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## Wheatland County talks hydrogen development

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

Wheatland County has opened discussions with its stakeholders regarding the potential to see investments in hydrogen-based energy developed within the local region.

A stakeholder meeting was held with the Canadian Hydrogen Fuel Cell Association (CHFCA) at the Wheatland County Administration Office on Aug. 9 to propose the county as a viable location for industry investment, as well as to better understand how hydrogen fuel will be implemented and why they say it's a good idea.

Jamie Kramble, economic development officer for Wheatland County, explained the County's overall goal within the hydrogen economy is to grow the local economic base, generate tax revenue and create high value employment opportunities.

"Wheatland County is holding a session because we are interested in the hydrogen industry and trying to develop an industry," said Kramble. "We've examined many different sectors and hydrogen seems to be something that we believe is going to grow and become more important."

The County is promoting itself as an attractive location to invest, as it boasts low municipal (non-residential) tax rates, what it refers to as a generous tax incentive for large investors and maintains a close proximity to Calgary and Strathmore.

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## Fun at Summer Fest!

Along with enjoying the sun on Aug. 13, participants of the Strathmore Summer Fest enjoyed a bouncy castle, games, hot dog lunch and movie night, among other activities hosted in the community of Lakewood. See Page 5 for more coverage.

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# Farming for Hospice celebrates partners

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Farming for Hospice celebrated another year of crops grown and harvested in support of their efforts to raise money for a local hospice building on Aug. 9.

Joni McNeely, chairperson for the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society (WAHS), said the team is well on their way to reaching their goal for the new building and is excited for the prospect of finally having their own walls.

“Currently we’re a hospice without walls and we need those walls ... usually, a full quarter section of crop nets us approximately \$100,000 per year,” said McNeely. “As well, the contributions from the community when they support us by buying acres, and as well last year we were very fortunate to have an event put on by Drew Gregory, which helped as well to contribute to the total bottom line, which all goes 100 per cent into building our hospice in collaboration with (Wheatland) Lodge.”

McNeely said the estimated cost of the new hospice will be in the ballpark of \$2.7 million. Currently, the WAHS has raised roughly \$2.1 million in support of their eventual new building.

If the current fundraising trends continue, it will be another couple of years of fundraising before construction begins.

“The next steps would be collaborating with the municipalities to help with some of the operating funds (and) collaborating with Alberta Health Services to help with the operation and support

of all the hospice services,” said McNeely. “We are also looking to increase the knowledge and awareness and ability of our communities to support the hospice, which would entail our community coming in and volunteering to work in the hospice.”

Keith Clayton, WAHS director, said the event hosted on Aug. 9, was aimed to celebrate and recognize the folks who gave Farming for Hospice a hand this year in farming the quarter section at the Nutrien plant.

“Nutrien has given us the opportunity to grow crops on the land and raise money for the hospice society,” said Clayton. “It’s worked out extremely well for the last three years and we appreciate what they’ve done and hope it continues for as long as life is the way it is.”

In the first year of Farming for Hospice’s operation, the team worked out of Standard with a quarter section of farmland rented there.

This year marks the third such operation that has been on land donated for the summer by Nutrien, adjacent to their plant.

“Not every farming organization has the ability to give up a quarter section of land that they use for their own income,” said Clayton. “So, with Nutrien stepping to the plate like this, has been a very fortunate thing for us.”

More information can be found, along with information on the acres of inputs that are still available for purchase and donations that are still being accepted can be found online (wheatlandhospice.ca).

