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## Area Structure Plan approved

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The WestCreek Area Structure Plan will continue through its initial phases of development as two amending bylaws were approved by Strathmore council.

Bylaw 25-17 serves to amend the previous ASP Bylaw 08-22, and Bylaw 25-08 serves to amend the Town of Strathmore land use bylaw. These are in order to facilitate the legal future development of the region designated by the WestCreek ASP under their land use concept.

Chuck Proctor, manager of development services explained during the public hearing portion of the meeting, Bylaw 25-17 was brought forward to correct an error which was previously observed in Bylaw 25-07.

One of the WestCreek ASP maps was mistakenly omitted from the bylaw due to error, and the recommended action was to pass a new bylaw to properly include the map into the ASP. The map remains the same as it had previously been presented for Bylaw 25-07.

The area north of Strathmore Heights and west of Wheatland Trail is intended for development of residential housing including single family detached, semi-detached, and duplex dwellings.

Land is also allocated for emergency services, stormwater management, and linear open space through the ASP.

Strathmore residents have contested the approval of the development, expressing discontent with the idea of longstanding local wetlands being filled in to make way for the proposed housing lots.

“In the previous six-page submission, we identified 38 additional species that your biologists did not identify. That is a total of 75 species in the development area, of which, 15 are provincially designated as sensitive or at risk, and one is endangered,” said Brent Robinson, who spoke during the public hearing.

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## Team spirit

U13 players had some fun during a break in the action at the annual 3-on-3 ball hockey tournament on June 21 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The tournament, which was hosted by the Town of Strathmore, was slated to be played in the parking lot, but was forced inside due to the heavy amount of rain. See Page 4 for more coverage.

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### Spring concert

Students of Ally Brigley Music Studio showcased their talents during the first annual Spring Recital, Better Together, on June 20 at the Strathmore United Church. The students showcased a variety of vocal numbers and piano performances, delighting their family and friends.

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### Grand opening

RE/MAX Key celebrated the grand opening of their Strathmore office at 129 Second Ave on June 19. Christa Aleman (l-r), Carey Rose, MLA Chantelle de Jonge and Michelle Eldjarnson cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening.

Mario Prusina Photo

# Fule announces candidacy for third term as mayor

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Pat Fule has made the announcement he will be seeking reelection this fall for a third term to be seated as Mayor of Strathmore.

He explained over the past several months, he had debated when the ideal time to make the announcement would be, giving other potential candidates enough notice, as well as whether to run again.

“I did have some health issues early in the new year, and I have really rebounded well. My doctor and I worked on a plan and I am feeling a lot better; I am healthier, I have lost some weight, I am energized, and some of the things that affected me are being cleared up now physically,” he said. “I have a lot more energy and I am feeling a lot more positive towards running one more time. There are also some initiatives that I really feel strongly about that I would like to help get across the finish line.”

Among these, Fule explained, is the new Wheatland Lodge project, as he would like to see increased affordable housing in town for seniors.

Additionally, he would like to see the eventual construction of a new fire station to establish better protection for all of Strathmore’s residents.

“With a new fire station built right on the 817, I believe we could hit all the areas of Strathmore more efficiently, faster, and provide better fire protection and fire suppression to all parts of Strathmore. I think that is so huge for our residents to have them better protected,” said Fule.

“The other thing is, I really believe that you need experience and knowledge in this next phase of Strathmore’s growth. We are going to have a lot of growth, a lot of subdivisions being built. We have already seen The Ranch, the northern park of Strathmore Lakes, WestCreek is in its early stages, we also

have Edgefield that is gearing up for housing there.”

Fule has served on Town of Strathmore council for 15 years, first being elected as a council member for seven years and spending the last eight as mayor.

Formerly a teacher at Strathmore High School, he retired from teaching in order to take on the position as mayor.

“I believe that while being mayor here is not full time, you need to be able to be responsive quickly. Sometimes I get called in for sudden meetings, to do electronic fund transfers, to sign documents, visits, (etc.)”

