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New abattoir to proceed

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Despite opposition from residents, and an initially defeated proposal before the Wheatland County Municipal Planning Commission (MPC), the construction and operation of a beef abattoir will proceed.

The County MPC discussed the application to develop the abattoir, May 9, during a regularly scheduled meeting. A total of 22 letters of opposition were received by the county, as well as two letters in support of the abattoir prior to a previously established response deadline.

An additional 10 responses from county residents were received, which were read into the public record during the MPC meeting. These letters were largely against the development of the abattoir.

These also included a letter from Cattleland Farms, clarifying their position, and addressing several concerns from neighbours and nearby residents who had expressed concerns about the proposed facility.

Cattleland Farms also submitted a document to the county which included 143 signatures from surrounding ranchers and cattle operators expressing support for the project.

Following the May 9 MPC meeting, at which the application was defeated, Cattleland and Creekstone Farms appealed the MPC's decision to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT).

This appeal was brought before the tribunal June 28 and 29, and was discussed during an appeal hearing.

As of July 19, the LPRT had issued a decision overturning the MPC's decision, which will allow the development of the abattoir.

Alberta Environment had issued their approval to the application, The Canadian Food Inspection Agency had provided their requirements to the applicant for receiving their approval by the time of the May 9 MPC meeting, and the Western Irrigation District had noted no concerns with the abattoir application.

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Super spies!

Strathmore's 5 for Life hosted Operation: Spy Kids on Aug. 13 in Kinsmen Park. Originally planned for Aug. 12, the event was postponed due to forecasted rain showers. However, with perfect conditions the following day, kids up to eight-years-old had fun playing games, going through an obstacle course and even got their own spy certificate. See Page 9 for more coverage.

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Strathmore Times own John Watson (above) helped sling Blizzards during the annual Miracle Treat Day on Aug. 10 at the local Dairy Queen. Members of the Strathmore RCMP (right) took over later in the afternoon as the local DQ raised nearly \$9,000 for the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary.

Photo Courtesy of Strathmore Dairy Queen



Strathmore DQ raises close to \$9,000 during Miracle Treat Day

JOHN WATSON
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The Strathmore Dairy Queen hosted their annual Miracle Treat Day, Aug. 10, to raise money for the Children's Hospital in Calgary.

Every Miracle Treat Day, all proceeds from blizzard sales at participating Dairy Queen locations are directed to the respective location's local children's hospital.

"It is a very fun and exciting day, and it is the day that the staff get to let loose, wear jeans, t-shirts, have fun and sell tons of blizzards," said Rhonda Powell, manager of Strathmore's local Dairy Queen. "I think we raised over \$8,000 last year on this day, (and) we include balloons and stuff that we were selling this year, and include any funds that are donated in cash into the register today as well."

By the end of the day, it was reported that Strathmore's Dairy Queen was able to raise \$8,872 for the Calgary Children's hospital.

In addition to regular Dairy Queen Staff, members of the Strathmore RCMP, Strathmore Now, and Strathmore Times donated some of their time to help make blizzards over the course of the afternoon.

"I think for some of our staff, they were a little nervous because for a lot of them, it is their first year to do this. The rest of us are a little more seasoned, so we are all excited and all pumped up," said Powell.

Strathmore's local Dairy Queen was constructed in 1992, and has always participated in the greater organization's Miracle Treat Day.

According to Powell, the occasion used to donate proceeds from sundae sales to children's hospitals, before

switching to donating revenue from blizzard sales in the early 2000's.

"When they flipped it over to blizzards, we had no indication of what it was going to be; it was 31 degrees that day and we were run off our feet," said Powell. "Several of our staff members were called back in to work that day, so it was interesting. After that, we decided to make sure we had more than enough staff to handle it. Blizzards seemed more favourable for people to buy than sundaes."

Miracle Treat Day takes place every second Thursday of August for participating Dairy Queen locations.


Despite numbers being lowered and the restaurant being closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, pre-orders for blizzards and other delivery methods were employed to continue raising money for the Children's Hospital.


Powell added the Children's Hospital tends to pick one piece of equipment it would like to purchase every year, and allocate funds received from Dairy Queen locations specifically in order to purchase the device.

"We would just like to thank all of Strathmore and the surrounding area for your support for our annual Miracle Treat Day. Without your help we would not be able to accomplish what we did to support our local kids and the Southern Alberta Children's Hospital," she said. "We would like to offer a special thank you to John Watson from the Strathmore Times, Corinna Newel from More Country 104 and Corporal Wayne Goetz and Constable Amandet Saran from the Strathmore R.C.M.P. detachment who all came in and helped us make blizzards. With your help we raised \$8,872. Thank you again from the management and staff of the Strathmore Dairy Queen."

