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## Town gets 2024 budget

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

During the July 12 meeting of the Committee of the Whole, Strathmore administration presented to council members an introduction to the upcoming 2024 municipal budget.

As explained by town Chief Administrative Officer, Kevin Scoble, multi-year capital and operating budgets contribute to the predictability that council desires.

“Sequenced improvements coming in future years include identification of the utility surplus that requires further discussion in future year’s budget on how to treat it, utilization of services and service levels inventory, approved by council from which administration builds future budgets,” he said. “The asset management program that we have talked about before. The development of it will help establish the forecast reserve requirements consistent with the reserve policy presented before the Committee of the Whole.”

The budget introduction was presented to the committee by Leana Ashbacher, senior manager of financial services.

During the presentation, background for the budget introduction included general information to budgeting, policy for consideration during budget, comparators, consumer price index, a discussion regarding growth, the financial plan process, as well as capital and operating plans and considerations.

According to Section 242 of the municipal government act (MGA), a council must adopt an operating budget each calendar year, or may adopt an interim operating budget for the part of a calendar year.

Section 243, Subsection 3 of the MGA defines the estimated revenue and transfers under Subsection 2 must be at least sufficient to pay the estimated expenditures and transfers of Subsection 1.

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## Venom strike again!

Chase Tweit and the rest of the Strathmore Venom capped off the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League Junior-B regular season with a convincing 15-3 win over the Mountain View Stingers on July 16 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Venom, who finished the season with a 13-3 record and second place in the Tier 2 South standings, will receive a first-round bye in the playoffs. The club will begin the second round with a best-of-three series slated to start later this month.

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### Classic cowboys and cowgirls

The Canadian Classic Rodeo Association hosted their fifth event of the season July 15-16 at the Strathmore Ag Grounds. Many local cowboys and cowgirls took part in the event. The association will travel across Alberta this summer before hosting their finals in Claresholm on Oct. 13-15.

Joe Lepage Photos



Residents of the Wheatland Lodge and their families gathered on July 12 to celebrate the Lodges 60th anniversary. Guests and staff enjoyed live music, a wonderful meal cater by the Irricana Lions Club, cupcake dessert and heartfelt presentations recognizing integral members of the Wheatland Lodge team.

Melissa Piche Photos

# Wheatland Lodge celebrates 60 years of service

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Lodge celebrated 60 years of service to seniors in the Strathmore and Wheatland County communities, July 12, with a barbeque to note the occasion.

The event was catered by the Lions Club, and according to Vickey Cook, chief administrative officer for the Strathmore Lodge, approximately 250 people were in attendance to celebrate.

“We had a really good turnout. We escaped the big storm cloud, so that was great, and we had Chantelle de Jonge, our new MLA here,” said Cook. “We went with past, present, and future – that was our theme. What we did and what happened in the past, what is happening presently, and what we hope for in the future, being the next 60 years.”

The Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) dates back to 1959, when the Wheatland

Foundation Board was created to oversee the construction of the Wheatland Lodge, which remains to present day.

Originally, the foundation saw the completion of a 32-room lodge in 1963, at which time staff were hired and residents were allowed to occupy the space.

The lodge underwent an expansion in the 1970’s, increasing capacity from 32 rooms to 44. In 1993, the lodge was rebuilt, with rooms increasing again up to 55 in total.

Six years later in 1999, the WHMB completed a 40-room addition to the lodge, increasing the total to 95 rooms, boasting a new maximum capacity of 103 persons.

At that time, a new supportive living program was also created for the lodge, allowing residents to receive personal care and medication assistance from trained personnel.

Present day, the WHMB has 38 employees between fulltime, part-time and casual staff, as well as two

summer students. A total of 95 residents currently occupies the Wheatland Lodge.

Going forward, the WHMB aims to continue expanding the availability of living spaces geared towards housing local seniors.

In 2020, the WHMB partnered with Berry Architecture to begin scouting and consultations regarding the potential whereabouts for a new seniors’ lodge.

It was reported that the partnership received what was described as “overwhelming support” from the local community to develop the new lodge on currently unoccupied land east of Kinsmen Lake.

The people in support of this location think it is an ideal placement and considered senior friendly. The new development will offer convenient and easy access to much of Strathmore’s amenities downtown, as well as to Kinsmen Park.

The WHMB has since also partnered with the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society to offer and ensure end of life support for its members and residents.

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# Wheatland Crossing School approved for new classrooms

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A development application from Wheatland Crossing School to the county for approval regarding the addition of two modular classrooms to the building has been approved.

The application was reviewed during the Wheatland County Municipal Planning Commission meeting, July 11, and was presented by Development Officer, Suzanne Hayes.

“The application is to install an addition on the south side of the existing K-12 public school, Wheatland Crossing, which was granted approval in 2014. The 2,304 square foot addition will contain a vestibule, two modular classrooms, and a hallway with lockers,” she said. “When the original Development Permit was issued, it included six modular classrooms, estimating a total capacity of 450 students. According to Alberta Education, the school’s total capacity is 461 students and is now 86 per cent full with 398 students currently attending.”

The additional space is considered a requirement to accommodate growth in both student numbers and programs at the school.

Once installed, the two new modulars will provide breakout space for small group learning, as well as more flexibility to the school for class configurations.

