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The final phase of development for The Ranch in Strathmore has begun, as developer Anthem Properties Group continues to work closely with the Strathmore Soccer Association.

The collaboration aims to minimize disruptions to the regular soccer season in Strathmore, while development of the homes continues.

Strathmore Soccer are the caretakers of the fields, which are utilized both for competitive and recreational purposes, though they are owned by Anthem. Strathmore Soccer also contributes financially to the maintenance of the fields.

Anthem Properties Group applied to the Town of Strathmore in 2021 for a subdivision application for Phase 5 of The Ranch in Strathmore. Phase 5 began development subject to the town's approval of the application.

"It has been put on hold for the last 10 years or so, but it was in the plan since 2005 ... I am not too sure as to why it was delayed," said Angie Boyd, administrator for the Strathmore Soccer Association.

An open house was hosted in Strathmore in 2005 regarding The Ranch prior to an Area Structure Plan being completed for the residential area.

In 2011, the land use was changed from R1 Single Detached Residential District to R1N Single Detached Residential District (Narrow Lot).

In 2021, the land use bylaw saw proposed amendments to include some R2 low-density residential land use. This was defeated and the previously established R1N land use bylaw remains in effect.

"Anthem United has done a really great job of contacting us and letting us know that the development is happening and when our access to what has been the space that we park is going to be limited; they will be providing us with a different access point so that emergency vehicles and such can still make it to the soccer fields as necessary," said Boyd. *Continued on Page 4*



law remains in effect.

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Riding for a cause

The Alberta Cancer Foundation hosted their annual Enbridge Tour Alberta for Cancer on July 21-22 in Strathmore. Approximately 1,500 cyclists took part in the event, which is one of the biggest fundraisers for the Alberta Cancer Foundation. See more coverage on Page 3.

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Making a difference The annual Enbridge Tour Alberta for Cancer took place July 21-22 beginning and ending at

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Capsule Comments

Some people are taking a carotene-like product called astaxanthin to protect their skin from harmful ultraviolet rays. The information on how well this works is limited. The product should not be used on its own but in combination with proven sunscreens applied correctly. Astaxanthin should not be used by pregnant women and used with caution in those with low blood pressure or osteoporosis.

Macular degeneration and retinitis pigmentosa are two eye diseases that can result in blindness. There may be hope for help for people with these conditions. A California company is working on a "visual prosthesis" called The Science Eye which could restore vision in a limited form. This idea is based on a neuroscience called optogenetics where certain proteins are injected into the eye to boost the light sensitivity of cells.

In some provinces of Canada, pharmacists are able to advise and treat minor ailments including chronic urinary tract infections (UTIs). Many people who suffer from this problem know the symptoms well and sometime their GP is unavailable. Now, pharmacists can help and even supply an antibiotic.

Some internet sites make claims of benefits from changing body pH but there is nothing you can eat or drink that will change your blood pH. Normal blood pH is 7.35-7.45 (alkaline). Normal urine pH is about 6.0 (slightly acidic) Saliva pH is normally between 6.0 and 7.4. Pure water has a pH of 7.0.2024

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council publicly responded to a letter sent to them from Wheatland County council, during the town's July 17 regular meeting.

The letter from the county expressed concerns regarding statements made by two members of Town of Strathmore council, being Coun. Melissa Langmaid, and Mayor Pat Fule, during the June 5 Town of Strathmore regular meeting of council.

The statements were noted and timestamped in the county-'s letter to the town.

"It is also my understanding that recently Wheatland County has pulled their support for the project and refused to put further dollars forward," attributed to Langmaid.

We all know that the Wheatland County has voted against a letter of support," attributed to Fule.

The county indicated they feel the statements made to have been fallacious and damaging to Wheatland County's reputation and public image.

The statements made and referenced were in regards to the ongoing Wheatland Lodge project, overseen by the Wheatland Housing Management Board, which is still in its budgeting phases.

Both the Town of Strathmore and Wheatland County have publicly made previous financial commitments to the Wheatland Lodge project through passed resolutions.

Wheatland County, in their letter to the town, had requested Fule and Langmaid both retract their previous statements. "I did make that statement, and I also sent a reply to Whe- ing.

atland County. I watched the meeting where this was a point of discussion, and I explained in my email to all of my council and to their council and I am comfortable with what I have said," said Fule.

Coun. Langmaid said that "Part of being a leader is showing humility and admitting when you make an error. I misunderstood one of their (Wheatland County) previous resolutions, cm2024-05-49 that was defeated on May 21, I misunderstood the ramifications of that resolution. That evening, I was corrected by Coun. (Glenn) Koester but it was not caught on microphone."

Coun. Denise Peterson clarified indications had been made and discussion was had between Town of Strathmore council and Koester to rectify any misunderstandings which were had about the county's resolutions, though much of the interactions were not broadcast to the public at the time.

Fule added he sent a correspondence email to Wheatland County on June 20 clarifying his position, and as of the July 17 town council meeting, he had yet to receive a reply from the county. In the email, he stated he was comfortable with what he had said and the position he has taken regarding the topic.

Prior to the county's concerns being indicated to the Town of Strathmore regarding Fule's and Langmaid's comments, a letter was sent from the town to the county demanding an apology and a retraction of a statement made by Coun. Tom Ikert.

