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Town looks to grow

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is looking to expand its borders by annexing a chunk of land from Wheatland County.

An open house was hosted last month at the town municipal building to open conversation with residents about the annexation application and answer questions about the process.

“The town is required to prepare an application that identifies what areas of land are proposed to be annexed and create documentation that supports that request. That is passed and sent to the province – to the land and property rights tribunal, who then reviews, assesses the merits of the application,” said Vicki Dodge, annexation project manager with the Town of Strathmore. “They may or may not hold a hearing, and then they package that up and send it to the minister with a recommendation, and that goes forward from there, and the province makes the decision.”

Dodge explained one of the requirements of an application is to undergo negotiations with the responding municipality - in this case, Wheatland County.

The amount of land to be acquired by the town is not yet set in stone, as the annex agreement has not been signed. Current estimates indicate three and a half quarter sections (approximately 560 acres) of land will be transferred.

“There are two areas of land being proposed. There is a north area, and a south area. The south area being adjacent to Highway 1, would be predominantly non-residential development in the future; exactly what that looks like is not yet known,” said Dodge. “The land to the north is more likely to be residential in nature, but it could also have neighbourhood commercial uses as well. Exactly what it is going to look like is not known at this time.”

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Badgers shut out Titans

The Strathmore Badgers bantam football team earned a decisive 34-0 win over the Drumheller Titans on Sept. 6 at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School Field. The Badgers controlled the game from start to finish, combining strong defense with an explosive offensive attack en route to the win.

Joe Lepage Photo

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If a farmer falls on the Prairies, does anybody hear them?

Perseverance makes for a feel-good story. David showed it against Goliath. Canada used a healthy hockey dose of it facing the Soviets in '72. And the springtime sun displays its dogged presence after months of cold. But, when it's your livelihood at stake, that story can go from folklore to frightening, fast.

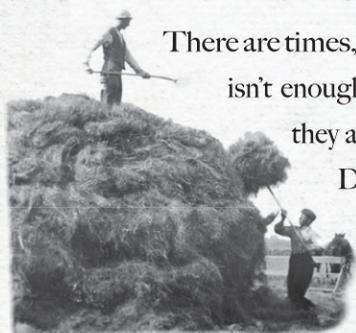


Such is the tale of farmers and ranchers. They're stretched mighty thin these days. Like a stone in their boot, sometimes when they take a step, something's digging into them.

When it's not global commodity markets, it's the weather, and when it isn't the weather, it's other cosmic forces coming to bear. Sometimes the universe really wants to give 'em a bigger hoop to leap through, and these forces gang together to join the party (empty-handed, of course).



But this is no pity party. Western Canadian farmers are some of the most resilient people around. And if they teach us one thing, it's that you should never overlook the underdog. For them, uncertainty is the norm. They grab uncertainty by the mane and ride it like a counterfeit bronc. Bareback.



There are times, though, when unyielding determination isn't enough. Like when the world went to war and they answered the call to arms. When the Great Depression gutted their bottom line. And when Mad Cow decimated ranchers'

herds and COVID decimated the economy. From trade wars to foreign wars, they sometimes won't admit it, but those hands could use a hand.

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County discussing updated fire, emergency services bylaw

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council is addressing gaps within its current fire and emergency services bylaw, working to better service the local community.

First reading of a new fire and emergency services bylaw was passed during the Sept. 2 meeting.

Much of the debate and question regarding the current draft of the bylaw is in regard to potential penalties incurred by residents or offenders in violation of the bylaw.

“It is very rare that we cost recover on penalties. It is rare because depending on whether someone intentionally set a fire, it is pretty clear – but when it comes to accidental, we have not applied penalties,” said Sherry Baers, general manager of community and development services. “There have been offences where it is clear where the first time they are (fire services) called out, it is something that could have been preventable, there is no charge; however, if it is a repeat offence ... I can only think of once where we have applied because it was a blatant offence.”

Reeve Amber Link emphasized her belief in the importance that should a resident call emergency services out to a fire, they will not be paranoid of unjust costs or penalties.

“I do get questions about how much it would cost if somebody had to call the fire department and I have had ratepayers who have been reticent to call for a small fire because they think they are going to be charged,” she said.

