moves into a place of thought

32. Out of the way

34. Loads a ship

35. Beloved Hollywood alien

36. Distinguishes

40. The ancient Egyptian sun god

41. Secondary or explanatory title

45. Relating to a wing

47. One who gives a speech

48. In the middle

52. Loop with a running knot

53. Airborne (abbr.)

54. Sweet persons

56. Put into play

57. Small cattle breed

59. Millisecond

60. Revolutions per minute

61. They __

62. Moon crater

63. A place to stay the night

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Strathmore to celebrate third annual Alberta Day

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For the third year running since its proclamation, Strathmore is set to celebrate local and national heritage through Alberta Day, scheduled for the end of August.

Though the actual occasion takes place Sept. 1, in line with the 1905 Alberta Act coming into effect, the Town of Strathmore set the festivities for Aug. 28 in order to line up with the local farmers’ market.

“The purpose of the event is really just to celebrate our community, our province, (and) the day that Alberta became a part of Confederation,” said Johnathan Strathdee, manager of communications, marketing, and legislative services for the Town of Strathmore. “This is something that the town proclaimed and started up a handful of years ago. We have seen (growing) interest in it; it is becoming more of a regular event in our community.”

He added Alberta Day stands as a big closing out event of the summer for the town prior to local youth returning to school.

Strathmore as a municipality was eligible for and was successful in receiving a \$5,000 grant from the province in order to support hosting festivities. According to the town, access to the grant allowed them to engage with local entertainers to supplement the event.

The grant provided by the province was noted to cover more than half of the total costs to the town for putting on the local festivities.

“This year, we have a pretty great stage lineup; we have some Indigenous dancers and entertainers coming, we have some local performers who will be singing, and then there are some events for the kids, so we will have bouncy castles, and the kids’ train driving around (Kinsmen) Park,” said Strathdee.

“We try to make sure that there is entertainment for all ages, and then obviously, we try to align with our farmers’ market as well on that Friday so there will be

opportunities for people to get their vegetables from the market.”

Strathdee described the occasion as being an opportunity for Strathmore to come together, similar to Canada Day, to not only celebrate local heritage, but also what makes up the local community.

Mirroring the national holiday, several organizations will also be set up with booths and tables around the park to engage with residents about projects, programming, and local resources.

“This is a celebration of Alberta becoming a province in our country. That is the purpose of the event, and all residents are welcome to attend,” added Strathdee. “Our community has shown, I think, over the summer that they just like to get together and celebrate as a community ... we are excited to have an event for all community members.”

Festivities will be taking place centered around Kinsmen Park between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. that day.

County council approves bylaw amendments for Goldfinch Data Centre

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Despite his statement, published work by the Mayo Clinic themselves, as well as Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard Law Review, The Harvard Gazette, and the University of Michigan Ford School of Science, Technology, and Public Policy refute those claims.

Hebbes also referenced a \$196 million data centre greenlit for construction adjacent to the John Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore. This facility is reported (The Baltimore Banner) to anticipate a maximum load capacity of less than 10 megawatts.

The Goldfinch Technology Park, by contrast, is projecting a minimum load capacity of 250 megawatts, with a maximum of

up to 950 megawatts.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a petition hosted through change.org launched by county resident, Emily Barnett, amassed 1,669 signatures voicing their dissent towards the data centre.

Laursen noted prior to the vote, Barnett’s petition received significantly more engagement and signatures than county residents who turned out to vote in the October 2025 municipal election.

Representatives from Diode Ventures who were present for the discussion in council chambers did not make themselves available for comment following the result of the vote.

Instead, a statement was released shortly following their departure from the meeting:

ment as the project advances through its next phases, with a focus on responsible development, delivering long-term economic benefits for Wheatland County and supporting Alberta’s growing digital infrastructure needs.”

Despite the results voted for by council, Barnett said she is prepared to continue fighting to prevent construction from being allowed to begin.

“I am grossly disappointed in the four council members that voted for this. I am grossly disappointed that they (council) didn’t look at what our own Goldfinch ASP states they have to accept. We have policies that demand information before any application moves onto the permit side, and one of those requirements is listing where your power will come from,” she said. “You need to map out where your transition lines are, where your substations are; none of that has been done by Diode, and in fact, Diode acknowledges that they are supposed to do that in the ASP.”

She added a letter was sent, Aug. 10, to council requesting the discussion be tabled until more information regarding the facility’s power intentions were brought forward.

Dawn Parnell, another county resident in opposition of council’s vote, said she, among many others decrying the facility, is concerned about the potential for both physical and psychological stresses associated with living near to a hyperscale data centre.

“It may not cause some people to be sick, but it may cause emotional stress that we don’t even understand yet, like anxiety and depression and things because of not necessarily the noise, but the low frequencies,” she said.

Similar to what is being observed in Vulcan County, Barnett and Parnell intend to spearhead a request for a judicial review, attempting to overturn council’s decision.

“We are going to be looking into all of our options. We are not giving up. We will be there every step of the way – every permit, every (application), making sure it is done right if we can’t stop it,” said Parnell.

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Times CORRECTION

In the Aug. 5 edition of the *Strathmore Times*, the article titled “Town to cease EMS contract with WADEMSA” was published in error. The Town of Strathmore voted during their July 28 special council meeting to cease their participation with WADEMSA, as opposed to voting not to renew their service contract. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.



