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Grads day

Summer snow talk

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore Committee of the Whole discussed the Winter Road, Pathway and Sidewalk Maintenance Policy, 3203, during the June 11 meeting.

Discussion around the policy follows several requests received by council to add several additional roads to the snow removal plan for the upcoming season.

“As we move into the warm smoky, summer months, winter may feel like a distant memory for many; however, for the operations team, winter and snow are never far from our minds,” said Operations Manager, Donna McCallum. “We are continually analyzing, planning, and preparing for the upcoming winter season to ensure we remain ready to respond effectively when it returns.”

Any additional roads added to the policy may have financial tax implications for future rates. Currently, the cost for plowing and sanding priority routes costs the Town \$4,981.10 per kilometer, while snow removal costs are \$1,753.58 per kilometer.

Administration detailed to the committee, enhancing service levels by adding additional roads to the priority network would increase total costs per kilometer and would necessitate additional staffing, equipment, and would require an expansion of the snow dump.

Plowing commences when accumulation reaches five centimeters, and snow removal on priority routes occurs when driving lanes are reduced by 50 per cent, or the snow storage location exceeds 100 centimeters.

Removal on non-priority routes takes place only under extreme conditions when street snow storage exceeds 100 centimeters, impedes storm drainage, or is directed under an extreme weather event.

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Bark in the Park



Taking a bite

A wonderful, hot breakfast was served prior to the parade during Day 2 of the Hussar Summer Daze on June 14. The three-day, family-friendly event is a staple every year in the village. See Page 11 for more coverage.

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Holy Cross Collegiate celebrated their graduation on June 14 with a ceremony held at Hope Community Covenant Church. The day before, graduates participated in the traditional march through the halls of HCC and Sacred Heart Academy.

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Mitch Maga received the Canadian Red Cross Rescuer Award on June 10 at Holy Cross Collegiate. Fiona Nanke (left) and Gail Voermen (right) presented the award to Maga.

Joe Lepage Photo

Youth honoured

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

What started as a quiet evening in the neighbourhood quickly turned into a moment of bravery and heartbreak for 14-year-old Mitch Stanley Maga, who is being recognized for his courageous attempt to save the life of his elderly neighbour, Len Voerman, earlier this year.

Maga, who was just 13 at the time of the incident, had grown close to Len, whom the family lovingly refers to as a "pseudo-grandfather." When Len's wife Gail was hospitalized, concern began to grow about Len's well-being. With no avail in reaching Len, Maga made the selfless decision to go and check on him.

When there was no answer at the front door, Mitch scaled the locked backyard gate and approached the patio doors – only to find Len collapsed inside. Mitch immediately called out to his mother, Ninette Maga, to dial 911 and then broke through the back door to try and help.

"My first instinct was to actually to go kick the door down, which I did," said Maga, who had received CPR and first aid training through his ongoing lifeguard certification. "I had found him there and my first instincts had kicked in. I went toward him to check if he was responsive."

Though Ninette ultimately pulled Maga back out of concern for safety and emergency response protocol, the young teen's quick actions were grounded in knowledge, instinct and, above all, compassion.

"Mitch didn't hesitate. His training and his heart took over," Ninette said. "He loved that man and just wanted to help him and make sure he was okay."

Maga's maturity and grace in the days following Len's passing continued to inspire those around him. While Gail remained in the hospital, Maga took care of the family pet and has continued to check in on her nearly every day since.

As part of his healing process Maga also drew a touching portrait of Len in his pilot's uniform, later adding angel wings. The sketch was given to Gail, a gift that brought her comfort and gave Maga a way to express his grief.

On June 10, Maga's brave actions were formally recognized when he received a Red Cross Rescuer Award, one of the organization's honours for exceptional lifesaving efforts. Fittingly, the award ceremony was held at his school Holy Cross Collegiate, where both of his godparents work and helped coordinate the special assembly. There, Gail presented Mitch with Len's uniform hat – an item he now wears with pride.

"I was a little concerned it might be too emotional for her (Gail)," Ninette admitted, "but she had the principal read a few words on her behalf."

Maga's first aid training is part of his goal to become a lifeguard and eventually a doctor. He currently holds Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross certifications and will be eligible for his National Lifeguard Service designation once he turns 15.

When asked what drove him in that moment, Mitch's answer was simple and genuine: "I just wanted to help."



New crowning

The title of Miss Strathmore Stampede 2025 was officially awarded on Sunday, June 15, in a ceremony held at the Remuda Building at the Strathmore Ag Grounds. Local contestant Alicia Chernoff (l-r) earned the crown following a tough competition and was named this year's Miss Strathmore Stampede and crowned and sashed by outgoing titleholder Tenley Warburton, who will continue to serve in her role until the opening of this year's Strathmore Stampede in August.

Joe Lepage Photo



Sing-along concert

The Hope Bridges Society hosted their free community concert by bringing in award-winning musician Michela Sheedy on June 10 at the Hope Community Covenant Church.

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YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE
Gord Morck Pharmacist
Capsule Comments

Recently, there has been much written about the link between alcohol consumption and cancer. To put the risks into perspective, *heavy drinking* means six or more drinks per day and accounts for 47% of alcohol-attributable cancers. *Risky drinking*: 2-6 drinks daily causing 29% of cancers; *moderate drinking*: less than 2 drinks per day accounts for roughly 14% of cancer cases.

There have been many studies on the effect casual marijuana use has on teenagers. The conclusions are that teens who use cannabis recreationally are 2-3 times more likely to have depression and suicidal thoughts than those who don't use it. Marijuana is not safe and benign, particularly in this age group.

Some beverages have a low pH, i.e. more acidic and have the potential of eroding tooth enamel. To put things into perspective, regular water has a pH of 7 which is neutral. Coffee measures a pH of 5.6. Lemon juice is 2 while stomach acid has a pH of 1. The lower the pH, the more acidic.

It seems that unflavoured sparkling and still water are better choices than soft drinks and fruity drinks.

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County MPC discusses development permit application, subdivision applications

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland County Municipal Planning Commission approved three subdivision applications and refused a development permit application during the June 20 meeting.

The development permit application was for an abattoir

business which would offer live animals such as cattle, sheep and goats to be purchased and slaughtered all at one site.

Staff had recommended the refusal of Development Permit application DP 2025-004, citing several reasons.

