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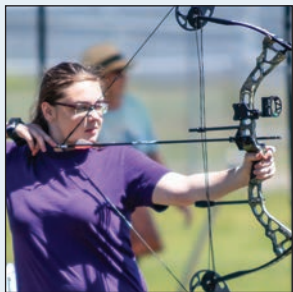
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## The rams are back

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

Running with the Rams will be returning to Strathmore Stampede for its fourth iteration this year.

Joanne Selgensen, who came up with the idea for the event, said it's an exciting opportunity for kids to get involved in the rodeo.

"The kids love it, the parents love it, so do the grandparents. We take 12 kids a day for three days. We're getting filled up and it's going to be fun to watch," said Selgensen. "People love it, it's fun to watch, the kids are excited. We do the older kids first so that the five-year-old kids know what to do."

According to Selgensen, the event debuted at the Strathmore Stampede in 2018 and has been a staple ever since.

Her brainchild was inspired to start up by taking after the Running with the Bulls event, which is also a defining event of the Strathmore Stampede.

"The first year I did it, I had the five-year-old kids go out first and it was a little confusing. I get the older kids out first and once it starts, they are going full tilt and the crowd loves it," said Selgensen.

Contestants are five to seven years of age and are divided into teams to be given a certain colour. Each child will dip their hand in paint and chase the ram around the arena, attempting to add their coloured handprint to the animal.

The team with the most of their colour on the ram at the end of the event will be victorious and will win a prize.

The Running with the Rams will be taking place on the July 29-31 at the Strathmore Stampede starting at 11:30 a.m. each day in the Heritage Arena.



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# Marjorie Hembroff art on display in library

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Marjorie Hembroff is displaying her artwork at the Strathmore Municipal Library as the July artist for the in-house gallery.

Hembroff said she has been interested in arts from a young age. As a child, she enjoyed crafts such as embroidery, sewing and painting.

Currently on display at the library, she has chosen to showcase several of her works depicting natural scenes and animals.

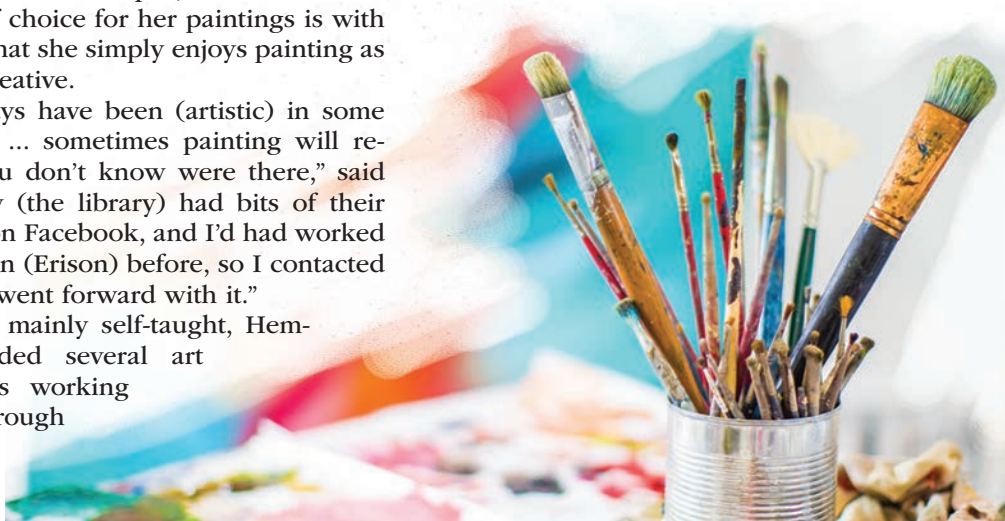
“There (are) several of them that are animal paintings that were their cats and a couple of dogs and theirs was some landscapes,” said Hembroff.

Her medium of choice for her paintings is with acrylics, adding that she simply enjoys painting as an outlet to be creative.

“I think I always have been (artistic) in some respect or other ... sometimes painting will release feelings you don’t know were there,” said Hembroff. “I saw (the library) had bits of their previous shows on Facebook, and I’d had worked there with Carmen (Erison) before, so I contacted Carmen, and we went forward with it.”