Joy in the Park

Strathmore's Gospel Music Festival, "Joy in the Park," brought live gospel music, worship, family activities and community together at the Kinsmen Amphitheatre on Aug. 8. The free outdoor festival offered an afternoon of music, fellowship and family fun for attendees of all ages.

Joe Lepage Photo

Who's behind online health information and products?

BBB RELEASE

The Better Business Bureau serving Alberta and East Kootenay is warning consumers about social media ads and videos offering drugs, products, and medical advice.

"There is a tsunami of products and information being offered online," says Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen, President and CEO of the BBB. "Not only can consumers be at risk of losing banking and other personal information to scammers, but there is real potential to buy and use a product or implement advice that is simply not medically sound or valid. Don't get your medical advice from online ads or videos. Check with a medical professional when seeking health care advice and what products and medicines are best for you."

How to protect yourself:

- Be wary of ads promising "miracle" results or rapid weight loss without diet or exercise.
- Don't trust celebrity endorsements or familiar logos at face value — they're often faked.
- Check product ingredients with Health Canada and avoid items without full disclosure
- Watch out for "free trials" that may be hidden subscription traps.
- Research vendors using BBB.org and read consumer reviews
- Report suspicious ads to BBB Scam Tracker, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, or your local police non-emergency line.



Magic at the library

Children and families were treated to plenty of laughs and surprises when magician Christopher Cool performed a free show at the Strathmore Library on Aug. 7. Hosted by the Summer Reading Club, the afternoon began with outdoor games before a packed library audience enjoyed Cool's family-friendly performance. Cool has been performing for 20 years and puts on more than 300 family shows each year. He has also previously performed in Strathmore during the Strathmore Stampede.

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Upcoming Council Meetings
Sept 2, 2026 | 6 p.m.
Sept 9, 2026 | 6 p.m.
Sept 16, 2026 | 6 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council
Committee of the Whole
Regular Meeting of Council

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

Strathmore Forward.
Municipal Development Plan Update.

The Town of Strathmore is updating its Municipal Development Plan (MDP) — a guiding document that provides direction on how our community will grow and develop over the long term. The Town's current MDP is being reviewed and updated to reflect where Strathmore is headed. This review, called Strathmore Forward, is happening in stages. The first stage, Module A, focuses on topics like growth management, economic development, and agricultural operations, and includes updated content to help residents better understand the plan.

Bylaw No. 26-07, pertaining to Module A, is posted and available for public review and comment. The commenting period will remain open up to and including the scheduling of a public hearing at Council. Questions and/or comments about Module A and Bylaw No. 26-07 can be sent to strathmoreforward@strathmore.ca or by regular mail to Town of Strathmore c/o Project Manager (MDP Review), PO Box 2280, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta, T1P 1K2.

More information about the Town's Municipal Development Plan can be found at Strathmore.ca/MDP

Public Notice.
Tax Recovery Property Auction.

The Town of Strathmore will offer the following properties for sale by public auction on **Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** at the **Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore):**

- Roll 00223.00 | Plan 8311761; Unit 23A
- Roll 01126.00 | Plan 2461K; Block 2; Lots 1-4
- Roll 01124.00 | Plan 2461K; Block 2; Lots 1-4
- Roll 10345.00 | Plan 0810941; Unit 16

Properties will be sold as is, where is, subject to a reserve bid and existing title registrations. Successful bidders must pay the full amount within 30 days by certified cheque or bank draft. GST may apply.

Property owners may redeem their property by paying all outstanding taxes and costs prior to the auction.

Join our team.
Career opportunities available.

Are you looking for a new opportunity? The Town of Strathmore is hiring! We have a variety of positions available across different departments.

- Contract Group Fitness Instructor/Personal Trainer
- Legislative Services Officer
- Senior Executive Assistant

Check out Strathmore.ca/Careers for more information about current opportunities and discover your bright future with the Town of Strathmore.

Community and Heritage.
Alberta Day Celebration.

Albertans are invited to come together and celebrate Alberta Day, a province-wide occasion that recognizes the people, cultures, history, and achievements that make Alberta a vibrant and welcoming place to live, work, and grow.

This year's Alberta Day celebration in Strathmore will feature a variety of family-friendly activities, local food vendors, and community organizations, creating opportunities for residents and visitors to connect, learn, and celebrate together. Opening ceremonies will be from 3:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. and attendees can enjoy live performances ranging from indigenous dancing to live music.

For more information about our annual Alberta Day celebration, visit: Strathmore.ca/AlbertaDay

Fall Registration Open!
Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre Fall programming is now open!

Looking for ways to stay active, learn something new, or keep the kids engaged this fall? We've got something for everyone!

Registration opens August 4 for our exciting lineup of fall programs, including:

- Cardio & Strength
- Seniorcise
- Stay & Play
- School Closure & PD Day Camps
- Mini Sport Adventure
- Mini Movers
- Yoga & Stretch

Whether you're looking to build strength, improve flexibility, stay connected with your community, or keep your little ones active and having fun, our fall programs are designed to help you make the most of the season.

For more information about programs and activities, visit: Strathmore.ca/SMPSportsCentre

Enjoy them safely.
Storm pond safety.

