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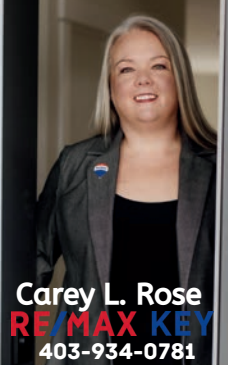
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Memories with the Pope

David Bexte elected as new Member of Parliament

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Conservative Party of Canada candidate David Bexte has been elected as the Member of Parliament for the Bow River Riding, officially replacing former MP, Martin Shields.

Bexte secured 43,891 of 55,664 votes, being 78.85 per cent of the voter base in the riding. His closest competitor was Bentley Barnes, running for the Liberal Party, who net 9,421 votes, or 16.92 per cent of the voter base.

"I really want to let all voters know how much I appreciate their commitment to show up and vote. I am honoured," said Bexte in a statement on April 29. "Running for public office takes courage and sacrifice. I thank all my opponents for stepping up for a chance to serve our communities, and I thank Elections Canada for a well-run campaign."

Shields, who was originally elected to the House of Commons in the Bow River Riding in 2015, decided not to seek re-election this term. Bexte was voted in as his replacement by members of the Conservative Party on March 7.

Bexte campaigned within the party emphasizing a desire to cut taxes, "unleash" Alberta's energy industry, and "restore common sense."

He has spent the majority of his career working in agriculture and energy, and emphasized a belief during his campaign that a decade of liberal mismanagement is something he desires to begin addressing in parliament.

"Family farms are a national strategic asset and they should be treated as such. Farmers and energy workers built this province and Ottawa needs to stop punishing them," said Bexte. "MP Martin Shields spent nearly a decade representing the people of Bow River – I am honoured to pick up where he left off and continue representing the people of this riding."

According to Elections Canada, 21,974 voters cast ballots at advance polls in the Bow River riding.

NDP candidate Louisa Gwin saw 1,653 votes, making up 2.97 per cent. This was followed by Christian Heritage Party candidate Tom Lipp with 404 votes, and United Party of Canada candidate Aaron Patton who received 295 votes.

The election was called in favour of the Liberals, who won 162 seats in Parliament and will form a minority government once again. Overall, the Conservatives secured 144 seats and will again form the Official Opposition.



Reds split doubleheader

The U18AA Reds wrapped up their exhibition schedule with a home doubleheader on April 26 at the Kinsmen Park Ball Diamonds. The Reds won the first game 9-4 before falling 19-6 in the second game.

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The Public Notification Bylaw requires a Public Hearing prior to passing. Motion 2025-02 will rescind the previous Public Notification Bylaw 2023-03 which was erroneously passed without a public hearing. There are no changes in the proposed Bylaw; means of communication remains as:

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Should you wish to address council in person, a **public hearing for Bylaw 2025-02** will be held at the Village Office Council Chambers at 120 Elsinore Ave, Standard Alberta, **on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 commencing at 7 p.m.** Council will hear from any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw. If you wish to address council virtually, you must contact the Village Office by 4pm on Tuesday, May 13th, 2025.

Additionally, written comments may be delivered to PO Box 249 Standard, Alberta, T0J 3G0 or emailed to cao@villageofstandard.ca; submissions will be received up to Tuesday, May 13th, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

The proposed Bylaw 2025-02 can be reviewed online at villageofstandard.ca, or copies may be picked up Monday through Friday at 120 Elsinore Avenue, Standard Alberta from 9:00 a.m. – noon, and 1:00 pm - 4:00 p.m.

Publishing in the Strathmore Times on April 30th, and May 7th, 2025.



The Strathmore United Church hosted its annual Vintage and Treasures sale, April 25-26, paired with a quilt and bake sale. Proceeds from the event are designated to be reinvested into the local community.
John Watson Photos

Strathmore United Church
hosts annual vintage and treasure sale

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore United Church hosted its annual Vintage and Treasure Sale, April 25-26, with all of the proceeds going towards local charities.

In addition to the vintage and treasure sale occupying the basement of the church, a bake sale and quilting table were also present throughout the course of the event.

Marguerite Watson, a member of the church responsible for hosting the sale, explained the sale was born out of a previous thrift sale, where antiques were not being priced with any value to them.

Instead, she started gathering antiques, collectibles, and other articles which had a degree of value in them, offered a better price to reflect that, and set up her own tables.

“People are bringing in their treasures. They are having to clean out their cupboards, they are having to give up things that they have probably saved their money to buy ... and so when they are bringing all this stuff into the thrift sale in boxes, that might look like junk to a lot of the younger people,” said Watson.

As Watson’s sales began to contribute more and more to thrifting events, over time more and more space was required to lay out the items being accumulated.

Items which are not moved during one sale are generally kept safely in storage until the following year’s vintage sale rolls around, to be offered again.

Following COVID-19, as the sales resumed, Watson put the idea out to include a quilt sale and bake sale as part of the overall event as opposed to just having the vintage and treasure sale as a standalone.

“This sale is not about supporting our church. None of this money goes into supporting our church. All of it goes back out into the community. It all goes to the women’s shelter, out into the food bank, it goes everywhere,” said Watson. “We just want to make as much as we possibly can so that we can give it back out to the community.”

In addition to the monetary values of the sale, Watson added another of their goals is simply to find good homes for the items brought to them.

Currently there are no plans to hold a vintage and treasure sale at the church more than once a year, nor are there plans to hold it for longer than as a two-day event.

For the quilters, Linda Freeman explained the sales are simply to be able to continue affording fabric for the club who meet on Wednesdays.

A more typical practice of the club is to give away the quilts they create, however, material costs still need to be addressed.

Freeman added if anyone wishes to donate fabric to the club, that would also be greatly appreciated. They are seeking cotton-based fabrics that do not stretch, such as flannel.