“The proposal meets all required setbacks of the Land Use Bylaw and no variances have been requested. Due to the proximity of two provincial

highways, the applicant applied for and was issued a Roadside Development Permit from Alberta Transportation,” said Hayes.

It was recommended by County Administration to the County Municipal Planning Commission in the meeting agenda and provided a report that the development permit be approved for the additions of modular classrooms to Wheatland Crossing School.

Development will proceed according to Community Service (CS) District requirements and the school is required to comply with all applicable provisions of the Wheatland County Land Use Bylaw.

Wheatland Crossing School is to adhere strictly to the use case presented to the Municipal Planning Commission in their application, and all approved plans and procedures which form the application.

With this condition in mind, no permanent development may be installed onto the school. Additionally, any future modifications or development of the site or building must also first go through the County, as well as adhere to the Land Use Bylaw.

Prior to operating the facility and the resuming of regular classes in September, documentation is to be provided to the County confirming a fire inspection has been completed and complied with.

Commissioner Rick Laursen moved to approve the application following Hayes’ presentation. The motion was passed without further discussion and without opposition.

# Industry interest increasing for Legacy Farm development project

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Interest in the development of the Legacy Farm update is beginning to peak, following the open house hosted June 15 in regards to the project.

“During the COVID-19 time, there was not very much interest at all, but especially since the beginning of this year ... we have had quite an increase in interest,” said Bruce Klaiber, owner and developer of the Legacy Farm Area Structure Plan (ASP). “We have had an increase in interest from certain educational bodies interested in doing agricultural research here, we have had interest from farm individuals both on the fertilizer side and on the vertical farming side, and even organic farmers interested in doing test plots for us on their farms.”

The Town of Strathmore passed second reading for the ASP, Feb. 25, 2022, which proposed the development of 48 square hectares of land into an agri-tourism, business, and research campus.

The June open house was hosted to provide a public update, and presented updated plans for the five-stage development, beginning this fall with the historical barn site.

“The project has three themes to it; one is history of course, because we have this amazing historic site where the CPR built a demonstration farm in the early 1900’s and operated it,” said Klaiber. “We

have another theme, which is agriculture. We plan to show agriculture past, present and future.

“And the third one that we are going to promote is tourism. We really want to start attracting more tourists to Strathmore and area. We think it is going to be a great boon not only for the Town of Strathmore, but to agri-tourism in the County of Wheatland and the region around.”

Concerning agricultural research and development, Klaiber added the Legacy Farm team is already working with potential industry partners to launch test plots to do comparisons as far as fertilizers, sprays, vertical farming, and organic farming are concerned.

“On the tourism side, we hope to have some signs up on the highway fairly soon that will identify our location and what we are all about,” he said. “We hope that will start attracting people in the short term as well.”

No exact date has yet been specified as to when shovels will officially hit the ground for the Legacy Farm project. Klaiber explained he had hoped to have seen development started in 2022, though the timeline was pushed back due to pandemic-related complications.

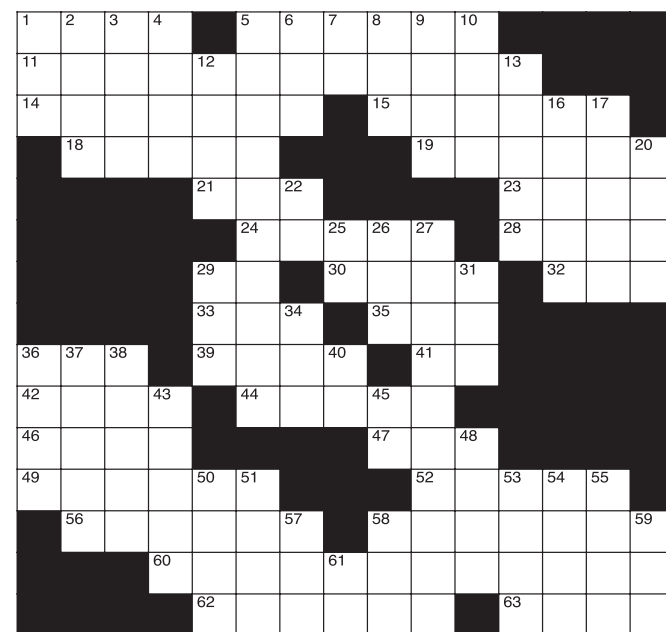
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- 18. Personification of the sea (Norse)
- 19. Unreal
- 21. No seats available
- 23. Bangladeshi currency
- 24. Leaders
- 28. Famed garden
- 29. Denotes past
- 30. Not living
- 32. Midway between south and southeast
- 33. Small island (British)
- 35. Woman (French)
- 36. Wife
- 39. Two-toed sloth
- 41. Blood group
- 42. Soaks
- 44. Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
- 46. Japanese prefecture
- 47. Place to be during a rock concert
- 49. Fully grown humans
- 52. Emaciation
- 56. Sparkling
- 58. Fruits you peel
- 60. Derived from a noun
- 62. Popular items to grill
- 63. Port in Yemen