Storm ponds help prevent flooding by managing heavy rainfall and slowly releasing water back into the environment. As water moves across streets and properties, it collects sediment, pollutants, and debris - storm ponds help filter this before it reaches our rivers and streams.

While Strathmore is home to many storm ponds, only Kinsmen Lake and Strathmore Lakes permit recreational use such as fishing. For your safety, please avoid any activity on or near other storm ponds. These ponds are deeper than they appear with water levels that rise and move quickly. They often contain contaminants like fertilizers, pesticides, and animal waste as well.

Visit our website, Strathmore.ca/StormPonds for more information.

Community Connection Night.



Come for the fair, stay for the movie!

- Resource Fair (5:30 to 7 p.m.)
- BBQ (6 to 7 p.m.)
- Zootopia 2 (8 p.m.)

September 4, 2026
at Kinsmen Park



Maintenance Notice.

Aquatic Centre closing for annual maintenance.

Every fall, the Strathmore Aquatic Centre shuts down for a few weeks to perform annual maintenance. This downtime helps us keep the pool clean, safe, and reawdy for another splash-tastic year.

This years annual shutdown begins **August 17, 2026** and will last until all necessary maintenance and clean-up in completed. There is a lot that goes into making the pool a safe and clean place. Keep an eye out for progress updates throughout the closure.

For more information, contact the Aquati Centre at **403-934-3325.**





Trash to Treasure and Heavy Item Garbage (HIG) September 14–18

Trash to Treasure: September 10 to 13, 2026.
Heavy Item Garbage: September 14 to 18, 2026.
The last day to pick up HIG tags is September 11, 2026.
All items must be placed out by 7 a.m. on September 14, 2026 to ensure your items are picked up. Tags can be picked up at Town Hall and the Strathmore Library.
For more information on HIG or Trash to Treasure, visit [Strathmore.ca/HIG](https://strathmore.ca/HIG)

Notice of Public Hearing.
September 2, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Area Structure Plan Amending Bylaw No. 26–11 (The Prairies)

Please be advised that the Town of Strathmore has received an Area Structure Plan Amendment application to amend The Prairies Area Structure Plan Bylaw No. 11–08. ommunity consisting of attached residential units centred around a central clubhouse amenity. The site is located at the north of the TransCanada Highway and east of George Freeman Trail. The proposed amendment would support the development of a residential community consisting of attached residential units centred around a central clubhouse amenity. The amendment proposes to facilitate neighbourhood commercial uses on a 3.74-acre (1.51 ha) parcel located in the southwest portion of the subject lands.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed Bylaw may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB), or can be found on the Town website, [Strathmore.ca/PublicHearings](https://strathmore.ca/PublicHearings) Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM and in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, commencing at 6:00 pm with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw No. 23–17 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone’s behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services at LSAdmin@strathmore.ca by 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**, in order to register to present.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Planning and Development Department prior to 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**, as outlined in Bylaw No. 23–17 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within five minutes.

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

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

Notice of Appeal Hearing.
August 20, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Notice of Appeal on Development Permit D26–083 for the property located at 52 Lakes Estates Circle, Strathmore, Alberta, Lot 14, Block 25, Plan 081 1227.

The Subdivison and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) received a Notice of Appeal on July 27, 2026. The SDBA will hear the appeal on:

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026.
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Town of Strathmore Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta.

Adjacent landowners have the right to be heard by the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Affected persons incide people who speak in favour or against the decisions being appealed.

Persons are asked to provide any written and/or visual presentationto the clerk no later than noon on **August 14, 2026**.

Please be aware that any submissions are collected for the purpose of a public hearing. By making a submission you are consenting that all information that it contains – including addresses, personal or other sensitive information – to be forwarded to the parties (e.g. municipality, appellant, applicant), the board/panel and any other person who requests to see the material.

The Development Permit Application, Notice of Decision and Notice of Appeal are available for review at the Strathmore Municipal Building, at 1 Parklane Drive during regular busines hours, being 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

For any further questions, please call 403–934–3133 or email veronica.anderson@strathmore.ca.

Notice of Public Hearing.
September 2, 2026 at 6:05 p.m.

Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 26–14 (The Prairies)

Please be advised that The Town of Strathmore has received an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 14–11 to redesignate the subject lands in support of the proposed area structure plan amendment of The Prairies Neighbourhood “D” (Prairies View). The Applicant is proposing to redesignate the lands to facilitate the development of an attached housing neighbourhood, complemented by neighbourhood commercial uses and associated public service areas.

The proposed land use districts include:

- R3 – High Density Residential District with a Direct Control District Overlay to accommodate the residential portion of the development. The proposed Direct Control District would include “Community Building and Facility” as a permitted use. Within the direct control district, the rear setbacks are proposed to be at the discretion of the Approving Authority
- C1 – Neighbourhood Commercial District to accommodate future neighbourhood commercial uses within the southwest portion of the site.
- P1 – Public Service District to accommodate public service uses, including the proposed Municipal Reserve lands and associated public infrastructure.

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New Addition.

Blue Recycle Carts Coming Soon.

Starting October 1, 2026, blue carts will be available to Strathmore residents for curbside recycling collection, with more accepted materials and single-stream collection (no sorting required!).



