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## County soaring after major announcement

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

De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited has announced it will be developing a new aircraft manufacturing facility to be located within Wheatland County.

The facility was announced officially during a press conference on Sept. 21, during which the drafted plans for the campus were revealed.

The new facility will be called De Havilland Field and will consist of a new aircraft assembly facility, runway, parts manufacturing and distribution centres, as well as a maintenance and overhaul centre.

Additionally, educational space for training, a general office, control tower and an aircraft museum are included in the site plans for the campus.

“It’s a very important day for our company ... it’s not just for the De Havilland Aircraft Company of Canada, but it’s the product of what Rob (McDonald) and I have been dreaming about and talking about and scheming about since 2006 when we first acquired Viking,” said Sherry Brydson, co-owner of De Havilland.

The campus will be located between the City of Chestermere and the Town of Strathmore, roughly 30 minutes east of Calgary.

The entire campus is estimated to take between 10 and 15 years to complete fully, as there are more than 20 individual structures that will comprise the facility.

“We anticipate that some of our suppliers and partners will also set up shop around our campus and we’ll be happy to sell or lease them some property there to ensure there is a seamless supply chain for the new aircraft,” said Brydson.

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## Breaking the tackle!

Despite a valiant effort, the Strathmore Spartans high school football team dropped a 26-14 decision to Airdrie’s W.H. Croxford Cavaliers on Sept. 23 on home field. The Spartans will now prepare to host Highwood in an exhibition game at home on Sept. 28 before traveling to face Bert Church on Oct. 1.

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### Taking three points

The Wheatland Kings took three of a possible four points over the weekend, earning a lone point with a 3-2 shootout loss to the Rocky Rams on Sept. 24 at the Strathmore Family Centre. After a convincing 4-1 road win the previous night on the road, the Kings returned home and earned a key point versus the Rams. The Kings, who currently sit with a 3-1-1 record, will travel to Didsbury on Sept. 30 to take on Mountain View before returning home the following night to host the Okotoks Bisons (8 p.m.).

Joe Lepage Photo



### Historic talk

The Vault Cultural Collective hosted a 'Conversation and Tea' focusing on the historic building they reside in on Sept. 14. As part of the Vault's first year anniversary celebration, Strathmore residents and former employees that worked in the building were invited to share their memories of working at or visiting the building.

Photos Courtesy of the Vault Cultural Collective

## George Freeman students apply renewable energy learning

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

George Freeman School is giving its students an opportunity to learn hands on about renewable energy through the application of solar and wind generated power.

Carlie Laslo, a Grade 4 teacher at George Freeman School, said the installation of a solar panel and wind turbine on the school's storage garage follows up on a project the students conducted last year.

"We wanted to test out to see if solar energy or wind energy is best for the area that we live in. Our garage is really dark, so we need to install some lights and we thought, what a great way to bring lights into our garage," said Laslo. "We could use it as a teaching moment where the kids could look at different types of energy and see which would be best in our job."

According to Laslo, the school acquired two different grants, adding to a total of \$10,000 for the project, which was inspired after a student had inquired during class which type of en-

ergy generation would be better for Strathmore.

"I haven't seen much of it and I want to learn to what the differences are because I've only seen like a couple. I haven't seen them in real life, I've seen them in videos and I wanted to do it, like build it and help with it," said Hayden Darago (10). "I think it's kind of cool because I've never actually done this. And I actually am kind of interested in it now."

During the previous educational year, students were encouraged to research which wind turbine and solar panels would best serve the intended purpose for the school.

"Last year was our first year for the eco club and in all honesty, it came from that question of what sustainable energy was better for a town," said Laslo. "We are using the data from our solar panel and our wind turbine, the measurement of how much energy they are producing and how much energy our lights in our garage will use. They are taking that and plotting it on graphs and then (the grade fives) will share it with the rest of the school."

Students participating in George Freeman School's Eco Club have been researching options for installing solar panels and wind turbines onto the school's storage garage to power internal lights. Students were also able to get involved in the installation of their chosen renewable energy devices on Sept. 21, and will be monitoring their input and output as their experiment continues

John Watson Photo



Students have been involved in every step of the process from building the concept, to research, to installation of the solar panels.

"I think it's kind of fun. Learning about how it helps, how the energy and power helps everything work ... it's kind of really cool," said Finn Sewall (9). "I've only seen a few places with wind turbines, (when) you're driving

to Drumheller and stuff like that. But I think it's cool that we're installing them on the shed."

According to Laslo, the renewable energy project will be one of three projects the Eco Club will be tackling this year. One project will involve compost and recycling and the other will include talking to the local community about different sources of energy.



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# RCMP reports local crime slightly up, but within projected metrics

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore RCMP detachment presented their quarterly report to town council during the Sept. 7 regular council meeting.

This quarterly report presented findings that accumulated between the months of April through June this year, offering a glimpse into how local crime statistics are shifting.

Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz said criminal activity, although up slightly, remains within the expected metric and is largely being committed by those who do not reside in the local area.

An uptick in theft of motor vehicles did occur during quarter one, though it was largely restricted to crimes of opportunity.

“Theft from motor vehicles has increased and that’s primarily from the resurgence of theft of catalytic converters,” said Wielgosz. “It’s an issue that we are struggling with in the Calgary urban area, although through the assistance of our Southern Alberta district crime reduction team, as well as our criminal analysts, we are able to identify offenders.”

Strathmore RCMP are working with Calgary and other detachments to minimize monetization of stolen metal recycling, as well as reduce impact to those who may be affected.

