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**Every Child Matters** 

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Bulls shine

# Town hosts food drive

**JOHN WATSON** 

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Volunteers within the Strathmore community will be taking to the streets Sept. 23 to collect donations for the Wheatland County Food Bank.

The food drive will be taking place in town concurrently with a similar drive in Calgary, raising donations for those who require food bank services.

Prior to the start of the drive on the 23rd, volunteers will be distributing collection bags to residents to fill with non-perishable food items.

"What will happen is volunteers will be going around and dropping off a bag with donation instructions to each home within Strathmore. Obviously, we can't do that with those who live in apartment complexes, so we will just be going to single family dwellings," said Jonathan Taylor, one of the active volunteers for the drive. "Families that are interested in donating, can fill those bags with non-perishable food items. In there with the donation instructions – there is a list of items that are in need by the Wheatland County Food Bank."

Bags will be delivered to residents of Strathmore between Sept. 19 and 21. Those wishing to participate should leave their donation bags on their doorstep or somewhere visible from the street by 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 23. Volunteers will be driving around town that morning to collect the donation bags.

Alternatively, families can take their donations directly to the Wheatland County Food Bank between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23.

"If for whatever reason your donation gets missed, you can take your donation over to the Strathmore Co-op. They will have a food donation bin where the food can be dropped off," said Taylor.

Also included with the donation instructions will be an opportunity to provide a cash donation if that is a more preferable method to some residents.

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# Planting for the future!

Strathmore's Communities in Bloom planted food bearing trees and shrubs as part of their Birth Forest – Food Forest on Sept. 16. Among the 25 volunteers was 16-month-old Jazmen, who wasn't afraid of a little dirt.

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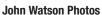








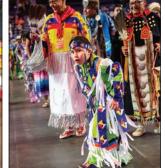
The second annual Every Child Matters Powwow was hosted at the Scotiabank Saddledome, Sept. 16. The event, put on through a partnership between the Calgary Hitmen and Siksika Nation, recognizes the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The endeavor aims to celebrate First Nations culture, and honour those who were subject to residential schools.











# WREMP to host live exercise in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A Regional Emergency Management Exercise is scheduled to be hosted in several municipalities throughout the local region, come Sept. 28.

The Wheatland Regional Emergency Management Partnership consists of the City of Chestermere, Town of Strathmore, and Wheatland County, as well as the Villages of Standard, Hussar and Rockyford, all of which will be participating in the exercise.

"Basically, this exercise is going to test 35 agencies and 200 personnel against live exercises including hazardous materials, unnatural weather events, missing people, rescues, fires, and many medical emergencies," said Sara Coutts, regional emergency management coordinator with the Town of Strathmore. "This exercise will push the first responders, municipal staff, policing agencies and guests to their limits in this one-day live event to practice our capacities."

The Province of Alberta has mandated exercises like this are to be conducted once every four years. This will be the first time the regional partnership has practiced the event in its current iteration.

Prior to the exercise, the details regarding what would be taking place are considered confidential so as to not allow any participating individuals to be aware ahead of time.

Coutts only disclosed that hazardous materials and a weather event would be part of the exercise.

"We have done a number of in the classroom training sessions and courses to get our staff ready for this day, but the actual exercise event and the day in itself will be all live," said Coutts. "It is not in a classroom; it is not really a tabletop where you talk about what is going to happen. Our staff and personnel and operations people are going to be boots on the ground actually doing the work and the jobs."

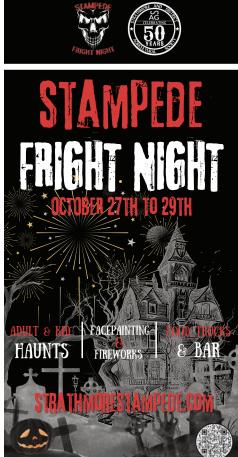
What happens on the ground outside during the live event will be fed into the emergency coordination centre where municipal staff will work to support what is happening on the incident that they are working on.

Residents and locals should not expect to see any interruptions to their day-to-day lives during the exercise, however, emergency response personnel will be much more prevalent and visible throughout the community that day.

Over 60 high school students will also be participating in the live exercise to, according to a release, "give the exercise a real feeling."

Participating municipalities will also have a live feed running during the exercise to keep the public informed.

The Strathmore exercise will begin at the EPCOR building in town at 9 a.m. and will run until 12 p.m.



# County MPC approves extended hours for Gleichen cannabis retailer

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) has approved the amendment of a development application for a cannabis store within the hamlet of Gleichen.

The application submitted to the county was to amend the development permit issued May 31, 2022, proposing to change the hours of operation of the store.

Prior to the approval of the change at the MPC meeting, the applicant had been approved to operate their store Monday to Sunday from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. The approved amendment now allows the applicant to operate from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. regularly, and until midnight on special occasions.