Strathmore's own Autumn Desjardins (left) alongside her partner, Conor Anderson, placed second overall at the World Cosplay Summit in Nagoya, Japan, as well as earning the prestigious Brother Award for sewing. Desjardins and Anderson represented Team Canada at the competition, going head to head with representatives from across the globe

Photo Courtesy of Autumn Desjardins

Strathmore cosplayer recognized among the top costumers in the world

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Autumn Desjardins, a cosplayer originally hailing from Strathmore, along with her partner, Conor Anderson, have cemented themselves among the top cosplayers in the world.

The pair claimed second place overall at the 24th World Cosplay Summit in Nagoya, Japan, July 31 to Aug. 2, and were also awarded the prestigious Brother Award, recognizing their craft in sewing.

“With the 40 countries represented there, we placed second in a combination of costuming and skit. We had to do both in order to get that second place overall,” said Desjardins. “The Brother Award, which is selected by the Brother representatives there – they are a company which makes a lot of different machines, but in particular, sewing machines. The company started in Nagoya, where the competition is held, and has been sponsoring it for a very long time.”

She explained in order to be qualified for consideration of the award, the pair were required to place among the Top 4 of the 40 represented countries at the event for their craftsmanship in sewing and were subject to an additional judging process by the company's representatives.

Desjardins added she and Anderson went into the competition doubting the possibility for themselves to be considered for the award at all, let alone being selected as recipients for it.

In order to qualify to compete at the World Cosplay Summit, Desjardins and Anderson travelled to Montreal in 2025 to compete against 10 other teams from across Canada.

The characters the pair recreated were Akira Gunji and Sho Tenkubashi from the manga series, *Tokyo Aliens*. The shonen (young man) series follows high school student Akira as he discovers Tokyo to be a destination spot for extraterrestrial travelers.

“What makes these costumes a little bit different is

that the lights in the costumes also tell a story with the skit. The lights move and animate depending on what we are doing, as well as there is a code sequence in our jackets that play throughout the skit and they actually interact with our performance,” said Desjardins. “When I punch my partner, the lights go from my coat into their coat and set off this reaction which is really fun. We had to learn a lot of different things, including electronics, sewing techniques, molding and casting, and so many more just to make these costumes happen.”

Desjardins and Anderson have previously competed in the likes of the C4 in Amsterdam, the Gamers8 festival in Saudi Arabia, and the Masters of Cosplay in Florida. This was their first foray into competing at the World Cosplay Summit, having been an ultimate goal for Desjardins since 2012.

Following a break from competition appearances for at least a year, Desjardins laughed, she intends to step into the spotlight once again, this time recreating a character from the manga series, *Witch Hat Atelier*, aiming to enter the Polymanga in Switzerland, or the Nordic Cosplay Championship in Sweden.

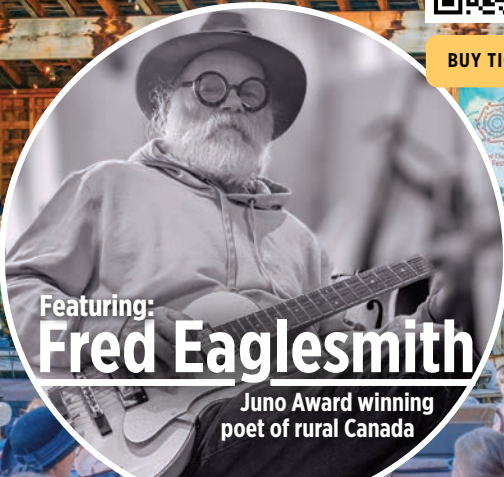
“The other thing we are hoping to move on to is a lot more educational content, especially on the interest of fight skits. A lot of people want to do them but do not know how to do them safely. My partner is certified with Fight Directors Canada (FDC) and has learned how to do it safely (so that makes it okay to fight and no one is at risk,” she said. “In electronics, for myself, I find that getting started in electronics is really difficult. A lot of the tutorials are written by people who have been in electronics for 20 years, so what seems simple to them is very not to everyone else. I’m hoping to make that entry a little bit easier.”

Beyond the scope of the WCS as a competition, Desjardins excitedly shared the experience as one of a major cultural exchange, meeting cosplayers from around the globe, and participating in a host of events leading up to taking the stage.

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Art fun

A small group of young artists took part in the first of several Mini Art Camp sessions hosted by Heather Hubbard on Aug. 7 at Kinsmen Park behind the amphitheatre. The \$20 sessions offer children an opportunity to explore their creativity through art. Additional Mini Art Camp sessions are scheduled for Aug. 13, 19 and 26.

Joe Lepage Photo



Home run weekend

The sixth annual Home Runs for Huntington's was held Aug. 7-9 at the Crowfoot Community Hall in memory of Greg Belton, who passed away earlier this year. The weekend featured camping and baseball games, drew a strong turnout and raised \$1,000 for the Huntington Society of Canada. Organizers are already looking ahead to next year's event.

Photo Courtesy of Marlene Belton

Town adjusts facility repayment plan

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is adjusting its debt repayment plan for several of its facilities, which otherwise would have required significant tax increases to finance.

Amendments to the lending agreements were authorized July 28, in order to create an alternative balloon payment originally scheduled to be made starting next year.

