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Stepping up

Fule ready to serve Strathmore

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Mayor-Elect Pat Fule was sworn in for his third term at the helm of Strathmore's town council on Oct. 29, having defeated Jason Hollingsworth by 31 votes to maintain his position.

Fule expressed his gratitude to the local community for allowing him the opportunity to serve for another four years on council and vote for decisions he believes to be in the best interests of the town.

"I'm still going to try to do my part as far as voting and making decisions based on what I think is in the best interest of the municipality; so I still want to do that and there are still some things that I want to work on and work towards," he said. "In our second day of training, we got to talk about what our campaign platforms were and try to explain where we would like to see the town move in certain ways, but we all have to remember that we have one vote so we have to work together to see if we can get some things moved forward."

He acknowledged that many of the council members ran their campaigns on fiscal responsibility and careful spending, adding a belief that council must also work to move the town forward and prepare for significant growth.

This year's election also served as the first since the rise and fall of the COVID-19 pandemic. Fule noted his enjoyment of the ability to once again engage in person both with voters during the campaign, as well as without public safety measures being required.

"It was really good to get in front of the various people, they could hear what we were interested in, what we were hoping to try to work towards, and answer their questions," he said. "It was a different feeling, back to being in front of people, back to people coming together to hear their candidates."

Fule enters his fifth term on council, having spent two as a councillor prior to putting his hat in the ring for Strathmore's top job.

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Langdon tea



Flipping for the Badgers

Nine year old cheerleader, Charlie, does a perfect backflip during the Strathmore Badgers pee-pee football game on Oct. 25 at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School Field. In their last game of the season, the Badgers offence caught fire en route to an impressive win. See Page 11 for more coverage of the game.

Joe Lepage Photo

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Our Challenge:

The current uncertainty surrounding the level and timing of Government support (i.e. complete restructuring of Alberta Health Services, uncertain regulatory scope of service within Assisted Living Alberta and potential funding with Alberta Housing Partnership Program) has made it necessary for us to adopt a more measured and flexible strategy.

Our Approach:

In light of these circumstances and after careful consideration, we have decided to delay undertaking a single large-scale palliative care facility to pursue a more gradual, phased approach. This means we will begin by enhancing services to immediately benefit patients and families. This will likely include:

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Kings crown begins to crack

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The weekend of rematches turned into a blowout for the Agra Risk Wheatland Kings, having suffered a pair of defeats to the Okotoks Bisons and Medicine Hat Cubs.

The Kings were shutout 3-0 on home ice to the Bisons on Oct. 24, before falling 5-1 on the road in Medicine Hat the following night.

“We didn’t play very good and we were missing a few players for the whole weekend. We went to Medicine Hat and we really struggled to get anything offensively going, and we had some penalty trouble,” said Doug Raycroft, head coach of the Wheatland Kings. “I’ve been talking about how we have some defensive struggles still and this is one of those weekends where it came back to bite us. It really wasn’t a huge surprise – it just didn’t go our way this weekend.”

He added that it is certainly no secret that the current Kings team, as well as historically, have not been the most defensively-oriented team.

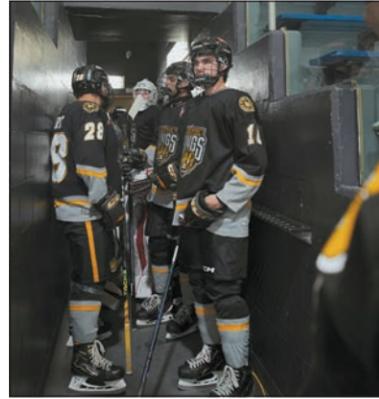
Against teams such as Okotoks and Medicine hat, Raycroft relented, lacking defense and not being able to maintain control of the puck is particularly costly on the ice.

“I think we have got the potential to be one of the best teams – I think for the most part, we are a hardworking team; we just need to be more consistent with our goal scoring. It’s something we need to work on going forward for sure,” he said. “For practice, one of the things we really want is to play at a fast pace, and to do that, you have to move the puck really well. For us, that’s a lot of passing, a lot of scoring, working on our systems, and then with our defensive play because we need to (refine) that a little bit more.”