Though she is mainly self-taught, Hembroff has attended several art courses, such as working with wet oils, through the Alberta College of Art.

Some pieces



Hembroff is currently displaying at the library are for sale, though she said she mainly uses art as a hobby.

“Yes, I did all kinds of creative things as a child, drawing and stuff at school ... then when I started living in the city, I found out that I could take art courses that was mainly here in Calgary ... and it just opened up a door of creativity that I didn’t know was there,” said Hembroff. “It’s good to share. I just thought it would be a good idea to share my work with somebody again rather than just having them sitting in the house.”

Hembroff’s artwork will be on display at the Strathmore Municipal Library’s gallery for the remainder of the month.

# Strathmore FCSS partners with Library to host dementia-friendly activity kits

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dementia-friendly inclusivity kits have now been made available as part of the Strathmore Municipal Library’s special collections services, through a partnership with the Strathmore FCSS.

According to Melissa Masse, community support coordinator with Strathmore FCSS, the organization received a grant from the Rural Development Network as a part of the Awareness Builds Connection in Dementia-Friendly Communities Project.

Strathmore is one of five rural communities within Alberta to receive the funding.

“Funded through the Public Health Agency of Canada, Rural Development Network’s (RDN), the ABCD Project is guided by three priorities aligned with Canada’s national dementia strategy, A Dementia Strategy for Canada - Together We Aspire,” said Masse. “Those three categories are: dementia prevention, reducing stigma related to dementia, and supporting communities to become more dementia inclusive. RDN’s ABCD Project aims to provide rural Albertan communities with a selection of evidence-based, dementia-friendly initiatives adaptable to rural settings.”

Rural communities tend to be presented with unique barriers when it comes to having the capacity to fund, develop, implement, and evaluate community initiatives.

A key component to the ABCD project is to provide support to selected rural pilot communities, such as Strathmore, in hopes to begin establishing

sustainable, dementia-friendly communities.

The Strathmore FCSS will be implementing three projects with this funding.

The first, being a dementia-friendly service, train-the-trainer sessions to front line workers, service providers and businesses. This aims to create dementia-friendly spaces and supports throughout Wheatland County.

The second is a speaker series which is set to be held at the Strathmore Municipal Library highlighting speakers from local service providers to share information on dementia and related topics such as caregiving, brain health and cultural perspectives of aging.

The last of which, is the inclusive activity kits that are now available at the library for individuals and families to borrow. The versatile kits are designed for all ages and abilities and are specifically curated to be dementia-friendly.

“The kits have adapted puzzles, adapted board games, fidget and sensory items, items to spark memories, games to spark intergenerational conversation, and more,” said Masse. “Partnering with the Strathmore Municipal Library was a natural fit for this project, as they are a central educational and social hub within our community. All of the resources and activity kits are accessible at the library at no cost, as memberships are free.”

A full list of the dementia-friendly activity kits can be found on the Strathmore Municipal Library’s special collection website. The kits will be permanently available within the library’s collection.

