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Spectacular parade

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Thrilling dash for cash

Record-setting Stampede

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Stampede has come to a close, setting an attendance record for the fifth straight year running, and was regarded by Ryan Schmidt, president and CEO of the Strathmore Agricultural Society, as possibly the most exciting iteration of the event ever.

“The Running With the Bulls was amazing, and that is partially why there were only two heats. The bulls had been a little more tame the last few years and we thought maybe they were not energetic enough for the crowd,” he said. “This year we asked our contractor – we need to bring a little more game for these bulls – but when they showed up, the bulls that were in the last heat were so big and so mean that we actually called it (off) – we couldn’t let those bulls out in the ring like we thought; they might tear the entire place apart.”

Schmidt added the rodeo and chuckwagons had each fully sold out across the Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, the debut of the new infield suites he explained was a massive success.

As usual, going forward the Strathmore Stampede team aims to keep coming up with new ideas to bring fun and interesting entertainment to the grounds for Stampede patrons.

“You try certain things and some are a hit, like the mechanical bull has been so popular every year so we bring that back, but then we swap other things up,” he said. “Really, we are moving towards trying to do more of an agricultural theme in our general grounds, so kind of the Ag Faire look of things. We are always looking for new activities for kids and families on that front.”

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Bulls shine in Strathmore

Many fans, and literally some competitors, were head over heels for the Running With the Bulls during the Strathmore Stampede. The marquee event, which featured more aggressive bulls than ever before, was held on Saturday and Sunday night right before the chuckwagon races. See Page 14 for more coverage.

John Watson Photo

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There were plenty of things to see and do during the annual Strathmore Stampede, Aug. 2-5. Besides the rodeo, Running With the Bulls and the chuckwagon races, the weekend was filled with activities for most people to take part in.

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RCMP provides tips to help curb auto theft

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Summer is a busy time as everyone rushes to enjoy the weather while they can. During these times we often don't follow our usual routines, spending much more time away from home and driving to our next destination. The Alberta RCMP wants to remind everyone on how to protect their belongings. Don't let the fun distract you – protect yourself against theft of, and from, vehicles.

In 2023 there were 8,710 auto thefts in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions; there have been 3,932 in the first six months of this year. Trucks are the most commonly stolen vehicle each year.

To help prevent auto thefts here are some tips to help keep your vehicle and belongings safe while you enjoy your summer vacations:

- Always lock your vehicle, even if you are just running into the store to grab something quickly.
- Make sure that all windows are closed when you leave your vehicle.
- Park your vehicle within sight and in a well-lit area.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage. Otherwise, try to park it such that it can't be easily moved by an

opportunistic thief.

- Never leave keys or garage door openers in your vehicle. Garage door openers can be stolen, along with personal identifying documents, and used to identify and enter your home.

- Ensure that personal belongings, especially important documents, are not stored in your vehicle.

- Remove loose change and valuables. These items can be enticing to criminals.

No one is immune to auto theft, but practicing auto theft safety can help you avoid becoming a victim.

This August the RCMP will be using #AutoRoutine to provide information on how to keep your vehicles safe this summer. Follow us on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) and X (@RCMPAlberta) for tips and reminders to help reduce thefts of, and from, vehicles this summer.

If you see something suspicious, report it to your local police service. If you see a crime in progress, call 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

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Strathmore Stampede wraps, sets fifth straight attendance record

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Every year with an event of this scale, there is bound to be something that runs amiss. Schmidt explained there were complications with some of the generators sent out to the Ag Grounds which resulted in the loss of audio during the national anthem for Friday's rodeo.

"There are always things you can do in the background, but for us, as long as we put on a great show for our fans, they are not going to fuss too much about that stuff," he added. "They want to see a great rodeo, great chuckwagons, listen to great music, and I think we delivered that this year."

Similar to previous years, the Strathmore Stampede team had continued the trend of needing to go on a beer run mid event to resupply as they had sold out.

Schmidt also expressed his thanks to the greater than 400 volunteers who came out to help in making the Strathmore Stampede possible this year.

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Strathmore firefighters deployed to Jasper

JOHN WATSON
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Firefighters from Strathmore had been deployed to join the fight in Jasper to protect and rescue as much of the townsite as possible.