Raycroft added he is aiming to work on the little things and finer details for his players in order to get them to improve going forward.

Coming up, the Kings are next set to square off against the Coaldale Copperheads on home ice on Oct. 31. The following night, the Kings will be on home ice again, with the High River Flyers coming into town.

“(Coaldale) is in first place right now. We played them once this year and we beat them, but they’re a very good team. That will be a good game,” said Raycroft. “High River, they are in last place in the South right now. Two different teams, but both big games for us moving forward.”



All things were great for the Agra Risk Wheatland Kings prior to puckdrop on Oct. 24 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Unfortunately, losing two games over the weekend with a combined score of 8-1 left a bitter taste for the team. “I think we showed our worst performance of the season so far,” said General Manager Cody Holdaway. “We really struggled to generate any consistent offence, and that’s something we need to address quickly.”

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NEXT HOME GAMES

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Capsule Comments

There is always one more survey done in the world of health and well-being. This one comes from the U.K. where they surveyed 20,000 professionals between January and March of this year. The survey found that health professionals drink more coffee than almost anyone. Only journalists drank more at 3.62 cups per day compared to 3.6 for the health workers.

Nicotine pouches are becoming an increasing source of poisoning among young children. These pouches contain concentrated nicotine solutions, taste good and can be attractive to children. Even in small amounts, nicotine can be dangerous to small children. Parents should avoid using these pouches in front of their children.

Have you heard of *bibliotherapy*? It’s the concept of using fiction to improve one’s mental health. There is a book by Elia Berthoud called *The Novel Cure* which has suggestions for novels to read when going through a particularly bad time in life. A well-written novel is a way to unwind, focus, a way to learn about life by providing distraction, entertainment and diversion.

As the percentage of Canadians over 65 years of age continues to rise, so do the problems with alcohol. Some seniors welcomed retirement. But others may have never developed hobbies and interests outside of work and retirement is just a series of losses. Some of these people find solace in alcohol because they are unable to adjust to the loss of structure in their lives. If this is you, seek professional help.

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Melissa Piche Photos

Wheatland County CAO announces resignation

OFFICE OF WHEATLAND COUNTY

Wheatland County council has received the resignation of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Brian Henderson, effective Nov. 23.

Council extends its appreciation to Mr. Henderson for his leadership and dedication to Wheatland County during his tenure as CAO. Under his guidance, the county has advanced significant initiatives in economic development, infrastructure, and digital transformation, positioning Wheatland County for continued success.

Council will begin the process of appointing an interim CAO and initiating recruitment for the permanent position to ensure a smooth and seamless transition.

“On behalf of council, I would like to thank Brian for his service and commitment to Wheatland County,” said Reeve Scott Klassen. “We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.”

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Fule officially resumes duties as Mayor

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Among his top priorities through this campaign and going forward into the new term is Strathmore's water use and supply, particularly in the face of imminent rapid growth.

“This area of the Bow River basin is an area that we have to keep an eye on our water usage because water is not infinite, and my concern in the future is the availability of fresh drinking water. We have to start looking into the future as to what we are going to do regarding that,” he said. “There are aquifers below the town in areas, but we also have to start looking at things in the future such as reuse of water – treating and reusing it.”

Such considerations for usage and growth stem notably from the development of the De Havilland aircraft campus, as well as the CGC wallboard manufacturing plant undergoing development in Wheatland County.

With respect to the county, Fule also stressed his desire to renew and refresh the town's relationship with the neighbouring government body.

“The relationship between the Town of Strathmore and Wheatland County was very strained in this last term. There were serious problems, but I stand and I believe from the work that my council and I did in our training session, we are ready to ... reset and get our councils back together.”

Town of Strathmore council meetings will resume in earnest come November.

New town council reflects on election

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore council has been sworn in and members are eager to get started serving the greater community.

Council members attended a multi-day orientation following the results of the election, which brought new members up to speed with how council operates, and refreshed the memories of the re-elected incumbents.

