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Fatal collision

MARIO PRUSINA
Times Editor

A fatal collision at the intersection of Highway 1 and Wheatland Trail has claimed the life of a semi-truck driver on Aug. 18.

Strathmore RCMP responded to a crash at approximately 2:30 p.m. involving a semi-truck and an SUV. Following the impact, the semi caught fire. While a passenger managed to escape, the 24-year-old driver from Brampton, Ont., was trapped inside and pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the SUV was not injured.

RCMP extend condolences to the family and friends of the victim. The collision remains under investigation.

As a result of the investigation and then the repairs to the traffic lights, delays were felt into the next day as traffic was restricted to one lane.

It was also reported that there were two more accidents around town on Aug. 18.



Going to school

Bull fighting was one of the events taught during the Strathmore & District Agricultural Society's annual Rodeo School Aug. 11-14. See Page 8 for more coverage.

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John Bland was handed a horse shoe from the RCMP Musical Ride at the Strathmore Stampede, which was held Aug. 1-4.
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RCMP Musical Ride hits close to home

MELISSA PICHE
 Times Contributor

For most people, appearing on national currency is a once-in-a-lifetime event. For John Bland, a longtime Wheatland County resident and former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride, it's part of a career full of unexpected honours.

Bland joined the RCMP in 1964 and found himself on the prestigious Musical Ride just a year later by complete surprise.

"It was unexpected," he recalled. "When I took my recruit training in those days, we trained on horses. Unbeknown to me, my instructor put my

name in as a candidate. I was stationed in Cloverdale, B.C. and when I got called and told I was going to the ride, it was a shock."

He served two full years, 1966 and 1967, a time when the Musical Ride primarily toured Canada. The highlight of his service came during Canada's Centennial year. "Part of this honour was that in the early '70s, the Canadian \$50 bill featured a picture from the 1967 ride. I'm in that picture," he said with a smile.

One of Bland's most treasured memories involves a horse named Burmese.

"In 1966, the horse I rode was the first the RCMP gave to the Queen," he said. "In later years, the Queen unveiled a bronze statue in front of the Regina Parliament Buildings of her riding that horse. I was there for that unveiling."

During his time with the Musical Ride, Bland had the opportunity to travel across the country, meet dignitaries and even mingle with celebrities.

"We spent a month at Expo '67 in Montreal," he explained. "Wayne Newton was there with his horses, stabled with us, and he partied with us. Where else would I have personally met and partied with Wayne Newton?"

After completing his stint on the ride, Bland returned to Alberta, serving in Banff, Hanna and with the Calgary GIS before settling in Wheatland County, where he has lived for over 50 years.

During the recent Strathmore Stampede, Bland was honoured by the RCMP and the Strathmore & District Agricultural Society.

"It was a very nice gesture," Bland said. "They presented me with a well-used Musical Ride horseshoe. It may not sound like much, but it's pretty special to me."

Bland said that he was honoured to be chosen to for the Musical Ride and to this day he cherished that time in his career.

"I made lifelong friendships, people that I'm still in touch with," he said. "Just an overall, I think a tremendous experience and a pretty tight alumni. How many people have done that?"

When asked about advice for young people considering the RCMP, Bland was straightforward.

"First and foremost, I don't think you join the RCMP to ride the Musical Ride. You join the RCMP to be a policeman," Bland explained with pride. "I would encourage young people to look into it and join the RCMP and from there they can apply to join the Musical Ride."

For Bland, the Musical Ride was more than a posting – it was an unforgettable chapter in a long career.

"We worked hard, we played hard," he said. "We made lifelong friendships."



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Siksika celebrates student success in IT foundations program

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Despite a series of weather-related delays, Phase Siksika Nation High School students have completed the first CompTIA Tech, IT foundations training program to be offered at a First Nations high school in Canada.

The inaugural cohort saw 13 of the 15 students who had started the program seeing it through to completion.

“It is so different from the original curriculum computer science course in that it is Indigenous focused, and it covered all areas of technology (including) gaming, programming, and the like,” said Lisa Calf Robe, principal of Siksika Nation High School. “It is something that I knew would capture our students’ attention and more so their participation and their willingness to be a part of this pilot.”

The program is the result of a collaborative effort between Siksika High School, the Blackfoot Tech Council, and the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA).

Calf Robe explained Siksika High School is currently in discussions with CompTIA and the Blackfoot Tech Council to continue offering the course in future years.

The idea would be to potentially explore con-

tinued courses for the students who completed the pilot, extending the collaboration to offer the same courses again, and/ or to expand the course offerings which students may be interested in participating in.

“We try every avenue to seek the engagement, to seek that commitment from the students, and to make it as successful for them as possible to keep them right from the beginning to the very end of the class so that they achieve that success,” said Calf Robe. “This definitely proved and showed us they loved it, and we would like to carry on with something like this in hopes of continuing those successful stories for our students to complete some courses.”

She explained the completion of programs such as this lays the foundation for career paths in technology for the students relating to gaming, programming, coding, and design, among others.

