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Business survey

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Community Futures Wild Rose and the Town of Strathmore are aiming to connect with local businesses and build a framework to address local needs.

Also involved are Prospect Human Services and the Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce, participating in carrying out a Business Walks survey.

“We are just trying to hear how the businesses are doing and learning if there are any certain needs that they have, and we are also going to be sharing information (with) the town,” said Angela Groeneveld, senior manager of economy, stability and investment with the Town of Strathmore. “(The survey) questions are basically just reaching out to ask how things are going and what are some hurdles, and ... just touching base and letting them know all of the services and resources available to them.”

Approximately every four years, the Town of Strathmore commits to a business needs assessment, for which a third party is hired to do a deep dive analyzing local business and industry.

Groeneveld explained the last one was in 2023. The goal is effectively to retain and sustain the local business community.

“We as the government are connected to federal and provincial resources. We are constantly learning resources and then our job is to communicate those to the business owners,” she said. “Also, if there are any hurdles that have a common denominator, our politicians from our MLA to our MP, to our local politicians, they all like to know that from an advocacy side too.”

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Making the leap

Athletes from high schools across Strathmore and Wheatland County gathered at Wheatland Elementary School on May 13 for the annual high school county track and field championships. Competitors spent the day competing in a variety of events, including sprints, distance races, relays, jumping and throwing competitions. The meet served as an important qualifying event, with top performers earning the opportunity to advance to the zone championships. See Page 7 for more coverage.

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For the first time since the team's inception, Strathmore High School students were victorious at the Alberta Envirothon. Now, the team will prepare to travel to Mississippi for the NCF in July.

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SHS Envirothon team makes first ever national qualification

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For the first time since the team was founded at Strathmore High School, local students became the overall champions of the Alberta Envirothon.

Jessica St. Goddard, a teacher at SHS and coach for the team, explained every year there is a theme for the event handed down from the national Envirothon, which the team then uses to construct their scenario.

"It's a high school competition about environmental science. They take you through different topics, every year there is a current issue, which, this year it was nonpoint source pollution," added Tatum Kraatz (17), one of the members who spoke on behalf of her Envirothon team. "They have other ones where they teach you about camping and safety strategies out there. This year, they taught about bear safety, and they teach about aquatics, which is about aquatic testing and fishing, and then they teach about soil makeup, growth, pH, and they also talk about forestry."

Teams are given five categories to research and study in addition to the current issue and were allowed a little over a month to prepare a presentation.

This SHS team chose to present as though they were a contracting company, speaking about how to build a suburb around a lake.

"They had to come up with ways to make sure that the lake was (preserved), the suburb was built properly, how watershed and waterflow in that lake was maintained, or in the town was kept at a good quality standard," said St. Goddard.

"The Envirothon team gives us a bunch of resources that we went through collectively. We learned about the different topics outside of Envirothon, and they gave us a scenario, and we went through that scenario and picked apart like the different points that they wanted us to cover," added Kraatz.

Among these included coming up with inventive ways to help the local environment and prevent nonpoint source pollution, as well as to understand low-impact development strategies.

Nonpoint source pollution refers to pollution and contaminants which appear from nondeterminate sources, such as when rain or snow washes pollutants into an area.

Information made available by the National Geographic suggests legislative initiatives and conscientious project management are often significant contributing factors to preventing the spread of such pollution.

Between their unique presentation, and tests evaluating their knowledge of the topics, the Envirothon is judged based on a cumulative 700-point system to determine which team qualifies for nationals.

The team will now prepare for a trip to the National Conservation Foundation (NCF) Envirothon Competition in Mississippi in July.

Town declares local recognition of Family Doctor Day

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

During a special meeting of council, May 13, the Town of Strathmore officially proclaimed May 19 to be recognized as Family Doctor Day.

Through the declaration, council is aiming to express an additional avenue of support for local physicians and their contributions to the community.

CAO Kevin Scoble explained town administration took the opportunity to develop the declaration and bring it forward to council, meeting their strategic priorities relating to medical services within the community.

“This proclamation is something that is just an honour to bring forward. We love and value our doctors in town and we are so blessed to have many new doctors and continuing doctors,” said Coun. Richard Wegener, after making the motion to pass the declaration.

The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is celebrating the global recognition of World Family Doctor Day and has put out a request for municipalities to join them.

The World Organization of Family Doctors first declared the commemoration of World Family Doctor Day in 2010, acknowledging the contributions of family doctors in health care systems around the world.

ACFP Executive Director, Terri Potter, described in a statement, 70 per cent of health care which is provided in Alberta is done so by family doctors.

“World Family Doctor Day is a day to acknowledge the central role and contribution of family doctors in their patients’ lives,” said Potter. “Now more than ever, we need to celebrate and recognize family doctors who have been, for the majority of Albertans, their constant health care provider in an ever-changing and over-burdened system.”

Following suit, the Government of Alberta made a similar declaration, May 17, of World Family Doctor Day to be recognized, May 19, throughout the province.

“I greatly appreciate the long serving doctors in our community and the various clinics and the fact that they put so much time in their hospital rounds, as well as taking emergency room shifts, and we welcome the new doctors who have come to our community,” added Mayor Pat Fule. “I think we as a town and our town residents really respect the doctors in our community and this is one good way to recognize them.”

Family Docs Rock! is a public awareness campaign similarly honouring and recognizing the contributions of family doctors and their unique relationships with their patients.

For those wishing to get involved with the movement, stories are able to be shared with them online via their website.

Kickstand advocates for more transportation options in Strathmore

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Kickstand is advocating for more transportation options to be developed and made available throughout Strathmore both for students, and for those with mobility challenges.

A delegation presented before the town’s Committee of the Whole, May 13, suggesting three potential solutions for consideration.