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Library extends duration of regular book sale this summer

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The Strathmore Municipal Library decided to extend its July book sale into August to continue the effort to provide the community with affordable literature as well as to raise funds for library programming.

“The book sale has grown over the years. I have been running it for a number of years and I think at the beginning, we were making around \$700 in our book sale ... but now we are running around \$1,600 or \$1,700,” said Laura Hendricks, assistant director of library services.

In order to operate their book sales, the library accepts donations from the community, as well as cycling in books from its own collection.

“We call them ‘Grubby Items’ which we pull off the shelves and get out of the library to clear space because we do not have room for everything,” said Hendricks. “I think we have room for 50,000 to 60,000 items, and then because we work with such an integrated library system that we can share resources with, we do not have to house everything in our collection.”

Hendricks added it is likely that the Strathmore Municipal Library will also be making a donation of literature to 5 For Life in order to aid that organization’s own book sale in January.

Financially, the Strathmore Library runs its programs as affordably as possible, and does not charge the community to participate; however, materials, staff and planning all require resources.

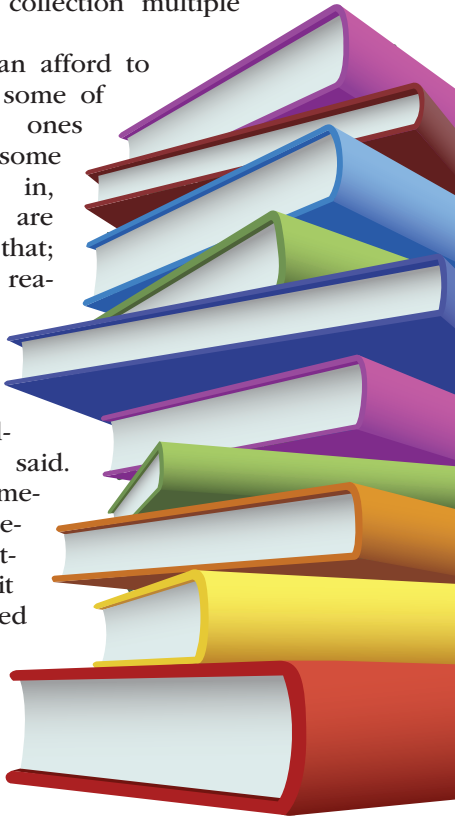
“We do need to be able to run the programs ... so to have a little bit extra come in from the book sale just helps us throw a little bit more out there

to the community,” said Hendricks.

Whenever possible, the library also appreciates an opportunity to refresh its collection and provide titles those in the community may not have read yet.

As an example, Hendricks referenced the library’s western section, being that some of the facility’s patrons have been through the entire collection multiple times.

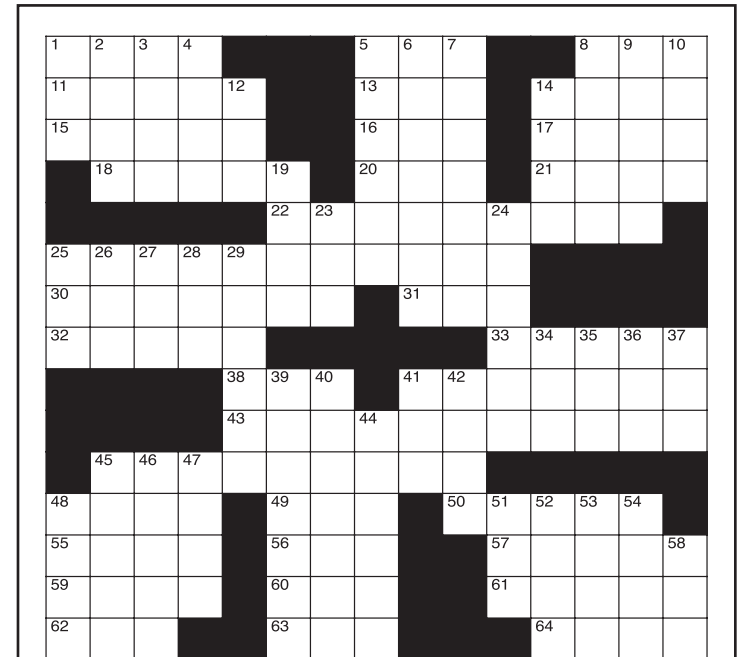
“If we can afford to get rid of some of those old ones and being some new ones in, then they are getting that; and those readers tend to want something off the shelves,” she said. “Once something becomes outdated, it is less used anyway, so we can sell those. Someone needs them ... so-



meone will buy them and we can replace that space on the shelf with what is current.”

