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Teddy bear time

Strathmore pride crosswalk relocated

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council has voted in favour of moving the location of the planned pride crosswalk from its originally suggested location, to immediately adjacent the municipal building.

The matter was brought forward to council during the Sept. 6 regular meeting, which was discussed at length prior to approval.

Council originally voted in July to approve the installation of the rainbow crosswalk on the corner of 2nd Ave and 2nd Street to celebrate the local LGBTQ2S+ community, and make all aware that they are welcome in town.

Following its approval, the crosswalk will now be located at the north entrance to the Strathmore Municipal Building parking lot on Parklane Drive.

Coun. Brent Wiley spoke at length during the regular meeting of council regarding his belief against the installation, and motioned to have council rescind their previous approval of the crosswalk.

Wiley suggested that by allowing such an installation, the Town of Strathmore may inadvertently be supporting the creation of a social class, and a movement towards Marxism.

“The line between good and evil is through the hearts of each of us. I am afraid we are accidentally drawing this line between different social classes,” he said. “I am afraid our municipality is honouring, celebrating and affirming one class of residents, while censoring and silencing another.”

The latter of his statement being in reference to council’s bylaw to require mail depicting graphic images to be delivered in discreet, opaque packaging with a displayed return address to the sender, in response to increased occurrences of pro-life messaging being delivered door to door in town.

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Threshing time!

Volunteers and workers went old-school when they meet for a harvest threshing at the Alberta Carriage Supply farm on Sept. 9. Eau Claire Distillery will use the threshed barley to create their popular Stampede Canadian Rye Whisky. See Page 5 for more coverage.

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The Vintage and Vines artisan market took place at the Legacy Barn, Sept. 9, with dozens of vendors and local businesses coming out to showcase and sell their wares in and around the building. Little games and activities were also set up for kids and families.

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The Calgary Hitmen hosted their annual preseason game at the Siksika Deerfoot Sportsplex on Sept. 8 versus the Red Deer Rebels.

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Siksika Health Services hosts preseason Hitmen game

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Health Services once again hosted a pre-season opener for the Calgary Hitmen versus the Red Deer Rebels, Sept. 8 in Siksika.

The annual event aims to build on a growing partnership between the Calgary Hitmen and Siksika Health Services. This year's game was a rematch between the two participating teams, with the Hitmen falling 5-4 in overtime.

"We were very excited to host the preseason game at the Deerfoot Sportsplex between the Calgary Hitmen and the Red Deer Rebels. In fact, it was the third preseason game we have hosted with the Hitmen," said Tyler White, chief executive officer of Siksika Health Services. "We were super excited to work with our friends and partners, and we have had these preseason games but we have also been able to do many more things with the Calgary Hitmen and Calgary Sports Entertainment Corporation (CSEC)."

White also was excited to explain invitations had been extended to evacuees from the Northwest Territories to attend the game, who are currently taking refuge in the vicinity of Siksika Nation, as well as within the territory.

Siksika Health Services and the Calgary Hitmen also have previously partnered to host the Every Child Matters hockey game at the Saddledome in Calgary.

"We created the jerseys that you see that the

Calgary Hitmen proudly wear and they are also one of the top sellers within CSEC. I am just so proud of what the team has created and the design of those jerseys," said White. "Collaboration with CSEC, it has been a real great example of partnership, teamwork, and I think when our youth see this, it is very inspirational – I think it is an empowerment for our youth, and for our community. It gives everyone hope."

White explained Siksika Nation is aiming to use hockey as a platform for discussion regarding racism, discrimination, public health issues and education with the Hitmen, and to create meaningful opportunities to move forward in a positive way.

Prior to the start of the game on Sept. 8, a tailgate party was hosted at the Deerfoot Sportsplex for the community to enjoy. Post-game, both teams were sat down for a traditional meal for the players.

"What we are doing really transcends hockey. We were able to, last year, have the first ever Every Child Matters pow wow at the Saddledome and we did not know what to expect, but we were confident in putting on an amazing show and showcasing the beauty of our culture," said White.

Attendance for the preseason game was free for those wanting to come out and enjoy watching the match between the Hitmen and the Rebels. Siksika Health Services aims to continue the annual event with the Hitmen moving forward and to get more teams from the league involved in the movement.

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Local nominated for community award

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Brandy Hebbes was awarded the Alberta Blue Cross Community Wellbeing Grant as she was recognized for her tireless efforts within the Wheatland Society of Arts (WSA).

Hebbes has been involved in a volunteer capacity with the WSA since 2002 when she first moved to Strathmore. She has been on the board in a number of different roles – president, director at large, secretary and currently, treasurer.

“I just can’t seem to leave,” said Hebbes. “It’s my passion in life.”