“I can say emphatically I am very optimistic the next four years are going to be good. The amount of experience and talent and wisdom and prudence sitting around that council table is just going to be awesome,” said Brent Wiley, entering his second term on council. “After two days of orientation, we’ve gotten to know each other really well. And what I would say is everybody’s mind is in a similar vein, like how do we find the most number of efficiencies in spending, keep the taxes as low as possible, but at the same time try to do that without hurting our services.”

This year’s vote was the first municipal election without the effect of COVID-19 concerns. As public health restrictions have long since lifted, candidates were freer to personally attend local residents, in addition to spreading their campaigns digitally.

Particularly the incumbents noted this year’s to be a vastly different campaign than their first, as Councillors Richard Wegener and Melissa Langmaid joined Wiley in running for their second respective terms.

“One of the things that was different during this campaign is, and maybe it happened in the first one, but I noticed there was quite a bit of negativity out there from a lot of the public ... for me, I wanted to run a clean campaign without any mudslinging. I wanted to get my word out there, what I was campaigning on, and I wanted to make sure that I ran a clean campaign,” said Wegener.

Langmaid also noted the differences.

“This campaign was a lot different for me for personal reasons. Having a little one at home

made it more difficult to get out and knock on doors and be more public. Of course, the postal strike made it difficult to get campaign materials out across town,” added Langmaid.

From those returning to council, the message of collaboration was not only shared, but emphasized, in order to maintain momentum from the previous term, as well as to continue addressing common concerns and priorities.

“I think the expectations have been set and people are looking for a council that’s going to really watch the dollars and cents, but also a council that’s going to take care of the needs of the town and services that the residents expect,” said Langmaid.

“Collaboration is a big thing – collaboration with your council. I still want to hear from the public and what they have to say, then that will come back to our council, we will discuss and look at ways that we could make things better for the community,” said Wegener.

On the other hand, those who are joining council for the first time, Claude Brown and Matt Hyde, each expressed they are eager to get started.

Both noted the campaign process to have required dedication in order to pursue, which by itself, served them to accumulate information about how to best serve and represent the community.

“It was eye opening for sure. There was definitely a lot of ... feelings on every side of the board. People really expressed their feelings, and I really appreciate all of the different forums and the opportunity to meet people,” said Hyde.

“The more important work comes after, and so really the campaign is about getting people’s attention and earning their trust. At the end of the day, what matters is getting out and doing the job right,” said Brown.

Top of mind for the new council, is the imminent budget season for the 2026 financial year.

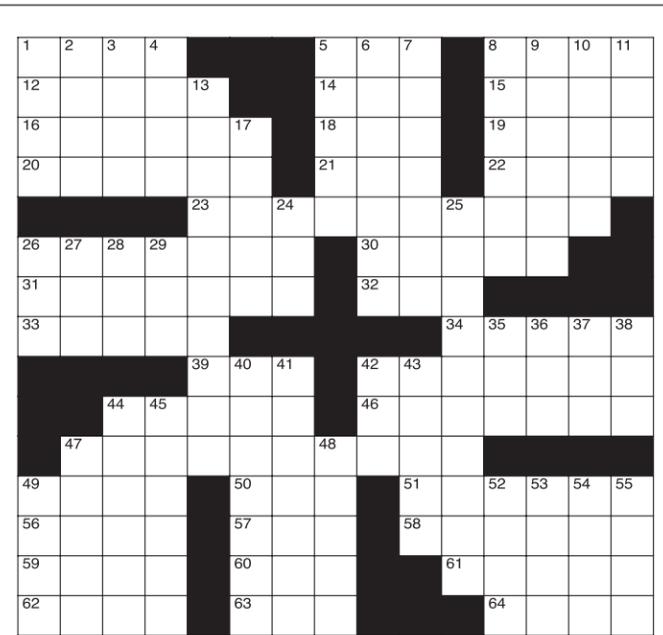
Each of the responding council members shared the consensus that residing in Strathmore needs to remain as affordable as possible, while still allowing the town enough of a budget to

maintain local services.