Children’s literature is especially rapid selling during book sales, and the library is always looking for more donations of books for that demographic, so long as it has previously been well taken care of.

For more information regarding future book sales and potentially donating to the library, information is available through the library’s website as well as in person during their office hours.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Civil rights organization
- 5. Calendar month (abbr.)
- 8. Monetary unit of Burma
- 11. Twyla __, US dancer
- 13. Everything included
- 14. “Antman” actor Rudd
- 15. Italian city
- 16. Nowhere to be found
- 17. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 18. Turkish officer
- 20. Perform on stage
- 21. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 22. Canadian coastal provinces
- 25. Furnishes anew
- 30. Edible mollusk
- 31. No seats available
- 32. Garden figurine
- 33. Two-legged support
- 38. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 41. In a silly way
- 43. One from the Golden State
- 45. Photographers
- 48. Native religion in parts of China
- 49. Dickens character
- 50. Broadway actress Daisy
- 55. Ancient Greek sophist
- 56. Undivided
- 57. Daniel __, French composer
- 59. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 60. Rusty
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Patti Hearst’s captors
- 63. Popular global holiday (abbr.)
- 64. Tall, slender plant

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Defunct US energy company
- 2. Fellow
- 3. It’s issued from volcanoes
- 4. Type of acid
- 5. Winged nut
- 6. Arouses
- 7. Things are served on it
- 8. San Diego ballplayer
- 9. Currency and a Chinese dynasty
- 10. __ mater, one’s school
- 12. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 14. Hairstyle
- 19. Supreme ancient Egyptian god
- 23. They __
- 24. Connecting line on a map
- 25. Mock
- 26. One point north of due east
- 27. Chinese philosophical principle
- 28. Type of tree
- 29. Persuade to do something
- 34. A place for travelers to rest
- 35. National Gallery of Art designer
- 36. Panamanian province
- 37. Field force unit (abbr.)
- 39. Whalers’ tool
- 40. Simply
- 41. Nigerian City
- 42. Not one
- 44. Obstruct
- 45. Political plot
- 46. Manila hemp plant
- 47. Dough made from corn flour
- 48. Fishes by letting the bob fly
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Plant that makes gum
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

Construction begins on Archie Klaiber Trail, Lakeside Boulevard intersection

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Construction has begun on the new set of traffic lights on the Archie Klaiber Trail and Lakeside Boulevard intersection, which is anticipated to be completed for the end of September.

Strathmore town council voted Jan. 12, 2022 to proceed with adding traffic signals to the intersection in a vote of 4-3 in favour. At the time, it was also proposed to redevelop the intersection into a single lane roundabout.

Signalizing of the intersection became an active discussion in council following the demolition of the former Leroy’s Motel in order to develop the land plot for use by commercial businesses and fast-food locations (Development Permit 21-044 Strathpoint).

As well as the addition of traffic lights to the intersection, a northbound-eastbound slip lane will also be constructed.

The intersection is in close proximity to Holy Cross Collegiate school, Sacred Heart Academy, downtown Strathmore, Kinsmen Park, and the Trans-Canada Highway.

A budget of \$630,000 has been approved for the redevelopment of the intersection and the addition of the traffic signals.

The cost of this option was, at the time of discussion in council, noted to be similar in scale to what developing a roundabout would have equated to.

Over a period of the next 20 years, the signal maintenance fee is estimated to amount to approximately \$25,000 for the intersection.

Space will be made available through the redevelopment to have pedestrian crossings in all directions leading away from the intersection.

The intersection will remain open and accessible throughout construction, with periodic lane closures and traffic pattern changes to be expected.

No work on the project took place over the August long weekend due to the occurrence of the Strathmore Stampede, but has since resumed.

More information regarding the intersection and potential for temporary future lane closures is available via the Town of Strathmore website.

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County to potentially benefit from provincial hydrogen investment

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Wheatland County's interest in the hydrogen market may soon see supporting investment by the Alberta Government, following the announcement of \$45 million budgeted for the industry.

The Government of Alberta indicated \$20 million in grants available through Alberta Innovates' Hydrogen Centre of Excellence for early-stage innovations, as well as \$5 million provided through Natural Resources Canada on Aug. 1.

The other \$25 million being made available by the province will be through Emissions Reduction Alberta for later stage technologies.

Hydrogen market development has been an interest within the county for some time, as stakeholders were engaged in August 2022 regarding potential local investment.