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Wedding preparations

Strathmore's annual wedding expo was held April 27 at the Legacy Barn, hosted by Max SPL Music and the Legacy Farm Project. This year marked the fourth such occasion that the expo has been held in town.

John Watson Photos



Venom strike

The Strathmore Venom U13B team improved to 2-1 on the season with a 5-1 victory over the Rockyview Rage on April 26 at the Strathmore Family Centre. After trading goals early in the first period, Strathmore pulled away with three unanswered goals in the second and one more in the third period.

Joe Lepage Photos



Magnificent market

The Strathmore Farmers Market kicked off the 2025 season with a Mother's Day Market on April 26 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre.

Joe Lepage Photos



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Capsule Comments

Health information abounds on the internet. There are many claims on cures for diseases. Many claims are full of health misinformation. And if you are encouraged to buy a product from that site, it's another clue that it's just a money-making scheme and not worth your time. Always get a second opinion on anything you read on the internet.

About 1 in 7 women have stress incontinence, an involuntary leakage of urine during exertion, coughing, sneezing etc. Three ideas may help: weight loss, caffeine restriction and stopping smoking. One common suggestion is pelvic floor strengthening. These are Kegel exercises designed to strengthen the muscles that stop urine flow.

The risk of falls rises with the number of medications a person takes. Some people take as many as 12 to 20 medications daily. This might be a case where deprescribing may come into play. Deprescribing is the planned and supervised process of stopping or reducing the dose when medications are deemed unnecessary or where the harms outweigh the benefits. Consult with your doctor about this.

It's been estimated that \$2.5 million of liver health supplements are sold on Amazon each month. However, none of these supplements are recommended by doctors who specialize in liver disease. These sales often promise "liver detox", something that is not supported by the latest science on liver health. As usual with health claims on the internet, save your money.

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Fantastic duo

The Strathmore Musical Arts Society hosted Scarlett Butler at the Strathmore Travelodge on April 26. The evening featured a fantastic dinner and live music from the husband-and-wife duo of Scarlett Butler and a special performance by musical guest Charlie Ewing.

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MLA de Jonge addresses education property tax increase

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Chestermere Strathmore MLA Chantelle de Jonge spoke regarding the education property tax requisition announced by the province in Alberta's 2025 budget.

De Jonge explained the purpose of the requisition is to fund educational operating expenses throughout the province. This includes instructional costs such as teachers' salaries, and other classroom resources.

"Across the province, \$1.1 billion over the next three years will go to hire additional teachers and classroom support staff and I know from talking with residents in Strathmore, this is a big priority to see more teachers and (educational assistants) in classrooms," she said. "An additional \$1.6 billion is going to support specialized learning needs and groups of students that may require additional support. Again, I know this is a huge priority for parents across the province, so their children are supported in schools if they do have those specialized learning needs."

According to de Jonge, every dollar of the education prop-

erty tax will be reinvested into education in Strathmore to support students and staff.

The education property tax is charged to a property owner as a percentage of the value of a home. She explained this year the tax is \$2.72 for every thousand dollars of a property's total assessment value.

De Jonge said this is increased from \$2.56 for every thousand dollars of value which was exhibited last year, being an increase of \$0.16 per thousand dollars.

This equation is evaluated differently in each municipality across the province depending on where home value has increased.

"As schools in Strathmore are seeing an increase in enrollment, they are seeing those enrollment pressures like elsewhere in the province and this funding is going to support students in Strathmore, and it is going to address the educational priorities that Albertans have," said de Jonge. "The increase is to provide the public education system with a stable and sustainable source of funding that meets the needs of increased student enrollment. Historically, the education

property tax, it has funded one third of operating education spending, but that has fallen behind in recent years."

She added over the next few years, the taxes will continue to increase, and operating education spending will increase from approximately 29 per cent where it is now to 33 per cent.

De Jonge committed that every single dollar of the education property tax requisition from Strathmore will be reinvested locally to support increased growth. This will include assisting to fund the construction of the new Westmount School.

Golden Hills School Division was requested for comment regarding the education property tax, but did not respond prior to the publication of this article.

Reinvesting education tax to Strathmore

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

The recent increase in Education Property Tax for the Town of Strathmore has raised questions in our community. Here's what you need to know.

Municipalities have collected education property taxes for over 30 years, and this continues to be the case. The education property tax has historically funded one third of our education. In recent years it has fallen behind as education funding rose. The increases over the next two years will bring education property taxes back up to 33 per cent of total education funding, so that we can continue to build schools and fund enrolment growth.

By restoring the education property tax to previous funding levels, we are making record investments into education to the tune of more than \$9.8 billion to address growing enrollment pressures.

I would encourage the Town of Strathmore to clarify to their residents that the education property tax is levied by the province so Alberta's government can reinvest all of it in supporting the success of our Strathmore students in our world-class education system.

The education property tax will raise \$3.1 billion in 2025–26, helping pay for instructional costs, including teacher salaries, textbooks, and other classroom resources for Strathmore schools. Across the province, funding from the education property tax helps fund \$1.1 billion over the next three years to hire additional teachers and classroom support staff, so school authorities can manage class sizes and the growing number of students. As well as \$1.6 billion to support specialized learning needs and groups of students who may require additional support from school authorities through the learning support funding grants.

The education property tax is set by the provincial government and applies uniformly across Alberta. All municipalities collect an equitable share of the provincial education proper-

ty tax in proportion to their total taxable property assessments, which are equalized across the province. The process ensures owners of properties of similar value and type across the province pay similar amounts of education property taxes.

For 2025–26, education property tax rates will increase to \$2.72 per \$1,000 of property value for residential and farmland, and \$4.00 per \$1,000 of property value for non-residential properties. For residential and farmland property, this is an increase of 16 cents from \$2.56 for every \$1,000 of property value last year.

