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PigStock festival

## Investigation progresses

**JOHN WATSON**  
*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

RCMP have made progress in the investigation of a senseless shooting of two people that led to an emergency alert on Aug. 6.

The Alberta RCMP have laid charges against Edmonton resident Arthur Wayne Penner with the first-degree murder of Colin John Hough, as well as the attempted murder of another individual.

Police announced Aug. 12, Penner had been arrested and was taken before a justice of the peace. He was remanded into custody and scheduled to appear before the Alberta Court of Justice in Airdrie, Aug. 15.

Additionally, as of Aug. 12, RCMP announced their ongoing search for Elijah Blake Strawberry, who is the second suspect in the Aug. 6, shooting which took place in Rocky View County.

A warrant for his arrest for the second-degree murder of Hough has been issued, and police have requested the public's assistance in locating Strawberry. He has been indicated to still be armed and extremely dangerous, and if seen, the public was advised to not approach him, instead to dial 911 immediately.

Strawberry is described as having a light complexion, being 6-foot-1-inch tall, 169 pounds, brown hair, and several arm and face tattoos.

On Aug. 6, at approximately 12 p.m., officers from Strathmore RCMP had received a report of two men who had been shot while doing work along a roadway on Township Road 250 and Range Road 281 in Rocky View County.

Police arrived at the scene to discover Hough and another victim had been shot during an attempted robbery by two then unknown individuals.

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## Obstacle mission

Roughly 30 children, including young Nella, took part in the Hero's Hurdle on Aug. 9 at the Strathmore Municipal Library. Participants tested their skills as they navigated through the obstacle course trying to complete the mission. See Page 6 for more coverage.

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# Celebrating pigs

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Christina Stender, the powerhouse behind Eh Farms, is getting her farm and her red Mangalitsa ready for the fourth annual PigStock happening on Aug. 17.

The event started after Stender visited Budapest in 2017, a few months after she imported her first pair of breeding pigs, Hansen and Jaja, soon after they welcomed their first litter to Eh farms and two pigs has turned into 94.

“They (Hungary) have a Mangalitsa festival in February,” said Stender. “It’s a weekend long, they close down like three streets and it’s just amazing and it’s food everywhere and it’s just basically showcasing their heritage breed pig, the Mangalitsa.”

Stender recalls all the wonderful food and events that happen at the festival in Budapest – the crackling and cured meats.

“So, I thought I’m gonna take this and bring it back home and do the exact festival here,” she said. “We had to tweak a few things because the laws in Europe are a little different than ours.”

From there, Stender contacted the president of the Hungarian Culture Club in Calgary. She told him of her plan for a smaller festival and he was all in.

“We do have a mini farmers market, and we have Hungarian dancers. We have face painting, we do a cookout competition.”

For the cookout, Stender said Hungarian judges come out to judge a goulash made with Mangalitsa on an open flame. At the end of the event, anyone interested can taste the delicious goulash and finally three different awards are presented to the winners.

The day will be filled with wagon rides around Eh Farms so people can take in the whole farm and what a working farm looks like.

“They get to throw the apples to the pigs and the pigs come up; it’s quite cool,” she said.

There will also be a Hungarian history booth, which the Hungarian Cultural Club of Calgary sets up.

Some of Stender’s fondest memories of her past PigStock festivals are the people from the Hungarian culture who come out.

“They set up under the tent and they play cards all day and then they just tell me about their stories and when they grew up in Hungary with the pigs,” said Stender.

Stender has been asked why the Mangalitsa? She gets asked if she has any Hungarian lineage or perhaps on her husband’s side. The answer is no.

Stender tells them, “I just love your heritage and your pigs and this is my ‘thank you’ for having these pigs on the farm and showcasing them be-



Eh Farms is gearing up to host their fourth annual PigStock on Aug. 17. There will be more than just the pigs to admire and learn about as this Hungarian festival will be filled with tradition.


Photo Courtesy of Eh farms and Kati Sefe

cause they’re still rare in Canada.”

Two important guests to mention that will be making an appearance at PigStock are the chair of the Hungarian Export Promotion Agency in Canada (H.E.P.A) and the president of the Mangalitsa Breeders Association of Hungary.

Admission to PigStock is free to anyone who wants to learn more about the breed and about the Hungarian culture, but make sure to bring some cash for the various vendors who will be selling their wares and food galore; you won’t want to miss out on these unique finds.

The event runs Aug. 17 from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you would like more information on PigStock you can visit ehfarms.ca and Stender can also be found on Instagram (@eh\_farms).



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Chantelle de Jonge, MLA

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Following these safety tips will help you avoid serious injury and illness during recreational water activities.