“A big part of my campaign was fiscal responsibility and ... to keep trying to do my part to keep the expenditures down, and if I could try and work towards keeping tax increases to zero or next to zero or very low. I definitely am working towards that, but I also recognize that it’s a team of people that help make that happen,” said Brown.

“I’ve got experience with large budgets and we have a great administration here in Strathmore that has definitely done their due diligence preparing things for us to consider and I am ready for the challenge,” added Hyde.

Council held its annual organizational meeting, Oct. 29, which also observed the swearing in of the mayor, re-elected Pat Fule.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. El __, Texas town
- 5. Rocker’s tool
- 8. A lot
- 12. Traveling by ground
- 14. Spelling competition
- 15. Two-toed sloth
- 16. Small perfumed bag
- 18. “Much __ about nothing”
- 19. Tough-skinned mollusk
- 20. Removes from record
- 21. It warms the planet
- 22. Leafy green
- 23. Quality of arriving favorably
- 26. Living thing
- 30. “Six of Crows” author Bardugo
- 31. Got around a rule
- 32. Resin from burned substance
- 33. Iraq seaport
- 34. Religious leaders
- 39. Fugitives are on it
- 42. Samson’s influencer
- 44. Italian city
- 46. A quality of lacking interest
- 47. Predatory tropical fishes
- 49. Nobel physician Isodor
- 50. Luck
- 51. Stationary part of a motor or generator
- 56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)
- 57. One point south of due east
- 58. It follows 79
- 59. Paper currency
- 60. Anger
- 61. Spanish seaport
- 62. Sleep in a rough place
- 63. Famous museum
- 64. Self

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bullfighting maneuver
- 2. From a distance
- 3. Soul and calypso song
- 4. Expressions of delight
- 5. Lower in esteem
- 6. Inner region of an organ
- 7. Flowers
- 8. A bog
- 9. Remove a fastening
- 10. Membranes
- 11. Enormous
- 13. One who abstains from drink
- 17. Malayan wild ox
- 24. Type of student
- 25. Rejecting all moral principles
- 26. Sino-Soviet block
- 27. Egyptian unit of weight
- 28. Wrong
- 29. Make a mistake
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- 37. Where wrestlers compete
- 38. Timid
- 40. Disney town
- 41. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 42. Male parent
- 43. Remove for good
- 44. Simple shoes
- 45. Flowers
- 47. Hindi courtesy title for a man
- 48. Not pleased
- 49. “Atlas Shrugged” author
- 52. CIA officer and writer
- 53. Hoodlum
- 54. __ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
- 55. Woolen rugs

RCMP provides pedestrian safety tips

ALBERTA RCMP

As days get shorter, many commuters are traveling during hours with limited visibility. It’s important for both drivers and pedestrians to practice extra caution.

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- Never pass vehicles that are stopped at a crosswalk. There may be pedestrians crossing that you cannot see.

- Do not assume pedestrians can see you. Always make eye contact before turning at an intersection and ensure that pedestrians have cleared before entering any crosswalks.

- Marked or unmarked, crosswalks exist at all intersections. Drivers must stop at crosswalks when pedestrians are crossing.

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sted signs and signals.

- Always try to cross at marked crosswalks. If a crosswalk is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic, and only cross when it’s safe.

- Ensure you are visible to motorists and that all vehicles have stopped before you enter a crosswalk.

- If you are walking when visibility is low, consider wearing high-visibility gear or clothing.

- If there is no sidewalk available and you must walk on a street, walk facing traffic with as much distance from traffic as possible.

“Limited visibility can be dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians,” says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. “It’s important for drivers and pedestrians to practice extra caution when using roadways to help ensure everyone’s safety.”

