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Day of Action

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Residents in Langdon are joining Albertans across the province, May 29, to make their voices heard demanding better from Alberta's government.

Protests are being organized as a provincial Day of Action under the umbrella of the Alberta Federation of Labour, which represents a collection of interests advocating for unions, workers' and civil rights.

"You have Alberta Resistance, various labour unions, Raging Granies - there are a number of different interest groups who have come together to share plans about how, across the province on that day, each community would represent its own action," said Kristi Henry, speaking on behalf of Langdon's Day of Action. "For Langdon, we will certainly be perhaps a smaller action than you will see in Calgary or Edmonton, maybe even Red Deer and Medicine Hat, but we still certainly have a group of people here who are interested in expressing unity and care and concern for our neighbours, and voicing concerns about where the government is taking our province."

Through the Alberta Federation of Labour website, the interest notation for the Day of Action posts messaging about ending division, as well as noting particular policy concerns which have been brought forward in the legislature.

These include two-tier health care and underfunding the public sector, increased government funding to private schools, pulling out from the Canada Pension Plan and the RCMP, new coal and strip mining operations in the Rockies, use of the Notwithstanding Clause to force teachers back to work, and continued support of separatism agendas, among several others.

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Spring concert

Sacred Heart Academy hosted their annual spring concert for Kindergarten to Grade 2 students on May 21 at the school's gymnasium. Grades 3-5 hosted their concert the day prior.

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Heavy equipment showcase

Families and community members got an up-close look at the town's fleet during the popular Equipment in the Park event held at Kinsmen Park on May 23. The event allowed town staff and equipment operators to showcase a variety of heavy equipment, utility vehicles and trucks used throughout the community.

Joe Lepage Photos



Wheatland Elementary Grade 1 students planted their trees in Brave Park, May 19, both as an extension of their regular curriculum, as well as through a partnership honouring the centennial anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Photos Courtesy of Scott Silva and Jennifer Franssen Arnaud



Golden Hills students honour the Legion's centennial

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Golden Hills School Division students, as an extension to their regular curriculum, participated in planting trees at Brave Park to honour the Legion's centennial anniversary.

Jennifer Franssen Arnaud, public relations chair for the Strathmore Legion Branch 10, explained the idea came up in discussion regarding what to do as a legacy project for the occasion.

As Grade 1 students each year are given trees to plant, it was suggested that rather than send the seedlings home with the kids, have them proudly planted in a public space.

"It happened that we know Scott Silva (director of sales and marketing for Lakewood of Strathmore) quite well and he was here visiting with Donovan one day and I said, 'I need your help,'" said Arnaud. "We needed a legacy project for the Legion to honour 100 years and what better thing to do than plant trees because they will be around forever?"

The idea was put out to Golden Hills School Division, which quickly sparked enthusiasm to participate.

Though the formal dedication has not yet taken place, students were out in Brave Park planting trees, May 19, which will be followed up once a plaque is made to commemorate the Legion.

"We staked each tree with a survey stake so that we know where it is and we don't want the lawnmower taking it out. We (also) put each child's name on their stake, and they took ownership of digging their own holes and planting the trees."

In addition to Brave Park, future seedling plantings have been suggested to be allocated to pathways throughout Lakewood, in key public gathering spaces, and to incorporate the partnership into a community home building program.

Local builders and homeowners have been suggested to have the opportunity to participate and have trees planted on newly developed private properties.

Silva added the team behind the project was grateful to have the support of Eagle Lake Turf Farms, and Eagle Lake Nursery for the materials to pull it off.

"We are big proponents of the Legion, but this program really only came into effect not even a month ago," said Silva. "I was propositioned with an idea and I said, 'let's do it,' because it is for the kids, it is for Brave Park, and it is to honour the Legion."

According to Silva, two Grade 1 classes from Wheatland Elementary were in participation for the event, which he suggested aims to turn into an annual event in order to spread the trees throughout the community.

"We have got lots of plantings going on and you can't necessarily just put a forest in a park, as much as we would love to ... that park belongs to the town now."

"We have already got some spots already proposed around the ponds because we have another round of landscaping going on this summer, so those areas will potentially be getting more plantings."

An exact date for the commemoration was not given; however, it will take place once the plaque has been created and acquired.



Western Irrigation District Appoints Water Services Manager



Western Irrigation District (WID) is pleased to announce the appointment of Kris Anderson as Water Services Manager, effective May 25, 2026.

As a primary contact for water service and development inquiries, Kris will support clients from initial inquiry through agreement completion through to approval, helping ensure a smooth, responsive and relationship-focused service.

"I'm proud to have the opportunity to serve our irrigators and the district. Delivering quality water is at the heart of what we do, and I'm committed to helping support strong service, clear communication, and responsible growth across the district."