The grant she was awarded gives the recipient \$1,000 and it also gives their charitable organization that they volunteer for an additional \$1,000. Hebbes, being the selfless volunteer that she is, donated her \$1,000 back to the WSA.

The Wellbeing Grant was introduced this year in celebration of the 75 years that the Alberta Blue Cross has been recognizing volunteers in Alberta. Alberta Blue Cross started this program to reward volunteers who are making a difference in the health and wellness of Albertans. Seventy-five volunteers province-wide were recipients of the grant, along with their respective volunteer orga-

nizations.

Hebbes said that grants and competitions like this keep people motivated to keep working as volunteers for their communities.

“I don’t have kids so this is my way of giving back,” said Hebbes of her dedication to the WSA.

The WSA was incorporated in 1986 making it a long-standing pillar for the arts in our community. Grants like this come in quite handy for the organization. Other sources for monetary contribution come from the Town of Strathmore and other fundraising efforts by the members.

Until 2016 the WSA ran more of an adult art group. Since then, it’s shifted into offering art opportunities to all ages. Their motto is, after all, “Art for all – no exceptions.”

The WSA offers opportunities for visual arts, educational and skill building workshops. This included summer camps and even wine and cheese paint night.

The grant had a huge focus on mental health and Hebbes is a strong advocate for the benefits art has on one’s social and mental wellbeing.

“Of course, art just fits beautifully into mental health, I believe anyway,” she said.

Recently the WSA opened a pottery studio right next to the existing visual arts studio. The grand

opening of the new pottery studio is Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. along with the demo day. There will be different artists available to show people around the studio and answer any lingering questions they might have about the different art mediums offered. The grand opening is a free event for all ages.

The WSA has wonderful group of instructors who offer an array of classes for people of all ages from preschool to seniors’ classes.

“We are always looking for volunteers – who isn’t?” said Hebbes

If people would like to volunteer, they can email info@wheatlandarts.ca and for more information and a calendar of events, they can visit the WSA website (www.wheatlandarts.ca).

Langdon Library Society to host Walk and Run

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Langdon Library Society is hosting their annual Walk and Run event in support of the Langdon Library on Sept. 17.

Participants have the option to complete 1K, 5K, and 10K courses, being the best option for their fitness level, and everyone is welcome to come out. Participants are also eligible to enter draws for a selection of prizes donated by local businesses and sponsors.

The idea behind the event is to both raise money for the Langdon Library and its programming, as well as to promote physical fitness and wellness.

“It is a major fundraiser; we have had it for the last couple of years to help fundraise for the Langdon Library, and it is a really big event that Langdon puts on in order to support the library,” said Heather King, treasurer for the Langdon Library Society. “We opened up our doors this year and this is a major contributor to those funds that help support our community library.”

King estimated roughly 100 people came out last year for the event in support of the library and getting the facility established in town. Numbers of participants at the annual event prior to the COVID-19 pandemic are estimated to have been roughly the same.

For those who are curious about coming out,

they can be of any age and ability; running is not necessarily required, and dogs are welcome to be brought out for some exercise.

“This event has a huge impact – this has been a huge contributor to us opening up our doors this year to our facility,” said King. “Obviously, the more the merrier, but what we would like to try to raise for the library is anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000.”

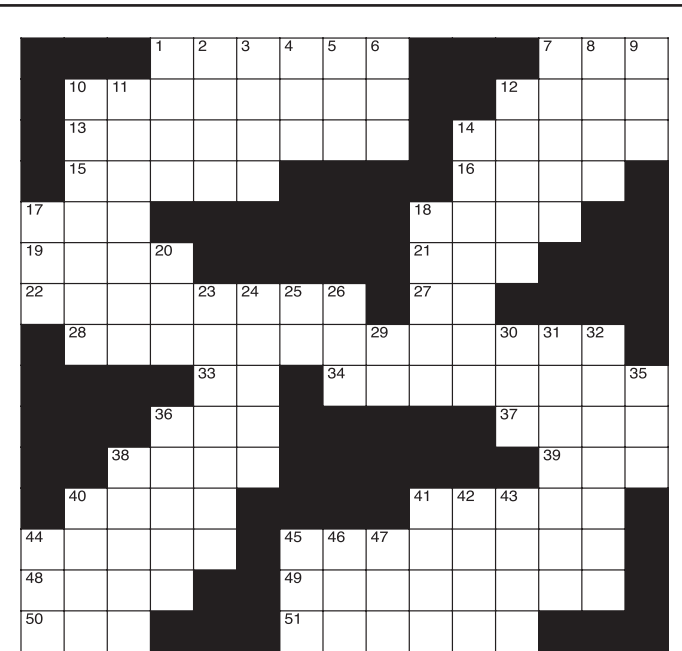
King emphasized the run is very much about promoting community involvement, which is a large part of why the library exists.