David Sturgeon, director of emergency management for the Town of Strathmore, explained a re-quest for assistance was received by the Strathmore Fire Department July 24 from the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) to de-ploy resources to Jasper.

“After getting approval through our CAO, we were able to send two members and a tender, which is basically a water hauling truck that has a pump and firefighting capabilities,” he said. “They have since returned as of July 31 back to the hall, so they spent eight days up there helping extinguish fires throughout the town and once com-mand was happy, they were able to release that asset back to us.”

Sturgeon said the tender which was sent from Strathmore is a shorter unit than many of its kind which were in operation in Jasper, and thus it was able to reach many areas which other larger vehicles were not able to get to.

The Strathmore unit which was deployed reportedly worked largely to extinguish hotspots, leftover structure fires, and smoldering fires within the town.

“It is entirely possible that we may be requested to go back up there. Obviously, it will be up to the commander through AEMA, but should they request it, we would ensure that our local area is covered and we have enough personnel and apparatus,” said Sturgeon. “If we can spare one for a limited time, then we will do that, so we will go through that process every time we are requested for something.”

One of Strathmore’s Type 6 engines remains deployed east of High Level and has been there since July 9 assisting with their situation. That engine was scheduled to return to Strathmore Aug. 5.

This year, Sturgeon said 25 members of the Strathmore Fire Department completed the provincial requirement training, called the Wildland Urban Interface Training, who are now certified to be deployed remotely from Strathmore.

Strathmore also boasts several officers, Sturgeon included, who are able to take on the roles of Taskforce Leaders to be on similar incidents and emergencies.

“It seems like more and more – obviously because we are outside the forest interface area, so they like to draw from us just because we do not have the highest threat levels,” said Sturgeon.

Wildfire containment efforts continue within the Jasper region. An evacuation order for Jasper and Jasper National Park remains in effect.

Drew Gregory nominated for three YYC Music Awards

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Drew Gregory has been nominated in three categories for the YYC Music Awards, which will be taking place at the Grey Eagle Event Centre in September.

“It was kind of a surprise, but it is really great to see it. I am up for people’s choice, single of the year for our single, ‘Neon Times,’ and country recording of the year,” said Gregory. “They do a country recording and then single of the year is across all genres, country recording is obviously just country music, so we are up for both of those with Neon Time.”

He added he has been nominated in categories for the YYC Music Awards several times, though often is unable to attend the event due to scheduling complications.

During the inaugural year of the YYC Music Awards, Gregory was successful in being awarded male artist of the year.

“I think my favorite part about any of these awards weekends is just kind of getting to see everybody again, more than the awards themselves. It is always nice to be nominated for, for something, but I definitely like running in and talking with people and we do not get together too often as artists,” he said. “When we can all get together for a night like this for celebrating, I think it is always a good time.”

Gregory himself hails from Standard, which boasts a village population hovering at approximately 400 people.