The county also received a report from Navigatio Capital during the Feb. 21 regular meeting of council, which described the current state of hydrogen related enterprises within the local region.

"Hydrogen is a vital technology in the path towards a low-carbon future. The Government of Canada is pleased to collaborate with partners like the Government of Alberta to launch this competition that supports further innovation in the hydrogen sector," said Jonathan Wilkinson, federal minister of energy and natural resources. "Technologies like this are helping to create good jobs across Canada as we build a strong and prosperous economy."

The province indicated a roadmap has been created, as well as an emissions reduction and energy development plan, and a natural gas strategy, recognizing the importance of growing the hydrogen economy within Alberta.

According to the province, the goal for the funding is to drive cutting edge and first of their kind hydrogen technologies to be used in production, transmission, distribution

and storage within multiple applicable industries.

"The hydrogen economy is the next frontier for Alberta. The province is the largest producer of hydrogen and has the people, resources and infrastructure in place to move us into the new economy," said Laura Kilcrease, CEO of Alberta Innovates. "Partnerships like this allow for producers, innovators and industry to come together and test their hydrogen ideas. Ultimately this will help Alberta capitalize on new innovation opportunities that generate benefits beyond the energy value chain."

Rebecca Shulz, minister of environment and protected areas, added the competition for the hydrogen market will drive exploration and advancement of clean hydrogen technologies.

Applications for both funding streams are now open. Emissions Reduction Alberta will cease accepting applications, Sept. 22 at 5 p.m. Alberta Innovates will close the application window, Sept. 26, also at 5 p.m. Successful applications will receive invitations to submit full proposals.

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Slaughterhouse in county to proceed despite opposition

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Internally, prior to the MPC's original defeating of the application, county staff had recommended road improvements to Range Road 253, off of Highway 564 to the furthest north entrance to the proposed facility. This redevelopment would see completion pending approval from Alberta Transportation.

The noted road improvements would facilitate transportation to and from the facility site, both during and post construction.

As construction will move forward, the abattoir is designed to process 26,000 head of beef annually, being approximately 100 head per day.

Specific details regarding water consumption, wastewater management, processing of the animals and other information is publicly available via the County MPC meeting agenda for May 9, 2023.

The county has not issued a statement on the matter of their decision being overturned by the Tribunal. Letters from county residents detailing their concerns and oppositions are also made available via the same document.

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Painting fun

The Wheatland Society of Arts hosted a free family paint day for the community to drop in and participate on Aug. 12. Those who attended were taken through painting a toucan on canvas with acrylic paint for the afternoon.

John Watson Photos

YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE
Gord Morck Pharmacist
Capsule Comments

How's your sugar consumption? A British meta-study (an analysis of 79 other studies) analyzed sugar and its relation to health. Conclusions were that higher sugar intake was linked to a greater risk of more than 45 health problems including obesity in kids, high blood pressure, coronary heart disease and depression. Diabetes Canada recommends Canadians limit their intake of added sugar to 10% of their total calorie intake. If you eat a 2000 calorie diet, that's a maximum of 50 grams (about 12.5 tsp) of free sugar per day. Read the food labels.

Modern DNA analysis of a few hairs taken from locks of Beethoven's hair, has brought to light some of the medical problems the composer had to endure. As well as liver injury and some kidney problems, the analysis noted symptoms of Paget's disease of the bone. Also, on autopsy, the nerves along the auditory canal were thickened resulting in his deafness in the latter part of his life.

Genetic testing is being used more often to detect risk of some cancers. If your family medical history includes breast cancer for example, you might qualify for gene testing. A positive result doesn't necessarily mean you will get breast cancer. And a negative result will not guarantee you won't get it. But a positive DNA test will alert patient and doctor to be more vigilant about any breast cancer symptoms in the future.

Further to this, Canadian women generally have a 12% chance of developing breast cancer. If genetic testing shows a patient is carrying the BRCA gene mutation, the risk increases to 70%. Genetic testing is becoming an integral part of cancer diagnosis and treatment.

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Wilder Institute welcomes marmot pups at new Wheatland County facility

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo are excited to have six successful litters of Vancouver Island Marmots born this year, totaling 17 new pups.

This is the first year the team welcomed the new pups within the new Archibald Biodiversity Centre, located southeast of Strathmore, which opened in June 2022.

According to Michelle Benzen, an animal care specialist with the Wilder Institute, the 2023 breeding season has been one of the team's most successful for their marmots.