These included a lack of demonstrated due consideration for affected neighbours or the environment; the proposal did not align with Municipal Development Plan criteria for new single lot commercial and industrial proposals; the impact of adding on-farm slaughter operations to aesthetic, environmental and financial value of the area.

The application also could not be defined wholly as an agricultural operation, suggesting higher standards should be applied to associated buildings and infrastructure, on-farm slaughter operations were considered a new type of development in Wheatland County, and the land use bylaw was deemed insufficient to account for their operation, and the applicant had not sufficiently demonstrated that concern regarding land use.

During discussion, members of the committee expressed concerns about the environmental impacts, lack of oversight, and water and wastewater servicing.

The MPC voted unanimously in favour of refusing the application following its presentation.

Subdivision application SD2025-001 proposed to create one 1.21-hectare parcel lot and a 9.71-hectare remainder parcel. Lot 1 would be designated County Residential District, and Lot 2 would be Agriculture General District.

Lot 1 is currently undeveloped, while Lot 2 is developed with a farmstead and accessory buildings for agricultural purposes.

County administration had recommended approving the application subject to several conditions, including the effect of a Plan of Survey, pursuant to the MGA, or other such means satisfactory to the Registrar of the South Alberta Land Titles District, among others.

Subdivision application SD2025-004 proposed to create two 2.02-hectare parcels and a 52.41-hectare remainder. The lands are designated Agriculture General District and are currently undeveloped. There is not currently any servicing infrastructure in place.

Future servicing is proposed for the two smaller parcels, to be provided by individual wells and private sewage treatment. The third parcel is intended for continued agricultural purposes.

The applicant provided a Phase 1 Groundwater Supply Assessment in February, which indicates sufficient aquifer

yields to meet the demand of the Water Act and support future residential development.

Approval of the subdivision was subject to several conditions outlined by county administration and overall aligns with the county's municipal development plan.

Subdivision application SD2025-005 proposed to adjust the boundaries between the two subject parcels, resulting in a 5.67 hectare parcel, and a 58.63 hectare parcel.

The intent of the application is to transfer a 4.05 hectare portion of land from Country Residential to Agriculture General District. This is to facilitate more pastureland for resident horses.

The applicant did not provide any plans within the application which suggested further development on the subject lands.

Subject to conditions outlined by administration, the application was approved unanimously by committee members. Anticipated impact to neighbouring properties is anticipated to be minimal if noticeable.

A large wetland system which is present on the lots is not anticipated to be affected by the changes. Subject lands will be required to be inspected as is detailed in the conditions of the application approval.

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Town Committee of the Whole discusses adjusting snow removal policy

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“Our Priority 1 routes are to be plowed and have ice control 24 hours after the conclusion of a snow event. Priority 2s are 48 hours after the snow event is concluded, and Priority 3s are 72 hours after,” said McCallum. “We continuously monitor weather conditions to ensure timely and effective road maintenance based on the forecast. We may apply calcium to prewet the roads in advance of the snow event. This pretreatment improves the adherence of sand, enhances ice melting, and helps prevent ice from bonding to the road surface, making snow maintenance more efficient.”

Between Nov. 24 and April 21, Strathmore received 116 cm of snow spread across 24 days, resulting in 49 days of operational response.

This was indicated to be a below average season, consistent with the trend observed over the last several years.

It was also noted, 76 cm of the total snowfall occurred between Nov. 18 and Nov. 23 of last year.

The currently allocated budget for snow maintenance activities is \$575,000, which is approximately 15 per cent of the total \$4 million annual roads budget. For the most recent snow season, the total cost incurred was \$375,241.74 to the town.

As the policy was presented before the committee of the whole, no voting took place during the meeting. It will be presented again before Council at a future date.

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Guy Meyer takes over as CEO for Strathmore Ag Society

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Guy Meyer has taken the helm of the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society, having been hired as the new CEO to succeed Ryan Schmidt.

Having officially started in the position May 1, Meyer comes to the position from Edmonton and has only recently been introduced to the local community.

“What drew me most to the opportunity was the near limitless possibilities of growth and expanding the services and things that we do for the community, in and around the community,” said Meyer. “I come in following a long line of amazing leaders who have done some amazing things for [this] organization over the years, and I am humbled by what they have been able to accomplish. I am looking forward to growing the legacy.”

Meyer explained his background consists largely of building and exiting businesses in the manufacturing and services industry.

He was hired to grow and expand the Agricultural Society in order to expand their capacity to deliver programs to the community at large.

“Business functions practically the same in every industry and I have had businesses in quite a few. Being a not-for-profit society does not change the basic underlying principles that in the end, you have to have more money than you spend to stay alive long enough to get more money,” said Meyer. “That is fundamentally true to any business operation at all, period. What truly drew me to the opportunity was the near limitless scope and scale that could be brought to bear on a future envisioning of the society.”

Though he currently still resides in Edmonton,

Meyer said he has traveled back and forth several times since his onboarding to the Agricultural Society, and plans to move into Strathmore in the near future.

For him, he added, an immediate affection for the community has been developed as a direct result of the people whom he has initially interacted with.

“People are basically kind and loving everywhere, but in Strathmore I have never felt more welcomed, and I truly feel like I am home,” he said.

As he begins to settle into his new position, Meyer said the rest of his team largely still has the reins as the Agricultural Society prepares for their summer season, which includes the Cowboy Town Concert, Renaissance Faire and the Strathmore Stampede.

Come September however, the organization will enter into its review and planning stages where he plans to review their processes, policies and procedures.

“I am blessed to have such an extremely talented team of employees and staff. I am blessed to know that we have 400 dedicated repeat volunteers come and help us on an annual basis, which is truly amazing,” said Meyer.

“Between now and Sept. 1, there is not a lot of change that I am planning because the staff is very busy at this time of year and I want to respect their ability to perform ... Budget planning time, December is when the membership and the board vote on the budget process, and then we get into the new year. I am hoping that we have what is necessary to at least begin the process of bringing the Western Events and Cultural Center to life at some point next year.”

Meyer added he is open to having a conversation with members of the surrounding community about any topic related to the agricultural society.