“The first will be the expansion of the Handi-bus fleet. It is a short-term solution; we respectfully request the acquisition and deployment of at least one or two additional Handi-buses,” said Michael Ajirireloja, youth co-chair for Kickstand in Strathmore. “This will immediately broaden our capacity to support the specific essential needs of people living with disabilities, ensuring they have equitable access to health care, groceries, and community spaces.”

Next, was proposed the implementation of a municipal subsidy program with the idea being to help offset the costs of existing transit options such as taxis.

Cost subsidies were suggested to be made available for vulnerable local populations such as youth or the elderly and disabled.

“Our third proposal is the implementation of a local bus or shuttle system, and this would be rather long-term. The proposal is the introduction of localized bus shuttles moving within the town on

regular, predictable intervals,” said Ruben Kalia, youth co-chair for Kickstand in Strathmore. “A reliable shuttle service would revolutionize mobility in Strathmore. It would drastically increase the independence of our seniors, allow youth to safely travel to jobs or community programs, and boost overall participation in the local economy.”

From a broader perspective, the effective idea being not just to move people from point A to B, but to open doors for youth employment, reduce senior isolation, and make Strathmore more accessible overall.

Kickstand, which hosted its grand opening in Strathmore on March 18, offers local youth and young adults between the ages of 11 and 25 free mental health, wellness, and health services.

Though those who fall under Indigenous youth, newcomers, and LGBTQ+ demographics are highlighted by the organization, any who need support are being welcomed to access the local service.

Coun. Brent Wiley, following the presentation, thanked them for bringing not just a local problem to council’s attention, but also proposing a solution with multiple different potential levels of investment and timelines.

Without further comment from the Committee of the Whole, Wiley added council will bring the agenda item forward at a later, currently unspecified date, for further discussion and consideration.



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- 4. The back of a person’s neck
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- 10. In a less flashy way
- 11. Living room piece
- 12. Shepherd dog
- 13. A citizen of Iran
- 15. Moved slowly
- 16. Small finch
- 17. Previously
- 18. What a kid does on Halloween
- 21. Monetary unit
- 22. Using dry humor
- 23. Ocean
- 24. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 25. Not close
- 26. NHL legend Bobby
- 27. A ballplayer would love to do this
- 34. Charity
- 35. City in Finland
- 36. Loomed over
- 37. Vaccine developer
- 38. Avoids capture
- 39. We all need it
- 40. Openwork fabrics
- 41. Get away
- 42. Something you might hit
- 43. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Abstain from
- 2. Admirer
- 3. Expedition to observe animals
- 4. Act that is legally void
- 5. WW2 combatants
- 6. A tool
- 7. Looked at
- 9. Showing wild excitement
- 10. Banknotes
- 12. Tired
- 14. Printers need it
- 15. Women’s patriotic group
- 17. When you anticipate getting somewhere
- 19. Functions
- 20. Breed of sheep
- 23. Mocking pieces
- 24. A major division of geological time
- 25. Andiron
- 26. Many not ands
- 27. Cuban city
- 28. He voiced “Olaf”
- 29. Criticize
- 30. “Thundercats” character
- 31. Markings
- 32. Gets up
- 33. MLB lefty reliever A.J.
- 34. An assembly of witches
- 36. High energy lasers (abbr.)

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On May 10, at 10:39 a.m., Strathmore and Airdrie RCMP were dispatched to a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Highway 9 and 564. Upon arrival, a GMC truck pulling a trailer and a Ford Escape were determined to have been involved.

There were four occupants in the Ford Escape. An adult male and a child were transported to Calgary hospitals, the child via STARS, where they remain in critical condition. Two females from that vehicle are deceased; one passed at the

scene and one in hospital. The driver and sole occupant of the pickup was also transported to hospital in serious condition.

An RCMP Collision Reconstructionist attended the scene. The investigation continues.

RCMP sends condolences to the family and friends of the deceased and families involved.

RCMP gives motorcycle safety reminders

ALBERTA RCMP

Motorcycle season has arrived, and the Alberta RCMP is providing safety reminders to riders and other motorists. By being aware of each other, following traffic laws, and practicing safe driving behaviours, everyone can stay safe on the roads.

Last year, in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions, there were 288 reported collisions involving motorcycles. As a result of these collisions, there were 259 injuries and 16 fatalities.

Help stay safe this riding season by following the below tips:

- Complete a pre-ride check. Take time before getting on your bike to check fluids, tires, lights/signals, chains and the overall condition of the motorcycle.
- Gear up. Riders and passengers must wear helmets that meet safety requirements and state the date of manufacture. A proper coat, pants, boots that cover the ankles, gloves and shatter-proof eyewear can reduce the risk of injury in the event of a collision. Avoid buying used helmets as they could have defects.
- Be bright and in sight. Stay in sight of larger vehicles and avoid blind spots. Wear a high visibility jacket and helmet, in colours such as orange, yellow or white to be noticeable on the road.
- Maintain a safe following distance. Stay clear of loose gravel or rocks thrown by other vehicles on roadways and be cautious as excess debris and sand may affect tire traction and overall handling.
- Avoid speeding and weaving. Speeding in and out of

traffic on a motorcycle is illegal and dangerous. Safe handling, and sharing the road responsibly, reduces the risk of collision.

• Don't show off. Just because your bike can do it, doesn't mean your bike should do it. Slow down on unfamiliar roadways and don't feel pressure to keep up with more experienced riders.

"We can all work together for a safe riding season," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "Last May saw 45 motorcycle collisions, making up approximately 16 per cent of the total for last year. Look out for each other on the roads. If you're in a vehicle, make sure to complete a full check before changing lanes to ensure motorcycles and smaller vehicles aren't in your path."