"We have had years in the low 20's so not our biggest producing year, but it is certainly a very successful one," said Benzen. "The size of the litters and how many litters we get can range from year to year, and that can just be based on different factors, including how many pairs we have at the facility and how long-term those pairs are."

The breeding program at the Archibald Biodiversity Centre is a very hands-off endeavor. The marmots are largely left to their own devices to breed in order to encourage natural behaviours and activity.

This is to, as much as possible, preserve the ability to later release the animals back into the wild on Vancouver Island.

"We provide them nest boxes and materials so they can create a space that they can hibernate in comfortably, and we monitor them over this period of time, and then we are very hands-off," said Benzen. "Breeding happens as the marmots are coming out of hibernation within their nest boxes, so we do not really do any observing of that ... we kind of back off until we hear pups."

The marmots are largely also left to raise the pups on their own, and once they are big enough, they will emerge with their parents from the nest boxes.

Benzen explained a decline in Vancouver Island marmot populations began to be noticed in the 1980s and 90s. The population was reduced in the wild to what was estimated



A total of 17 Vancouver Island Marmot pups were born this year at the Archibald Biodiversity Centre, operated by the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo. The breeding program is in an effort to preserve the species from having been at the brink of extinction. Photo Courtesy of the Wilder Institute

to be only 30 surviving individuals.

"The Wilder Institute/ Calgary Zoo has been a part of the marmot recovery program since 1998 ... what was involved in those early years was bringing in some wild born marmots into captivity and that was to safeguard genetics," said Benzen. "The Calgary Zoo has produced over 200 marmots since 2003 in captivity. Some of those marmots are retained in the program ... based on genetics to ensure that we have a great variation within our captive population."

Anyone who is interested in potentially learning more about the Wilder Institute and how to support them can do so via their website.

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Strathmore among several Alberta municipalities to benefit from online grocery service

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore residents are now able to take advantage of a new way to shop for groceries, via a delivery fulfilment center operating out of Rocky View County.

Empire Company Limited and Longo's announced in July the ability for consumers in select location across Canada to purchase groceries through the Voilà mobile app.

"We have worked with Voilà to reimagine a better delivery experience for our guests. Customers will now be able to order the Longo's products and fresh items they love, paired with the convenience and ease of Voilà," said Deb Craven, president of Longo's.

The customer fulfilment center (CFC) in Rocky View County is the third such facility operated by Empire Company, and was announced for development in December 2020.

Similar facilities are currently operational in the Greater Toronto Area, as of June 2020, and in the Greater Montreal Area, which opened in 2022.

"Robots help assemble orders and the Voilà team delivers them to customers in refrigerated vehicles. Voilà will provide customers in Alberta with the choice between home delivery and curbside pickup, with curbside pickup remaining available at 16 of Empire's 141 stores in the region," as was stated via release. "This will

be the company's first customer fulfillment centre for home delivery in Western Canada. The new centre will create 1,500 jobs in the county and will feature world-leading robotic automated warehouse and home delivery technology to provide a best-in-class customer experience."

Through the mobile app, Voilà and Empire have stated over 23,000 products similarly available at Sobeys, Safeway, Farm Boy, and Longo's are available for purchase and delivery.

Those who choose to purchase through the app can expect to pay the same prices they would otherwise find on shelves in store for the service.

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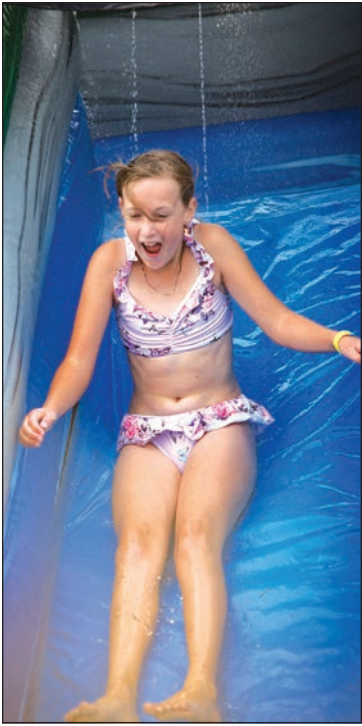
"Voilà offers an unparalleled online grocery home delivery experience, with 99 per cent order accuracy and 95 per cent on-time delivery. Adding Longo's products, including fresh meat, bakery, and prepared foods only strengthens our offering for our customers,"

said Sarah Joyce, senior vice president of E-commerce for Empire Company.

Folks in Calgary, Airdrie, Beaumont, Camrose, Cochrane, Devon, Edmonton, Chestermere, Fort Saskatchewan, Strathmore, High River, Leduc, Morinville, Spruce Grove, Wetaskiwin, Stony Plain, St Albert, Okotoks, and Sherwood Park are able to participate and order through the Voilà app.