"As we were discussing in our bud-

get for 2026, we had identified a number of balloon payments that were coming towards the town of Strathmore. CIBC approached us earlier this year on changing our stamping rate," said Leana Aschbacher, senior manager of financial services for the Town of Strathmore. "We have six facilities that we have with CIBC with our swaps. We have two of them that are expiring in 2027 with balloon payments in excess of \$2.3 million. We have another two in 2029 in excess of \$4.6 million, and we have one that is scheduled for a balloon payment in

2030."

A balloon payment refers to a large one-time payment sum due at the end, or "maturity" of a loan term. This structure is often used in order to maintain lower monthly payments on outstanding debts.

The idea effectively being to maintain affordable payments on a short-term financing solution until a given project begins generating return, the earnings from which in turn fund the balloon payment.

CIBC offered the town new debt servicing rates to lock in now and prevent any unanticipated interest rate increases due to market changes.

By pushing debt forward, the town will continue to pay interest on amounts borrowed, which will impact total expenditures on each respective project; however, agreeing to the suggested terms would not increase the town's total authorized debt allowance.

"In 2027, you would see a \$2.3 (mil-

lion) principal payment that we would have to raise taxes to pay for. One of the ways that we could lessen that impact would be reducing the amount we put into reserves, which is not administration's recommendation," explained Aschbacher. "To keep our tax increase reasonable for our taxpayers, we would have to do a substantial increase where last year a one per cent increase, I believe, was \$180,000. If you are looking at \$2.6 million, that is almost a 10 per cent increase."

The town's current outstanding loans with CIBC total to approximately \$10 million. Notice was provided to the town in March of an increase being made to a portion of the interest cost, referred to as a "stamping fee," by 0.55 per cent per annum on the debt.

Over the course of the remaining life of the loans, from 2026 to 2031, this is anticipated to cumulatively cost the town \$145,000.

Helping Alberta's youth

CHANTELLE DE JONGE

Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Our government is taking action on the issues that matter to Albertans. This week, we opened new scholarships for young adults, cut recycling fees by almost 80 per cent, and established a Surface Rights Advisory Panel.

Young adults transitioning out of foster and family-based care deserve the support they need to pursue post-secondary education and build a successful future. Applications are now open for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Scholarship, which will provide \$2,000 each to 25 eligible students pursuing post-secondary education. The scholarship is delivered through Alberta's Advancing Futures Program, which provides financial, social, and emotional support to young adults transitioning from foster care into adulthood while pursuing their education. Alberta's government is investing \$14.2 million in the program each year, helping students focus on their education, develop employable skills, and build independent lives. Eligible students can apply until Aug. 31 at alberta.ca/duke-and-duchess-of-cambridge-scholarship.

One Albertan's concern was enough to highlight a problem that needed fixing. After a Calgary resident was charged a \$2.20 recycling fee on a \$4.98 jug of windshield washer fluid, our government found a more affordable way to deal with this. Starting in August, the fee on a four-litre jug will fall to 48 cents – a reduction of almost 80 per cent. Windshield washer fluid, antifreeze, diesel exhaust fluid, and their containers will move into Alberta's established used oil recycling program. This will keep more plastic out of landfills without leaving Albertans paying unreasonable fees at the checkout. Our government listened, found a practical solution, and acted. That's good policy in action!

Landowners deserve a fair and timely process when companies need to ac-

cess their private property for resource development. Our government has established a Surface Rights Advisory Panel to recommend improvements to how disputes are resolved and how landowners' rights are protected when their land is accessed for development. The panel brings together landowners, farmers, rural municipalities, industry representatives, and surface rights advocates who understand the challenges firsthand. The panel's advice will also support the government's work to re-establish the Surface Rights Board. These changes will help landowners better understand what their rights are, how compensation is decided, and what options are available if they disagree with a company operating on their land.

Safe highways depend on responsible trucking companies, qualified drivers, and legitimate training schools. Our government is strengthening enforcement across the commercial trucking industry and removing companies that put the safety of Albertans at risk. Since October 2025, our government has issued 443 administrative penalties to commercial trucking companies and carriers for safety and compliance violations. Our government has also shut down five fraudulent Class 1 driver training schools since April 2025. These actions send a clear message: companies that ignore safety rules won't be allowed to operate on Alberta roads.

Responsible government listens, reviews, and responds to the needs of Albertans – and our government is doing just that. Together, these actions show that your government is focused on listening to Albertans and delivering practical solutions, supports, and opportunities that help communities thrive.

As always, please free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions (Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

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

Grandfathering Determination Confined Feeding Operation

Bruce Farms Ltd. have requested the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to complete a grandfathering determination for their confined feeding operation (CFO). The CFO is located on SW 2-23-26 W4M in Wheatland County, Alberta. The NRCB's will determine the grandfathered facilities, livestock type, and livestock capacity of the CFO as it existed on January 1, 2002.

The NRCB invites you to provide input on the grandfathered status of this operation, its livestock capacity, and facilities as they existed on January 1, 2002. Bruce Farms Ltd. has stated that its grandfathered livestock capacity is 15,000 beef finishers (900+ LBS). This notice is provided to invite input on the grandfathering determination.