Business Walks survey returns to evaluate local needs

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Despite the fact that ensuring local businesses are adequately staffed is not technically a government responsibility, the issue does fall under economic development to help connect businesses with hiring resources, and inversely, encourage events such as job fairs.

The business walks survey closed May 8, which consisted of an online platform for local enterprises to submit their needs and feedback.

Team members representing the partnership will be on the ground speaking to business owners May 20 and May 27 between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on the respective days.

Periodic surveys such as these help organizations such as the town and Community Futures Wild Rose to measure local success as well as to develop action plans to encourage future growth and success.

"Common trends are workforce right now, and cost of operations. The cost of running a business is being passed on to the consumer. As an example, just trying to buy groceries or just trying to buy retail, we see the cost of living going up everywhere," said Groeneveld. "All of these business owners, for them to be buying anything that they are selling, even services, if they are selling services, the cost has gone up and that is a big supply chain issue."

Among the common needs of businesses in places such as Strathmore is the need for stronger marketing and promotion.

More information regarding the surveys is available through the Town of Strathmore and Community Futures Wild Rose.

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Raising awareness for mental health

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Carter Armstrong is turning pain into purpose, one kilometre at a time.

The Ontario man is currently running from Vancouver toward Ontario to raise awareness for mental health and advocate for faster access to counselling and support services.

Along the way, Armstrong has been sharing the deeply personal story that inspired his journey, which made its way through Strathmore last week.

“I went through a really hard time,” Armstrong said. “I lost my buddy to suicide two years ago.”

Armstrong said as he recounted his own personal mental health challenges.

Despite the struggle, Armstrong said his mental health issues have given him a new perspective.

After one particularly hard day, Armstrong went for a run – a moment he says changed everything.

“I had the thought, ‘I want to help someone, inspire someone that was in the same position as I am in,’” said the 23-year-old.

Armstrong hopes his journey encourages more open conversations about mental health, particularly among men.

“There’s a lot of guys that think it’s weak to not be okay,” he said.

There is a stigma still attached to mental health that Armstrong hopes will eventually get better.

He says fundraising is also a major part of the mission, with hopes the money raised can help improve access to mental health care. He is collecting donations for the Canadian Mental Health Association and so far, has raised upwards of \$15,000.

“Hopefully the funds go towards making mental health help faster,” Armstrong explained.

Half of the battle is accessing mental health resources in a timely fashion. Armstrong explained how one time he went looking for a councillor and he was going to have to wait three months. He also pointed to the high cost of private therapy as another barrier many Canadians face.

Armstrong began his run in Vancouver on April 10 after flying in from his hometown in Ontario. As he passed through Strathmore on May 13, he said so far, he’s run about 1,000 kilometres and hopes one day to run across the entire country.

“But it’s very expensive on the road,” he admitted. “Maybe I’ll get a brand deal or something. They can pay for me to go the rest of the way through Canada, hopefully.”

As he continues eastward, Armstrong says support from communities along the way keeps him moving forward.

People can follow his journey on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok by searching Carter Armstrong.



Carter Armstrong went through Strathmore on May 13 as part of his Canada-wide walk to raise awareness for mental health.

Melissa Piche Photo

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Speaking of addiction, more people are becoming addicted to their smart phones. This addiction is defined as compulsive and excessive phone use and feelings of distress when away from their phone. Some people suffer withdrawal symptoms and a fear of missing out on content. Make rules on phone use: no phones during dinner and bedtime and avoid “doom-scrolling which can be very depressing.

Gen-Z Canadians (born between 1997 and 2012) are drinking less alcohol than older generations. However, the Gen-Z group reported the highest daily use of nicotine products. These include vaping, e-cigarettes, traditional cigarettes, and chewing tobacco.

Wild fire smoke is associated with a higher incidence of stroke severity. Particulate matter in air pollution and other forms of air pollution are also associated with dementia and Parkinson’s disease. Much of this information resulted from the unprecedented decline in air quality from the 2023 Canadian wildfires where smoke drifted into the Northeast states. If you are worried about this, mask-wearing is a good idea.

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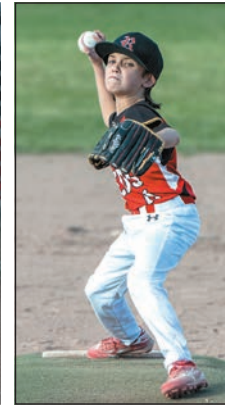
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Joe Lepage Photos

Local Western Financial Group hosts fundraiser for FAIM

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's Western Financial Group Branch hosted a pancake breakfast and fundraiser, May 14, participating in the Western Communities Foundation's National Walk for Safe Places.

The beneficiary of the fundraiser was selected to be Foothills Advocacy in Motion (FAIM), with donations being raised monetarily, or through refundable items such as pop cans.

"Every year, us as a branch, we get together and discuss different charities in the area. We know that some other branches will pick one and stick with that, but we know there are so many deserving charities and nonprofits in the area," said Melissa Buckley, branch manager for Strathmore's Western Financial Group. "We want to be able to share the love. It was actually somebody from the organization who came in and asked us if we would select them this year. We met with FAIM and saw the wonderful things they do and thought they would be a great fit."

The walk for the Western Communities Foundation has been taking place in Strathmore for the last 25 years. For

the branch, this was the first year they decided to also host a pancake breakfast to pair.

Buckley explained the team will also be once again holding their annual barbeque fundraiser in July in addition to the new effort this year.

"Holding a fundraising event with our walk is new for us, but the barbeque we have been doing for several years. We usually get the Funrunners coming with their cars for a bit of a car show, we get a food truck, we have games, we usually have our charity do a demonstration or a talk as well," she said. "As this is the first year we have held the (pancake breakfast) and it (was) super windy, we were not sure how it was going to go but we were hoping to have a good turnout from the community."