The license issued to the applicant by Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) prescribes a maximum operational period between 10 a.m. and 2 a.m. The county also noted the building in question has been renovated to meet AGLC standards.

According to county administration, all conditions of the previous development permit have been met, including all building renovations, audits, fire inspections, and confirmation of a valid

The original development permit which was granted to the applicant by the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a two-year term was scheduled to expire, April 12, 2024. The applicant had also requested the county consider the amendment application be regarded as a renewal application.

County administration agreed a future renewal application of the development permit is not required and the applicant may proceed as planned.

A letter from the applicant was circulated around the surrounding community of their planned operations, gauging support for their increased hours, to which they reported nearly 260 responses in support of their intentions.

The county, receiving 10 letters themselves regarding the applicant, were notified of nine in support, and one person expressing opposition.

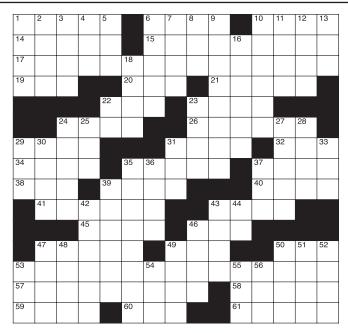
Rather than including all of the letters responding to the applicant in the MPC agenda, a list was compiled and was made publicly available regarding who the responders were, their noted opinions, and where they are from.

In a message to the county, the applicant reported positive results from their business in the approximate year and a half since their license was issued to operate. This message included notation of a lack of loitering, damage to the store and surrounding area, and consistent traffic that is not a hinderance to their neighbours.

"Since the opening of the store, I have not heard a single complaint or concern from any ratepayers in the hamlet. There are still of course folks who philosophically disagree with the legalization or

the use of cannabis, but there have been no complaints or concerns," said Reeve Amber Link. "I have had gratitude expressed for the responsibility of the owner, there has been multiple community events that the owner and the store have supported and sponsored, they have also donated to different community events and initiatives within the com-

Wheatland County MPC approved the amendment of the development application following a brief discussion, noting the success of the store and lack of complaints regarding its



# **County to streamline** development bylaw

**JOHN WATSON** 

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A public hearing has been scheduled by Wheatland County council regarding Bylaw 2023-22 for Oct. 17, which is to address a potential process improvement for non-complex planning applica-

The matter to hold the public hearing was brought forward to council during a special meeting, held Sept. 12, and discussion at the time was limited to that agenda item.

Administration presented the proposal before council for the potential process improvement and bylaw reading process, with respect only to planning bylaws.

Current process considers first reading separately from the public hearing and subsequent readings of bylaws. The presentation suggested this can be simplified to streamline and decrease application processing timelines for non-complicated applications.

This is particularly significant at the moment to the county, as an amendment to the Direct Control District DC-7 is required in order to allow further development within the Lakes of Muirfield.

Considering all three readings in one council meeting would allow a proposed amendment to the direct control bylaw to be approved as early as Oct. 17 regarding this particular instance.

Section 692-1 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires that a public hearing is required before giving second reading to a planning bylaw, however, it does not require first reading to begin

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prior to the public hearing.

Section 187-4 of the MGA states that a proposed bylaw must not have more than two readings at a council meeting unless the counselors present unanimously agree to consider third reading.

In order to hold a public hearing prior to first reading of a bylaw, council would proceed with the hearing as per the current process, then consider four resolutions following the closure of the public hearing in order to proceed.

These, being to move to first reading, move to second reading, grant permission to hold third and final reading, which would need to be passed unanimously, then finally to move third reading of the bylaw.

Administration explained it is important to note voting in favour of considering third reading does not constitute endorsement of the proposed by-

An opposed counselor may vote against it in first and second reading, vote in favour of considering third reading, then once again vote against third reading in the event of unanimous approval to have the third reading.

In the event unanimous approval to have the third reading is not granted for a bylaw, it would need to be brought back to council at a later date for third reading.

Administration's proposal to council to amend the process of considering planning and development bylaws was approved unanimously by coun-

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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Type of cat
- 6. Weaponry 10. Western Christian Church service
- 14. Significant eruption of pustules
- 15. Baltic nation
- 17. Start of American holiday season
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Maintains possession of
- 21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables
- 22. Mountain pass
- 23. Vestments 24. Type of dish
- 26. Escaped quickly
- 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 32. Political action committee 34. Touches lightly

- 35. Stood back from 37. Philippine Island
- 38. Popular winter activity
- 39. Type of amine 40. Small freshwater duck
- 41. Filled with love 43. Without (French)
- 46. Swiss river
- 47. Describes a sound
- 49. Sign language 50. Hair product
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Quality of being imaginary
- 58. Far-right German party 59. Drove
- 60. Former French coin of low value 61. Hard, durable timbers