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Before
- 2. Actress Dunham
- 3. This (Spanish)
- 4. Director Peter
- 5. Dominant
- 6. English artists' society (abbr.)
- 7. NY Giants legend
- 8. It's in the ground
- 9. No No No
- 10. Pesky insect
- 12. Danish-American muckraking journalist
- 13. Kids love to do it
- 16. Good Gosh!
- 17. Fakes
- 20. A citizen of Denmark
- 22. Mystic syllable
- 25. Commercial
- 26. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 27. Helpers
- 29. Water (French)
- 31. Young woman
- 34. Red-brown sea bream
- 36. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 37. Comprehends
- 38. Walk with confidence
- 40. Home of the Flyers
- 43. Appetizer
- 45. News organization
- 48. Source of the Nile
- 50. A way to march
- 51. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 53. Egyptian bull-god
- 54. Children's author Blyton
- 55. Baseball pitching stat
- 57. Rude young person
- 58. Table napkin
- 59. Monetary unit in Asia
- 61. One-time AL MVP Vaughn

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# Lakewood gearing up for second road show series fireworks event

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Lakewood of Strathmore and GlobalFest are gearing up to put on the second show of their Lakewood series, which is scheduled to take place at the beginning of August.

The show is lined up with the Strathmore Stampede, specifically Aug. 6, with another explosive show pairing with the Running with the Bulls event.

“This month of July, we are getting ready for our big fireworks show with our partners at GlobalFest, and Strathmore Stampede for our fireworks show in August,” said Scott Silva, director of sales and marketing with Lakewood of Strathmore.

Silva added there has been ongoing plans with the Strathmore Agricultural Society over the past several years leading up to the agreement facilitating the Lakewood Road show, and now the whole process is coming to a head.

A total of five shows have so far been scheduled for the series – the first of which being the fireworks which paired with the Cowboy Town Concert.

“The first event was a bit of a teaser. We really wanted to get everyone a little excited, so it was not a big show, more of just a quick, little finale show after Brett Kissel’s concert,” said Silva. “This next show is probably going to be one of the larger shows we are going to do this year with the Agricultural Society. This one is going to be pretty spectacular.”

Silva teased the display put on for the Cowboy Town Concert was only a catalyst for what is to come, and Strathmore Stampede goers can look forward to a pyro-mu-

sical show, which entails the colourful explosions to be timed with a set of music.

The idea being that the show to be featured at the Strathmore Stampede will offer a similar style to what is observed at the GlobalFest fireworks festival in Calgary.

“That is kind of an unofficial GlobalFest trademark. Anybody can do a pyro-musical, but it comes down

to that experience and understanding of not only your timing and your cues, but how to impact that the most with the audience,” said Silva. “The biggest lesson that you always need to keep in mind is that you are always learning, no matter how long you have done this. Even though we are working with (industry) veterans ... even they have learned something new every time.”

More information regarding the Lakewood of Strathmore Road Show series, as well as the schedule of events is available online.



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## Budget 2024 introduced to town council

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A municipality is also required to maintain a balanced budget. If this is failed to be achieved, the town may be subject to the province stepping in to assert authority and provide aid. Further details regarding the MGA are available for public reading.

“What we do is we bring a proposed budget for (council) to adopt so the minister does not step in and tell us how we are going to run things for our community,” said Ashbacher. “Within the 2024 budget, we will be working with our budget owners to develop a four-year operating financial plan for 2024 to 2027. The 2024 year upon council’s resolution becomes the operating budget. 2025 to 2027 will be accepted for information.”

She added when the town moves into the capital financial plan, information and estimates will be provided from consideration of 2024 up to 2033. Council will adopt the 2024 capital budget through resolution.

2025 through 2033 will be forecasting balances (and) projects for council, and administration will bring forward what anticipated reserve balances will be for the town, as well as a proposed estimation of what grants the town will likely be able to acquire.

More information regarding the budget discussion is available for public viewing via the July 12 Committee of the Whole meeting video, in Part 2 of the posted recording.

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### Thunder struck

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### Paddle time

Members of the Strathmore Pickle Ball Club play a friendly game on July 10 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. The club, which features around 150 members, also has intro to pickle ball on Thursdays.

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Medical schools in the U.S. are starting to include courses regarding the effects of climate change on health. These courses are linking climate change to increases in asthma and other diseases. There is evidence that changes in climate can alter just about every system in the human body. For example, extreme weather events like heat waves, floods and tornadoes can cause the production of more pollens and molds that can effect the respiratory system.

COVID-19 is still out there. According to the World Health Organization, almost 7 million people have died from COVID-19, 1 million in the U.S. and 51,800 in Canada. These statistics are up to mid-April this year. Although the virus has been now reduced to an endemic, it is still a threat. Get your booster shots when offered.

The word endemic means that the disease has a constant presence in the community but it has been contained and is not spreading out of control and putting pressure on the healthcare system. In the winter months, cold viruses are endemic.

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# Strathmore local crowned Canadian Champion

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's own Connor Bish has returned home a champion from the Canadian Trapshooting Championships, having swept gold in four categories across the Junior Division.

The championship was hosted in Brandon, Man. from June 28 to July 2 by the Canadian Trapshooting Association. Competitors from across the country were in attendance.

"I am pretty excited about it. I was very happy when I found out how I did. Becoming a four-time Canadian champion as a 16-year-old is something that is pretty big to me," said Bish. "I started in 2019 when my stepdad introduced it to me, and then ever since, it has been a thing that I enjoy. He is the one who really started me out and helped me get to where I am today."