This year also marks the launch of a \$100,000 Emergency Support Fund to provide flexible funding for charities facing urgent and unexpected challenges.

According to Grant Ostir, CEO of Western Financial Group, via a release, the fund will provide grants of up to \$10,000 to select registered Canadian charities.

"With this new Emergency Support Fund, alongside the continued impact



As part of the Western Communities Foundation's national Walk for Safe Place, Strathmore's branch of Western Financial Group hosted a pancake breakfast and walk fundraiser as a contribution to a new emergency support fund on May 14.

John Watson Photos

of our National Walk, we're focused on showing up in those critical moments and helping organizations access support when timing truly matters," he said. "The fund launches alongside the return of the National Walk for Safe Places, a long standing movement that has mobilized Western employees,

customers, and communities across the country for decades."

For those who are interested in making contributions outside of scheduled events or who wish to learn more, a donations page is available online through the Western Financial Group website.



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.

- June 2, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting
- June 9, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
- June 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting

For call-in details, access links, and agenda packages, please visit our website. <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/agendasandminutes/>

Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers June 16th, 2026 at 9 a.m.

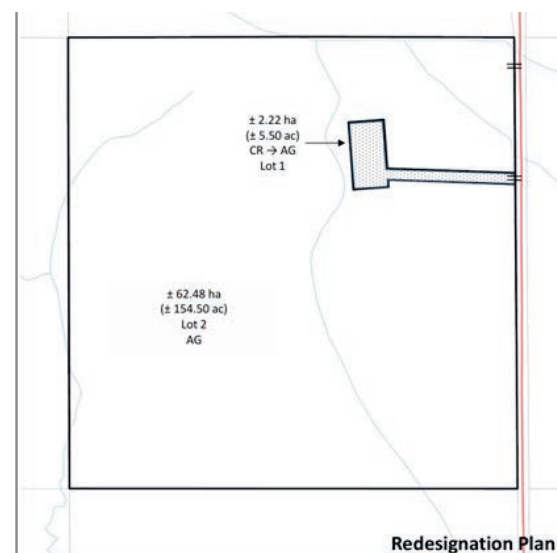
Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026.

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

Bylaw #: 2026-06 (LU2026-004)

Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1210951 within NE-26-22-23-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1210951, from Country Residential District to Agricultural General District to allow for a boundary adjustment of the subject lands resulting in a ± 2.22 hectare (± 5.50 acre) parcel and a ± 62.48 hectare (± 154.50 acre) remainder parcel.



Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 13(1) of Alberta's Protection of Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the Protection of Privacy Act, Section 4(c) that information relates directly to and is necessary for an operating program or activity of the public body.

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Deadline for Applications

- First Round: Application deadline is May 15, 2026
- (Weather permitting, application will occur starting May 19)
- Second round: Application deadline is June 5, 2026
- (Weather permitting, application will occur starting June 8)

Oiling: Oil is crude oil mixed with gravel; it is then spread and packed. Oil should last three or more years under normal conditions. Because oil is easier to mix and will last longer if the weather is hot and dry, the County waits until midsummer to apply.

Price:

- County roads \$36.12/meter plus GST (New Application)
- Gravel Secondary Highway \$39.40/meter plus GST (New Application)

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- July 3, 2026
- (Weather permitting, application will occur during July)

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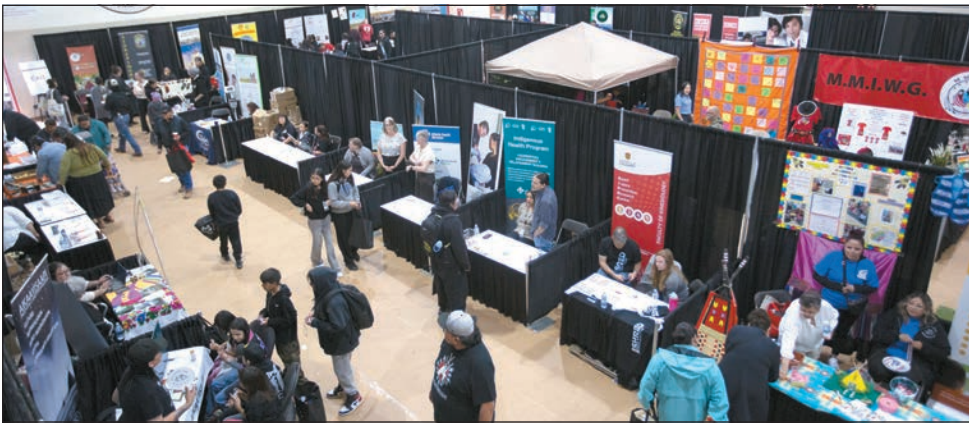




County meet

The top athletes from throughout Strathmore and Wheatland County put their speed, strength and endurance to the test during the annual county high school track and field championships at Wheatland Elementary School on May 13.

Joe Lepage
Photos



Siksika Health Services hosted their 23rd annual health fair, May 14, highlighting services, wellness and connectedness within the local community. The fair also featured a provided lunch, youth performances, and a series of speakers among other activities.

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Siksika Health Services hosts 23rd annual Health Fair

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Health Services hosted its 23rd annual Health Fair, May 14, at the Deerfoot Sportsplex, returning after a year hiatus to celebrate community, wellness, health and connection.

The event featured a trade-show style exhibition with program and services booths, as well as interactive health stations, live performances, food, and prizes, which followed the Grand Entrance and opening ceremonies.