The provisions provided under the current bylaw primarily focus on regional emergency management structures, intermunicipal coordination, and general enforcement.

County administration indicated while the foundations for service operation are described, the current bylaw lacks operational details, regulatory authority,

and enforcement clarity.

These are necessary to meet growing service demands and align with modern best practices.

The drafted bylaw looks to establish a framework for fire prevention, suppression, permits, cost recovery, mutual aid, and enforcement. It would also align with current legislative requirements under the Municipal Government Act, Safety Codes Act, and Forest and Prairie Protection Act.

Key changes proposed for the bylaw are broken down into five categories. The first being a broader scope to cover a wider range of emergency response fluctuations, including rescue, medical first response, hazardous materials response, and public education.

It also aims to clarify these services which, while previously practised, are now formally defined within the bylaw as opposed to continuing to remain ambiguous.

The second category of changes is a reorganization of the document for quicker reference. Additionally, service levels by fire district are redefined in order to reflect clear expectations for response types and the capabilities of each department.

Annotation for the provision of outdoor fire permits, fire bans, and cost recovery is also outlined into distinct sections in order to make information more accessible.

Regarding administration and fire authorities, the processes for appointing regional deputy fire chiefs, and county district fire chiefs are more clearly outlined.

Existing enforcement provisions have been expanded in the drafted bylaw to list offences and their associated fines. This aims to provide a clearer direction both for enforcement and public awareness.

The drafted bylaw also reflects the incorporation of modern best practices for municipal fire bylaws in order to better ensure consistent service delivery and enforcement.

County debating utility rate changes

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County is considering changes to its utility rates, following the presentation of three scenarios during the Aug. 19 Committee of the Whole meeting.

During his presentation, Joel Chiasson, manager of financial services, clarified the proposed rate changes do not affect debenture loan rates for repaying county debt for utility infrastructure.

The first option proposed to the committee suggested a seven per cent increase, which would be consistent with increases in 2024 and 2025. Chiasson added this option may be more consistent with meeting long-term infrastructure requirements and mitigating subsidization from general revenues.

“Sometimes CPI (consumer price index), there is a variety of ways to measure it and different sources, so what we did in this case for the Alberta CPI is, we used the source from Stats Canada, it is the annual average change from 2023 to 2024, just knowing that the 2024 was the last completed full calendar year,” he said. “With the municipal price index, what we did there is, during the budget development time, we had the municipal price index presented from the overall county perspective. When we built that data set, we allowed ourselves the flexibility to identify certain functions and not just the county overall.”

Option two, based on the municipal price index, suggested a 2.32 per cent increase. Option three, based on the consumer price index, suggested a 2.9

per cent increase.

Chiasson explained a one per cent increase equals approximately \$14,000 in total revenue for the county.

Options two and three utilize statistical inflationary references. The consumer price index may not be reflective of the types of price pressures experienced with specific services and is not a historical reference point.

The municipal price index is suggested by administration to be a better fit to the service itself in terms of the mix or types of costs related to utilities.

Coun. Shannon Laprise said it may be reasonable for the county to set a target of achieving 50 per cent cost recovery on utility services, particularly water and wastewater, but beyond that may be unfeasible.

“We are covering about 42 per cent of the full cost of services ... I just do not see that we can get to 100 per cent. We want to encourage people to live in our hamlets, we are trying to encourage that, and we do not want to fragment all of our agriculture land. We still need to encourage this,” she said. “I think we need to set a target, whether it takes 10 years, I do not know, and then we can start to apply a municipal price index that we should use going forward once we get to the point where we are satisfied that we have a fair rate that is affordable.”

As the discussion was during a committee of the whole meeting, no decision was made formally by council. The report for the time being was accepted as information.