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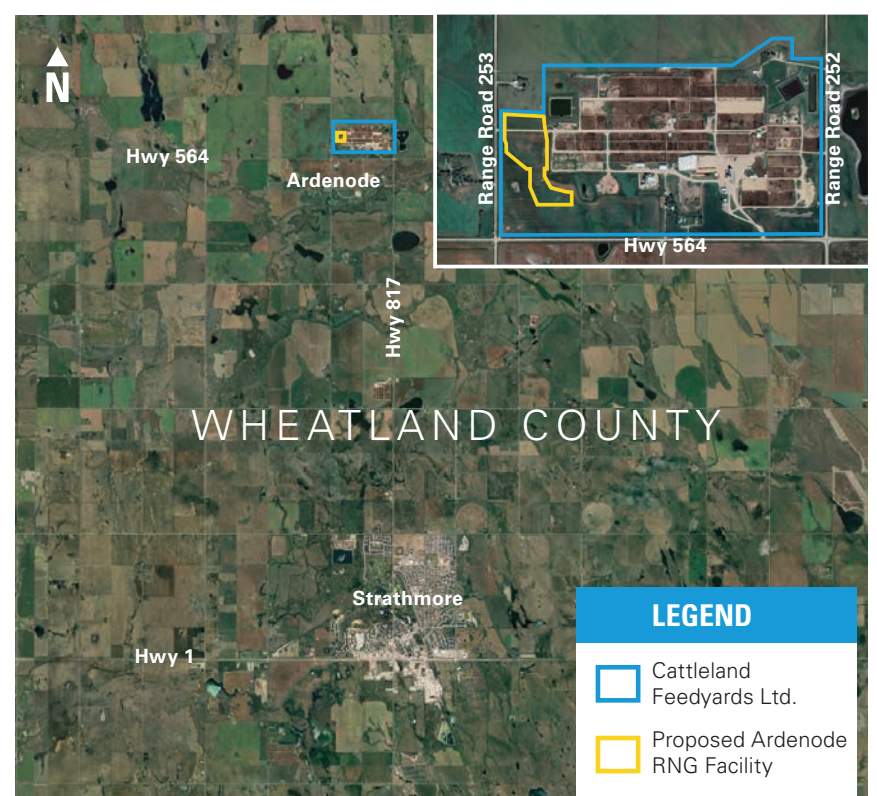
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# Strathmore celebrated with new Monopoly board game

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Outset Media and Walmart Canada have partnered together and are celebrating Strathmore with a limited-edition version of the Monopoly board game.

Titled “Strathmore-opoly,” the game plays near identically to the classic version of Monopoly, however the available properties on the board are themed around the town.

Outset Media public relations coordinator Jared Clarkson said the partnership with Walmart Canada has been ongoing for a few years and Strathmore is one of 200 municipalities across Canada to have been selected for a version of the game.

“They approached us to help them with creating these games for different cities in Canada. There was a similar program that had been going on in the United States previously and they saw the success of that and really wanted to get in and do the same thing for Canadian cities,” said Clarkson. “It’s been going on for three years and we’re close to hitting 200 different cities We’ll probably hit that sometime next year would be my guess.”

Clarkson said the program began with creating versions of the game for larger cities and urban centres such as Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary, but a larger metric of success was found in smaller cities and towns where community was more prevalently celebrated.

The Outset Media team does not collaborate with or reach out to the selected municipalities in any fashion, though during their development process keys the game versions off notable and popular locations throughout the indicated municipalities.

“A lot of small communities tend to celebrate where you’re from and have a lot of hometown pride. So that was kind of one of the reasons ... Strathmore ended up on our radar as one of the (places) that we felt would be a great candidate,” said Clarkson. “Obviously, we’re not able to include everything, that’s just kind of the nature of the game. But, we try to make sure that there’s enough included that someone from Strathmore would feel that it’s a pretty good reflection of the community.”

Unlike starting from scratch with a new board game, new versions of Monopoly can be developed and sent out with relative speed and efficiency.

Typical board game development can elapse



Strathmore-Opoly is available now at Strathmore Walmart. Strathmore is one of roughly 200 Canadian municipalities selected to have board games made in their likeness, based off the classic Monopoly game, made available through a partnership by Offset Media and Walmart Canada.

Photo Courtesy of of Outset Media

years before a final product is able to hit shelves. For a spin-off of an already well-established game, the process is dramatically reduced.

“That’s one of the benefits to having a set idea that we’re working with. It’s not something that has to be constantly like reinventing the wheel every time we do a new city,” said Clarkson. “It’s obviously a very similar game, it’s just we’ve customized it a little bit as far as the properties that are included in that game, so we are able to do a pretty quick turnaround for them.”

Copies of Strathmore-opoly are expected to be available on shelves at the Strathmore Walmart location very soon, if not already. Copies had been shipped to the store prior to publication.

Should the game sell out, those who still want a copy do not yet have to stress, as multiple waves of shipments are planned for delivery to the local Walmart location.

## Arrests made in arson crime

STRATHMORE RCMP

With the assistance of the public through tips received after the initial media release, two suspects were identified and arrested in connection to the arson at Crowther Memorial Junior High School on May 15.

Both suspects were later released on various conditions and were charged in relation to this investigation. Christian Southworth, a 21-year-old male and Luke Kusmack, a 23-year-old male, both of whom are residents of Strathmore have been

charged with Arson and Mischief Over \$5,000. The case remains before the courts at this time.

“Partnerships with our communities are essential to maintain public safety and identify those involved in criminal activity which negatively impacts us all, which was evident in this case,” said Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz, Detachment Commander Strathmore RCMP. “I would like to extend my thanks to our community members who assisted in the identification of those charged in this matter.”