“It is an opportunity to connect with community, first and foremost ... and then bringing everyone together with their services whether it is internal to our organization or our partners that we work with,” said Angie Sarsons, CEO of Siksika Health Services. “The community gets that opportunity to tour the booths (and) make those connections in person because it is all about relationships and a face. Once you know a face, then you tend to be able to reach out more comfortably.”

Sarsons added the team behind the event began working on putting it all together approximately five months ago. The overarching thought process was deciding which areas in health to showcase.

Events such as the health fair also serve as an avenue to hear what the needs of the local community are, what trends are emerging, and what people struggle with on a daily basis.

“Some of the things that people here struggle with is examples like dialysis. We have members who have to go to

Calgary for that, and some are three days a week. It is a full-time job just to go to dialysis,” said Sarsons. “When you look at the determinants of health, like how do we support that, because that impacts employment, that impacts housing, that impacts transportation, and their whole mental health as well.”

She also emphasized that events such as the health fair are for everyone, not just Nation members, and present excellent opportunities to experience Siksika Nation and the local culture.

Last year, the health fair did not take place due to internal restructuring amidst Siksika Health Services. Now that Sarsons and her team are largely settled into regular operations, the event is intended to continue annually as normal.

“We want to be able to build, and the influence goes both ways. I look at mainstream – we have a lot of technology and items that we all appreciate, but when it comes to the people, the highest value is relationships,” said Sarsons. “It’s family, and you see that here more than anything, right from the little grandchildren to the grandparents. Family is important, but they will open that space for visitors to come and experience it.”

Sarsons said the invitation stands open to outside sources who may wish to come and work with Siksika Health Services, become allies, and gain new perspectives.

Ultimately, the goal persists to create supports for physical and mental health, and for persistent generational traumas.

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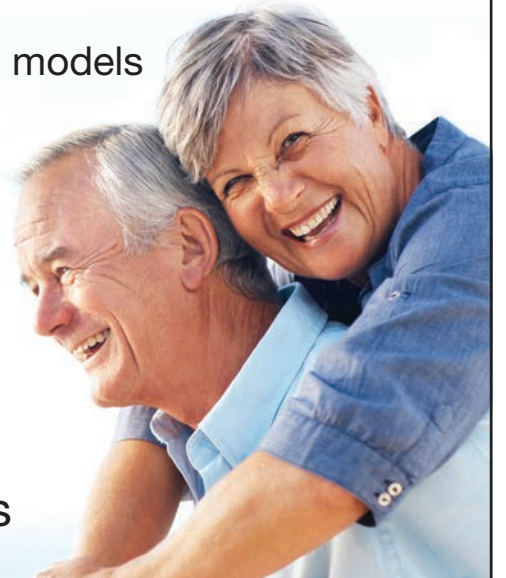
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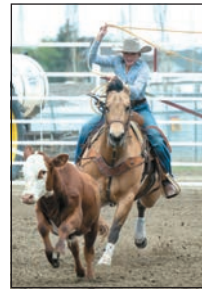
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High School rodeo

The annual Strathmore High School Rodeo was held at the Strathmore Ag Grounds May 17-18. It was the last major stop before the Alberta High School Finals in Claresholm, Alta. from June 3-7. **Joe Lepage Photos**

Dangers of replica firearms

ALBERTA RCMP

RCMP are reminding youth and parents about the public safety risks of using or carrying replica and imitation firearms.

As we enter warmer weather this spring, more youth, teenagers, and children will be seen outdoors playing in fields, spray parks, yards, and streets. Often warmer weather involves the use of water to cool down and occasionally includes the use of water guns.

Red Deer RCMP remind the public that replica firearms, including airsoft, pellet, BB, or toy guns designed to resemble real firearms, may result in seizure, criminal charges, or other enforcement action depending on the circumstances. Public awareness and early education are key to preventing tragic outcomes.

Parents play an important role in education and prevention. Toy and replica firearms that are indistinguishable from real firearms can create heightened fear. When replica firearms are present, the individuals in possession, members of the public, and responding officers are placed at significant risk.

Firearms that are more easily distinguishable as a toy are much safer option. Before you head outdoors do a safety check: is my toy gun brightly coloured? Is my toy gun easy to spot as a toy?

Keep yourself, your friends, and your community safe.



Spartans in action

The Strathmore Spartans high school boys rugby team hosted the W.H. Croxford Cavaliers from Airdrie on May 11 in a hard-fought matchup. **Joe Lepage Photos**

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BBB RELEASE

The BBB is alerting homeowners and businesses that a paving scam has been circulating across the province.

How the scam works:

A contractor knocks on the door. They claim they've been doing work in the area and have extra paving supplies and just happened to notice the condition of your driveway or sidewalk. Since they're already working nearby, they can give you a discount. If the price is agreeable, they will ask for a large percentage of the fee upfront. There is some hesitancy if you ask questions about the price or details about the business and its location.

Once the transaction is complete, the scam contractor may disappear altogether. The contact number or email may not work, quickly helping you realize the contact information was a sham. If you protest, the contractor may use intimidation tactics, such as threatening a lawsuit, to convince you to pay.

In other cases, the contractor's work is shoddy and unprofessional once complete, but the full payment has been made. Reaching the company the contractor allegedly represented is impossible, or another company was impersonated. In any of these scenarios, the chances of getting a refund or the work fixed are slim.

One consumer reported losing \$5,000 on a paving scam via BBB Scam Tracker:

"Paving the driveway with recycled asphalt, came and put down crushed gravel and left. Said the crew was finishing a house around the corner and they'd come back but never did."

How to avoid contractor scams:

- Be wary of unsolicited offers. Most scams in-

volving contractors begin when a random contractor goes out of their way to offer you an estimate that was never requested. Be extra cautious if the estimate is "discounted."