The team, she added, is always accepting comments and contributions from the community to ensure that absolutely anyone who wishes to participate may be able to and can be included to take part.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to notify the library early of their intent, as well as to receive a commemorative t-shirt, and other goodies related to the Walk and Run.

For folks unable to come out and participate, but who still wish to support the event and the cause, volunteer opportunities are available, or donations can be made through the Langdon Library Society’s GoFundMe campaign (<https://gofund.me/4bd3a1de>).

Registration for the run can be completed online (raceroster.com/events/2023/78180/langdon-walkrun-2023).



CLUES ACROSS

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| 7. Fashion accessory | 34. Embarrassing |
| 10. Most cerebral | 36. Medical man |
| 12. Incline from vertical | 37. Mother of Hermes |
| 13. Dependent on | 38. One who saves the day |
| 14. Broken in | 39. Tooth caregiver |
| 15. Strongly desires | 40. Not clothed |
| 16. Mounted soldier | 41. Slope covered with loose stones |
| 17. Ad __: when necessary | 44. Used to cook |
| 18. Cattle | 45. Praises enthusiastically |
| 19. Ottoman military commanders | 48. Rooney is a famous one |
| 21. __ student, learns healing | 49. Beekeeper |
| 22. Composed in poetic meter | 50. Pigeon |
| 27. Promotional material | 51. Potato chip brand |
| 28. Where people live | |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Living quarters | 24. Lowland South American plain |
| 2. Horizontal passage | 25. Blood group |
| 3. Attacks | 26. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano |
| 4. Vietnamese offensive | 29. Atomic #37 |
| 5. Midway between east and southeast | 30. Unit of electrical resistance |
| 6. Confined (abbr.) | 31. Jeweled crowns |
| 7. Book of Esther antagonist | 32. Nastiest |
| 8. Port in Yemen | 35. Traditional cars need it |
| 9. CNN’s founder | 36. Bowler hat |
| 10. Type of bulb | 38. Robust |
| 11. Prepare | 40. Not straight |
| 12. Promoted | 41. Stony waste matter |
| 14. Dinner jackets | 42. Have an interest in |
| 17. Partner to cheese | 43. Jacob __, journalist |
| 18. Nebraska city | 44. Maintains possession of |
| 20. Human gene | 45. Swiss river |
| 23. Pays no attention to | 46. Average cost of market goods |
| | 47. Spanish soldier: El __ |

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Buckle time

The Double S Barrel Series hosted their final on Sept. 10 at the Strathmore Ag Society Grounds. After a great summer of barrel racing, the top riders qualified for the finals for a chance to take home a championship buckle.

Joe Lepage Photos

Club starts 45th year

PAISLEY BLACK
Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club Reporter

The Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club is excited to welcome new and old members back as we start our 45th year as a club this September.

We kick off the season with an Information Meeting and Weiner Roast on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Crowfoot Hall (located approximately 18 km east of Strathmore) and invite anyone with questions or interest in the club to come check it out.

Currently our club looks to be offering the projects of sheep, sewing, archery, canine and creative options with hockey and green certificate. Confirmation on projects will be done at this Information Meeting once we know what projects the kids are interested in and if we have leaders to volunteer for each project.

For any questions, please reach out to club leader, Shelly Neal (crowfootmulti4h@4hab.com).

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Council approves new location for pride sidewalk

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Wiley's motion, also requesting council direct administration to draft a bylaw to repeal the graphic images bylaw, as well as for administration to bring both matters to a future committee of the whole meeting, was considered out of order, and was defeated by Mayor and council.

Coun. Jason Montgomery expressed concerns that council would be approving the use of taxpayer money to forward a biased political agenda that not all in town would necessarily agree with, as well as to be openly in support of a controversial political issue.

Montgomery added he also questioned the new proposed location for the crosswalk, based on the aggressive use of motor vehicles in the area on previous occasions, such as for burnouts which leave tire marks on the concrete.

It was later clarified that the organizations involved, being the Skatmore Girls, Wheatland Youth Network, and Skills for Success, would be undertaking the installation of the crosswalk, and no taxpayer dollars would be directed towards the project.

Coun. Melissa Langmaid added her belief that the town is not supporting a political agenda, but rather allowing the development of an installation which encourages inclusivity, tolerance and acceptance within Strathmore.

Voting to approve the new placement of the crosswalk 5-2, the installation will continue as scheduled. The crosswalk will be painted on Sept. 22.



Harvest time

Alberta Carriage Supply and Eau Claire Distillery, following up to their binding and stooking event last month, hosted dozens of volunteers back at the farm to thresh the barley and prepare it for distilling on Sept. 9. As a part of its whisky experience, Eau Claire Distillery explicitly harvests using tools and methods which were common to the practice in the industry in the early 1900s.