“I think I have some tools that I can offer, and I have the energy now that I am feeling healthier, I am lighter, I am more energized now, I have a lot of hope, a lot of optimism for the town ... I think I bring some calmness and stability in my leadership, and I think that is good for our staff, it is good for our residents, it is good for all my interactions with business leaders, as well as outside groups.”

Over the next several months, Fule explained he intends to continue operating with the current council as though he had not announced his candidacy.

Fule added he has begun work on his platform and is aiming to release it to the public within the next three weeks.

“I will be trying to get some things finalized and put together, and then I will be working with different groups to get things printed and be ready to start canvassing,” he said. “I think if people trusted me as a teacher and a resident, and a friend and a neighbour, hopefully they will trust me again for a third term as mayor. I am ready, I am energized, I am going to bring my knowledge and experience in whatever relationships I have created ... I will do whatever I can to move Strathmore forward while keeping it as a great town.”

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If you are starting a new exercise program (good for you!), try to include these four types of exercise: 1. *Endurance* (walking, tennis, lawn-mowing); 2. *Strength*: (weights, arm curls, grip and release a tennis ball); 3. *Balance*: (stand from a sitting position, tai chi, standing on one foot); 4. *Flexibility* (yoga, stretching, rolling shoulders).

Despite all the negatives about the uses of artificial intelligence (AI), it will be a great asset to the discovery of new drugs. Already, AI is able to find patients for clinical trials more quickly. It will possibly reduce the number of people needed to test medications which will accelerate drug development and potentially save millions of dollars in drug research.

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**Concert raincheck**

The annual Cowboy Town Concert, organized by the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society, was forced to change dates for the safety of performers and attendees. Originally planned as a rain or shine event for June 21, the strong winds forced organizers to push the Cooper Alan concert to the next day. Despite the change of date, those who attended enjoyed the rising county artist.

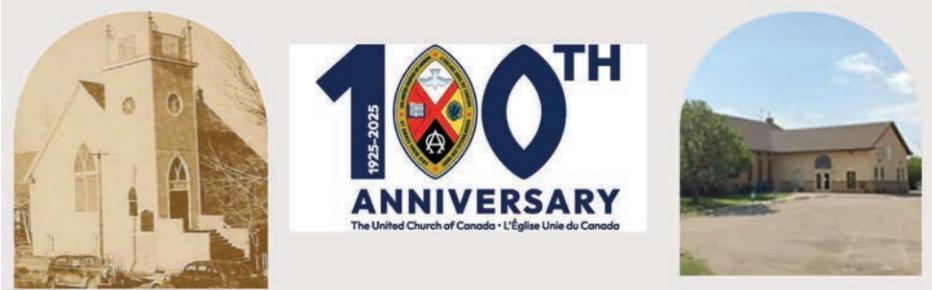
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Origin Malting & Brewing hosted their first ever golf tournament on June 18 at the Strathmore Golf Club. Proceeds from the event went to the Sutter Benevolent Fund.

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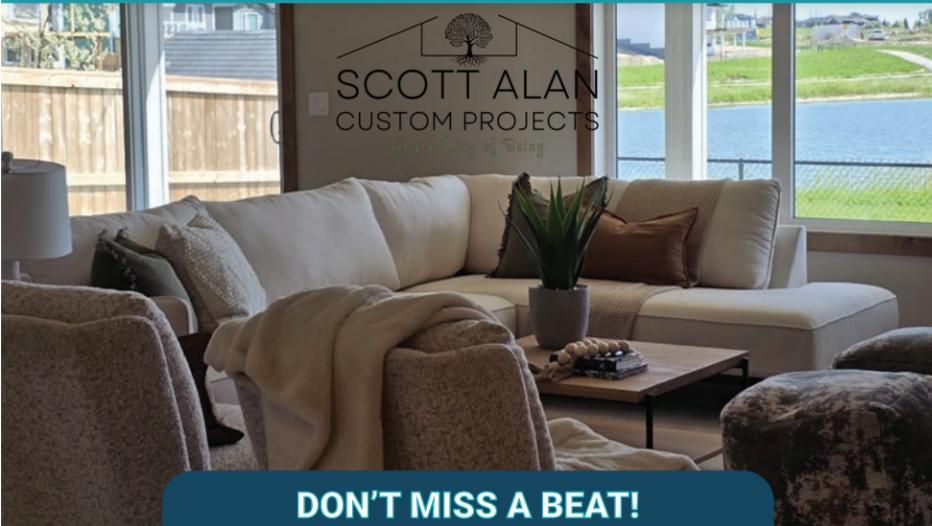