Bish added he began competing roughly a year after first getting into the sport. Over the past three years, he has largely swept gold throughout competitions he has attended.

The motivation, he explained, is less about the potential for accolades, and more so about the opportunity to meet the other competitors.

"The people make it really fun. It is a

good crowd of people to shoot with and it really motivates you ... I was a little skeptical about going to Manitoba, but it was the experience that I was looking for and I came out a four-time champion," said Bish. "The motivation for the competitions is mainly just a mindset thing. It is not even just the award ... being able to shoot in a competition against other people, that is what keeps me motivated."

Practicing a minimum of two nights per week, Bish is out on the range as much as he can be throughout the remainder of a given week. The rest is a competition wherever he can find one.

Stepping into any given competition, he explained he maintains a humble mindset, going in not expecting to win, but rather to have a good time.

"I go in knowing there are definitely some better shooters than me and I know I have some competition, so I just keep calm and just shoot my targets," he said. "I do not even really think about it, that is when you start to get nervous and that is when you know your confidence starts to get a little too high and it turns into cockiness. I just keep calm and enjoy the tournament."

Bish described trapshooting as a humbling sport, and is simply concerned with continuing to enjoy the activity.



Strathmore's Connor Bish (16) has returned from the Canadian Trapshooting Championships in Manitoba a champion, sweeping gold in four categories across his division.

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### Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers August 15, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, August 15th, 2023.

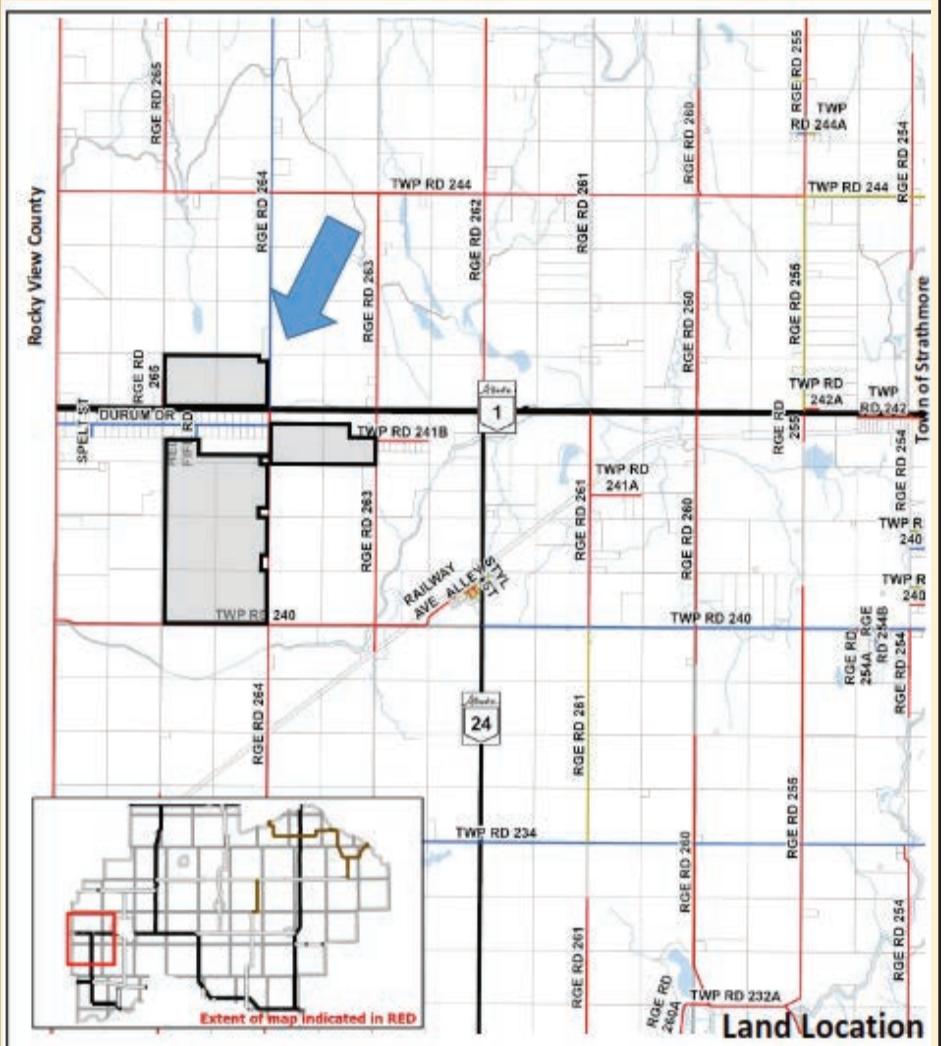
The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

**Bylaw #:** 2022-28 & 2022-29

**Legal Description:** Portions of Sections 5, 8, 9, & 17-24-26-W4M

**Proposal:** To amend the West Highway 1 Area Structure Plan adopt a new Area Concept Plan (Bylaw 2022-28), and redesignate the subject lands from Agricultural General District to Direct Control District (Bylaw 2022-29), in order to facilitate the future development of an aerodrome, aircraft manufacturing facility, and an associated industrial and commercial business park.

Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 40 (1) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 33 (c) and subsequent versions of the Act.