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- Wear a proper fitting Canadian-approved life-jacket or Personal Flotation Device (PFD) in a boat, kayak, canoe or other water sports and make sure it fits.
  - Make sure young children wear life-jackets when they are in, on, or around the water and be aware of fast-moving water. Stay right beside your child.
  - Swim with others when there is no lifeguard present.
  - Avoid alcohol, cannabis and any other substance that may affect your judgment before and during water activities. Lakes, rivers and streams may contain illness-causing microorganisms.
  - Check for recreational water advisories or look for posted advisory signs at public beaches. Not all beaches are monitored for biological, chemical, and physical hazards.
  - Do not swim or wade and keep pets out of water in areas where cyanobacterial (blue-green algae) blooms are visible.
  - Never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any lake or reservoir, at any time. Water-borne organisms, including fecal bacteria, can cause vomiting and diarrhea.
- Swimmer’s itch is a rash caused by an allergic reaction to the larvae of certain parasites. The parasites can get under your skin when you swim in lakes, ponds, creeks, streams and rivers. You can’t get swimmer’s itch from swimming pools that are treated with chlorine.
- Shower and dry yourself off with a towel as soon as you leave the water.
  - Stay away from swimming areas that have weeds. Do not wade or swim in those areas.

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# New local nonprofit foundation aiming to develop indoor soccer facility in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Parkins Performance Football Foundation will be unveiling their plans to raise money for a new indoor athletic facility in Strathmore, Aug. 17 at the Civic Centre.

According to Ryan Parkins, director of operations for the society, the primary goal of the facility will be to help overcome barriers with regards to access to play for athletes.

The primary focus will be for soccer, but the facility will ultimately be willing to work with any sort of athletic activity upon completion.

“We have four primary pillars we are trying to tackle. One of them is access to facilities, so one of our goals is to build a new facility which we will be unveiling our proposal for at the event,” said Parkins.

“The other one is access to equipment, so we do not want not having equipment to bar someone from being able to play.”

As part of the Aug. 17 launch event, those planning to be in attendance are invited to bring out gently used sporting equipment and participate in a sport swap.

This activity, Parkins explained, leads into the third pillar of the organization, being to help eliminate some of the financial barriers associated with access to sports.

“Beyond that, we are also going



to be offering some sport-specific skills training – so soccer training, and that is how essentially the nonprofit foundation will generate revenue to help perpetuate some of its initiatives until such time as we are able to build the facility and become stewards of it,” said Parkins. “I have been involved with the soccer program here for well over a decade and we as a group have really identified the need for additional play space, particularly indoors over that winter season.”

He explained during the winter months, there is not enough play space to facilitate Strathmore’s growing soccer community, nor what the Soccer Association aims to achieve for local athletes in future years.

“We do not have the same type of facilities that our neighbours and regional partners may have access to in the city, so we are playing against those teams who are training on a different type of turf that is a little less hard on the knees,” said Parkins. “We play games in cleats, but we practise in flats, so this would give an opportunity to have a lower impact, higher grade turf material and it would level the playing field for our players to be able to train on a more similar pitch type to develop their skills.”

The event at the Civic Centre will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Aug. 17. More information about the foundation and their facility project is available online ([www.pdff.ca](http://www.pdff.ca)).

# Town, county continue Wheatland Lodge support discussions

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Discussions are ongoing from the Town of Strathmore and Wheatland County in regards to the ongoing proposed Wheatland Lodge project by the Wheatland Housing Management Board.

Following up on the July 17 regular meeting, the Town of Strathmore issued a statement about the ongoing discussion.

“During the regular council meeting on June 5, 2024, Strathmore town council discussed the proposed Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) project. Any comments made during this meeting were based on the information held by council at the time of the meeting.

During this meeting, Wheatland County’s Councillor Koester (who attended the meeting) corrected two members of council’s misunderstanding of Wheatland County’s position regarding WHMB’s project. Coun. Koester clarified that there was an upcoming motion being made at the June 18, 2024, Wheatland County regular council meeting, to sign a letter of support for the project, and to continue the conversation. He stated that Wheatland County has not officially withdrawn their support.

“At the June 5 meeting, Coun. Koester clarified the county’s position on the proposed lodge. Following Coun. Koester’s clarification, I thanked him and continued the discussion. I considered this

matter closed,” stated Mayor Pat Fule.

The Town of Strathmore received a letter from County Reeve Amber Link, June 20, regarding the June 5 council meeting. Fule sent a private correspondence to Link in response to the letter requesting clarification on the county’s position about the WHMB lodge project.

To date, no response has been received by the town from the county about Fule’s correspondence.

Link wrote a letter to the editor which was published in the July 31 edition of the Strathmore Times, indicating the county remains in support of, and committed to the lodge project, despite their concerns with the WHMB governance.

Fule, previously stating Wheatland County had “... voted against a letter of support...” for the lodge project, has indicated comfort in his statement and has publicly refused to retract his position, despite a request from the county to do so.

Further address about his position towards the county and regarding correspondence between the two municipalities has also been declined.