The new centre will create 1,500 jobs in the county and will feature world-leading robotic automated warehouse....

Deb Craven



Spish and splash

Strathmore youth were allowed an hour time slot to enjoy a pair of inflatable water slides to help beat the summer heat on Aug. 11. The activity was set up outside the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre.

John Watson Photos

WHEATLAND COUNTY

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 22: Municipal Planning Commission

August 22: Public Presentation Committee

August 22: Committee of the Whole

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted.

Agenda packages can be found on our website.

Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board

Wheatland County invites applications for membership on the Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) with appointment to commence November 01, 2023. One representative from each of Electoral Division will be appointed. The Community Enhancement Regional Board 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.

Application Deadline: September 30

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



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Successful sisters

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Sisters Maysa (15) and Hadley (13) Schiffner both had successful 2023 riding seasons ending with qualifications to the National High School Finals Rodeo (NSHFR) and the National Junior High School Finals Rodeo (NJHSFR) respectively.

"As soon as she could walk, she was riding," said Brandy Schiffner of her daughter Hadley.

The Schiffner daughters come from a long line of ranch riders and rodeo affiliations. Brandy participated in high school rodeos and rode on her family's working farm growing up near Strathmore in Wheatland County.

Their father Scott Schiffner is a retired professional bull rider and hosts bull riding clinics and steer riding schools provincially.

To qualify for the NJHSFR and the NSHFR the contestants have to place Top 4 in their province and state in North America, along with Top 4 from Australia, Mexico and New Zealand.

Hadley was the reserved champion for her age group and placed Top 2 for breakaway roping in Alberta and was guaranteed a spot in the junior high school finals rodeo, which took place June 18-24 in Perry, Ga.

"She caught in her (first) round but missed in the second round, so that bumped her out," said Brandy. "She didn't place there, but she got a great experience."

The beginning of the 2023-2024 season is slated to start Aug. 24 in Stettler, Alta. Hadley will be competing in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping, team roping and ribbon roping.

Breakaway roping is gaining in popularity and has a growing fan base; thus more and more professional rodeos are including it in their events. In

years past, women could only participate in the barrel racing at professional rodeos, but change is coming. Professional rodeos started adding breakaway in 2020.

"It's the up-and-coming event in rodeo," said Brandy of breakaway.

Maysa was also classed as the reserved high school champion in Alberta for breakaway roping and competed in the high school finals rodeo in Gillett, Wyo. from June 15-22.

"She did really good," she said of Maysa's performance. "She caught all three of hers (calves) and ended up ninth in the World."

This win was a pretty monumental achievement for the young rider. On top of winning a plaque and a buckle, she also received a scholarship for post-secondary school for making Top 10 in the World.

Maysa's 2023-2024 season also begins in Stettler on Aug. 24. She will be competing in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping and team roping.

"The Alberta High School Rodeo Association has the fourth highest membership, including the United States," said Brandy.

Maysa and Hadley would like to thank their sponsors – without the help from these companies and individuals, they wouldn't be able to represent our town and province at respected national rodeos.

Hadley and Maysa Schiffner traveled to the United States earlier this summer to take part in their respective World Finals.

Photo Courtesy of Brandy Schiffner



Maysa Schiffner



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Perfect race day

The Double S hosted a barrel racing event at the Strathmore Ag Grounds on Aug. 13. The group, consisting of local racers from the likes of Strathmore, Rockyford, Eagle Lake and throughout the county, will host their next event on Aug. 23 before their final weekend on Sept. 9-10 back in Strathmore.

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Super show

The Rockyford annual car show and shine was well attended on Aug. 12. This year, among other prized categories, featured a kids' category for best cardboard box vehicle. The car show took place at the Rockyford Library green space with all proceeds going back to the Rockyford Library for local programs, books and events.

Melissa Piche Photos



Spy time

As new crew of certified spies was unleashed in Kinsmen Park on Aug. 13 as Strathmore's 5 for Life hosted Operation: Spy Kids.

**Joe Lepage
Photos**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Putting a hold on our future

To the Editor

This past week the UCP Minister of Environment announced a seven month hold on renewable programs, stating they need the time to review so we don't end up with another issue like gas and oil clean-up has become.

That's all well and good but the minister seems to misunderstand the term "renewable."