Cleaning up libraries from inappropriate content

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Alberta parents go to great lengths to ensure their children do not end up exposed to inappropriate content. Television programs, movies, and other forms of media frequently come with “viewer discretion is advised” warnings aimed at alerting parents to potentially age-inappropriate content. Schools are the last place parents should have to worry about their children viewing sexually explicit material.

Until recently some school libraries in Calgary and Edmonton schools contained books depicting graphic sex acts, pornographic scenes, and other content that has no place in an elementary school or junior high school. For example, school libraries in Edmonton and Calgary contained Blankets, a graphic novel by Craig Thompson. This book contains major literary themes relating to adult sexuality.

Other concerning examples have been identified as well, prompting serious questions about what’s appropriate in school settings. These books in question contain graphic illustrations, and detailed language describing sex acts, masturbation, and sexually violent slurs. Some even include depictions of child molestation.

Alberta currently lacks a consistent standard for which materials end up on the shelves of school libraries. That’s why Alberta’s government launched a public engagement to develop clear rules to ensure school library materials are age-appropriate and consistent across the province. This feedback will help inform new standards for the selection and management of kindergarten to Grade 12 school

library materials.

Our schools must be safe places where children can learn and grow without exposure to graphic sexual content and pornographic materials. Parents deserve better – they deserve assurance that their children will not access age-inappropriate material at school. While many Alberta school boards already have policies addressing school library materials, the new requirements will provide province-wide consistency. They will apply to public, separate, francophone, charter, and independent schools.

In addition to developing standardization of school library policies, our government is also looking beyond the classroom to help young people succeed. Alberta’s government is investing more than \$17 million in employment supports for youth, including those at risk or facing other barriers, so that more young Albertans can find a job and earn a pay cheque. This investment will expand in-person and virtual employment services for youth, such as job coaching, resume development, interview practice, job search strategies, workshops and job placements. By investing in these valuable youth employment supports, Alberta’s government and its partners are giving the next generation hope for the future while building the workforce needed to support and grow Alberta’s economy.

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)

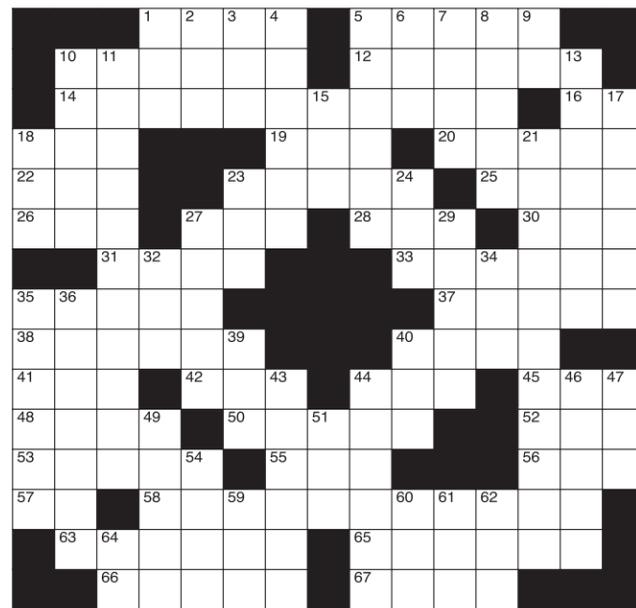


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- 14. On the nature of being
- 16. Law enforcement agency
- 18. Australian flightless bird
- 19. Subway rodent
- 20. More dried-up
- 22. A beaver might build one
- 23. Suggestive of the supernatural
- 25. Art __, around 1920
- 26. American rocker Snider
- 27. Not or
- 28. Earliest human: __-Magnon Man
- 30. Firearm
- 31. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 33. Alternative form of a gene
- 35. Low shrub some call “fat pork”
- 37. Plants in the chamomile tribe
- 38. Revolutionary War era spy
- 40. Portion of a book
- 41. Hoover’s office
- 42. Title of respect
- 44. Tax collector
- 45. Cool!
- 48. Real estate
- 50. Boy’s name
- 52. Airborne (abbr.)
- 53. Strongly recommends
- 55. Hit lightly
- 56. Bar bill
- 57. Atomic #54
- 58. Devotes again
- 63. Fish sauce
- 65. French stock market
- 66. Things that consist of two elements or parts
- 67. Tense

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Retired game show host Sajak
- 2. Equal (prefix)
- 3. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 4. Loved
- 5. A type of analyst
- 6. Ad __
- 7. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 8. Ran without moving
- 9. Opposite of yes
- 10. Diffuse clouds of gas
- 11. Mentioning one by one
- 13. Instruments used to dilate
- 15. Freshwater fish
- 17. Remotely-manned flying objects
- 18. Doctor of Education
- 21. Renews
- 23. Not the start
- 24. Pitching stat
- 29. Ceramic jars
- 32. I (German)
- 34. Something to toss on a fire
- 35. The process of flowing in
- 36. A series of acts at a night club
- 39. Egg of a louse
- 40. Inquire too closely
- 43. Travelers
- 44. Drink
- 46. Behave in a way that degrades
- 47. Electronic music style
- 49. Northern Ireland city
- 51. Upset
- 54. Stiff structure resembling a hair
- 59. Father
- 60. North Atlantic fish
- 61. 8th month (abbr.)
- 62. Make an effort
- 64. Commercial

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Families enjoyed crafts, games and sunshine at the Summer Fest held on June 13 at the Strathmore Municipal Library. The event kicked off the summer season with free activities, entertainment and a hot-dog fundraiser. Money raised from the fundraiser will be used to support various library projects. It was an afternoon of community fun for all ages.



Melissa Piche Photos

Library hosts summer programs kickoff

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library hosted their summer kickoff event, June 13, at the facility, highlighting all of the upcoming programs for the season.

Laura Henderson, public services manager for the library, explained the team wanted to take advantage of all of the things happening throughout the summer for all ages at the event in order to highlight them for the community.

“There (were) lots of games and activities and promotions sort of describing what we will be offering through the summer, so it just sort of (was) launching our summer programs,” she said. “For instance, we had our early literacy programmers – they highlighted our Mother Goose in the Park program, which happens at Kinsman on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m., starting July 8.”

Also included at the kickoff event was a miniature obstacle course for toddlers, a scavenger hunt, and activities featured at the booth for the summer reading programs.

As of June 14, registration for the library’s summer reading programs has also officially opened to youth throughout the community.