Filing a Response

Any person who has knowledge about the size and status of the CFO on or around January 1, 2002 is invited to submit a written response with this information to the NRCB. The response must be received by the NRCB on or before **4:30 pm on September 10, 2026**. Respondents are encouraged to use the online response form on the NRCB website as it provides a simple and convenient way to submit a response. Alternatively, submissions may also be made to the NRCB at the email or mailing address provided below. Responses submitted regarding the grandfathering may be posted on the NRCB's public website, as they are public records and are non-confidential.

Your written response should include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, and details about your knowledge of the operation as it relates to the facilities, livestock type, and livestock capacity of the CFO on or around January 1, 2002. You may also file an application for directly affected party status at this time.

Viewing the Information

A complete copy of the information filed under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* may be viewed on the NRCB website at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Notice of Approval and Registration Applications). The information will also be available for in-person viewing at the Lethbridge office of the NRCB by appointment. If you require further information, please contact the inspector listed below.

Subscribe for updates

Sign up on the NRCB website to receive updates about new notices of application and decisions about confined feeding operations in your area. Visit www.nrcb.ca/confined-feeding-operations and scroll down to "Subscribe for Updates".

Jim Parker, Inspector
100, 5401 1st Ave S
Lethbridge AB T1J 4V6
jim.parker@nrcb.ca
403-331-5372

The closing date for submissions:
4:30 pm on September 10, 2026

Dated at Lethbridge AB on August 12, 2026

New audio drama has ties to Rosebud

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Playwright Krista Marushy, who has close ties to the Rosebud theatre community, is putting a new spin on one of the world's most familiar legends with *The Lost Legend of Sherwood*, a free immersive audio drama that asks audiences to reconsider the story of Robin Hood.

What if Robin Hood wasn't the hero we've believed him to be for centuries?

That question sits at the heart of the hour-long listening experience, written by Marushy and co-produced by Fire Exit Theatre, Wheelhouse Sound, and Electric Creek Creative.

That connection gives *The Lost Legend of Sherwood* another local thread, linking the playwright with the theatre community just down the road in Rosebud, an area well known for its longstanding arts and performing arts scene.

Rather than following Robin Hood himself, the story is told through four voices, Maid Marion, Little John, Little John's wife Molly, and the Sheriff of Nottingham as they reveal how the legend was created and who may have truly deserved the credit.

"I started wondering who the real Robin Hood was," Marushy said. "What if it was someone who used that character as a mask and was really somebody else? I've always been fascinated by mythology and the stories we keep telling ourselves over centuries."

Growing up in the 1990s, Marushy admits Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves became one of those unforgettable childhood memories. But instead of simply retelling a classic, she found herself asking why the story continues to resonate generation after generation.

"There have been hundreds of versions of Robin Hood," she said. "I wanted to explore what is essential about that story and who the people were in the background that maybe played a bigger role while somebody else took the spotlight."

Rather than focusing on battles and heroic feats, *The Lost Legend of Sherwood* explores themes of reconciliation, redemption and the complicated paths people take toward forgiveness.

"I hope people enjoy a good story," Marushy said. "Ultimately, it's about finding resolution

for the people and the experiences that have caused you pain. There are difficult moments, but I hope listeners finish feeling hopeful and at peace."

The production began life as a stage play before evolving into an audio drama.

"You don't have to be in a forest," she said. "You can listen while you're walking, sitting on your couch or even trying to stay calm in traffic. It's simply a chance to hear a story."

Unlike a traditional audio-book or podcast, *The Lost Legend of Sherwood* is crafted as an immersive listening experience where sound becomes as important as the words themselves.

Layered with an original cinematic score, richly detailed sound design, and performances that place listeners in the heart of the story, the production encourages audiences to slow down and become part of the world unfolding around them.

Every rustling leaf, distant bird call, and whispered conversation is designed to blur the line between the listener's surroundings and the forests of Sherwood, creating an experience that feels less like hearing a story and more like stepping inside one.

That immersive approach is intentional.

Much of that atmosphere came together during post-production. Marushy credits director Heather Pattengale and sound designer Paul Zacharias of Wheelhouse Sound with transforming the script into a vivid audio experience.

"When I first heard what Paul was composing, I got really excited," she said. "Then they took it away for two weeks and it came back complete. I was blown away by the care and nuance they brought to it."

Although the project involved several organizations, Marushy says collaboration was remarkably seamless because everyone trusted each other's expertise.

"We all got to play our part and then pass it on to the next person," she said. "Watching everyone bring the story to life was incredibly rewarding."

The audio drama is available exclusively for listening through Aug. 31. It is structured as a seasonal outdoor park walk, designed specifically for the local summer climate and offering listeners an opportunity to experience the story while exploring the outdoors.

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Obituary



BUCHBERGER, Joan Marilyn
(née Glendinning)

September 5, 1940-August 6, 2026

Joan Buchberger, of Calgary, AB, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at the age of 85. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, cherished grandmother, talented artist, and a kind and caring friend to many. Joan lived a life filled with family, adventure, creativity, and love.

Joan began her working life in the late 1950s with Imperial Oil, before pursuing her passion for design and working with various furniture companies in the interior design industry.