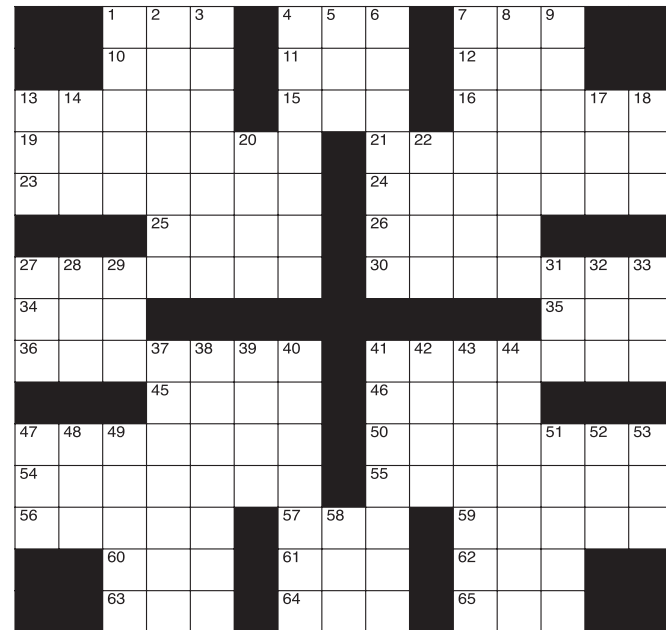
“The Town of Strathmore continues to be in complete support of the proposed Wheatland Housing Management Body’s proposed Wheatland Lodge; the town has made the necessary commitments so as to not impede further development of this worthwhile project,” as attributed to Fule in the town’s released statement.

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| 1. Major American automaker (abbr.)         | 35. Moved quickly                           |
| 4. Pressure measurement                     | 36. Passenger’s place on a motorbike        |
| 7. Two-year-old sheep                       | 41. A way through                           |
| 10. Indigenous person from Laos or Thailand | 45. Former US Secretary of Education Duncan |
| 11. Up in the air (abbr.)                   | 46. Leader                                  |
| 12. Actress de Armas                        | 47. Flowing                                 |
| 13. Not moving                              | 50. Greetings                               |
| 15. Cool!                                   | 54. Remedy                                  |
| 16. Bog arum genus                          | 55. Soft lightweight fabric                 |
| 19. Perceptible by touch                    | 56. Building material                       |
| 21. Type of test                            | 57. Sea bream                               |
| 23. Monetary units                          | 59. A way to cause to be swollen            |
| 24. Collection of various things            | 60. One and only                            |
| 25. Sum of five and one                     | 61. People get one in summer                |
| 26. Type of sword                           | 62. Wreath                                  |
| 27. Hates                                   | 63. Thus far                                |
| 30. Immobile                                | 64. They ___                                |
| 34. Pie ___ mode                            | 65. Sea eagle                               |

### CLUES DOWN

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Policemen (French)             | 32. Fall behind                        |
| 2. Toy dog                        | 33. Midway between northeast and east  |
| 3. Inflamed colon disease         | 37. Head pain                          |
| 4. Can’t move                     | 38. Popular sport in England and India |
| 5. Helps little firms             | 39. King Charles’s sister              |
| 6. Lists of names, subjects, etc. | 40. Boat race                          |
| 7. Takes down                     | 41. About fish                         |
| 8. Makes possible                 | 42. Maidservant                        |
| 9. Wife of Julius Constantius     | 43. Able to be marketed                |
| 13. Engine additive               | 44. Tinier                             |
| 14. Arctic explorers (abbr.)      | 47. Parts per billion (abbr.)          |
| 17. Written account               | 48. Paddle                             |
| 18. Consumed                      | 49. Oneness                            |
| 20. Something the first shall be  | 51. Bitter chemical                    |
| 22. No (slang)                    | 52. Not around                         |
| 27. Gov’t lawyers                 | 53. Very fast airplane                 |
| 28. Peyton’s little brother       | 58. Swiss river                        |
| 29. Small amount                  |  |
| 31. Investment vehicle            |  |

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# Helping Alberta communities

**CHANTELLE DE JONGE**  
*Chestermere-Strathmore MLA*

Earlier this year, Alberta's government launched the Drought and Flood Protection Program, which was created to help communities design and construct projects that improve their resilience to future drought and flood impacts. Recently, 18 approved grants were announced that will total more than \$30 million.

As we all know, weather conditions can be both extreme and unpredictable. The impacts of drought and flood in recent years have been seen throughout the entire province, so preparing for the future will give Albertans the peace of mind that we are prepared for the harshest conditions, should they arise.

Through the Drought and Flood Protection Program, our government will continue to invest into this critical maintenance and future preparation, ensuring that our province remains prepared and efficient at all times, and on all fronts.

Projects like these first 18 that have been announced through the first round of funding are both necessary and exciting for our province, and I'm pleased to announce that our constituency has been approved for two of these important grants.