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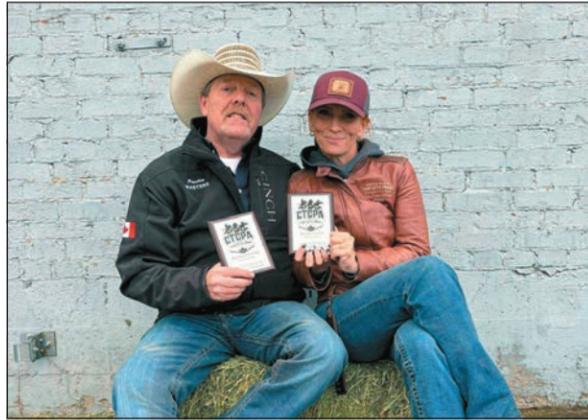
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Members of Tyrrell Riding Academy had a great showing at the Canadian Nationals Team Penning Championship at the Nutrien Centre in Stampede Park from Oct. 9-13.

Photos Courtesy of Tyrrell Riding Academy

Local riders shine at nationals

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Riders of Tyrrell Riding Academy made Strathmore proud at the Canadian Nationals Team Penning Championship, Oct. 9-13 at the Nutrien Centre in Stampede Park.

Local riders, coaches and trainers delivered a standout performance, bringing home three buckles – including one won by a 10-year-old competitor, earning her first-ever national buckle.

“It was amazing,” said Christine Huxted, who helps at the academy. “I was so proud of everybody and all of their hard work that got them there.”

In total, the academy brought 15 riders and an impressive 25 horses to the national event.

“It was a lot of trips back and forth and a lot of horses to get ready and take care of for the week,” Huxted said. “But it was worth it.”

The group ranged in ages from 10 and up, demonstrating the inclusivity and community spirit at the heart of Tyrrell Riding Academy.

“Our youngest student just turned 10; she was actually one that won a buckle,” Huxted said proudly. “And our oldest rider would be in his 50s. I love that diversity.”

All competitors had to qualify for nationals by riding in about six shows over the season.

“Most of them take lessons at the barn at least once a week,” Huxted explained. “There’s a lot of dedication and preparation that goes into it.”

Among the highlights were two of the academy’s coaches earning High Point Canadian titles, recognizing the riders who accumulated the most points in their category across the country. “That’s a really big deal,” Huxted said. “And one of our riders, that same 10-year-old, took Reserve High Point. That was pretty impressive.”

Huxted said the atmosphere within the barn community was as rewarding as the results.

“All of our coaches placed in the Top 20,” she said. “Just seeing, as a group, how well we represented was really cool.”

Huxted explained that many of the academy’s horses are owned by Jessica Tyrrell herself and leased to students, allowing more riders access to high-quality, well-trained horses.

“That’s extra cool because those are her horses out there bringing those students to that different level,” she said. “The kids have made that relationship and are just borrowing the horse, essentially, but still competing at that level.”

The academy is also known for its strong focus on youth mentorship.

“That’s probably the biggest part of that barn; taking those kids and giving them opportunities that no other barn could give,” Huxted said. “The level and

quality of horses she offers out to so many of those kids is amazing.”

For many of the youth competitors, the championship was about more than just competition. “It’s such a good thing for kids to learn – not just sports, but also what it takes to get a horse ready and take care of a horse,” Huxted said.

“They have to bathe, feed, water and clean their stalls for five days. You really see them grow and change as people.”

Huxted emphasized how vital local sponsorship and community support have been in helping young riders access the sport.

With the summer season wrapped

up, Tyrrell Riding Academy is already preparing for the winter months, when their focus shifts to new disciplines.

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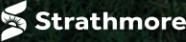
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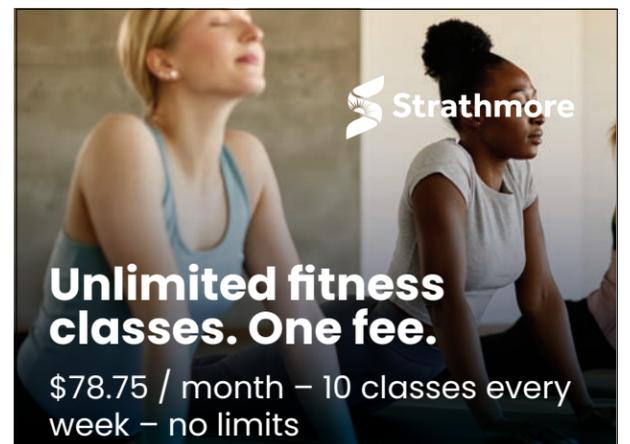
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A great step

The Strathmore Ice Falcons U10 Step 1 ringette team hosted the Rockyford Ringers on Oct. 25 at the Strathmore Family Centre. It was an exciting game that featured plenty of energy and enthusiasm from both sides.