As of the July 17 meeting, members of Town of Strathmore council noted their letter had not yet been answered, though it had been publicly discussed during a county council meet-







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In his letter to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul puts before his readers a vision of a community in Christ that is filled with glory and the riches of grace, and which participates in God's plan to gather up all things in heaven and earth into one glorious commonwealth where everything is rightly related to everything else, and where the whole body grows up together into all the fullness of Christ who fills everything in every way. Paul sees the church as an exemplar of this future reality, especially as it is made up of people groups who have been brought together in Christ despite ancient hostilities. These hostilities have been absorbed by Christ into his own body on the cross, so that where culture and religion had once kept them apart, these groups now belong to a single household of God, one new humanity, and are being built together by the Spirit into a dwelling place for the God of peace and mercy. Of course, Paul's other letters

reveal that he is not so naïve to think all is magically transformed into sweetness and light. He knows that believers continue to find it hard to let go of long held attitudes of the superiority of their own perceptions, and especially the belief that unity within the Christian community requires uniformity in ritual, in civic engagement, in personal behaviours, and the like. This kind of self-absorption was common in Paul's day and is still common today. But God, who is rich in mercy,

out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our failures and self-absorptions, made us alive together with Christ, who came and proclaimed peace to those who were far off and peace to those who were near. All who embrace Christ find peace with God. And by living in that peace and that embrace, we are brought to peace with each other. For Christ himself is our peace.

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Students will take on roles in departments including pharmacy services, laboratory services and recreation therapy, where they will perform general support duties. In the case of recreation therapy, they will assist with activities such as bus trips, games, arts and crafts, pet visits and gardening.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

The Ranch in final development, collaborating with **Strathmore** Soccer

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"They are working with us to make sure that our soccer season is still successful and that it is not interrupted at all."

Though Anthem currently maintains technical ownership over the subject greenspaces utilized and maintained by the Strathmore Soccer Association, titles will eventually be returned to the Town of Strathmore once the project has been completed.

Upon project completion, a through road at Ranch Gate will expand to Park Lane Road to help alleviate traffic congestion that occurs when Strathmore

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hosts large soccer events.

More information regarding the history of the project is available publicly through the Town of Strathmore website, and in the July 14, 2021 council report.

Times CORRECTION

In the article, "Strathmore local to represent Team Canada in 2024 summer Olympics," it was conveyed that Jessica Sevick had participated on the Women's eight sculls team at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. This was incorrect, as Sevick had only participated in women's double sculls at the time. We apologize for the error and any inconveniences it may have caused.

Phytokana shifting focus prior to Strathmore facility construction

IOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Phytokana Ingredients, the company previously known as Phyto Organix, has been shifting their focus from processing of pea protein to faba beans, ahead of the construction of their facility in Strathmore.

"2023 was a pretty tumultuous year. You had anti-dumping petitions filed against China by the US and it really created what I will call a paralysis in commercial trade. For us being at the next derivative of that being, evaluating new product to bring to the market, it was a very tough environment to do that," said Chris Theal, president and CEO of Phytokana Ingredients. "We just sort of, head-down and focused on what we could control, and that was really the engineering and design of the plant that we are going to build in Strathmore."

Theal explained during the time period and process between the US and China, Phytokana has shifted from their original focus of yellow pea protein to other pulses such as faba bean.

Phytokana originally announced their plans to construct a facility in Strathmore in May 2022. At the time, the anticipated budget for the facility was \$225 million.

During a press conference held May 24, 2022, it was also announced the company would be executing a letter of intent to purchase 15 acres of land from the Western Irrigation District to serve as the location for the facility.

"Where we are going with the Strathmore plant now is to build a processing facility that will process faba bean, and we just get a superior functionality and that really speaks to how it works in different food formulations," said Theal. "The sensory aspects of it, the taste, the colour, the texture, the smell, it is superior to anything that we have evaluated in yellow pea or what we see on the market. We have had a lot of success with customers and we are in that place now where we are out finalizing sales agreements and by extension, raising our last round of equity to go ahead and build this thing."

Theal added the final investment decisions will be taken to the company's board of directors in the fall, and the hope is to shortly thereafter be shovel ready to begin construction of the facility.

"It is important for us to re-engage with the community, and we will have a tent at the outdoor trade show this year, and really we will be there with three messages - one is who we are and this is what we are doing; two is this is what we are going to build in Strathmore; and (three) is how many people we are going to employ."

Theal said it will also be critical for Phytokana to engage with local farmers and encourage faba bean cultivation for the 2025 crop year, and that they will be actively contracting the crop.

Construction of the facility, once initiated, is anticipated to take 13 months before it is completed and operational.

Town passes first reading for land use bylaw amendment

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council passed first reading for Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw 24-16, being a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw 14-11 regarding 137 Orchard Way.

The amendment to the bylaw aims to facilitate the construction of a multifunctional light industrial building, featuring a health services facility.

"The external/internal circulation concluded on July 12, we received no concerns regarding this project during circulation," said Kate Bakun, a planner with the Town of Strathmore. "The site currently consists of an undeveloped lot with an old metal shed. The lot has an area of approximately 7,236 square meters; currently this is the M1 Light Industrial District and it does not list health services as either permitted or discretionary use and a land use amendment is required."

Bakun added neighbouring properties to the site include M1 Light Industrial District uses to the west, east and south, and Highway Commercial District to the north.

well as to provide employment opportunities and growth to the community.

Additionally, the municipality is to encourage the development of more innovative and environmentally friendly industrial employment centres so as to create employment opportunities for residents of Strathmore, and to create minimal environmental impacts.

Should third reading of the land use bylaw amendment ultimately pass, the proposed construction project will require a development permit and building permit applications, which will include the collection of all applicable fees under the town's fees bylaw.

stalls, which will require a granted variance from the town at the development permit stage.