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Town offers advance swim lesson registration to local residents

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has announced the introduction of an advanced swimming lesson registration window for local residents, as well as those within Wheatland County.

Going forward, the town has noted advance registration for swimming lessons will be made available to local residents before being opened up to those living elsewhere.

Marcie Brinton, manager of recreation and culture with the Town of Strathmore, said the town feels it important that any of its local residents who wish to partake in aquatic education have access to programming at their local facilities.

“We have seen an increase in swimming lesson demand and we are doing our best to train instructors and provide quality swimming lesson opportunities in the community,” she said. “We have heard the frustrations from residents who have had difficulties securing a place in the correct swimming lesson level for their child.

“Creating a registration window for local residents ensures that our community members will have the opportunity to register before lesson spaces become available to those that live in surrounding areas.”

According to the town, swimming lessons within Alberta have a history of reaching maximum capacity very quickly. Demand for lessons post COVID-19 pandemic are also reported to have noticeably increased.

This, as well as aquatic facilities facing labour shortages due to lack of

lifeguard training during the pandemic has added significant strain to the availability of aquatic programming.

In order to take advantage of the registration window, residents of Strathmore and Wheatland County are recommended to create an account at strathmore.perfectmind.com and ensure to enter their correct land address and residential postal code.

“In past sessions, we have had lesson registrations from residents of Chestermere, Calgary and Rockyview County,” said Brinton. “While we are pleased to offer water safety instruction to as many children as possible, we want to make sure we are serving those who

live in our community first.”

The Town of Strathmore council has made it part of their strategic plan for community wellness to offer affordable opportunities for swimming lessons. This, according to the town, strengthens the community by teaching water safety and physical literacy.

Registration for local residents is anticipated to open Oct. 2, at 9 a.m. and will be open to the rest of the public Oct. 5.

More information regarding the advance registration period, as well as on local swimming lessons can be found online via the Town of Strathmore website or by calling the aquatic centre.

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The contents of the 2023-34 flu vaccine have been fixed for the coming flu season. Since the seasonal flu season begins as early as October in the Northern hemisphere, people are advised to get their flu prevention shot as soon as it’s available. In Australia, the flu season started early and has become intense especially in children. Advice? Get your flu shot this year.

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WHEATLAND COUNTY

Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference.

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Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board

Wheatland County invites applications for membership on the Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) with appointment to commence November 01, 2023. One representative from each of Electoral Division will be appointed. The Community Enhancement Regional Board consists of two members from each Electoral Division, appointed by Wheatland County Council. Membership on the CERB is appointed for a two-year term with alternating expiry dates. The Community Enhancement Regional Board meets three times every spring to evaluate applications and decide on the allocation of Community Enhancement Funding to Wheatland County community groups.

Application Deadline: September 30

For more information, or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Jessica Salmon at 403-361-2021 or via email at jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca.



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Teddy Bear Picnic

Coun. Debbie Mitzner of RE/MAX Landan Real Estate once again hosted Strathmore's annual Teddy Bear Picnic for families and children to enjoy on Sept. 9. Kinsmen Park was filled with teddy bear mascots and thematic activities largely for the entertainment of local youngsters.

John Watson Photos



County passes new code of conduct bylaw

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County Council passed third reading of a Code of Conduct By-law, 2023-18, during the Sept. 5 regular meeting of council.

As is stated in the Code of Conduct Bylaw, the purpose of the document is to establish standards for the ethical conduct of Councillors and Members relating to their roles and obligations as representatives of the county.

The document also outlines a procedure for the investigation and enforcement of those standards, should complaints be filed.

"We have been working on the Code of Conduct bylaw since April. 4, 2023. We made an amendment (since) then to add an integrity commissioner and then we brought it back and appointed Kingsgate Legal," said Tracy Buteau, general manager of corporate and financial services for the county, who presented the document before council. "We recently reviewed the final draft at the last Committee of the Whole on Aug. 22, 2023, and as well, the final draft was reviewed by legal."

According to the document, it is the purpose of the Integrity Commissioner to accept, assess, and investigate formal complaints, and make findings and determinations as to whether a councillor or members of County Committee and boards contravene the Code of Conduct. The new bylaw, as was presented to

council, incorporates recommended best practices, while preserving aspects from the previous Code of Conduct.

Two Code of Conduct violation complaints against County Councillors, being Rick Laursen and Glenn Koester, have been discussed in open session of council during the current sitting council's term.

The sanctions leveled against Koester as a result of the Code of Conduct violation complaint, originally submitted by Coun. Tom Ikert, have been appealed and are currently challenged in Alberta Provincial Court.

Coun. Donna Biggar questioned, following the presentation of the bylaw, whether the Integrity Commissioner made details regarding complaints public before or after county council was able to review them.