“If you can’t make money off the items that you’re stealing, it reduces the attractiveness of committing the crime,” said Wielgosz. “While we

are seeing an uptick (and) crime is happening, I do want to assure the public that our services are responsive, we work collaboratively with our law enforcement partners and our members are working hard to ensure that those responsible are held accountable.”

Quarter one also saw an uptick in break and enters, which were largely against businesses, however, similar to thefts of and from motor vehicles, or of valuable metals from industrial sites, those crimes being committed are by people who are not from the local area, nor the town of Strathmore.

Wielgosz added the April to June second quarterly report reflects similar priorities for local law enforcement to last year’s priorities that had been identified in consultation with town council, as well as with community individuals and organizations.

“For our first priority this year, we are looking to make sure we are reducing property crimes and that is a reduction of theft in vehicles, theft from vehicles and break and enters into our properties,” he said.

RCMP are observing a positive movement from the new security screw program, as the amount of people who stop by dealerships or the RCMP detachment to have security screws installed on their license plates is increasing and remains steady.

More information regarding the quarterly report is available to the public through the Town of Strathmore website.

# Town of Strathmore to permanently fly Siksika flag

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore voted in favour of the purchase and installation of a new flagpole in front of the Strathmore Municipal Building to fly the flag of Siksika Nation.

Town administration initially approached council with a request to allocate \$20,000 for the purchase and installation of two flag poles on the site of the municipal building.

Manager of recreation and culture Mark Pretzlaff presented to council and spoke to the request.

“Administration has received a number of requests from individual residents and community groups to display special flags in recognition of significant cultural events,” said Pretzlaff during the regular council meeting on Sept. 7. “An additional flagpole would enable (the town) to meet these requests and honour other recognized key partners such as Siksika Nation.”

Administration requested council to approve the \$20,000 from the financial stabilization reserves for the purchase and installation of the flagpoles.

The original recommendation was to have one installed in front of the municipal building and the other on west side of the parking lot.

Pretzlaff explained the west side of the parking lot location would provide extra visibility for those special events. The pole in front of the municipal building could be a more permanent flag for Siksika Nation as one of the town’s key partners.

The intent was to purchase the flagpoles and install them, and in the meantime to develop a policy and procedure for how to deal with requests for the flying of special flags that may come in from local community groups.

Councillor Brent Wiley was against the motion, as he advocated the idea had immediate potential

to create division within the community.

“Let’s take the month of June for example, we all know it’s Indigenous history month, we declared it Indigenous history month, I’m sure there’s a flag for that. The Catholic Parish makes up 15 per cent of Strathmore, maybe they want to apply to have the sacred heart of Jesus flown for the month of June,” said Wiley. “Maybe the Calgary Flames go deep into the playoffs and maybe a community group wants to put up the Flames (flag). I think for every group that we recognize, we exclude other groups and I think it will become a hassle.”

Wiley suggested that the town could be using taxpayer money to create a division within the community, and expressed a preference to keep the currently existing three flagpoles in front of the municipal building.

CAO Kevin Scoble suggested that in similar communities who have chosen to fly representative flags, there was generally no complaints and municipal administration had been careful to not raise flags that were politically oriented, representative of international affairs or of certain protest groups.

Deputy Mayor Denise Peterson suggested it would be an excellent way to build inclusion within the community and highlight groups that have specific needs or interests that lend themselves to education.

“I think that it has to be mindful and it has to have parameters and I think that when we move forward on that, it is a process of inclusion, not exclusion,” said Peterson.

Following a debate by council regarding the idea to fly the extra flags, an alternative motion was put to the floor. Instead of purchasing two flagpoles, only purchase one and fly the flag of Siksika Nation as a municipal partner. That motion was similarly debated before ultimately being passed 4-3.