“We also had the Wheatland Youth Network, those are our teen group, they were doing button making as well as some beading activities. Our adult literacy program, SAIL, had some large games as well,” said Henderson. “The

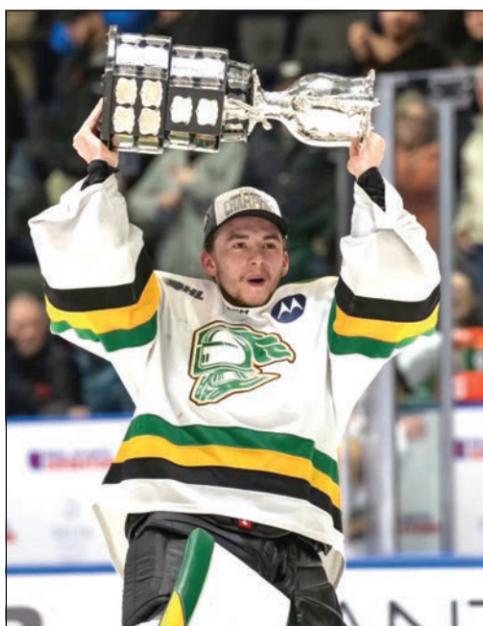
Canadian Parents for French were highlighting the program at École Brentwood School, just talking a little about the resources that they have, and then our board put on a hotdog fundraiser as well.”

Every year, the library’s summer reading program hosts their registered, scheduled program on a weekly basis, as well as community events on Fridays. They typically host a kickoff activity to get the community together and highlight what they are offering.

In the spirit of looking at the whole summer and the myriad of activities being hosted at the library throughout the season, Henderson said it seemed prudent to highlight everything all at once in a way, has not been done before.

“We have always had things going on, but it was sort of the summer reading program that took on the weight of those community events and put them all together. We thought that just, we all work together, we all have things to offer, we should do something together,” said Henderson. “Most of the programming that we offer, so do aim to make mostly free. The summer reading program does have a small fee for the full summer, so they offer weekly registered programs; they are \$5 dollars for the full summer if you pay in person, or \$7 dollars if you register online.”

More information regarding the library’s summer programs, as well as schedules and booking has been made available through their website.



Strathmore's own Austin Elliott knew from a young age he wanted to be a goaltender. On June 1, he captured the Memorial Cup with the London Knights of the OHL.

Photos Courtesy of Austin Elliott

Strathmore's own wins Memorial Cup

LAURENCE HEINEN
Times Contributor

As time ticked down on his junior hockey career, Austin Elliott couldn't believe he was about to win a Memorial Cup title.

After making 31 saves to backstop the London Knights to a 4-1 win over the Medicine Hat Tigers in the Canadian Hockey League's championship game in Rimouski, Que. on June 1, Elliott was immediately mobbed by his teammates and a frantic celebration ensued.

"It's so hard to put into words," recalled the 21-year-old netminder, who lives in Strathmore with his parents in the off-season. "At the start of the year, I never would have thought I would have been in that situation. It's an unbelievable feeling coming out on top like that, finishing my junior career in that way. It's all I could ask for."

Elliott started the season with the Western Hockey League's Saskatoon Blades and boasted a perfect 3-0 record before he was put on 20-year-old waivers.

"It really is a numbers game," said Elliott of the harsh reality that Major Junior teams in the CHL are only allowed to carry three 20-year-old players and that the Blades didn't have him in their plans for the 2024-25 season. "It was kind of hard to believe. Especially since I had two really strong years (in the WHL with the Blades), but I wasn't worried. I sort of knew someone would grab me in the CHL."

After all of the other 21 WHL teams passed on a chance to pick him up, Elliott wasn't too worried that another team would end up with his rights, which is exactly what happened when the Ontario Hockey League's Barrie Colts claimed him on waivers.

"I had faith in that, but I didn't think London would come calling," said Elliott of the fact that the Knights immediately acquired him in a trade with the Colts. "Things just didn't work out in the Dub, I guess, but it worked out in the end."

And work out they definitely did as Elliott compiled a remarkable 32-1-0 record in the regular season with the Knights to go with a sparkling 2.10 goals against average and an impressive .924 save percentage.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound goalie then continued his stellar play by going 16-1 in the OHL playoffs and 4-1 at the Memorial Cup.

"It's the biggest stage in junior hockey, but it wasn't really anything too much," said Elliott of playing at the CHL's year-end tournament and ultimately backstopping the Knights to a championship victory over the Tigers. "I felt really good during the game."

"Honestly, I think I've taken huge leaps on the mental side of the game, too, in the past couple years. I work with a mental coach and that's really helped me out a lot especially in all those high-pressure situations. I didn't feel too much pressure, but definitely a little bit of nerves."

Although he was born in Calgary and lived there with his family until his early teens, Elliott has always had a connection to Strathmore. His dad Darwin and his uncles own a ranch just south of town.

"My dad's brothers lived out here my whole life, so I'd always come out here on weekends to go to the ranch," said Elliott, whose cousin Jack Elliott played for the Agra Risk Wheatland Kings in the Heritage Junior B Hockey League this past season. "It's fun in the winter. The pond would freeze over, so we could skate out on the pond."

His younger brother Dylan just wrapped up a stint playing quarterback for the Strathmore High School Spartans.

"He's almost cooler than I was when I come back here," said the elder sibling. "Everyone knows him more than they know me."

Ever since he could skate, Elliott always wanted to be a goalie, much to the chagrin of his parents.

"I've got pictures of me dressed up in goalie gear and playing road hockey or mini sticks," he said. "My parents have told me they didn't really want to be a goalie, so I threw a threw a hissy fit pretty much, because I was mad that they didn't want to let me be a goalie."

Persistence has definitely paid off for Elliott, who accepted a scholarship earlier this year to attend UMass Lowell where he'll suit up to play for the River Hawks at the NCAA level next fall.

"It's really good hockey down there, too," said Elliott, whose ultimate goal is to eventually play in the NHL. "I'll get a little bit bigger and be playing against older guys and hopefully be able to earn a pro contract somewhere here shortly."

"I'm definitely all for going to school for a couple years. If NHL teams want to see me for a couple more years that's fine. Definitely the ultimate goal is to play pro hockey."