On the board of education side, the ongoing goal is to ensure students have access to information and resources in order to succeed in these fields, just as they would in any others such as if they were to go into medicine or education.

“We are very proud of these students and their achievement. This program proves that Siksika’s students can excel in technology when provided with the right pathways to learn,” said Harlon McMaster, board chair of the Blackfoot Tech Council.

“The completion rate shows what’s possible when we design education that truly serves our communities. We’re excited to see how these graduates will use their skills to benefit both their futures and their communities.”

For future iterations of the course, Calf Robe added discussions will be taking place as to how it will be operated; whether as a three or five credit course; operated every day or every other day; whether it will run for a school year or a semester; and how it will slot into regular student timetables.

County passes first reading of public utilities bylaw

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council approved first reading of the municipal public utilities bylaw, which once passed, will regulate the provision and use of municipal public utility services.

The bylaw was presented before council during the Aug. 12 meeting. County administration has conducted a review of the bylaw since it was initially adopted in 2021 as the Water and Sewage Service Bylaw.

The updated bylaw aims to, once passed, reflect broader operational needs, incorporate regulatory improvements, and introduce more services classes such as raw water services.

Also set out through the bylaw is an easier avenue for users to distinguish between potable water to be used for residential and commercial purposes, and raw water, which is to serve for industrial purposes.

Specific penalties are also outlined for utility-related infractions. This is intended to increase transparency for users and provide a consistent framework for addressing non-compliance.

Regarding a clause within the proposed bylaw, Coun. Shannon Laprise questioned whether residents would also be protected from liability for damages, including losses caused by breaks within the county’s potable water system, sewage system, or raw water system, or caused by interference or cessation of water.

Jose Podio-Cuervo, manager of technical services, clarified many of such instances would be taken on a case-by-case basis, with the CAO being able to step in and make adjustments as required.

The proposed bylaw also now outlines requirements for client-requested shut offs of water services, as well as notation regarding any instance where a tenant or property owner abandons a lot.

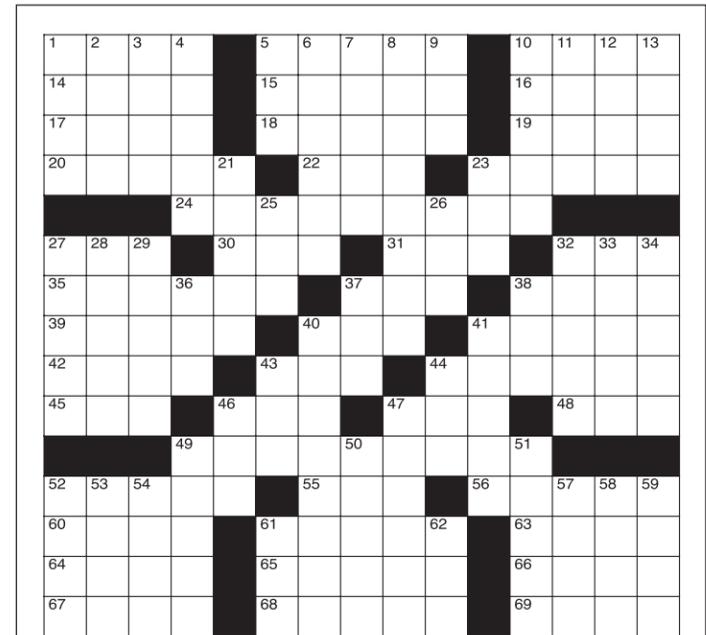
Should an instance of abandonment arise, the customer is noted to assume responsibility for all associated costs should they not first receive approval from the CAO to terminate the service connection.

Regarding the section of the proposed bylaw which outlines fire protection and services, council questioned the inclusion of a clause which states the CAO may at any reasonable time, test and inspect private fire protection equipment.

Reeve Amber Link suggested delineating within the bylaw private fire protection versus those which are connected directly to the county’s water supply in regard to system inspections.

Following first reading, county administration was directed by council to bring the bylaw back before council during a future meeting with several changes to the bylaw, specifically in regard to all of Section 20, referring to private fire protection.