Portions of Section 5-24-26-W4M; Section 8-24-26-W4M;  
N ½-9-24-26-W4M; & S ½-17-24-26-W4M

**Proposal:** To amend the West Highway 1 Area Structure Plan, adopt a new Area Concept Plan, and redesignate the subject lands from Agricultural General District to Direct Control District in order to facilitate the future development an aircraft manufacturing facility and an associated industrial and commercial business park.



File: PL2022-002  
June 13, 2023





The Strathmore Fun Runners hosted their 28th annual show in Kinsmen Park, July 14-15. The event offered an opportunity for automotive enthusiasts to show off their vehicles, compete for accolades, and for the public to see some unique cars. Proceeds from the event were donated to local charities, and True North operated and kept funds raised through the beer garden.

John Watson and Mario Prusina Photos

## Fun Runners host annual car show, raise proceeds for local charities

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Fun Runners hosted their annual car show in Kinsmen Park, July 14-15, with proceeds from the event being donated to local charities.

This year, True North operated the beer gardens hosted for the show, and kept any funds which were generated from sales.

"This year is 28 and we get car enthusiasts from all over and even outside of the province. Depending on weather, we usually get around 150 cars of all different makes, models and vintages," said Rob Anderson, president of the Strathmore Fun Runners. "It is really exciting to see cars from all over fill this park. Not all car shows are on grass, and certainly not with a beautiful lake in behind. We have a really nice destination for people to come ... some of them have been coming for years and they have their own spot under a tree that they like every year."

Despite competing with other car shows over the weekend as well as the Calgary Stampede, Anderson said he was pleased with the turnout in Strathmore.

He added since COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, more people – both participants entering their cars, as well as attendees, have been making their way back out to the event.

"We have seen probably more in the past few years, some of these rat rod type vehicles that

are not as pristine and they are a little rougher around the edges, but they appeal to a different crowd, so that is kind of a neat look," said Anderson. "We also have some of the most modern vehicles here. I know there is one here that just came in that is right off the factory line and hardly has any miles on it at all."

The hobby of preparing cars, whether for speed, aesthetic or restoration, is described as a labour of love for those who engage in it.

Any vehicle which was entered on display at the Fun Runners show was entered for a potential award, offered in a host of different categories.

Receiving support from the Town of Strathmore, this year's event also included a Mayor's Choice Award as a fun addition to the accolades.

Last year's event saw approximately \$1,000 raised for the Fun Runners' charity of choice. Though there was no exact goal in mind, Anderson said any funds raised beyond being able to cover expenses would be given directly back to the local community.

Going forward, the aim is to partner with the town and grow the event into a much larger-scale spectacle and include much more than a parade and display in the park.

"I think we can grow this thing to be even better, and the town wants to help us do that," said Anderson. "Ultimately, we want people who come to have a good time and hopefully they will come back."



### Fond memories

The communities of Crowfoot, Namaka, Cairnhill and Siksika Westend hosted the 40th anniversary of *Trails to Little Corner* on July 15 at Namaka Hall. There were plenty of things to see and do, highlighted with a chance to buy the actual *Trails to Little Corner* book. Over 100 people attended the celebration, 20 of whom were attendees of the initial launching of the book in 1983.

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The Strathmore Soccer Association partnered for the second year with the Calgary Cavalry FC to host a camp in Strathmore for local youth. The goal for the camp was to offer participants a fun way to develop their skills and be exposed to more opportunities within the sport.

John Watson Photos

# Strathmore Soccer partnering with the pros

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Soccer Association hosted their second annual Practise with the Pros, July 10, at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre in partnership with Calgary's Cavalry Football Club.

"The event is called Practise with the Pros, and it is part of our Cavalry Club program, which is a partnership with the local professional team, based out of Spruce Meadows in Calgary," said Ryan Parkins, technical director for the Strathmore Soccer Association. "It is a really exciting night for the kids because three members from the Calgary Cavalry team are out here to help train and work with the youth so they can be inspired by, and aspire to play with or like them."

The Calgary Cavalry FC announced in 2022 they were launching a club program to connect with local level soccer clubs in the greater Calgary region.

Parkins explained the Strathmore Soccer Association was the first to engage with Calgary Cavalry to participate in the program.

"The goal of these sessions from our side is to get (kids) exposed to the greater soccer community and also to imbue the message of community on our kids whereby they're here with all of their peers. We have as young as

eight or nine years old, all the way up to 19-year-old players all wearing the same colours, all part of the same collective group where they can lean on each other for support," he said. "This (is) very fun-focused, but they'll get a chance to work on some small-sided individual skills where players will be able to give them tips and tricks based on what intrigues them about this sport."

Parkins was excited to report attendance of the program had increased over last year's event. This is also in part due to the Strathmore Soccer Association increasing in membership.

The idea going forward is to maintain the training camp as an annual event with the Calgary Cavalry FC. Participants at the training camp will also be invited to be ball kids on the field of a Cavalry game, doing walk-ons, playing a mini-game on a professional pitch, and retrieving balls throughout the professional match.

"If kids are interested in this program, we have events that take place over the entire schedule of the Cavalry season and our indoor registration will be opening around August 1, so they can look to get involved as soon as the indoor season kicks off," said Parkins.

More information about the Strathmore Soccer association, as well as the partnership with the Calgary Cavalry FC is available online, via the organizations' websites and Facebook pages.