Opening with a win

The Strathmore Reds U13AA baseball team opened their home weekend tourney with an 8-7 win over the Calgary Bucks on June 14 at the Hillview Baseball Field. Unfortunately, the Reds fell 13-10 and 16-6 the following day in a double-header versus the Consort Cubs and Red Deer Rangers respectively.

Joe Lepage Photos



Exhibition action

The Strathmore Badgers bantam football team battled the Drumheller Titans to a 6-6 draw during a fun and hard-fought preseason scrimmage on June 12 at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School field.

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Come Say Hi

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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Strathmore will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Town Office, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta, on Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 10 a.m., the following lands:

ROLL NO.	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	LINC NUMBER	RESERVE BID
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20088.00	Plan 1011424; Unit 288	0034290651	\$1,500.00

Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

The land is being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis and the Town of Strathmore makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the developability of the subject lands for any use intended by the Purchaser. No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms and conditions will be considered other than those specified by the Town of Strathmore.

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Dated at Strathmore, Alberta, June 10, 2025
 Riley Brolly, Chartered Professional Accountant
 Manager, Financial Planning, Budgeting, & Reporting
 Town of Strathmore



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Splash and Dash	July 28 to Aug 1, 2025	\$245.00
Neon Days	Aug 5 to 8, 2025	\$148.00
Balls and More	Aug 11 to 15, 2025	\$185.00
Olympic Days	Aug 18 to 22, 2025	\$185.00

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Community Bingo	All month, August
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Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-17. Notice of Public Hearing.

June 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
WestCreek Area Structure Plan
Amending Bylaw No. 25-17

Please be advised that on May 7, 2025, Strathmore Town Council held a Public Hearing and gave second and third readings to Bylaw No. 25-07, a bylaw amending the WestCreek Area Structure Plan (ASP) Bylaw No. 08-22.

It was later discovered that Bylaw No. 25-07 contained an error: Map 7 – Future Land Use Concept was mistakenly omitted from the bylaw (see Map 7 in Schedule “A” below).

The recommended course of action is to bring forward a new bylaw to amend the WestCreek ASP Bylaw No. 08-22 in order to properly include Map 7.

The intent and content of Map 7 remain unchanged from what was presented and considered on May 7, 2025. No changes have been made to the map since that time.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of proposed Bylaw #25-17 may be inspected by the public Monday to Friday during the regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Town’s Municipal Building located at 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta, and can be also examined on the Town’s website at Strathmore.ca/PublicHearings

The statutory Public Hearing will be held online via ZOOM and in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta on **June 18, 2025**, commencing at **7 p.m.** with procedures being in accordance with Section 199 of the *Municipal Government Act* and the Town’s Council Procedural Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto.

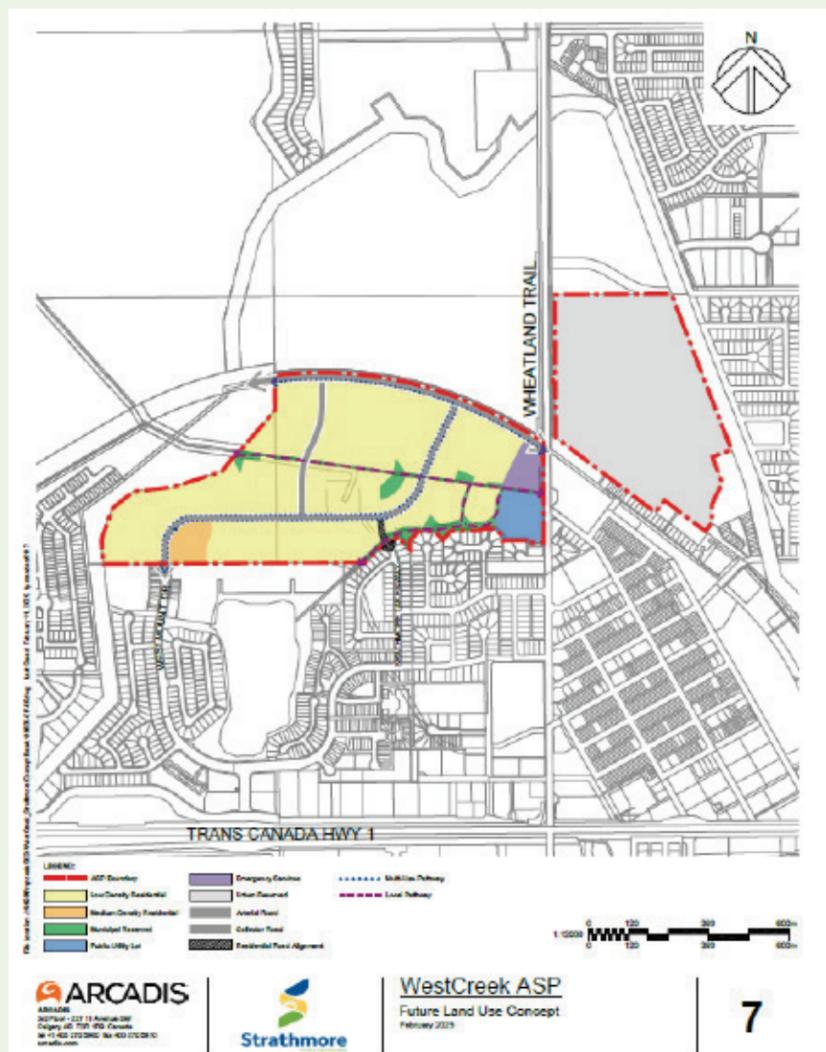
Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone’s behalf, who claims to be affected by any or all of the proposed by-law, may present their concerns and/or suggestions by making a submission at the public hearing. Please contact Jonathan Strathdee by email at jonathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca by no later than **noon on June 11, 2025**, in order to register to speak at the public hearing.

Any written submissions intended for the Public Hearing, or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Town’s Development Services Office prior to **noon on June 11, 2025**, as outlined under Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, kindly ensure that fifteen (15) copies are provided and made available for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within five 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.

Map 7 – Future Land Use Concept



Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw No. 25-13. Notice of Public Hearing.