## Leela Aheer, MLA

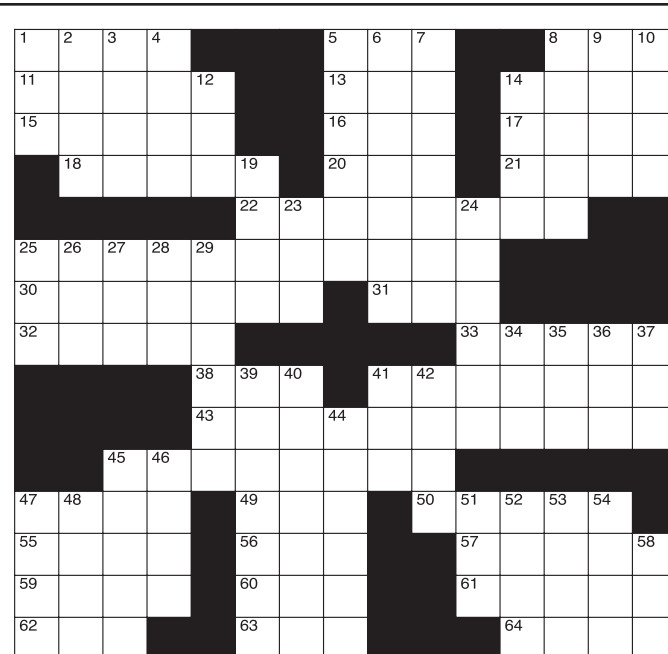
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- 1. Fall down
- 5. Gas usage measurement
- 8. Golf score
- 11. A superior grade of black tea
- 13. Wrath
- 14. Eating house
- 15. Delay leaving a place
- 16. People now inhabiting Myanmar
- 17. Canadian flyers
- 18. Walks back and forth
- 20. Frequently
- 21. Humans have two
- 22. Surrounds with armed forces
- 25. Made proper
- 30. Medical buildings
- 31. Patty Hearst’s captors
- 32. Hits with a drop shot
- 33. Italy’s PM 1919-20
- 38. Promotions
- 41. En \_\_; incidentally
- 43. Queens baseball team
- 45. Commoner
- 47. Expenses in insurance world (abbr.)
- 49. Payroll firm
- 50. Broadway actress Daisy
- 55. Skipper butterflies
- 56. Hint
- 57. Daniel \_\_, French composer
- 59. English children’s author Blyton
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Patriotic women’s group
- 63. The woman
- 64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 2. Jump
- 3. Eaten as a vegetable
- 4. Residual paresis after anesthesia
- 5. Brunchtime staple
- 6. Makes money off of
- 7. Refined
- 8. Nocturnal S. American rodents
- 9. From a distance
- 10. Officials
- 12. It helps you see
- 14. Central Canadian indigenous person
- 19. Invests in little enterprises
- 23. They help in tough situations
- 24. Industrial port in Poland
- 25. Type of screen
- 26. Peyton’s little brother
- 27. Alcoholic beverage
- 28. Newspapers need it
- 29. Herbal tea
- 34. Distinctive practice
- 35. Exercise system \_\_-bo
- 36. Explosive
- 37. Belonging to a thing
- 39. Presidential candidates engage in them
- 40. Of the Swedes
- 41. Meadow-grass
- 42. “Rule, Britannia” composer
- 44. Hooray!
- 45. Greek city
- 46. One way to do it by example
- 47. Imitated
- 48. “Game of Thrones” actress Headey
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Drought-resistant plant
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

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Airline travel is back in full swing, but scammers are taking advantage of increased flight cancellations with a new con. BBB Scam Tracker has received multiple reports of scammers creating fake airline ticket booking sites or customer service numbers to charge travelers for rescheduling fake flights. If you are buying airfare, use caution and double-check the URL or phone number before providing your credit card information.



#### How the scam works

While doing an online search for cheap flights, you come across what seems like a great deal with a major airline. You book the flight—either through the website or by calling a customer support number.

But shortly after making the payment, you receive a call from the company saying there's been a sudden price increase or an extra charge to finalize your booking. This is something a legitimate company would never do! It turns out that you accidentally purchased tickets through a scam website or a phony customer service number. The price increase is a way to get more money out of you.

In another similar con, your original flight was real, but the cancellation notice is fake. You get an email or text message claiming that your upcoming flight has been cancelled and you need to rebook. When you call the number provided, the "airline" offers to book you a new ticket – for a price. However, if you follow up with real airline support, you'll discover that nothing was wrong with your original flight. The message was a scam, and you just gave your credit card details to a con artist.

#### How to avoid travel scams

- Do your research. If you come across a company you haven't dealt with before, research it before making any purchases. Look on BBB.org for reviews and feedback from previous customers.
- Double check flight details before calling support. Scammers are blasting out fake airline cancellation emails and text messages that can easily be mistaken for the real deal. Confirm the information in the message – such as the flight and reservation numbers – is correct before calling customer support.
- Confirm the URL before you enter personal and payment information. It can be easy to click on a sponsored ad or impostor website without noticing. Before entering any sensitive information, double-check that you are on the right website and that the link is secure. (Secure links start with "HTTPS://" and include a lock icon on the purchase page. Learn more at BBB.org/BBBSecure.)
- Be wary of third-party websites. Some websites appear to offer a legitimate service but are only fronts for a scam. Be suspicious of websites with no working customer service number or physical address. Typos and grammatical errors can be indications of a scammer's handiwork.
- Make online purchases with your credit card. Fraudulent charges on a credit card can usually be disputed, whereas that might not be the case with other payment methods. Unfortunately, there is no way to get back the personal information you may have shared.

#### For more information

- For ways to protect yourself from travel scams, go to BBB.org/Travel. Read more about customer service number scams.
- Stay one step ahead of scammers by subscribing to BBB's weekly Scam Alert emails.
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*The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs.*

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## De Havilland announces new campus to be developed in Wheatland County



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De Havilland Aircraft of Canada announced their plans to develop a new manufacturing facility and operations campus in Wheatland County on Sept. 21 in Calgary. Wheatland County Reeve Amber Link was on hand as current plans for the facility will see an estimated 1,500 jobs created for construction which aims to start in 2024.

John Watson Photo

Should De Havilland's plan for construction continue as anticipated, construction of the campus will begin as early as 2024, with the first buildings reaching completion in 2025.

Wheatland County Reeve Amber Link spoke during the conference, citing the tremendous impact for the County that De Havilland's investment will encourage.

"The population of Wheatland County is just under 9,000 people, so a development of this scale is monumental. We do anticipate a number of employees will come from the local region, but we also anticipate that De Havilland is going to draw employees from the urban municipalities surrounding us (and) also from all across Canada and potentially internationally," said Link. "This will have a profound impact on the future of Wheatland County ... for southern Alberta and for rural Alberta."

"For a company to trust that it makes sense to move their headquarters to a rural municipality and to work with our stakeholders and with our residents and with our neighbouring municipalities to move to Wheatland County, there aren't words to describe how much that means to our community."

Alberta Premier Jason Kenney spoke excitedly to De Havilland's announcement as a tremendous opportunity for the provincial economy.