Following the passing of the first reading, the town may not proceed with second or third readings until after a public hearing has been held regarding the land use bylaw amendment.

Town of Strathmore council has directed administration to schedule a public hearing for Bylaw 24-16 on Sept. 18, beginning at 6 p.m. in council chambers.





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56. Genus of mosquitoes

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45. Quick and skillful in movement

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36. Tear into two or more pieces

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- 27. Women's service
- organization (abbr.)
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The health services wing to the construction will include medical and dental offices, as well as health clinic laboratories for testing radiology and counseling services.

The Town of Strathmore maintains policies to seek and to attract light to medium industrial developments in order to further substantiate Strathmore's place as a regional service centre, as

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Town passes taxi bylaw amendments

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Following several amendments, the Town of Strathmore passed Bylaw 24-06, being the Taxi Bylaw during the July 17 regular meeting.

This bylaw has been in place in Strathmore since 2016, and as per current practices, was brought to the attention of council for review by administration.

Town administration had met with representatives from Strathmore Taxi and Wheatland Taxi to discuss the proposed changes to the bylaw prior to bringing the amendments to council.

Both companies had expressed concerns regarding requirements for first aid and CPR training for drivers, as that requirement had been unique to Strathmore.

Several grammatical changes were identified by administration in order to provide better clarity for taxi operators and staff regarding the regulation of the bylaw.

The idea being to eliminate any ambiguities within the bylaw for taxi operators, as well as staff. Administration indicated there would be minimal impact to taxi operations or enforcement based on the proposed changes to the bylaw.

"We have included some new definitions for caregivers, peace officers, public conveyance, and taxis, we have made some revisions to the broker licenses, some grammatical changes and as directed by council, some removal of the requirement for a 24-hour dispatch system," said Mark Pretzlaff, director of community and protective services for the Town of Strathmore. "We have made some revisions to the chauffeur license sections to provide some more clarity, and eliminated the first aid and CPR requirement, as directed by council. We have also made some revisions to the taxi license section to exclude nonprofit and caregiver vehicles."

Also included in the revisions were notations surrounding mechanical inspections to ensure more regular inspections, and revisions to the vehicle provisions to make it less onerous for the operators. Sections regarding penalties were also updated.

During the discussion, Coun. Richard Wegener pointed out a discrepancy within the bylaw which had been presented to council referring to municipal elections.

Council recessed twice during the meeting in order to provide administration time to correct the mistake within the bylaw, as well as to address other concerns council indicated regarding various section wordings.

Administration was required to make the changes and return a physical copy of the bylaw to council before any votes on readings were allowed to proceed.

Following the necessary amendments being made to the bylaw during council's recess, all three readings of the bylaw were passed without opposition.

As per town policies, the bylaw will be reviewed again in three to five years so as to keep it up to date with future council practices and policies.



Wheatland County, Wheatland Wind Project offer second round of scholarships

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County and the Wheatland Wind Project have partnered for the second year running to offer the Community Benefit Scholarship to local students intending to continue their post-secondary education.

Through the program, a minimum of one scholarship is to be awarded annually to a high-achieving student enrolled in a Wheatland County school.

It is also specified that priority for a scholarship within reasonable effort outside of a Wheatland County school will be given to Golden Hills School Division schools.

An eligible student is to indicate their intent on their application to attend further studies in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

"It is part of an agreement that Wheatland County has with Wheatland Wind and they supply funding for up to two scholarships," said Dave Rimes, community services coordinator with Wheatland County. "It is for high school students who are headed up to university. It is (up to) \$2,000 per scholarship, and then up to two scholarships are awarded."

Funding has not been made available to persons qualifying for or participating in job training assistance grants or previous scholarship recipients.

Wheatland County has indicated successful applicants will be selected on the grounds of academic merit, school and community activities, and their mark given on their application essay.

Any awarded funds will be made payable to the student's post-secondary institution on the grounds that the money will be utilized to assist in funding tuition, learning resources, or housing.

Should the student leave the institution prior to the scholarship being paid, the money will be returned to Wheatland County.

"The Wheatland Wind (Project), they wanted to provide a community benefit program, and a scholarship was one of the areas that they were looking at, as well as community grants," said Rimes.

Last year, the maximum grant amount made available by the Wheatland Wind Project had not entirely been claimed by the time the application window for students had closed.

The Wheatland County Community Benefit Scholarship application pages are available from Wheatland County Administration in person, or online through the county website.

Further information about applying for the grant can be obtained similarly, or by contacting Rimes at 403-361-2171, or by email (parks@wheatlandcounty. ca).

Applications are accepted by email, online, by mail, or by delivery in person, and must be submitted to Wheatland County by or before July 31.

An essay consisting of between 100 and 200 words must be included in a student's application, stating who they are, outlining their career goals, and discussing their contributions either to their local community or to their school.



WHEATLAND COUNTY **Upcoming Meetings**

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August 13: Council Meeting August 20: Municipal Planning Commission

August 20: Council Meeting

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- State the distance between the land owned or used by the filer and the site in the application
- Contact information including the full name and mailing address of the filer.

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DRAS webpage - <u>https://www.alberta.ca/digital-regulatory-assurance-system.aspx</u>

To sign up for an Alberta.ca or MADI-B account see the <u>How to Create an</u> <u>Alberta.ca Account</u> or <u>How to Create a MADI-B Account to Access DRAS</u> knowledge article.