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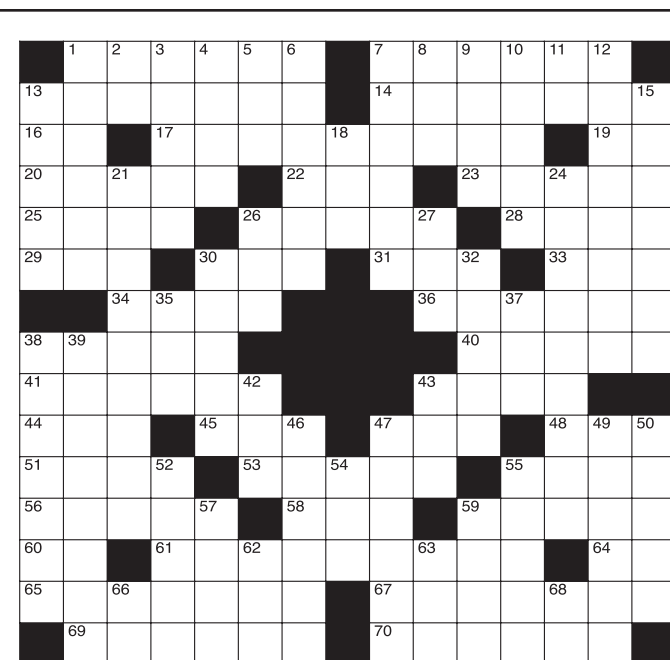
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- 17. Philadelphia university
- 19. Of I
- 20. Functions as a laser
- 22. Basketball phenomenon Jeremy
- 23. Famed island
- 25. Parent-teacher groups
- 26. Distributes
- 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 29. Ad \_\_
- 30. Circulation problem (abbr.)
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. A famous “Squad”
- 34. Stage actor Anthony
- 36. Violent seizure of property
- 38. Saclike cavities
- 40. Sound units
- 41. Counts on
- 43. Dad
- 44. Woman (French)
- 45. A digital tape recording of sound
- 47. Polish Baltic peninsula
- 48. Recipe measurement
- 51. Requests out of dire need
- 53. Precious stone weight unit
- 55. The immaterial part of a person
- 56. Anoint
- 58. Golf score
- 59. Supernatural
- 60. Northwest Territories
- 61. Can be made suitable
- 64. A professor’s helper
- 65. Having a toothlike edge
- 67. Got atop a horse
- 69. Judged
- 70. Static balance between opposing forces

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- 1. Flowing
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- 4. DiFranco and Samsonyan are two
- 5. \_\_ de sac
- 6. Merchant
- 7. Hosts film festival
- 8. State of agitation of fuss
- 9. A way to praise
- 10. Opaque gems
- 11. McKinley is one
- 12. Smallest interval in classical Western music
- 13. Famed designer Lauren
- 15. Occupies
- 18. Small island (British)
- 21. Misuse of the sacred
- 24. Covers with a thin sheet
- 26. Most valuable player
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Investigated discreetly
- 32. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 35. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 37. Music genre
- 38. Indicates one is in mourning
- 39. Secured forever
- 42. Bodily cavity
- 43. A dog is one
- 46. Chose to do something
- 47. Annoy persistently
- 49. Large hotel rooms
- 50. Beg
- 52. Docket
- 54. Subway dwelling rodent
- 55. Sources
- 57. Mild Dutch cheese
- 59. Spanish city
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Ballplayer’s tool
- 66. Midway between north and east
- 68. Atomic #3

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# Veteran Stampede volunteers speak to their experiences with the show

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

To paraphrase Strathmore Agricultural Society CEO, Ryan Schmidt, the Strathmore Stampede takes a village to put on and operate — or in this case, a town.

Every year, hundreds of people come out to volunteer for the event to help bring it all together and put on the best show possible.

For Belinda Anger, she said this year will be her seventh volunteering for the Strathmore Stampede.

“Our family loves the time, the events are amazing, and the people are pretty welcoming there so it’s kind of like a big family,” said Anger, who operates as parking committee head, a position which she explained sees her in charge of all the parking and camping at the Agricultural Society grounds.

“Throughout the year, I go to meetings. To prepare for the rodeo, I ensure that there’s the right signage and that we

have proper safety precautions,” said Anger. “A week before rodeo, I go in and set up the parking lot, and also help set up any other areas where people might need help.”

Anger added that as a volunteer, basically anywhere that you are needed, that’s where you’ll end up lending a hand as the event gets put together and kicks off.

For Trevor Weal, who said he has been helping out with the Strathmore Stampede for over a decade, it’s the sense of camaraderie that brings him back every year.

“I had some friends that were doing it and they were looking for help. And I was like, ‘you know what, why not? I’d like to help the community out a little bit. This would be a good way to do it,’” said Weal. “I have done many different things. When I started out, I was committee head to the North infield beer gardens. I ran that bar for a number of years, as well as helping out the cabaret on the Saturday night.”

Anger and Weal both advocated that the experience of volunteering is fantastic for kids and families to come out and be a part of.

“The whole family is down there volunteering, and my kids just have a blast every year ... my kids just get so excited for it every year that it just keeps me coming back,” said Weal.

Between the two veteran volunteers, they explained the biggest challenges are the weather; be it storms or intense heat; and those who come out who are not very willing to

work as part of a team.