30. A shot in a film production

33. A passage with access only at one

43. Selling at specially reduced price

31. Afflict in mind or body

37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)

35. Breathing devices

36. Employ for wages

42. Made amends

44. Atomic #18

48 Draw out

39. Popular Boston song

## **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Body art
- 2. Middle East military title 3. Actor Pitt
- 4. Container
- 5. Speak incessantly 6. Relating to algae
- 7. Jacob \_\_\_, journalist 8. Rock TV channel
- 9. Boat's cargo 10. Most wise
- 11. Within
- 12. Chinese industrial city 13. Scotland's longest river
- 16. Not capable
- 18. Footwear
- 22. Savings account
- 23. Capable
- 24. Vaccine developer
- 25. Tax collector 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Native religion in China
- 29. Promotional materials
- 46. With fireplace residue 47. Unleavened cornbread
  - 49. Southwestern Alaska island
  - 50. Where the Pyramids are
  - 51. People of Nigeria
  - 52. Smaller quantity
  - 53. Destroy the inside of
  - 55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)
  - 56. No (Scottish)

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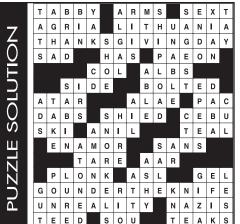
The Wheatland Society of the Arts hosted the grand opening of their new pottery studio on Sept. 16. Denise Peterson (I) demonstrated the spinning wheel as part of a free demo day to celebrate Alberta Cultural Days.p.m.

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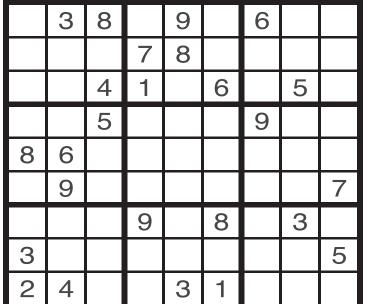
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for me when

I'm right.



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# Ready for the season

The Wheatland Kings capped off the preseason with an impressive 11-3 victory over Three Hills on Sept. 17 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local junior B team will now open the regular season on Sept. 23 (8 p.m.) when they host the Okotoks Bisons. Prior to puck drop, the team, along with Origin Brewing and Baldwin BBQ, will be hosting a tailgating party starting at <sup>6</sup> p.m. **Joe Lepage Photos** 

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# Super sunflower

Kristine Hamilton and her dog Graci pose beside the giant sunflower she planted at her property in Strathmore earlier this spring. With regular water, nutrients and lots of sunlight, the plant flourished.

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# Town-wide food drive to be hosted in **Strathmore**

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There will be a QR code located in the collection bag which will take a user directly to the online donation page in support of the food bank.

Taylor explained cash donations are extremely valuable to the food bank, as they can use the money to fill donation gaps and supplement themselves with whatever they need.

The drive in Strathmore, Taylor added, was started after a group of volunteers noticed Calgary's drive, and wanted to see something similar established in the local community.

Though no formal goal has been set, Taylor said it would be extremely exciting to see \$10,000 worth of food and cash donations made to the Wheatland County Food Bank.

"We reached out to the Wheatland County Food Bank to see if it would be helpful and they said yes," he said. "They were wanting to organize one this year, they just did not have necessarily the manpower, the time or the ability this year. It worked out well that there was a need and we were able to help."

Depending on the results of the drive, the team may aim to host the event annually. This year, there are 40 routes for volunteers to take, each with approximately 112 homes to stop at.

Those who wish to volunteer and help out with the drive can contact Taylor at 403-542-5867.



# Skills for Success unveils mural at Strathmore Library

**JOHN WATSON** 

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A new mural, painted largely by residents of Strathmore, was unveiled at the Strathmore Municipal Library and Happy Gang building, Sept. 13.

The mural was created by participants of the Skills for Success program, which aims to help people develop social and employability skills.

"For the past six weeks, our Skills for Success group has been working on this mural. They were involved in interviewing the community to find out the stories that the Strathmore community wanted to be told on the mural," said Wendy Smith, program manager for Rocky View and Wheatland Employment Services. "They interviewed the Happy Gang and a few other longtime Strathmore members and found out that really, Strathmore was about heart ... it was about love and passion for the community. We took that design, and we were able to transfer it into this lo-

Though participants of this particular Skills for Success group designed the project, past participants, members of the community, and even random passersby were invited to participate in creating the mural.

Participants from Skills for Success Calgary programs were also invited to participate, and upon the project completion, any who pitched in were asked to sign their names on the wall.

"One of the beauties of working with Strathmore is people in Strathmore are very proud of their community. They want to be a part of these exciting events," said Smith. "When we ask for

something in Strathmore, it is given. It is given with people's full hearts."

Skills for Success is a 12-week program that teaches people softer skills, using art as the venue for teaching.