Kris brings experience in client relations, negotiation, and project leadership, and has contributed to improving client processes, communication, and service coordination within WID.

Kris welcomes the opportunity to connect regarding matters related to this role.

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Duck and Run lands in Strathmore as new fundraiser location

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Ducks Unlimited is inviting the local community to participate in a run and fundraiser, June 7, to support wetland conservation efforts.

The run is taking place in locations across Canada, with Strathmore joining in to offer one kilometer, five kilometer, and 10,000 step challenges.

“We have had them in Calgary before in the past, as well as Camrose last year, but we are working on expanding,” explained Margot Penno, volunteer coordinator with Ducks Unlimited. “People will have to register online; there are different fees for individuals above the age of 13 or below, and they can register for either the 5km or the 1km ... we will have a setup with a big start and finish line arch; they will show up and every participant gets a medal at the end.”

As all the money collected will be put towards the overall fundraising goal, should anyone wish to make donations in addition to their registration fees, they are being invited to do so.

Similar events have been in operation and growing across Canada for approximately the last five

years and counting.

“Some of our newer locations are slower to gain traction, but places like Calgary or Edmonton that were just added for example, have over 100 people registered, and then also in Toronto and bigger places, they are sold out,” said Penno. “So far it is a little slow in Strathmore. We are at about 20 people signed up, which is pretty normal for a first time run in a new location like this, but we are hoping to grow in the future.”

Penno added she hopes to be able to see the run return to Strathmore on an annual basis and become a regular fundraiser for the community to look forward to.

Alternative to the in-person fundraising runs, Ducks Unlimited has also made available a virtual challenge, asking people to get out into nature or for a run within their community before June 23.

Throughout events held in 2025, Ducks Unlimited reports that over \$104,000 was raised to support their cause.

The overall goal to raise \$100,000 for 2026 through the event had been breached weeks prior to the national June run dates.

For more avid enthusiasts, the Duck and Run

also pairs with a DonorDrive mobile app which tracks and celebrates progress.

“We also have lots of information on our website, ducks.ca ... definitely events are a great way to support, but also there are opportunities for landowners to contact us if they have questions or concerns,” said Penno.

Ducks Unlimited keeps active participation and fundraising numbers localized to each participating community also available on their website. As of the writing of this article, Strathmore had raised \$705 of the \$15,000 fundraising goal.

Town developing new corporate business plan for current council term

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore’s 2026-2029 corporate business plan was front of mind during the May 20 council meeting, outlining how council’s priorities aim to be delivered.

The business plan effectively describes actionable methods which will be aimed at advancing, further developing, or establishing municipal services.

Strategic priorities being utilized as a baseline, which council established earlier this year, will be tailored to each category.

Regarding community connection, as an example, administration suggested utilizing the citizen satisfaction survey to address resident concerns, establish multi-year partnerships, and advocate for local skilled trades training and apprenticeships.

“It is the how, but it’s what we also call the A-List, which are items that directly tie to council strategic plan,” said CAO Kevin Scoble. “To align with capacity and other legislative requirements, administration is currently waiting to finalize our ‘B-List’ which is our corporate activities, and they are not items that directly relate to council’s strategic plan.”

Regarding growth management, administration will complete a rewrite of the town’s municipal development plan by late 2026 in order to address housing density and future residence options.

This rewrite will also include a growth estimate tool based on 2026 census data and will evaluate area structure plans for alignments with the new MDP.

Through the new plan, the town will aim to move towards full cost recovery for all of its utilities, as well as to explore a vacant land tax bylaw.

“Council’s priority around economic growth will increase job opportunities and improve living standards through intentional strategies and actions, so activities supporting economic growth through non-residential development,” said Scoble. “This means more competitive and intentional interacting and attracting commercial and industrial investment. To support this, we will implement a comprehensive investment attraction and promotion framework, which will include developing a strong sector profile, launching targeted marketing, pursuing regional economic certification, and creating a dedicated external investment website.”