## Super season

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Strathmore Soccer Association (SSA) is set to wrap up another successful season of outdoor soccer.

"This has been an exceptional season for the SSA, with growth in many facets of our organization from coach training to participant numbers," said Ryan Parkins, technical director of the SSA.

With mostly nice weather, the teams were able to enjoy their outdoor season. The entry-level (U4-U9) and district league (U10-U11) just finished their outdoor season and the club programs (U11-U19) will continue to play until the end of July.

"We have seen a steady growth in registration numbers with this outdoor session equaling our highest historical club team enrolments," said Parkins. "We are also endlessly thankful that this year we had a record number of coaches certified under new NCCP and CSA Coaching guidelines."

One aspect that many volunteer youth programs face is time. It is hard to find volunteers willing to sacrifice evening and weekends.

"We would love additional members of the community to join our Board of Directors, volunteer as coaches or

sponsor some of our programming initiatives," he said.

Parkins said that one of the fundamental values is building a strong, inclusive community spirit.

"Our coaching teams focus on developing good people and then good players," he said. "This starts with the exceptional people we have on board dedicating their time and being the role models for positive and contributing community members."

On July 15, members from the SSA participated in the Club Match Day where they were featured as the local club at the Cavalry FC home game. SSA players participated as ball kids, walking the professional players out to the pitch and playing a half-time mini-game.

New things are in the works for the 2024 outdoor season.

"Looking for a little higher level play? The SSA is hoping to launch our first adult competition team in the Calgary United Soccer Association for the 2024 outdoor season - stay tuned!" Parkins alluded.

With the outdoor season ending, the indoor soccer season is just around the corner. Registration will be opening soon and more details can be found on their website (strathmoresoccer.ca) or Facebook page.

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# Rosebud Theatre's *The Syringa Tree* a powerful must-see

LAUREN F. GUENTHER  
Times Contributor

*The Syringa Tree*, a one-woman play about a girl growing up in the apartheid era of South Africa, opened at Rosebud's Studio Stage on July 7. The play, written by Pamela Gien and directed by Rosebud Theatre's Artistic Director Morris Ertman, will run until Sept. 2.

Katharine Venour gives the one-woman performance, primarily playing Elizabeth, the beloved young daughter of a wealthy white family. Elizabeth's beloved black nanny Salamina gives birth to a daughter named Moliseng, who grows up, in hiding, within Elizabeth's family.

Elizabeth, her family, and her country all grow toward maturity together. As Elizabeth's expanding awareness is governed by the secrets and terrors of apartheid, her country stumbles toward freedom, while her people pay the cost with fear, risk, and loss.

Venour tells Elizabeth's story, and Elizabeth tells everyone else's story, so Venour speaks and sings the roles of 21 additional characters – young and old, female and male, African



and Afrikaner. From the first moments of Venour's stunning performance, creatively, clearly delineating each voice and role, I was hanging on the edge of Elizabeth's loves and longings. On a set comprised of only a colored screen, a wooden swing and a painted floor, Venour evokes sharp images of the South Africa where Elizabeth is growing up.

*The Syringa Tree* brings us through sorrow but it doesn't stay there. Nor does it end with the cliché of a girl leaving home and finding new love and freedom. It takes Elizabeth – and us in the audience – back home to South Africa for a gentle reconciliation. And then to a celebration of the courageous loss that brought them to this place.

When *The Syringa Tree* was suddenly, satisfyingly over, my companion and I said "Wow," and "Powerful." We heard others echo our words as we walked out.

*The Syringa Tree*, flooded with fear and hope, longing and joy and loss, truly is a powerful story. I hope you will see it this summer.

For tickets and more information, go to [www.rosebudtheatre.com](http://www.rosebudtheatre.com) or call 1-800-267-7553. The show starts at 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays to Saturdays. Tickets do not come with a meal, but a meal at the Rosebud Mercantile may be purchased separately.

## Busy summer at the Vault

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

The Vault Cultural Collective is full of exciting things this summer.

Beginning July 29 and running through to August 12, in alignment with the Strathmore Stampede, is the first Western Arts Show for the Vault featuring western photographer Logan Armstrong.



"My goal with rodeo photography is to showcase the sport from a perspective that you don't typically see it from," said Armstrong. "It's not going to be your standard rodeo action shots." He likes to portray a different side of the rodeo and mix it with the fine arts. Armstrong emphasized that often photographers will recreate what spectators see from a more journalistic perspective.

"I try to pull out the details, the uncommon angles, the more unconventional images to showcase rodeo differently," he said. "None of my gallery images are posed. They are candid captures during rodeos, jackpots and practice pen sessions, and are fleeting moments of art that come and go, often in the blink of an eye."

Armstrong's background isn't from a rodeo career himself. His wife is part of a ranching and rodeo family, and this is what inspired his passion.

"One day I had a camera and I went to shoot a couple pictures of my brother-in-law picking up at a local rodeo event and it just kinda snowballed from there," he said.

Armstrong's advice to aspiring photographers is to "just pick up a camera and start shooting."

"The internet, unfortunately, is full of people to compare yourself to, but as long as you're happy with the pictures that you're taking and you do what you want to do, it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks," he said. "The more I shoot, the more I realize that art is everywhere, you just have to keep an eye out for it."