Chestermere-Strathmore will receive nearly \$5 million for the Langdon-Glenmore Trail Stormwater Diversion Project. This project will benefit our community for decades to come, as we work to ensure that we are prepared for any impacts that droughts or floods may bring. Currently, the stormwater drainage infrastructure in the Hamlet of Langdon is able to handle one in 10-year storm events. The proposed Glenmore Trail Stormwater Diversion Project redirects a portion of the catchment flow directly to Weed Lake, upgrades existing ditches and culverts, and constructs a new length of road ditch to allow the stormwater system to handle one in 100-year storm events and prevent overland flooding.

Additionally, \$45,500 is allocated to the proposed Wheatland County Raw Water Storage project, which involves

completion of a study to explore various raw water storage options. The study would assess potential frequency for consumer water shut-offs, number of users at risk, assess areas of the county for drought sensitivity, and feasibility of constructing a centralized raw water storage reservoir(s) to meet county demands.

Drought and Flood Protection Program projects will protect public safety and critical infrastructure from hazards posed by drought and flood for years to come.

Four more rounds of funding are planned under this program, with new applications accepted each year. The application dates and other important information will be posted

on the Drought and Flood Protection Program webpage later this summer.

Alberta's government is serious about protecting people and communities, and the Drought and Flood Protection Program will go a long way towards protecting our province for generations to come.

As always, please feel free to email 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)*

## First suspect in Rocky View County Shooting arrested, second suspect identified

*Continued from Page 1*

Mark Wielgosz, Strathmore RCMP detachment commander, explained during an Aug. 12 press conference, the two suspects burned the stolen vehicle they arrived at the scene in, and stole one of the victim's Rocky View County pickup truck.

Responding officers were able to locate the suspects in the Rocky View County pickup truck and engaged in a pursuit, however at the time, the suspects were successful in evading police. Wielgosz explained pursuit speeds exceeded 170 km/h.

The Rocky View County vehicle was subsequently dumped in the area of Range Road 260 and township Road 252 in Wheatland County.

A shelter in place order and emergency alert had previously been issued, advising Strathmore and Wheatland County residents to shelter inside, remain in safe locations, and to not pick up hitchhikers.

A search of the area was conducted which included resources from several RCMP detachments, such as police dog services, RCMP Emergency Response Team, Calgary Tactical Team, and HAWCS from Calgary City Police.

At that point in the investigation, police had limited and vague descriptions of the suspects. RCMP released that providing vague or potentially inaccurate information to the public about the suspects could have been misleading and potentially dangerous.

As of Aug. 7, a vehicle of interest in relation to the investigation had been identified. The vehicle was a white 2013 Dodge Ram with teal aftermarket rims and bullet shell shaped lug nuts. The truck was stolen from a residence in Calgary, Aug. 5 at 5:55 a.m.

Insp. Breanne Brown, Officer in Charge of Alberta RCMP Serious Crimes Branch, explained the suspects were involved in a minor collision in Calgary unrelated to the shootings, in which the stolen 2013 Dodge Ram was partially disabled. The suspects then drove to the location where the shooting victims were working and attempted to steal the new vehicle. It was at that time that the victims were shot.

It was confirmed by police that Hough had seen the damaged Ram pulled over which had been set on fire and had gone out of his way to attempt to help prior to being shot.

"This is unprecedented, this is not something we typically see with the Alberta RCMP, this is not normal, and I can't speak to what they were thinking at the time. We will know further as we continue our investigation," said Brown.

Penner had been identified as a suspect as of Aug. 8. Once charge approvals were obtained from Alberta Crown Prosecutors by RCMP, Penner was safely arrested in Edmonton with assistance from the Edmonton Police Service.

Strawberry was identified as the second suspect, Aug. 11. RCMP obtained a warrant for his arrest, Aug. 12, following receipt of crown approval.

An update released Aug. 8, stated RCMP are seeking a potential witness to the crime, who was driving a dark grey Volkswagen Golf Sportwagon past the scene at the same time the crime occurred. The driver and any occupants of the vehicle at that time are requested to come forward to police in order to aid in the investigation.

On Aug. 9, RCMP requested public assistance in locating a stolen quad which was believed to have been stolen from a Wheatland County property, Aug. 7 at approximately 1:34 p.m. This theft may be connected to the ongoing investigation surrounding Penner and Strawberry.

"I want to assure everyone that the RCMP has done, and continue to do, everything in our power to swiftly investigate and arrest these dangerous suspects. I give my most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Colin Hough who was out working and making a living when these individuals took his life," said Wielgosz. "I also want the other victim in this tragedy to know that our thoughts are with him as well as he recovers from this traumatic incident."

Strawberry has been requested to peacefully turn himself in to the nearest police detachment and help to resolve the investigation.