“For people who are thinking about volunteering and not sure what they want to do or how much work they want to put in, there are positions available in every aspect where you can be crazy busy and run off your feet for as long as you want to be down there, to just helping out even serving volunteers food for a couple hours and then get some time to yourself to see the behind the scenes part of the Stampede,” said Weal. “I think the biggest thing is that if anybody wants to volunteer but is unsure about, just to reach out to the Ag Society and even ask to talk to some of their volunteers and see what the what the deal is about.”

Volunteers will be on the grounds every day doing the jobs that keep the Stampede running such as running barrels during the Chucks, to ensuring people aren’t on the track when they shouldn’t be, serving drinks at the beer gardens, helping people find their seats, selling 50/50 tickets and much, much more.

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**LEELA SHARON AHEER**  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore. This week’s article will be based on an article written by my friend, Kyle Olsen, who has explained the misinformation posted regarding the \$4 billion that have gone “missing.” This is not true, and I will share the article and the most salient points about where the money went.

The Kyle Olsen opinion was posted to CBC on July 16. No, Alberta didn’t lose \$4 billion in COVID relief.

Just for clarity, there has been misinformation circulating that we lost \$4 billion dollars, and according to the Auditor General, that money went to COVID relief. We have been criticized for the lack of reporting and the effectiveness of the spending, which is fair given the uncertainty in the first wave. I’m certain there will be clarity as we unpack all the expenditures and decisions.

All governments will have accountabilities regarding this spending, and I expect nothing less from our government.

The issue I have is that the misinformation being spread hurts all of us, especially as we navigate our way out of this. Kyle writes in his article that there has been no “stealing” or “misappropriation” of funds.

I am writing this article so that you as a public know the truth. The public records show that \$1.8 billion was incurred directly by the health department - I think that makes sense. Kyle states that businesses received \$451.7 million; all totaled, he found \$4.366 billions of spent dollars and where it went, which you can read in his article. The money was not lost and did not need to be found. It simply required research by someone who cares, like Kyle Olsen, who was willing to dig into the truth. Our government has made some serious mistakes. I’m the first to acknowledge that, but I will not stand by and allow this type of misinformation to circulate without a response. We still need to understand the effectiveness of this spending, but the assumption that it was stolen or lost needs to end immediately.

I also want to update you on PCR testing. We must remain vigilant and I will continue to push to keep testing available, as this is how we keep ourselves and each other healthy. We are responsible for taking care of each other, and as we head into a season of respiratory viruses, let’s ensure we have access to all our tools. We must continue to offer rapid tests, and PCR tests will be available to those at high risk. Please test if you have symptoms, and stay home if you are sick. Also, outpatient treatment, such as Paxlovid or Remdesivir, will be available to help alleviate the sickness if you have symptoms, particularly if you are pregnant. Please test if you feel sick and let’s do what Albertans do best. We take of each other, we care for our neighbours, and give back and build our communities.

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

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# Calgary Stampede, BMO recognize Kenschuh family

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

During the Calgary Stampede, the Kenschuh family was honoured as one of 19 families recognized by the Calgary Stampede and BMO at this year's Farm Family Awards.

The chosen families were welcomed to Stampede Park on July 11 for the 26th annual BMO Farm Family Awards, which celebrate families in southern Alberta for their contributions to agriculture and to their respective communities.

The Kenschuh family was the Wheatland County awardee for the 2022 presentations.

Hannah Kenschuh, owner and operator of Generation Land and Grain Company Limited, spoke on behalf of the family.

"It was really wonderful to receive that award as a family, and we had a great time at the Stampede on Monday where they honoured us ... this would be the first time that we've been recognized for this award," said Kenschuh.

The Kenschuh family was nominated for the award by Wheatland County Division One Councillor, Shannon Laprise.

Regarding the family's history in agriculture, Kenschuh said theirs is a relatively young farm compared to some throughout Southern Alberta. She will be the first generation to succeed the farm and family business.

"My mom and dad, Eldon and Sheila Kenschuh, they're both local to the area. My mom grew up on a farm in Gleichen, and my dad grew up on a farm near Cluny; but our farm is actually a young farm, it'll be a first generation going on second," said Kenschuh.