Carolyn Steeves, a board member with the Vault Cultural Collective, said that Christine Higham was the person who spearheaded the idea of a western gallery in conjunction with the Strathmore Stampede.

Once the project was off and running, the Vault art team eagerly continued with her vision.

Armstrong's western art show can be viewed in the upper gallery of the Vault, Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting July 29.

### NEW EVENT

The Vault's next event is the inaugural People's Choice Awards.

This event is geared towards those artists that might identify as amateur. Artists young and old are invited to submit their works, be it pencil drawing, photography, a painted work of art, or even wildling wood; if it can be

called art, then it can be entered.

The theme to be followed is Strathmore, something iconic about Strathmore to each artist, something that inspires them within the town.

Beginning Sept. 1, artists are invited to bring in their framed (if possible) artwork to be displayed in the upper gallery of the Vault. Voting will begin Sept. 5 and will continue until Sept. 16 during the Strathmore 2023 Cultural Days. It's called People's Choice because you, the people, get to vote!

Carolyn Steeves said this project has been in the works for some time and hopes that it will continue to inspire more people in Strathmore to start creating. She notes that the Vault Cultural Collective has already had a huge impact on the community, having connected with various schools in town and even having some younger artists reach out on how to get their work displayed.

"We're really excited about it," she said of the art competition. "We really think that there are a lot of amateur artists in our community that will be inspired to take something in Strathmore that's iconic to them. We are really excited to see what the people of Strathmore will be able to create."

The winners will receive cash prizes along with a feature display at the Vault until Sept. 24 as well as being showcased on social media. The rules to enter are very easy to follow and can be found on their social media or on their website ([thevaultonline.ca](http://thevaultonline.ca)).

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### Obituary



#### MADGE, Douglas Wilfred

Douglas Wilfred Madge of Three Hills, Alberta (formerly of Hanna, Alberta) was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on June 27, 2023, at the age of 97 years. He was pre-deceased by both his parents, his loving wife of 62 years, Della (Carolyn), his four siblings and spouses, and several nephews.

He was born in Calgary, Alberta on April 12, 1926. His parents Fredrick and Isabel Madge were blessed with their chosen child.

Doug grew up around cattle and horses on the home ranch at Richdale, winning the Grand Champion bull at the Calgary Bull Sale in 1953, giving him the money to buy a wedding ring for his fiancé.

Doug married the love of his life Della Carolyn Edler on July 31, 1954, and they were blessed with six children: Verna, Thelma, Sheila, Steven, Doneta, and Wilfred. Doug was devoted to his family and was immensely proud of them.

Over the years, Doug worked as a farmer, bus driver, and feed mill operator. He was responsible for mixing and delivering feed to area farmers, and later public relations and feed sales. After retirement, he traveled into the USA selling a locally made machine for retrieving gravel from ditches.

Doug was an active member on many boards, including a period as Mayor and council member of Rockyford from 1992 – 2001. He was also an active member of the Rosebud Church for forty-five years.

Doug loved to sing, and whistle as he walked. He was jovial and enjoyed visiting with everyone and telling stories. He was great at playing games such as baseball, checkers, and crokinole in his youth, and later enjoyed curling. After retirement, he learned woodworking, pottery, ceramics, and played pool. Doug volunteered on many boards but had a special affinity for his involvement with the Passion Play. Doug was devoted to the Lord and loved to help others wherever he could.

In their later years Doug and Carolyn moved to Hanna, first living on their own, then the Lodge, and finally Doug went to Long Term Care. They attended Hanna Alliance Church in these years. His last month was in Three Hills LTC.

Left to mourn and cherish his memory are his children: Verna (Fred), Thelma (Lorne), Sheila (Tim), Steven (Helen), Doneta (Tim), and Wilfred. Doug will also be missed by his grandchildren: Bradley (Glenda), Heather, Cayla, Shawn (Britany), Brianna, Tyler, Benjamin (Elliot), and Sophia (Jacky); one great-grandson Weston, and numerous extended family members.

A Service of Remembrance will take place on Monday, July 31, 2023, 2:00 p.m. at the Rosebud Community Church, Rosebud, Alberta. Interment took place at the beginning of July at the Rosebud Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Three Hills Long Term care facility for their excellent care of Dad and the family members, and Hanna LTC for their care.

Thanks to Laurie of Hanna Funeral Services who lovingly and respectfully arranged the details of the interment and the upcoming memorial service.

If desired, donations in Doug's memory can be made to either: The Passion Play, Badlands Amphitheatre, Box 457, Drumheller, AB T0J 0Y0; The Gideons, 185 Young Street, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 1V9 or the Canadian Christian Cowboy Association, 1012 - 9 St. West, High River, AB, T1V 1B1.

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## Obituary



### FULLER, Lorne Trenholme January 19, 1930 - July 11, 2023

With love and respect, we announce the peaceful passing of Lorne Fuller.

Lorne was born near Indus, AB, to parents Bob (Robert) and Annie Fuller on January 19, 1930. His parents could not make it to town that night because of a blizzard, so Lorne was born in his family home on the same property where he would go on to raise his own family. His kids later knew his childhood home where he was born as their car garage.