In the Strathmore area, property values have risen more than the Alberta average. Across the province, total property values (equalized assessment) rose by 7.55 per cent this year. In comparison, Strathmore saw a greater increase, while places like Edmonton grew less and Calgary grew more. The variance in property values directly impacts how much education tax each municipality must collect, and reflects the rising value of local properties and the growing demand for educational services across our province – ensuring our schools have the stable and sustainable source of funding needed to meet the demands of increased student enrollment.

Strathmore is a growing community, and schools are seeing increasing enrollment. The Golden Hills School Division is planning to rebuild Westmount Elementary, which is over 50 years old. The education property tax will help pay for the cost to operate that new school, and this funding must be in place in order to replace this aging school.

The education property tax is fully invested back into schools in Strathmore, and in fact, it is only a small portion of the total education funding that the Government of Alberta invests in Strathmore schools. For example, in 2024, the Golden Hills Education Operating Grant was roughly \$88 million, while the education property tax requisition from the Town of Strathmore was under \$6 million.

Every single dollar of the education property tax will be reinvested into education in Strathmore to support our students, help get the new Westmount School built and enhance Alberta's ability to fund school operations in Strathmore and across the province, leading to better educational outcomes as student enrolment continues to grow.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions (Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

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

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A giant success

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

The Youth Theatre Company is taking audiences on a magical journey across the ocean in a giant peach, a bit of a scaled-back version of one, with their first-ever musical production *James and the Giant Peach*. Full of charm, talent and a distinctly Canadian twist, the show is proving to be a milestone for the budding theatre group.

“We went through many, many, many musicals,” said Chelsea Hall, president of the association and one of the show’s producers. “We knew we wanted to do a musical and then we came across this musical. It had great roles for youth, teens, and adults and we really fell in love with the music. It was a no-brainer.”

Adapted from Roald Dahl’s beloved tale, this version has been reimagined with a local flair. “The story itself is set in London originally, but we’ve brought it over to Canada,” said Hall with a smile. “We’ve added our own little spin.”

The ensemble cast of 25 ranging from young newcomers to seasoned teen performers has embraced the quirky personalities of the insect characters who join James on his adventure.

“Our cast has really dove into it and brought their own flair,” said Hall. “The energy is amazing.”

One of the production’s biggest challenges was to find space for the play. Strathmore’s lack of a formal performance theatre meant the team had to get creative.

“The peach is supposed to be giant, but we’ve had to scale things down,” said Hall. “We’d love to go bigger, but we have to work with what we have. That’s been our main challenge, figuring out how make the show elements work in the space we have.”

The show marks a significant first: the group’s debut into musical theatre.

“This is our first musical as our own company and we’ve had to dive into so many aspects; mu-

sical direction, choreography, multiple costume changes,” she said. “It’s been exciting and such a learning experience.”

Guiding them through this adventure is Lynn Elkin, a co-founder of the group and seasoned director.

“This is her 26th musical,” Hall noted. “She directed our last show, *Alice in Winterland*, so it was also a no-brainer to have her on board again.”

Hall herself takes on the colourful role of Ladybug in addition to producing.

“She’s such a fun character,” she beamed. “And our costumes are so much fun – I’m really looking forward to dressing up like one.”

At the heart of the story is James himself, played by 12-year-old Damien Fitzsimmons, a Grade 7 student at George Freeman School. Though this is only his second performance with the group having played Lemothy the Lemming in *Alice in Winterland*, Fitzsimmons is taking center stage with confidence and excitement.

“My favourite part is whenever I get to show the audience what we’ve been working on all this time,” Fitzsimmons said.

He also gets to sing throughout the performance although he admits keeping track of all the lines and songs is a big challenge.

As Strathmore continues to grow as a hub for the arts, productions like *James and the Giant Peach*, highlight the passion and creativity thriving in the community.

“It would be amazing to one day have a community theatre space,” said Hall. “It would definitely be a great addition to the town.”

Until then, audiences can expect plenty of heart, imagination and musical magic as the Youth Theatre Company of Strathmore take flight inside their not-so-giant peach.

Performances run May 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7 p.m., May 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 2 p.m. at the Hope Community Church. Tickets can be purchased by visiting their website (www.youththeatrecompany.ca).



Members of the Youth Theatre Company rehearse at Westmount School in preparation for their upcoming musical performance of *James and The Giant Peach*, hitting the stage with performances starting May 9.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. McCarthy acolyte Roy

5. Ancient Korean chiefdoms

10. Not soft

14. Jai __, sport

15. Philosophy

16. Do what you’re told

17. Gaffe

18. Widely known and esteemed

19. Amusement park attraction

20. Popular comic strip Viking

22. Usually has a lid

23. American sportscaster

24. Lung fibrosis

27. General’s assistant (abbr.)

30. Pouch

31. Upset

32. Partner to hem

35. Astronomy unit of distance

37. Witch

38. Gradually disappear

39. Regions

40. Possesses

41. Body parts
42. A way to comprehend

43. Defraud

44. Sandwich type

45. Expression of disappointment

46. Popular Dodge truck model

47. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

48. Soviet Socialist Republic

49. Songs to a beloved

52. Custom

55. Partner to cheese

56. West Indies trees

60. Member of a Semitic people

61. Plant that originated vegetatively

63. Squandered one’s money

64. Ethiopian river

65. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues

66. Acquire by one’s efforts

67. Irish goddess

68. Hungarian village

69. Cereal grasses

CLUES DOWN

1. Currency

2. Ceramic jar

3. Reagan’s Secretary of State

4. God worshipped in Kanesh

5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)

6. Semitic

7. About blood

8. Benign tumors

9. Move one’s head

10. Hours (Spanish)

11. Hebrew calendar month

12. Advise someone

13. Colors clothes

21. The sun does it

23. Concealed

25. City of Angels hoops team (abbr.)

26. Droop

27. Away from one another

28. Challenges

29. A harsh scraping sound

32. Attaches to a wall

33. Capital of Ethiopia: __ Ababa
34. German river

36. Disappointed

37. Star Wars character Solo

38. Supervises flying

40. Not mass-produced

41. Nonsense

43. Automobile

44. Hogshead (abbr.)

46. Soak in water

47. Flower cluster

49. Romanian city

50. A parent is often one

51. Fencing sword

52. Body part

53. Region

54. Farm building

57. Ali’s surname at birth

58. Waxy bird beak covering

59. Stiff bristles

61. VCR button

62. Small amount

Strathmore Legion to recognize 80th anniversary of Battle of the Atlantic

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 in Strathmore will be conducting a service of remembrance, May 4, at the Legion Building, to mark the 80th anniversary of the end to the Battle of the Atlantic.

