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Twenty-one years ago this October, a local grandfather and his granddaughter shared a life-changing moment when their paramotor plane malfunctioned, resulting in a story you must read to believe. Left pic: Amanda and Grandpa Wilson, before the crash. Right pic: Last year's cake to celebrate two decades. See story page 2.

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Survivors of paramotor airplane crash 21 years ago seek rescuers to say thank you



The mangled frame.



The parachute stuck in the trees.

By Serena Lapointe

Twenty-one years ago, Amanda Marie Trigg (Wilson) and her grandfather Bill Francis Wilson were doing one of their favourite pastimes, gliding a few hundred feet above farmland near Cottonwood in his 1997 Harmering Highflyer powered parachute plane.

Starting when she was seven, Trigg said she probably went on one hundred flights with her grandfather, and on October 3, 2003, a then 10-year-old Amanda was out for a joyride with him just like she had done countless times before.

But this day would not end like the others,

with a mildly bumpy landing in a field. This day saw Trigg and her grandfather fall out of the sky. Thankfully, and by Trigg's own account, miraculously, they both survived. This story, however, revolves around two still unknown angels.

"My grandpa loves thrills. He loves sky-

diving and will still go today if asked. He saw this plane as the next adventure for him. It seemed like such a calm sport. He loved flying and bringing people up in his plane, so the fact that his grandkids weren't scared to go up, he was thrilled about that," explained Trigg.

"Everything went by slowly, and you got to see so much. We flew through low-hanging clouds, and, as a kid, I thought it would be cool to catch some in a jar, so I remember one time I brought a jar up with me to see if I could catch a cloud," she chuckled.

On October 3, 2003, Trigg was staying at her grandparent's home for a weekend visit and went up for a flight. "It

was nearly evening because I remember the sky being painted so beautifully with purple, orange and yellow." Through their 2-way radio, her grandpa said they would be turning around and heading home. "All of a sudden, the plane's center bolt snapped. It's one bolt that keeps you straight. Once that snapped, we turned ninety degrees and faced the ground."

Trigg said it felt like slow motion. "We were calm as ever. It's still strange to me how we didn't scream or cause a fuss. I asked my grandpa, are we crashing?" And he said, "Yeah, we are." Trigg had just learned about velocity in school and asked if they would perish on impact, to which her grandpa responded that

yes, they likely would. Trigg said her grandfather wasn't religious at the time and she didn't want to offend him, but she asked if it was OK for her to pray. "He said to go ahead. So, I prayed and thanked God for the scenery because everything had been so pretty. I prayed that my family would be OK when we died and be taken care of."

As the ground got closer, the pair prepared for the inevitable. "Since the parachute deployed, it wasn't as fast as just plummeting down, but then it collapsed, and we said we loved each other.

The last time I checked the height gauge, we were like

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280 feet up. I closed my eyes. I could feel the plane start spinning vigorously." The spin changed their trajectory from an open field to a tree line, which broke their fall and saved their lives.

Trigg said she heard branches hitting the plane and could feel them hitting her legs through the open frame of the airplane. Then, they landed. "I remember lifting my face off of the back of my grandpa's helmet, and there was blood. It felt like such a dream. I ripped off my seatbelt and told my grandpa we had to go."

But Grandpa Wilson wasn't going anywhere. "He looked at me and said, I'm paralyzed. I can't move. So, I told him I had to find help. I started running down this gravel road. I thought I saw a house when we were still in the air, and I was going to try and find it," she recounted.

Unbeknownst to them, two young men driving along Highway 43 near Cottonwood spotted the plane as it plummeted towards earth and had turned off the highway to find them. The pair searched until they came upon a young girl, bloodied, waving her arms frantically. It was Trigg.

"I saw a blue pickup

truck coming towards me, and they saw me covered in blood because my nose was broken and pouring. They asked if I was OK and said they saw us from the highway and had been trying to find us."

Trigg said she led the men back to the crash site to help her grandfather. "My grandpa was sitting there, casually, and probably in a lot of pain but still being calm as a cucumber. The guys wanted to call 911, but my grandpa said no because he said his wife would kill him for crashing the plane," chuckled Trigg. "So, they drove us to my grandpa's house, which was only two or three kilometres away."

Once there, Trigg's grandma said they needed to call 911, but because her Grandpa Wilson was already in the back of the truck, he suggested heading straight to the hospital as it would be faster. "It would have been probably forty minutes waiting because we were 22 kilometres out of town," explained Trigg.