June 18, 2025 at 7 p.m.
Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw No. 25-13

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to amend the Municipal Development Plan by adding two policies under Section 2.3 - Economic Development that are intended to promote non-residential property assessment growth for all new development and redevelopment within any new or existing Area Structure Plan as well as on a municipal-wide basis.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected by the public Monday to Friday during the regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Town’s Municipal Building located at 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta, and can be also examined on the Town’s website at Strathmore.ca/PublicHearings

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Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-08. Notice of Public Hearing.

June 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
WestCreek Phase 1
Amending Bylaw No. 25-08

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to amend Land Use Bylaw #14-11 to redesignate lands in a manner that will facilitate the creation of 96 urban residential lots along with 3 blocks intended to be used for emergency services, stormwater, and open space purposes on lands described legally as being Part of Lot 1, Block A, Plan 9410061, known municipally as 0 Wheatland Trail, Strathmore.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of proposed Bylaw #25-08 may be inspected by the public Monday to Friday during the regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Town’s Municipal Building located at 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta, and can be also examined on the Town’s website at Strathmore.ca/PublicHearings

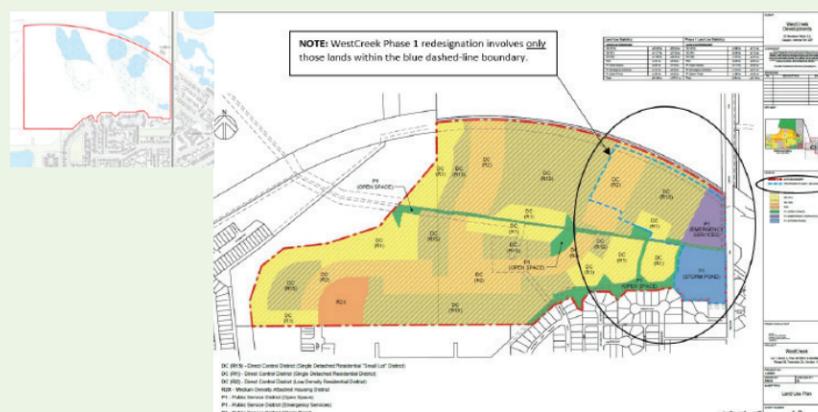
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Gordon Prusky, who has volunteered for most of his adult life serving Strathmore and area, will celebrate his 90th birthday later this month.

Photos Courtesy of Kim Prusky

Honouring a Strathmore legend

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

As the Strathmore Legion prepares to host a very special 90th birthday celebration on June 29, the community is taking a moment to honour one of its most dedicated residents: Gordon Prusky.

From a long and respected teaching career to decades of service through the Lions Club and countless other volunteer roles, Prusky has spent his life giving back to the town he calls home.

"I've always believed in putting more into the community than you take out," said Prusky, reflecting on a lifetime of service. "That's just the way I was raised."

Born in 1935, Prusky grew up in the prairies and began his teaching career in the 1950s. Over the years he became a beloved figure in Strathmore classrooms, known for his fairness, sense of humour and commitment to helping every student succeed.

"Teaching wasn't just a job to me," he said. "It was a calling. If I could help a kid find their way, even just one, that was a good day."

From volunteer firefighting to helping bring Strathmore its first ambulance, Prusky's dedication has left an enduring mark.

"It became painfully obvious that if you were sick by the time Calgary got here, got to you and

got you to the hospital, it's almost two hours," said Prusky.

With the support of the community, and determination, he and fellow Lions members secured a vehicle and raised thousands of dollars to create Strathmore's first locally operated ambulance service.

"That's the type of cooperation we got from this community," he said.

His love of youth and sport was equally foundational to his life. Prusky was involved in the Wheatland Coaches Association for 30 years and helped bring high school rodeo to town in 1971.

"We had a high school rodeo, probably one of the first ones, and it was very successful," he said. "The community of Strathmore is fabulous for helping."

Over his remarkable 47 years involved with high school sports, Prusky saw local rodeo athletes go on to compete and win at the national level.

"In 2017 we had two winners on the National High School Rodeo Association," he said with pride. "I just sparked it to continue ... I had nothing to do with that. These were kids, but I just made the paperwork available."

A key figure in shaping the Strathmore Agricultural Society, Prusky helped coordinate land acquisition and vision for what would become the Ag Grounds area.

"We went across the road to WID property and they said, 'well, if these other people said no, Gordon, I think we're going to have to say no,' so we bought the property (where the Ag grounds currently resides)."

After retiring from education, Prusky didn't slow down. He turned his energy toward community involvement, most notably with the Strathmore Lions Club.

"I joined the Lions because their motto really spoke to me: 'We Serve.' I figured what better way to stay active and connected?" he said.

Prusky has been a Lions member for 69 years and continues to serve today.

"Here I am right this very minute watching people volunteer," he said. "We've got probably 25 people from another organization processing these glasses so we can send them to the Third World. That's the type of good feeling you have. There's no magic formula. You just show up, do your part and care about the people you're helping."

The legacy of his dedication is also recognized at Strathmore High School, where the Gordon Prusky Award of Merit honours exceptional student athletes.

"I had nothing to do with the award itself," he humbly insisted. "I didn't ask for it. I would have never asked for it. They just said, 'we're going to recognize this person,' and they did."

Though he's reluctant to take credit, those who've worked alongside Prusky know his leadership has inspired countless others. From fundraisers to facility planning, school programs to emergency services, his impact on Strathmore is inspiring.

The upcoming celebration at the Legion isn't just a birthday party, it's a community tribute. Friends, former students, fellow Lions and family will gather not only to mark a milestone birthday, but to recognize a lifetime of service.

Prusky, ever humble, says he's grateful more than anything.

"I've had a good run," he said. "I'm just glad I was able to be part of this town and maybe make a small difference along the way."

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Thank you to the Strathmore High School Football Team for your hard work with set up and take down of the conference.

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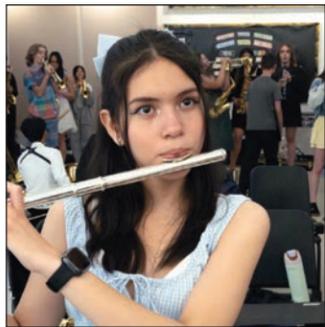




Tail wagging afternoon

The annual Bark in the Park, hosted by Debbie Mitzner of RE/MAX Landan, was held June 14 at Kinsmen Park. The event featured adoptable dogs, local vendors, fun activities and much more.