The focus is on skills which people will need to become employed. Participants identify that they have a need to develop a skill or set of skills, be it problem solving, teamwork, communication, etc. and will learn those through an art project.

The program concludes for each group of participants with the development of a mural. In Strathmore, including this latest project, five of these types of murals have thus far been de-

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veloped around town.

"We are trying to help those participants get ready to find employment ... anybody who is looking for a job, they are welcome to join us on the other side of our office, or they are welcome to get involved in our art program too," said Smith. "The impact is huge. For people who have participated in an art program with us, they get to drive by and see how they contributed to the beautification of Strathmore, that their art made an impact, they are part of the community."

Prospect Human Services is able to be accessed at the Strathmore Centre, or online (www.prospectnow.ca).





Skills for Success and Prospect Human Services unveiled the latest mural painted in Strathmore by participants of their programming. The piece

depicts "the heart of Strathmore" on the side of the library, and was created by Skills for Success participants, as well as passerbys who volunteered to be a part of the project.



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Daily consumption of cranberry products is often touted as being a way of reducing the incidence of urinary tract infections (UTIs). Cranberries contain proanthocvanidins which are supposed to inhibit the adhesion of the bacterium Escherichia coli to the cells lining the bladder. These bacteria are responsible for 90% of all UTIs. Women get the majority of UTIs and they cause much discomfort. There is still not conclusive evidence that this works but it is worth a try.

There is work being done on a possible vaccine to prevent UTIs. Right now, it's called MV140 and it's currently being studied on women with chronic urinary infections. With bacterial resistance to antibiotics becoming more common, a vaccine to prevent UTIs will reduce the need for prophylactic antibiotics which is commonly used to treat UTIs.

Halitosis is the medical term for bad breath. One of the causes is the presence of volatile sulphuric compounds in the mouth. A review of the studies on this topic revealed that supplementation with certain "good" bacteria can help. Look for products containing Lactobacillus salivarius, Lactobacillus reuteri, Streptococcus salivarius and Weissella cibaria. Using these probiotics may reduce the sulphuric compounds.

One other point about halitosis, the probiotics mentioned above have no effect on other major causes such as smoking, plaque and coated tongue. If you are concerned about bad breath, first visit your dentist for a complete oral examination. Learning good dental hygiene techniques may be the answer.

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# Run for a cure

The annual Terry Fox Run was hosted on Sept. 17 starting from Kinsmen Park, to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Foundation in the memory of Terry Fox. Over a dozen people were in attendance at the run to show their support for cancer patients and survivors and raise money to fight cancer

**John Watson Photos** 



# STAND raises \$26,000 at fourth annual golf tournament

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

STAND Against Sexual Assault (STAND ASA) hosted their fourth annual golf tournament in Strathmore, the weekend of Sept. 9, raising money to support programs for sexual violence survivors.

According to Erin Brassard, founder of STAND ASA, the event sold out at 144 golfers in attendance, and raised over \$26,000 throughout the event.

"The golf tournament is one of our big fundraising events in order for us to continue our programs in and around the Strathmore area," she said. "\$26,000 is a huge amount for us to run some of our programs. We do not receive government funding because all of our services we offer anonymously and that is really important for us to do to make it a safe space for survivors to come

The results of the golf tournament were similar to last year's event in Strathmore, meeting the goal to raise in the realm of \$25,000 for the organization to host events and workshops.

Brassard explained \$26,000 will provide 75 workshops for survivors of sexual violence, which tend to average 10 people in attendance per workshop.

She emphasized the money is tremendously helpful to STAND ASA due to their inability to access government grants and funding because of their anonymous practices.

"That is really important for us to do to make it a safe space for survivors to come to ... our biggest goal is to make sure that no survivor feels alone. We believe that healing begins with being able to release what happened to you," she said. "We believe in healing in telling. There is healing



STAND Against Sexual Assault hosted their fourth annual golf tournament in Strathmore to raise money for the organization. Over \$26,000 was contributed, which will fund approximately 75 programs throughout the year for sexual abuse survivors.

**Photo Courtesy of Erin Brassard** 

in being believed and there is healing in knowing that you are not alone."

Ultimately, the goal of STAND ASA is to end sexual violence, end victim blaming, and end the stigma associated with discussing being a victim of sexual abuse.

STAND ASA and program information is made available online at standasa.com, or Brassard can be reached directly either through the website portal, or at erinb@standasa.com. Programs for survivors offered through STAND ASA are made available free of charge.

Programs are also made available to youth in schools, as early as kindergarten, teaching concepts appropriate to various age groups and making efforts to prevent sexual abuse before it



# **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.

October 3: Council Meeting

October 4: Agricultural Service Board Meeting October 10: Municipal Planning Commission

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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

**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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We invite qualified parties to submit their information for a registered list of equipment, resources, and contractors for emergency services on short notice.