Alternatively, you may submit a written Statement of Concern to:

Environment and Protected Areas Approvals Unit, 5th Floor, South Petroleum Plaza 9915 108 Street EDMONTON, AB T5K 2G8

Address: 242006 Range Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4 Phone: 403-934-3321 www.wheatlandcounty.ca @wheatlandcounty Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Please provide the telephone number and email address for ease of contact.

Environment and Protected Areas will review each written Statement of Concern, seek more information if needed, and notify each filer by letter of the decision to accept or reject their written submission as a valid Statement of Concern.

Statements of Concern submitted regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public and the applicant. Failure to file a Statement of Concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

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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

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted. Agenda packages can be found on our website.

Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers August 13, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2023-25

Legal Description: Portions of NE-21-26-22-W4M and NW-22-26-22-W4M.

Proposal: To redesignate the subject lands from Agriculture General District (AG) to Direct Control District (DC) to facilitate the future development and expansion of the Hutterian Brethren Church of Wheatland.



Block 12, Plan 6196AW (Lot 1) and Lot 1, Block 12, Plan 9812852 (Lot 2) within NE-21-26-22-W4M, and Block 14, Plan 6196AW (Lot 3) within NW-22-26-22-W4M

Bylaw #: 2024-20

Legal Description: A portion of SE-16-24-24-W4M **Proposal:** To redesignate ± 29.12 hectares (± 72.10 acre) of SE-16-24-24-W4M from AG District to CS District in order to facilitate the

24-24-W4M from AG District to CS District in order to facilitate the future expansion of Wheatland County's Public Works facility.





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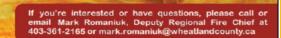
Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 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.





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Vold's final project hits the stage

MELISSA PICHE Times Contributor

Rosebud School of the Arts upcoming graduate Judite Vold (24) is excited to be showcasing her final project, Brown Eyed Shadow.

Vold wrote the play and will also be starring in it as Shadow.

"It's a three-person play, its one act and it's about 45 minutes," explained Vold of her production. "It's about two spies (Shadow and Sunshine) who were once friends but are now enemies that have to work together again."

Vold describes the play as a comedy that is guaranteed to make you laugh with some darker humour as well.

"It's not meant to be taken seriously," she said, keeping in mind that it is intended for a more mature audience. "It's the most ridiculous of shows; it is not serious at all."

Prior to this comedy, Vold would share some heavier stories.

"Last year I shared one of the more heavier stories and it was my story so I didn't want to do that again here,"

said Vold. "I wanted to take a shift to a comedic aspect of it.

"The inspiration I had for this play was the people around me. I want to have fun with it and share part of me."

She said writing your own play for your final assignment is harder to do "but it's more rewarding."

The other actors in her play are also Rosebud School of the Arts students, Kenzie Baker and Steve Morton. Baker is playing the role of the second spy, Sunshine.

Vold said that Baker attended the school for a short time and then transferred to Crandall University in New Brunswick and returned to Rosebud to perform in the critically acclaimed Badlands Passion Play that happens each year in the summer.

Vold moved to Canada when she was eight from Haiti when she was adopted by her parents.

"I had a lot of adjusting to do," said Vold of her move to Canada.

It had its challenges, but she managed to settle in well. She grew up in the Ponoka area. Her long-term plan is



to move to London, England where she hopes to continue her education with her acting ambitions.

Vold's play is on July 28-29 with matinees both days at 2 p.m. and evening shows at 7 p.m. at the Mercantile. Vold is charging a small admission of \$15 per ticket and they can be purchased by emailing her (juditevold08@gmail.com).

Judite Vold (24), a Rosebud School of the Arts upcoming graduate, is showcasing her final project, Brown Eyed Shadow.

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Dynamic husband and wife duo emerge victorious in provincial tournament

FERNANDO DAVID MORENO-PRADO *Times Contributor*

Strathmore residents Tony and Jackie Van Kleef took home first place plaques and cash awards after competing in Tier 5 cornhole at the curling rink in Lacombe on July 12-14.

"We weren't expecting it considering our skill level is still pretty low," says Jackie. "But we improve."

Despite the hot weather, the conditions did not impact their gameplay, tells Jackie.

The Van Kleefs have been playing cornhole for over two years – initially for fun but more competitively once the Strathmore Huskers Cornhole (SHC) club was started two years ago. However, their primary motivation is simply their love of the game.

When asked where they will go from here, Jackie explained how they use the app Scoreholio to keep themselves informed of any tournaments that are close by such as places like Regina and Medicine Hat where they and other club members have recently competed. They will continue to monitor the app for the remainder of the summer and beyond.



Jackie and Tony Van Kleef claimed the Alberta Cornhole Tier 5 Doubles Championship earlier this month. Photo Courtesy of David Grice





Invasive Zebra-Quagga Mussels (ZQM)

reproduce at a very high rate and are virtually impossible to eradicate from a waterway or infrastructure such as irrigation. If they were to infest themselves in an irrigation canal that provides water for farmers fields, the damage would be catastrophic. Increasing watercraft inspection stations, adding dedicated inspectors and creating an AIS taskforce are important steps in ensuring Alberta and the Bow River riding remains free of ZQM. For more information, scan the QR code here.

They not only represent their sport, but also their community as champions. Fellow members of their club have expressed pride in the couple's accomplishment.

"I'm very proud of them," says SHC club member Dave Grice. "It just shows how much we're heading in the right direction how much we're working on it, teaching them, learning and how much they're soaking it all in."