Joe Lepage Photos



Popping concert

Holy Cross Collegiate held its annual Pop Concert on June 11, presenting the musical abilities of its students in an end-of-year event at the school's gymnasium. The evening included performances from the various school bands, with each group providing music for friends, family, and the community.

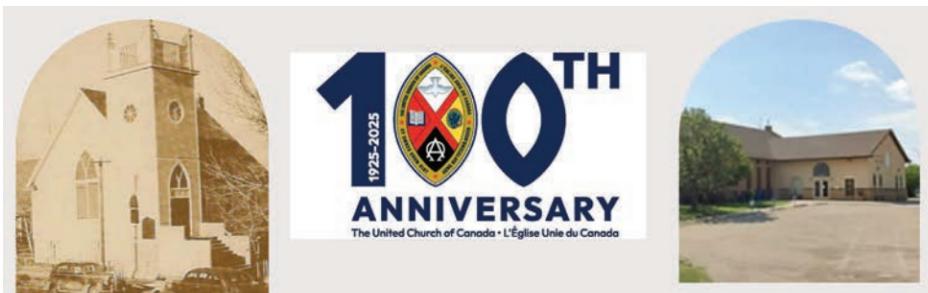
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Hopping Hussar

The Village of Hussar brought together residents and the greater local community by hosting their annual Summer Daze June 13-15. There were plenty of things for families to see and do over the weekend, highlighted by the Saturday morning breakfast and parade. The Hussar Ag Society was also presented their \$25,000 cheque for being the first-place winner of the Growing Home with BASF 2025 award.

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Pair of ribstones returned to Blackfoot Crossing

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Two sacred cultural artifacts have been returned to Siksika Nation after more than a century of being held in the Canadian Museum of Natural History.

The two artifacts are ribstones, which are carved objects which bear spiritual significance. Shannon Bear Chief, CEO of Blackfoot Crossing Museum and Historical Park, explained they were previously used for mediation and prayer by previous generations.

“Why they were taken, I believe it was just like everything else – language, culture, that was stripped from the Blackfoot people. It was also just another act of removing them rocks to remove the meditation and the prayer,” she said. “Bringing home our objects is also a significant historical event because our spirits are coming home. And then we’ll become whole as a Siksika Nation.”

A delegation of Blackfoot elders traveled to Gati-

neau, Que. earlier in 2025 to identify the stones and that they originally belonged to the Siksika people.

The stones are believed to have been removed from Siksika Nation in the late 1800’s and early 1900s. The ceremony marking the return of the stones to Blackfoot Crossing was held June 6.

“We can tell our future generations what they were used for, and how they were helpful [to] maintain our life and exist on the prairies by being able to hunt the buffalo and live off the buffalo and live off the land,” said Blackfoot Crossing Board of Directors Chair, Strater Crowfoot. “For us to bring these home and recount the significance of them to our people and to our future, it’s important that we have them here to be able to tell that story.”

Grant Many Heads explained carved buffalo ribstones were placed all across Blackfoot territory as far eastward as the buffalo traveled.

Particularly following successful hunts, stones were etched and placed as ceremonial sites where people

were able to make offerings and give thanks to the Creator.

Blackfoot Crossing Museum and Historical Park has established a 25-year cultural master plan centered on raising awareness for what was lost, as well as working with other museums to repatriate more cultural and historical artifacts.

“We are looking at bringing more things home each year. We are looking at going to New Mexico ... in Colorado a museum there, and of course, Washington D.C.; there are things there that belong to us, and we are looking at reaching out and bringing more items home,” said Crowfoot.

“Our spirits are coming home and then we will become whole as a Siksika Nation,” added Bear Chief.

The return of the stones is another step in the Blackfoot First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Regulation, which began in 2023, being an effort to repatriate sacred ceremonial objects and artifacts to the Siksika, Blood Tribe, and Piikani nations.

Tips to reduce yard theft and break and enters

ALBERTA RCMP

As people set out on summer vacation and more time is spent away from the home, your Alberta RCMP is reminding community members to secure your property to help prevent yard theft and break and enters.

In 2024, there were 3,940 residential

break and enters in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction, with 367 occurring in June of last year alone. Property and yard theft are often crimes of opportunity. Learning how to properly secure your property by following simple practices like Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) can make all of the difference.

CPTED TIPS SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING CAN HELP KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE:

- **Lighting:** Ensure your yard is well lit. Consider installing motion sensor lights at every entry.
- **Sightlines:** Keep clear sightlines to yards, garages, and entries to prevent places for criminals to hide. Make sure trees and bushes aren’t overgrown, creating cover for a potential thief.
- **Gates:** A locked gate can help deter a criminal who may not want to waste time trying to get through.
- **Windows:** Keep windows covered and locked when you’re not home. An empty house is a criminal’s playground.
- **Alarms:** Consider installing a security system, especially on seasonal properties or if you travel often. This will help ensure that if anything does happen to your property, authorities will be alerted.
- **Locks:** Always lock any sheds or garages. Keep valuable items like lawn mowers, barbecues, and bikes stored out of sight.

CPTED is an international concept that has proven to discourage crime and promote security. These simple tips can have positive effects on our communities.

The Alberta RCMP encourages the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity to police. If you discover a crime has taken place on your property, you should report it to police immediately. Reports tell us where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future.

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.

For more information on CPTED and preventing residential break and enters, please follow us on Facebook @RCMP-PinAlberta, X @RCMPAlberta, and on YouTube @RCMP-GRC Alberta.

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Tips for sharing roadways with commercial vehicles

ALBERTA RCMP

With summer now here, roadways will become increasingly busy, and your Alberta RCMP would like to remind commercial and passenger-vehicle motorists how to share our provincial roads responsibly. Sharing the road with, or operating, semi-trucks, tractor-trailers, busses, or other commercial vehicles, requires extra caution.

In order to help prevent collisions involving a commercial vehicle, follow the below tips:

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVERS:

- Always complete trip inspections to ensure your vehicle is in proper operating condition.
- Always carry the required inspection certificates.
- Stay alert while driving and pull over when tired.
- Pre-plan your trip and help ensure your safety by staying updated on road, traffic, construction, and weather conditions.
- Maintain a safe following distance with other vehicles.
- Be aware of blind spots and make wide turns safely.
- If you are hauling or transporting car-

go, ensure that it is properly secured.