"This is a banner day for Alberta's economy, for diversification in this province for manufacturing and most importantly, the aviation sector," said Kenney. "We Albertans have long known that we need to put the pedal to the medal on diversification (and) that's exactly what is happening."

As construction of the campus takes off, De Havilland estimates greater than 1,500 jobs will be created over the course of its development.

More precise timelines regarding the start to construction in the county have yet to be released.

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In the Sept. 14 issue on Page 7, the photo 'Supporting Crisis Society,' the caption should have read "Royal LePage Benchmark and Lakewood of Strathmore presented a cheque to the Wheatland Crisis Society for \$1,000, which was raised for the organization through the Strathmore Summerfest. The cheque presentation was held outside the Edgefield Co-op on Sept. 7." We apologize for any inconvenience.





# POWER growers donate over 43,000 pounds of produce to food bank

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Sept. 20 marked harvest day for the one-acre plot of land donated by Eagle Lake Turf Farms to grow fresh produce for the Calgary Food Bank.

According to Fred Ritter, coordinator for Projects Organized With Energetic Retirees (POWER), roughly 125 volunteers came out during the day to help harvest the garden.

"The volunteers are about 40 per cent Trans Alta retirees and there are a couple of other organizations here such as Imperial Oil ... Fortis Alberta and we have a few folks from ENMAX Alumni Group," said Ritter. "The garden was planted on about the 12 of May this year and so now we are reaping our good labour. We have been working at it all summer."

Ritter estimated by Sept. 20, over 17,000 pounds of vegetables had been donated to the Calgary Food Bank since weekly harvests of the vegetables began late into the summer.

Also grown in the garden this year were beets, carrots, onions, potatoes, spaghetti squash and cucumbers, among other vegetables.

At the end of the day on Sept. 20, Ritter said a total of 43,465 pounds of food was harvested from the Get Growing Garden. This brought the total weight

of food donated from the garden this year to 61,115 pounds of food grown for the food bank.

"It's a huge impact for us to be able to provide fresh produce for our clients for their emergency food hampers," said Lynn Tipper, who spoke on behalf of the Calgary Food Bank. "Some of this produce will go out right away and we also could share with other food banks across southern Alberta. There is a huge need these days."

Tipper explained demand from the food bank is up approximately 45 per cent from this time last year for their clients. Currently, the food bank is giving out between 9,000-10,000 hampers a month.

According to Ritter, the garden last year was able to produce roughly 59,000 pounds of food.

"It's a really good feeling of knowing the cause and food is going to folks who need it and who are depending on the food bank more and more every year, especially this year given the cost of food," said Ritter. "Our work out here also helps provide an activity for retirees and elders to be able to get out, be social, get some fresh air and do some work for a good cause."

Ritter added Eagle Lake Turf Farms had indicated intention to allow the garden to continue next year and maintain the active effort to aid the food bank.

Over 120 volunteers attended Eagle Lake Turf Farms for the POWER Growers harvest day on Sept. 20. From the one-acre garden donated to grow food for the Calgary food Bank, 43,465 pounds of vegetables were harvested over the course of the day. In total, the garden produced over 61,000 pounds of food this summer.

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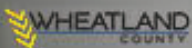
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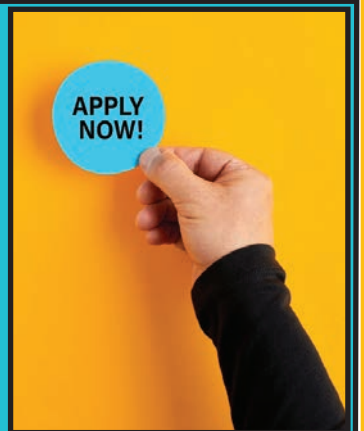
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## Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board

Wheatland County invites applications for membership on the Community Enhancement Regional Board with appointment to commence November 01, 2022. One representative from each of Electoral Division will be appointed. The Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) 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.

**Deadline for applications is September 30, 2022.**

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



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# Strathmore library to offer ASL classes this October

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore FCSS and the Municipal Library are excited to be announcing a series of American Sign Language (ASL) classes to be hosted at the library this October.

According to community support coordinator Melissa Masse, the Strathmore FCSS received a Rural Mental Health community grant, which is meant to support community members being able to reconnect with each other and with community groups and services.

The grant is supporting the cost of an ASL instructor, while the library will be providing staffing support as well as space for the lessons, at no additional cost to attendees.

Dee-Ann Wagner-Mercer, a resident of Strathmore living with Neurofibromas Type-2 (NF2) said she is excited to have these types of classes made easily available locally.

“My heart doesn’t even have the words for that this is happening. There is so much interest to learn. I’ve heard a lot of people tell me they would want to take an ASL class if it wasn’t for travel and cost,” said Wagner-Mercer. “It’s very exciting for the community to have access to ASL. I’m not the only resident in our area that uses ASL on some level. There are other deaf, hard of hearing and non-verbal residents in our area that use sign language.”

NF2 is a genetic disorder which may be inherited from a parent. The hallmark of NF2 is the appearance of bilateral tumors in or around a person’s hearing, balance and facial nerves.

Wagner-Mercer described most people with NF2 become deaf either from tumour growth or as a result of surgical operations to remove them.

“Removing my (tumors) saved my life but also took away my hearing, most of my facial movements and expression and a lot of my balance away,” said Wagner-Mercer. “Not only can tumours grow in that hallmark spot, but they can grow

on any nerve in the body, which doesn’t seem to have any rhyme or reason for their appearance. This can mean a bunch of different challenges, (and) there is no cure for NF2.”