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### 3-on 3-action

The persistent rain forced the town's annual 3-on-3 ball hockey tournament indoors on June 21 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Originally planned to be outdoors, the event was relocated inside the arena, as Mother Nature dropped over a month's load of rain in one day.

Joe Lepage Photos



### Lion King showcase

Expressions, the Dance Gallery was filled with excitement as the curtain rose on the club's season-ending showcase, the Lion King, on June 21. A total of 35 dancers took part in this year's production, demonstrating a wide range of skill and artistry through choreographed routines that brought the crowd to their feet.

Joe Lepage Photos



## 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.

July 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting

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

July 15, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission

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

## Register to Vote!



**New for 2025 – Wheatland County Voter Registration**

As of 2025, Wheatland County is required to maintain a Permanent Electors Register under the *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*.

Voter information will be securely shared between Elections Alberta and Wheatland County, as outlined in the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA) section 49*, to help verify voter identity during municipal elections.

- To vote, you must be registered. Voter cards will no longer be mailed—you'll confirm your eligibility by signing the elector register at the polls.
- Register, update, or check your info at [voterlink.ab.ca](http://voterlink.ab.ca) before September 2025.

## Updated Division Boundaries



New electoral division boundaries will be in effect for the upcoming 2025 Municipal Election.

Residents are encouraged to review the updated map and confirm their division before heading to the polls.

To view the new boundaries and learn more, visit:

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# Town aiming to prevent mishandling, contaminations at bulk water stations

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is taking steps to prevent mishandling of water through the Bulk Water Station, following an incident which resulted in purchased water

## Town approves WestCreek ASP, related land use bylaw amendments

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“Wetlands ST13, 14, and 15 in your Strathmore Wetland Conservation Plan dated Aug. 7, 2005, are designated as biologically significant. ST16 is designated as socioeconomically significant; your own biologists note in the plan they completed the study over a single day and that was 20 years ago.”

Robinson, who indicated he maintains a background managing oil and gas sector engineering projects, suggested a full environmental assessment should be conducted for the subject areas, as per the Alberta Provincial Environmental Protection Act, Section 39.

He added according to the town’s own wetland conservation policy, dated April 18, 2007, no development shall be permitted within 30 meters of the legal bank of a permanent and naturally occurring wetland.

This, among several other local policy violations were pointed out during his presentation to council.

“The way the multitude of laws are written, there is no way it would be accepted in its current format. Just your policy alone with your 30-meter setback from the existing wetlands ... there is no way that you could develop that area,” said Robinson. “I would not be completely unreasonable and say no development, but the way that it is proposed right now, it is violating your own policies, so I do not understand the point of the policy if you are not going to enforce it.”

The presentation which was made to council by WestCreek Developments and Arcadis clarified the intent of the changes indicated by the bylaw amendment.

These are largely to address environmental concerns such as stormwater management, increased affordability of eventual properties, accommodation for emergency services and of open spaces, minimum yard setbacks, and parking allotments. Changes are listed in detail in council’s June 18 meeting agenda.

Council voted to approve second and third readings of Bylaw 25-17 after clarification that the vote was solely on the basis of accepting the amendment related to the previously omitted map, which was done in error.

This particular decision was not made in relation to saving or developing the wetlands in question, which was a decision made in 2010 by a previous council. Whether approvals for development become revoked is at this time and stage, an entirely separate matter.

Second and third readings of Bylaw 25-08 were also approved, with Coun. Richard Wegener in opposition.

being overflowed.

Council passed the Water Utility Amending Bylaw during the June 18 regular meeting. The updates aim primarily to protect the water supply and support the added benefit of assisting in environmental matters and limiting spills or releases.