PASSENGER VEHICLE DRIVERS:

- Stay far enough behind big trucks in order to see both of its side mirrors. If you can’t see the truck driver, they can’t see you.
- Increase your following distance behind larger vehicles in order to see oncoming traffic.
- Oncoming commercial vehicles can create strong wind gusts, large splashes in wet conditions, or sprays of rocks and debris. Practice defensive driving and brace when they are passing.
- Leave extra space when passing or changing lanes in front of a commercial vehicle as they require more time to slow down or come to a stop.
- Stay back when large vehicles are indicating right or left, as they require a wide turning radius.

“Commercial-passenger vehicle collisions have added dangers due to the size and weight of larger vehicles,” says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. “Taking extra precaution around trucks and trailers can significantly reduce the risk of collision.”

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Recognizing Canada Post scams

BBB RELEASE

Canadians could face a new barrage of scams as fraudsters take advantage of a renewed threat of a Canada Post strike.

“During the previous postal shutdown (November/December - 2024) there were media reports of an uptick in scams,” says Mary O’Sullivan-Andersen, President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Alberta and East Kootenay.

Reported scams during the past shutdown included fraudsters posing as Canada Post employees reaching members of the public through text messages and email. Known as phishing scams, this occurs when a message appears to be from a trusted source. The scammer then requests personal information with the intent of infiltrating the individual’s accounts to steal money and personal information.

“The public and businesses should also watch out for fake delivery scams prior to and during any postal strike,” says O’Sullivan-Andersen. “Visit the website for the shipping company in question. Always verify. This can be done by telephone and speaking to a customer service agent at any legitimate shipping company.

“Canada Post will never reach out to you by email to request credit card or banking information, account information such as your password, or payments to release deliveries, and/or see updated tracking information. That’s a scam. Don’t fall for it.”

DON'T BE SCAMMED TRYING TO HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER

The Better Business Bureau Serving Alberta and East Kootenay is warning consumers to watch out for scams this summer.

“Nothing ruins summer fun quicker than a scam,” says O’Sullivan-Andersen. “Every year we see fake websites and advertisements pop up offering everything from concert tickets to vacation rentals. There can be literally hundreds of these (spoof) websites operating. Organized crime and everyday scammers are getting more and more sophisticated. These sites can look almost identical to the real thing.”

The BBB urges consumers to protect themselves from these scams by dealing with trusted vendors and learning how to spot the fakes.

“Always use a business that you

know and trust,” says O’Sullivan-Andersen. “Pay with a credit card in case you need to dispute a charge later and look for HTTPS in the website address. The extra ‘s’ stands for secure and although it’s not foolproof protection, it is another indication that the website is legitimate.”

HOW TO SPOT A FAKE WEBSITE:

- Research before you buy. Search online for the name of the business and ensure the name advertised matches the website. Scammers often use names that sound similar to those of real businesses.

- Check for (working) contact information. The website should have a real phone number and email address.

- Watch out for prices that sound too good to be true. There is no way a promoter can offer tickets at extremely low prices without losing money. If the prices are much lower than elsewhere, it’s likely a scam.

- Look for poor spelling and grammar.
- Use a website checker such as Google’s Safe Browsing tool.

“Don’t let scammers ruin your summer plans,” says O’Sullivan-Andersen. “Take steps to protect yourself and your family.”

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Obituary



COLDWELL, Wanda

It was with deep sadness we announce the passing of Wanda on June 10, 2025 in her home at Sagewood Strathmore with her daughters and grand daughter by her side at the age of 100. She will be lovingly remembered by her sons Dan(Brenda, Dan jr), Jack (Molly and Emma), daughters Lynn (Christine), Lee (Bailee), grandchildren, great grand children, great great grand children and friends. Wanda is predeceased by her husband Jack, son Darrell, son Guy, son in law Ron, grandchild Duane, her sisters and brothers. Wanda was the last remaining child of Charlotte and Fred Wegener. Wanda was born on the Roses farm east of Strathmore on May 26, 1925. She married Jack Coldwell on July 5, 1951. She lived her life for her family, loved her home on the farm north of Strathmore until she moved to the Wheatland Lodge in 2018. Wanda was very involved in the community from sports, walkathons, fundraisers and especially being a member of the Royal Canadian Legion #10 for over 50 years and the Legion Ladies Auxiliary for over 70 years. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, June 22 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #10, Strathmore, AB at 1:00 p.m. We would like everyone to join us afterwards for lunch and memories. In lieu of flowers donations can be made directly to the Royal Canadian Legion #10 or an animal shelter of your choice. Please wear bright colors to the celebration of life. To send condolences, please visit Wanda's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneral-home.ca

Wheatland Funeral Home
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Obituary



GINN, Marcia Diane
April 7, 1938 – June 1, 2025

Marcia Diane Ginn, affectionately known as Marcy to her friends and family, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2025, in Bashaw, Alberta. Born on April 7, 1938, in Toronto, Ontario, Marcy was a beacon of kindness and gentleness throughout her 87 years of life. Marcy was the cherished daughter of the late Shirley and Matt Gill. She was predeceased by her husband Reg, brother Don and sister Marilyn. Her memory will be kept alive by her devoted sisters, Sheila and Pat. Marcy's legacy is carried on through her children, Dave, Gord (Anita), Mike (Tammy), and Carole (Glen). She was a proud grandmother to Benjamin (Chantal), Jayne (Zeke), and Anna, and a great-grandmother to Lucy, Hardy, and Maggie, who brought her immeasurable joy. Marcy's gentle demeanor was the hallmark of her character. Marcy will be deeply missed, but her legacy of kindness and gentle grace will endure in the hearts of her family and friends. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Strathmore United Church at 2:00 p.m. To send condolences, please visit Marcy's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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TAKE NOTE that due to the withdrawal of one of the nominations to the Board of Directors Division 2, and only one nomination remaining prior to the election date and as per legislation, the remaining nominee is elected by acclamation and balloting is not required. Therefore, I declare **Bryan Thiessen** to be elected as Director for Electoral Division 2 of the Western Irrigation District for the remainder of the term, expiring in 2026. Dated at the Town of Strathmore in the Province of Alberta, this 12th day of June 2025.

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July 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | ASB Meeting

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