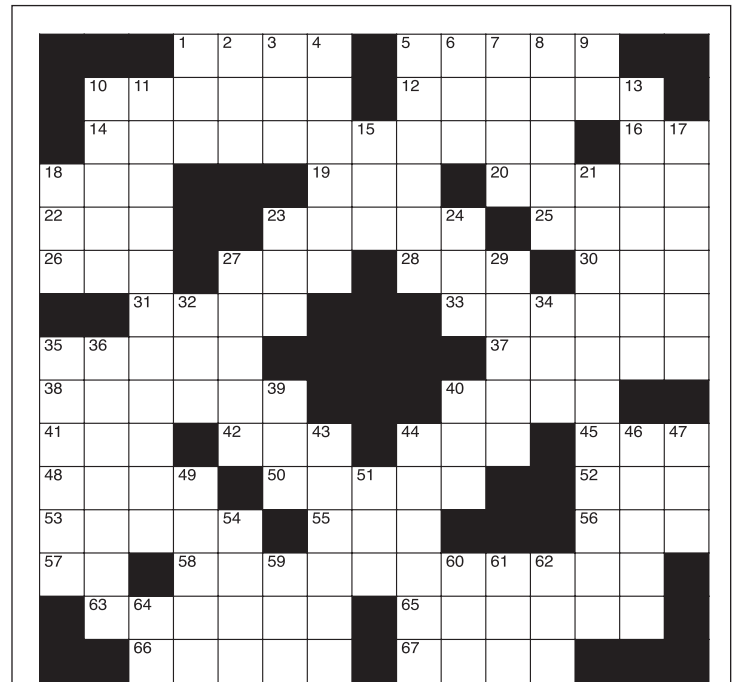
With regards to localized water and environmental concerns, town staff will develop a water continuity plan, conservation measures, and a long-term sustainable water access plan.

Additionally, a parks master plan will be created in order to describe a focus on enhancing existing green spaces.

RCMP staffing levels relative to Strathmore’s growth aim to be reviewed, as well as evaluating the feasibility of integrated fire and EMS services.

It was also suggested that a business continuity plan be initiated for the event of a disaster such as a cyber-attack.

An exact timeline for the completion and implementation of the new business plan was not indicated, only that it aims to be brought back before council before the end of the year.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Streetcar
- 5. Take __ of it!
- 10. SW Asia peninsula
- 12. Beating wings to escape from a perch
- 14. One who revitalizes
- 16. Indicates position
- 18. Dishonorable man
- 19. Singer King Cole
- 20. Short-tailed marten
- 22. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 23. The god of the underworld in ancient mythology
- 25. Dirt
- 26. Superconducting super collider
- 27. Not good
- 28. A way to sink
- 30. Unwell
- 31. Follow orders
- 33. Deep ravine
- 35. Perfumery practice
- 37. Indian film director Sultan
- 38. Member of U.S. Navy
- 40. Wing-like
- 41. Very fast airplane
- 42. Slang for cigarette
- 44. Most cars still need it
- 45. Political war chest
- 48. Cools down
- 50. Diminish toward one end
- 52. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 53. Combined
- 55. Container
- 56. Expression of satisfaction
- 57. Thou
- 58. Return a favor
- 63. Go over once more
- 65. Removed
- 66. “Silence of the __”
- 67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Children’s game
- 2. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 3. Own (Scottish)
- 4. Female follower of Bacchus
- 5. Subsidies
- 6. Protects from weather
- 7. Spanish municipality
- 8. Supermarket chain
- 9. Domain name
- 10. Semitic peoples
- 11. Designs anew
- 13. City associated with Jesus
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Bank employee
- 18. Central nervous system
- 21. Standardized piece of text
- 23. A type of fever
- 24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 27. Threaten persistently
- 29. Aspirations
- 32. Baby’s eating accessory
- 34. Actress Thurman
- 35. Turn into bone
- 36. One who saves you
- 39. Consume
- 40. Swiss river
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Categories
- 46. Expressed amazement
- 47. It’s important in respiration (abbr.)
- 49. Greek war dance
- 51. Bland, semi-liquid food
- 54. Regard in a specified way
- 59. Taxi
- 60. Naturally occurring solid material
- 61. Feline
- 62. Post-burning residue
- 64. Elevated railroad

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RCMP reminding the public of online safety tips

ALBERTA RCMP

RCMP are reminding internet and mobile phone users of online safety. Though the internet and social media have become commonplace, it is important to remember that online activities can have real life consequences.

RCMP are advising that several social media platforms and dating applications are being used to take advantage of individuals by way of sextortion.

Victims are often befriended online and receive friend requests. Conversations are then moved to direct messaging on various platforms. Reports of sextortion often involve a victim that has sent intimate images, and the suspect subsequently makes demands.

Sextortion is blackmail and involves a person being coerced or threatened into doing something to avoid intimate images being distributed to friends and family. Sextortion can involve money or a demand for more sexual images.

It is common for offenders to follow victims' friends and family on social media platforms, to establish a false sense of trust.

Be aware that offenders are utilizing filters available on certain apps and live streams that allow them to appear younger than their actual age.