It was not indicated during the Aug. 12 meeting when the bylaw would return before council.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Mongolian politician
- 5. Coconut palms
- 10. Rounded knob
- 14. Japanese city
- 15. Covers in soft material
- 16. Walk around
- 17. Ancient region in Syria
- 18. French painter
- 19. Grandmother
- 20. Cow part
- 22. Rocky peak
- 23. Secret plan
- 24. Sings to one’s lover
- 27. More (Spanish)
- 30. Father
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Hat
- 35. In agreement
- 37. A person’s brother or sister
- 38. Evil spirit
- 39. Monetary units
- 40. Partner to cheese
- 41. About Sun
- 42. A place to dance
- 43. Performer ___ Lo Green
- 44. Beach accessory
- 45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- 46. Partly digested food
- 47. Pooch
- 48. Honorific title added to family name
- 49. Salts
- 52. Lichens genus
- 55. Lowest point of a ridge
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Albanian language
- 61. Gold measurement
- 63. Italian seaport
- 64. Longtime late night host
- 65. Extremely angry
- 66. U. of Miami mascot
- 67. Mid-month day
- 68. Omitted from printed matter
- 69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Two-toed sloth
- 2. Cooking ingredient
- 3. Iranian city
- 4. Publicly outs
- 5. Steep-sided hollow
- 6. Spoke
- 7. General law or rule
- 8. Extravagantly theatrical
- 9. Very fast airplane
- 10. Arm bones
- 11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 12. ___ fide: legitimate
- 13. Gemstone
- 21. Counsels
- 23. Top exec
- 25. Cool!
- 26. Touch lightly
- 27. Extract money via taxation
- 28. Dyes
- 29. Cloying sweetness
- 32. Soft drinks
- 33. Capital of Guam
- 34. Chemical compound
- 36. The bill in a restaurant
- 37. Car mechanics group
- 38. Late comedian Newhart
- 40. Health care for the aged
- 41. Wise individuals
- 43. A passage with access only at one end
- 44. Trim
- 46. Former OSS
- 47. The upper surface of the mouth
- 49. Edible lily bulbs
- 50. Type of reef
- 51. Vaccine developer
- 52. Mottled citrus fruit
- 53. A place to store lawn tools
- 54. Rare goose native to Hawaii
- 57. Hollywood pig
- 58. Musician Clapton
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Spanish soldier
- 62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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County revisiting local bridge restrictions

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council is revisiting current bridge restrictions throughout the county, seeking to identify problems, upgrade options, and areas to increase load capacities.

Earlier this year, county administration was directed to complete a comprehensive review of the county's Restricted Bridge List under the advisement of a bridge inspector.

Prior to this, a review had not been conducted for several years. In 2020, the Province of Alberta made changes to the legal allowable load rating for local roads. This was cause for a review of the county's infrastructure to be considered overdue.

At the time of the review, a total of 32 bridges within the county were identified as being on the restricted list.

The inspection resulted in a recommendation to remove nine bridges from the list either due to having been replaced with a new structure, replaced with large culverts, or having been removed entirely without replacement.

One bridge was recommended to have its weight restrictions reduced, and 12 were recommended to be added to the list.

The bridges which were recommended to be added to the restrictions list were noted to have effective service lives less than half their original ratings remaining.

The majority of the bridges added to the restricted list were 54 tonnes on the "B-Train" (Super B) classification.

Coun. Glenn Koester expressed concerns regarding several of the bridge restrictions, noting that it would affect the ability of local farmers to have harvest loads transported efficiently.

"It affects just about every farmer out there. Harvest is

coming. If they don't have a Super B, they haul grain and they hire a Super B. Rates are going to go up across the board just because ... we did a blanket coverage of 54 ton on all the bridges that was never even measured," he said.

Cody Zimmerman, manager of operations, explained given the age and condition of many of the bridges within the county, any further investigation or assessment is likely to result in even greater restrictions on county infrastructure.

He added in order to prevent potential liability to the county, the recommendation is to systematically address the aging bridges and maintain the restrictions until local infrastructure is updated.

"There is short term pain here, being that you won't be able to haul a full load over every bridge," said Zimmerman. "You have to haul nine tonnes less than a full load, and understanding that there is cost to the ratepayers and the produces, and everybody in that you might have to go around a few more miles and that will add time on to your hauling and fuel costs.

"We are looking at which bridges we should be prioritizing and what is going to have the greatest impact to the network and the most amount of ratepayers to keep operating normally."

He explained that the county has an obligation to address its infrastructure and mitigate risk of eventual bridge failure to protect both themselves, as well as those who utilize the roads.

The drafted budget presented in the report to council aims to replace 71 per cent of the bridges currently on the restricted list within the next six years.

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The Strathmore Elks No. 491, in conjunction with Strathmore FCSS and Wheatland FCSS, hosted the first annual Mental Health Golf Tournament Aug. 16 at the Strathmore Golf Club.

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Cervical cancer is one of the most frequent cancers diagnosed and a leading cause of cancer death in women. Infections with high-risk Human Papillomavirus types almost entirely cause it. *But this is a vaccine-preventable cancer.* A misconception around the HPV vaccine is that it encourages risky sexual behaviours such as earlier, more frequent, and unprotected sexual activities. This is NOT true. Administering the HPV at a young age allows for a stronger immune response and preventing cancer.

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International Overdose Awareness Day is on August 31. Opioids account for two-thirds of drug overdose deaths. *Naloxone* is a drug when given in overdose cases can save lives. Young people particularly need to become familiar with the use of naloxone. The nasal spray form is available in most pharmacies free of charge.

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Elks host first annual golf tournament to raise awareness, funds for mental health

JOHN WATSON
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The inaugural Elks Mental Health Golf Tournament proved to be a resounding success, raising an estimated \$12,000 on Aug. 16 at the Strathmore Golf Club.