If interested, please scan 回機 the QR code provided or visit our website at wheatlandcounty.ca.













# It's important to report hate-motivated incidents

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Albertans are now able to report hate-motivated incidents online. This can be completed via the Online Crime Reporting portal available on the Alberta RCMP website or through the Alberta RCMP app.

It's important to report hate-motivated incidents and crimes because it allows police to stay informed about what is impacting communities. This is vital in order to provide support and create proactive measures to keep all Albertans safe.

The differences between a hate-motivated incident and crime are:

- A hate incident is a non-criminal action, motivated by hate, bias, or prejudice towards a person or group based on colour, race, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, sexual identity, gender identity or expression, mental or physical disability, or any other similar factor.
- A hate crime is a crime motivated by hate, based in whole or in part upon the characteristics mentioned above.

Examples of hate-motivated incidents are the use of racial slurs or offensive symbols. As these types of incidents are non-criminal, they often go unreported, but the impact on victims and communities remains, including psychological trauma, feelings of shame and humiliation. These incidents can also cause community-wide unrest, leading victims and those who identify similarly to feel fear, isolation, and damage to their sense of belonging.

Online reporting allows victims and community members to report hate incidents, even if they don't feel comfortable calling or initially coming into a detachment. People can also report on behalf of someone else, further supporting those who may not feel comfortable, or who may require assistance to report an incident. This additional reporting option allows for the gathering of information about hate-motivated incidents, as they can provide valuable information about subjects involved in hateful activities, as well as opportunities for intervention to prevent the escalation of hateful behaviour.

"Alberta RCMP firmly believes in bias-free policing and ensuring that all Albertans feel safe," states Cpl. Mohamad Khaled, Alberta RCMP Hate Crimes Coordinator. "Part of feeling safe is feeling seen and heard, that is why Alberta RCMP works directly with marginalized people and communities to ensure their needs are met."

Cpl. Khaled is a member of the Alberta RCMP Diverse Community Engagement Unit, which was created in 2020, recognizing that partnerships with all community members is essential to provide effective and responsive policing services.

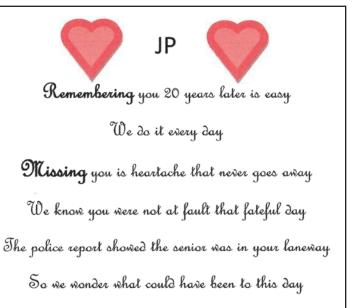
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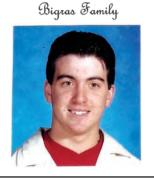
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# **Sharing culture**

The Town of Strathmore hosted an Alberta Culture Days Festival on Sept. 16 at Kinsmen Park to share cultural diversity, community unity, and shared experiences. There were plenty of cultural foods, a farmer's market, activities for the entire family and captivating cultural performances.

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The Strathmore Oilmen hosted their annual fall classic golf tournament on Sept. 14 at the Strathmore Golf Club. The tournament raised funds for the Strathmore & Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society and Wheatland

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# **Bucking bulls**

The Lazy P Rodeo, in conjunction with the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society, hosted the second annual Last Cowboy Standing bull riding event on Sept. 16. The Bull Riders Canada sanctioned event featured some of the top bull riders in the country.

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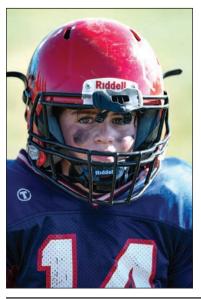




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#### Close battle

The Strathmore Badgers peewee football team lost a one possession game when they hosted Lacombe on Sept. 16 at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School football field. Despite a valiant effort, the Spartans fell 27-20.

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# Arts on 817 set to open

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Entering its sixth season, the Arts on 817 Concert Series is excited to present its first performance on Sept. 29.

Arts on 817 will feature four concerts this season, the first of which will showcase multi-award winner Lizzy Hoyt.

"This is my third time actually at the Concert Series which is always nice," said Hoyt. "(It's) nice when you get an invitation back."

Her latest album, The Parting Glass, which she released in 2022, is described as a collection of many traditional songs.

In 2023, Hoyt won Singer of the Year at the Canadian Folk Music Awards for her work on the album.

"It's a very meaningful award for me," she said. "When I received that award, I was really, really honoured."

Growing up in a musical family, Hoyt's first instrument was the fiddle; as she began to grow musically so did her passion for singing.

"I did always know that singing to me felt like the closest connection with my insides," she recounts. "The voice is such an unbelievable way of touching people. For me as an audience member as well, the voice is so powerful. That deep connection to literally somebody using their body as an instrument to share music with other people is endlessly fascinating to me. I feel a very deep connection to my singing."

Aside from singing and the fiddle, Hoyt also plays the guitar and Celtic harp.