This conflict is recorded as the longest continuous battle of World War II, being for control of the North Atlantic.

Approximately 4,400 Canadian and Newfoundland seamen, merchant mariners, and air force personnel were lost providing escort to convoys formed in Halifax, St. John’s, and Sydney.

“The celebration always occurs on the first Sunday in May, which is this year on the fourth ... the entire battle, of course, happened in the Atlantic Ocean, and it started at the very first day of the war at 10 o’clock at night off the northwest coast of Ireland – a German U-boat sank a passenger liner,” said Donovan Arnaud, president of the Strathmore Legion Branch 10. “It ended on the very last day of the war in 1945 when peace was declared ... it was all part of a chain of supply featuring munitions, food, oil, people, and so on and so forth transported ... to support the war effort.”

Arnaud explained the service will in many ways be a carbon copy of services offered every Nov. 11 for Remembrance Day, save for this one will be

focused entirely on the Battle of the Atlantic.

This is a ceremony which has not previously been practiced in Strathmore. Arnaud estimated this is likely due to a lack of naval veterans residing in the local region, as well as due to few naval officers being originally from the area.

“I, being a former naval officer myself, I took the responsibility of making sure that we did in fact have a celebration. Three years ago, when I first arrived here, I had not heard of this celebration having occurred in the past,” said Arnaud. “It has been a longstanding celebration in Calgary and in many other cities in Alberta, and indeed in the prairies, because the prairies supplied a proportionately large number of people to serve in the Navy and in the merchant (fleets) during the war, which was rather strange, being so far away from the oceans.”

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on May 4, and is likely to last approximately 20 minutes. Following this, attendees are invited to remain at the Legion to socialize. All are welcome and encouraged to come out for the ceremony to honour those who served.

Arnaud added he hopes this ceremony will become an annual local tradition, joining that of Remembrance Day activities.

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Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference.
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May 6, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting
May 13, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
May 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. | Public Presentation Committee
May 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. | Committee of the Whole

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



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Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers May 20th, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025.

The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2025-11 (LU2025-001)

Legal Description: Plan 8911972; Lot 1 within SE-5-25-24-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate a ± 1.21 hectares (± 3.00 acres) portion of Lot 1, Plan 8911972 from Agriculture General (AG) to Country Residential District to allow for a proposed subdivision to create a ± 1.21 hectare (± 3.00 acre) parcel and a ± 9.71 hectare (± 24.02 acre) remainder parcel.



Bylaw#: 2025-08 (LU2025-004 and SD2025-005)

Legal Description: Plan 9811676; Block 1 & A Portion of NW-34-24-25-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate Block 1, Plan 9811676 from CR District to AG District, in order to allow for a boundary adjustment resulting in a ± 5.67 hectare (± 14.00 acre) parcel and a ± 58.63 hectare (± 145.01 acre) remainder.



Bylaw #: 2025-12 (LU2025-003)

Legal Description: A portion of NE-28-22-20-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate a ± 63.60 hectares (± 157.42 acres) portion of NE-28-22-20-W4M from Agriculture General (AG) to Direct Control District (DC-3) in order to facilitate the future expansion of the Green Acres Hutterian Brethren. The proposed district provides a mix of land uses including multi-unit dwellings, schools, churches, agricultural operations, abattoirs, farm and accessory buildings, market gardens and farm markets, communal childcare facilities, and other compatible uses.



Bylaw #: 2025-005 (PL2025-001)

Legal Description: County-Wide (Land Use Bylaw Amendments)

Proposal: To amend the Land Use Bylaw to update Definitions, General Regulations, Specific Use Regulations, and Land Use Districts.

Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 40 (1) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 33 (c) and subsequent versions of the Act.

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Father Cristino Bouvette reflects on passing of Pope Francis

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

In the wake of the passing of Pope Francis, Father Cristino Bouvette shared his thoughts and the sentiments of the church regarding the Pope's passing.

Pope Francis is reported to have died due to a stroke, and cardiovascular arrest, which was indicated in the death certificate released by the Vatican.

"For a couple of weeks (he) was on death watch there because his condition was so frail, but then it seemed even on Sunday (April 20) that he was doing better and was well enough to even come out to St. Peter Square and greet 50,000 people," said Bouvette of the Sacred Heart Parish. "We will be having some different types of prayer and celebration ... and we have set up a little memorial for him in the parish for people to come and pay a visit and light a candle."

In 2022, the bishops of Canada invited Pope Francis to Canada for the sake of participating in events meant to foster healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples surrounding the experiences of the residential school system.

His attendance in Canada was to be a show of remorse and as a gesture of respect to demonstrate the church's closeness to those who have suffered as a consequence of the school system.

Among the Vatican's protocols for the pope to visit another country, is to have a local priest designated to oversee the organization and preparation of the liturgies and rituals that the pope will participate in.

Bouvette was asked by the bishops of Canada to assume that responsibility, and he became the National Liturgical Coordinator for the papal visit to Canada during that time.