Once at the hospital, both received care for their injuries, and Grandpa Wilson was driven to Edmonton by ambulance. "He shattered both his ankles and broke three vertebrae in his back. I was treated for the broken nose and got butter-

fly stitches on a couple of scratches from the trees," said Trigg. She said that the two highway angels stuck around the hospital until her grandpa was in the ambulance, and her dad arrived to make sure they were in good hands.

In the chaos of the day, Trigg didn't catch the names of the two highway heroes. Over the years, the pair have thought about them often, and hope to meet them, shake their hands and say thank you. Trigg doesn't have a lot of information to go on, but she hopes that sharing the story will jostle someone's memory. "They said they were headed to Fairview and said they also sometimes go to church at what is now the Family Worship Centre in Whitecourt (behind the up-town Tim Hortons)." Trigg said she, her sister, and her dad went to the church a few times, including the very next Sunday, hoping to see them. They also asked at the church, but nothing came of it.

This year, Trigg's father had a chance encounter when he helped tow a vehicle on a lady's property. He mentioned that the area looked similar to where the crash happened, and the lady confirmed it. She and her family had even helped that day

alongside the men in the blue truck. "It was a weird coincidence. She was able to piece together some things for me that I didn't remember, including her young son that helped, who was about my age at the time," said Trigg.

The hope now is to find the two men. All Trigg knows is they had a blue truck and were driving on Highway 43 in the early evening of October 3,

2003, on their way to Fairview. She figured they were somewhere in their twenties. "It would be cool to thank them. Highway 43 is busy and out of all the vehicles that might have seen our plane, only one stopped. I couldn't imagine what would have happened had they not come up to me when they did," said Trigg.

As for Grandpa Wilson, he ended up re-

covering from his injuries and even rebuilt his crashed plane, and still loves to fly. "It was a surreal experience to survive. I still can't explain the peace I felt, as a ten-year-old. I wasn't afraid. I trust that it was God." If you or someone you know has any information on this incident, or knows who the two angels are, call Amanda at 780-204-0530 or contact the Whitecourt Press.



The landing site on the edge of a field.



Grandpa Wilson's paramotor plane.

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Residents throughout Whitecourt are getting ready to winterize and store their Recreational Vehicles (RVs) for the season. The Town of Whitecourt reminds residents that Land Use Bylaw 1577 and Traffic Bylaw 1573 outline guidelines and regulations for the parking of RVs on residential properties and streets

Below are some frequently asked questions regarding RV parking.

What vehicles are considered RVs?

Motor homes, fifth wheel trailers, holiday trailers, and boats are all considered recreational vehicles under Land Use Bylaw 1577.

Where can residents park their RVs during the winter?

During the winter, RVs must be stored beside or behind the house. From November 1 to March 31, on residential properties, one recreational vehicle may be stored on site. No portion of the recreational vehicle may be located any further forward than the front of the home (minimum of 6.1m from the front property line).

Can residents park unattached trailers on a local street?

No, unattached trailers cannot be parked on town streets at any time. This includes (but is not limited to) tent trailers, travel trailers, fifth wheel trailers, boat trailers, utility trailers, campers not mounted on truck, etc.

Can an RV parked on a local street or on a private property be utilized for sleeping?

No, an RV parked on a local street or highway cannot be utilized for sleeping. RV's are not permitted to be occupied for temporary accommodations except within approved campground locations.

What are the fines for the improper parking of an RV and utility vehicle?

- Fines can be issued according to Town Bylaws and Provincial Legislation.
- Parking RVs in prohibited areas - \$250 fine for first offence under Land Use Bylaw 1577. Subsequent fines will apply for non-compliance.
 - Unattached Trailers - \$100 fine under Traffic Bylaw 1573
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For more information, contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-778-2273 or visit www.whitecourt.ca.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Current opportunities are posted on the Town's website and when required, opportunities are posted on purchasingconnection.ca. Currently, Whitecourt has the following opportunities:

- 2024-09-26: **Allan & Jean Millar Centre Stereo Sound System.** Closes: October 25, 2024
- 2024-10-01: **Allan & Jean Millar Centre Commercial Pedestrian Swing Doors.** Closes: October 18, 2024

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- 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 1500
- 2006 Chevrolet Silverado 1500

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The following decision was made by the Development Authority:

Application 24-099: 3747 - 39 Street Lot 6A, Block 6, Plan 762 0745 – Variance – Reduce the front parking, loading, and storage setback from 6.0m to 3.0m – Approved with Conditions.