“We have had a couple of close calls or minor incidents in the recent past in which we were not at risk of harm, however it was enough to entice us to update the bylaw to ensure we were fully protected, to ensure that there were measures in terms of penalties if appropriate, and to make it very clear on what the expectations are for anybody purchasing bulk water,” said Ethan Wilson, manager of infrastructure for the Town of Strathmore.

Customers who are currently using the Bulk Water Station will not see a change to services, assuming they had been previously following best practices and adhering to the plumbing code.

For users who had not been following proper procedures, the bylaw is now written to clearly reflect current requirements, as well as penalties, should they choose to continue to dismiss them.

Failure to provide appropriate protections while utilizing the bulk water station may result in a first offense penalty

of \$500 to the offender. Subsequent penalties are listed to be \$1,500 and \$5,000 respectively.

Mixing of products which may or may not cause harm while purchasing bulk water may result in a first offense fine of \$250. Subsequent fines are noted to be \$500 for a second offense, and \$1,000 for a third offense. Any mixing of products must occur offsite of the bulk water station.

Additionally, liability is now transferred from the town to the user should any mishandlings occur while the Bulk Water Station is in use.

Town administration noted no impacts to the local potable water system have been had thus far due to incidents at the station; however, the risk of potential contamination has become too high and must be mitigated.

When mishandlings occur, it is likely to result in a spill. Although spilling of potable water is minor on the scale of possible contaminations, other factors such as mixed products including chemicals can increase the severity of the contamination.

Following Wilson’s presentation, the bylaw received all three readings unanimously by council without further discussion.

The amended bylaw came into effect immediately upon signing once council had voted its approval.

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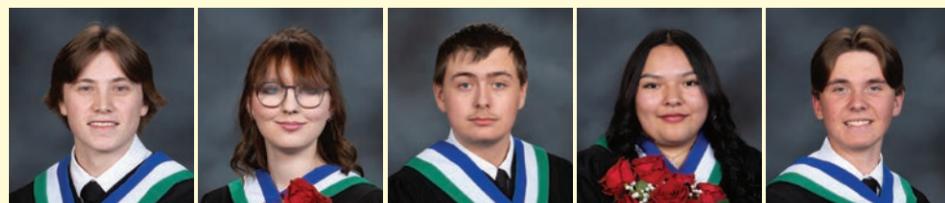
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July 2, 2025 | 6 p.m.  
 July 9, 2025 | 6 p.m.  
 July 16, 2025 | 6 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council  
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 Regular Meeting of Council

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*Strathmore*  
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**Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
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Chalk Your Walk	July 24, 2025
Community Bingo	All month, August
International Day for World's Indigenous Peoples	August 9, 2025
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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.

The new interactive map makes it easy to stay informed about local developments. Each application is pinned to its location on the map and includes information such as application type, status updates, and contact information for the file manager.

View the Planning Application Dashboard at [Strathmore.ca/PAD](http://Strathmore.ca/PAD).

**Register to vote in the Municipal Election**

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Election Day  
**October 20, 2025**

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Maplewood Dr. and Centennial Dr.

## Temporary road closures needed for essential infrastructure work

Starting the week of June 9, construction began on important water system upgrades. This work is part of the Town’s plan to improve water service and prepare for the closure of the Brentwood Reservoir.

### What the work involves

You may remember last May when the aging trees along Maplewood Drive were removed and a landscape survey was conducted. This work is the next phase in that project.

In 2020, Strathmore’s Master Servicing Study found that the Brentwood Reservoir is nearing the end of its life. To prepare for its closure and the necessary upgrades to the Wildflower Reservoir, we need to:

- Build a new watermain connection on Centennial Drive
- Replace and upsize the watermain along Maplewood Drive

These upgrades will boost waterline capacity, ensuring the Town maintains current service levels and adequate fire flows.



### Where and when

Construction will happen in six stages. Periodic road closures are expected throughout the summer as the project progresses. Detours will be in place to help you get where you need to go.