It was clarified by council when a complaint is issued, it is given to Kingsgate Legal, then is returned to council in closed session if it is found to be a legitimate complaint. The details of the complaint will be made public and posted to the Wheatland County website following council's consideration of the report and decision on sanctions if any are made.

County council reviewed and passed all three readings of the proposed new Code of Conduct bylaw following brief discussion and clarification, with one amendment regarding council's disclosure of gifts accepted by a single donor.



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Spartans shine

The Strathmore Spartans high school football team improved to 2-0 on the season after a 41-13 win over Winston Churchill on Sept. 8 at the high school. The Spartans will now play their first road game on Sept. 15 when they visit Willow Creek.

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Badgers strike

The Strathmore Badgers bantam football team struck early and often en route to a 82-6 win over the Hanna Hawks on Sept. 9 at Crowther Memorial Junior High School. The Badgers will hit the road before their next home game on Oct. 21 versus Springbank.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crosswalk concerns

To the Editor

I am writing to express my concern about the town's plans to have "pride" crosswalk painted on a street in downtown Strathmore. My objection to this new installation is multi-faceted.

Firstly, it seems to be another example of certain members on town council forgetting that their job is to serve the entire populace of Strathmore, not to embark on "progressive" crusades to assist special interest groups that happen to be popular with today's chattering classes. I long for the day when our local politicians are fruitful in fulfilling their limited mandate: keeping the roads plowed and safe in the winter, keeping taxes at a minimum while offering necessary services, etc. Imagine!

Secondly, the justification offered in the media for the installation includes discussion of the tragically high depression and suicide rates among youth with same-sex attraction and gender dysphoria. While these facts are true, I do not see how the painting of a crosswalk will serve to change this reality, nor how it is just that only this specific minority demographic "has an opportunity to see themselves reflected in the community." Should not other demographics who also suffer receive similar treatment?

Perhaps the Filipino community should have a crosswalk painted in the colours of their homeland's flag, recognizing their sacrifice and suffering and celebrating their presence. Or maybe a demographic that is especially affected by depression, drug abuse

and suicide: middle-aged (especially divorced) men, should have a sidewalk that offers them representation in the community.

If one group gets this special treatment, why not others who also suffer abuse, ostracism, and deaths of despair? Are citizens to conclude that certain members of town council, elected to serve the entirety of the community, are playing favourites with their preferred victim groups?

Thirdly, as we strive to jump on the politically-correct bandwagon with municipalities such as Airdrie and Lethbridge, I hesitate to ask what will happen if something happens to deface this new piece of civic art? Will we make national headlines, described as a town full of bigots because of the burnout of a single driver, or the re-painting efforts of someone fed up with the government and corporate-sponsored extravaganza that has become "Pride Month" and now "Pride Season?"

My humble suggestion: stop the divisive "culture war" politics and get back to governing our town in an orderly and responsible manner. And for those who desire to celebrate their unique interests and proclivities, they are offered the same opportunities as all other private citizens and organizations – those guaranteed by our constitution.

Sincerely,
Boniface de Rustico
Strathmore

Wondering where the money went

To the Editor

To Wheatland County and Alberta residents. We have done some online research and found the following items which were submitted to the LPRT and show the taxpayer supported funding that was provided:

- The April 4, 2008, Alberta News Release contains a table on Page 2 that lists CR Fuels of Strathmore as receiving \$5,000,000 from the Biorefining Commercialization and Market Development Program.

- On March 30, 2007, a document from the CR Fuels website which has a link shown at the bottom of the page with wording 'Apr 2, 2007 - Canada's New Government Invests \$900,000 for Biofuels Initiatives in Alberta.' We did additional online research and found of an archive of their former website which revealed that CR Fuels received \$300,000 from the Biofuels Opportunities for Producers Initiative Program.

- A Federal Government document shows that during the period between 2008-02-06 to 2009-04-22, CR Fuels received \$300,000 from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's EcoAgriculture Biofuel Capital Initiative Program.

- The June 17, 2008, BioDiesel Magazine article states that the proposed project/plant is expected to

create more than 70 permanent jobs.

We are writing to Albertans wondering where these monies were spent? We question if these millions would be well spent in Alberta or Wheatland County if they were available today? Our research shows that \$5,600,000 in grant funding was provided in 2008 dollars and equals \$7,952,000 in today's currency.

We wonder how far \$7,952,000 would go towards the new senior's home/hospice proposed for our seniors and terminally ill? We ask, if the ethanol plant had actually been constructed, along with the promised jobs, would the extra employment have helped with more tax revenue available to be allocated to the senior's home/hospice? Alas, millions were allocated, the permit has expired; are there any obvious benefits to Wheatland County, Strathmore residents, or other Albertans?