Sean Duthie, who sits on the Strathmore Elks golf committee, said the event was inspired to take place following several fatalities within the local community.

"It first started last fall, we actually had an Elks member pass away to suicide and none of us knew that he was struggling or anything like that, and then we also lost a course marshal from the golf course here two months after that," said Duthie. "Then in early January, there was actually an 18-year-old kid out by Carseland who had unfortunately lost their life to suicide. We have had a rash of suicides over the last eight months, so that was the reason the Elks decided to run the golf tournament and raise awareness for mental health."

The Strathmore Elks partnered with the Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), as well as the Wheatland FCSS in order to bring together the tournament.

Duthie said when the Elks reached out, both organizations were eager to jump on board to help out.

"We live in a rural community and there are a lot of people who are just dealing with mental health issues and then you even put in there dementia and Alzheimer's and we have an aging community as well, so this mental health thing supports everyone from suicide prevention to elderly people," said Duthie.

In addition to the myriad of sponsors which supported the tournament, approximately 100 golfers came out to participate on the Saturday.

"For the first one around, 100 golfers is pretty normal. We hope to fill it to a full tournament, which is 144, so a few more teams next year would be awesome," said Duthie. "Next year I would say we have to get on it a little bit earlier just

with organizing. We have multiple groups involved so we are going to start getting posters and information out probably by February next year."

The funds raised through the tournament will be going towards hosting the Giving Back Gala, scheduled for Nov. 21 at the Strathmore Civic Center. Duthie added the goal for the event is to see approximately 200 people coming out.

Partnering with the Cheadle Lions Club, the gala aims to feature several mental health speakers and psychologists present to talk about suicide prevention.

Dementia and Alzheimer's supports will also be topics of discussion featured at the gala.

"We just want to raise awareness, make sure people know that there is support out there for them, so that is what we are doing," said Duthie.

Information regarding the Gala will be made available through the Wheatland FCSS website.

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Hem Kaur Photo



Out of the park!

The fifth annual Home Run for Huntingtons took place on Aug. 16 at the Kinsmen Ball Diamonds. The charity slow pitch game raises funds for the Huntington Society of Canada and is a fundraiser for local Greg Belton, who suffers from the disease. Organizers thank all the sponsors and participants for all their support.

Photo Courtesy of Marlene Belton

Alberta calls for a greater federal role in highway infrastructure

HEM KAUR
Times Contributor

Highway 1 continues to be emphasized as a vital transportation route across Alberta. The Trans-Canada Highway, running across the country, plays a central role in the province's economy and movement of goods.

Alongside Highway 3, which is slated for twinning, these routes remain priorities for both provincial management and potential federal partnership.

"Highway 1 is obviously an important route going east-west across the province," said Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors Devin Dreeshen. He explained that Highway 3 twinning falls under provincial control but is still an initiative where the province seeks additional support. The provincial view is that both Highway 1 and Highway 3 should be considered for federal granting programs that fo-

cus on economic corridors.

Highway 1 expansion has already been identified for advocacy efforts directed at federal funding. The issue of securing adequate support for major highways remains a recurring theme in Alberta's discussions with the federal government. The concern is ensuring proper investment for economic corridors and high-volume roads that serve as the backbone of transportation in the province.

Dreeshen made it clear that Alberta will continue to press the federal government for financial participation.

"(would) I say I would like more federal funding and improvements for Highway 1? Yes, it is a major artery," he said.

According to the province, Highway 1 sees higher usage in Alberta compared to other provinces across the country. That fact forms a central part of the argument for more support.

The position is that Alberta deserves stronger funding commitments in recognition of the greater demands placed on Highway 1 within its borders. Ensuring improvements is considered essential for both safety and economic growth. The message being reinforced is that the province will not step back from seeking a fair share of infrastructure dollars.

Highway 1 is being advanced through planning and design at several key intersections. The intersection at Highway 1, Garden Road, and Conrich Road has entered the design stage. Preliminary work is being handled by an engineering consultant. The intention is to connect both Garden Road and Conrich Road through a new interchange. The timing of construction will depend on the completion of the final design.

A similar initiative is taking shape at the Highway 1 and Highway 791 inter-

section, which provides access to the Indus area to the south. This project is included in the construction program for design, and the province is currently hiring a consultant to begin work. These steps are aimed at creating a safer and more efficient traffic system for drivers and communities along the corridor.

"So, Highway 1 is obviously an important corridor in Alberta, and we will continue to advocate for more federal funding on it," said Dreeshen.

The commitment to advancing design work on interchanges while also pressing for federal dollars reflects a dual approach. Alberta is preparing projects through planning while also calling for broader investment.

Together, these priorities highlight the province's focus on making Highway 1 and Highway 3 safer, more efficient, and better equipped for long-term growth.



Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference. For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

- September 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting
- September 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
- September 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting

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

Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers September 16th, 2025 at 9 a.m.