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| 1. Influential Swedish, Belgian clan | 38. Neither                         |
| 6. Swiss river                       | 39. Fencing sword                   |
| 9. Nocturnal S. American rodent      | 41. Italian pastas                  |
| 13. Like coagulated milk             | 44. Island nation close to the U.S. |
| 14. Lima is its capital              | 45. Begets                          |
| 15. Lying down                       | 46. Resembles a pouch               |
| 16. Jai __, sport                    | 48. __ student, learns healing      |
| 17. Egyptian statesman               | 49. Sodium                          |
| 18. Napoleon Dynamite’s uncle        | 51. Indicates position              |
| 19. Renovated                        | 52. The world has one               |
| 21. Chadic language                  | 54. Partner to pains                |
| 22. 18-year period                   | 56. Photographer                    |
| 23. Beverage container               | 60. Chew the fat                    |
| 24. Natural logarithm                | 61. Culture of the British Iron Age |
| 25. The “mecca” of basketball        | 62. Weaverbird                      |
| 28. A way to darken                  | 63. Advice or counsel               |
| 29. Mackerels                        | 64. Asian nation                    |
| 31. Actor Pitt                       | 65. Brought on board                |
| 33. Places to buy seafood            | 66. German river                    |
| 36. True firs                        | 67. Airborne (abbr.)                |
|                                      | 68. Leaf-footed bug genus           |

### CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Mark left behind                        | 27. Goddesses                   |
| 2. Cry weakly                              | 29. A day kids love             |
| 3. Ancient region in modern Syria          | 30. Oily secretion              |
| 4. Farewell                                | 32. One-tenth of a meter        |
| 5. Blue grass state                        | 34. A father’s male child       |
| 6. Genus of mosquitoes                     | 35. One point east of southeast |
| 7. S. Israeli city                         | 37. Silk garments               |
| 8. You can get stuck in one                | 40. Cool!                       |
| 9. One who mistrusts others unjustifiably  | 42. The color of anger          |
| 10. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar | 43. Trade profession            |
| 11. Tigers legend Fielder                  | 47. It can get you around       |
| 12. Make more attractive                   | 49. Mother-of-pearl             |
| 14. Horses                                 | 50. Hurt                        |
| 17. Slight projection in typefaces         | 52. Legendary slugger Hank      |
| 20. Male parent                            | 53. Polio vaccine developer     |
| 21. Jack and Jill are two                  | 55. Incline from vertical       |
| 23. After B                                | 56. Sea creature                |
| 25. Licensed for Wall Street               | 57. Actress Kate                |
| 26. Missile with about 600-mile range      | 58. Affirmative votes           |
|  | 59. Nothing                     |
|  | 61. Pie __ mode                 |
|  | 65. Expresses surprise          |

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A stakeholder meeting was hosted online and in person on Aug. 9 at the Wheatland County administration office, to discuss the potential for hydrogen investment and development in the county. Wheatland County has expressed direct interest in attracting corporate investors to the region to develop plants for power and fuel cells.

John Watson Photo

## County tries to attract hydrogen development

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CHFCA Western Canada Regional Director Matthew Klippenstein, added energy discussions are beginning to shift to hydrogen as a renewable energy source as Canadian and global carbon neutrality goals become ever more ambitious.

"The reason that we are talking about hydrogen today as opposed to 20 years from now, or 20 years ago, is that when governments were making targets in terms of emissions reductions, hydrogen wasn't really needed for the first steps," said Klippenstein. "As soon as you have aggressive policies to try and get to net zero emissions, you need an absolutely huge amount of hydrogen."

According to Klippenstein, Canada's ultimate goal is to bring its hydrogen capacity up to account for 30 per cent of its fuel usage and demand by 2050.

Markus Lehmann, hydrogen specialist for Wheatland County, explained that over the next decade or two, the energy industry is projected to shift dramatically in favour of a hydrogen resource as the infrastructure becomes more prominent and Canada leans into its carbon net-zero goals.

"Over the past 10 to 15 years there has been a trajectory of hydrogen growth of approximately one per cent per annum. That growth from 2022 forward will go into a very Canadian scope and will climb (exponentially) from approximately 100 megatons per year ... up to 600 megatons per year by 2050," said Lehmann. "We are looking at extensive growth and this is not a one-off growth projection by an astute analysis. These are across-the-board analyses that are taking place."

Lehmann added that Wheatland County is in a favourable position to capitalize on the transition to hydrogen power. The next step is to attract and secure local investment.