For road report updates visit [Strathmore.ca/RoadReport](https://strathmore.ca/RoadReport)

For more information on the project visit [Strathmore.ca/ReservoirUpgrades](https://strathmore.ca/ReservoirUpgrades)

## Stay informed and involved. Upcoming public hearings.

For more information, visit [Strathmore.ca/publichearings](https://strathmore.ca/publichearings)

### Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-14.

#### Notice of Public Hearing.

July 2, 2025 at 7 p.m.

#### Childcare Services – Highway Commercial District

At the May 21, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council directed Administration to prepare an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 14-11 to include Child Care Services as a discretionary use within the CHWY – Highway Commercial district.

Child Care Services are currently listed in several residential and commercial districts but not in the CHWY district.

#### Public Hearing Process

A copy of proposed Bylaw No. 25-14 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](https://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 **Wednesday, July 2, 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 No. 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. If wanting to speak at the public hearing, it is kindly requested that you register to speak by contacting Legislative Services by email at [lsadmin@strathmore.ca](mailto:lsadmin@strathmore.ca) by no later than **noon on June 25, 2025**.

Any written submissions intended for the Public Hearing, or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing should be received by the Town’s Development Services Office prior to **noon on June 25, 2025**, as outlined under Bylaw No. 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 the Town’s Legislative Services Office by telephone at (403) 934-3133 prior to attending the Public Hearing to assist with determining the order of items on the Council Agenda to ensure the efficient use of your time.**

### Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-16.

#### Notice of Public Hearing.

July 2, 2025 at 7 p.m.

#### Textual Amendments

The Town of Strathmore is proposing housekeeping textual amendments to Land Use Bylaw No. 14-11, including:

- Clarifying notification timelines for development permit decisions.
- Replacing the term “Lot Area” with the defined term “Site Area” throughout the bylaw.
- Updating permitted yard projection regulations.
- Deleting the maximum site area requirement in the R3 District

#### Public Hearing Process

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Multi-Sport Adventure	July 21 to 25, 2025	\$185.00
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

For more information, visit [Strathmore.ca/Recreation](https://strathmore.ca/Recreation). You can register for these camps through Perfectmind.

\*Please note time and pricing may vary depending on your child’s age.

# County looks to address local water concerns

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County is requesting support from the province to protect and address local water demands until long-term infrastructure becomes operational.

Council passed a motion, June 17, during the regular meeting, directing administration to prepare a letter to Rebecca Schulz, current sitting minister of environment and protected areas requesting short-term support.

This will include measures such as temporary approvals, technical assistance, or division allowances to maintain residential, commercial, and industrial water demands.

“This study is being completed under the province’s provincial drought and flood prevention program grant, and it is aimed to look at the county’s water supply, reliability of

that water supply in supplying the residences and businesses that are in the county now, and planned potential development into the county,” said Brad Bullock, general manager of Transportation and Agriculture.

The county has commissioned MPE Engineering to compile a four-part water supply resiliency study. Of these, the first three parts have been received by the county and the fourth is currently under way.

Bullock explained administration will be able to provide a more fulsome report to council once the final study has been completed.

“Currently what we are finding in what has been identified is that there are some risks associated with the county’s water supply, particularly with the licenses that the county holds. Some of the older licenses that the county holds do not have any conditions on them as far as river levels and things like that,” he said. “Many of the newer ones do, so if the river drops below a certain level, for example, the county is no longer able to withdraw water under those licenses, and so it does present a risk to the county. This study is starting to focus on the likely need that the county will have for additional reservoirs that the county can fill while the river is in good health.”

The budget for the study is funded 70 per cent through the Provincial Drought and Flood Protection Program grant, with the county responsible for the other 30 per cent. The

total budget for the needs assessment is \$65,000.

High risk areas include Carseland, Speargrass, and the Goldfinch Industrial Area, as they hold constrained water use licenses and are not supported by reservoir back up.

“This is really good looking forward because you never know ... there have been all kinds of floods and things and you need to have an ability to have a stable water supply, which means our current infrastructure where we withdraw water from the river could be used to fill a reservoir somewhere along the line,” said Coun. Scott Klassen. “Working with the Western Irrigation District of course, it is surface water, and you need to give them license to do that whereas we already have an existing withdrawal system in place.”