Although the Van Kleefs do other things as a couple, cornhole is the activity that they enjoy doing together the most according to Jackie, whose husband was out of town for work-related reasons. It allows them to strive to improve together as a team. "We encourage each other to do better," says Jackie.

As members of the SHC club, Jackie and Tony seek to promote the growing sport and hope to especially attract younger members. They do this by using social media and fundraiser competitions such as in Okotoks and Nanton. Jackie points out that it is an easy sport to learn and improve upon. Every Thursday, members of the public can observe and practice the sport at the Kinsmen Pavilion near the Strathmore Town Hall. This past Thursday there was over a dozen people participating including Jackie herself.

"The whole club has become like a family," says club president Lance Smith. He points that they have members ranging from teenagers to people in their 70s. "It is absolutely inclusive for all ages."





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Retaining health care workers

CHANTELLE DE JONGE *Chestermere-Strathmore MLA*

In 2023, Alberta's government launched the Health Workforce Strategy to help attract and retain health care workers across the province. I'm pleased to report that this initiative is working to attract doctors and medical professionals to our province, particularly in rural Alberta.

According to the latest quarterly statistics from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, the number of doctors in our province increased by nearly 500 since the second quarter of 2023. This represents a 4.4 per cent increase from the same period last year and it is the highest growth rate in the second quarter over the past decade. As a result, Alberta now boasts 11,756 physicians, the most doctors our province has ever seen.

I'm especially pleased to report that there has been substantial year-over-year growth in the number of practicing physicians in rural Alberta. The Central Zone, for instance, is experiencing the fastest growth in the province, with an increase of 59 physicians from the same period last year, representing a 7.5 per cent increase. The Central Zone is followed closely by the South Zone, which has seen an increase of 31 physicians from last year, a 5.4 per cent increase.

While this progress is incredibly positive, our efforts to attract more doctors are far from over. As part of the Health Workforce Strategy, we are committed to expanding the number of spaces in our province's medical schools, increasing residency positions, and providing more training opportunities for international medical graduates. Additionally, we are working closely with the Alberta Medical Association to finalize the family physician compensation model. This model aims to encourage more physicians to practice in Alberta. Once fully implemented, we anticipate that it will position Alberta as a national leader in attracting and retaining primary care physicians.

In addition to these initiatives, we are working to refocus

The *Strathmore Times* earned two honourable mention photographic awards at the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association (AWNA) annual general meeting in May 2024.

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Alberta's health care system around patients and Alberta's world-class front-line workers. We are rolling up our sleeves and addressing the problems facing our system head-on, and we are starting to see positive results.

Alberta has the best doctors, nurses, and support staff in the world – and I am grateful that more medical professionals are coming to our province to support them in their work. The progress we have seen so far is a testament to the effectiveness of our Health Workforce Strategy and our commitment to addressing the health care worker shortage in Alberta.

While we have much further to go, it's clear our province is heading in the right direction. As we move forward, we will continue to build on this momentum and ensure that our health care system remains strong and capable of meeting the needs of all Albertans for generations to come.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with your feedback and suggestions via email (chestermere.strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

(Chantelle de Jonge is the MLA for Chestermere-Strathmore and the Parliamentary Secretary for Affordability and Utilities)

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Upcoming Council Meetings

September 4, 2024 | 6 p.m. September 11, 2024 | 6 p.m. September 18, 2024 | 6 p.m. **Regular Meeting of Council** Committee of the Whole **Regular Meeting of Council**

Come Say Hi

Hearing from the community is really important to us, so you're welcome at any Council or Committee of the Whole meeting. You do not need to call ahead or register to observe Strathmore Council in action. There is ample public seating and additional standing room if needed. You can also watch livestreamed meetings online as they happen, or catch up later on YouTube.

Land Use Ammendment

Upcoming Public Hearing

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.



Lot 23, Block 01, Plan 981 3631 (137 Orchard Way)

Public Hearing Process

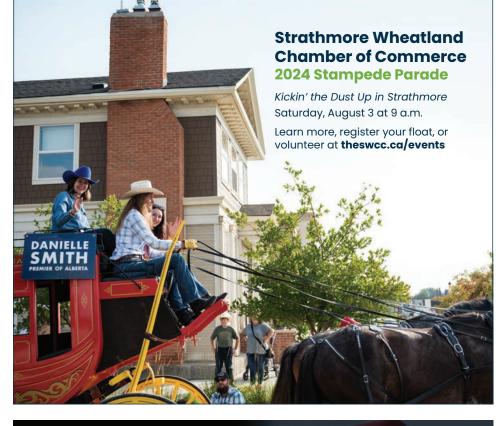
A copy of the proposed bylaw can be found on the Town's website at Strathmore.ca/ PublicHearing or may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Strathmore Municipal Building (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB). Please contact the Town Office 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.

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Welcome to the Strathmore Stampede!

As a proud part of the Bow River Riding, this event is not just a celebration of our rich heritage and traditions but also a gathering that brings us all together in the spirit of camaraderie and fun.

Whether you're here for the heart-pounding rodeo action, the delicious food, or the family-friendly entertainment, I hope you find joy and excitement in every moment.

A huge thank you to the organizers for all their hard work and thank you for being a part of this special event. Your presence makes our community stronger and our celebration brighter.

Enjoy the festivities, cheer loudly, and let's make unforgettable memories together.

Warm regards, *Martin Shields*

Member of Parliament for Bow River

On behalf of Premier Danielle Smith and the Alberta government, I am thrilled to invite everyone out to the 2024 Strathmore Stampede! Whether you're a seasoned cowboy or a first-time visitor, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Join us over the August long weekend for an incredible lineup of live country music, community BBQs, thrilling rodeo events, trade shows, food trucks, and their signature Running with the Bulls! The Stampede Parade through town is a personal favourite of mine, when everyone comes together to showcase a variety of colourful floats, bands, and horses.