# Strathmore Summer Fest bigger than ever

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Heckya Media Group and Royal LePage Benchmark teamed up on Aug. 13 to host the Strathmore Summer Fest in support of the Wheatland Crisis Society.

In an upscale event from previously hosted iterations, the team wanted to host a larger community event in the Lakewood development area with several good intentions at hand.

Royal LePage Benchmark event project manager Amanda Bazant said the multipurpose event was put together both to give locals a good excuse to get out of the house for an evening and to support the community.

“We just wanted to have a community event that let people know that Lakewood is here and that there are lots of opportunities for families to come in and it’s just a way to make it more community oriented,” said Bazant.

The summer fest consisted of a bouncy castle, beer garden, touch-a-truck, miniature car show and a 50/50 draw, among other festivities, with all proceeds going towards the Wheatland Crisis Society.

According to Bazant, the event kicked off initially during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic on a much smaller scale. Now that provincial health restrictions have largely been lifted, folks were invited to enjoy a community gathering on a larger scale.

“We had a block party last year, so we decided to grow on that. Royal LePage Benchmark does a lot of events with Lakewood so that’s why we thought, let’s conjoin the two and join forces and make this a bigger event,” said Bazant. “The Fun Runners came to the last block party and then we were there (at their show) serving hot dogs, and we’re like, ‘Okay, well, how do we make this bigger?’”

The hope, added Bazant, is that with a larger event, more people will be attracted to attend as there are plenty of things to enjoy in the location of Lakewood. Although new, is still very accessible to the surrounding community.

Bazant stressed that the event was largely made possible by the contributions of

sponsors, and the intent to donate all proceeds is a new addition to the event this year.

Royal LePage Benchmark is no stranger to helping the Wheatland Crisis Society, to which Bazant said as a recipient, they were a natural fit for the proceeds to go at the festival’s conclusion.

“We’re just trying to help them out so that they can raise some funds for their second stage housing that they’re planning to get off the ground,” said Bazant. “We’ve seen a lot of traction online about people excited to go into it and people sharing it, so that’s really fun and exciting that people are supporting it.”

Going forward, Bazant added the goal is to continue growing the festival as an annual event and continue its efforts to support the Wheatland Crisis Society.



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Royal LePage Benchmark, along with several other partners and sponsors, hosted a summer fest in Strathmore’s new community of Lakewood on Aug. 13. Locals were encouraged to come out for hot dogs, let their kids enjoy a bouncy castle, and a movie night under the stars, among other activities.

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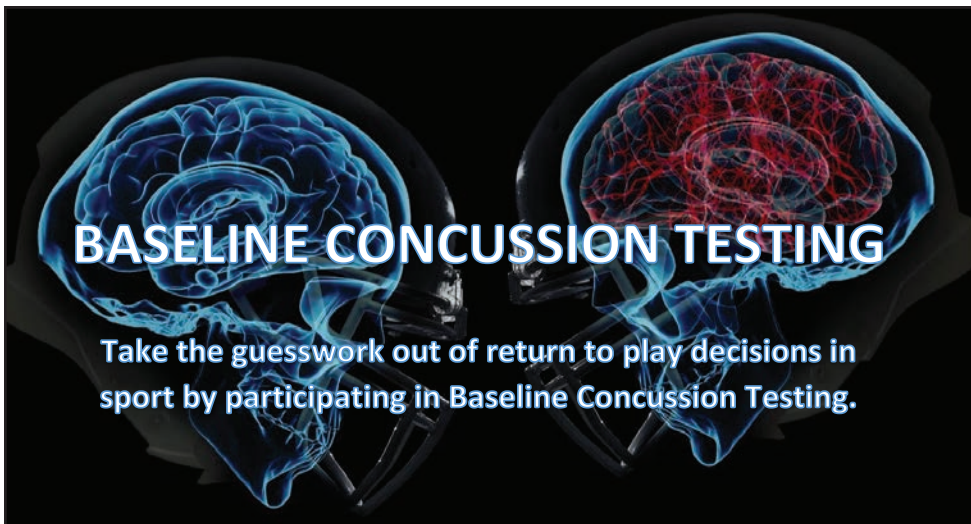
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### Undersea themed box painting

5 for Life hosted a small event in Kinsmen Park on Aug. 8 for children to come out and paint boxes with an undersea theme.

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### Southern Alberta Music Fest returns

The Southern Alberta Music Festival returned to Aspen Crossing on Aug. 13-14 for folks to come out, relax, enjoy the beer gardens and listen to local music from across the province. The weekend of entertainment also helps to support the Stars Air Ambulance by raising both awareness and money for the charity.