To help stay safe online, keep the following in mind:

- **Post wisely:** Keep personal details to a minimum and enable privacy settings on social media sites to limit who has access to your information.
- **Turn off location services:** Only share your location with those you know and trust.
- **Do the right thing:** Online cyberbullying, harassment, or threats can have very real and even criminal consequences.
- **Friend requests:** Only accept friend request from people you know. Not everyone is who they appear to be online.
- **Images:** Only share images you're comfortable with being public and remaining public. Once something has been shared, it could go anywhere and live online even after deleting.

Parents of youth should also keep the following in mind:

- **Create an open dialogue:** Let your children know they can come to you to discuss their online life. Make them aware of the risks of being online, including cyberbullying, sex-

tortion, and inappropriate content.

- **Rules:** Establish clear boundaries for screen time and online activity. It can be helpful to keep computers and other devices in shared spaces to allow for supervision.

- **Age restrictions:** Use parental control software to ensure your child or teen is accessing appropriate content.

Screenshots, recordings, and predators don't disappear. Stay informed and educated.

If you have any information regarding crime within Red Deer, please contact the Red Deer RCMP at 403-406-2200. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store. To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play.

Alberta Day of Action coming to Langdon, Strathmore

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"There is a lot of noise in the province right now, there is a loud crowd, and then there is everybody else, and somebody has to step forward and bring people together," said Henry. "I hear that from communities all across the province. When we meet to talk about what each community is doing, the people who are representing their communities are saying the same thing."

Henry added that many who oppose the decisions of the government have expressed fears to make their voices heard and be identified – not wanting to experience further doxxing or malicious actions taken by those who support the UCP government.

Several of these concerns stem following the leak of three million Albertans' personal voter information, including their names and addresses by the Centurion Project earlier this month.

Instances in communities such as Strathmore have been documented of harassment and filming of private property by those in disagreement about social or political views.

Former UCP MLAs Leela Aheer and Travis Toews, as well as MLA Brian Jean, each experienced online targeting and death threats in 2022 during their candidacy for party leadership.

"I have never been so concerned about this province as I am now," said Henry. "On the balance of probability, you have to land on one side or the other, and I have landed on it is time to step up and say things."

Those wanting to participate in the Day of Action in Langdon can do so on May 29 between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. For those interested in being involved in other ways or learning more about local movements, information and resources are being made available through the Alberta Federation of Labour website.

A rally was also recently added to Strathmore on the same day between 6-8 p.m. at the Kinsmen Park Amphitheatre.

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Paint time

The Town of Strathmore allowed residents one last time to hit the ice this season as they hosted their annual Paint the Ice on May 24 at the Gold Arena at the Strathmore Family Centre. **Joe Lepage Photos**



Happy Gang sale

Strathmore's Happy Gang hosted their annual garage and bake sale on May 21-23 in support of local senior programs and accessible transportation services. The multi-day event featured donated items, homemade baking, and household goods, with all proceeds directed toward supporting the Strathmore Handi-Bus and senior activities in the community. **Joe Lepage Photos**



YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE
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Limited mobility affects 2.7 million Canadians. Many use walking aids like canes or walkers and they may be using them incorrectly. The height of the walking aid should be measured by standing with your hand at your side. The top of the cane or walker should reach the crease in the wrist.

Norman Vincent Peale's book, *The Power of Positive Thinking*, was written back in 1952 and is still in print today. It teaches that if your state of mind is generally optimistic, you are better able to handle everyday stress.

This can be especially beneficial if one is embarking on a cancer treatment or other stressful events. The Dalai Lama said "One small positive thought in the morning will change your whole day".

Unlike adults, infants have immature immune systems that don't yet generate antibodies against other blood types. Important research on this has allowed babies to receive heart transplants from donors with different blood types. This has saved many lives.

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Raising money for Langdon library

MARIO PRUSINA
Times Editor

The Langdon Community Library is looking to support local literacy programs when they host the 2026 Langdon Walk & Run on June 7.

Registration is now open for the annual fundraiser, which supports library operations, programs and services that encourage literacy and community connection.

"This event is about more than just crossing a finish line – it's about showing up for our library and for each other," said Heather King, President of the Langdon Library Society. "Whether you participate, volunteer your time, or make a donation, every contribution helps strengthen the programs and spaces our community relies on."

Participants can choose from three event distances, including a 10-kilometre run, a five-kilometre run or walk, and a family-friendly one-kilometre fun run.

Several new features are being added for the 2026 event, including team participation and fundraising opportunities. Friends, families, co-workers and community groups are encouraged to register together and help raise additional funds for the library. The event will also feature a 'Book Characters' costume theme, adding a creative and family-oriented atmosphere for participants.

Other additions this year also include limited-edition library tote bags for participants who register before the deadline, replacing the traditional event T-shirts.

Organizers are also seeking volunteers to help ensure the event runs safely and successfully.