"It was very stressful. We only had about five months to pull everything together once it was confirmed that he was coming, but even then, his condition was already rather frail and we noticed that he was cancelling some others of his trips," said Bouvette. "We wondered if he might cancel the one to come to Canada as well, but he did not and it demonstrated his highly prioritizing the purpose of that visit."

Despite being a part of the papal entourage and traveling with the pope for the five days he was in Canada, Bouvette's interactions with him were limited, as he was often instead behind the scenes, choreographing events.

Beginning on April 28, parishes throughout the world were to offer a set of nine masses over nine consecutive days for the pope, the forgiveness of his sins, and the eternal rest of his soul. Pope Francis' funeral was held April 26.

"The whole idea is that the world gathers together around the death of a pope and we pray for him, and so we will do our little part in Strathmore as well," said Bouvette. "Then within five to 10 days of the funeral mass, there will be convened what is known as the conclave where all of the cardinals of the church ... will meet in a series of secret conversations that are confidential and then they will go into a chapel in the Vatican where they will participate in a series of elections until a two thirds majority has been reached."

More information regarding local services in Strathmore is to be delivered through the parish-wide email list and published bulletin.



Father Cristino Bouvette served as the National Liturgical Coordinator for the papal visit to Canada during Pope Francis' visit in the spirit of healing and reconciliation. The Pope passed away on Easter Monday, April 21.
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Upcoming Council Meetings
May 7, 2025 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council
May 14, 2025 | 6 p.m. Committee of the Whole
May 21, 2025 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council

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

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Splash and Dash	July 28 to Aug 1, 2025	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	245.00
Neon Days	Aug 5 to 8, 2025	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	148.00
Balls and More	Aug 11 to 15, 2025	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	185.00
Olympic Days	Aug 18 to 22, 2025	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	185.00

From biweekly to weekly. Green Cart/Organics Collection.

The Town of Strathmore provides residential waste collection and disposal services to over 4,500 properties. Services include household garbage, organic and heavy item garbage, and the recycling facility.

Starting April 29, 2025, green cart/organics pickup will switch to weekly service for the season (May to October). Reminder that the only holidays that affect garbage collection are Christmas Day and New Year's Day. All other collection days remain unchanged.

For the full collection schedule, route info, and other key dates, visit our website: Strathmore.ca/WasteCollection

Annual program returns. Gravel Backlane Maintenance.

- Every year, the Town of Strathmore invests in maintaining gravel lanes to improve mobility and conditions for the public. The Town inspects the gravel lane network and schedules repairs in a priority order. Typical repairs include:
- Lane grading to improve drainage and surface condition
 - Compaction of lane (as necessary)
 - Vegetation management (strip back overgrowth and widen driving lanes to, ideally, 5 meters and a height clearance of 5 meters)
 - Alley re-graveling on a 10-year cycle (contingent on year-to-year budget approval)

You can help us complete this work more efficiently by making sure your back lane is clear. This means removing objects like your black/green/blue carts, construction bins, stored materials, dirt/debris piles, and any overgrown growth that might block the lane.

Please remember, Bylaw 22-06 prohibits any kind of obstruction in or above an alley. Keeping alleys clear of parked vehicles, trailers, equipment, garbage carts, and overgrowth doesn't just make things look better - it also keeps the space safe and useable for everyone. As well, under Bylaw 21-04, garbage carts must be returned to your property once collection is done. This helps prevent them from being used by others or going missing in weather events.

The maintenance program goes a long ways towards improving vehicle and pedestrian travel, storm drainage, garbage collection, and even access for emergency services. It's one of the ways we work together to take care of our community. For more information, visit our website: Strathmore.ca/Roads. If you have questions or concerns, give us a call, **403-361-2126**, or shoot us an email, operations@strathmore.ca.

Speedy wifi? Yes please. Fibre Optic Expansion.

The Town of Strathmore has partnered with Fibre Connect to expand the fibre optic main network in residential and business right-of-ways. Starting in spring 2025, Leducor Technical Services will subcontract the work to bring high-speed fibre optic access to areas of Strathmore previously without coverage. Connection to the fibre optic will be at the discretion of property and business owners. Representatives from Leducor and Fibre Connect will be visiting homes and business to seek permission. There is no obligation to connect.

For more information about this project or future availability of services such as high-speed internet, contact Fibre Connect directly at info@fibreconnect.com or call **1-800-503-2731**. View the construction schedule & ongoing updates on our webpage, Strathmore.ca/FibreOptics



2025 is an election year. While October is just over seven months away, now is a great time to start learning more.

Municipal elections are where the decisions that impact your daily life are made—choices about the roads you drive on, the parks where your kids play, and the services that keep our community strong.

Ever wonder how those decisions come to life? They’re made by people just like you—your neighbors, your friends, and maybe even you. Our town council is built on the voices of residents who care deeply about where we live, work, and grow.

Over the years, council chambers have welcomed grandfathers and their granddaughters, fathers and their sons, husbands and wives—all brought together by a shared commitment: helping Strathmore thrive.

There are four key ways you can be part of this election, and we’ll be sharing more information as we get closer to election day:

- **Register to Vote** – Make sure you’re ready to have your say when election day comes.
- **Nominate for Council** – If you’re passionate about making a difference, consider running for office. You don’t need to be a politician—just someone who wants to see our town flourish.
- **Work the election** – Elections don’t run themselves. Join the team that helps make democracy happen by signing up for an election worker role.
- **Vote** – Every vote matters. Help choose the leaders who will represent your voice at the council table.

Here are a few dates you should keep on the calendar:

- **Nomination Day Deadline:** September 22, 2025 at noon
- **Election Day:** October 20, 2025

Stay informed and be part of the process. You can learn more by visiting [Strathmore.ca/Election](https://strathmore.ca/Election).