The Kenschuh family was honoured as the Wheatland County Farm Family for 2022 by BMO and the Calgary Stampede. The family was nominated for the award by Division One Councillor Shannon Laprise for their contributions to local agriculture and their community

Photo Courtesy of Hannah Kenschuh

"They actually were up against quite a bit of adversity when they started their farm, but with the supportive neighbours and other people in the community that wanted to see them succeed, they started their own farm and they now have a succession plan with myself and with my husband to keep it going."

Kenschuh described theirs as a dry-land grain farm, with their crops being wheat, barley, peas and canola.

Regarding the family's contributions to the local community, Sheila Kenschuh had a hand in founding Project Hope, which supports students with disabilities in the Golden Hills School Division, as well as the Hope Bridges Society, which is a society geared towards adults with disabilities and anybody else who is isolated in community, bringing them together through art.

Eldon Kenschuh has focused his efforts on contributions to local agriculture, being a steward of soil conservation and maintaining a no-till farming approach for the crop yields.

Hannah Kenschuh added that she has served on several agricultural boards and commissions, including the Alberta Wheat Commission and Cereals Canada.

"It was really nice to be recognized. And I think the most special thing to all of us was that we were recognized

together as a family. So, for all of our contributions together as a farm and as a family in our community," said Kenschuh. "We're a busy farm family and we don't get the chance to all be together off the farm very often. So, it was just a really nice day to be recognized and to spend that time together."

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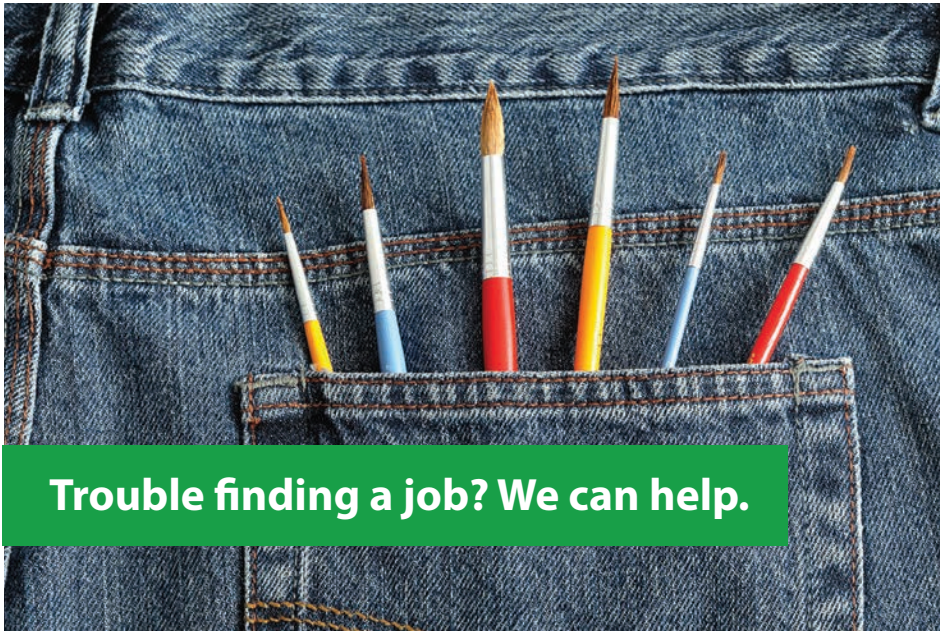
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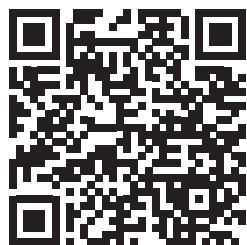
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Five local athletes from the Strathmore Lacrosse Club have been selected to join the provincial Roughnecks teams for a summer elite training program, that will conclude with a tournament at the end of August in Oakville, Ont. against other teams from across Canada.

Photos Courtesy of Trevor Mandziak

# Five local athletes to play for provincial lacrosse team

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Five local athletes from the Strathmore Lacrosse Club have been selected to join Alberta's Junior Roughnecks.

According to Strathmore Lacrosse Club president Trevor Mandziak, the opportunity presented to the selected players is an exciting one, which they can use to further develop their skill as athletes.