Unlike a well site that exists as an unused service after it stops production, normally followed by drilling a new well, a renewable site is producing in one location until we have no sun and current estimates is four billion years before that's a concern. I think we're ok there. The sun also contributes to wind development through the heating and cooling cycles creating a doubling effect of generating electricity via solar and windmills from one renewable source.

Therefore, a renewable site has the potential to produce permanently. As new technologies progress, existing sites would see updates for efficiency replacements and general service, along with no negative effect to land, water or air, and therefore no costly reclamation for the taxpayer, as it is now.

The landowner who is getting the financial benefit should also be part of any reclamation costs if necessary. Does that take seven months to figure out? It also appears that a province that doesn't like government control – given the latest shut down – appears not to be the case when it comes to renewable energy. As reported in the news, we have landowners that have met the conditions through the approval process, consulted with adjoining landowners, have approved companies currently investing in Alberta for renewable energy, jobs and a better future for everyone.

Then we have the UCP government jumping in at the last minute to control what a landowner has been given the right to do. Would you call that government overreach?

What does that say to companies that have already invested and are told that the promise and approval has to wait for a seven-month review at their cost? What do you think that says to companies looking to invest here and create those jobs of the future?

To even compare a non-renewable source to a renewable source for the same issues frankly makes me wonder if we have the right people in charge and that's assuming they are in charge. Does it feel like politics is more at play than common sense for us Albertans? As reported on May 8, over 10,000 oil and gas sites are officially considered orphans with no solvent owner in Alberta, which has means you the taxpayer probably pays for clean-up. During the election campaign I believe the UCP announced a \$100 million tax credit for oil site cleanup? There are another estimated 75,000 wells that sit inactive. The average estimate for one site surface clean-up is \$78,000. So, you can see where a billion dollars is needed for somewhere. This as reported in the news doesn't include abandoned pipelines or tailing ponds that have been reported at 1.4 trillion of liters that we know of.

To put that in perspective, there's 159 liters in a barrel of oil, which works out to be just under nine billion barrels of contaminated water that sits waiting for the producers to do something with it.

The Federal government is helping, which means every Canadian from coast to coast to coast has kicked in \$1.5 billion tax dollars specifically for this problem, which by the way, is the legal responsibility of the resource companies to deal with, that are currently making historic profits from that investment.

Based on past history, what are you willing to bet your family's future on? Talk to your MLA and MP; remember they are supposed to work for you, and in my experience, reminders are required. Your choice.

*Dennis Bigras
Wheatland County*

RCMP work together

ALBERTA RCMP

RCMP Southern Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit (CRU), with the assistance of Calgary Police Service and Lethbridge Police Service, closed an investigation into 25 break and enters in Calgary, Lethbridge, and several RCMP rural communities, including Raymond, Coaldale, Vulcan, Strathmore and Diamond Valley. The RCMP first became involved on June 10, when the suspect broke into a business in Diamond Valley.

The suspect would drive an electric scooter to all locations and then used an angle grinder or concrete saw to gain access to the ATM. It is believed he stole more than \$15,000 during all break-ins. On July 14, the suspect was caught in Calgary during a break and enter at a business on 16 Ave in NW Calgary.

David Letourneau-Janveaux (30), a resident of Calgary, has been charged with seventy (70) offences, some of which include:

- break and enter to commit theft
- break and enter to commit mischief
- mischief over \$5,000
- theft over \$5,000
- possession of break-in instruments
- unauthorized possession of a motor vehicle
- possession of prohibited weapon
- possession of a firearm knowing its possession was unauthorized
- unauthorized transport of a firearm

After a judicial interim release hearing, Letourneau-Janveaux was remanded into custody. His next RCMP court appearance is in Alberta Court of Justice in Calgary on Aug. 16.

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RCMP seek public assistance with aggravated assault investigation

GLEICHEN RCMP

On June 5, at 12:40 a.m., Gleichen RCMP responded to a complaint of a male who was suffering from a stab wound on Highway 901 near the Bow River. The victim was approached by two males, with a third male driving a quad nearby, and an altercation took place which resulted in the victim being stabbed. The victim was transported via ground ambulance to the Foothills Hospital with serious non-life-threatening injuries.

Gleichen RCMP continue to investigate and are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspects: suspect 1 is described as a male, 5'9" tall with a slim build. The second suspect is described as a male, 5'9" tall, slim build and long hair.

If you have any information about this incident or those responsible, please call Gleichen RCMP at 403-734-3056. If you wish to remain anonymous you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by Internet at www.tipsubmit.com or by SMS (check your local Crime Stoppers www.crimestoppers.ab.ca for instructions). To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play.

Road safety tips for new drivers

ALBERTA RCMP

This month, the Alberta RCMP is focussing on new driver safety. It takes time to build and develop driving skills.