At 16, Lorne drove his 1922 Ford Model T coupe to the one-room Springland school for the last time, announcing that he knew more than the teacher. He then worked on the family farm for a while before heading south to help build the St. Mary Reservoir at Spring Coulee, AB. When that was less fun than farming, he returned home to resume his farming career with his dad.

Lorne met his wife Mildred through mutual friends and they married in 1951. They had two girls Pat (Jim) Jorawsky and Donna Fuller (Steve Sorrenti). Lorne and Mille farmed with Pat and Jim until 1989 when they sold their land and moved to the Longview area to ranch.

He was sadly predeceased by Millie in 2020 and his three siblings and their spouses, Don Stewart (Margaret) Stan Fuller (Joyce), and Hazel Wells.

Lorne was a great member of Indus and the surrounding communities. He was part of the committee that helped repurpose the Bill Herron Arena and move it to Indus to become the first indoor arena for the area. He enjoyed curling and would haul water from Calgary to the Indus curling rink cistern for the ice-making.

Lorne was also a dedicated member of the Masonic Lodge, originally in Strathmore, before transferring to Cornerstone Lodge No.19 in High River. In 2022 he was awarded the 50-year Jewel and 60-year Bar. He was also a member of the Southern Alberta Pioneer Association and Southern Alberta Pioneer Auto Club.

His other community service included being an 'Uncle at Large' mentoring two separate boys in the 70's as well as serving on committees for the Friends of the Bar U Ranch NHS, Little New York Days, Longview Rodeo and Longview Campground. He volunteered for the Longview Fire Department and spent many hours rope-making for the kids at Aggie Days, Bar U special events and for the Calgary Stampede education program at the OH Ranch. He was also beloved by the local kids in Longview, serving as their go-to bike repair shop, toymaker, and car mechanic as they got older.

Lorne had a passion for antiques and restored seven Fords in his lifetime, from a 1913 Model T to a 1961 Unibody truck. He would travel as far as Portland to pick up parts from swap meets. His iconic cars made frequent appearances at Indus Days, Little New York Days Parade, family weddings, and even a few movies.

Lorne and Mille enjoyed camping and even did a couple of caravans across Mexico. They also took trips to Hawaii, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, and of course Disneyland with the girls. When Millie could not travel as far, Lorne took Pat and Donna on two big trips. First, Kenya and Egypt, and a few years later, China. He was a huge Calgary Stampeders football fan and had season tickets for many years.

Lorne was an avid reciter of cowboy poetry and would spin tales at many local events. Always musical, Lorne could also often be found with a musical instrument in hand. He loved to play the banjo the most but also enjoyed the mandolin, guitar, piano, harmonica, accordion, and even had an autoharp. Lorne is also remembered as a member of the musical group The Highwood Hillbillies, who entertained seniors for 25 years at the Rising Sun Long Term Care in Black Diamond, the very place he spent his final days.

He is survived by his two daughters, four grandchildren, Dawn (Sean) Farrell, Dusty (Kim) Jorawsky, Austin Campbell, Phoebe Fuller, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Noel Grisdale and the staff at Rising Sun Long Term Care and Snodgrass Funeral Homes for their care. There will be a celebration of life in late September.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to one of his favorite Longview volunteer groups, Little New York Days, Box 479, Longview, Ab. TOL 11H0



## Obituary



### MAIDMAN, Richard Edward

Rick passed away unexpectedly and peacefully at home on July 1, 2023. Rick is survived by his wife Nora, siblings David, Debi, Cathy & Sharon and their families.

Richard Edward Maidman was born on April 13, 1961 in Ajax, Ontario to William and Mildred Maidman. He was a brother to David, Debbie, Cathy and Sharon. In 1981 the wide open spaces beckoned to him and he followed the rest of his family west and moved to Calgary, Alberta.

It was here his passion for listening to music evolved and he began playing guitar and writing and singing songs. His catalogue of music can be found at <https://www.reverbnation.com/rickmaidman> and on his Youtube channel. He also hosted an online radio show featuring and promoting independent artists on <https://in-mydreamradio.net/> and developed an audience as DJ Night Owl.

In 1989 while visiting his brother David he met a horse called Destiny and this inaugurated another of his lifelong passions of riding the trails on his horses - first Tinkerbell and later Dino.

It was while on a trail ride, singing around a campfire, that he met his wife Nora whom he married in June 1999. Together they made a life playing music and raising horses and caring for their pets on their acreage near Carseland.

Rick loved to share his passion for horses and was very involved for many years with Opening Gaits Therapeutic Riding Association and giving lessons to anyone who was interested in learning how to ride and care for horses.

Although having no children of his own Rick loved his many nieces, nephews and their children. Many of them got their first experience on horseback at Rick and Nora's place.

Rick worked for many years as a carpenter and he was always ready to share his skill and knowledge to anyone who needed his help. He regularly showed up and was eager to lend a hand.

Rick you will be sorely missed by all who knew you and there is a hole in our lives that will never be filled. May your trails be smooth and your music sweet.

A Celebration of Life will be held on August 19, 2023 at the MPP Hall, Chestermere Community Centre, Chestermere, Alberta from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Rick's life was centred around animals and music. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the charity of your choice.

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In Our Hearts  
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July 12, 2023 | 6 P.M.

July 19, 2023 | 6 P.M.

Sept. 6, 2023 | 6 P.M.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

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Regular Council Meeting

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