Ajay Hannigan, Gray Jensen and Caden Mandziak have been selected to join the Roughnecks U12 team. Dexter Hannigan and Ryder Endall will be joining the provincial U16 team.

"There was an open invitation to try out for the team, and then the players went through for evaluation sessions. They were also evaluated and scouted during the Canada Day lacrosse tournament that happened over the Canada Day long weekend," said Mandziak. "The coaches and evaluators got

to see them in a closed practice type of environment, and then watched upwards of five or six players' games with their own clubs."

Mandziak added that for the players headed to join the Roughnecks, the game will be a much different experience playing with more freedoms on the field and being among fellow advanced skilled athletes.

"It's a great step forward and for the U12 young guys, it's a great introduction. It's a big deal because they basically get exactly like National Lacrosse League (NLL) players do. So that's going to be really exciting for them," said Mandziak. "For the U16 players, most of those players are graduating out of minor lacrosse and going to be starting their junior careers next season, so for them it's a really great launching platform for their junior career."

Playing with the Junior Roughnecks will be a summer elite program. Players will be training three times a week until Aug. 24, at which

point they will travel to compete at a national tournament in Oakville, Ont., a tournament that will encompass all NLL teams from across Canada.

"I take my president hat off and put my dad hat on. I know my kid bounced around the house like a maniac for a good couple of hours on that Sunday night on Canada Day long weekend," said Mandziak, who will be watching his own

child play on the U12 team. The Strathmore Lacrosse Club is one of the smaller clubs within the Calgary District Lacrosse Association, so to have five players selected for the Roughneck teams is a big deal and is the most talent the club has ever sent. Mandziak said it's a proud moment for the club and that in future years, he hopes to see that number matched, if not exceeded from Venom athletes.

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### Championship weekend

Strathmore Slo-Pitch hosted their league final tourney on July 15-17 at the Strathmore Ag Ball Diamonds. Nine of the league's 24 adult coed teams made it to the league final, with the Third Base Bullies capturing the gold medal.

Joe Lepage Photos



### Give it a shot

The Strathmore Archery Club hosted a fun shoot on July 16 at their range in Strathmore for folks to try the sport. The club encouraged everyone from experienced archers to those who had never picked up a bow to come out and experience the sport.

John Watson Photos

# North of 49 Karting Championships return

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The North of 49 Karting Championships is returning for their second annual competition, inviting fans and racers back to Strathmore to enjoy the event from July 21-24.

John Kwong, North of 49 Karting Championships organizer, said after the success of last year's races, he is optimistic that this year will attract a surplus of both more racers and spectators.

"It's our second annual race (and) we've already got about 75 entries in. We had about 119 last year in total, so we're on track to hopefully surpassing that," said Kwong.

At last year's championship, hosted at roughly the same time of year, the event went off effectively without a hitch. Kwong is hoping that by keeping the races extremely similar this time around, the team can expect an effective repeat performance.

"We were fortunate to have great weather and great volunteers, so everything ran pretty smoothly, we didn't really have any hiccups to deal with," said Kwong.

Races held over the course of the weekend will be divided into the same formats as last year, by

age groups of the racers, and by the motor type in their karts.

Kwong added that he wanted to establish the event as a way for both hobbyists and competitors in Western Canada to have an official local level racing capacity.

"I spent over 40 years of experience myself racing, and I've been to events in Las Vegas and other parts of the United States, (I'm) taking what I've learned from there. And our club manager and race director also has been doing this for a long time," said Kwong. "A lot of the people hadn't been to a large event of this magnitude in Western Canada before ... we weren't new to it, we just sort of took the best of what we had seen and wanted to incorporate it into a local event."

Kwong originally began putting the idea for the championships together at the tail end of 2020 and began discussions amidst the Calgary Kart Racing Club about how best to get off the ground, while putting their own spin on the competition to make it a unique event.

This year, the team is also optimistic knowing that concerns regarding COVID-19 have greatly diminished and restrictions have lifted. According to Kwong, they're hoping this brings a lot more folks

out to the track.

Junior race classes range from eight to 15-years-old, senior classes are 15 to 32 years, and masters' classes are comprised of competitors who are 32 years and older.