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Wranglers caught in a cyclone

The Wheatland Wranglers U18 female hockey team suffered their first loss of the season at the hands of the Lethbridge Cyclones on Oct. 25 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Despite the loss, the team boasts an impressive 3-1 record on the season.

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Raycroft announced as permanent CEO of Ag Society

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Doug Raycroft will serve as CEO for the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society for the foreseeable future, taking on the mantle permanently as opposed to operating as the interim.

Raycroft stepped in to help as the Interim CEO for the Ag Society throughout the summer, following the departure of Guy Meyer from the position.

Meyer, who had been brought on to replace Ryan Schmidt,

held the position for a little over a month before it became vacant once again.

“They were looking at hiring somebody permanently and just with the way I am with my education, I thought that it’s something I might be able to do. I applied for it and I’m still principal at the (Strathmore High School) for this year, but moving forward, I will be CEO (at the ag society),” said Raycroft. “It’s pretty exciting; a new challenge for me, but I’m looking forward to it ... the Ag Society has a board, there was an interview process, and different things. I just went through the process just like anybody else.”

Throughout the remaining school year, Raycroft will serve as CEO on an effective part-time basis. Once summer 2026 rolls around, he will step into his responsibilities full time.

His elevation from interim to the permanent CEO took place in September, though he did not provide an exact date on which the change took place.

“It’s been pretty busy, just because the budget and stuff, and some of the things trying to get through where we can get ready for the new year,” said Raycroft. “Mostly, when we were getting ready for rodeo season and stuff, there wasn’t as much about dealing with budget and planning, so it’s a little bit different right now. You’re trying to think more from an organizational standpoint than just trying to get through an event.”

He added the new learning curve has thus far been fun and exciting for him to tackle. Despite his title, he emphasized deciding the future of the organization is a significant team effort as opposed to being at the whims of one person.

Serving as CEO, he will however be the primary spokesperson moving forward to be the face of significant developments and announcements.

“You really have to be collaborative with the operations, to the board and basically, you answer to them. For me, it’s just a lot of just making sure communication is good,” he said. “When communication’s good, then there’s less questions and people understand what’s going on and everything just works way better.”

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Tea time

The Langdon Library Society held its inaugural Autumn High Tea Fundraiser on Oct. 25 at the Track Golf Course Events Centre in Langdon. This event served as a fundraising initiative for the Langdon Community Library and brought together residents and supporters to enjoy a traditional high tea menu, which included an assortment of sandwiches, croissants, desserts, fruit platters, and freshly brewed tea and coffee.

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Great performance

The Wardens took to the stage for the latest installment of the Arts on 817 concert series on Oct. 25 at the Strathmore United Church. The four-member band is known for their folk and country music, inspired by their experiences working as park wardens in the Canadian Rockies. The opening act featured local performer Julie Jacobs, a Grade 12 student at Strathmore High School, who was joined by her father Jim Jacobs and her teacher Jim Baxter.

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Dominant performance

The Strathmore Badgers peewee football team capped off their season with a commanding 50-8 win over the Olds Huskies on Oct. 25 at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School Field. The Badgers came out strong on both sides of the ball, building an early lead and never looking back. It was a great way to end the 2025 football season.

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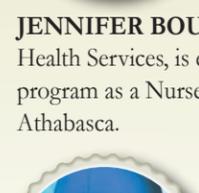
Strathmore District Health Services Auxiliary Bursary Winners for 2025

The Strathmore District Health Services Auxiliary has awarded nine bursaries in the amount of \$1,000 each to persons from the County of Wheatland entering Post-Secondary studies in Health related fields of training.