We wonder if residents who are furious with county council for perceived foot-dragging have mis-directed anger? Should their angst be directed at private entities where less public funds are now available to build much needed senior's care facilities?

Thank you so much,
Shelley Osten
Ardenode/Nightingale Concerned Citizens

Back to School safety tips

ALBERTA RCMP

Most students across the province are officially back to school. The Alberta RCMP would like to remind students, parents and drivers of a few safety tips which will make the return to school a safe one for everyone.

Parents and guardians:

- Show your child a safe route by which to walk to and from school. Make sure they know how to safely use a crosswalk and obey all traffic control devices and crossing guards.

- Rain, snow, fog and darkness may obscure the vision of motorists, making pedestrians difficult to see. Your child should know that even though they may see an approaching vehicle, environmental conditions may impair the motorist's ability to see them. Teach them to make eye contact with driver before crossing the street.

- Remind children that listening to loud music on headphones or texting while walking is hazardous as they are less aware of potential traffic dangers around them.

- If waiting for a school bus, ensure your child is aware of the traffic hazards which may be present near the bus stop. Show them a safe place where they may wait to catch the bus.

- In the dim early morning hours or on dark evenings, brightly-coloured clothing, a reflective arm band or clothing with reflective strips will help children to be seen by motorists.

- Instruct your child never to run after a school bus

in an effort to catch it as neither the bus driver nor other motorists may see them on the road.

- As a pedestrian, do not always assume that you have the right of way.

- If you decide to meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait at the bus stop itself: not across the street from it. Children may forget traffic safety rules in their excitement to see you after their school day and dash across the street.

Drivers:

- Be on the lookout for children and students walking to school as you pull out or back out of your garage and driveway.

- Be alert and mindful that during dim mornings or dark evenings, it can be difficult to see pedestrians.

- Remember, it is illegal to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing red. Drivers on both sides of the road must remain stopped until the flashing red lights are turned off.

- Drivers need to slow down in school zones and be particularly alert for students during school hours, especially when dropping off and picking up children from school.

By remembering these few simple traffic safety tips, students, parents and drivers can help one another enjoy a safe school year. Each person has a part to play to ensure that everyone using the roads in Alberta, does so in a manner which is safe for all Albertans.

For more traffic safety information, follow #Safety101 on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and Twitter @RCMPAlberta.



Home winner

The Wheatland Kings opened their 2023 preseason with a 5-4 win over the Medicine Hat Cubs on Sept. 9 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team picked up a point in the rubber match the following day on the road, falling 4-3 in a shootout. The Kings will close out the preseason when they host Three Hills on Sept. 17 (4 p.m.) at the Strathmore Family Centre.

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Obituary



PASHAK, Wilda Faye
June 27, 1936 - Sept. 1, 2023

Surrounded by her loving family, Wilda Faye Pashak (née Kroon) passed away peacefully on September 1, 2023, at the age of 87 following a brief illness.

Wilda was born in 1936 and grew up in the village of Standard, Alberta, the youngest of four children of Frank Kroon of Grandview, South Dakota, and Johanna Louise Schmutte of Princeton, Nebraska.

Leaving home at the age of 18, Wilda moved to Calgary where she worked in the oil and gas industry. She met her future husband, Larry Pashak, while skiing in Whitefish, Montana. They married in 1963 and had two children, Jennifer in 1964 and Frank in 1966.

Wilda was an accomplished bridge player who also enjoyed spending time at the family cabin she and Larry built in Windermere, B.C. She loved to travel, including with her sister-in-law and lifelong friend, Dolores Michaud (née Pashak). Mexico and Hawaii were the last stamps in her passport, both within the last year.

Wilda was predeceased by her husband Larry, her son-in-law Brian Millar, her friend and companion Barry, and her brothers Jean and Harris.

She is survived by her children Jennifer (Robert) and Frank (Anne), her granddaughters Sydney and Alana (Matt), and her brother Gordon, who recently celebrated his 101st birthday. She is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews including Gerry (Ruth), Gail (Bryan), Gwen (Art), Karen (Phil), Norman (Maryanne), Morgan (Zhenni), Larry, Carol, Marilyn (Kevin), Michelle (Vern), Dan, Jacqueline (Greg) and Phil (Betty), and their children.

If love and friendship are measures of a life well lived, Wilda was truly blessed. Thank you to Shirley (Shirt), Wilda's friend since childhood. To Anne and Jo, thank you for your love, care and devotion. To Nick (the Silver Fox), thank you for the love, the smiles and the hot dates. You made a difference.

Wilda's family is in awe of the extraordinary women and men in our health care system. The care she received at Rockyview Hospital and Foothills Medical Centre was nothing short of outstanding in every respect. And the team at Southwood Hospice are angels to whom we will be eternally grateful.