The Strathmore Stampede is an incredible celebration of our Western Heritage and agricultural roots that brings the community together.

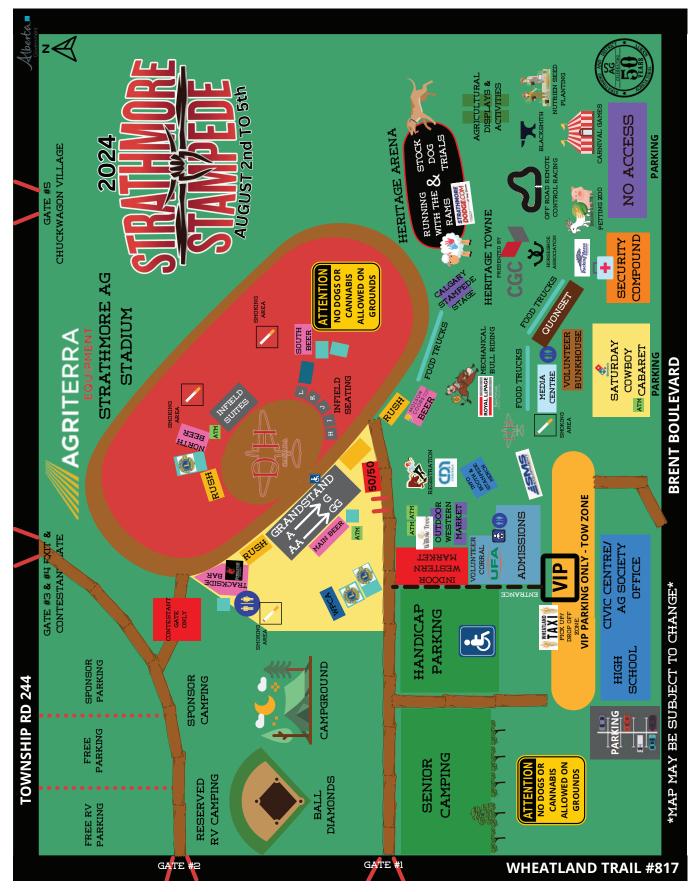
I am looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Chantelle de Jonge, MLA Chestermere-Strathmore









Welcome

Welcome to the 58th Annual Strathmore Stampede. I am beyond grateful to have been crowned Miss Strathmore Stampede 2024, and look forward to taking on an active role in the community and representing Strathmore Stampede across our great nation. Being born into a rodeo family and raised on the farm ingrained in my heart a special appreciation for the western culture and rodeo. Strathmore Stampede has always been one of my favorites – this year during the Stampede you will have an experience of a lifetime. During the weekend there will be delicious pancake breakfasts, thrilling chuckwagon races, Running With the Bulls and of course multiple heart-pounding rodeo performances. Featured in those performances will be some of the greatest rodeo athletes in the world. Make sure to take in all that

the Stampede has to offer and when you see me this weekend or in the future, I encourage you to stop and say "Hi," as I love meeting new people – especially rodeo fans!

Tenley Warburton

Miss Strathmore Stampede 2024

On behalf of the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society and the Board of Directors we would like to extend a warm welcome to the 58th annual Strathmore Stampede! We invite you to enjoy this weekend and celebrate the dedicated men and women who made this all possible.

The Pro Rodeo and the Chuckwagon Races can be seen all four days of Stampede and the highly sought after "Running With the Bulls" can be seen on Saturday and Sunday.

The Strathmore Stampede would not be possible without the hundreds of hard-working, dedicated volunteers that step up every year to really make this event happen. If you come across a volunteer this Stampede weekend, please take the time to say thank you; they deserve it and many volunteers have been coming out to Stampede for decades.

We also have awesome teams working behind the scenes, both on the grounds and in the Ag office, to keep things on track throughout the event. Without their dedication, none of this could happen – we appreciate you all so much!

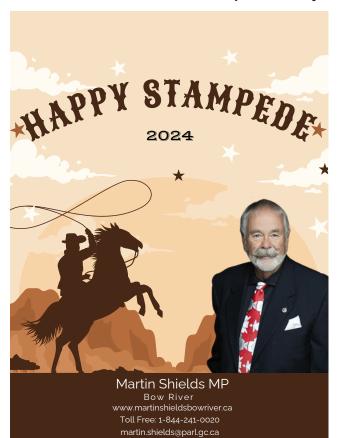
We hope you enjoy your August long weekend at the Strathmore Stampede making memories! Thank you so much for all your continuous support and we look forward to seeing you all here next year!

David Craik

President Strathmore and District Agricultural Society









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Welcome

It's time for the 58th Strathmore Stampede! A big welcome to you all wherever you're from! So, how does this event come together anyways? It's a combination of the hard work of volunteers, committees, the generosity of sponsors and a tremendous number of hours put in by the Strathmore & District Agricultural Society Board and Staff. Thank you to everyone that makes this happen!

Many people don't know how much more the Agricultural Society does beyond running the Strathmore Stampede. So here goes for an answer: we do run the Strathmore Stampede, but we run a ton of other events you'd recognize as well including the Celebration of Lights at Christmas, Stampede Fright Night at Halloween, the Cowboy Town Concert at end of June, Canada's largest rodeo school every August, and the Father's Day Beer & BBQ. We also run the quad ball diamonds, a large campground, the rodeo arena and two practice arenas, three rental buildings, a community fire pit and an eight-court horseshoe pit. We also host an outdoor rink which the town maintains.