The Winning Participants for 2025 are:



SCOTT DESSERRE, from Strathmore, entering his second year of the Master of Science in Physical Therapy at the University of Alberta, Augustana Campus in Camrose.



JENNIFER BOUCHARD, a Registered Nurse in Strathmore Health Services, is entering her third year of a three year training program as a Nurse Practitioner through the University of Athabasca.



MEGHAN FLAWS, from Strathmore, is enrolled in her first year of a four year program working toward a Master of Psychology Degree at the University of British Columbia in Kelowna.



TARYN PHILLIPS, from Strathmore, is enrolled in her first year of a four year program working toward a Master of Psychology Degree at the University of British Columbia in Kelowna.



TAYLOR RYAN, Strathmore High School, is enrolled at Mount Royal University, Calgary, in her first year of a four year program pursuant to receiving a degree in Psychology.



KELSEY SALM, Strathmore High School, is enrolled at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, with the intent to receive a BSch with Honors in Pharmacology and a minor in Chemistry. This training covers a time frame of 6-8 years.



CHELSEY ST. AMOUR, of Strathmore, is enrolled at Mount Royal University, beginning year one of a four year program to receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



TITUS UMMELS, Strathmore, is enrolled in his first year of a three year program at S.A.I.T. in his chosen field as a Paramedic.



MITCHELL DESSERRE, Strathmore, is entering his second year of a 2.5 year program in Physical Therapy at the University of Alberta, Calgary, with the intent to continue on to receive Master of Science in physical Therapy Degree.



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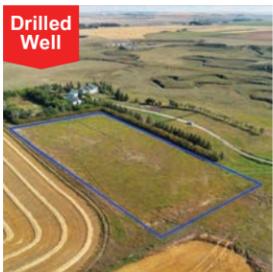
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Undermining fairness and equality

To the Editor

Here is an open letter I wrote as a concerned citizen:

Dear Minister Nally,

I am writing to register my formal complaint and strong objection to the Ministry of Service Alberta's decision to impose a mandatory "CAN" citizenship marker on provincial identification. This initiative is discriminatory in both intent and effect, and it undermines the very principles of fairness and equality that Albertans expect from their government.

Despite being framed as an administrative or streamlining measure, this policy is the operational tool required to advance the Alberta Next Immigration agenda, which explicitly seeks to prioritize citizens over residents in access to public programs and services. No such marker is required under existing law. Its only function is to label and divide.

1. Intent: exclusion disguised as efficiency
Premier Danielle Smith has publicly stated that her government aims to "prioritize Canadian citizens first." This marker provides the visible mechanism to do exactly that. It enables a two-tiered system that devalues residents who contribute to Alberta every day – individuals who work, pay taxes, raise families, and strengthen our communities.

2. Impact: institutionalized discrimination
Forcing a visible citizenship identifier onto official ID is not neutral. It creates a mark of difference. The absence of "CAN" will be read as "less than," inviting profiling and discrimination by employers, landlords, and even public agencies. This violates the intent of the Alberta Human Rights Act and erodes trust in public institutions.

This policy represents a dangerous precedent. It risks turning Alberta's administrative systems into instruments of exclusion and division, echoing tactics that have no place in a modern democracy.

I call on the Ministry of Service Alberta to immediately withdraw this proposal and to recommit to service delivery that treats all Alberta residents with dignity and respect – regardless of their citizenship status.

A public response is both expected and warranted.

Marcy Field
Carseland



Making a positive difference

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Families in Alberta expect real results that make a positive difference in their lives, and that's exactly what our government is focused on delivering. The 2025 fall legislative session is officially underway, guided by a clear direction set out in this year's Speech from the Throne: protecting freedoms, supporting families, strengthening essential services, and building long-term prosperity for every Albertan.

We have listened to Albertans across the province, who told us what matters most; that's why this session will bring forward policies that improve classrooms, deliver better health care access, protect our communities from crime, and create jobs.