- Research companies and contractors before you hire. Before you agree to hire a contractor and make payment, start with BBB.org. If the contractor has multiple negative reviews and complaints, don't hire them. A simple internet search often reveals companies or individuals involved in fraudulent activities or who provided unsatisfactory work to previous clients.

- Get everything in writing. Ask for an estimate in writing before payment is even discussed. Don't let a contractor start working on a project until a written, signed contract outlining start and complete dates, a detailed description of the work, material costs, payment arrangements, and warranty information is provided.

- Stagger payments. Most contractors will require a percentage of the total price upfront, but it should never be the full price before the work has begun. Instead, agree to stagger payments so that work can be inspected at various project stages.

Use safe payment methods. Paying with a credit card provides peace of mind since the credit card company will help you if the company is fraudulent. If you use a check, write it to a company, not an individual. Paying cash or using an electronic wallet app is risky since there is no way to stop the payment or get some money back if anything goes wrong.

Alberta's future looks bright

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

There is a certain kind of confidence you can feel in a growing province. It shows up in the sound of cranes above city skylines, in packed classrooms training the next generation of tradespeople, and in arenas filled with athletes chasing national championships.

Alberta's future is being built by skilled hands. This week, our government announced a historic \$384-million investment to create 5,500 additional apprenticeship training spaces through NAIT's new Advanced Skills Centre. This new facility will expand hands-on learning opportunities in construction, transportation, manufacturing, and energy, helping students move directly from the classroom into rewarding careers. By making one of the largest training investments in the trades, we are building the next generation of Alberta's workforce and giving thousands of Albertans a pathway to stable and high-paying careers that will shape the province for decades to come.

At the same time, our government is continuing to strengthen workforce training and employment supports across the province. Through a new \$68.5-million investment in partnership with the federal government, Alberta is expanding apprenticeship training, re-training, and employment services to help workers adapt to changing economic conditions and connect to in-demand jobs. This investment will help at least 7,800 Albertans access skills training, career guidance, and rapid employment services in industries facing global pressures and workforce shortages. Whether someone is upgrading their skills, transitioning careers, or entering the workforce for the first time, these investments are helping ensure Alberta workers are prepared for the opportunities of tomorrow and that employers can continue finding the skilled labour they need to grow.

Our government is also stepping onto the national stage this month as communities across the province welcome thousands of athletes, coaches, families, and spectators for major sporting championships in Calgary and Edmonton. From the Volleyball Canada Youth National Championships, the Canadian Open Judo Championships, to the Karate Canada Junior National Championships, these events will bring tens of thousands of visitors to Alberta. They'll also generate millions of dollars in economic activity for local businesses, hotels, and restaurants. Beyond the economic impact, these events showcase Alberta's hospitality, energy, and reputation as a premier destination for major national and international competitions.

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NOTICE OF ANNEXATION

TOWN OF STRATHMORE PROPOSED ANNEXATION
ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

An application has been submitted to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (Tribunal) by the Town of Strathmore (Town) requesting the annexation of 88.9 hectares of land from Wheatland County (County). The proposed annexation will support a more balanced ratio of residential to non-residential development and diversify economic activities in the region.

The Town and the County have reached an agreement on the proposed annexation, the terms of which can be viewed at the Town and County's municipal office during normal business hours. Further information can also be found on the Town's website at <https://www.strathmore.ca/annexation>.

The Tribunal has reviewed the application and is satisfied that there is general agreement between the two municipalities. The Tribunal will make its recommendation regarding the proposed annexation to the Minister of Municipal Affairs without conducting a public hearing unless a written objection is filed with the Tribunal by noon on Friday, May 22, 2026. Written objections should be restricted to issues surrounding the location of the proposed boundaries, and/or the terms of the annexation agreement.

Written objections to the proposed annexation must be sent to the Tribunal Case Manager for Annexations at the address below:

Sandy Choi
Case Manager
Land and Property Rights Tribunal
1229 – 91 Street SW
Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9
Phone: 780-422-8652
Fax: 780-427-5798
E-Mail: sandy.choi@gov.ab.ca


To call toll free from outside the Edmonton region, call 310-0000 and follow the instructions.

For more information about the annexation and/or the agreement, please view the information available online, or contact:

Vicki Dodge
Annexation Project Manager
Town of Strathmore
1 Parklane Drive
Strathmore, AB, T1P 1K2
Phone: 403-814-0702
Fax: 403-934-4713
Email: vicki.dodge@strathmore.ca

Or

Stefan Kunz
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The story of Alberta has always been one of builders – people willing to step forward, learn new skills, create opportunity, and invest in something bigger than themselves. Whether it is training the next generation of trades professionals, supporting workers through economic change, or investing in our schools, Alberta's government is focused on building a province that is confident in its future, competitive in its economy, and continues to lead in the years ahead.

As always, please 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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Obituary



GALLINGER, Ralph

Ralph was born on January 16, 1935, in Ontario and was the youngest child in his family with three brothers and two sisters. Growing up on a farm in the country, he was milking cows and hooking up horses to the buggies before his teens. He grew up quick and was off to make his way in the world at the young age of 17.

He rode the train to Alberta and arrived at Wayne Alberta. There he found jobs cowboying and ranching.

Ralph met Rita and married in 1962. They would have celebrated their 64 Anniversary this May.

Ralph and Rita lived in southern Alberta, working and raising their family, until they moved to Grande Prairie in the late seventies where he started his pipeline career.

Rita and Ralph moved back to southern Alberta in 2019 to be closer to family and have spent these last few years in Calgary.

Throughout the years Ralph had many different jobs, some highlights were cowboy, farmer, rancher, and pipeline worker. Ralph was also an avid hockey fan. Calgary Flames were his team.

Ralph was predeceased by his son Dale Gallinger and son-in-law Bill Parish.