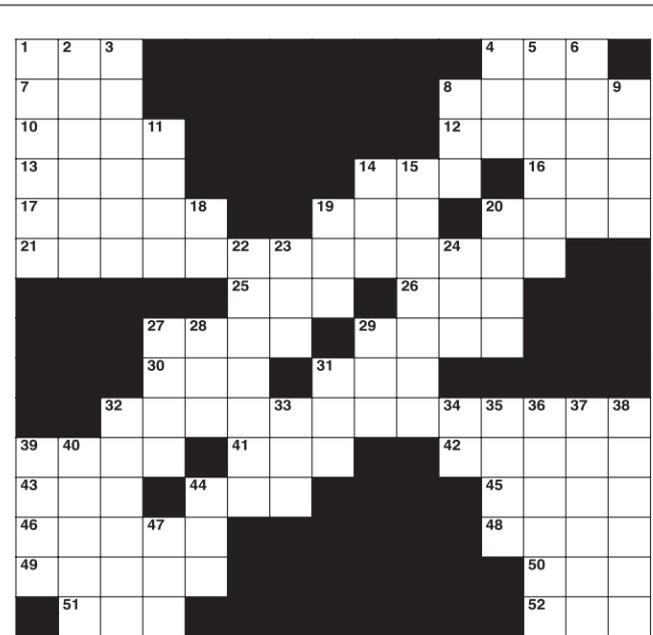


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- 44. Keyboard key
- 45. Old Irish alphabet
- 46. Shaking of the Earth's surface
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- 49. Sword handles
- 50. Longing or yearning
- 51. Creators' social network
- 52. Boxing's GOAT

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- 14. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 15. American state
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- 31. Schenectady County Airport
- 32. Calm down
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- 34. Cola brand
- 35. Stepped on
- 36. Japanese city
- 37. Type of coating
- 38. A citizen of Yemen
- 39. Popular breakfast item, corned beef ___
- 40. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
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The Cluny and Gleichen Lions Clubs, in partnership with Wilson Rodeo, proudly presented a cheque for \$39,226 to the Strathmore District Health Foundation on Sept. 3. Over the past eight years, the Cluny and Gleichen Lions Charity PBR Rodeo had donated over \$170,000 into the region. This year, the funds will be used to purchase urgently needed medical equipment for Strathmore Hospital, including Inpatient Vital Signs Monitors (used to assess a patient's health status in real time and make timely decisions) and Holter Monitor Equipment for the Diagnostic Imaging Department (used to provide dynamic, real-time data on heart rhythms).

Back to school tips for drivers

ALBERTA RCMP

As the roads get busier with back to school, your Alberta RCMP is giving safety tips for students, guardians, and drivers.

Parents/guardians and students:

- Brightly coloured clothing can help make students visible when weather or time of day limits visibility.
- Teach your child to look in all directions before crossing the street, only cross at crosswalks, and always make eye contact with drivers before stepping out onto the road.
- Instruct your child to never run after a school bus as neither the bus driver nor other motorists may see them on the road.

- Show your child a safe route to walk/bike to school. Make sure to walk the route with them at least once to point out any hazards and to show them how to properly use crosswalks and obey traffic control devices.
 - If using a school bus, ensure your child is aware of the traffic hazards which may be present near the bus stop. Show them a safe place where they can wait to catch the bus.
 - If meeting your child at the bus stop after school, always wait at the actual bus stop, not just nearby. Children may forget traffic safety rules and run over to you without paying attention.
 - Texting or listening to music with headphones while walking can be dangerous. Children may get distracted by devices and step out into traffic without paying attention to motorists.
- Drivers:
- Pay extra attention for children walking to school as you pull out or back out of your garage or driveway.
 - Be mindful that it may be difficult to see pedestrians during dark mornings or evenings.
 - Remember, it is illegal to pass a school bus when its lights are flashing red. Drivers on both sides of the road must remain stopped until the flashing red lights are turned off.
 - Slow down in school zones and be particularly alert for students during school hours, especially when dropping off and picking up children from school.
 - Don't assume pedestrians see you. Always make eye contact before turning to ensure everyone is aware of one another.

“Back to school can be a busy time,” says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. “By following some basic tips and giving yourself extra time, everyone can have a safer commute.”

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Thought for the Week
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Opportunities to do good usually come tous in the form of choices to be made.

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Town hosts open house for land annexation application

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Due to the approval process being through the province, an exact timeline for completion is not able to be firmly estimated.

Dodge added there was a lot of curiosity from the local community expressed during the open house regarding the location and proposal of the annexation. Further, no outright opposition to the process has thus far been indicated.