What have we been up to lately? Straight across from the grandstand you'll see our brand new Infield Suites Complex complete with a new announcer's booth and bucking chutes! I want to thank all companies who stepped up to pre-book these suites for the first three years which allowed us to move forward with confidence on the project.

What are we doing next? Our next big move is the building of the Western Events and Cultural Centre. This project is destined to transform the region through recreation, culture, economic development, tourism and education. The centre includes a 2,000seat indoor Western Events Centre, and a General Events Centre which can transform into a Performing Arts Theatre. In addition, two programs will be associated with the project – a practical ranching school and a year-round rodeo academy. Every so often, diverse groups converge on a single idea that can make a huge difference for all. I feel like that is what is happening right now in Wheatland County and Strathmore. We have a chance to meet a huge demand

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for a western events space, while meeting a long-standing need in our communities for performing arts and cultural spaces. We can proudly capitalize on our rich cowboy, ranching and farming history and cement them into the future through a Practical Ranching School and year-round rodeo academy at a moment in time when partners are ready and willing to run with these programs. We can enhance our brand as a community and our quality of life at just the moment in time when new companies are moving to the area and need to attract workers. And we can do all this while creating a much-needed anchor for tourism in the area. The timing is right and if we don't seize the chance now –chances are these factors won't all line up again. You can find more information on this online (www.

Ryan Schmidt GM/CEO Strathmore & District Agricultural Society





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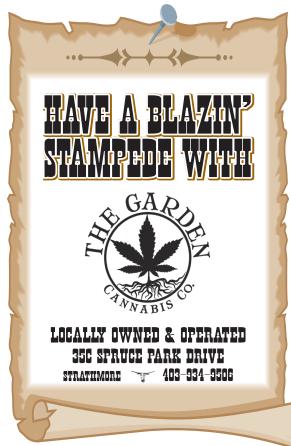
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Ag Society provides update on upcoming Western Events and Cultural Centre

JOHN WATSON - Times Reporter

Ryan Schmidt, CEO of the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society, provided an update regarding the capital project in place to fund the soon-to-be new western events and cultural centre.

The ultimate goal for the capital project is to raise a total of \$20 million for the construction of the facility.

"This is going to be an incredibly exciting new facility for Strathmore and Wheatland County. It included a 2,000-seat western event centre, including private boxes and associated beautiful concessions, restaurant and drink serving areas, a 300-stall horse barn, (and) electrified parking spots for rigs," said Schmidt. "Alongside that, we also have a general events centre, which can host events for up to 600 that transforms into the third facility, which is a performing arts theater, something that Strathmore and Wheatland County has needed for a long time."

Schmidt explained the performing arts theatre will feature retractable theatre seating, a sound booth, coat room, ticket booth, movable walls to create a backstage area, and storage areas for props.

The aim of that region of the facility will be to create a space to host theatre, dance, and concert performances year-round.

Also associated with the Western Events and Cultural Centre will be the year-round rodeo school, and the practical

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ranching school.

"This will be an opportunity for rodeo athletes to learn in a structured program just like you would have in a hockey academy or a dance academy where you are going a couple times a week, every week, slowly and steadily growing your skills, making sure that we can safely train our athletes," said Schmidt. "I believe it will help Strathmore become really the heart of the development of rodeo athletes in Canada."

The practical ranching school plans to offer a one-year program aimed at teaching skills ranging from calving to animal health, pasture management, fence building, and more.

Additionally, the program will represent an opportunity for dual credit acquisition, for which students can apply to high school or post-secondary educations.

"I do not think there is another facility like it in North America that actually combines a performing arts theatre with an events centre, with a Western events centre. And certainly (not) with all the necessary associated items needed to host big Western events," said Schmidt. "It means we are going to get premium international events coming into Strathmore and Wheatland County, and we are meeting a huge need for a high-end performing arts facility so performing arts groups are not forced to use facilities that do not really meet their needs in order to put on their performances."

More information about the project is available online through the Strathmore Ag Society website.



Strathmore Stampede announces new luxury suites

JOHN WATSON - Times Reporter

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society is excited to announce the official opening of their private suites in time for the Strathmore Stampede, coming August long weekend.

"We are very proud of this new addition which enhances our grounds and offers a new luxury experience. There are 12 suites, one of which is actually our new announcer's booth," said Ryan Schmidt, CEO of the Ag Society. "They will be able to announce in comfort. We are going to miss the old wooden announcer booth on stilts, but I think this will be better for the quality that we can provide our fans, and we are certainly pleased to provide a luxury offering to guests as well."

Construction of the suites began at the start of the winter months in 2023, and according to Schmidt, were scheduled to be wrapped up prior to the start of the Strathmore Stampede.

Each of the suite holders made three-year rental agreements with the Ag Society in order to rent the spaces. Each suite has already been spoken for, for the immediate future.

Schmidt explained a wide variety of companies and farms have acquired the suites for the next three years.

"People were very excited; we had a big kickoff event at Origin where we introduced suite holders to the concept – this is long before construction started and within a month, we had sold all of the suites on three-year agreements," he said. "There is a lot of interest; we could probably build another 12 suites and sell them all, no problem. We are glad to see the interest building, and the momentum building behind Strathmore Stampede."

Schmidt added he believes that the addition of a luxury experience to the Strathmore Stampede will continue to attract new companies and new potential sponsors to the event, which ultimately would add to the momentum of the Stampede.