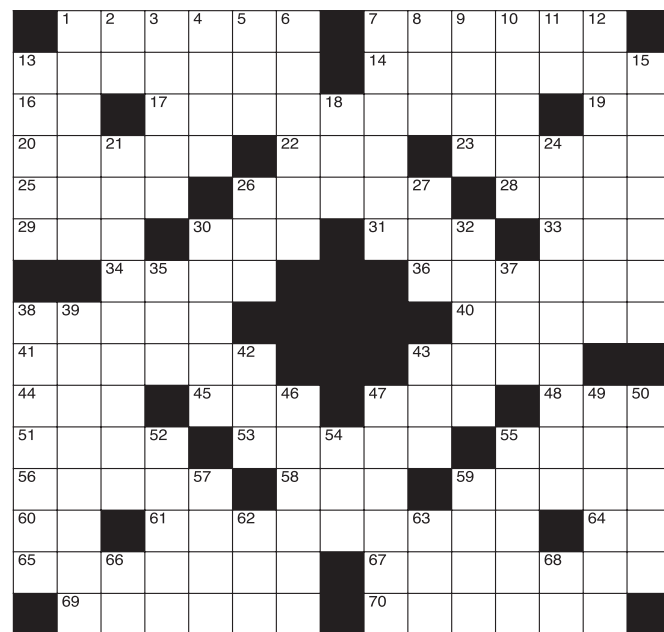
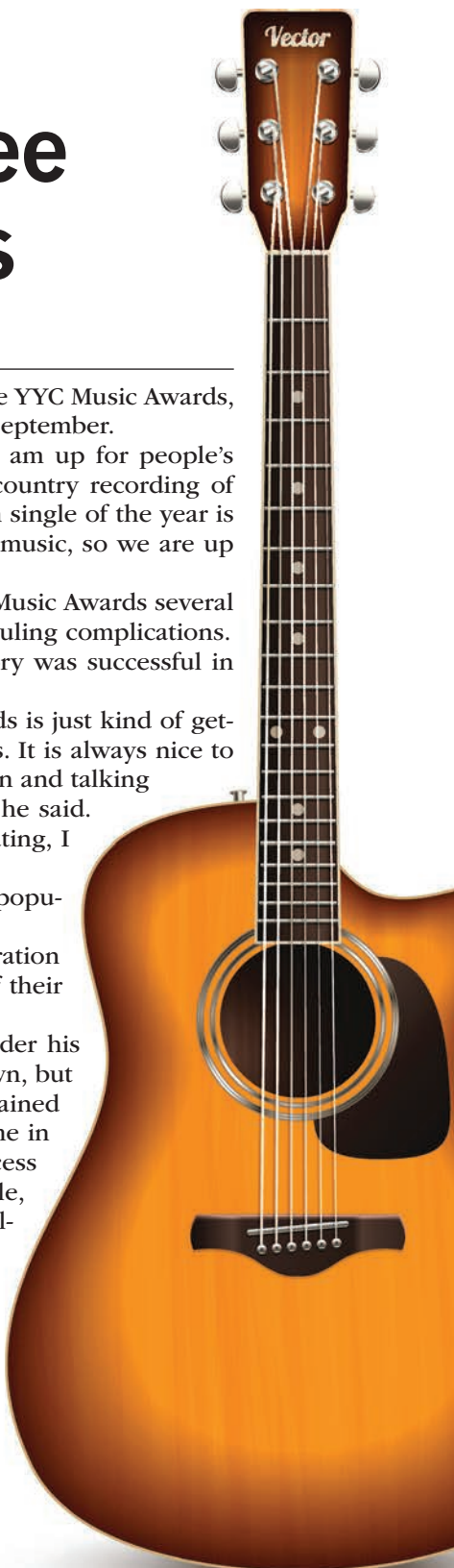
His single, Neon Time, he explained was written in collaboration with Wade Kirby and Jim Collins, who both boast notoriety of their own rights in Nashville.

“I got hooked up with them through Bobby Wills; I am under his record label now, so Bobby had a pretty good career of his own, but he started Willing Records over the past couple of years,” explained Gregory. “I started working with him, and he started putting me in touch with some of the songwriters that he had a lot of success with over his career. It was a songwriting trip down to Nashville, and it was the first time I had written with either (Kirby or Collins) and it was at Jim Collins’ house.”

Gregory added he believes it a very special thing to be recognized by the fans directly through the people’s choice award regardless of which awards show an artist is participating at.

“I remember putting a post out that we were up for it and I can’t remember how many times it got shared ... it was crazy how many people clicked on the link ... and it was very nice to see that people are paying attention and you have a fan base,” he said.

The YYC Music Awards will be taking place on Sept. 29.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Spiritual leaders
- 7. A solution
- 13. Fortified wine
- 14. Edible mollusk
- 16. Blood group
- 17. A way to compare
- 19. Gov’t lawyer
- 20. Actor Ciaran
- 22. Calendar month
- 23. Very willing
- 25. ___ ex Machina
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Type of berry
- 29. Distinctive practice
- 30. Popular pickup truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid material
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. German founder of psychology
- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. A situation you can be in
- 45. Cigarette (slang)
- 47. Fiber optic network (abbr.)
- 48. Belgian composer Walter
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 55. Musical or vocal sound
- 56. Yankees’ great judge
- 58. Dickens character
- 59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- 60. South Dakota
- 61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 64. Atomic #79
- 65. Former Braves pitcher Julio
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl
- 70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Commercial
- 3. Arts and crafts supplies
- 4. Containers
- 5. Investment vehicle
- 6. A way to greet in a friendly way
- 7. Bulged downward
- 8. “A Day Without” singer
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
- 11. Negative
- 12. Caused to be loved
- 13. Prominent in Islamic eschatology
- 15. Sincere
- 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction
- 24. Bill Murray chased one
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Swedish krona
- 30. Start over
- 32. Wild white or yellow flower
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
- 38. Up-to-date
- 39. Campaigns
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. One who supports the Pope
- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. Central Japanese city
- 59. Garment
- 62. Draw from
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man
- 68. Top government lawyer