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# Strathmore Venom takes home bronze

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Venom Junior B lacrosse team claimed the Tier 2 bronze medal at the Provincial Championship on the Aug. 7.

This year's tournament was particularly exciting for the team as it is the first time Strathmore had a representative at provincials since 2010.

The team's head coach Lucas Bobbitt said despite the tournament getting off to a rocky start for the Venom, the boys were able to make a significant comeback to play for third.

"We ended up having to play the only team that we knew out of the tournament – Cranbrook, who was undefeated going in," said Bobbitt. "We had a very hard-fought game between them and us that resulted in us losing 9-6. However, during that game, we also lost our captain and leading scorer, Riley Gallant, to a broken hand, so that kind of set the rest of the tournament off on a bit of a low note."

Despite his injury, Gallant was kept on the bench to help encourage the team and see them through to the end.

"The boys, they went into the next game against Sylvan Lake and there was a bit of a negative energy in the room. The boys were a little bit beat up because we had to put so much into that game against Cranbrook the night before that we didn't have a ton left in the tank the next morning," said Bobbitt.

Strathmore's Venom Junior B began to turn things around in their third game of the round robin, taking on Lloydminster – a team that had just previously dethroned Cranbrook.

The boys defeated Lloydminster 8-5. Bobbitt said it was exactly the pick-me-up his team needed to get their heads back into it.

"That just kind of reiterated to the boys that when they play a complete game, they can beat any team in that league," said Bobbitt. "Going into it, it was honestly a mean-nothing game. We already knew we were playing for bronze; they already knew they were playing for gold. I told the boys going in, I said, 'let's just have fun, remember why you love this game.'"

Bobbitt added he feels strongly about his team going into next season, as none of his players are going to be graduating into the next age bracket.

"The first thing I said to these guys after the bronze medal game was, 'next year, we're turning this into gold,' because you can't take a group this good, this tight-knit and not (go for gold)," said Bobbitt. "They're coming back with another year's experience, they've been to the dance, they've battled it out and they're going to come back next year and work even harder now that they know what it feels like to lose. They want to know what it feels like to win."



The Strathmore Venom Junior B lacrosse team took home bronze at their provincial tournament, held Aug. 5-7. Though the boys got off to a rough start, they were able to pick themselves back up to take home a third-place finish.

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### Discussing her platform

UCP leadership candidate and Chestermere-Strathmore MLA Leela Aheer hosted a town hall meeting at Strathmore's Great War Memorial Hall on Aug. 7, to discuss her platform and ideas should she win the leadership seat of the UCP. Several interested residents attended the town hall to learn more about what she had in mind and to ask questions of their local MLA.

John Watson Photo



### Senior Pro Rodeo comes to town

The Strathmore Senior Pro Rodeo took place Aug. 13-14 and featured experienced riders competing in the pro rodeo arena. Linda Jones formed a perfect clover leaf pattern during the barrel racing event on Aug. 14.

Joe Lepage Photo

## Senior Barrel Racer returns to the ring after life-threatening accident

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After her near-death experience during last year's Strathmore Senior Pro Rodeo, Julie Bland is back in the saddle to complete her unfinished barrel race.

During her run at the 2021 rodeo, Bland's horse fell on top of her before she was able to complete her run. She suffered a concussion, four broken ribs, a broken sternum and a collapsed lung.

"I don't actually remember any of the wreck, but I have pictures that show me what happened," said Bland. "I have to thank everybody who jumped into action and took care of my horse and I in the arena. I had stopped breathing ... I think if it wasn't for them, I would not have survived the wreck."

Bland spent five days recovering in hospital before she was released, to which she added it was roughly three months before she was truly moving around and six months before she was able to lift anything of substance.

Despite this, however, she said she was up and riding again two weeks following the wreck.

"They can't really do physiotherapy for injuries like that. It was just 'take it easy and take it slow' ... (but) I grew up riding horses and I'd be lost without the ability to ride."

Bland's father, John Bland, said it's an emotional event

seeing his daughter get back up on her horse to finish her race after the wreck last year.

Despite not being in town during the Strathmore Senior Pro Rodeo to be able to see his daughter race, the elder Bland added he will be supporting her through and through.

"She could have been killed, she could have been brain injured, she could have been made a quadriplegic. We're just so thankful for her recovery," said John. "The sight of her laying there, unconscious, will never leave. It's huge that she is back in the saddle."

For Bland, she said she feels a need to conquer the Strathmore arena for her own sake and to move past a fear of repeating the wreck.