Date of Decision: October 7, 2024

Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: October 28, 2024

An Appeal of the above decision(s) may be made by submitting a written appeal and appeal fee (\$300) to the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Town of Whitecourt Administration Building, Box 509, Whitecourt, Alberta, T7S 1N6 prior to 4:00pm on the above noted date. Any person(s) affected by the said proposal(s), has the right to appeal prior to the above date.

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59. Rock frontman Durst

CLUES DOWN

- One who rides an elephant
- Absence of bacteria
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Men's fashion accessories
- "Honey" actress Jessica
- Round red root vegetable
- Latin term for "charity"
- Doesn't smell good
- Mental health issue
- Millisecond
- Hairstyle
- Edible starch
- Middle Eastern military title
- Protein-rich liquids
- Indian musical pattern
- Cancer and Capricorn
- Country along the

Arabian peninsula

- A bend
- Fishes of the herring family
- Antelopes
- Chaos
- Popular music app
- Cooking material
- Musical instrument
- San Diego ballplayers
- Small amounts
- Poured
- Fabric
- Food option
- Finger millet
- The U. of Miami mascot is one
- Alberta, Canada river
- Canadian flyers
- Dry white wine drink

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ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Aries, you might find it challenging to assess a situation this week. Always stick to what your instincts are telling you as they are rarely wrong. Try not to get sidetracked by small details.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



You may find a need to be more assertive at work, Taurus. Your ideas are sound, so don't hesitate to share them with colleagues. Others will appreciate your insight.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Communication may be the key for you this week, Gemini. It is an excellent time to network and share your ideas. Be concise in your interactions to avoid misunderstandings.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, consider new habits that promote well-being and balance. It is important to focus on your health and tailor routines to that end. Find time to reflect on your goals and ambitions.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



It's a great time to express yourself through art, hobbies, or social activities, Leo. Romance also could be in the cards, so make space for some fun and connection in your personal life.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



This week could be focused on family matters and your home life, Virgo. It's an excellent time to organize your space and strengthen family bonds. You also can work on personal goals.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Social interactions this week are bound to be lively and stimulating, Libra. It can be easy to get carried away, so balance your social life with some quiet time to recharge.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Financial matters might be in focus this week, Scorpio. Make a plan to review your budget and figure out how to save more. You may want to consider new investments.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



You might experience a boost in energy and optimism this week, Sagittarius. It's always a good idea to focus on personal goals and any ambitions that you might have.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Capricorn, an exercise in reflection and introspection might be a good idea this week. It is time for some personal growth, including figuring out ways to be more receptive to feedback.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Aquarius, your innovative ideas may receive some positive attention, so don't be afraid to share with others. Social interactions rev up, but be sure to balance social life with downtime.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



This is a good week to reassess your professional aspirations and take practical steps toward achieving them, Pisces. Put out some feelers to your employment network.

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Tall, upright post on a boat
- Basics
- Used to refer to cited works
- Folds
- Former UK PM May
- Cold region of Russia
- Standard operating procedure
- Separating
- Particles
- A way to map out
- Referee declares
- Beginner
- Water (Spanish)
- Gov't lawyers
- Non-reproductive parts of an organism
- Spanish friends

- A type of tree
- Walk heavily
- About a wood
- Free-swimming marine invertebrate
- Political action committee
- SB19 hit song
- Scorch the surface of
- Moved quickly on foot
- Sacred state for a Muslim
- Growl
- Pearl Jam frontman
- Irritating person
- Something requiring a solution
- Firing
- Hazards
- Taiwan capital
- Impudence

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- Food option
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- Alberta, Canada river
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- DRACULA
- GOBLIN
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- HALLOWEEN
- HAUNTED
- MONSTER
- MOON
- NIGHT
- OCTOBER
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- ADOPTION
- AGREEMENT
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- EVENT
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ATB Economics