Wagner-Mercer launched two signing groups at the library in 2015 to encourage the practice and use of ASL. A skill, she describes, that needs to be regularly used and practiced in order to maintain.

She approached the library with an idea to bring an ASL instructor from Calgary and to use a room for free to keep the cost of classes down for folks who were interested to participate.

With the Rural Mental Health community grant made available, attendance to the ASL classes is completely free to the public.

Masse added since the announcement of ASL classes being made available, local interest has been much higher than was originally expected.

“Having more people in the community with some basic signs is an amazing thought. There are no words for it,” said Wagner-Mercer. “This means so much less isolation. As a late deaf person, I miss the hearing world. Running into someone that can ask ‘how are you,’ is an amazing feeling. I don’t feel like a ghost.”

Wagner-Mercer said for folks who are interested, there is also a host of resources available online to aid with ASL education.

Following classes in October, the ASL group will be host-

ed in the library on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning on Nov. 23.

The Strathmore FCSS is also already looking into opportunities to potentially host more ASL classes in early 2023 in partnership with the library, after seeing the “overwhelming response” for pre-registration to the October classes.



### Whirling good time

The Wheatland Whirlers square dancing club hosted Dance n’ Desert on Sept. 21 at Westmount Elementary School. It was a chance to welcome new and existing members to dance, meet new people and share delicious deserts.

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A new way to treat constipation? An American doctor as devised a vibrating capsule that is to be swallowed. It is timed to create two stimulation cycles each lasting for two hours. Each cycle includes 3 seconds of vibration followed by 16 seconds of rest. It’s a novel approach to chronic constipation. Still in the investigational stage.

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# Council approves repairs to aquatic centre

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

In response to an unexpected malfunction with a heat exchanger at the local Strathmore Aquatic Centre, the Town of Strathmore has approved the purchase of a new unit to repair the facility.

Manager of recreation and culture Mark Pretzlaff, presented to council during a special meeting on Sept. 20 to address the issue and present options for the facility's repair.

"During the annual shut-down of the aquatic centre, staffing there observed some mechanical issues that have impacted the pool's reopening plan," said Pretzlaff. "At the time, staff observed some glycol water leak that was fortunately discovered during the shut-down period, as it did not impact the public or even the pool circulating water."

Pretzlaff explained the pool's heat exchanger is an essential component of the system and that without it the water would be far too cold to comfortably swim in.

The compromised heat exchanger is approximately 20 years old and is a part of the original pool construction.

Given the age of the old unit, a similar newer model would need to be manufactured. An estimated time frame for the new unit was 50 weeks, with a price tag of \$25,000, not including taxes or delivery expenses.

Pretzlaff described an option for the Town to upgrade the heat exchanger from a shell-and-tube to a frame-and-plate model.

"This frame-and-plate technology is actually somewhat new and actually is somewhat better for repairs and maintenance as individual plates can be replaced and repaired, as opposed to the shell-and-tube style where the whole

unit needs to be replaced when compromised," explained Pretzlaff.

The estimated delivery of the frame-and-plate heat exchanger was two to four weeks, at a cost to the Town of \$20,000.

A third presented option was to use a retrofitted heat exchanger originally used in a cooling tower, though concerns regarding where the unit would be installed, as well as time and cost to purchase and retrofit the unit were noted.

Administration asked for council's support to reallocate cost savings from prior repairs and maintenance of the steam sauna to the purchase of a new heat exchanger.

Councillor Richard Wegener inquired as to the possibility of simply plugging the leak in the old heat exchanger as a quick fix to the problem instead of purchasing a new unit entirely.

Pretzlaff explained the current and dated unit is in poor condition after 20 years of service and is showing signs of more than one potential leak should its operation continue.

He added the contractor's administration he has been in contact with have assured town staff the frame-and-plate model exchanger is equivalent in energy output and efficiency as the previous shell-and-tube unit.

Assuming the implementation of the frame-and-plate heat exchanger, Pretzlaff estimated the opening of the pool to be roughly at the end of October or early November.

Pretzlaff added additional valves and infrastructure would be added to the pool system in order to be able to isolate certain systems if something breaks in the future, instead of being required to dismantle the whole system.

Council approved the reallocation of \$30,000 for the new heat exchanger.

# Indigenous photographer shines

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

On Sept. 30, during the second annual day for Truth and Reconciliation, a portrait project several years in the making will be put on display at The Vault Cultural Collective.

Ramsey Kunkel, an indigenous photographer currently residing in Strathmore, will be displaying 15 images with The Vault for his Alberta Portrait Project.

"I've been doing it for about five years now ... and I finally reached a point and part of the project that I feel I have enough to show," said Kunkel, who explained the project was inspired following the passing of his father as a desire to reflect upon his life, as well as Kunkel's experiences growing up.

"Thinking about all the important experiences growing up and the people who influenced me and how I came to be a photographer, I wanted to capture that," said Kunkel. "I stated thinking how I would want to capture all the people who I grew up around, looking at thinking out whether they were neighbours or people who I saw on TV or during my travels to other parts of the province."

Kunkel reflected on his journey so far in a positive light, explaining connections between the project photographs would be made by a viewer expressing knowledge and kinship to somebody they recognized in one of Kunkel's images.

As the focus group for the project is

Albertans, Kunkel said he was interested to see people make connections through his images.