Her run at the Strathmore Senior Pro Rodeo was not timed and was scheduled after all the official competitors had completed their runs.

"It's just, to finish the run I couldn't complete last year, I'm scared out of my mind, but to conquer the fear I have to conquer that same arena," said Bland. "Everybody understands that I've got to conquer that fear to come back, so they are really cheering me on. I've been barrel racing since I was 16-years-old and I'm 52 now. I don't do it for the money, I don't do it for the glory. I do it just for the fun of doing it."

The Strathmore Senior Pro Rodeo took place Aug. 13-14, with Bland's run being on the former date.

## Amazing weekend in the riding

LEELA SHARON AHEER  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers! I want to give a shout-out to our communities in our riding yet again, what an amazing weekend filled with music, great food, fantastic conversation and you and your families.

I want to speak about energy this week. There are many writers that I will refer to in this article with multiple positions because I think it is important to share multiple sides as we deliver ideas on policy, clean-up, surface rights and other critical issues when it comes to our resource sector. I have always said and truly believe that our resource stewardship in our province is world-class. Not only are we way ahead in our ability to produce and deliver responsibly resourced and needed energy to the world, but we also have an obligation to do so, as billions of people on this earth go without proper access to inexpensive energy, the key to education and prosperity for burgeoning middle classes all over the world. We are wealthy beyond belief here and as my friend and energy policy analyst David Yager says:

"It is obvious to anyone who thinks about the big picture. A small group in the wealthy, energy-rich West pretends to speak for the entire world without asking billions of people what they want or need."

This statement speaks to all of us as energy producers because we care deeply about our earth, air and water, responsible resource stewardship, and the growth of our economy and economies outside of Canada.

Dan Tsubouchi, chief market specialist at SAF group, posted an interesting tweet; he said

"Must read! #Aramco CEO Nasser 'rest of world will not

transition at the same speed as developed world. This is where most of humanity lives.' ie. 6.8b of 7.8b world! It's why #EnergyTransition 'ambition is years ahead of reality.' #Oil #NatGas look good for 2020s. #OOTT"

Please look at the following article as it gives some insight into what is happening globally right now.

"Aramco Profit Surges to Another Record on Bumper Oil Market" by Reema Al Othman and Anthony Di Paola (Aug. 14, 12:06 a.m. Updated on Aug. 14, 3:18 a.m. With assistance by Kateryna Kadabashy, Patrick Sykes and Leen Al-Rashdan)

They stated in their article. "Aramco expects oil demand to continue to grow for the rest of the decade, despite downward economic pressures on short-term global forecasts," Chief Executive Officer Amin Nasser said. Energy companies boomed in the first half of this year. Russia's invasion of Ukraine roiled markets, sending oil prices above \$100 a barrel and causing refining margins to soar, while Aramco is benefiting from both high production and sales prices. Firms such as Exxon Mobil Corp. and Shell Plc made record earnings in the second quarter."

The most concerning part of this article is that President Biden went to speak with Saudi Arabian folks about boosting production when his neighbour Canada could have boosted that production easily had he signed off on Keystone. Starting today, if Trudeau and Biden work together, we could see the pipeline going in six months to a year. Given the situation globally, we could benefit the world with our resources by increasing supply. We see protests worldwide as energy prices rise, and it is time for Canada to rise to the occasion!

As always, we love to hear from you.

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

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### Obituary



#### HAYNE, Allan James

Allan James Hayne, 81, of Carseland, Alberta passed away on July 23rd, 2022.

Allan was born in Carseland to Mary & James Hayne on November 14th, 1940.

The Hayne family originally moved into the Bow River Valley in January of 1919, formally known as Dinton County which became Blackie County and finally the County of Vulcan.

Allan grew up playing hockey and farming, he spent his adult years following his boys through their various sports and adventures. He also judged a lot of rodeos. Allan spent his retirement years on the farm, tinkering and working away. He also had a great love for animals especially his horses which was well known.

Allan is survived by his son Merle; his two granddaughters, Cedar and Kelby; his good friend Lorna Rasmussen; and many family & friends.

Allan is predeceased by his mother Mary, father Jim, and Allan's son, Dale Jason Hayne.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, August 19, 2022, at Carseland Community Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

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## RCMP Serious Crimes Branch investigate Strathmore homicide

STRATHMORE RCMP

On Aug. 12 at approximately 1:15 p.m., Strathmore RCMP responded to a sudden death at AgeCare Sagewood in Strathmore.

A 63-year-old female was discovered deceased and the manner of death was deemed to be a homicide. The RCMP Serious Crimes Branch has taken over carriage of the investigation.