"Not everyone can attend on event day, but there are still so many ways to be involved," added King. "From volunteering behind the scenes to donating in support of participants, every action makes a difference."

The Langdon Library Society encourages residents to register, volunteer, donate or form a fundraising team ahead of the June event.

More information and registration details are available through Race Roster.



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Fun run time

Students from several elementary schools in Strathmore laced up their running shoes for the second annual Elementary 2K Fun Run held May 21 at Gray's Park. The event brought together young runners from participating schools like Trinity Christian Academy and Westmount Elementary School for the annual event. Originally scheduled for the fall, the fun run was postponed due to the teacher strike before finally taking place this spring.

Joe Lepage Photos



Cross town battle

The Strathmore Venom U9 1 and the Strathmore Venom U9 2 played an exhibition game on May 19 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The U9 1 team then went on to beat the Calgary Hornets U9 3 team 3-2 on May 23, while the U9 2 team fell 4-2 to the Calgary Knights U9 1 the same day.

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Canadian bread settlement scam

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Many Canadians began to receive emails regarding a refund from a class action settlement on May 11 of this year.

The emails in question relate to a \$500 million settlement with George Weston Ltd. and Loblaw Cos.

For Canadians who applied to be part of the class action before the deadline of Dec. 12, payments are now being sent out.

"We are issuing this alert as there have been scammers trying to take advantage of these situations by sending text messages asking consumers to provide credit card information so that money can be credited to an account," says Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen, President and CEO of BBB serving Southern Alberta and East Kootenay. "Never click on an unsolicited text or provide financial information this way. In this specific instance payments are being issued to eligible Canadians via an email Interac transfer. They are not sending text messages asking for credit card information."

Tips to avoid text message scams:

- Always use caution when receiving unsolicited messages about settlements, refunds or compensation.
- Do not click links, provide personal or financial information.
- Verify claims directly through official company websites or trusted sources.
- If you spot a scam text, do not reply.
- Keep your antivirus software up to date.
- Never share passcodes or banking details.



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.

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Public Hearings

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

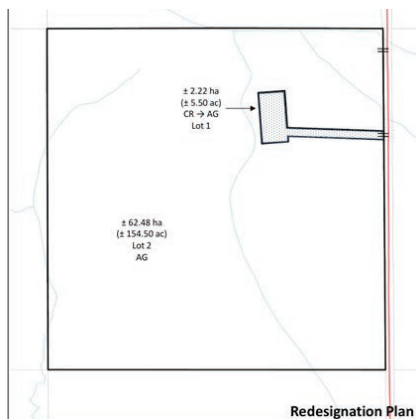
Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026.

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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OPEN HOUSE

Nightingale Community Hall
254040 RR245, Wheatland County
JULY 7, 2026 | 7:00 P.M.

Evening Agenda

- 7:00 P.M. Presentations and Community Updates Begin
- 8:00 P.M. Formal Question & Answer Period
- Following Q&A Informal Discussion and One-on-One Conversations with Council and Administration

Wheatland County residents are invited to attend an upcoming community open house in Nightingale.

The evening will include project updates, opportunities to ask questions, and time to connect directly with County representatives. While the open house is taking place in Nightingale, all Wheatland County residents are encouraged to attend and take part in the conversation.

We look forward to seeing you there and hearing from our community.





Jennifer Fraser returned to perform for her second time on *America's Got Talent*, airing June 2 on NBC. She appeared alongside six of her performing dogs to give a one-of-a-kind performance. She encourages fans to keep a look out, as she may have more to come with the show run beyond the premiere.

Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Fraser

Wheatland County local to appear on AGT

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County's own Jennifer Fraser is back on *America's Got Talent (AGT)* for the second time, once again aiming to thrill audiences with her dogs.

Fraser had appeared on *America's Got Talent* back in 2020, earning a standing ovation and being instructed to prepare for live shows following her audition, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic shutting the operation down.

"They couldn't get me back over the border, so those dreams were quashed. I figured if I was going to go back onto *AGT*, I was going to go back with a bang," said Fraser. "I've been preparing these dogs for years for this particular type of act. The dogs that were on, I think our youngest was 14 months, and our oldest was 12 years. We did tons of training to ensure that all the dogs were both physically and mentally prepared for the stage."

For this particular project, Fraser explained that in addition to their normal training, several months of conditioning went into preparing each of the dogs for being able to both perform on stage, as well as to work with the team of other handlers.

Fraser herself boasts a total of 18 world records with her dogs, and has appeared on programs including *Romania's Got Talent*, *Canada's Got Talent*, *The View*, *Good Morning America*, (and Disney+'s) *The Secret Life of Dancing Dogs*, among other accolades.