"I started photographing all these people and from folks who came in to see these different photographs, a large percentage knew somebody and had a story to tell about one of the people in the photographs," said Kunkel. "It's such a small focus group within Alberta's boundaries and so there is a good chance that somebody is going to know somebody. It has been an awesome journey."

Kunkel added the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic presented a challenge to continuing the project and dramatically slowed his ability to schedule and organize photoshoots.

Over the course of the project, he said he is excited to have had the opportunity to meet so many people and learn about their stories.

"It has been an interesting story because you meet all these amazing people with all these amazing stories and some you really connect to or some you learn have only been a small part of your life," said Kunkel. "I hope that this project is going to continue as a lifetime project and the scope is going to be bigger. It's going to be a couple more years until I think I'm going to have an entire collection big enough to do something on a larger scale."

Kunkel will be at The Vault on Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to discuss his work with visitors and for folks to drop in and check out the project.





## Dominating win

The Strathmore Badgers peewee football team was firing on all cylinders when they defeated the Drumheller Terrapins 48-0 on Sept. 24 at the CMJHS field. The Badgers are back in action this weekend when they host Lacombe on Oct. 1 (11 a.m.).

Joe Lepage Photo

## Point earned

The Strathmore Badgers bantam football team earned a point when they tied Drumheller on Sept. 24 at the CMJHS field. The Badgers are back in action this coming weekend when they hit the road for a pivotal matchup.

Joe Lepage Photos



# Bringing food to our table

LEELA SHARON AHEER  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. I cannot believe the weather we are having and seeing the crops come in is such a beautiful sight.

With the increased costs of fertilizer, diesel, fuel delivery and machinery, we know how much our farmers and ranchers do to get food to our table, but the stress of the job cannot be underestimated. Prices are strong this year, so there is indeed hope on the horizon. We thank you as we head into the Thanksgiving season, Diwali and other harvest celebrations. Here is a quote from *To Understand The Life of A Farmer*.

“A country’s progress and power are generally measured by the amount of resources they use, or their per person income, or the size of their forces. But would not it be more suitable if we measure them by the number of people who sleep with food in their stomach on a daily basis and also by the life conditions of the people who are growing that food, that is our farmers.

A well-equipped nation might be powerful, but to be a happy and prosperous nation, it is necessary to make sure that no one has to sleep on an empty stomach and that too after working as a labourer for the whole day. One way to make this happen easily is to make sure we respect and give as much respect to our farmers as much as we give our celebrities. We here salute each and every farmer on the face of the earth, who works daily, from dawn to dusk, in rain and in sun.”

I am very proud to announce that we are investing an additional \$500,000 in the VOICE (Valuable Opportunities to Inspire Change through Empowerment) program. I have believed in, advocated and participated in the 10-week program alongside athletes giving so much back to their communities. This funding will support VOICE in training more mentors, expand the program’s scope to fraternities and sororities and deliver programming to two schools, three Indigenous communities and five additional post-secondary institutions. VOICE engages with professional and university athletes to

mentor youth and help them prevent gender-based violence. We believe in prevention; educating and engaging youth through conversation and modules based on real-life scenarios helps provide young athletes and individuals with the tools they need to recognize and prevent gender-based violence. VOICE began as an annual training session for athletes and staff of the Edmonton Elks and the Calgary Stampeders as part of the Canadian Football League’s commitment to address and prevent gender-based violence in its organizations. Since its inception, VOICE has gained attention from athletic organizations across the province, particularly over social media. Alberta-born players who play for teams in other provinces as far as Ontario have joined the movement, giving the program a national reach. As of September 2021, the VOICE program has trained over 34 ambassadors, connected with over 21 schools and engaged with almost 3,000 students across the province. By December 2022, the program is expected to reach more than 11,000 Alberta youth, including K-12 schools in Calgary, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Lethbridge, Athabasca, Bonnyville, Brooks and several First Nations and Métis communities. Thank you to Col-

leen Pirie, the brains behind this program, for including me in this work and for her bravery and courage to find ways to shine a light on ending gender-based violence.

De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited is building a massive new manufacturing complex and aerodrome in Wheatland County, just east of Calgary. It has been a huge privilege to share information with the Reeve of Wheatland County almost three years ago about this project’s potential and I am very happy to see it come to fruition. As the MLA for this area, I look forward to working with our municipal and business leaders. It is incredible to see companies choosing Alberta, a huge win for Alberta’s economy. The new facility will support at least 1,500 high-paying jobs when it is completed and numerous construction jobs as it is being built. Dubbed De Havilland Field, the plant will be located in Wheatland County between the communities of Chestermere and Strathmore. De Havilland says it has acquired about 600 hectares of land in the area and that construction could begin as early as next year, with its first buildings operational by 2025.

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

# NCC encourages locals to clean their camping gear for invasive species

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After a grueling six-month campaign, thNow that summer and camping season are coming to a close, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is reminding people to double check their gear for potentially hitchhiking species.

The NCC is launching efforts to control and eradicate invasive species. To do this, they implemented what is being referred to as an integrated pest management approach. This involves mechanical removal such as picking and mowing, as well as biological control agents and management of local vegetation.

“There are dozens of invasive species in Alberta and populations of some are increasing. That kind of thing is harming our natural ecosystems as well as farmland,” said Sean Feagan, NCC media and communications coordinator. “We just wanted to encourage people to take a few steps to increase their awareness of invasive species and a few simple steps they can take to help control their spread.”