**Land Use Bylaw No. 25-07.
Notice of Public Hearing.**

**May 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
WestCreek Area Structure Plan Amendment
Bylaw No. 25-07**

Development Services received an application for a WestCreek Area Structure Plan Amendment (Bylaw No. 25-07), the legal land description is Lot 1, Block A, Plan 941 0061 and 4;25;24;15;NW. The amendment suggests modifications to the existing WestCreek Area Structure Plan Bylaw 08-22, which was adopted on August 18, 2010. The key changes include a revised configuration of residential districts, the introduction of multiple landscaped areas to enhance the public realm, the inclusion of an artificial storm pond to support stormwater management and community aesthetics, and the designation of land for emergency services.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed Bylaws may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB), or can be found on the Town website (<https://strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/public-hearings.aspx>). Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on **Wednesday, May 07, 2025**, commencing at **6:00pm** with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone’s behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services at lsadmin@strathmore.ca by 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**, in order to register to present.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Planning and Development Department prior to noon on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**, as outlined in Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

*Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

Please contact Legislative Services at 403-934-3133 prior to attending a Public Hearing to determine the order of Bylaw presentations in the Council Agenda to ensure efficient use of time.

**We’re flagging you down with some info.
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These survey flags are placed for a variety of reasons—they might mark utility lines, property boundaries, future construction sites, or other underground infrastructure. That said, not all flags mean something major is happening—it could also just be kids (or kids at heart) setting up a creative racetrack in their yard.

While the Town runs several capital projects throughout the year, we’re not behind every flag you see. Many times, utility companies, contractors, or property owners bring in surveyors for their own projects, and the Town may not be involved or even informed.

If the flag is on public property and you’re curious about a specific location, the best place to start is by looking at the name or contact info often printed on or near the flag itself.

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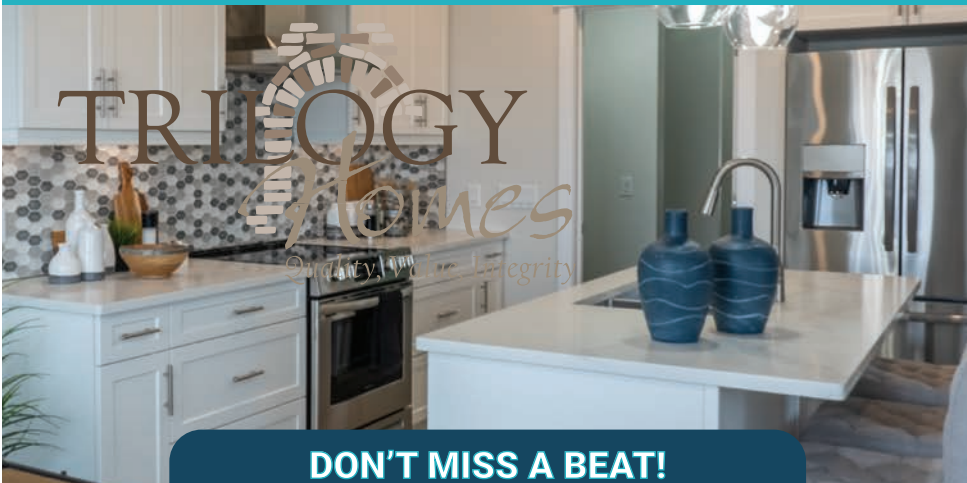


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The Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club hosted a sheep learning workshop on March 27 with Ruminant Specialist and Veterinarian, Dr. Melanie Koetke at the Animal Care Centre of Strathmore. The workshop taught the kids how to assess their sheep's health with a focus on ovine disease recognition, prevention and treatment. The kids enjoyed the informative presentation, hands-on sheep experience and clinic tour. The club appreciated the efforts of Dr. Melanie and the Animal Care Centre for taking the time to share their skills and knowledge.



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Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation hosts cultural sharing event for upcoming powwow

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation hosted a Cultural Sharing event at the Strathmore Library, April 24, regarding the upcoming Lead By Example Powwow later this summer.

Serving as an information session, the event was to share with members of the public etiquette regarding attendance at a powwow.

"The cultural sharing event was for the community here, the Town of Strathmore, because many people had questions wondering if they could come to the powwow, wondering about certain things they should know about coming to a powwow," said Melodie Ayoungman, CEO of the Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation. "We decided, let's host an event right in the town and invite everybody, invite the town and anyone. It was for everybody to come."

Ayoungman explained during the event, it consisted of a powwow 101, a dance demonstration, information about the foundation and how it was formed was shared, and the reasons for the work they are doing.

The cultural sharing event saw approximately 20 people in attendance and was the first event of its kind hosted by the Foundation.

This year, the theme of the powwow is "Aokiyosata," which in Blackfoot means "Moving forward in a good way."

"Rather than turning to hatred and violence, we would much rather live in peace and have our communities come together in a positive light," said Ayoungman.

The Lead By Example Powwow has been hosted twice previously in Strathmore by the Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation. In 2023, it was brought together at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Center, and saw overwhelming attendance numbers and support, with attendees coming from across North America.

Last year, the powwow was moved to the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society grounds in order to expand the event space, allow for more attendees, and accommodate a larger event overall. This next iteration intends to continue the trend of growth for the event.

The Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation and the Lead By Example Powwow were created to honour the late Kristian Ayoungman, who was murdered in Strathmore following a dispute over cigarettes.

"The Lead By Example Powwow is to bring our communities together and create a positive future, and there is not enough First Nations education out there, and that is our purpose, is to share our culture so that other people will understand and learn about our First Nations people," said Ayoungman. "My biggest goal, my biggest dream is to end racism and it has to start somewhere."

Prior to the Lead By Example Powwow, which is scheduled for June 6-8, the foundation intends to hold more cultural sharing events in order to spread the word, educate the community, and invite everyone to participate.