During the investigation police identified a suspect, however, he was located deceased within the City of Calgary. Both the victim and suspect were known to each other, and police are not searching for any other suspects.

Autopsies of both deceased were conducted at the Calgary Office of Chief Medical Examiner on Aug. 15.

No further information will be released.



*Obituary*



**HELFRICH,  
Eugene William "Gene"**

Eugene William Helfrich "Gene", born October 4th, 1937, passed away peacefully on August 10th, 2022. Eugene was the 5th of 9 children born to Joseph and Aplonia Helfrich. Dad grew up in Leader, SK. After graduating high school, his first job was with the CIBC in Lacadena, SK. In the late 1950s, he joined his brothers in Rockyford, AB, initially trucking. Eventually, the Helfrich brothers built feed mills in Rockyford and Strathmore. Eugene would become the sole owner of Strathmore Feed Service. He sold the mill in 1988 and started a career in real estate. Eugene worked with ReMax Realty Strathmore until he retired in 2012.

At a New Year's Eve dance in 1960, Dad met Ellen Voutier. They were married on August 10th, 1963. They celebrated 59 years of marriage to the day. Gene and Ellen had four children, Greg (Jeanette), Denise (Gerald), Warren (Kelly) and Glenda (Earl); seven grandchildren, Kira (Barent), Lyndsay (Nevine), Chelsey (Aaron), Ben (Katrina), Ainsley, Graden and Jacob; and four great-grandchildren, Charlie, Jack, Claire and Lily. Eugene is predeceased by his grandchild Brett William Helfrich and siblings: Nick, John, Ralph and Pius.

Dad grew up playing sports, mostly ball and some hockey. As children, we would watch him play slow pitch (The OV Bears) or hockey (The Slow Puckers). When he was not playing he was coaching hockey. In his later years Dad enjoyed golfing and curling. Eugene curled until he was no longer able to see the rocks at the end of the rink. In addition to coaching, Gene worked within the community to enhance sporting facilities. He sat on building committees for both the arena and the aquatic center. An honour for Dad was being named Sportsman of the Year (1980). Over the years Dad belonged to many service groups. Gene was involved with the Knights of Columbus, the Lions Club and the Strathmore Agricultural Society. He often took on leadership roles, his experience and insight were valued. These service organizations provided many social opportunities; Lions campouts at Dogpound, conventions and conferences. Both Gene and Ellen were committed to bettering their local community, for Dad that meant giving his time and talents and for Mom it meant running a busy household behind the scenes. In 2019 Eugene was recognized as a founding member of the Strathmore Agricultural Society, it would be his last public event. Eugene was a man of faith. He belonged to Sacred Heart Parish in Strathmore and volunteered in many capacities over the years.

Eugene and Ellen loved to travel. Early trips were in a motorhome, to Saskatchewan, Niagara Falls and Disneyland. There are many stories of his refusal to pull over lest the vehicles he passed get ahead of him. Mom and Dad travelled throughout their marriage, enjoying the time spent together.

Dad had a memory for numbers. Whether it was a phone number for a Strathmore business or a birthday, Gene would know. In recent years his talent for numbers was evident when adding up the total for a game, this part of his brain was sharp right through. Our family is grateful to many people who have helped with Dad's care. We have been blessed to have Shannon Hicks and Al support mom and dad for several years. We truly appreciate how much you do for them. Thank you! Betty Reyes was a saving grace when dad's care needs increased. We are grateful you came into our lives when you did. Thank you! Jacqueline Bagha helped Mom to care for dad at home until his health necessitated a move to Sagewood in May 2022. Jacqueline provided love and support to both of our parents; words cannot fully express how eternally grateful we are to her. We will be forever grateful and thankful to the beautiful and caring staff at Sagewood and Dr. Florence Obianyor. Thank you! Thank you to Dad's doctor, Dr. Farai Senzani, for his care over the years. We appreciate your thoughtful advice and dedication.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 20th, 2022, at 10:00 am at the Hope Community Covenant Church in Strathmore, AB (245 Brent Blvd). Lunch will follow at the Travelodge in Strathmore (350 Ridge Road). A Prayer Service will be held at Wheatland Funeral Home (202 Lakeside Blvd) at 7:00 pm Friday, August 19th. If you wish, donations may be made in Eugene's honour directly to the Wheatland & Area Hospice Society (www.wheatlandhospice.ca).