The motion which was resolved by council focuses on studying what is needed and does not yet involve motions to construct water services or infrastructure.



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## Changes in health care on their way

**CHANTELLE DE JONGE**  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Some of the most common concerns Albertans have with our health care system are wait times, staff shortages, and a lack of local decision-making. Albertans are tired of bureaucracy getting in the way of common-sense solutions, and they’re right to be.

That’s why Alberta’s government is making fundamental changes in how health care is delivered across our province. We’re shifting away from a one-size-fits-all system run from far-away offices, and we’re putting real decision-making power where it belongs, in the hands of the dedicated staff who run our hospitals.

Beginning in fall 2025, with full implementation expected

by summer 2026, hospitals in Alberta will operate under hospital-based leadership. This means key decisions like hiring frontline staff, managing supplies, and responding to local challenges, will be made directly by hospital teams working on-site.

Our government is proud to represent nearly every rural community and small town in Alberta. We know what works in Calgary might not work in Peace River or Cardston. Our communities are as unique and diverse as the hardworking Albertans who call them home, empowering them to act quickly and decisively will mean better care and less waiting.

This is about more than just convenience, it’s also about improving outcomes. Health care workers and patients have made it clear; the current system is too slow, too complicated, and too top-down. By reducing bureaucracy and empowering local leaders, Alberta’s government is delivering real, lasting improvements for Alberta families. We are making health care more efficient by eliminating administrative waste and focusing resources where they matter the most.

Last week, I had the opportunity to host my colleagues Chelsae Petrovic, MLA for Livingston-Macleod and Parliamentary Secretary for Health Workforce Engagement and Justin Wright, MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat and Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health in the Town of Strathmore for a full day of stakeholder engagement.

Our day included a tour of Strathmore Hospital, discussions with staff at AgeCare Sagewood, a Q&A session with seniors at the Happy Gang and a roundtable with our local family physicians. I am sincerely grateful to everyone who took the time to share their experiences and insights. These conversations – bringing together voices from across the full spectrum of health care are invaluable as we work collaboratively to guide future health priorities and build a stronger, more responsive system for years to come.

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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**Thought for the Week**  
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*Our character is determined not by our circumstances but by our reaction to these circumstances*

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Despite Mother Nature's persistent rain, the annual Carseland Aggie Days was held June 20-22. After Friday's fireworks, Saturday's events were forced indoors with lots to see and do, with the parade moved to Sunday, when the forecast cleared. Sunday's mutton busting and bullarama went ahead as scheduled.  
Melissa Piche Photos

# Awesome Aggie Days

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

The Hamlet of Carseland came alive this past weekend as residents and visitors gathered to celebrate the 25th annual Aggie Days, hosted by the Carseland Agricultural Society.

Running from June 20-22, the milestone event offered a full slate of family-friendly fun, showcasing the best of rural Alberta community spirit all while navigating some classic prairie weather.

"This year marked the 25th anniversary of Aggie Days (Carseland Agricultural Days), so we were very excited about that," said Georgina Nicholls, president of the board of directors for the Carseland Agricultural Society.

Despite the torrential downpour on Saturday, organizers adapted by moving many activities indoors.

"Our kids' zone was moved indoors," Nicholls explained. "That's inflatables, an obstacle course, a bouncy house and some stuff for the little ones to do with a face painter."

Friday night kicked off the celebration with fireworks at 11 p.m. and the return of the always-popular beer gardens. Due to the weather, the show and shine and tractor pull had to be cancelled – however the Workhorse and Chicken Smoker Contest, followed by a community dinner in the evening went as scheduled.

Sunday wrapped up the weekend with classic

small-town charm starting with a pancake breakfast and a parade through the hamlet with the gates opening at 1 p.m. for the highlight event, the Bullarama.

The event started with the crowd-favourite of mutton busting.

"We had eight contestants for the mutton busting this year," said Nicholls.