Ralph will be missed by his wife Rita and his three daughters. Julie Graff (Wayne) and their sons; Christopher (Kelsey), Alexandria (Izabella), Nicholas (Naomi) and their children; Luke, Norah, and Roman. Karen Pearce and her daughters; Caroline (Daniel), Killian, Aoife, and Rylee. And Norma Gallinger.

Ralph will be missed by his many friends and nieces and nephews across Canada.

A Celebration of Life will take place at Wheatland Funeral Chapel on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 2:00 pm. Friends and family are invited for coffee and an afternoon of reminiscing and visiting.


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If you think you may have witnessed this accident, please contact Natacha Devji or Irene Chan at STEPHENS HOLMAN DEVRAJ at 403-265-6400 or email natachad@shdlawyers.ca, to provide us with whatever information you may have regarding this accident. File # 6992 (Ibrahim).

Notice to Creditors and Claimants

Estate of KEITH EDWARD NICHOLSON who died on the October 15, 2025.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by June 20, 2026.

with STRATHMORE LAW,
 ATTN: Daman K. Gill
 at 101, 318-3rd Ave.,
 Strathmore, AB T1P 1V9

If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

Creditors: you must include a full description and value of the debt you allege the deceased owes you and a full description and value of any of the deceased's property that you hold as security for the debt.

Claimants: you must include a full description of your claim and why you have a right to make such a claim.

Obituary



GREGORY, Ralph Leroy

March 17, 1930
 – May 13, 2026

With sorrow, the family of Ralph Gregory announce his peaceful passing on May 13, 2026, after saying his final goodbyes to family and lifelong friends.

Ralph was the first-born son of Rex and Maggie Gregory. He had 6 sisters and 2 brothers. He married Muriel Sutton on October 21, 1952, and they raised 5 children.

Left to mourn Ralph are his 4 children: Terry-Ann (Ronald), Dan (Sharon), Robert (Lynn), and Brent (Kim), 9 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Muriel, his son Patrick Michael, grandson James Patrick, granddaughter Jessi Lynn, and two sisters Marilyn Holt and Frances Treacy.

Ralph and Muriel began farming in 1953 north of Chancellor then bought the land west of Standard in 1963. They continued on the farm until 2001 at which time they moved to Strathmore. Ralph returned to the farm each year for seeding and harvest for 7 more years. His life's work was farming for over 65 years. They enjoyed wintering in Arizona for 17 years, where they golfed and made new friends. Ralph's other hobbies included hunting, camping, and gymkhana. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Standard Lions Club to name a few. His life was full.

The family would like to thank everyone for their final visits with Dad. And a big thanks to the staff at Sage-wood Age Care where Dad spent his last few years. They cared for Dad so well and treated him like one of their own.

If desired, a donation may be made to Wheatland and Area Hospice Society or a charity of your choice.

A viewing was held at Wheatland Funeral Home (202 Lakeside Boulevard, Strathmore, Alberta, T1P 1A1), Strathmore on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Rockyford, Alberta, at 11:00 am. Interment and lunch to follow.


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AUCTIONS

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NOTICES



Wheatland Wranglers

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 26 • 6:30 pm

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Strathmore Minor Hockey

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Monday, May 25 • 7 pm

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED PURCHASE

OF NON-SCHOOL BUILDING

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 GOLDEN HILLS SCHOOL DIVISION
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Proposed Purchase of Non-School Building – Transportation Facility

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with Section 190 of The Education Act, that the Board of Trustees proposes to purchase a non-school building for operational purposes.

PROPOSED PROJECT DETAILS:

Purpose: Transportation Operations Facility
Location: Adjacent to the existing leased school bus storage lot

RIGHT TO PETITION

Any elector wishing to object to the proposed purchase may do so by submitting a petition in accordance with applicable regulations within the prescribed notice period.

For further information regarding the purchase, please contact
 tahra.sabir@ghsd75.ca.

Tahra Sabir, CPA
 Secretary Treasurer



Board of Directors Re-Election Announcement

Western Irrigation District is happy to share that Justin Geeraert, current Chair of the Board, has been re-elected by acclamation. Justin brings a steady, thoughtful approach to leadership and has been a strong supporter of both the board and staff. His focus on collaboration and keeping things moving in the right direction has made a real difference, and we're grateful to have him continue in the role.

We're also pleased that Bryan Thiessen has been re-elected by acclamation. After stepping in for a one-year interim term, Bryan quickly became a valued member of the board. He's been engaged, reliable, and always willing to contribute his perspective. We're glad he'll be continuing on for a full term.

Thank you to both Justin and Bryan for their time, energy, and ongoing commitment.

Troy Tangedal
 Chief Executive Officer

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Upcoming Council Meetings

May 20, 2026 | 6 p.m.
 June 3, 2026 | 6 p.m.
 June 10, 2026 | 6 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council
 Regular Meeting of Council
 Committee of the Whole

Come Say Hi

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

Temporary Stage 3 Water Restrictions Extended to May 19.

Temporary water restrictions while Wildlife Reservoir is offline for enhancement work. More information available at Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater. For questions or concerns, call 403-361-2108 or email infrastructure@strathmore.ca

Wildflower Reservoir Upgrade & Temporary Water Restrictions.

We're nearing completion of the Wildflower Reservoir upgrade, but a little more time is needed for final review and testing before the pumps can be energized. While the Town's water supply capacity remains stable, we need to be cautious and extend Stage 3 water restrictions through Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Starting Wednesday, May 20, we'll move to Stage 1 until the end of May. This will allow for some relief on the system during commissioning and testing.