The Alberta RCMP reminds new, and experienced, drivers to keep these tips in mind:

- Drive sober. You must have a blood-alcohol level of zero. Never drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Don't go solo. Drivers with a learner's licence must be accompanied by a fully licenced (non-GDL probationary) individual. The individual must be 18 years of age or older and seated beside the driver (Government of Alberta, 2021).
- The posted speed limit is the maximum speed in ideal conditions. Slow down if conditions are not ideal.
- Do not drive distracted. Set up your handsfree devices, adjust your mirrors, and ensure everyone is wearing their seatbelt before starting your trip.
- Allow extra time and space when passing a larger vehicle, like an RV.
- Be aware of your surroundings and practice defensive driving.


All drivers have a role to play in upholding traffic safety; with a license comes a responsibility to follow traffic laws and ensure everyone's safety.

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Obituary

HEINK, Andreas Wilfried
March 8 1958 – July 27 2023



Andy was born in Ulm Germany to Eva (Bauer) and Wilfried Heink. In 1959 they immigrated to Canada, arriving in Winnipeg MB. Soon afterwards his sister Patricia was born to the family, and the family later moved to Calgary AB. Andy spent most of his life living and working around Calgary area. He apprenticed as a welder for a couple years, then worked for the family business, North Hill Concrete Co. Ltd., and became the crane operator building hi-rises. In the 80s he started building crates for Tippet Richardson, and soon after became a long-haul driver. In 2004 Andy, along with his partner Char, purchased their own truck and became owner operators and together they travelled all North America coast to coast, including Alaska – living the "High-Life". He worked for Tippet Richardson until 2008, then worked for Quality Move Management until he retired in 2022. He biggest achievement over the years was being awarded Master Mover in 2016. During his down time, Andy loved to tinker in his "massive dream shop" where he did woodworking and welding projects. He built almost all the furniture in his home, and also made many cherished treasures for his close friends. Andy was also well known for his "mastery" with the smoker and the BBQ, and the many dinners he would host for friends. Everyone always looked forward to the invites for an out of this world BBQ feast. His dream was to retire in Mexico where he had been wintering for the past 5 years and making new friendships. It was his paradise and he enjoyed life to the max while he was there. In January, he was diagnosed with cancer and began treatments in Mexico. In May he had a spine surgery which caused many complications. Char went to Mexico and assisted him in returning to Canada with hopes of a better recovery, but his dreams were shattered. Due to many complications, Andy passed away in the loving arms of his long-time companion on the morning of July 27th. Andy was predeceased by his father Wilfried Heink in 2016. Left to cherish his memories are his beloved mother Eva Heink, sister Patricia Heink, sister-in-law Shelley Fizor, nephew Adrian Heink (and wife Ella, and her 2 children), niece Rhea Heink, Andy's only daughter Breanne (and husband Josh) McNulty, many extended relatives in Germany, and of course, his long-time loving companion and best friend Charlotte. Andy also had many friendships far and wide, through work, vacations, and lifestyle. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. A Celebration of Life is being held on August 19th at Cairnhill Community Hall, Strathmore AB.


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Upcoming Council Meetings

September 6, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting
 September 13, 2023 | 6pm Committee of the Whole
 September 20, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

Members of the public are welcome to speak at Council or Committee of the Whole Meetings during the Public Comments or Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Learn how at Strathmore.ca/CouncilMeetings

Excerpt from the 2022 Annual Report

2022 FAST FACTS

Delivering public programs and services, as well as maintaining public facilities, roads, and parks is what we do best. In 2022, your Town accomplished a lot. Here are some highlights:



70+
trees **planted**



209
real **property** reports received

as part of curbside heavy item garbage collection



78
metric tonnes of garbage collected



252
mattresses collected



143
internal **safety** inspections completed



2,280
metric tonnes of **solid waste** collected and disposed of in the landfill



41
GIS web apps created



15,987
linear meters of **sewer lines** cleaned



316
citizen **communication forms** responded to



413,385
Strathmore.ca **pageviews**

we look after:



160.24
kilometers of roadway



24
public **playgrounds**



32.13
kilometers of pathway



276.2
acres of parks and greenspace



4
landuse **bylaw** ammendments approved



891
annuals **planted**



7.74
metric tonnes of asphalt used to fill **potholes**

2022 Annual Report

There is a lot going on in any given year in Strathmore. We just published our 2022 Annual Report where you can learn more about how your Town operates and some of the things we accomplished last year.

Strathmore.ca/2022AnnualReport