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### Scavenger's search

5 For Life hosted a scavenger hunt for kids and families throughout Kinsmen Park on Aug. 12. Looking for clues to spell the word "snowcone," kids were rewarded with the cold summer treat upon completing the circuit and finding all the letters.

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# Renaissance Faire returns to Strathmore for second year

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The renaissance faire which made its debut in Strathmore last year is returning to the Strathmore Agricultural Society grounds, Aug. 23-25.

Nicknamed the "Strathmore Ren Faire," the festival migrated to Strathmore from Calgary due to having outgrown their previous venue, while also wanting to both remain close enough to the city for patrons, and to keep costs affordable for families to visit.

"It is a family-friendly event so we have lots of things for big kids and little kids; there are areas for kids to go and enjoy themselves and fight the knight, and pool noodle jousting, and then for the older adults they can go over and check out the actual jousting, the heavy armour combat, there is a Viking Village, and lots of opportunities for shopping," said Gail Stamp, owner and operator of the Strathmore Renaissance Faire. "Then of course, there is the magician, and the storytellers, and all the other folks who are participating as well, so all around it is a really fun family event."

Stamp explained for their first year operating in Strathmore, the team was extremely pleased with the overall attendance to the event over the course of the weekend, being the greatest numbers they had seen to date.

The ongoing goal for the event being to continue to see growth and see it become as large as possible.

"We are bringing in our core of entertainers who we had last year, and then of course we are adding more to it this year with different entertainers," said Stamp. "We have an aerialist coming in for a couple of shows, different folks who will be walking about; it will be a little bit ... of everything, and we are actually (also) working on having a petting zoo come in."

For fans of jousting who may have been disappointed last year, the team is seeking to redeem themselves this time around, as their horses have become more accustomed to performing and it is now safe to showcase the sport.

Stamp explained champion jousters are flying in from across the globe to participate at the Strathmore Ren Faire.

She added the Ren Faire in future years is aiming to attract more sponsors and support for the event as it continues to settle into the new venue and becomes more well established.

Ticket rates are \$14 for an adult ticket to attend the faire

for a day. Tickets at the gate are the only necessary expense to be able to enjoy the event. Everything else for patrons is entirely optional.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, there is a separately ticketed feast taking place as a part of the Ren Faire, though it has already sold out. Stamp added next year, the team will be looking to increase ticket availability for the feast and be able to accommodate a larger audience.

More information regarding the Strathmore Renaissance Faire is available through the event website and on their Facebook page.




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The Brain Injury Association of Canada's mandate is to improve the quality of life for all Canadians affected by acquired brain injury and promote its prevention. A good goal. To prevent brain injury, wear helmets when skiing, skateboarding, biking, scootering and playing sports where head injuries are possible.

With the legalization of cannabis in 2018, hospitals have seen an increase in visits to ERs and poison centres. Cannabis poisonings can be life-threatening, especially in children, sometimes resulting in coma, being put on a ventilator or in rare cases, death. Keep your cannabis supplies safely locked away and keep edible cannabis separate from regular food and drinks. Some edibles look like candy to kids so keep them locked away as well.

If you are the type of person that gets angry easily, you could be harming your heart and blood vessels. A small study of 280 adults grouped them into one of four groups: anger, anxiety, sadness and emotionally neutral. Each participant was asked to recall and talk for 8 minutes about a memory that evoked the assigned emotion. Those in the anger group showed significant impairment to blood vessel dilation compared to the neutral group. Lesson? Control your anger.


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### Superhero fun

The Strathmore Municipal Library called all young athletes, superheroes and spies to take part in the Hero's Hurdle on Aug. 9.

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# People's Choice returns for second time

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Attention amateur artist of all ages – the Vault Cultural Collective, in partnership with the Wheatland Society of Arts, is presenting their second annual People's Choice Awards arts competition.

Carolyn Steeves, chair of the Vault Cultural Collective, is excited to be able to host this event for a second time.

"After doing it once last year, we fine-tuned it a little bit, but it's pretty similar," said Steeves. "Our theme this year is 'Strathmore This Year.' We are doing this in tandem with Alberta Culture Days. Alberta Culture Days in Alberta is always the month of September.

"Because anybody can enter – we have categories 12 and under, 13 to 18 and 19 and over."

Steeves also explained the fourth category this year is En Plein Air which, to those of us not into the art scene, and actually translates to 'outside,' and is "a piece of art that you have literally paint on an easel outside," she said. "A lot of artists really like to do En Plein art in the spring-summer and fall when it's reasonable to actually be outside."

The Wheatland Society of Arts recently hosted an En Plein Air workshop in July, so having this new category really brings the two organizations together.

Another minor change this year is the theme needs to be represented in whatever art piece is submitted.

"Because our theme is 'Strathmore This Year' whatever age enters – whatever age of child or adult or teen that enters – their art has to reflect something about Strathmore, (so) it has to be pretty obvious that there's something from Strathmore in the painting or whatever artwork.