More information about the Lead By Example Powwow can be found online via the foundation's website, as well as through their social media channels.



The Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation hosted a Cultural Sharing event on April 24 at the Strathmore Municipal Library. The event was an information session on the etiquette of attending a powwow.

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Legion donates \$1,000 to support CMJHS trip to eastern Canada

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 Strathmore made a \$1,000 donation to Crowther Memorial Junior High school to help fund the upcoming student trip to eastern Canada.

Students will be journeying to Ontario and Quebec to visit the federal parliament building in Ottawa, the legislature in Quebec, the City of Kensington, Niagara Falls, and several other important historical sites.

“This is a common practice in schools all over Canada. I can’t stress how important it is because it is helping our young people understand their country, visit their country, and most important-

ly, going to their nation’s capital,” said Donovan Arnaud, legion president. “It is absolutely fundamental. The only thing wrong with our country is its geography. There is too much geography and you commonly run into people who criticize. We here in Alberta, you hear it all the time, ‘these eastern (people) and all these eastern this and this eastern that,’ and of course it is the same thing in eastern Canada.”

Arnaud added for many, if they are asked whether they have seen the opposite side of the country, they have not bothered to do so.

He said travelling in order to develop a deeper understanding of and respect for the country and its people is the whole principle of supporting ende-

avors such as these school trips.

“When they get an opportunity to travel in Canada, that opens their eyes and opens their minds and it makes better citizens of them in the future,” said Arnaud. “Any kid who comes back and says that was a waste of time, obviously they fell asleep on the bus and then never got off. I am very safe in saying every kid will tell you it was very worthwhile, and their parents will also say that as well – at least I hope so.”

Major Ron Urbaniak (retired) made the presentation at the Strathmore Legion branch to student representative Ellie Brough, April 17.

Arnaud explained as the Legion continues to recover from COVID-19 and expand its programming and capacity

for fundraising, he would ideally like to see the donation for the student trip grow in future years.

This donation is automatically budgeted for by the Legion annually, assuming the continued financial ability to do so. Additionally, if the donation is able to be increased, that discussion is also tabled by Legion members.

“We get a lot of requests from a lot of different people and groups about supporting them, but this particular group going to Ottawa is one of the priorities that we have in our program,” said Arnaud.

Students from Crowther Memorial Junior High School will be journeying to eastern Canada in June near the conclusion of their educational year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rating Strathmore’s accessibility

To the Editor

My name is Hazel. My siblings and I did an accessibility challenge in our Town of Strathmore. We were hoping to find out what it feels like to need to use a wheelchair in our town.

Here is how it went; first, we borrowed a wheelchair from the library, and tested it out in the bathrooms, tested aisle width, counter height and automatic doors. We found the library to be the easiest to get around.

Other places like Value Drug Mart also made it easy to shop because of their ramps and automatic door, wide aisles, and low shelves.

But some of our favourite places to visit were completely inaccessible because there was no ramp, or the accessibility

door buttons were blocked.

When we tried to enter townhall the door button was hidden behind a hand sanitizer pump. This was easy enough to fix by speaking to the front desk attendant and asking if we could move it. However, the counter height itself made it difficult to speak to the staff and would have made it challenging to fill out paperwork.

From there we went to Kinsmen Park; it was easy to access, the paths were clear, and the rubber groundcover made it easy to be included at the park. However, the lack of accessible spinners, swings, or ramps meant joining in to play wasn’t possible. And having to miss out felt awkward and embarrassing.

At other parks we’ve seen accessible merry-go round spinners that allow kids

with wheelchairs to be included without any trouble.

It has made me think more about what I can do to help, like making sure my sidewalk is clear in the winter, or when there are shoes or toys in the aisle of a shop. It made me pay more attention to how a space is used and who can and can’t use it.

As a community I think we can do a better job of remembering to make our favourite places inclusive. We can do this by making sure there are things like ramps, clear paths and inclusive sports equipment.



Thank you to the library for helping us borrow a wheelchair and for getting the very top score in our challenge.

Hazel Barber,
Strathmore

Really dissecting Budget 2025

To the Editor

Chantelle de Jonge’s submission to the Strathmore Times, April 9, is problematic for two reasons: first, for being a highly selective reading of Budget 2025 that places undue emphasis on a modest personal tax cut; second, for being an unfair and inaccurate attack on the NDP.

In her submission, de Jonge references a ‘recent’ meeting of the Resource Stewardship Committee and, thereafter, makes attributions to two NDP members of the committee, not by name, but only as one who dismissed the tax cut, and ‘another,’ who advocated for “steep hikes to income taxes and a seven per cent provincial sales tax.”

She then uses this alleged tax threat as a springboard to attack the NDP, including the NDP government of more than six years ago. The thing is: no NDP MLA said anything about a sales tax or a tax hike in that meeting. I’ve read the minutes; it never happened. The MLA must issue an apology and a correction to the NDP and to readers for this bit of misinformation.

If she wanted to draw her constituents’ attention to what NDP committee members had actually said in this meeting, she ought to have directed them to the Alberta government website where meeting transcripts (and video) are readily available (assembly.ab.ca/assembly-business/committees/RS/meeting-transcript), and where we can all see for ourselves what was actually said.

I took the time to go through the meeting transcript and would encourage others to do the same. It is worth the trouble and tedium and a great insight into just how committed the UCP government is to tackling affordability for “hard working Albertans.”

Now, I want to return to Budget 2025 and to the tax cut of which the UCP government is so proud. A tax cut is a curious choice when facing a \$5.2 billion provincial deficit and, from a policy perspective, it does little for those who need help the most. An across-the-board tax cut is inefficient, and the money spent there could have been better used for targeted programs for low-income Albertans. This is the point the NDP was making in using

the example of a single mother making \$36,000 a year, who will see a tax savings of only \$283. Those of us who make a comfortable or very good living will get the full tax savings of \$750, while the working poor will get substantially less.