"If we go down to the next rounds, then I drive down with all of my dogs in a special van for them. It all depends on I could go down there for two weeks, come back, then go (down) again, or they could bring me down and I could be there for four to six weeks," Fraser added. "I know the results, so I know what's happening, but I can't tell anybody. Whether we totally flopped and I'm not going anywhere, or whether we did good and I'm going to be going to the live shows, you are going to have to

watch the show."

The premiere episode of *America's Got Talent* this season is scheduled to air June 2, at 8 p.m. ET/PT on NBC. It will also be streamed the following day on Peacock.

She described the performance this time around to effectively be one of a kind and never before seen with a team of dogs.

For those who wish to keep up to date with her performances, "The Acro Canine Crew" is the term to search for on all social media platforms.

"This one act in *AGT* is actually going to dictate my future career in the theatre arts with the dogs," she said. "It's huge, it's massive. I'm actually pitching a show to Simon Cowell, so that should be interesting."



County competition

Junior high athletes from across the region gathered at Crowther Memorial Junior High School on May 19 for the annual junior high track and field counties. Students competed in a wide range of events including sprints, middle- and long-distance races, relays, and field events such as long jump, high jump, shot put and discus.

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Spartans host Bobcats

The Strathmore Spartans high school girls rugby team hosted Cochrane's Bow Valley Bobcats on May 20 at the SHS field.

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Reds firing on all cylinders

The Strathmore Reds U22 baseball team improved to 6-2 on the season after a pair of impressive games over the weekend, including a 11-2 win over the CN3 on May 22 at the Kinsmen Park Ball Diamond. The team then travelled to Calgary on May 24, where they beat the CN4 12-1.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Without prejudice

To the Editor

(This is an open letter to Strathmore Town council, mayor and councillors, Alberta MLA representing Chestermere / Strathmore, Chantelle de Jonge, and Federal MP representing Bow River, David Bexte)

Alberta Separation is a subject that has dominated the news around the country and as elected officials, you have sworn an oath to represent us all.

The question is best asked when simply put so that the answer is honest and true, not hidden or misunderstood.

Have any of you signed the recent petition in support of a referendum for Alberta to separate from Canada or participated in any meetings discussing and agreeing to the supporting of Alberta separation?

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According to albertapolitics.ca dated Feb. 10, 18 Ministers of the Legislature of Alberta (MLA's) are identified as supporters of Alberta independence.

All too often in today's media age, things are reported as truth, half-truth or not true at all.

So, I believe that we should go to our

elected officials and ask them their involvement, if any.

The petition for Alberta to separate from Canada is strongly believed to be over 700,000 signatures. Until the petition is accepted and the signatures are verified by Elections Alberta, they are not valid.

Signatures might be falsely written in someone else's name, a fictitious name, the name of a deceased person, a non-Albertan, misspelled – any number of valid reasons can disqualify a signature from being accepted.

It is also possible that a high enough percentage of the signatures are disqualified that the entire petition is nullified. I am not stating in any way that this is the case, but anything is a possibility until they are verified.

To be fair to the elected officials being asked these questions, I will state my answers if asked of me.

I did not sign a petition in favor of Alberta separation, nor did I sign one for Alberta to stay in Canada. I did not attend any meeting for either position.

Every Fibre of my being is: King, country, Alberta and Strathmore in that order forever.

We are all in this together.

Mr. John M. Whieldon
Strathmore

When cutting social supports becomes an economic liability

To the Editor

When governments quietly reduce social support programs, the consequences do not stay contained within the social sector. They spill over into the broader community and eventually affect the business environment itself. Alberta is now seeing this unfold. The province is not announcing sweeping cuts; instead, it is withdrawing help through quieter mechanisms such as grants that are not renewed, budgets that stay frozen while costs rise, eligibility rules that tighten just enough to push people out, and program restructurings that remove the stable funding agencies rely on. The effect is the same as a cut, only slower and less visible.

Housing and homelessness support services have not kept pace with need, leaving some supportive housing units empty because agencies cannot afford to staff them. Cuts to community counselling, harm reduction, and outreach programs mean more untreated crises, more pressure on police and hospitals, and more visible disorder in business districts. Family counselling, early intervention, disabil-

ity supports, and youth employment programs have been reduced or eliminated as funding streams quietly expire. Seniors' home care providers and community clinics report stagnant funding that has forced them to close locations, pushing more care burdens onto families and reducing workforce participation.

None of this is abstract. When social supports erode, social problems rise. When social problems rise, business costs rise. Retailers face more theft and disturbances, employers see higher absenteeism and turnover, and downtowns struggle with declining foot traffic. The idea that cutting social programs saves money is an illusion. It simply shifts the bill onto emergency rooms, police budgets, municipalities, employers, and the businesses trying to operate in an increasingly unstable environment. When ideology replaces basic care, the economic damage is both predictable and avoidable. Retail sales shift to foreign owned big box stores.