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Lunch with the premier

Premier Danielle Smith visited the Strathmore Stampede for the second year running and was greeted with a buffet lunch, Aug. 3. Representatives from the town, county, and Siksika Nation were in attendance to participate.

John Watson Photos



Emerging Artist Showcase returns to Stampede for second year

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Emerging Artist Showcase returned to the Strathmore Stampede for the second year running, giving new artists a stage on which to perform, compete, and get their names out into the community.

“The Emerging Artist Showcase here at the Strathmore Stampede is all about creating a safe, great environment for new and upcoming, emerging artists around Southern Alberta,” said Taffinel LeBlanc, onsite event coordinator with the Strathmore Stampede. “What I want to do is really promote all these great, great acts we have, give them a great area to come out and promote their live music. Strathmore loves live music; I want to keep it here.”

She explained the support from the community for the showcase has been tremendous, and artists have been excited to sign up to participate.

Those who have expressed interest in getting on stage have ranged from students to music teachers, to fledgling musicians looking to get their start.

“We are up against Big Valley Jamboree this weekend, as we all know on the long weekend, but I still think we had a great turnout,” said LeBlanc. “We had six or seven contestants, which really equals out to over an hour’s worth of live music each day in the afternoon.”

Included in this year’s competing roster were Dallas Larsen from Strathmore, KJ Miller, Stephanie Merkus, and Mya Kate all from Calgary, as well as Aaron Dean, whose hometown was not specified.

This year’s Emerging Artist Showcase winner, walking away with \$250 and a new acoustic guitar is KJ Miller.

In addition to the prizes, Miller won an opportunity to open at the Cowboy Town Concert.

“KJ, I have actually known him for a couple of



KJ Miller, hailing from Calgary, was the winner of the second annual Emerging Artist Showcase which took place throughout the Strathmore Stampede. Miller walked away with \$150 cash and a new acoustic guitar from the opportunity.

John Watson Photo

years, he used to do a duo event; he has great vocal ability, great vocal range, he is a sweet guy, he is just getting his confidence on guitar, which is amazing,” said LeBlanc. “This is what a showcase is about, is showing me what you got, showing the world what you have, and it is a great start for him.”

The ongoing goal for the Emerging Artist Showcase is to continue spreading the word that it will be hosted annually in order to attract more and more new talent to the stage.

Any genre of music, with artists from any age group are welcome to sign up and participate. The sole condition being that the event is not intended for artists who are already signed and recording.

Judging criteria are based on vocal ability, an artist’s skill on their instrument, their stage presence, and several other factors.



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 13: Council Meeting

August 20: Municipal Planning Commission

August 20: Committee of the Whole

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Agenda packages can be found on our website.

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

Re: Refusal of Development Permit 2024-036 for a Commercial Cannabis Store

Legal Description: SE 13-22-23W4; 504 Main Street Gleichen

Permit Refused – July 9, 2024 - Municipal Planning Commission

At the hearing(s) the SDAB will hear from the appellant(s) and/or the agent; from any person who claims to be affected by the proposal; and from any other person who wishes to make representation AND whom the SDAB agrees to hear. Comments may be made verbally at the hearing, OR if you wish to present a written submission, you must have copies of the same to be distributed at the commencement of the hearing. Any submissions you make are collected under the authority of subsection 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purposes set out in sections 678 and 686 of the Municipal Government Act. Submissions will form part of a report available to the public and may be referenced in the Board’s public written decision. If you have any questions regarding the collection or retention of this information, contact the Wheatland County FOIP Coordinator at (403) 934-3321.