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**PORTEOUS,  
Gordon Ian**

June 2, 1949 - August 8, 2022

Gordon Ian Porteous was born on June 2, 1949 to Berenice and Hume Porteous in Calgary, AB. He shared his childhood with siblings Duncan, Scott and Jean on the family farm near Madden, AB. Gordon raised 3 children Cindy, Garth and Roxanne alongside their mother Dawn in Seven Persons and Camrose. Gordon's passion for Agriculture and politics started at a young age where he was an active member of 4-H and Premier of Tuxis Parliament. He then farmed for many years and raised purebred Herefords in southern Alberta. Gordon loved being involved in fairs and exhibitions. Where he excelled at taking a small town fair and turning them into innovative services and agriculture programs for the community.

He was the General Manager of the Camrose Regional Exhibition for 10 years where he was part of many boards such as Canadian Bull Congress, AAAS Director/President and CAFE director. His dedicated efforts were recognized with the prestigious merit award in 1999 from AAAS. His children often joked that all vacations involved a bull sale or a tour of fair grounds. Gordon was quoted saying "Ag societies can be the melting point of a community because they extend beyond the municipal, religious and cultural differences". These ideals lead him to return to school where he received a diploma in Asia Pacific Management in 2002 and travelled to China for agriculture consulting.

He loved China and returned many times where he studied to become an ESL instructor. Later he moved to Strathmore where he taught with Global and Fleet Safety. After retirement Gordon and his partner Dio opened their own cleaning business. Gordon took pride in helping others and will be missed by many.

Gordon was preceded by his mother and father. Will always be remembered by partner Dio. Children Cindy (Greg) Timinski their children Rheanna, Jayna; Garth (Karla) Porteous their children Kiara, Landon, Kale (in Heaven), Makaya; Roxanne (Gavin) Wakefield their children Shayla, Kaden, Kaci; mother of their children Dawn. Brothers Duncan Porteous and Scott (Janet) Porteous, sister Jean (Norm) Wong. As well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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*Obituary*

**ROBINSON, Judy**

Ms. Judy Robinson of Stettler, Alberta, passed away on July 22 of this year, at the age of 79. Judy spent the majority of her teaching career in Strathmore, starting in 1969. She taught at three local schools: Samuel Crowther, Westmount, and Brentwood. After retirement from teaching, Judy returned to Stettler, where she was born.

*Obituary*



**URBANIEC,  
Liam Patrick**

It is with great sadness that the friends of Liam Patrick Urbaniec announce his sudden passing on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at the age of 51. He is predeceased by his mother, June, his father, Ryszard and his brother Paul. Liam cared about others, but especially his mom. He devoted several years to caring for her alongside his mom's dear friend Margie from Strathmore. Following her passing he worked as a Custodian for the Golden Hills School Division where the children brought him immense joy and the job, great pride. Liam was a good friend to many. He will be remembered for his thoughtful and caring nature, his sincere gratitude towards others and his love of the Boston Bruins.

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## Public Notice to Electors of the Town of Strathmore, Province of Alberta

### Section 191 - Municipal Government Act

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to repealing the loan By-law No. 20-16 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Town to repeal the loan by-law which was for the purpose of lending monies in the amount of \$23,000 to the Strathmore Overnight Shelter.

The total outlay for the aforesaid loan amounts to \$23,000.00. The loan, including principal and interest, was repayable in 90 days and the loan has been repaid in full.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Strathmore that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on By-law No. 22-22 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said repeal of the loan by-law.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly.

DATED at the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta this 21st day of July 2022.

Per: Kara Rusk  
Director of Strategic, Administrative, and Financial Services

DATE of the last publication of this notice is the 10th day of August 2022.



## Public Hearing Notice September 7, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

The Town of Strathmore has received an application for a redesignation within the SW-11-24-25-W4M as listed in the table below and shown on the attached map.

This redesignation is proposed to facilitate a pea protein processing facility. The proposed District Overlay would permit a handful of general industrial, agricultural, and agricultural processing uses, allows for a maximum height of 37m, allows for the parking stall requirements to be at the discretion of the approving authority, and does not require specific exterior building materials. Staff are also proposing to add a new definition for "Agricultural Processing and Manufacturing" to the Land Use Bylaw and include it as a permitted use in the proposed district overlay.

### Public Hearing Process

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM and in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 commencing at 6:00 p.m. with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #16-18 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 suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Jonathan Strathdee at [jonathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca](mailto:jonathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca) by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 in order to register to present. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Planning and Development Department prior to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 as outlined in Bylaw #16-18 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

A copy of the proposed Bylaw may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta), or can be found on the Town website: <https://strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/public-hearings.aspx>

Please contact Johnathan Strathdee 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.