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Ambition to action

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Alberta has always been a province where people roll up their sleeves and turn ambition into action. That spirit is showing up in progress on a new pipeline, new aircraft manufacturing, and new defence innovation. Our government is helping move a northwest coast pipeline to Asian markets closer to reality, welcoming the largest private aviation investment in provincial history, and backing Alberta companies and researchers so they can excel in Canada's growing defence sector.

For years, our government has been working on getting more of Alberta's energy to global markets. Now, that goal is moving to a clear timeline. Alberta and Canada have finalized key parts of the Alberta-Canada energy agreement – creating a pathway for design and construction of a new northwest coast oil pipeline to begin as early as September 2027. The proposed Indigenous co-owned pipeline will move more than one million barrels of oil per day to Asian markets, helping Alberta reach new customers and reduce dependence on a single export market. This project will unlock value from the resources Alberta already produces responsibly, and will make sure that well-paying careers, investment, and long-term benefits are growing here at home.

In Wheatland County, De Havilland Field, a 1,500-acre aircraft manufacturing hub, is now under construction and is expected to support up to 3,000 permanent jobs once fully built. The site will include aircraft assembly, parts manufacturing, distribution, maintenance, repair, and overhaul operations, creating a major new centre for aviation and aerospace in Alberta. This site in our constituency will also be home to the production of aircraft like the DHC-515 water bomber, the same made-in-Canada aircraft Alberta is purchasing to strengthen wildfire response. This investment shows that Alberta's aerospace sector is growing and gaining traction.

Our province is also stepping into a larger role in Canada's defence future. Through a \$21-million investment in the DEFENDS initiative, our government is helping connect Alberta companies, universities, researchers, and the Canadian Armed Forces so new technologies can be tested, certified, and brought to market faster. Many Alberta businesses already create advanced products for energy, construction, environmental monitoring, aerospace, and manufacturing. DEFENDS helps open the door for those same technologies to serve defence needs, creating new markets and keeping more intellectual property, jobs, and economic value in Alberta. With the University of Alberta anchoring the initiative and partners across the province involved, this is a Team Alberta approach to building capability, strengthening sovereignty, and creating opportunity in one of the world's fastest-growing sectors.

Alberta has never been a province satisfied with watching from the sidelines, and these recent actions reflect that, opening new routes to global markets, bringing aircraft manufacturing back to Canadian soil, and giving Alberta innovators a stronger path into defence and aerospace opportunities. Our government continues to focus on turning Alberta's strengths into long-term prosperity, so the next chapter of our economy is built here, by Albertans, for the future.

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)

Tips to curb auto-related theft

ALBERTA RCMP

This May, the Alberta RCMP is giving tips to help prevent theft of, and from, vehicles.

In 2025, there were 7,214 motor vehicles stolen in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction, and 5,134 thefts from vehicles. Half-ton trucks were the most stolen type of vehicle.

Help avoid becoming a victim of this type of crime by following these basic habits and routines:

- Never leave your vehicle unattended if the keys are in it.
- Always lock your vehicle, even if you are just stepping out for a moment.
- Never leave keys, garage door openers, or important documents with personal identifying information in your vehicle. Garage door openers or keys can be stolen, along with personal identifying documents, to enter your home.
- When leaving your vehicle, always close the windows, even when it's hot outside.

• Park your vehicle in a locked garage. If unable to do so, try parking within sight and in a well-lit area. This may mean leaving outdoor lights on.

• Ensure personal belongings, loose change, and valuables are not stored in your vehicle. These items can entice opportunistic thieves.

While auto-related theft continues to be prevalent, by following auto theft safety, you can help avoid becoming a victim.

For more information on preventing theft of, and from, vehicles, please follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta, X @RCMPAlberta, and on YouTube @RCMP-GRC Alberta.

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

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ALBERTA RCMP

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Criminals may attempt to obtain personal details through a variety of methods, including phishing scams, data breaches, mail theft, or social engineering, and use that information to commit fraud.

The Alberta RCMP recommend the following steps to safeguard your personal information:

- Review bank and credit card statements for any unauthorized transactions and report suspicious activity immediately.
- Consider requesting a free credit report from recognized Canadian credit bureaus and review it for unfamiliar accounts or inquiries.
- Fraudsters may use stolen information to create convincing phishing emails, phone calls, or text messages. Do not provide personal or financial information unless you have

verified the source.