Recently Hoyt explored her passion for opera which she successfully showcased with the Manitoba Underground Opera when she starred as Cinderella in Rossini's "La Cenderentola." Opera is something she plans to explore more of in the future

For the concert, people can expect Hoyt's traditional Celtic songs and some of her own music that she has written with deep roots in traditional music. There will also be some recognizable cover songs that will delight listeners of all ages.

"It will be a nice variety within that umbrella of Celtic music," she added. For more information on Hoyt, you can visit her social media and YouTube channel @lizzyhoytmusic.

This season the Arts on 817 Concert Series is eager to announce a new initiative called Opening Act. Prior to each concert there will be a local act of upcoming talent both on stage and in the lobby of the United Church. The first Opening Act will be Danai Allan (23) who is in her fourth year at the Rosebud School of the Arts' Mentorship Program.

Allan graduated from Strathmore High School in 2018 and knew she wanted to pursue the arts

Multi-award winner Lizzy Hoyt (top photo), along with opening act Danai Allan (bottom photo), will perform during the first concert of the Arts on 817 Concert Series on Sept. 29.

Photos Courtesy of Lizzy Hoyt and Danai Allan





in a musical aspect, either music composition or sound design related

Allan recently was in the Rosebud Theatre show The Sound of Music. This is one of Allan's first performances outside of Rosebud Theatre.

"It's exciting. It's a way for me to use all of the things I've been learning in my program and apply them to an outside environment," she said.

Allan's musical set at the Arts on 817 concert opener will feature mostly folk and Indy style songs, and a couple songs that she has composed herself.

Allan has a message to young people interested in the arts as a career.

"If you want to do it, you should do it and don't let people convince you out of it," she said.

Tickets for the concert are \$35 for an adult, \$10 for 17 and under. Season passes can be purchased starting at \$40. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time by visiting the Vault Cultural Collective or online (www.smoreuc.com).

# Magic Lies: Nathan Schmidt brings W.O. Mitchell to life in Rosebud

LAUREEN F. GUENTHER
Times Contributor

Magic Lies: An Evening with W.O. Mitchell ope-

ned Sept. 15 at Rosebud Theatre. The one-man play, performed by Nathan Schmidt and directed by Karen Johnson-Diamond, runs until Oct. 21.

Magic Lies, written by W.O.'s son and daughter-in-law, Orm and Barbara Mitchell, is based on W.O.'s stories and his style of storytelling.

Nathan Schmidt plays W.O. Mitchell himself, doing what W.O. did for over 30 years, standing before an audience to perform an evening of stories.

W.O.'s stories, part-fact, part-fiction, represent the southern Saskatchewan that shaped W.O.'s boyhood. The set is spare, but the backdrop, painted by Cheryl Daugherty, gives us the living prairie sky, changing its color, mood and forecast with every changing light.

W.O.'s language is salty, and his frankness is from a

lost era, when people could express their opinions without fear of hostility. His stories kept

us listening, absorbed and laughing for the full 100-minute ride.

There's the story of 10-year-old W.O. selling women's lingerie. The story about making rain.

Dynamite as shock therapy. The grandma who always gave smelly cheese for Christmas. The strapping art teacher. An elocution class.

Schmidt brings W.O. to life in a way no one else could, wrapping W.O.'s storytelling within the character and story of W.O. himself. His performance makes me feel I know W.O. Mitchell. I wish I could meet his characters too. Noreen Symington, the cornet soloist. Peanuts. Melvin Arbuckle. Melvin's wandering grandfather. And W.O.'s longsuffering mother.

In the stories of this show, we could hear W.O.'s writing voice in our long-ago readings of his books, and they made us long to read his books again. In the meantime, we feel we've just spent an evening in W.O.'s company. And that's even better.

Tickets for *Magic Lies* come with a buffet meal. Get tickets and more information at 1-800-267-7553 and www.rosebudtheatre.com.

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Tickets can be purchased at the Vault Cultural Collective or online at <a href="https://www.smoreuc.com">www.smoreuc.com</a>. Online purchases must be picked up at the door the night of the concert.

# Keeping commercial properties safe

ALBERTA RCMP

July saw the most break and enters to businesses this year, which is why Alberta RCMP is reminding business owners to be mindful of crime prevention practices.

In order to avoid becoming part of the statistic, Alberta RCMP has some advice for business owners:

- Install motion sensor lights and keep indoor lights on
- Invest in good quality video cameras
- Install an alarm system
- Keep windows clear of stickers and posters
- Keep valuables away from windows and install roll shutters or bars on your windows
- Make sure that preventative measures are well maintained, such as fences

Trying to incorporate all of these crime preventatives at once can be costly. Make sure to budget for safety and crime prevention if you're just starting out in your business venture, or implement them over time, based on priority. Investing in quality preventative measures, such as sturdy locks and quality cameras, can make a difference in preventing theft and identifying criminals.