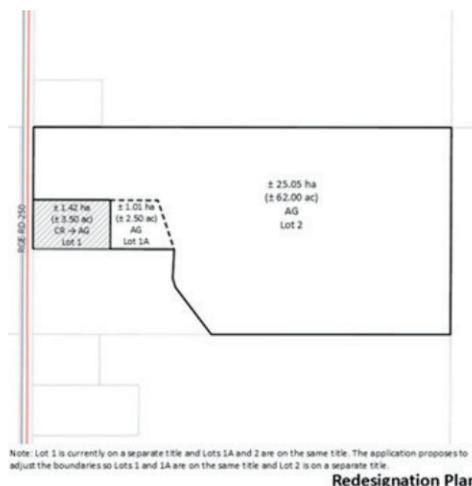
Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, September 16th, 2025.

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

Bylaw #: 2025-30 (LU2025-004)

Legal Description: Plan 1312568, Block 3, Lot 2 within SW-7-23-24-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate Lot 2, Block 3, Plan 1312568 containing ± 1.42 hectares (± 3.50 acres) from Country Residential District (CR) to Agricultural General District (AG) to in order to allow for a boundary adjustment of the subject lands resulting in a ± 2.43 hectare (± 6.00 acre) parcel and a ± 63.49 hectare (± 23.56 acre) parcel.



Redesignation Plan
Lot 2, Block 3, Plan 1312568 & a portion of SW-7-23-24-W4M

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.

Wheatland County
Community Enhancement Regional Board

Wheatland County invites applications for membership on the Community Enhancement Regional Board with appointment to commence November 01, 2025. One representative from each 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.

Application Deadline: September 30, 2025 **APPLY NOW**

If you require more information or to submit letters of interest email cerb@wheatlandcounty.ca.

Address: 242006 Range Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4
Phone: 403-934-3321 www.wheatlandcounty.ca
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.





The organizers of Stick it to Stigma from last year's event.

Photo Courtesy of Halle Cockx

Stick It to Stigma returns to Strathmore

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

ReBloom Community Health and Wellness will host the second annual Stick It to Stigma event on Sept. 6 at the Strathmore Civic Centre.

The event was created to spark open conversation about mental health and connect residents with valuable local resources.

"It's just a free, open event for Strathmore and the surrounding communities," said organizer Halle Cockx of ReBloom. "We want to showcase some of the mental health resources and just resources in general that are available to everybody, as well as get rid of that stigma that we still have when it comes to mental health."

The event will feature booths from Strathmore-based organizations and a handful of Calgary groups offering services to rural communities. Each organization will have interactive activities to engage visitors, along with guest speakers sharing their personal stories and perspectives on mental health.

There will also be food and refreshments including pizza from Papa John's, a "kiddie corner" with games, and even

a visit from the Alpine Adoption Centre and Rescue Paw, bringing rescued animals for attendees to meet.

Cockx said last year's inaugural event drew more attendees than expected and anticipates even more this time.

"In small communities, mental health is still such a stigmatized topic of conversation," she said. "Events like these showcase that mental health isn't something that needs to be behind closed doors. There are resources out there and people don't have to be scared to ask for help."

Donations are welcome in the form of prizes, volunteer time, or financial contributions.

"Everything that we get donated will go towards this event or future events," Cockx explained. "If we have any extras, we always have clients or people in the community that can use that extra funding for mental health support of their own."

For more information or to contribute, individuals and businesses can contact Cockx via email (halle@rebloomstrathmore.com).

"Ultimately, we just want to create a space where people feel safe talking about mental health and know that help is close to home," said Cockx.



SAIL celebrates student success

The Strathmore & Area Adult Inclusive Learning (SAIL) program hosted its annual celebration on Aug. 16 in the Strathmore Municipal Library Gardens, recognizing the hard work and accomplishments of local adult learners. The event, led by master of ceremonies Rhonda Rhys-Doering, highlighted the wide range of programs offered through SAIL – from English language learning and upgrading courses to Microsoft Word training and CAEC (formally known as GED) readiness. The program is made possible through funding from the Community Adult Learning Program (CALP).

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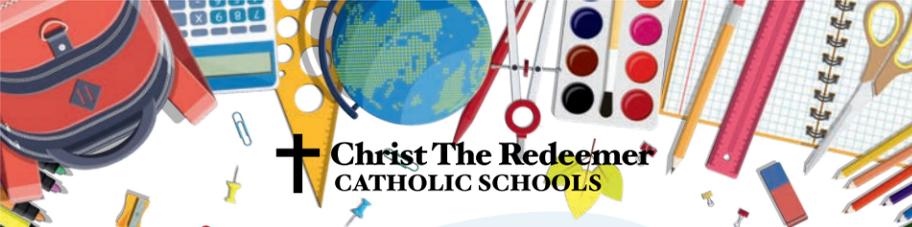
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Notice of Application Confined Feeding Operation

Standard Hutterian Brethren has filed Application LA25061 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain an approval to expand an existing confined feeding operation (CFO) on the SE 23-25-21W4M in Wheatland County, Alberta. The application is to increase chicken pullet numbers from 8,800 to 25,000, increase chicken layer numbers from 16,400 to 50,000, construct a layer barn (109 m x 28 m) and convert the current layer barn into a pullet barn. This will bring the total permitted livestock at this CFO to 60 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements), 350 swine farrow to finish, 25,000 chicken pullets, 500 ducks, 100 geese, 1,200 chicken broilers, and 50,000 chicken layers.