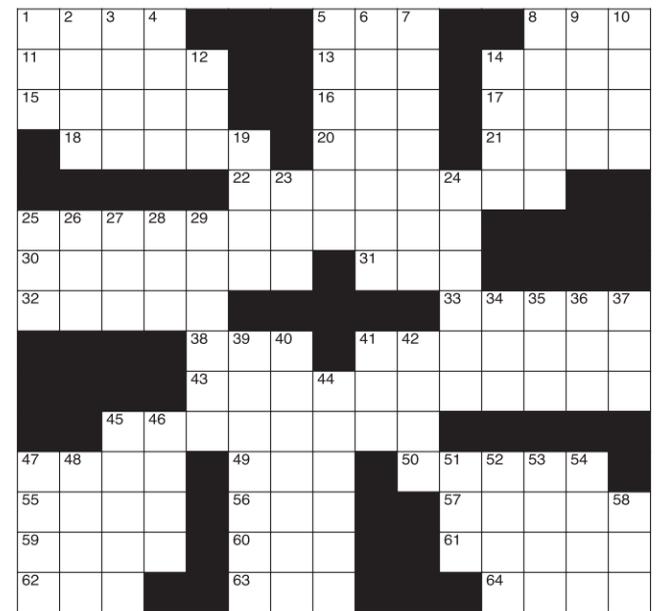
The cowboys went straight to work after the mutton busting giving the crowd their money's worth. The Bullarama is part of the larger Bull Riders Canada (BRC) circuit bringing professional talent to the local grounds.

Nicholls, who has been with the association for eight years, emphasized the grassroots effort behind the event.

"I think it's important for the community to understand that this is a community-driven event," she said. "All of the family parts – the kids' zone, the tractor pull, the show and shine – those are all free of charge. Same thing with the fireworks. It's all about our families and our community coming out, meeting each other, celebrating our community."

Thanks to dedicated volunteers and local sponsors Aggie Days remained accessible to everyone.

"We work really hard to drive sponsorship and to get as much of it covered as possible, so that it keeps the cost low so families can enjoy the day," said Nicholls.



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Computer manufacturer
- 5. Noted space station
- 8. Kurt Russell film "Captain"
- 11. Automaton
- 13. Everyone has one
- 14. Incline from the vertical
- 15. Fights
- 16. Dunn & Bradstreet (abbr.)
- 17. Finishes off
- 18. Places to store things
- 20. Dutch painter Gerard \_\_\_
- 21. Smaller quantity
- 22. There's a North, South and Central of these
- 25. In an early way
- 30. More spacious
- 31. Short-term memory
- 32. One who possesses
- 33. Sesame
- 38. Forbid
- 41. A way to explain
- 43. Not around
- 45. Evoke or suggest
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Dekameter
- 50. Fencing sword
- 55. "Luther" actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Hong Kong food stall: \_\_\_ pai dong
- 63. Not the start
- 64. Post

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Creative expression
- 2. Fiber from the outer husk of a coconut
- 3. City in ancient Syria
- 4. College army
- 5. More disturbed
- 6. Pays no attention to
- 7. Restored
- 8. Competitions
- 9. Lyric poems
- 10. Famed American lawman
- 12. Expression of disappointment
- 14. Scars
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Central European river
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. One who gets paid to perform
- 26. Propel with oars
- 27. Long period of time
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Type of plane
- 34. Pitching stat
- 35. Pointed end of a pen
- 36. Pro sports league
- 37. Body part
- 39. Inoffensive
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Feline
- 42. Does not tell the truth
- 44. Set out to attract
- 45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 46. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- 47. Repair
- 48. Genus of flowering plants
- 51. Tributary of the High Rhine
- 52. Prejudice
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- 54. Restrain
- 58. Father

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# Bait truck leads to arrest

ALBERTA RCMP

On May 21, Southern Alberta RCMP Crime Reduction Unit (SAD CRU) entered into an investigation for a string of vehicle thefts, primarily in the rural area east of Calgary. A suspect was identified as a result of the investigation. SAD CRU worked with the assistance of RCMP officers from Airdrie, Strathmore, Gleichen, Vulcan and High River, and a bait truck with GPS tracking was deployed in the area.