A celebration of Wilda's life will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Glendale/Glendale Meadows Community Association hall, 4500 25 Avenue S.W., Calgary. Family and friends are invited to share their memories of Wilda during an open mic session. Donations may be made to the Kidney March and a tree will be planted in Wilda's honour in the Sandy Cross Conservation Area.

Obituary



SCHULTZ, Roy Andrew

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather Roy Andrew Schultz passed away peacefully on Monday September 11th, 2023 in Strathmore, Alberta, at the age of 93.

Roy is predeceased by his parents, Carl and Mina Schultz and his two brothers, Willard and Eddie.

He is survived by his wife Lydia; their 4 children, Donna Bertsch (Jeff), Karl Schultz (Verle-ann), Kelly Schultz (Val), Wendy McKimmie (James); his sister Eileen Risseuw; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Roy's love of music and being in a band as a young man lead him to his wife Lydia of whom he was married to for 60 years. Together they raised their loving family and resided in Strathmore.

Roy worked for the County of Wheatland as a backhoe operator for 38 years from 1956 till his retirement in 1994.

He loved fishing out at Crowfoot Creek, curling with the family each year, and spending most of his time out in his yard or playing cards with everyone at family get togethers.

Roy will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved him. A celebration of his life will be announced at a later time.

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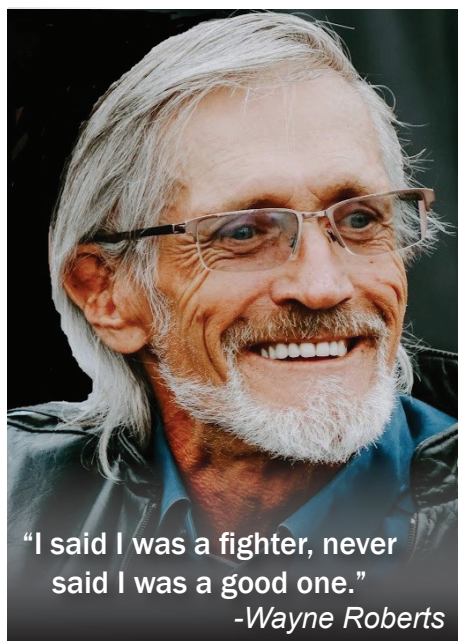


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ROBERTS, Wayne Harvey
October 3rd, 1951 - September 5th 2023



WAYNE ROBERTS was a man whose depth of wisdom and knowledge was only surpassed by the breadth of experiences and adventures he had undertaken in his long life. Wayne was born in Calgary, Alberta on October 3, 1951 and peacefully passed away at home on September 5, 2023. Wayne was predeceased by his parents, Walter Roberts and Bernice Roberts (Dietrich), his wife of 47 years, Heather Roberts (Davison), and his brother Kim Roberts. He is survived by his partner, Donna Friesen and his daughters, Diana Lange, Meahgan Roberts (Andrew Birch) and Lyndsay Ratson (Jesse), his sister Beverley Duncan (Mark), his grandchildren; Destiny/Taylor, Tristen, Ayden/Breanna, Faeriel,

Hunter, Savahana, Fenix, Wynter, his great grandchildren; Aalyshia, Leigha and Isabelle, nephews, nieces, and his Back Alley Boys extended family.

Although raised in a strict Catholic environment, Wayne was never one to back away from challenging the views of others, whether it be on the merits of their intellectual or martial prowess. Wayne's life was one of facing countless opponents, human and inhuman, and coming out the other end a man with countless stories, each with its own unique lesson on what makes us who we are.

Wayne certainly knew who he was, a man never afraid to assert himself. From fight-winning boxer to award winning-photographer and journalist, Wayne was a man whose life was never dominated by one thing and one thing alone. When not out on a new adventure weather on his own, or with his brother in crime Kim Roberts, Wayne spent his time loving his wife Heather and their three daughters,

Diana, Meahgan, and Lyndsay. Moving from place to place wherever his next adventure would take him with his (not always eager) family in tow. Eventually, he would come to reside in Strathmore, where he and his wife would work together constructing a beautiful garden, complete with koi fishpond and rock wall-flanked sitting area he would frequently enjoy basking in when not out cruising in his Pontiac Solstice, Sweet Baby.

When not providing for his family, Wayne used the remainder of his free time primarily towards helping the communities he resided in. Wayne was a Volunteer Firefighter of the Pickardville Fire Department and Innisfail Fire Department, Sergeant-at-Arms and President of the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion, an active member of the Kinsmen Club and writer for the Legion Magazine. Wayne was a great teacher and changed many people's lives with his martial arts instruction. Wayne worked tirelessly to ensure that whatever community he lived in was better off for him living within it.