The NRCB will also determine the grandfathered status of the CFO. The NRCB invites you to provide input on the CFO's livestock type, livestock capacity, and facilities as they existed on or around January 1, 2002. Standard Hutterian Brethren has stated that its grandfathered livestock capacity is 60 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements), 350 swine farrow to finish, 8,800 chicken pullets, 500 ducks, 100 geese, 1,200 chicken broilers, and 16,400 chicken layers.

Filing a Response

Any person who is directly affected by the application and the grandfathering determination may submit a written response to the NRCB. The response must be received by the NRCB on or before **4:30 pm on September 18, 2025**. Submissions should be made to the NRCB address provided below. All attachments sent electronically must be in a pdf format. A copy of the responses will be sent to the applicant for comment. Responses regarding the application may be posted on the NRCB's public website, as they are public records and are non-confidential.

Your written response must include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, and email. You must also explain how you are directly affected. For further information please refer to the fact sheet "The Permitting Process for Confined Feeding Operations in Alberta" at www.nrcb.ca.

Failure to submit a written response affects your right to apply for an NRCB Board review.

Viewing the Application

A complete copy of the application and supporting documents submitted by the applicant under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* may be viewed on the NRCB website at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Notice of Approval and Registration Applications). The application will also be available for in-person viewing at the Lethbridge office by appointment. If you require further information, please contact the approval officer listed below.

Carina Weisbach, Approval Officer
100, 5401 1st Ave S
Lethbridge AB T1J 4V6
carina.weisbach@nrcb.ca
T 403-892-0408

The closing date for submissions:
4:30 pm on September 18, 2025

Dated at Lethbridge AB, on August 20, 2025

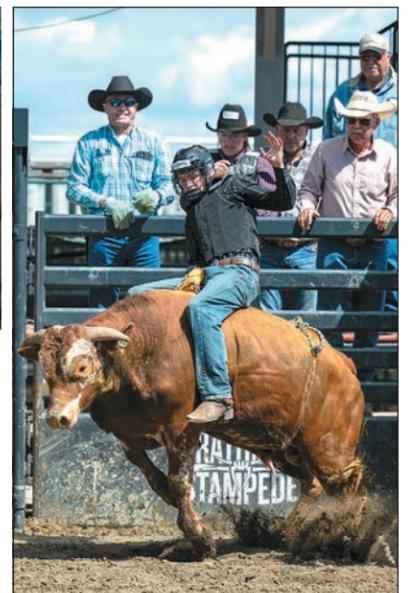


Ready for kickoff

The Strathmore Community Football Association Badgers officially launched their fall season on Aug. 11, welcoming more than 40 young athletes to the gridiron. This program features two age groups: the pee-wee division for players aged 10-12 and the bantam division for players aged 13-14. The Badgers' first home action comes later this month, when the pee-wee squad hosts the Sylan Lake Bears on Aug. 30 at 1 p.m. at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School field. The bantam team will host its home opener against the Drumheller Titans on Sept. 6. Registration for the fall season is still open and players interested in signing up can visit scfabadgers.ca for more information.



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Back to school, rodeo style

The Strathmore & District Agricultural Society wrapped up another successful Rodeo School Aug. 11-14, giving aspiring cowboys and cowgirls from across the region a chance to sharpen their skills and learn from some of the sport's best. Held each August following the Strathmore Stampede, the school offers lesson in bull riding, saddle bronc, bareback, barrel racing, breakaway roping and bull-fighting. The program, which has grown steadily since it began with junior bull riding in 2019, is designed to prepare young competitors for the upcoming high school rodeo season.

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Tips for new drivers

ALBERTA RCMP

This August, your Alberta RCMP is giving tips to new drivers. According to Transportation Canada, young and new drivers are more likely to be involved in fatal and injury collisions due to their age and inexperience.

The Alberta RCMP reminds new, and experienced, drivers to keep the below tips in mind:

- If you have your learner license, you must always be accompanied by a valid Class 5 licence holder.
- Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of major accidents. Stay off your phone and avoid any activity that might impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely.
- Your passengers' safety is also your responsibility. Make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelt.
- The posted speed limit is the limit for ideal conditions. You may need to slow down according to weather, road,

and traffic conditions.