Spectators are welcome to come out to the track to see what racing all is about, with races running from July 21-24, with free admission. For those who are unable to make it out in person to the Strathmore track, races will be livestreamed on the Calgary Kart Racing Club website and Facebook page.

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# CanAm Wrestling joins Strathmore Stampede

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For the first time, CanAm Wrestling will be joining the host of activities present at this year's Strathmore Stampede.

Usually appearing in Strathmore once a month at the Civic Centre with shows to support local causes, the Calgary-based professional wrestling show and wrestling academy will instead be showing off and hosting educational camps on the Agricultural Society grounds during the Stampede.

"We're trying to get our name out there and trying to get people to notice we are in your town, we have been in the town for a while (and) we're here to help your community with any fundraisers that you guys may need," said CanAm Wrestling owner Otto Gentile.

Three different camps will be offered over the course of the Stampede: one for 6 to 10-years-old, 11 to 15-years-old, and 15-years-and-older.

Every day, mini wrestling matches will also be featured for people to see what CanAm wrestling is and what it's about.

"What we're trying to do is, (for) in each category of ages, we want to give away a scholarship to the school. And we're trying to find some businesses that can support us in doing so," said Gentile. "It's going to be three months where you get trained, but somebody doesn't get this right away. It takes some time (to get the hang of)."

Following the three months of training, most people will need more time to really flesh out their skill as a wrestler, but the odd person may

be able to jump straight into performing in shows.

"Where you really learn is when you start doing the matches and you're in there competing against other guys and girls. That's where you get to learn the most," said Gentile. "Doing this in front of a crowd is really where you find out who you are as a character. Find out who you are as a performer, and your moves become yours."

Regarding their interactions with the Strathmore Stampede and the Agricultural Society, Gentile had nothing but praise for how they were welcomed to the event and the process for getting involved.

"It's really cool to be doing something like this. As a wrestler, we don't get to be in one spot for four days in a row, so I'm really looking forward to letting everybody know what we're about," said Gentile. "We want people to realize that CanAm wrestling is more than just a professional wrestling show. We are people that care ... We are people who do good for other people."

Gentile said going forward, returning to participate in the Strathmore Stampede is potentially something he would be excited to do for future years.

Tickets are on sale for the training camp at \$25 per day, or \$80 for the entire weekend. The only way to get entered to win a scholarship for wrestling training is to enter a mini camp at the Stampede.

CanAm Wrestling mini camps will be happening at their booth on the general grounds daily during the Stampede from noon to 4 p.m. on July 29 to Aug. 1.

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*Obituary*

**ELLINGSON,  
Glen Robert**



Glen Ellingson of Strathmore, Alta., has died. He passed away peacefully on July 3, 2022 — a week shy of his 84th birthday — from heart failure.

The youngest child and only son of Borghel and Olaf was born on July 10, 1938, at his aunt's house in Maxim, Sask., at the tail end of the so-called Dirty Thirties.

Glen is survived by Lorraine, his wife of 57 years, his sister Betty Funk, his sons Craig (Tina) and Brent, and his grandson Erik. He was predeceased by his parents and his sisters Marian Ellingson, Verna Ellingson and Janet Barsness.

A man of faith, Glen attended church his entire life, including Immanuel Lutheran near Maxim, the Church of God in Saskatoon, Avonhurst Pentecostal in Regina, Central Pentecostal in Edmonton and the Strathmore Alliance Church.

Glen grew up about five miles southwest of Maxim on the family farm. It was located on the eastern edge of the hills of the Missouri Coteau, a glacial moraine of rolling hills dotted with wetlands under a major flyway for migratory birds.

He attended Temple and Colgate schools before moving to Saskatoon in 1957 to attend the University of Saskatchewan, where he obtained degrees in biology and education. He met Lorraine in Saskatoon in 1964; they married the following year and settled in Regina, where Glen taught biology at Scott, Campbell and Martin Collegiates over much of the next 10 years.

Glen and Lorraine moved with their young sons in 1976 to Edmonton, where Glen worked in construction through his contracting company Maxim Developments. He returned to teaching in 1984 at Memorial Composite High School in Stony Plain, Alta., before completing his master's degree in education at the University of Alberta in 1989 and spending much of the 1990s teaching adults in distance education (back in the early days of dial-up Internet) at Alberta Vocational College.