She married her beloved husband, Lorne, on March 26, 1970, in Calgary, AB. Together they built a wonderful life that took them around the world, living in Singapore, Malaysia, Abu Dhabi and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, and Doha, Qatar. Joan embraced every adventure, making friends and memories wherever they went. She loved golf, winning several tournaments overseas—this included playing on golf courses in the desert made entirely of dirt, using square green mats instead of grass.

Later in life, Joan and Lorne spent thirteen years as snowbirds in Indio, CA, where they enjoyed warm winters filled with golf, socializing, and wonderful friendships. Their time in Indio became another cherished chapter in their life together, surrounded by people they enjoyed and many of the activities they loved. Joan was a gifted and expressive artist who loved painting flowers, western scenes, and abstracts. Her passion for art grew throughout her life, and she was proud to share her work by exhibiting and selling her paintings at art shows. Some of her most captivating scenes include harvest life on the family farm in Strathmore, AB, which she and Lorne have owned for many years. She also loved cooking, sharing, and trying new recipes with her daughters, playing cards and games such as sticks and mahjong, line dancing, and simply spending time with family and friends. She had a wonderful gift for preserving memories, creating scrapbooks filled with photographs and treasured mementos for her family.

She also loved gardening, and the garden she and Lorne created was always something to admire. It was abundant, beautiful, and, as the family would happily admit, frequently raided by everyone.

Joan is survived by her husband Lorne, her daughters, Laura Buchberger and Lana Tabaracci; her grandchildren, Jacob, Jesse, Emma (Laura), Carson, Blake, Owen, and Olivia (Lana); and her son-in-law Rick. She is also survived by her brother, Tom Glendinning and sister-in-law, Lorraine, who reside in Grand Prairie, AB.

Joan leaves behind a beautiful legacy of love, kindness, creativity, and family memories that will be cherished for generations to come. She will be deeply missed and forever loved.

Memorial Services will be held at McInnis & Holloway (Fish Creek, 14441 Banister Road SE, Calgary, AB) on Sunday, August 16, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Joan's family at www.MHFF.com.

In living memory of Joan Buchberger, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes.



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Obituary



GLYDON, Myrtle Irene

04, September, 1929– 30, July, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Myrtle Irene Glydon on Thursday July 30, 2026, at the age of 96 years. Myrtle is the beloved wife of Stanley Ross Glydon, Calgary AB.

and was predeceased by her husband Stanley during the spring of 2025. Myrtle was also predeceased by her parents Herman and Rosina Born, her son Douglas Ross Glydon, sisters' Irma Lake, Addie Metzler, brother's Alex Born and Wilfred Born.

Myrtle is survived by her daughter Wendy MacMillan (nee Glydon), her sons Garth (Frances) Glydon, Dale (Chris) Glydon, as well as seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Myrtle was born on a farm located in a beautiful farming community a few kilometers north of Windthorst, Saskatchewan, at the beginning of the great depression.

Stanley and Myrtle had a life constantly filled with change, adventure and new opportunities and our family was glad to have participated in their journey during our early years. We lived in Kipling SK, Smeaton SK, Eston SK, Regina SK, Saskatoon SK, Winnipeg MB, Campbell River BC, and Nanaimo BC.

Following Stanley's retirement from Hub Island Co-op (Nanaimo, Vancouver Island), Stanley and Myrtle settled in Marysville (Kimberly) BC, and then a couple years later relocated to Sardis BC before finally settling down in Strathmore AB where they lived until 2019. They moved to the Prince of Peace Retirement Residence located in NE Calgary in 2019. A need for increased medical care required Myrtle to relocate to AgeCare Midnapore/Shawnee in 2024 where she resided until her passing.

Myrtle was an active member of the Strathmore United Church. In addition to being a great wife and mother, Myrtle participated in many work and volunteer activities throughout the years to help support our family and the communities where we lived. Myrtle was a superb baker and renowned for her cinnamon buns, raisin butter tarts, jumbo raisin cookies, pies and various bread products to numerous to mention.

Myrtle will be interred beside her husband Stanley and son Douglas at the Brookfield Cemetery in Winnipeg at a date to be determined shortly.

Our family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Andrea Cullingham and the incredible health care aids, nurses, and staff and working at AgeCare Midnapore (recently relocated to a new building called AgeCare Shawnee) where Myrtle has been a valued resident for the past 2 years.

Finally, we would like to thank the management and staff working at the South Calgary Funeral Centre for the kind, caring and professional support provided to our family to determine and complete the final arrangements for Myrtle.

Rest in peace Mom!

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Obituary



PENNER, Lora Elma
January 31, 1939

– August 8, 2026

Lora was born in Namaka, Alberta, the 10th child of Maria and Nikolai Janzen's 14 children. Mom always talked about all the fun they had growing up in a loud, ram-bunctious family where her own mom was most often the instigator of many water fights, pranks, and Anti-I-Over games. It was this upbringing that formed Mom's personality, and Mom made sure that not only her children, but her grandchildren and great-grandchildren experienced the pranks, games, and sheer terror of having the bejabbers scared out of them as only Mom could do.