- Highways tend to be busier in the summer. Give yourself extra time to reach your destination.
 - Be aware of your surroundings and don't tail gate. Only pass when it is safe to do so.
 - Be mindful of other roadway users, such as bicycles and motorcycles. They are not always easily seen.
 - Driving for the first time can be nerve wracking. Be patient with new drivers.
- "Driving can be challenging for new drivers – with it comes a huge responsibility to keep yourself and other road users safe," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "All drivers can do their part by staying attentive, driving according to conditions, and looking out for each other on the roads."

For more traffic safety tips and information, follow our Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta.



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Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

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Last week was Local Food Week, a celebration of the people who put fresh, safe, high-quality food on our plates. It's the perfect time to visit your local farmers' market, enjoy fresh baked goods, or pick up produce grown just down the road.

Every choice to buy local supports Alberta families, strengthens our rural communities, and keeps our hard-earned dollars here at home.

Last weekend, Aug. 16-17, Open Farm Days was back for its 13th year. More than 155 farms across Alberta opened their gates for tours, tastings, and hands-on experiences. This year's theme - "Water, the Lifeblood of Every Farm" - highlighted the essential role water plays in our agriculture sector, from growing crops to supporting livestock, communities, and recreation.

We know our farmers face challenges, including ongoing tariff and trade disputes with the United States and China. That's why our government continues to stand up for our producers at home and abroad, and why all of us can help by choosing Alberta-grown and Alberta-made products every chance we get.

So, I encourage you to meet your neighbours, explore the beauty of Alberta's backyard, and enjoy the fresh, delicious food grown in our province. Let's see the farms, taste the flavours, and show our support for the people who make Alberta the best place in the world to grow, raise, and enjoy our

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Are you a Canadian?

To the Editor

If you're wondering how you can support the effort in signing the petition for Alberta to stay in Canada, this is your chance to do so before Oct. 28. The website for more information is Forever-canadian.ca.

Any eligible Alberta voter can sign - you must sign in person and provide your name and address as they appear on the vote list. Volunteers can help.

The signing must be witnessed by a canvasser authorized by Elections Alberta. Ask canvassers for their ID badges that contain an anti-fraud reflective foil pattern and ID number to validate that they are official.

Potential scammers looking like official representatives just because they have a laptop computer, could be trolling for your personal information or disrupting this democratic effort. Note, this sign-up cannot be done online, so warn seniors or family members that it must be done in person. This is your chance to show that being a proud Canadian living in a country that is an envy of the world, and for which many Canadians fought and sacrificed is worth your support effort.

Dennis Bigras
Wheatland County

food.

Just as we recognize and celebrate the contributions of Alberta's farmers and producers, it's equally important to support every Albertan in reaching their full potential. Building strong communities means ensuring everyone has the opportunities to thrive - whether it's in our fields, in our businesses, or in the workplace.

Albertans with disabilities and the organizations that support them have made it clear they want supports that meet their unique needs and abilities, rather than the one-size-fits-all approach currently offered by the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped

(AISH) program. They have stressed the importance of providing pathways to employment for those who can work but still need supports.

In January 2025, Alberta's government announced plans for the new Alberta Disability Assistance Program (ADAP), which will be offered in addition to AISH and will empower Albertans with disabilities to pursue fulfilling job opportunities while continuing to receive the supports they need.

ADAP will allow for the highest income while receiving benefits, meaning Albertans on ADAP can earn more from working while continuing to receive their financial benefits. In addition, Al-

bertans on ADAP will also be able to receive the health benefits they need, regardless of their employment income. Through ADAP, Albertans with disabilities will not only receive the financial and health benefits they rely on, they will also have access to the employment resources they need to gain new skills and work to their full potential.

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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Advisory issued for Eagle Lake

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES

Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) has been identified in the waters of Eagle Lake, located southeast of Strathmore.

Visitors to this lake are advised to take the following precautions:

- Avoid all contact with cyanobacterial blooms. If contact occurs, wash with tap water as soon as possible.

- Do not swim or wade or allow your pets to swim or wade in any areas where cyanobacteria is visible.

- Do not feed whole fish or fish trimmings from this lake to your pets.

- Consider limiting human consumption of whole fish and fish trimmings from this lake, as it is known that fish may store toxins in their liver. (People can safely consume fish fillets from this lake).

As always, visitors and residents are reminded to never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any recreational body of water, including Eagle Lake, at any time. Boiling of this water will not remove the toxins produced by cyanobacteria. An alternate source of drinking water should also be provided for pets and livestock while this advisory is active.

Cyanobacteria is naturally occurring and often becomes visible when weather conditions are calm. Appearing like scum, grass clippings, fuzz or globs on the surface of water, cyanobacteria can be blue-green, greenish-brown, brown and/or pinkish-red, and often smell musty or grassy.

People who come in contact with visible cyanobacteria or who ingest water containing cyanobacteria may experience skin irritation, rash, sore throat, sore red eyes, swollen lips, fever, nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea. Symptoms usually appear within one to three hours and resolve in one to two days. Symptoms in children are often more pronounced; however, all humans are at risk of these symptoms. Exposure to the bacteria may be fatal to pets.