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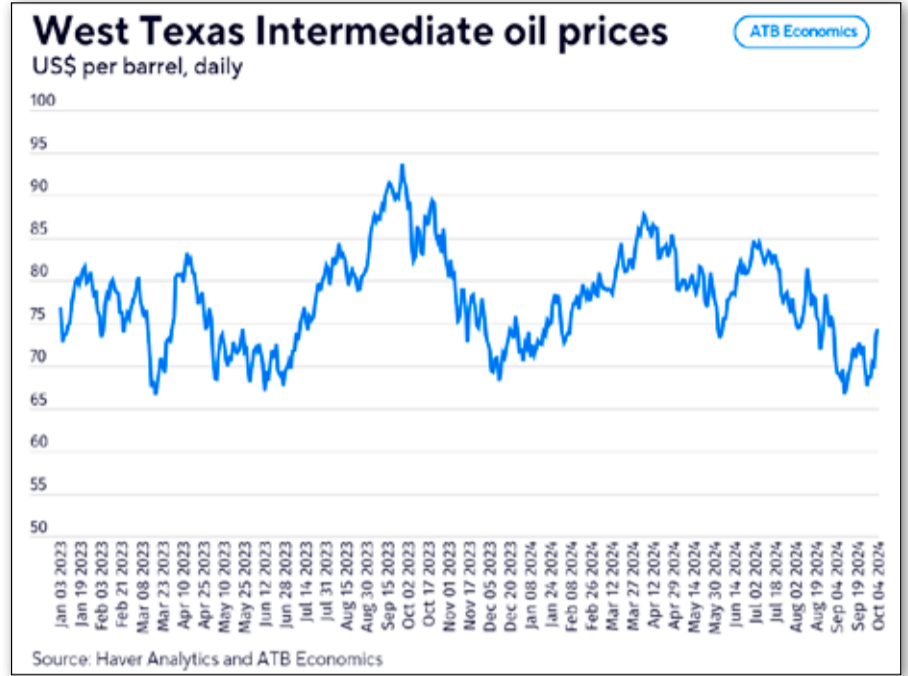
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Playoff-like regular season matchup between the Wolverines and Thunder brings excitement to JDA Place

By Serena Lapointe

Friday night's matchup between the Whitecourt Wolverines and the Drayton Valley Thunder was messy. It wasn't so much that the teams were fighting non-stop or being overly nasty to one another, but the feel of the game was more like a playoff meeting than an early season one as players threw themselves in front of the puck and took chances you don't typically see outside of the post-season.

Maybe it was because the two teams don't see each other often, given their divisional positions, but either way, fans in attendance at JDA Place, all 474 of them, were treated to a fantastic hockey game. In the first period, the Whitecourt Wolverines struck first, quickly getting on the board only forty-four seconds into the frame. Ethan Short potted his third goal of the season thanks to an assist from Joey Vetrano, his sixth. Aside from each team taking a penalty, the

Wolverines for hooking and the Thunder for a check-to-the-head, the period ended without much fanfare. The Wolverines lead 1-0.

In the second period, things went up a notch as the teams transitioned into a quicker pace and started landing bigger hits. Nearly every time the whistle blew, the tension seemed to grow. The puck was moving fast from end to end, and the goalies had to be sharp.

Nearly fourteen minutes in, Wolverine Braden Keeble attempted to score his second goal of the season and was taken down by a Thunder player. A loud whistle blast stopped the play, and all eyes turned to the ref as he threw up his hand and quickly pointed to center ice. Keeble was getting a penalty shot!

The local fans were behind him as he made his way to the puck in the middle of the ice and began his trek

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A big hit by Short.



Great save by Onyskiw.

The Wolverines lit up the scoreboard on Friday night at JDA Place, but the pucks were not the only things flying.

The last of the flowers



If you drive along 55th often enough, you might already recognize this backyard. The homeowner clearly has a green thumb because the massive pots overflowing with pink and purple flowers were still happy as clams late last week. The property is viewable through the back alley of Auttreux Drive, across the street and slightly down from the Athabasca Terrace apartment building. With temperatures dipping, these beautiful flowers likely won't be visible much longer.



Bianchet absorbing a big hit.



Dwayne Jean Jr flying up the ice.



Looking back to the puck.

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toward the Thunder goalie. Keeble made a fantastic move, tricking the goalie, and shot the puck directly into the open net, making the fans go wild! The Wolverines were now up 2-0.