Lora met the love of her life Lloyd on a blind date in 1958 and according to Mom she knew he was the man she was going to marry from that very first date. Together they have built a life that saw them set up a home in 4 different locations, the first being a farm in Swalwell Alberta for approximately 3 years, a second home in Calgary for 10 years, back to another farm 7 1/2 miles east of Acme for 30 years and then building their retirement home in Strathmore in 2002 where Dad still resides. During these years they raised their son Darcy and their daughter Terry, formed lifelong friendships in every community, volunteered and gave back generously, learned to golf and curl, were involved in countless family meals, picnics, butchering and sausage making days, and more than a few local and provincial political meetings. Mom and Dad enjoyed being involved and led a full life.

Mom always felt her life was blessed. She had the wonderful ability to be content with what life handed her. On the odd occasion if it wasn't to her liking, she would rearrange the world till she was again content.

Lora and Lloyd were true life partners in every aspect; best friends, business partners, soul mates. Lora had a big personality, full of contradictions. She was quiet and introspective, polite and well mannered. She was loyal, brave, strong and competitive and she had a laugh that was so full it could not be contained. She made each of her grandchildren feel special. Their fond memories include walking across the yard to Grandma's house for a breakfast of coffee and toast, Grandma slipping a green mint into their pocket as they left, quiet cups of tea with lots of milk and sugar after school with Grandma. Family meals served with a warm smile, piercing laughter, and teasing jabs, featuring fresh vegetables from her garden, pickles and preserves, fresh buns and roasted meats. Grandma pressing second and third helpings onto all, and the fundamental and un-assailable fact that every meal requires dessert, because dessert only fills in the cracks.

According to her grandchildren her spirit was best captured by the mischievous twinkle in her eyes, her cheeky grin, accompanied by an equally cheeky comment. She was a woman who presented a perfectly manicured and polite façade to the world, but to all those closest to her she let it be known that she was a rebel at heart, who had no intention of ever "behaving" and she recognized these traits in her grandchildren as she was a kindred spirit and for this we loved her.

Mom loved and is loved by her husband Lloyd, her son Darcy (Judy) & children Alexander (Sophie), Reid (Jamey), Erin (Ruben), Ellen (Hamza); great grandchildren Jack, Alice, Benjamin, Liam, Olivia, Mae, Cameron and Maxwell; and daughter Terry (Clae), sons Josh (Ocian), and Tyson (Aga).



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RASMUSSEN, Traci Lynn (Watt)



Traci Lynn (Watt) Rasmussen passed away peacefully on July 31, 2026, at Foothills Hospital following a brave battle with cancer at the age of 63. Traci was born on December 27, 1962, to Jim and Cec (Madsen) Watt, and lived her whole life in the community of Standard. Traci and Mike Rasmussen were married on November 30, 1985, and she began her married life as a townie farm wife. In 1988 they welcomed their son Kai to the family. A second son, David was born in 1994.

Traci touched so many people's lives in so many ways, big and small. She was an integral part of many aspects of the Standard community from volunteering behind the scenes for many organizations, as well as serving as Beaver leader and creating the Facebook page, "You Grew Up in Standard." Traci was also the local Creative Memories, Pampered Chef, and Sunset Gourmet consultant for many years. Traci worked at the Standard Co-op for many years and could still recall your Co-op number. She then moved to Canada Post and served as the rural post office delivery person to Rosebud, Chancellor and Wheatland County for the past 27 years.

Traci is lovingly remembered by her husband Michael and sons Kai and David; her sisters Dawn (Phil) Faubion, Janelle (Rob) Pettifer, and Tara (Adrian) Law; and sister-in-law Laurie (Binning) Watt. Her nieces and nephews were a special part of her life and she leaves behind Tanner Watt, Danika (Kyle) Kalmbach, Lincoln and Emilia Kalmbach, Jennifer Faubion (Greg Zammit), Tessa and Maclean Zammit, Michelle Faubion (Gil Borrome), Marc Faubion, Raeanne (Wyatt) Millar, Cole Pettifer, Jessalyn Pettifer, Bodey Pettifer, Ethan Law and Kegan Law. Traci was predeceased by her brother Sheldon in 2024; mother Cec in 2025; and her dad Jim in 2003.

Donations may be made directly to Memory Lane (cheques payable to the Village of Standard with Memory Lane in the memo, PO Box 249 Standard, AB, T0J 3G0) or the Standard Municipal Library (Box 305, Standard, AB, T0J 3G0).

A Celebration of Life will take place on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at Standard Community Hall at 2:00 p.m.

To send condolences, please visit Traci's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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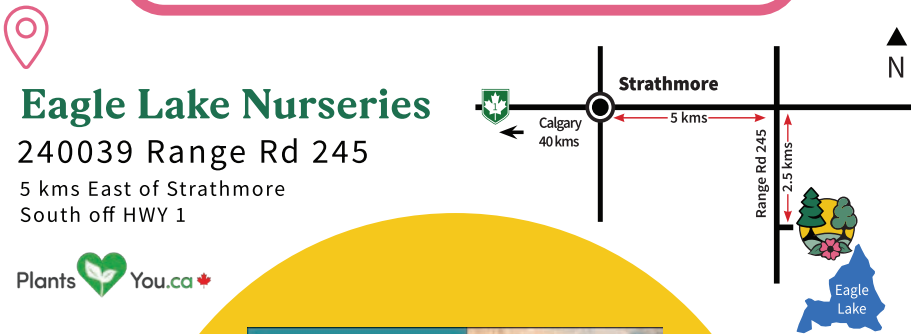


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