“There are five main reasons cited (in the application). One is to support non-residential development to diversify the regional economy and attract new investment, to support additional community benefits through the creation of more job opportunities and more vibrant local economy,” said Dodge. “(It will also) support the potential for additional recreation facilities in the area, and increased housing options – including more affordable housing options.”

The last time the town annexed land from the county was in 2010. Following that, the Oxbow annexation, which was debated between 2015 and 2020, was ultimately defeated by the town council at the time.

The town has posted all current information relating to the annexation process on their website for public inquiry.



Perfect picnic

Kinsmen Park was alive with laughter and teddy bear mascots as families gathered for the annual Teddy Bear Picnic on Sept. 6. The event featured a variety of children's activities, creating a fun and welcoming atmosphere for all ages. Sponsored by Coun. Debbie Mitzner of RE/MAX Landan Real Estate, the picnic has become a popular community tradition, drawing families to celebrate together each September.

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Stick it to Stigma

The second annual Stick it to Stigma, hosted by Rebloom Community Health & Wellness, was held Sept. 6 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. The event featured fun activities, live music, and inspiring speakers focused on mental health and wellness.

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The number of smokers in Canada is at its lowest level in history. Only 10.9% of Canadians still smoke (12.9% are men and 9.1% are women). Tobacco smoking is still the leading cause of preventable disease and death in Canada, associated with increased risk of cancer, heart and lung diseases. If that isn't enough to encourage smokers to quit, smokers have an average 10-year shorter life expectancy than nonsmokers.

The use of the word "stem cells" is used to promote dozens of unproven therapies that are designed with the sole purpose of getting your money. There are very few stem cell therapies that have science behind them. Included are disorders of the blood and immune system, and their use in some transplantations. Be very cautious and don't be taken in by the hype.

In Canada, 37% of 16 to 19 year olds and 50% of 20 to 24 year olds report using cannabis during the last year. One of the more serious side effects of routine cannabis use is that it can cause psychotic episodes, a loss of contact with reality characterized by hallucinations, delusions, and changes in thinking and behaviour. In many cases, these symptoms may go away once cannabis is stopped. But for some, symptoms can continue into adulthood.

More news on the male contraceptive drug. A new hormone-free male birth control pill is undergoing clinical testing right now. Experiments in mice so far have been very positive, with few side effects. Phase 2 studies on humans are being done currently in New Zealand.

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Exhibition split

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Tough contest

The Strathmore Spartans high school football team was shutout on their home field Sept. 4 when they hosted the Chinook Coyotes from Lethbridge. The team moved from a 3A school to a 4A school, thus facing increased competition.

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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.

- September 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting**
- October 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting**
- October 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | ASB Meeting**

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Notice of Nomination Day

Wheatland County, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is Monday, September 22, 2025, and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Nomination forms are available at the Wheatland County office during operating hours, or on our website: <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/2025-municipal-election/>

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County Councillor	4	1
County Councillor	5	1
County Councillor	6	1
County Councillor	7	1

Location of Local Jurisdiction Office:
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DATED at the County of Wheatland, in the Province of Alberta, this 26th day of August, 2025.



Wheatland County – Community Enhancement Regional Board

Wheatland County is inviting applications for membership on the Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB). Appointments commence November 1, 2025, with one representative from each Electoral Division.

- Two members per division, appointed for two-year terms (alternating expiry dates).
- CERB meets three times each spring to evaluate applications and allocate Community Enhancement Funding to local community groups.

Application Deadline: September 30, 2025
For details or to submit a letter of interest, email cerb@wheatlandcounty.ca.

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Sport talk

Active Solutions for Health hosted their Female Athlete Sport Talk (FAST) on Sept. 6 at the Strathmore High School. The event focused on concussion recovery, resiliency, and injury prevention – providing athletes, families, and coaches with valuable resources and information.

Joe Lepage Photo



Happy 25th!

Sacred Heart Academy celebrated its 25th anniversary on Sept. 4 with an evening filled with food, games, giveaways and much more. Three staff members have been part of Sacred Heart Academy since its doors first opened: principal Paulette Chotowetz (Left photo, l-r), along with longtime staff members Darcee Evans and Carly Miller.

Joe Lepage Photos



Strathmore considering expansion of snow removal services

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is considering the expansion of local snow removal and mitigation services to include Hillcrest Boulevard in the 2026 budget.