"We've really opened it up, like it can be wall art, Lego, playdough, photography, digital art, painting; almost anything, really. We're hoping that we would even get some younger children ... being

able to do playdough or Lego because a lot of kids like to do dioramas and that sort of thing."

Steeves and her team are also aware that a lot of youth like to dabble in digital art, hoping to encourage those emerging artists to enter.

"We wanted to have it as broad as possible basically to include as many people as possible," she said.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring this event and help with prizes for the artists, they are invited to contact the Vault (thevaultcc2021@gmail.com).

Some other rules to note prior to submission of artwork are as follows:

- Who can enter: The competition is for amateur artists. Those who already show their art in The Vault are not allowed to enter.
- How many items can be submitted: Only one piece of art per person will be accepted.
- Size limitation: No bigger than 11x14.
- No portraits will be accepted.
- For display purposes you may mat, frame, if appropriate.

Procedure for submission and voting is as follows;

- All art must be submitted to The Vault from Sept. 4-7 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Each artist will be asked to complete an entry form.

The public is invited to come in and enter their ballots for their favourite artwork. They can vote as many times as they like between Sept. 9-21.

The ballots will be counted the afternoon of Sept. 21, and the artist will be contacted. All artwork will continue to be on display until Saturday, Sept. 28.

On the afternoon of Sept. 28 at 2:30 p.m., there will be a gathering to celebrate art in all of its forms at The Vault where the People's Choice Awards will be presented and artwork can be picked up. More information of the event can be found at the Vault.

## Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference.

For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

**August 20: Municipal Planning Commission**

**August 20: Committee of the Whole**

**August 20: Public Presentation Committee**

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: August 27, 2024 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

The hearing will be held at the Wheatland County Council Chambers: 242006 Range Road 243 (East of Strathmore off Hwy 1) (mail: 242006 Rge Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4) on **Tuesday, August 27, 2024, commencing at 9 a.m.** regarding the following:

**SDAB File: DPA 2024-036**

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**Permit Refused – July 9, 2024 - Municipal Planning Commission**

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A time limit may be imposed on verbal submissions, at the discretion of the Chairperson. No comments via telephone will be considered by the SDAB. We would appreciate receiving your written comments by end of day Tuesday, August 20, 2024, regarding this matter; emails can be sent to [sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca).

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

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

### Wheatland County: Community Enhancement Regional Board

Wheatland County invites applications for membership on the Community Enhancement Regional Board with appointment to commence November 01, 2024. One representative from each of Electoral Division will be appointed. The Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) consists of two members from each Electoral Division, appointed by Wheatland County Council. Membership on the CERB is appointed for a two-year term with alternating expiry dates. The Community Enhancement Regional Board meets three times every spring to evaluate applications and decide on the allocation of Community Enhancement Funding to Wheatland County community groups.

Deadline for applications is September 30, 2024. If you require more information or to submit letters 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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# ASET aiming to help engineering technologists find appropriate employment in Alberta

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A recent survey conducted by the Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta (ASET) has indicated members who are internationally trained professionals are finding Alberta to be an attractive destination to work and live.

Via a release, ASET stated over 92 per cent of respondents to the survey said they liked working in Alberta, citing an abundance of job opportunities in their field, strong economics, and proximity to the oil and gas industry.

Strathmore is currently home to 33 ASET members. It was not revealed on average how long they have been in town, nor their fields of expertise.

“We wanted to find out generally, we know we have a number of internationally trained professionals in the organization, and we have been focussed on being able to accommodate them and being able to assess them properly when they arrive,” said Barry Cavanaugh, CEO and general council of ASET. “We finally got the point where we thought we should find out what they think about all this, and we had a few other questions that we thought we should ask them too. How did they end up in Alberta, why they chose Alberta.”

It was also indicated via the release, due to ASET’s direct efforts, Alberta was the first province to eliminate the Canadian work experience requirement for

engineering technology professionals.

According to survey results, over 35 per cent of survey respondents were not able to find work in their professional field upon their arrival in Canada. Within that group, over half had said it was due to employers requiring Canadian work experience.

As a result of this, over 76 per cent of the subject group had to take work outside their professional field in order to meet their living expenses.

“We just wanted to make sure we were treating everybody fairly, and assessing their qualifications accurately,” said Cavanaugh. “It is still frustrating to find that a lot of people can arrive in this province, or in this country and not even be able to find out how to be qualified ... I think it is important that people be able to find work in their field that they are qualified and capable of doing ... it is really disturbing to think of someone who comes here as an engineering technologist ... and quite capable of performing that work, and somehow winds up for years driving a taxi or working in a convenience store. That is not acceptable.”

Cavanaugh added the ongoing battle for ASET is in regards to awareness about the organization, and hopes to see more of the word spread that they exist and are able to assist qualified professionals to find appropriate employment.