In the final period, the Thunder's push to catch up was clear. In the first minute, the visitors had landed several big hits, pushing the Wolverines' tempers up a level. Whitecourt's team held their own, kept their composure, and scored the game's final goal just over two minutes in. Dylan Ruptash scored his seventh goal of the season, unassisted. Final score from JDA Place: Wolverines 3, Thunder 0.

At one point, nearly six minutes in, something happened behind Wolverines goalie Zac Onyskiw's net. A big, clean hit by Dwayne Jean Jr sent a Thunder player hard into the boards.

The player awkwardly landed and bounced his head against the glass before falling to the ice with his hands reaching for his helmet. Thunder players reacted, grabbing onto the Wolverine. One Thunder player wrapped his arms around Jean Jr and looked to be landing hits. By the time the linesmen pulled them apart, Jean Jr no longer had his helmet on, and he looked mad as he yelled over the ref's shoulder back at the Thunder player who was doing the same. When the dust cleared,

two Thunder players were penalized, and Dwayne Jean Jr also sat for two minutes.

By the end of the third period, there was a laundry list of penalties. Eleven penalties came out of the final frame and told the tale of how these two teams played against each other. The Wolverines had five penalties, including roughing after the whistle and unsportsmanlike conduct.

The Drayton Valley Thunder had six penalties, which looked much the same.

Friday's game was one of only four meetings for these teams this season. Here's hoping they meet in the post-season because if that game had any insight on what a series between them would look like, the fans would be all for it.

The next two home games for the Whitecourt Wolverines are a weekend stint on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27. The first game will be against the Calgary Canucks, and it is their first matchup this season. Sunday's game will be against the Drumheller Dragons, and the Wolverines will be after retribution after losing their last game against the Dragons by only one goal.

In other Wolverines' news, veteran forward Kaiden Wiltsie is now a Bobcat after trading to Lloydminster. Wiltsie tallied 115 games over three seasons, resulting in 65 points. Hunter Motley has also moved and is now a member of the Olds Grizzlies.



Woodlands County Council discussed the following items at their recent meeting of Council:

Council directed that a formal request sent to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors regarding the changing of traffic control at Highway 661 and Township Road 620A be cancelled. In 2023, Highway 661 through Fort Assiniboine was resurfaced, and a stop sign at the intersec-

tion at Township Road 620A was relocated to the bottom of the hill. A formal request on behalf of residents was sent to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors in March 2024 requesting the sign be relocated to the original location. Since then, residents have requested that the sign be

left in its current location.

Council approved amended Policy 4301 – Operations of Transfer Stations. The amended policy clarifies what is and is not accepted and how long items will stay in the Take-it-or-Leave-it areas at the transfer stations. Effective November 1, trans-

fer stations hours of operation will change to Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Woodlands County is providing a letter of support for Wellspring Family Resource & Crisis Centre's application to the Canada Mortgage and Housing

Corporation Women and Children Shelter and Transitional Housing Initiative Grant. Wellspring recently purchased a four-plex near their existing shelter and is applying for funding to retrofit and convert the building into housing for their clients. The four-plex would provide survi-

vors and their families longer-term shelter from 6 months to 2 years while having access to support services from the emergency shelter. In the past year, Wellspring has seen an increase in the number of women and children accessing shelter from 67 in 2023 to 132 in 2024.


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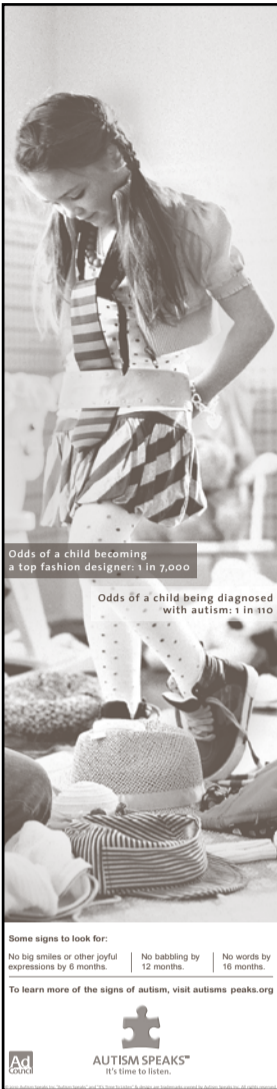
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Thu., Oct. 17
Chance of a shower
70%
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Fri., Oct. 18
Mix of sun and clouds
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0°C
W 21 km/h
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Sat., Oct. 19
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