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.

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.

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Bow River Riding MP Martin Shields once again partnered with the Strathmore Municipal Library to host a hot dog fundraiser, Aug. 3, to raise money for the library. Historically, the event raises roughly \$500 for the library to support their programming.

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Martin Shields, Strathmore Library host hot dog fundraiser

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library, in partnership with Bow River Riding MP Martin Shields, hosted a hot dog fundraiser in Kinsmen Park, shortly following the conclusion of the Strathmore Stampede Parade on Aug. 3.

Hosted annually, the event aims to raise money to assist the library in being

able to maintain its regular programming throughout the course of a given year.

“All the money donated goes to the library to expand our programs and services and make sure that we can keep offering all that we do for free to Strathmore and area residents,” said Rachel Dick Hughes, director of library services. “The impact is so broad ... the finances are always important for public

institutions; we need that money to keep our doors open, but also the library being out in the community and visible puts it on people’s radar.”

At previous iterations of the event, approximately \$500 tends to be reliably raised for the library. Dick Hughes added this equates to roughly 20 per cent of the library’s annual program budget.

“Our budget for programs is only \$2,500 in a year, so we do a lot with the money that we can get, and so \$500 is huge. That could essentially fund all the supplies for our early literacy programs for the year,” she said. “It is a big deal for us. Our main challenge is just making sure we have the funds to have the staff available to help people.”

The library’s board of directors maintains an ongoing goal to raise \$10,000 beyond what is granted to the library by the town and the province every year.

Thus far throughout the current year, Dick Hughes said the library has been able to breach the \$4,000 mark to support its programs and operations.

“We have had a lot of support from businesses such as Domino’s, Peavy Mart, Coop, No Frills, and Four Sisters,”

she explained. “We are seeing a lot of community support, and it just means a lot and it means we can just make sure that more children are starting school ready to read and that children do not struggle as much in school, and event that adults who are struggling with literacy or digital challenges get the support that they need.”

Shields emphasized the importance of local libraries not only for literacy tools, but also for the host of services to the public able to be provided by such facilities.

“They can answer so many of the questions that people might have, and they are open more days and more hours than any other public service in our country,” said Shields. “Library hours are extensive compared to other places you might go to get services, and they have access to a lot of information, a lot of services, and it is not just about books.”

The Strathmore Library will be hosting several more fundraisers in the fall, such as a silent auction in October, and the return of the cat café, working alongside the Happy Cat Sanctuary.



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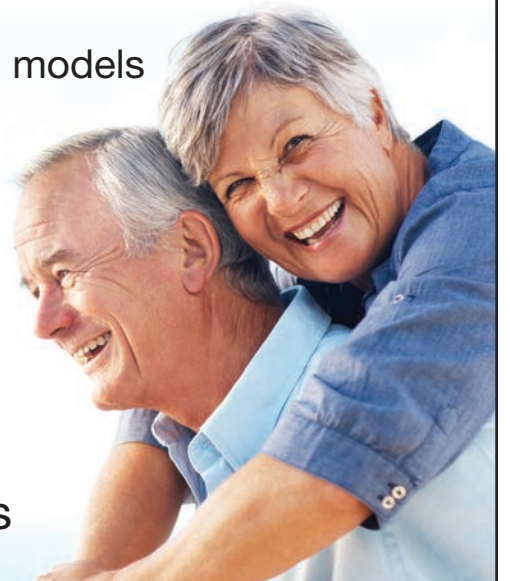
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World Professional Chuckwagon Association driver Chansé Vigen captured the 2024 Strathmore Stampede title on Aug. 5. The four-day event featured the best WPCA drivers on the circuit.

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Vigen claims first Strathmore Stampede title

LAURENCE HEINEN
Times Contributor

Chansé Vigen finished off the Strathmore Stampede the same way he started it – on a winning note.

In the process, he added yet another chuckwagon racing title to his impressive collection.

Fresh off winning the Battle of the Foothills title in High River the previous Sunday, Vigen started off the four-day Strathmore show by posting the top time of the night on both Friday and Saturday aboard his Blackstone Drilling Fluids Ltd. chuckwagon.