More information about ASET, as well as their examinations and services, is available online.

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### Treat time

Strathmore Dairy Queen hosted Miracle Treat Day on Aug. 8. This year marks the 40th anniversary of Miracle Treat Day in Canada where the net proceeds from every Blizzard purchased is donated to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation.

Melissa Piche Photos

# Western District Historical Society overturns sunflower field early

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Western District Historical Society has made the decision to work up their sunflower field early, and begin preparations for next year's planting.

This was in response to poor germination and growth which was observed among the sunflowers, despite planting at the same time to previous years in the field.

"We planted at our normal time, the third week of May, and germination just did not happen at all this year. We are trying to identify what might have happened, whether it was the seed, or was it just general planting conditions because it was quite a cool spring," said Darlene Domaschuk, sunflower field coordinator. "I am working with the seed supplier right now; we are doing seed testing to try to figure out why there was no germination."

Due to the lack of germination, weeds throughout the field began to take over, which added to the decision to plow everything under early. Being so late into the season, there is no longer any time to replant the fields prior to the onset of autumn.

The running theory currently held by the Historical Society is the ground, despite having adequate moisture for the seeds, was too cold for germination to occur for many of the seeds.

This year marked the seventh that the Western District Historical Society has planted the sunflower field, with this result being the first failed crop to occur.

"It is nice to have a sunflower field out there when there are events going on put on by the Legacy Barn because there is the background of sunflowers, but the biggest impact is in August and September, we start inviting the community out to walk through the sunflowers," said Domaschuk. "Then, we would have a sunflower harvest, and we also had pumpkins out there and we would have a pumpkin harvest, but because of that, it is disappointing because people can't come out there and visit because there is nothing out there this year."

Financially, it does represent a loss for the society, however, turning a profit from the field was never an original goal.

The Western District Historical Society also did not charge for entry to the sunflower fields. Instead, a donation box has historically been put out for people to have the option to contribute.

The greatest impacts outside of community visitors is the lack of locational availability for use cases such as for photography, weddings, or other events.

Domaschuk said the Historical Society will be attempting to replant the sunflower field next season following extensive seed and soil testing efforts.

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### Close finish



Strathmore's own Parker Riou finished one shot back of the eventual winner during the three-day, major-ranked MJT Odum Brown Classic July 30 to Aug. 1 in Surrey/Delta, B.C. The 17-year-old shot a 69 on the final day of golf and finished in second place among the MJT Junior Boys.



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### Police presence

There was a heavy police presence on the ground and in the air on 4th Ave in downtown Strathmore on Aug. 8. The RCMP didn't provide any further details as of press time.

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## TIMES CLASSIFIEDS

### Obituary



#### ALBERTS, Dennis Edward

Dennis Edward Alberts, known affectionately as Dennis to everyone who was lucky enough to cross his path, left the stage of life with the same grace and humor with which he lived it, on July 9, 2024, in Calgary, Alberta. Born on June 26, 1945, in Melville, Saskatchewan, Dennis's journey through life was one filled with laughter, love, and a fair share of mischief. Dennis's story began in the small town of Melville, where he grew up with a sparkle in his eye and a knack for finding joy in the simple things. He completed his high school diploma there, amidst friends and family who quickly learned that a day with Dennis was never dull. In 1964, Dennis embarked on a career with CNR, proving that even as a brakeman, conductor, and eventually an Engineer, he could conduct himself with both professionalism and a sense of humor. After 36 years of dedicated service, he retired in 2000, but not one to sit idle, he pursued his "dream job" as a Marshal and Starter at golf courses in Saskatoon, Speargrass, and Palm Desert over the next 15 years.

Dennis's life was a testament to the adage that the heart of the home is the family. He is survived by his loving wife, Linda Alberts, his proud sons, Jade (Katherine) and Bart, and his four adoring granddaughters, Raya, Lillian, Madeline, and Graysen. His brothers, Doug (Terry), Blake (Barb), Murray (Lorrie), and his sister, Colleen (Mark) Stoecklein, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, will continue to share the stories and laughs that Dennis left behind. Preceded in death by his parents, Kelly & Marjorie Alberts, Dennis now surely has the angels chuckling in heaven.

Dennis's love for sports was nothing short of infectious. He was a die-hard fan of the Montreal Canadiens and Saskatchewan Roughriders, and there was nothing he enjoyed more than watching his favorite teams, except perhaps cheering on his sons and granddaughters in their various athletic endeavors. Dennis was the epitome of a sports enthusiast, from hockey to football, curling to golf, his passion was as boundless as his knowledge of the game.

Those who knew Dennis would agree that he was the life of the party, a man whose sense of humor, friendliness, and thoughtfulness made every encounter a memorable one. He had the rare ability to light up a room with his funny anecdotes and to make everyone feel like the most important person in the world. His laughter was contagious, his jokes were endless, and his heart was as big as his personality.