- Use strong, unique passwords for online accounts and enable multi-factor authentication where available.
- Avoid sharing sensitive details such as your Social Insurance Number (SIN) unless necessary and ensure documents containing personal information are stored securely.
- You may contact a credit bureau to place a fraud alert on your file, which can help prevent unauthorized accounts from being opened in your name.
- When possible, deal with your financial institution in person should one or more of your bank accounts become compromised. Unfortunately, an internet search may provide a fake toll-free number to an individual who may victimize you further.
- If you believe you have been a victim of identity theft or fraud, report it to your local police service and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca. Early reporting can help limit potential damage and assist in ongoing investigations.

For more fraud prevention tips follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta.



Sale time

Members of the Standard 4-H Sheep Club are preparing for the annual West Wheatland 4-H Show & Sale on June 3 at the Rockyford Rodeo Grounds. There is a complimentary lunch at 1 p.m., while the sale starts at 2 p.m. The annual event is hosted by the Rockyford 4-H Beef Club and the Standard 4-H Sheep Club.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

June 3, 2026 | 6 p.m.
 June 10, 2026 | 6 p.m.
 June 17, 2026 | 6 p.m.

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

Come Say Hi

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

Celebrating 40 years of Alberta Seniors' Week June 1 to 7, 2026

Stay connected with what's happening at Strathmore FCSS. For registration and more information, visit Strathmore.ca/FCSSEvents



Day	Events List
June 1, 2026	Seniors' Week Kickoff - Hosted by Strathmore FCSS & The Legion. Takes place at the Legion from 4 to 6 p.m.
	Chair Yoga - Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre from 10 to 11 a.m.
	Lane Swim - Aquatic Centre from 6 to 8:20 a.m.
June 2, 2026	Zectangle - Wheatland Society of Arts from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
	Line Dancing - Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre from 10 to 11 a.m.
	Seniors Tea Party - The Vault from 1 to 3 p.m.
June 3, 2026	Public Swim - Aquatic Centre from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.
	Shred-It Truck - FCSS hosted at Strathmore Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
	YOU Power Workshop - Strathmore Civic Centre from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
June 4, 2026	Aquasize - Aquatic Centre from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
	Free Walking Track Entry - Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
	Bridge Tournament - The Happy Gang at 9 a.m.
June 5, 2026	Hike and Prehistoric Plants - Royal Tyrrel Museum at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
	Acrylic Lighthouse Painting - Wheatland Society of Arts from 1 to 3 p.m.
	Tethered Running - Aquatic Centre from 7:35 to 8:35 p.m.
June 6, 2026	Free Seniors Matinee - Joyland Theatre at 12:30 p.m.
	Lane Swim - Aquatic Centre from 12 to 1 p.m.
	Artist Demonstration by Elaine Wheeler - The Vault from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
June 7, 2026	Crib Tournament - The Happy Gang at 1 p.m.
	"Mrs. Quakers" Art Session - Wheatland Society of Arts, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. or 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
June 7, 2026	Free Walking Track Entry - Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

3-on-3 Ball Hockey
 Registration closes soon.
 Visit Strathmore.ca/3on3BallHockey to register

They leave it You clean it.
 Picking up what we're putting down?

Public notice. Proposed lease extension.

In accordance with Sections 70 and 606 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Strathmore is providing public notice of a proposed lease extension with Delta Force Paintball Canada Limited for lands legally described as a portion of the SE ¼, 12-24-25 W4M.

A copy of the proposed lease agreement is available for public inspection at the Town of Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta.

Pursuant to section 606 of the MGA, the proposed lease extension will be advertised in the May 27 and June 3, 2026 Strathmore Times at minimum. The date of the last publication of this notice is June 3, 2026 and Council will be meeting to further discuss the lease agreement on June 24, 2026.

As per Section 231, electors may require a vote on this matter by submitting a petition in accordance with Sections 219 to 226 of the MGA.

Petition overview:

For a petition to be sufficient, it must:

- contain signatures from electors equal to at least 10% of the population of the Town of Strathmore;
- contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition"; and

Additional petition requirements are outlined in Sections 219 to 226 of the MGA.

Please contact Legislative Services at 403-934-3133 or LSAdmin@strathmore.ca if you have any questions.



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. This means 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 ways towards improving vehicle and pedestrian travel, storm drainage, garbage collection, and even access for emergency services. For more information, visit Strathmore.ca/SeasonalPriorities. If you have questions or concerns, give us a call, **403-361-2126**, or shoot us an email, operations@strathmore.ca.

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.

- Casual Lifeguard/Instructor
- Lead Facility Operator (Arena)
- Parks Operator
- Senior Lifeguard

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

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	Aug 4 to 7, 2026
Balls and More	Aug 10 to 14, 2026
Olympic Days	Aug 17 to 21, 2026
Let's Celebrate	Aug 24 to 27, 2026