Once introduced, it is possible for invasive species to dominate ecosystems and snuff out populations of native species.

According to Feagan, at this time of year, many invasive plant species have already gone to seed, making this time of year prime time for them to spread and develop.

Control efforts, especially for those who are returning from camping, fishing, boating or other outside activities, are relatively simple things to make good habits about conducting.

“I think one easy step is just to make sure that you clean your footwear once in a while. We are blessed in Alberta for the ability to travel long distances and explore different parts of the province ... but a risk of that easy movement is spreading invasive species around,” said Feagan. “Looking at Strathmore and Wheatland County in particular, there is a strong agricultural land base here ... and these agricultural areas are really important economically and producers spend a lot of money trying to control pests.”

Feagan added he would encourage Wheatland County locals to visit NCC sites throughout the province, as well as to learn more about their environment through the NCC website, but also to be aware of potentially spreading invasive species.

Robust footwear such as hiking boots can be effectively cleaned using a coarse brush or even an old toothbrush with soap and water to make sure hitchhikers such as seeds are removed from the shoe.

People who engage in outdoor activities are also recommended to simply be aware of what invasive species to keep an eye out for and how best to deal with them.

Apps such as iNaturalist and similar software or looking online before a trip can help to identify plants.

“An important thing to note is different types of weeds have different recommended methods for controlling them,” said Feagan. “What works for one weed species might not work for another. If a weed has gone to seed and you yank it out, there could be potential for spreading more seeds, so timing is also very important.”

For many species, once they are observed and identified, Feagan said he recommends notifying the appropriate local authorities to come out and properly deal with the plant in question to limit the risk of more spread.

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# RCMP recover stolen vehicles, arrest one

STRATHMORE RCMP

On Sept. 13, Strathmore RCMP members attended a rural property in Wheatland County to follow up on a recent check of an area habitual offender, where another offender may be found in violation of recent release conditions. Upon arrival, members located one of the habitual offenders asleep in a running vehicle. The vehicle, a 2012 Ram pickup truck and a 2019 Acura MDX parked beside it were confirmed to be stolen. The occupant in the pickup truck was roused and placed under arrest. A search of the vehicle uncovered open liquor, a prohibited weapon, unlawfully possessed identity documents; and break-in instruments such as crowbars, bolt cutters, and reciprocating saws commonly used to steal catalytic converters.

Both vehicles were recovered and returned to their owners. The lone occupant, Hayley McGowan a 27-year-old resident of Wheatland County, was held for a bail hearing on 11 new charges consisting of: two counts of pos-

session of property obtained by crime over \$5,000; possession of break-in instruments; possession of a prohibited weapon; failure to comply with a release order; two counts of unlawful possession of an identification document; and four counts of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

McGowan was later released on a cash deposit. At the time of her arrest, McGowan was at large on a Conditional Sentence Order which stemmed from convictions on 41 charges involving property crimes, failure to comply with release orders, failure to comply with probation conditions, fraud and flight from police. McGowan was also at large on another release order involving violence and weapon offences from another matter.

The other habitual offender that members were looking for was identified as Kevin Prouse a 36-year-old with no fixed address. A warrant has been obtained for Prouse's arrest on six new charges including possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 and five counts of failure to comply with a release condition.

"Our members remain persistent in their crime reduction efforts which include active monitoring of habitual offenders in our service area," said Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz, Detachment Commander Strathmore RCMP. "In this case those efforts resulted in the recovery of stolen property and additional charges laid on those allegedly responsible."

If anyone has information on the whereabouts of Kevin Prouse, please contact the Strathmore RCMP at 403-934-3968 or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPPS), online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com) or by using the "P3 Tips" App available through the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

## Obituary



CRILLY, Tom

It is with deep sorrow that the family announces the passing of long time Strathmore resident, Thomas (Tom) Robert Crilly, born in Calgary on January 27, 1930 and passed away September 22, 2022, at the age of 92 surrounded by his immediate family. He is survived by his wife Violet, his daughter Jody, his son Lyle (Akari); his siblings Betty Hilton, Bill Crilly (Sandra), Doreen Knight and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. He was predeceased by his father (Gordon), his mother (Emily), his brothers-in law Ron Hilton and John Knight, and numerous other relatives.

The oldest of four children, he grew up on his grandparents' farm homestead in the Langdon area. Langdon now has a street called 'Crilly Close' in honor of the family heritage.

Growing up in the Great Depression years, Tom endured many hardships, yet he cherished the wide-open spaces where he played with his friends from nearby farms. He attended a one-room school in the country, often riding his trusty horse there and back home through all kinds of weather.

After finishing his schooling in Langdon, he ventured off to the big city of Calgary to go to SAIT to study carpentry, woodworking, along with evening classes in photography. His first job was with the Ford Motor Company in both Edmonton and Hay River. Afterward, he worked for the City Parks department where he was responsible for the development of two of Calgary's most beloved parks that still exist today. He also worked at the tree farm at Heritage Park and the City green houses. Because of his innate ability to work with animals, Tom was placed in charge of receiving and caring for Gyro, the very first elephant at the Calgary Zoo, who was shipped from Thailand in a wooden crate. The frightened baby animal immediately bonded with Tom for its care.

After his contract was completed at the Zoo, Tom partnered with friends to begin two fiberglass businesses called Astrolite and Century Fiberglass. Tom was responsible for the design, construction, assembly and manufacturing of products, using this new material at that time. One of his more memorable moments was the design and assembly of a helicopter and airplane shelter on Melville Island in the high Arctic. Many of Tom's fiberglass products were used throughout Calgary, Canada and the US.