In 1998, when they 'retired' from their jobs in Edmonton, Glen and Lorraine moved to Strathmore, returning to their farming roots to help start Bumbleberry Orchards and, in 2005, Fieldstone Fruit Wines with Lorraine's sister Elaine Gill and her husband Marvin.

Glen and Lorraine lived on the farm 10 km straight south of Strathmore on Highway 817 until late 2002, when they moved into town while continuing to help operate their business with the Gills until 2017. Glen also worked in Strathmore and area via his own handyman business as Mr. Fix-It.

Glen held varied interests, including outdoor activities such as camping, cross-country skiing, hiking and kayaking, as well as Canadian history, traveling, reading, atrocious puns and the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

A memorial service for Glen has not yet been scheduled.

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

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*Obituary*

**ETHIER,  
Robert John Edward**  
December 10, 1938  
- July 10, 2022



Robert John Edward Ethier, 83, sadly passed away on July 10, 2022 at the Rockyview General Hospital. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, he was the son of Ida and John Ethier.

Robert was employed as a supervisor at Old Dutch Foods for 45 years during which time he and his family moved to Strathmore, Alberta.

Robert enjoyed camping in his Motor Home, watching wildlife, golfing and spending quality time with his family and friends.

He will be remembered for his sarcastic sense of humor, his love of the great outdoors, and how much he cared for his family.

Robert is survived by his loving partner for three beautiful years, Hilda Reimer; his two daughters, Karla Ethier (Keith Heide) and Kristina LaRocke (Dan LaRocke); his three grandchildren, Stephanie Ethier (Katlin), Ethan LaRocke and Damian LaRocke. He was predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Leona May Ethier; brother, Jack Either; sister-in-law, Marlene Ethier; mother, Ida Ethier; father, John Ethier; and grandson, Cody Ethier.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022 @ 1:00pm at the Strathmore Legion.

Please come and join us in celebrating Robert.

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*Obituary*

**HERMANSON,  
Clifford Charles**



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Clifford Charles Hermanson at the age of 87. Cliff was

born on November 28, 1934 in Jenner, AB and passed away on July 17, 2022 in Strathmore, AB. He was predeceased by his parents, Ole and Angela Hermanson, siblings Patricia (David) Collyer, Edward (Ella) Hermanson and Bill Hermanson. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Beverly, his children, Faron (Kathy) Hermanson and Shelley (John) Holman. Papa Cliffy will be missed by his grandchildren, Chelsea Hermanson (Noah), Joel Hermanson, Lacey De Guzman (Alex), Rosie Holman (Nick) and Dodge Holman, and great grandchildren, Sadie Shipman and Rylan De Guzman. Cliff is also survived by his sister-in-law, Vera Hermanson and Aunt Mardelle Bazant.

Cliff's family lived in Jenner, AB and at the age of 4, they moved to Strathmore where they farmed northwest of town. In 1959 he married the love of his life, Beverly Damen. They bought their farm near Lyalta, AB and in 1960, welcomed their son, Faron. In 1962, Shelley was born. Cliff was very active in his community. He was a member of the Lyalta community club and the Cheadle and Strathmore Lions Club. He was very proud to receive the Lion's club Melvin Jones Lifetime Achievement award for dedicated humanitarian service. Cliff enjoyed all sports and played hockey, baseball, and was an avid curler. He played many, many rounds of golf. He also enjoyed fishing with his buddies and taking the grandchildren for a water ski. Many weekends were spent camping and eventually he and Beverly would spend their winters in Twenty Nine Palms, California.

The family would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the staff at AgeCare Sagewood where Cliff spent his last months.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at Strathmore United Church (410-4th Street, Strathmore, AB) at 1:00 p.m.

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**MEMORIALS**

**Linda Marie Kalbhen**  
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Love ya lots  
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**Jack Green**  
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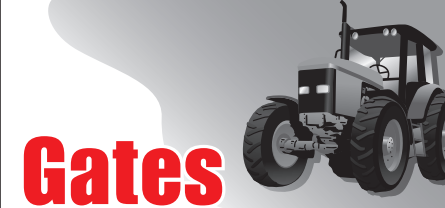


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