Budget 2025 is much more accommodating when it comes to assisting high income Albertans. It is committing \$184 million to help Oilers owner Daryl Katz expand the Ice District in Edmonton. This nice bit of corporate welfare can be added to the \$330 million the UCP has committed to the billionaire owners of the Flames for their new arena.

There is another strange coincidence I discovered in the budget. Attentive followers of Alberta politics will know that friend of the government, Sam Mraiche, through his company MHCare, was contracted to import generic Tylenol from Turkey for the Alberta government. For this, he was paid \$70 million up front. Most of this medication, which was inferior and largely unusable, was never even delivered. Thus, he and his company still owe the Alberta taxpayer \$49.2 million. Why has the government made no effort to recover this substantial amount? It would be the responsible thing to do, after all.

What the UCP government has done is cut the budget of Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) by – you guessed it – \$49 million; and, furthermore, deprived pediatric cancer patients undergoing medical treatments of juice boxes and popsicles. This second deplorable and mean-spirited order was reversed only after a tsunami of public outrage.

The UCP government would like you to believe it is looking out for hard-working Albertans, but the evidence shows otherwise. Let it be noted that UCP MLAs voted themselves a raise while forcing hard working educational assistants to the picket line for a few extra crumbs. On top of that, the UCP continues to refuse to help those hard-working Albertans who are stuck labouring for the province’s scandalously low minimum wage, a wage that has not increased in seven years.

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Cross Canada cycling journey for organ donation to pass through Strathmore

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Beginning May 26, Stéphane Herbert will begin a cross-Canada cycling journey in order to raise awareness about organ donation, encourage others to become donors, and raise funds for the Maison des Greffés Lina Cyr (Lina Cyr Transplant House).

Along Herbert's journey, he will be passing through Strathmore, approximately June 4, en route to Brooks.

"Four years ago, I gave a kidney to my friend. Even though I did that, I want to prove to everyone that life can go forward and continue happily and I am up to that challenge," said Herbert.

The route will span from Vancouver to Montreal, aiming to be completed in approximately 34 days. Overall, the distance covered will equate to over 4,000 kilometers. This will see Herbert travelling over 140 kilometers on a daily basis.

Across Canada, there are over 4,500 patients waiting for organ transplants. On an annual basis, over 250 people die while awaiting an organ donor.

The Maison des Greffés Lina Cyr is a non-profit organization which has provided support for over 43,000 transplant patients since its opening in 1994.

Herbert said he has previously completed cycling rides across Quebec, but has yet to attempt a feat of this distance.

"The goal is to raise around \$30,000 for the Maison des Greffés Lina Cyr. Through a previous connection, I was in contact already with them for this endeavor," he said. "I am more excited than nervous about the journey. I hope

that people can follow me and encourage me in this journey."

Support provided by the Transplant House to patients ranges both from those awaiting organs, as well as for those who are recovering post-surgery.

According to the Government of Canada, less than 25 per cent of Canadians are registered as organ donors.

One organ donor can save up to eight lives. Tissue and eye donors may be able to improve the lives of up to 75 more.

For those who are suffering from severe chronic kidney disease, their quality of life and life expectancy can improve dramatically if they are able to receive a transplant and be treated with dialysis.

Registration as an organ donor varies by province. In Alberta, registration is completed entirely online, and you do not need to sign a consent form. Confirmation of consent may be printed post registration and kept for personal records.

While most donors register consent to donate after they die, living organ donors who are the age of majority and who are in good health are able to donate a kidney, part of their liver, and/or a lobe of their lung.

"Stéphane's journey not only demonstrates his resilience but also highlights the incredible need for organ donors in Canada," said Micheline Cyr Asselin, executive director of La Maison des Greffés Lina Cyr. "Every kilometer he rides brings us closer to saving lives."

Herbert's journey can be followed on social media channels including Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

Developments imminent for Lakewood of Strathmore

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As local weather begins to warm, Lakewood of Strathmore is announcing further developments of water, sewer, and plumbing services within the neighbourhood.

Additionally, construction will be taking place for the access road coming on to the west side of the community.

"It is going to be a whole new access point to the community. The current access will become secondary and the new road, which will be the west boundary road, will be then eventually connect to Wildflower," said Scott Silva, director of sales and marketing for Lakewood of Strathmore. "That will be the new access point for not only residents, but in the interim it will be our construction access, and then eventually it will be the full-time access once everything is built."

At this point in time, Silva said he does not anticipate any interruptions to existing services for the already operational community of Lakewood. However, should any disruptions occur, direct contact with residents will be made to advise them.

Silva added Lakewood staff will go so far as to knock on doors and be in direct contact with residents should it become necessary or if urgent messages need to be delivered.

"With everything starting in May, it will probably carry on through May and be done here into June. Then, that

is when you are going to start to see all the roads and sidewalks start up there into June and July, and then you will start to see, anticipated, all the shallow services as well go in," he said. "Everything, of course, is on an anticipated schedule based on mother nature and obviously construction timelines. Right now, we have got everything lining up quite well. The ground had to dry up a little bit, but it is good."

Operating on the side of caution, Silva wished not to overestimate or anticipate the development schedule, particularly with consideration of broad economics, ongoing tariffs with the US, and the Canadian federal election.

Regarding engagement with homebuyers within the community, he said Lakewood of Strathmore has seen positive responses to ongoing developments and local activities.

"Even as far as our events for example, we have got another \$50,000 giveaway coming up here starting in May that will finish in June where we will have somebody, just like last year, roll the dice for a chance to win," said Silva. "You are (also) going to see a lot of blooming in Lakewood. You are going to see some new grass seed going in, you are going to see a rejuvenation of the community, you are going to see our parks coming alive again."

More information about local updates and ongoing community developments are publicly available through the Lakewood of Strathmore website.

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