"The suites have a beautiful interior with nicely finished flooring, they have beautiful cabinets with drink fridges in them, there are nice luxury washrooms to access, beautiful furniture, and of course they each have 16 seats out front so you can choose to sit within the suite or in the seat out front, and they are air conditioned," he said.

Rooftop patios are also available for booking, which is a separate ticket able to be purchased through the Strathmore Stampede web portal.

More information about the suites is available online through the Strathmore Stampede website. Bookings for future clients will be handled on a first come, first served basis.



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Stampede filled with activities

JOHN WATSON - Times Reporter

The Strathmore Stampede is set to feature a host of both new and returning attractions over the course of its operational weekend, come August 2-5.

Classic to the Stampede, the rodeo, chuckwagon races, and Running With the Bulls events are making their annual return.

Throughout the grounds, Stampede patrons will be able to find remote-control race cars, a petting zoo, a mechanical bull, sunflower planting, stock dog competitions in the heritage arena, show riders, trick riders, carnival games, mutton busting, top shot hockey, wild pony races, running with the rams, face painting, and a western market.

"We have also got a whole bunch of bands that are coming to play over the long weekend, and we do a lip sync competition. We also do an emerging artist competition as well for artists to come and play," said Haley Hawes, events coordinator for the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society. "We have got free parking, we have Family Friday which is free admissions onto the grounds, and we have got camping."

In particular, the carnival games, which Hawes said there would be five of, are a new feature to the grounds, as well as the sunflower planting presented by Nutrien.

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Stampede filled with activities

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As far as getting the event planned and organized, Hawes added it is a mixed bag of unique ideas from "our committees," as well as ideas spawning through established relationships with businesses.

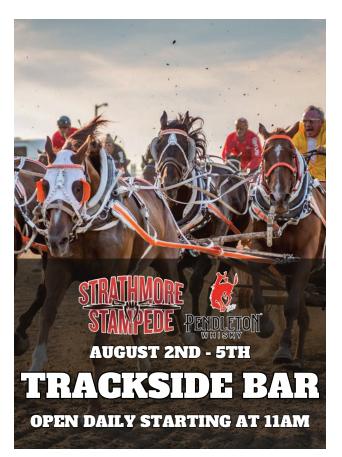
Ultimately, the Strathmore Stampede aims to have a little of everything for folks of all ages to be able to come in and enjoy over the course of the operational weekend.

"We have some days that are themed days, and this year we are adding a volunteer appreciation day. On Sunday, we are doing volunteer appreciation day as our theme day, which is new," added Hawes. "We are going to be honouring some of our longstanding volunteers, just showing our appreciation because there is no way we could put on an event of this capacity without all the volunteers that we have. We wanted to have a day to celebrate them all."

On an annual basis, more than 400 volunteers come out to aid in the operation of the Strathmore Stampede over the course of the weekend.

"There's just so much to do on our grounds this year that you can definitely come and enjoy a corn dog and do some remotecontrol race cars and hang out at the petting zoo," said Hawes.

Featured musical artists who will be performing at the Stampede this year include Michaela Sheedy, Lyndsay Butler, Brad Simms, The Calverts, and Greg Rider, with Brandon Lorenzo performing at the cabaret.



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Strathmore Stampede is a welcoming event for families and people of all ages

JOHN WATSON - Times Reporter

The Strathmore Stampede is a family-friendly event which is meant to be able to welcome anyone and everyone through the gates over the course of its operational weekend.

"We have affordable tickets, we have free parking, and there is even wagons being pulled by tractors all throughout the parking lot that will pick you up and give you a ride to the gate," said Ryan Schmidt, CEO of the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society. "We have a ton of kids activities, and we have Family Friday, where there is free grounds admission for everyone, and we have really affordable rodeo tickets that day for just \$17.50."

Additionally, in the evening, the Strathmore Stampede is featuring a family-friendly country music concert featuring Jade Eagleson.

Schmidt regarded Eagleson as a "tremendous breakout artist" whose songs share "great family values" that parents can especially feel good about bringing their children to see live in concert.

"Strathmore Stampede being for families I just think is something that helps make our event really great. All our areas of our event grounds are accessible by all ages. We do not have an area set aside for people to go super crazy partying," said Schmidt. "The whole grounds are totally comfortable for the family to come to. We have even got diaper change tables in our washrooms next to the admission buildings. This is the kind of event that we designed and we try to enhance it more and more every year to make it a great family experience."

He added those who attend the Stampede generally enjoy taking part in the rodeo and chuckwagon events, and even the child-specific events such as the wild pony races, mutton busting, and Running With the Rams.

The Strathmore Stampede will feature a Heritage Town where there will be a host of kids' activities to partake in that maintain a strong agricultural focus.

Beyond those who are recreationally attending the Strathmore Stampede, there are also a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, with something available for all ages to contribute and be a part of the event.

"We are always looking to bring in new volunteers. It takes 400 volunteers to run Strathmore Stampede, and we always want to bring in especially young people to grow with the event, learn the event, and they are usually the people who end up becoming the staff of the Ag Society and playing a role in running the event years later," said Schmidt. "We have staff here who started volunteering when they were young teenagers, and we would invite people to come out and give it a try – you can help with admissions or ushering or parking or selling merchandise at the general store. There are a ton of different jobs and we certainly welcome young people to come and help out and volunteer."

For volunteers, once their shifts expire, they are also allowed to stick around and enjoy the Strathmore Stampede.