Later in his life, Wayne lived with his partner Donna Friesen on a picturesque farm near Raymond, Alberta. Wayne called Donna his angel as she lovingly cared for him as his health deteriorated. Recently Wayne and Donna hosted the 40th anniversary of the Back Alley Boys Punchout Reunion at the farm. Wayne and his fellow Back Alley Boys are a brotherhood of longtime friends, fellow martial artists and boxers that became an extended family. Now the sons and daughters of the original Back Alley Boys are continuing with the tradition. All the families of the original Back Alley Boys consider themselves part of the extended family of uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Wayne's loss will be felt not just by his family, but by the multitudes of friends and community members who were touched by the many adventures of Wayne's life in one way or another. May we remember in these times what made him happy and fulfilled, that we might capture even a piece of it ourselves.

Celebration of life will be held at Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to MS Canada or the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion in memory of Wayne Roberts.





Upcoming Council Meetings

September 6, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting
 September 13, 2023 | 6pm Committee of the Whole
 September 20, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

Members of the public are welcome to speak at Council or Committee of the Whole Meetings during the Public Comments or Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Learn how at Strathmore.ca/CouncilMeetings



Town of Strathmore Selects BluPlanet Recycling as New Waste and Recycling Service Provider

Strathmore Town Council is pleased to announce that after a comprehensive evaluation process, BluPlanet Recycling, a trusted waste and recycling company in the region, has been selected as the town's new waste and recycling service provider.

BluPlanet Recycling has been serving communities in Alberta for nearly 15 years, initially focusing on multi-family residential services and expanding to cater to over 40,000 residences, including the community of Langdon.

In May 2023, The Town of Strathmore issued a Request for Proposal (RFP), receiving submissions from five reputable organizations. Following an in-depth and thorough review process, the list of proponents was narrowed down to two finalists before Council selected BluPlanet Recycling as Strathmore's new waste and recycling service provider.

Service disruptions aren't expected as BluPlanet Recycling takes over from the current provider, Waste Management (WM). WM will continue to provide services until the end of 2023, and BluPlanet Recycling will commence operations on the first pick-up day in January 2024.

The transition is not expected to result in a significant change in fees for residents, with any adjustments likely limited to standard inflationary increases at the discretion of Town Council. A comprehensive fee review will take place in the fall, culminating in the creation of a new fees' bylaw.

Over the coming months, The Town will collaborate with BluPlanet Recycling to establish a new recycling facility that serves the needs of all residents. The new facility, slated to be operational by January 1, 2024, may either be located adjacent to the current facility or at an alternative location.

Strathmore Aquatic Centre offering local registration window to residents of Strathmore and Wheatland County

The Town of Strathmore has introduced an advanced swimming lesson registration window for residents of Strathmore and Wheatland County. Going forward, residents that live within the boundaries of the town or county will have an opportunity to register for lessons before registration opens to those that live elsewhere.

Swimming lessons have a history of filling quickly in Alberta. Now aquatic facilities

are facing labour shortages due to the lack of lifeguard training during the pandemic. This, plus the increased demand for post-pandemic lessons has added strain to aquatic programming availability.

"We've seen an increase in swimming lesson demand and we're doing our best to train instructors and provide quality swimming lesson opportunities in the community.

We've heard the frustrations from residents who've had difficulties securing a place in the correct swimming lesson level for their child. Creating a registration window for local residents ensures that our community members will have the opportunity to register before lesson spaces become available to those that live in the surrounding areas," said Marcie Brinton, Manager of Recreation and Culture.

To take advantage of the registration window residents of Strathmore and Wheatland County should create an account at Strathmore.perfectmind.com and ensure that they enter the correct land address and postal code for their residence.

"In past sessions we've had lesson registrations from residents of Chestermere, Calgary and Rockyview County. While we're pleased to offer water safety instruction to as many children as possible, we want to make sure we're serving those that live in our community first," Brinton added.

Offering affordable opportunities for swimming lessons strengthens the community by teaching water safety and physical literacy, making the lessons part of Town of Strathmore Council's Strategic Plan for Community Wellness. Registration for the fall session of swimming lessons is anticipated to open on October 2 at 9 a.m. for residents and will open to everyone on October 5. More information can be found at Strathmore.ca/Recreation or by calling the Aquatic Centre, (403) 934-3325.



Your support could help during a regional emergency.

During an emergency, the use of hired equipment and contract services is essential.

- Do you own and operate equipment?
- Does your business deal with lodging or food services?
- Are you a specialized contractor like an electrician, mechanic, millwright, or welder?

The Wheatland Regional Emergency Management Partnership is making a list of people, businesses, and organizations who care about their communities and have resources that could be useful during a crisis.

Register your resource with the Wheatland Regional Emergency Management Partnership today at Strathmore.ca/Emergency.




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