In 1964, he met the love of his life, Vi in art classes at SAIT, and they married in 1968. After his company closed, he decided to go back to his farming roots. He moved to the Strathmore area where he cleared the land on an acreage, renovated a century old house, and had a quonset shop built, to continue with his fiberglass projects. He also worked on many small businesses, such as market gardening, berry farming, and beekeeping. By this time, his children Jody and Lyle had come along, and they enjoyed many adventures on the acreage. As a devoted father and husband, Tom's home-based business allowed him to spend more time with his children in their growing years.

It was at this time that Tom decided to get back to his old love of photography, which began as a young boy when his mother gave him his first camera. After studying photography at SAIT, he decided to turn it into a professional business. Tom often travelled throughout Alberta and BC for photography work, as well as using his home studio. He became well known for his great portraits and ability to work with all kinds of people. He also had many hobbies and excelled at woodworking, model building and gardening. Always an avid reader, Tom loved books of every kind. An outgoing and friendly person, Tom loved to sit and chat with friends and family about the many different experiences he had over his lifetime.

The Crilly family would like to thank Dr. Michael O'Brien, his family doctor, and Strathmore Ambulance services for their supportive care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, the Salvation Army, the Alberta Lung Association or a charity of your choice.

Funeral services will be held at Mountain View Funeral Home, (Prairie View Chapel 1605 - 100th Street S.E., Calgary) on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. A Graveside Service to follow at Mountain View Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow. Viewing prior to service. To express condolences and share memories, please visit: [www.mountainviewmemorial.ca](http://www.mountainviewmemorial.ca).

## Obituary



SMITH, Hilda Mae

Sadly, on Monday, September 19, 2022, Hilda Mae Smith (nee Dase) originally from Pincher Creek Alberta, passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Mom had spent the last 25 years in Strathmore Alberta,

She is survived by a Brother, Mike Dase of Pincher Creek, 1 Son Terry of Strathmore and 2 Daughters, Charlene (Rick) of Medicine Hat and Sheila (James) of Calgary, along with 6 Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren, Jessica (Violet and Jake) Ashley (Husband Brad) Travis, Amanda (Husband Keith, Kaleb & Kylie) Jimmy (Wife Jennifer, Jordyn, Julie & Jaelyn) Ryan (Wife Alejandra, Leah, Kaleb, Raquel & Samara) along with numerous Nieces and Nephews

Grandma was very active with her Grandchildren, loving them all and enjoying spending time with them. She will be missed by all those who loved her. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022 at Strathmore United Church (410 4th Street Strathmore) at 3:00 p.m.

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## Obituary



FREEMAN, David James "Jim"

Jim Freeman passed away on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at the age of 74 years. Jim was born and raised in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Suzanne; his son Michael (Kim) and grandchildren Maddie, Hudson and Norah; and his son Nathan. He is also survived by his brother Rick (Lois).

Jim was a quiet and gentle person and a good friend. He worked for AGT, which became Telus, for most of his working life. A private family gathering will be held when his Aussie grandchildren come home for Christmas.

We want to thank the doctors and nurses of Strathmore ER. They are the best. Thank you for letting us finish our journey together. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to Wheatland and Area Hospice Society (Box 2154 Strathmore, AB T1P 1K2 or [www.wheatlandhospice.ca](http://www.wheatlandhospice.ca))

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

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Council approved a request for funds to purchase a replacement. It's been ordered and is on its way! Once it arrives we'll need some time for installation, testing, and refilling the basin. We expect to reopen within four weeks, but we'll keep you updated on any changes to the schedule.

We're as excited to get the pool back up and running as you are. Thanks for your patience while we make these necessary repairs!

## Holiday Waste Collection Changes

Great news from the world of waste collection!

Strathmore's residential waste removal schedule will no longer be impacted by holidays, except for Christmas and New Years Day. This means that you can put out your waste carts on statutory holidays that fall on your collection day. Christmas and New Years both fall on the weekend this year, so they will not impact your collection schedule in 2022.

Find your collection schedule at [Strathmore.ca/Garbage](https://www.strathmore.ca/Garbage) and make sure to put your carts out on Thanksgiving if Monday October 10 is your regular collection day!

## Bi-Weekly Green Cart

The annual switch to biweekly Green Cart collection begins on November 1.

Here are a few Green Cart reminders to help ensure a smooth pickup:

- Place your cart at the curb or near your fence-line if your collection is located in an alley. Avoid placing carts on the sidewalk or in the middle of the alley.
- Leave 1 meter space around each cart.
- Set out your cart no later than 7:00am on collection day.
- Return your cart to the storage location on your property no later than 11:00pm on the day of collection to keep your street or alley free of obstruction and to prevent your cart from being stolen or vandalized.

Review items that can be composted, and check out our bi-weekly Green Cart schedule at [Strathmore.ca/GreenCart](https://www.strathmore.ca/GreenCart)

## You're invited for coffee!

Join Mayor Pat Fule and Council at the Strathmore Municipal Building on Thursday, September 29 at 9 A.M.

Council in Chambers Getting Coffee is an opportunity for residents to meet with their elected officials in an informal setting and have a conversation over a cup of coffee.

The Town organizes dates each year where residents can drop in, enjoy some refreshments, and discuss ideas, projects, or concerns with members of their Council. This event is an open invitation and completely free for the public to attend.

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