As record numbers of newcomers choose opportunity and freedom in Alberta, our government is funding the infrastructure and services needed to keep pace. As our population grows, the province will pursue greater control over immigration and a more sustainable approach than what federal policies provide.

In our classrooms, this rapid growth has brought more than 90,000 new students over the last three years alone. To make sure every student can reach their full potential, our government is investing in 130 new schools and 200,000 new school spaces across the province.

Alberta's health care system is entering a new era focused on faster access to primary care, mental health services, continuing care, and compassionate intervention. It's an approach that puts patient outcomes first and recognizes that Albertans in every community deserve reliable care when and where they need it.

And finally, our government has reaffirmed

our commitment to always standing up for Alberta against federal overreach. We will continue defending Alberta's constitutional jurisdiction and fight back against federal policies that kill jobs, make life more expensive, and threaten the prosperity of Alberta and Canada.

Alberta's government understands that we work for Albertans, and we will never lose sight of our responsibility to you. Together, we're defending Alberta and building a province where freedom is protected, and every family has the opportunity to succeed.

Fulfilling that responsibility means addressing challenges head-on, including those faced by students and teachers across the province.

With instructional time in schools disrupted due to the teachers' strike, the November 2025 diploma exams will now be optional for students. Students who wish to write a diploma exam may request to do so, and their school boards will accommodate the request.

The optional diploma exams apply to all schools provincewide. These exams will still take place on the currently scheduled dates.

Students who choose not to write the November diploma exams can still complete their courses and graduate on time. Their final grade will be based entirely on the school-awarded mark provided by their teacher.

Choosing not to write the November diploma exams will not affect a student's ability to apply to, be accepted by, or attend post-secondary institutions after graduation.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions (Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

(Chantelle de Jonge is the MLA for Chestermere-Strathmore and the Parliamentary Secretary for Affordability and Utilities)

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Tips to prevent seasonal property crime

ALBERTA RCMP

With colder days approaching, the Alberta RCMP is providing tips to avoid seasonal property crime.

Property crime is often a crime of opportunity. The off-season tends to be when these incidents occur the most as there are less people around. Follow the below tips to help avoid becoming a victim:

- Store your off-road vehicles out of sight, ideally in a locked garage, shed, or storage unit. Empty all gas and block each vehicle with physical barriers such as fencing or wheel clamps to make them difficult to remove.
- Secure farm equipment in locked buildings, use wheel clamps or remove batteries. Keep keys in a separate, secure location. Maintain a log of serial numbers and equipment descriptions. Mark equipment with security markings, such as your postal code on the top of trailers.
- Take home all valuables from your seasonal property, including expensive tools and electronics, and properly lock up anything left behind. Consider posting signage that states all valuables have been removed.
- Put away any outdoor furniture.
- Ensure all doors, windows, gates, and outbuildings are secured.
- If storing firearms or other hunting equipment, ensure they are properly secured.
- Consider security cameras, motion-activated lights, and GPS trackers for high-value equipment.

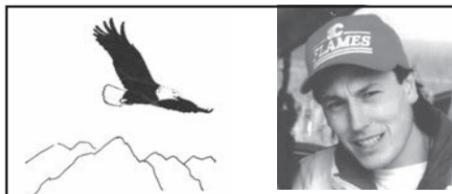
To learn more about seasonal property crime, follow our social media accounts on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) and X (@RCMPAlberta).

Alberta RCMP encourages the public to report any suspicious activity to police. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, 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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In Loving Memory of my Son
Mark Darren Bill
July 10, 1965 – November 3, 2002

*Something will remind me
I never know when,
It might be something someone says
And it all comes back again.*

*The times we spent together
The happiness, the fun,
Once again I feel the pain
Of life without my Son.*

*It's said that time's a healer
I'm sure that is true,
There's not a day goes by Son
That I don't cry for you.*

Forever loved, never forgotten
Missed always, Love Mom

*I stood on tiptoe gazing into the distance,
Interminably gazing at the
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(I miss you)*

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