“It’s fun to come here and I’m excited to come back,” said Vigen, who went on to win both the aggregate title on Sunday as well as Monday afternoon’s \$25,000 championship final heat. “I’m glad they got a dash for cash here now. It ups things for the fans here and the competitors and the sponsors and everybody involved.”

Although he finished second behind Rae Croteau Jr. on Sunday, Vigen’s three-day combined time of 3:39.13 was good enough to earn him the aggregate title. Meanwhile, Croteau finished second overall – 3.94 seconds behind Vigen – while Jamie Laboucane and four-time Strathmore Stampede champion Kurt Bensmiller finished in third and fourth place respectively to also earn spots in Monday’s championship dash.

Vigen had first pick of which barrel he wanted to line up next to on Monday and he chose No. 2.

“It’s a weighted draw and I got first pick and I elected to take the No. 2 barrel,” said Vigen, whose outfit of Greyson and Junior on the lead and Sacramento and Laser on the back end have had success on that No. 2 barrel – including a day-money win on Saturday.

That success continued as Vigen rounded the track in Monday’s quickest clocking of 1:11.66 and crossed the finish line just 55/100ths of a second ahead of Croteau to claim his first-ever Strathmore Stampede title. Laboucane finished third, while Bensmiller had to settle for a fourth-place showing.

“I’ve had a lot of good memories here in Strathmore,” said the 40-year-old reinsman, who hails from Grande Prairie but now calls Calgary home. “This is probably at the top of the list. Great race, great weekend. This show’s been kind to us. Strathmore’s a bit of a chuckwagon mecca. They always get a good crowd and we saw that. That was illustrated again this weekend.”

Vigen praised his outriders Rory Armstrong, who rode Emmett on Monday, and Ethan Motowylo, who hopped atop Coco, for their exceptional work throughout the entire World Professional Chuckwagon Association season so far.

“Rory Armstrong has been with me for a number of years. He’s first call on stove and he’s been clean – knock on wood – all summer,” said Vigen, who further commended Armstrong and Motowylo for helping him win his first WPCA world title last season. “Ethan Motowylo’s probably the best lead man on the grounds in my opinion. I’ve been pumping his tires all season.

“My horses aren’t really easy to handle. They’re very finicky, so him and I have got to work together to try to get set properly some nights. He’s done a good job. He’s been very receptive and I couldn’t ask for a better team of outriders.”

A 10-year veteran as an outrider, Armstrong has been “chasing after Chansé” for four years now and he’s loved every minute of it.

“It’s a lot of fun,” Armstrong said. “You’ve got to be on your ‘A’ game and in the zone to chase after him. He’s got really nice horses to ride and fast ones.

“We won a world title and we won Medicine Hat this year and we just got back from High River winning and we’re keeping the streak going.”

After a quick one-day break, the WPCA Pro Tour will resume with the Battle of the North in Dawson Creek, B.C., from Wednesday to Sunday.

Looking to win his second world title in as many years, Vigen is sitting atop the driver standings with 961.5 points, which is just 11.5 ahead of Croteau.

Heading into Dawson Creek, Laboucane is in third spot with 911.5 points, while 2024 Cowboys Rangeland Derby champ Jason Glass (905.5) and Chad Fike (861.5) round out the top five.

“I don’t feel like we’re on a roll because the point standings are still extremely tight,” Vigen said. “It’s nice to pick up a couple wins, but at the same time there’s still half a dozen guys within striking reach and we’ve seen a lot of lead changes this year, so there’s not really any room for error every night.

“There’s a number of guys with a lot of pressure on them to run fast but run clean at the same time. We’ve got to keep our foot on the gas. There’s three important shows left and we’ll try to keep everything going the way it’s been.”



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Many community groups and business hosted events during the Strathmore Stampede weekend. Some of the places holding a breakfast/lunch were the Strathmore Legion/Capital Power, Lord of all Lutheran Church, Magnum Services, Remedy RX, Strathmore Ford, Lakewood/Cooperators, More Than Just Feed and Tuxedo Plastic.