Weather and wind conditions can cause algae blooms to move from one location in the lake to another. As such, this advisory will remain in effect for Eagle Lake until further notice.

Please note waters of Eagle Lake in which the cyanobacterial bloom is not visible can still be used for recreational purposes, even while this Health Advisory is in place.

If you suspect a problem related to cyanobacteria or if you require further information on health concerns and cyanobacteria, please call Health Link at 811. Additional information is also available online (www.ahs.ca/bga).

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Curb mail theft

ALBERTA RCMP

Your Alberta RCMP is giving tips to help prevent mail theft and is encouraging Albertans to subscribe to RAVE.

In order to curb mail theft, consider the following tips:

- Install a locking mailbox. A locked mailbox can help perturb thieves from taking your mail.

- Collect mail promptly. Don't let mail accumulate in your mailbox. Pick it up as soon as possible after delivery.

- Consider a package delivery box. These boxes provide a secure place for packages, reducing the risk of theft from your doorstep.

- Or sign for deliveries. If expecting a package, choose a shipping option that requires a signature.

- Secure your mailbox. Ensure your mailbox is securely attached to your property and not easily accessible to thieves.

- Advise neighbours. Let your neighbours know when you're going away. Have a trusted neighbour collect your mail or have your mail delivery suspended for that period.

- Shred mail. Shred any mail that contains personal or financial details.

Along with giving tips to help pre-

vent mail theft, this August your Alberta RCMP is reminding community members of the benefits of RAVE Mobile Safety, the mass notification system that allows the Alberta RCMP to fanout real-time information.

Information given from RAVE includes ongoing crimes, traffic advisories, and missing people, as well as information on current crime trends and preventative measures community members can take to protect themselves and their property. Invitations to community presentations are also provided through the platform. You can sign up for RAVE notifications for any RCMP jurisdiction here: <https://www.getrave.ca/smart911/ref/login.action?pa=CrimeWatchAdvisoryAB>

If you see something suspicious, report it to your local police service. If you see a crime in progress, call 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

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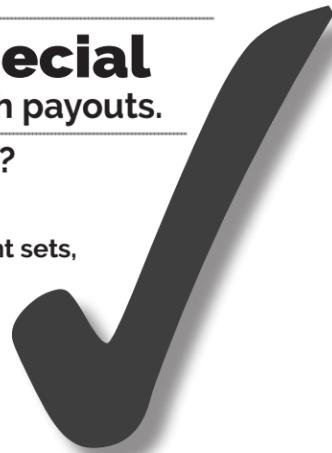
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Upcoming Council Meetings

Sept 3, 2025 | 6 p.m.
Sept 17, 2025 | 6 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council
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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.

Coming soon to an alleyway near you.

Heavy Item Garbage (HIG) coming soon.

HIG collection offers residents the opportunity to dispose of large residential waste. Occuring the 3rd week of April and September, HIG is a service provided alongside your curbside waste collection service. If you pay the residential garbage charge on your Town of Strathmore utility bill, the HIG service is available to you. There is no fee associated with the tags. Keep in mind that households are limited to 5 items per collection.

Trash to Treasure: September 11 to 14, 2025

Heavy Item Garbage: September 15 to 19, 2025

The last day to pick up HIG tags is September 12, 2025. All items must be placed out by 7 a.m. on September 15, 2025 to ensure your items are picked up. Tags can be picked up at Town Hall and the Strathmore Library.

For more information on HIG or Trash to Treasure, visit Strathmore.ca/HIG

New area structure plan just dropped.

Strathmore West ASP.

The Town of Strathmore has received an application for a new Area Structure Plan (ASP) for the lands west of town, between Wheatland County, Wildflower Road, and Range Road 254. This proposed plan would guide the long-term development of a new neighbourhood with homes for over 10,000 people and new local job opportunities. It also outlines plans for parks, schools, transportation, and other services. A full copy of the Strathmore West ASP draft version is available to the public Monday to Friday during regular office hours.

Affected parties can make a written submission to the Town's Development Services Office throughout the ASP planning process. The Strathmore West ASP will also be presented at a Public Hearing for consideration by Town Council. For more info, or to view the draft plan and maps, visit our website, Strathmore.ca

Good food, great food.

Get the Good Food Box.

The Good Food Box is a non-profit organization offering access to nutritious, quality produce while ensuring variety, freshness and affordability. This program is accessible for everyone regardless of income level. For more information visit Strathmore.ca/GoodFoodBox

Ready to vote?

Municipal election.

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.

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

Curious about your neighbourhood?.

Planning Dashboard.

Curious about what's being built down the street? Now you can find out with just a few clicks.

We've recently launched our new Planning Application Dashboard (PAD) that shows current development and permit applications throughout town. Whether it's a proposed new subdivision, commercial development, or secondary suite, you can now see where projects are happening, what stage they're at, and key details about applications received on January 1, 2025 or later.

View the Planning Application Dashboard at Strathmore.ca/PAD.

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Election Day **October 20, 2025**

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