Coun. Brent Wiley, who made the motion to examine the cost of including the road for snow removal services, said residents have made comments about how snow piles up during the winter.

“The residents say what happens is because they are in the north corner on the west side of town, the wind comes in there and [snow] just collects on that street,” he said. “I get what they are saying, and it certainly has been brought to my attention before that there might be some problems there.”

Currently, the annual budget allocated by the town for snow removal is \$575,000. This equates to approximately 15 per cent of the total roads budget.

This includes costs related to wages, overtime, on call, pickle mix and calcium, and contracted services.

So far this snow season, which includes coverage from November 2024 to April, a little over \$375,000 has been spent.

Snow removal in Strathmore per kilometer costs the town \$1,753.58. Services in Strathmore and costs are comparable to other municipalities, according to the Canadian Municipal Benchmarking Network

Donna McCallum, operations manager with the Town of Strathmore, explained council has previously brought forward accessibility concerns which have been raised by residents in regard to bus stops, crosswalks, and mailboxes located along priority snow clearing routes.

“We have 170 crosswalks in total on all the priority routes; we have 55 mailboxes, and there are 22 bus stops on the priority routes,” she said. “Each crosswalk, mailbox, or crosswalk would take approximately 10 minutes to clean. The average takes into account travel time and clearing. We estimate that this service level increase would add about 42 hours of labour to each snow event.”

The cost increase associated with such an increase has been estimated to be between \$280,000 and \$560,000 annually – representing a tax increase between 1.65 per cent and 3.3 per cent.

Wiley’s initial motion indicated examining “snow removal.” Coun. Denise Peterson suggested an amendment to the initial motion adding “mitigation” to the language to address other snow removal options and contingencies.

“It is a longstanding issue, and I really appreciate the fact that our operations have known this and have not ignored it either,” she said.

The costs of expanding snow removal services will be brought forward to a future council meeting during budget deliberations.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please don't take what's not yours

To the Editor

In the year of Strathmore's Centennial (2011), Communities in Bloom established a community garden on the site of St. Michael's Anglican church, called the Centennial Garden. It was a project of local people who came together to build and operate the garden for patrons who rented space.

When the Anglican Church property was sold, the garden was dismantled and moved to the site of Hope Community Covenant Church, where it presently is located at the west side of the building. Hope Church has donated the space for the garden. Over the last several years the garden, known as "The Garden of Eat'n," has expanded and improved.

Approximately \$25,000 has been invested in the garden. As clearly stated on the sign at the garden "Private produce: only for registered gardeners."

Most of the registered gardeners are seniors. We plant and cultivate, fertilize and carry water to grow vegetables for our own consumption. Occasionally deer come and munch on our veggies.

However, over the years people who are not registered gardeners have been pulling up vegetables and stealing produce. What a disappointment for those who have worked so hard to grow and enjoy fresh produce. This year the situation has be-

come particularly troublesome.

If you are taking produce from the garden without authorization you are stealing – plain and simple. And you are stealing from seniors and from our patrons and sponsors: Home Hardware, the Strathmore Lions Club, Peavey Mart, Eaglelake Landscape Supply, Fortis, Scotts Canada, Landscape Plus, Strathmore Communities in Bloom Society and Hope Community Church.

Look in the mirror and ask yourself if what you are doing is right.

*Robert Breitwieser,
Garden Manager*



NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

LOCAL AUTHORITIES' ELECTION ACT
(SECTION 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: GOLDEN HILLS SCHOOL DIVISION
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that **Nomination Day deadline is Monday, September 22nd, 2025**, and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the locations set out below within the period beginning **January 1, 2025, 10:00 A.M. and ending 12:00 NOON September 22nd, 2025**, on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division
School Trustee	One	Ward #1 Three Hills, Torrington, Huxley, Trochu and area
School Trustee	One	Ward #2 Acme, Carbon, Linden and area
School Trustee	One	Ward #3 Drumheller
School Trustees	Two	Ward #4 Strathmore
School Trustee	One	Ward #5 Carseland, Gleichen, Cluny, Hussar, Rockyford, Standard and area

Golden Hills School Division 435A Highway #1 Strathmore, AB (403) 934-5121	Village of Acme Office 203 Clarke Street Acme, AB (403) 546-3783	Town of Drumheller Municipal Office 224 Centre St. Drumheller, AB (403) 823-6300	Village of Standard Office 120 Elsinore Avenue Standard, AB (403) 644-3968	Town of Three Hills Municipal Office 232 Main St. Three Hills, AB (403) 443-5822	Town of Trochu Municipal Office 222 Northfield Rd Trochu, AB (403)442-3085
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DATED at the Town of Strathmore in the Province of Alberta, this 06 day of January 2025.