Temporary Stage 3 outdoor water restrictions through Tuesday, May 19:

- Hand watering is permitted
- Water use for construction is permitted
- No watering with a sprinkler or hose
- No washing driveways or sidewalks
- No filling pools or hot tubs
- View all details at Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater

Temporary Stage 1 outdoor water restrictions from May 20 to 31:

- Hoses with spray nozzles for gardens, trees, and shrubs are permitted any day/time
- Watering new grass is permitted any day/time
- Sprinklers can be used for 2hrs, one day a week
 - Even house numbers on Wednesday or Saturday
 - Odd house numbers on Thursday or Sunday
- Filling outdoor pools or hot tubs is permitted any day/time
- Water use for construction is permitted
- NO washing driveways, sidewalks, or exterior building surfaces
- View all details at Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater

Why this work matters

Your efforts to conserve water over the past several days have helped maintain stable water pressure and reliable service while work continues on the Wildflower Reservoir upgrade.

The Wildflower Reservoir project is a proactive investment identified in the Town's Master Water Servicing Study. The improvements will expand capacity, improve reliability, and support residents into the future.

We appreciate the community's patience during this important infrastructure project.

Questions? Give us a call at 403-361-2108 or email infrastructure@strathmore.ca. You can learn more about water restrictions at Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater

Mailed out and heading your way. Property Tax Notices.

The Town of Strathmore's budget covers all the essential services that residents use each and every day. Whether you're diving into the Aquatic Centre, borrowing a book from the Strathmore Municipal Library, having your garbage or compost picked up, drinking clean water from the tap, riding the handibus on a road, or having emergency services rush to your aid - your tax dollars are hard at work.

The capital and operating budget is the plan for how tax dollars and other funding will be invested. This year's \$52,980,000 budget equates to a 0.9% municipal levy increase over the 2025 budget for the average homeowner in Strathmore. In relation to a typical home assessed at \$512,400, this would roughly equal a municipal levy increase of \$24 per year, \$2 per month, or an average weekly increase of \$0.46 towards the services Strathmore residents rely on each day. Roughly 33% of our property taxes are collected on behalf of the Provincial government to help fund education.

Keep an eye on your mailbox as property taxes for the 2026 taxation year have been mailed out. If your mailing address has changed or if you have not received your notice within the next two weeks, please contact the Town's Finance Department. The deadline to pay your 2026 property taxes is **June 30, 2026**.

The Municipal Building is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding holidays), and staff are available to help with questions, mailing address updates, and payment inquiries. The Town of Strathmore also offers a Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) which allows you to pay your property taxes in convenient monthly instalments. For more information about TIPP or general tax inquiries, contact the Tax Department at 403-361-2114 or email Strathmore.ca/Taxes.

Join our team.

Career opportunities available.

Are you looking for a new opportunity? The Town of Strathmore is hiring! We have a variety of positions available across different departments.

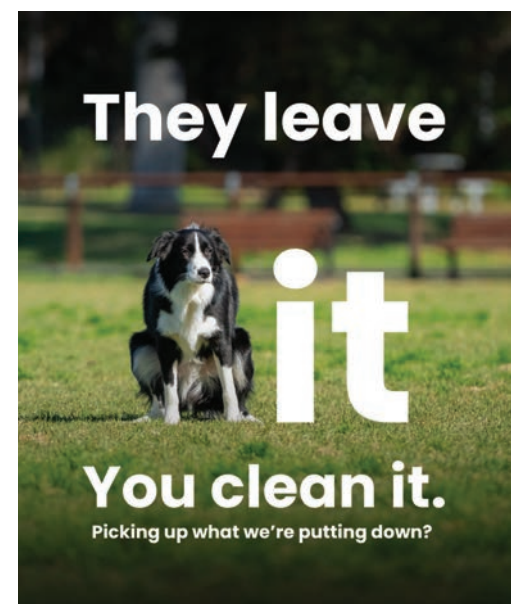
- Contract Group Fitness Instructor
- Lead Facility Operator (Arena)
- Parks Operator

Check out Strathmore.ca/Careers for more information about current opportunities and discover your bright future with the Town of Strathmore.



3-on-3 Ball Hockey

Registration closes **May 25, 2026**
 Visit Strathmore.ca/3on3BallHockey to register



Register today! Summer Camps.

We've got some fun and safe alternatives to boredom for ages 4 to 12 with our summer camps! Check out the themes of each week and register your child for their favourite theme, or register in all the weeks for a fun-filled summer!

For more information, visit our website Strathmore.ca/Recreation. For registration, you can register for camps through your PerfectMind account. Got questions? Give us a call at 403-361-2121.

Theme	Date
Water Fun	June 29 to 3, 2026
Splash and Play (Swim Lessons)	July 6 to 10, 2026
Sport and Explore	July 13 to 17, 2026
Multi-Sport Adventure	July 20 to 24, 2026
Splash and Dash (Swim Lessons)	July 27 to 31, 2026
Neon Days	August 4 to 7, 2026
Balls and More	August 10 to 14, 2026
Olympic Days	August 17 to 21, 2026
Let's Celebrate	August 24 to 28, 2026

And we're back!

Annual Backlane Gravel Maintenance.

Every year, the Town of Strathmore invests in maintaining gravel lanes to improve mobility and conditions for the public. The Town inspects the gravel lane network and schedules repairs in a priority order. Typical repairs include:

- Lane grading to improve drainage and surface condition
- Compaction of lane (as necessary)
- Vegetation management (strip back overgrowth and widen driving lanes to, ideally, 5 meters and a height clearance of 5 meters)
- Alley re-graveling on a 10-year cycle (contingent on year-to-year budget approval)

You can help us complete this work more efficiently by making sure your back lane is clear by removing the following objects that might block the lane.

- Black or green garbage carts + blue recycling carts
- Construction bins
- Stored materials
- Dirt or debris piles
- Low-hanging branches/overgrown growth

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

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