For more tips and information, Business Security brochures are available for free at all RCMP Detachments across the province. To keep learning about business safety follow #Business101 and our social media accounts on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) and Twitter (@RCMPAlberta).

Alberta RCMP encourages the public and business owners to report any suspicious activity to police. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



# TIMES CLASSIFICOS

# <u>Obituary</u>

# BOLINGER, Janet

Janet Ellen Bolinger passed away peacefully on September 15, 2023, at Strathmore Hospital. Janet is survived by her beloved husband Walter Bolinger, son Howard Bolinger (Dr. Jayna Holroyd-Leduc), daughter Nicole Armstrong, and grandchildren Lori and

Edan Bolinger and Ty and Jessica Armstrong. She is also survived by her sisters Nancy Berrett (Colin), Judy Barber (Howard), Gwen Bolinger (Robert), and brother Gary Krabsen (Bev).

Janet was born on March 11, 1948 to parents Lowry and Clarissa Krabsen. She was raised on the family farm near Rosebud, Alberta, always helping where needed while learning the value of community and family. She attended primary school in Rosebud and high school in Standard, Alberta.

Janet attended the University of Calgary in the Faculty of Education. Upon graduation, she taught at Gleichen School where she met and married local farmer Walter Bolinger. Walter and Janet moved to Strathmore in 1987, where she continued to enjoy visiting with friends and gardening. She was a devoted member of the Strathmore United Church.

Janet will be remembered fondly for founding and leading the Gleichen and District Community Choir, which performed a wide variety of live music for local community celebrations and funerals over several decades. Perhaps best-known among the choir performances was "We Remember 1939-1945", a program of WWII music and skits that brought history to life.

Loved by so many for her kindness and generosity, Janet hid her illness of forty years with a smile. Her family would like to thank the late Dr. Wickson, Family Physician Dr. Sader, Internal Medicine Specialist Dr. Groves, Hematologists Dr. Daly and Dr. Bryant, and all the staff at the Tom Baker Cancer Center and Strathmore Hospital for their exceptional care.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, September 30, 2023, at Strathmore United Church at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor directly to the Wheatland & Area Hospice Society (http://www.wheatlandhospice.ca) or a charity of your choosing.

To send condolences, please visit Janet's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.

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# <u>Obituary</u>



FARYNA, Peter June 3, 1926 – Sept 12, 2023

After a long and full life, Peter Faryna passed away peacefully. He is survived by children (Monnie Anderson and David Anderson, Allan Faryna and wife Sheila, Wade Faryna and wife Evelyn, and daughter

in-law Karin Faryna), grandchildren (Jason Anderson, Meghan Anderson, and Kyle Faryna), and great grandchild (Trey Marquis). Peter was pre-deceased by his wife of 65 years (Arloa Faryna nee Quennell) and his son (Craig Faryna).

Peter was the youngest of nine children to parents Anna and Fred Faryna. Married in 1951, he and Arloa traveled the world and raised their family in Gleichen, Alberta. After 37 years working with GSI, he retired then he and Arloa spent many of his retirement years between homes in Mesa Arizona and Gleichen Alberta. A love of travel, camping, and enjoyment of family and friends is a legacy instilled within his family.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at the family home in Gleichen following a private family interment. Feel free to drop by the house after 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 14, 2023, for an informal visit to share stories. The gathering will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

To send condolences, please visit Peter's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation, in his honour, to the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society.

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# <u>Obituary</u>



MOOR, Lorne Dennis

Lorne Dennis Moore passed away Saturday, September 9, 2023 at Rockyview Hospital, Calgary. As he went to be with God, he was surrounded by his wife Margaret (Newton), his Priest, Rev. Father Brad Everett and his dear friends Linda and Sid Holt.

Lorn was born and raised in Hanover, Ontario, beloved son of John Edward and Florence Ruth (Bartman) Moore on April 10, 1951. Lorne had many relatives in the area and spent time with cousins and his many childhood friends. His first job was as a newspaper boy with his last stop being his Grandmother who always had treats for him. Lorne had his first business at age 16 selling motorcycles and doing custom work. He went to Fanshaw College and obtained three trade licenses – automotive, heavy truck and motorcycle. He and Margaret shared a passion for all things with wheels and racing. Lorne had his own snowmobile racing team. He worked for both Arctic Cas and Suzuki teaching technicians across Canada. He opened his second business in Ayton, Ontario where he and his first wife Lema (Smith) Chappel raised their three children, horses, and dogs on a small acreage. Lorne's business, Saugeen Speed and Sports was very successful.