Between April 20 and June 15, there were 17 occurrences of vehicle thefts believed to be related to this suspect, culminating in the theft of the bait truck in Wheatland County on June 16. SAD CRU, with the assistance of Strathmore and Gleichen RCMP, tracked the stolen RCMP bait truck into Strathmore, resulting in the driver fleeing from the stolen truck. He was subsequently arrested by SAD CRU after a short foot pursuit.

Charlie Wolfear (25), a resident of Siksika First Nation, has been jointly charged by SAD CRU and Strathmore RCMP with the following offences: theft of motor vehicle (x2), resisting arrest, failing to comply with release order (x2), possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), driving an uninsured motor vehicle (x3), possession of stolen property over \$5,000 (x2), possession of stolen property under \$5,000 and theft of debit card (x2).

Wolfear was additionally charged by Gleichen RCMP with the following: mischief over \$5,000, taking motor vehicle without consent, driving an uninsured motor vehicle, possession of stolen property over \$5,000, possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of a firearm with a tampered serial number.

Wolfear was also additionally charged by Airdrie RCMP for theft of a motor vehicle.

After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Wolfear was held in custody until June 19, and after that appearance was remanded again until July 3, when he is set to appear in Alberta Court of Justice.



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## MEMORIALS

**Ron Westgard**  
November 30, 1942 - June 23, 2020

Every day without you has been hard, but on this day especially we can't help but think how much we wish you were here with us.



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Forever Loved and Missed

Linda, Tracey, Marvin, Candace, Carrie, Dusty, Kyle, Chantelle, Alisha, Devon, Kylene, Shane, Caitlynn, MacKenzie, Carson, Leland, Rylie, Shea, Zoe, Max, Mary

**In Loving Memory of Greg Laycock**  
May 2, 1950 - June 29, 2012



### In Our Hearts

We thought of you with love today.  
But that is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday.  
And days before that too.  
We think of you in silence.  
We often speak your name.  
Now all we have is memories.  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake.  
With which we'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping.  
We have you in our heart...

— Author Unknown



Always in our hearts, we miss you so much.

Gloria, Christina, Jon, Kennedy, Taylor, Matthew, Cole, Keith Jr.

May the winds of love blow gentle and whisper so you can hear that I'll always love and miss you and wish that you were here.

*In Loving Memory of*

**Walter Mercer** (May 30, 1954)

**Charles Mercer** (October 15, 1999)

**Barbara Mercer** (June 30, 2007)

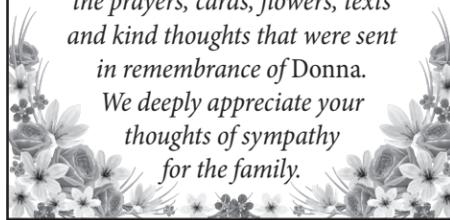
**Mary Mercer** (June 1, 2009)

Fondly remembered by  
Lynne (Mercer) Fair

## THANK YOU

### Thank You

Dan Specht and Family would like to send our heartfelt gratitude for all the prayers, cards, flowers, texts and kind thoughts that were sent in remembrance of Donna. We deeply appreciate your thoughts of sympathy for the family.



## COMING EVENT



### DON'T MISS OUR Community JAM TO WELCOME SUMMER

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### Notice of Mailing 2025 Property Tax & Assessment Notice from Village of Standard.

The 2025 Assessment and Tax notices have been mailed on June 16, 2025. If you have not received your notice in the mail, please contact Yvette April, CAO at the Village of Standard office. 403-644-3968.

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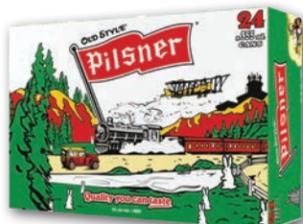
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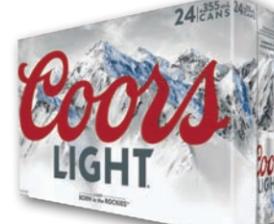
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