Melissa Piche, Joe Lepage, Fernando David Moreno-Prado and John Watson Photos

RCMP stress water safety this summer

ALBERTA RCMP

Summer is officially here, which means people are spending more time outdoors and on our provincial lakes and rivers. Your Alberta RCMP wants everyone to enjoy their fun this summer, but asks that you prioritize safety when in, and around, the water.

Whether you are operating a boat, kayak, canoe, or are swimming or taking part in any other water activities, remember the following:

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- Know before you go – Always check weather and water conditions. To avoid being caught in dangerous weather, make sure to monitor the latest forecast in your area. If a thunderstorm comes without warning, head for the shore.
- Plan ahead – If you are heading out on the water, plan your trip and let someone know where you are tra-

velling and when you are expected to return. Do not take to open water without an understanding of where you are or where you are going.

- Preparation is key – Boaters should make sure their watercraft is equipped with mandatory boat safety equipment including enough life jackets for everyone on board, signalling devices, and bailing containers. Always bring emergency supplies like extra food, water, clothing, and a cell phone.

- Know your limits – Be aware of your swimming limits and abilities. Fatigue and exhaustion while swimming can cause drowning.

- Wear a personal flotation device (PFD) – Wearing a lifejacket or PFD can save your life and it is the best insurance you can have on or near the water. Remember, lifejackets only work when they are worn.

For more information about boating and water safety, please review Transport Canada's boating safety resources on the Government of Canada website. Follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta.

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Once again, the Running With the Bulls on Aug. 3-4 was a featured attraction during the Strathmore Stampede.

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Running With the Bulls crowns two new winners

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Stampede's Running With the Bulls saw two new champions crowned over the course of the weekend, each walking away \$1,000 richer, and with a shiny new belt buckle.

This year's event, differing from previous years, had only two heats instead of three. This was due to the bulls brought to the arena being the most aggressive and lively that have been seen in the last 20 years.

Saturday's run saw Lou Prefontane from Calgary taking home the win, costing him a broken arm in the process. His run was the first time he had participated in Running with the Bulls.

"I just broke my arm pretty good, but as long as I got the prize money, that is all that matters," he said. "I heard about this from my best friend, and she has never done it before. It was really bad advice."

Prefontane added he was motivated by the \$1,000 bounty to come out and give it a go and would be willing to participate again.

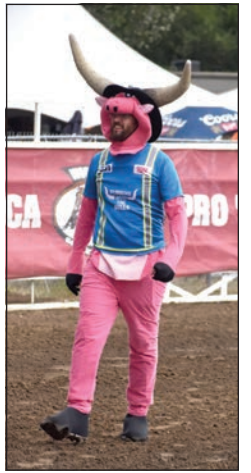
To those who are considering participation in the event or are on the fence about it, he simply said "don't," as he was escorted to an ambulance.

Sunday night's victor was Zack DeVries, who had also signed up to participate in the event for the first time this year.

He explained he had heard about the event from his sister, and joining in was a very off-the-cuff decision.

"Physically it is okay. I will tell you, bulls do not have (expletive) on bald eagles ... you get tagged by a bald eagle, you get salmonella. At least with a bull, it is like getting into a bad bar fight," said DeVries. "I totally would love to do it again. I have been a country guy all my life and I think this solidifies it. I think that this really grabs me by the grassroots, gives me inspiration to continue on in my life and do better things. I am really positive, I am really happy about this."

DeVries suggested to anyone considering their own participation in Running With the Bulls, or otherwise, to simply go out and do things to make them feel good, and make their lives better.



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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

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Land Use Ammendment

Upcoming Public Hearing

- 1. **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 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 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 Resumes 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 has now resumed review activities.

"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

Upcoming Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) events.

Learn more about all of FCSS' events at Strathmore.ca/FCSS or call 403-934-9090

Event	Date	Time	Location
International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (Exhibit)	August 9, 2024	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Strathmore Library
Youth Cultural Cooking Class: Filipino Culture	August 15, 2024	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hope Church
Square Dancing	August 16, 2024	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Strathmore Agricultural Society
Hockey and Canadian Culture	August 23, 2024	5:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Strathmore Hockey Arena
Introduction to the Sport of Cricket	August 24, 2024	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Strathmore Recreation Centre
Cultural Fashion Show	August 30, 2024	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	To be determined