Lorne was always community minded and chaired Home Comings, was on the Hanover Raceway Board, and most recently, a member of the Gleichen and District Community spending many years as president. Lorne was raised in the Lutheran Church and since moving to Gleichen was a member of St. Andrew's Anglican Church. He was involved with our children of the Church and was for many years our Verger. Lorne was very creative, he helped design homes that could be prebuilt, disassembled and shipped in a container as well as many other ideas. He never stopped creating. He had a great eye for color and was Margaret's go to for anything creative in their home or picking out fabrics for quilts and other projects for Margaret.

Lorne leaves behind his wife Margaret, his children Luke and wife Christina, Hillary and her husband Jared (Bond), Emily and her partner Jeff, four grandchildren, Ava, Ashton and Adelle and born on September 3, 2023, Huon, as well as many friends. Funeral services were held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at St Andrew's Anglican Church Gleichen at 1:00 p.m with a gathering following at the Gleichen and District Community Centre.

To send condolences, please visit Lorne's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome. ca

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# <u>Obituary</u>



# PHILLIPS, Leland Andrew

December 21, 1944 to September 13, 2023

The family of Lee Phillips are very sad to announce his passing. He will be missed by his wife Trish, daughters Leanne Roy (David), Lana Green (Dave), Grace Phillips-Mckenzie (Christopher), his grandsons

Trigger Roy, Kasper Roy (Jenna), Garrett Green, and Layton Green (Brooke), and Trish's children Josey Groeneveld, Jesse Groeneveld (Lindsay), and Koven & Freya Groeneveld. He is survived by his sisters Myrna Gherke and Terry Brookman (Barrie), plus many nieces and nephews.

Lee grew up in the Carseland, Alberta area and started his career as a farmer and rancher. He then had an illustrious career for 15 years as a rodeo cowboy, competing in steer wrestling, tie-down roping, and wild cow milking. He holds the record for the fastest tie-down roping time in Canada at 5.7 seconds, was the Canadian Pro Rodeo Association Rookie of the Year in 1973, and the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association Rookie of the Year in 1974. He won the Canadian championship in 1974 and 1976 in steer wrestling, and had the steer wrestling horse of the year five times. After his career as a rodeo cowboy, he then spent the next 25 years in the movie business as a horse wrangler. He trained horses that were seen on the big screen and wrangled in films such as Legends of the Fall, The Scarlett Letter, Wild America, 13th Warrior, Pit Pony, Shanghai Noon, Virginia's Run, Touching Wild Horses, and Open Range.

He was very proud of his children and grandchildren, and he continued to cheer on their accomplishments throughout his life. One of his favourite ways to spend an evening or weekend in his later years was to watch his grandchildren continue to carry on in his footsteps, both as rodeo cowboys and as a movie stuntperson.

As per Lee's request, there will not be a funeral service. Thank you to all of his friends and loved ones for the kind texts, calls, and visits over the past few weeks.

# TIMES CLASSIFICIOS

<u>Obituary</u>

LEYS, Ryan Daniel Robert "Slim" June 27, 1992-September 12, 2023

It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of our loved son, brother, uncle, friend, Ryan Daniel Robert Leys. Ryan was born on June 27, 1992 in Calgary AB and passed away on September 12, 2023. He loved his family, and his nieces and nephews, and dog - Grit were everything to him.

Ryan had an absolute adoration for cattle, farming, and his family and his friends who were often more like family. Ryan was involved in soccer, 4-H, curling, and the Keoma Lions. He was always busy helping anyone whenever he could, it didn't matter what else was going on.

Slim will be greatly missed by everyone around him. Celebration of life arrangements to follow.

To send condolences, please visit Ryan's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca

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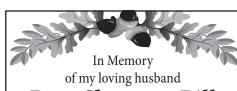


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**Upcoming Council Meetings** 

September 6, 2023 | 6pm September 13, 2023 | 6pm September 20, 2023 | 6pm

Regular Council Meeting Committee of the Whole 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

Excerpt from the 2022 Annual Report

# **2022** FAST FACTS

Delivering public programs and services, as well as maintaining public facilities, roads, and parks is what we do best. In 2022, your Town accomplished a lot. Here are some highlights:

as part of curbside heavy item garbage collection



**70+** trees planted



209
real property reports
received



metric tonnes of garbage collected



252 mattresses collected



internal safety inspections completed



2,280

metric tonnes of **solid waste** collected and
disposed of in
the landfill



41

**GIS** web apps created



15,987

linear meters of **sewer lines** cleaned



316

citizen communication forms responded to



413,385

Strathmore.ca pageviews

we look after:



160.24

**kilometers** of roadway



24

public **playgrounds** 



32.13

**kilometers** 



276.2

**acres** of parks and greenspace



4

landuse bylaw ammendments approved



891

annuals **planted** 



7.74

metric tonnes of ashphalt used to fill **potholes** 



There is a lot going on in any given year in Strathmore. We just published our 2022 Annual Report where you can learn more about how your Town operates and some of the things we accomplished last year.



Strathmore.ca/2022AnnualReport