Returning Officer
Tahra Sabir

For more information visit the Golden Hills School Division website at <https://www.ghsd75.ca/board/2025-board-of-trustee-elections> or call Tahra Sabir, Returning Officer at 403-934-5121 ext. 2024. You may pick up a Candidate's Nomination Package at Golden Hills School Division office, weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Clarifying some points

To the Editor

Strathmore Care Community would like to clarify several points in a Letter to the Editor in the Sept. 3, edition of the Strathmore Times from the WHMB Board.

As stated, there are very few similarities between Wheatland Lodge and Strathmore Care Community. The lodge is one of the first steps in a continuum of care seniors may experience.

The care community is just that, a health-care facility, that will provide government licensed Type A, Long Term Care, Type B, Designated Supportive Living and Type C, Hospice Care. These services will be provided under a long-term contract with the newly formed Assisted Living Alberta which replaces the role Alberta Health Services had in delivering continuing care in the province.

Personal care will be provided to 54 long term care residents, 18 supportive living residents, 18 supportive living memory care residents and six hospice spaces will be available. The care will be provided by registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, healthcare aides, as well as professional therapists and other healthcare professionals. Assisted Living Alberta will provide the funding for the care being provided and will monitor that funded hours are being provided as required. Registered nursing staff will be on site 24-hours per day.

Residents living in Strathmore Care Community will be identified as needing higher levels of care and assessed by Assisted Living Alberta's Community Care Access and

Transition Services nurses that will determine the care plans for these individuals. This process will start a few months before the planned opening in February 2027.

The accommodation rates charged to each resident are set annually by Assisted Living Alberta. Operators of government-funded care centres cannot charge more than this prescribed amount.

Residents will all have private rooms built to Alberta Continuing Care Standards. The accommodation rate includes the private room accommodation, utilities, meals and snacks, housekeeping, laundry services, recreational activities and emergency call systems.

Similar to the lodge system, residents who don't have the means to pay the accommodation fees set by the government are able to access the income tested Alberta Seniors Benefit Program to top up their income to make the required monthly payment and have \$365 left to spend.

Since applying to build and operate this care community in October of 2020 we have worked closely with Alberta Health Services and now with Assisted Living Alberta to make this much needed addition to Strathmore a reality. We are excited to finally be starting construction at the end of the month.

We invite you to find more information online (www.strathmorecarecommunity.ca).

*Doug Murphy, President
Strathmore Care Community*



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CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Finding a good job can be hard, especially for young people starting out and families trying to make ends meet. Alberta's government knows that affordability is a concern right now, which is why we are focused on helping Albertans build the skills and experience they need to succeed.

We recently launched the Alberta Jobs Strategy. It's a plan to help more people in Alberta find good jobs in their communities. This strategy focuses on four main goals: showing Albertans what kinds of careers are out there, helping them get ready for future jobs, making it easier for people to get hired, and helping businesses grow so they can hire even more workers.

The Alberta Jobs Strategy brings together nearly 50 programs from different parts of the government. These programs help Albertans improve their math and literacy skills, connect people with jobs, get more women into science and technology careers, and make sure we have enough doctors, nurses, and other health care workers for the future.

Our government wants to make life better for Albertans. This plan will make sure young people across the province can train for the trades they're interested in. It's about helping hardworking Albertans find jobs that match their skills. The goal is to give families even more confidence so they can build a good life here.

Alberta is growing faster than any other province in Canada. More than five million people live here, and that number could reach 5.5 million by 2030. Investors are choosing to create jobs here because we have the lowest taxes of any Canadian province, the best workers, and a government committed to cutting red tape and creating opportunities. That means more jobs and more choices for Albertans.