In a world that often takes itself too seriously, Dennis was a breath of fresh air. He never missed an opportunity to crack a joke, to share a kind word, or to offer a helping hand. His legacy is one of joy, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to his family, who will carry his spirit forward in each of their lives.

So, as we bid farewell to Dennis Alberts, let us do so with a smile on our faces, knowing that he would want us to remember the good times, the laughter, and the love. Dennis, you may have taken your final bow, but your encore will continue in the hearts of all those you've touched. Rest in peace, and know that your family, friends, and the countless lives you've brightened will never forget the gift that was you.

The Celebration of Life for Dennis, will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Speargrass Clubhouse.

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**Upcoming Council Meetings**

**September 4, 2024 | 6 p.m.** Regular Meeting of Council  
**September 11, 2024 | 6 p.m.** Committee of the Whole  
**September 18, 2024 | 6 p.m.** Regular Meeting of Council

**Come Say Hi**

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

Land Use Ammendment

**Upcoming Public Hearing**

- Purpose:** to permit the construction of a multifunctional light industrial building with a health services facility.

**Bylaw #24-16**

Staff received an application for a land use redesignation (*Bylaw No. 24-16*) 137 Orchard Way (Lot 23 Block 01 Plan 981 3631). The proposed redesignation aims to permit the construction of a multifunctional light industrial building with a health services facility at 137 Orchard Way in Strathmore.



**Public Hearing Process**

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

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers at the Strathmore Municipal Building on **Wednesday, September 18, 2024**, commencing at **6 p.m.** with procedures in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act, Section 199* and the *Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #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 or all of the proposed bylaw, may present their concerns and/or suggestions by making a submission at the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services by email at [lsadmin@strathmore.ca](mailto:lsadmin@strathmore.ca) no later than **noon** on **Wednesday, September 11, 2024**, in order to register to speak at the public hearing.

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 **noon** on **Wednesday, September 11, 2024** as outlined in *Bylaw #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 three 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.

Town Launches Municipal Development Plan Review

**"Strathmore Forward" seeks to modernize and build upon 2014 Municipal Development Plan**

The Town has launched a Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Review at the meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, July 10, following a presentation from the project team in Development Services.

The MDP is a required document per the Municipal Government Act (MGA) that addresses issues such as future land use, development, provision of municipal services, facilities, and transportation. The Town's current MDP passed in 2014, recommends a review every five years. However, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the review initiated in 2019 was paused.

"The Town's 2024 MDP Review will establish or reaffirm policy directions that reflect and support the Town's Strategic Plan," said Mayor Pat Fule.

The 2024 MDP Review process has been designed with meaningful public engagement in mind and will unfold across three key phases. The first phase, now in progress, includes the preparation of a public engagement strategy and the drafting of a proposed 2024 MDP based on input and feedback already received prior to the 2019 pause. Phase two will follow with the release of the draft 2024 MDP in advance of a significant public engagement component that will include both online and in-person opportunities to provide input and feedback. The third and final phase will take what was heard during public engagement to refine the 2024 MDP draft, followed by a public hearing and the adoption of a bylaw at Council.

"The 2024 MDP Review will be responsive to the Town's current strategic priorities identified in our Strategic Plan, as well as to current land use planning issues and trends. We really want to be good planning administrators that are out in front when it comes to what represents good land use planning for Strathmore," said Glen Ferguson, Senior Planner and MDP Project Manager. "And to do that, we have to properly review and update the 2014 MDP so that it aligns with current provincial legislation and regulations, as well as the Town's own plans and studies that have been approved since the 2014 MDP came into effect."

The project team further announced the upcoming launch of an online website that will serve as a centralized location for all information pertaining to the Town's MDP Review, with the same site also being capable of helping the project team directly engage the public and gather valuable input and feedback.

For more information about the Town's 2024 MDP Review, please visit: [Strathmore.ca/StrathmoreForward](http://Strathmore.ca/StrathmoreForward)

Calgary Watermain Repair Update  
**Water Restrictions Update**

The City of Calgary has announced plans to undertake urgent short-term repairs on the Bearspaw South feeder main starting August 26. The team in Calgary has been working to analyze the situation, interpret data and develop effective repair strategies. This assessment has identified 16 sites needing attention due to points of weakness in the system.

These repairs are essential to maintain the stability of Calgary's and our water supply and mitigate the risk of unexpected failures, particularly as winter approaches. To facilitate this work, the Bearspaw South feeder main will be shut down from August 26 to end of September, resulting in level four water restrictions. We will provide additional details as the shutdown date approaches.

If you are a bulk water user and require bulk water usage levels during the stage four period, please contact Strathmore Infrastructure, [infrastructure@strathmore.ca](mailto:infrastructure@strathmore.ca) for assistance.

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