The Alberta Jobs Strategy builds on what we're good at today and prepares us for the economy of tomorrow. By working with schools, businesses, and communities, our government is making sure Alberta stays the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

As we work to grow Alberta's economy and create new opportunities, we're also focused on improving the services that matter most to Albertans – especially health care.

Three new provincial health corporations are now operational, focused on delivering efficient and patient-centred care for Albertans in critical health service areas.

As of Sept. 1, Cancer Care Alberta, Give Life Alberta and the emergency health services provincial health corporation are fully operational, marking a significant milestone in the province's health care refocusing initiative.

Regulatory changes made in the spring established the new corporations as legal entities. These changes enabled cancer care, organ and tissue donation and transplantation, and emergency health services to transition from Alberta Health Services to Acute Care Alberta, ensuring these specialized services have a dedicated focus in the new health care system.

Cancer Care Alberta is now responsible for delivering cancer treatment and services across the province, overseeing work-

force planning, capital investments, operational funding and a dedicated complaints process. Give Life Alberta manages all organ and tissue donation and transplantation services, streamlining processes and advancing a unified vision for life-saving care. The emergency health services provincial health corporation oversees all aspects of emergency health services, including response times, workforce recruitment and retention, and coordination of critical services.

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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Online purchases must be picked up at the door the night of the concert.




RCMP investigate fatal motor collision

ALBERTA RCMP

On Sept. 7 at 9 p.m., Strathmore RCMP received a report that a pedestrian had been struck by a black Dodge Ram in the 900 block of Pine Road in Strathmore. RCMP and EMS attended and located the victim who had serious injuries. Dante Waterchief (24), a resident of Siksika, was taken to a Calgary hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Alberta RCMP Major Crime Unit was contacted, and they have taken carriage of the investigation. As a result of the investigation, Kyera Oldwoman (22), a resident of Skisika Nation, has been charged with second degree murder.

After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Oldwoman was remanded into custody and will be appearing in Alberta Court of Justice in Siksika on Sept. 11.

If you have any information regarding this incident, or witnessed it, please contact Strathmore RCMP at 403-934-3968. 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. To contact the RCMP non-emergency line while in any Alberta RCMP jurisdiction call 310-RCMP(7267).

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Charity challenge

Coun. Richard Wegener served up ice cream at the Wheatland Lodge on Sept. 3 to officially begin his fourth annual charity challenge. All money donated to the Wheatland Housing Management Body from Sept. 3 to Oct. 15 will be matched by Coun. Wegener, up to \$2,000. In the prior three years, this initiative has raised over \$10,000 for local charities.

Joe Lepage Photo



The Crowfoot Multi 4-H club will host a Meet & Greet Hot Dog Roast on Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. at the Crowfoot Hall.

Photo Courtesy of Justina Sherstabetoff

New 4-H season begins

AUBREY SHERSTABETOFF
Crowfoot Multi 4-H Club

Are you interested in joining 4-H or finding out what it's all about? Come to the Crowfoot Multi 4-H Club's annual Meet & Greet Hot Dog Roast on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. at the Crowfoot Hall.

The event is open to all prospective new members, as well as returning members, to find out more about our

club and the projects we will be offering this year.

Last year the club offered sewing, foods, archery, sheep, canine & creative/self-directed projects.

The roast is a fun time to reconnect after the summer and kick off another great year of 4-H. The club's AGM will be on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 5:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, or would like further information, please email the club (crowfootmulti4H@4hab.com).



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Obituary



PAYNE, Jane Ann

It is with a heavy heart, that we announce the peaceful passing of a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother "Mumma" and great grandmother, Jane Ann Payne, on August 20, 2025, after a brief illness.

A private family service will take place, but Jane's family is asking that you join them for an open house on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Strathmore Travelodge.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Wheatland Funeral Home
Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

Obituary



RISDON, Marilyn

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Marilyn on August 12, 2025 in Calgary after a brief illness at the age of 81 years.

Marilyn was born in Star City, Saskatchewan and spent her young years in Melfort and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. After attending Saskatoon Tech Collegiate, she obtained employment at Federated Co-op head office in Saskatoon and later transferred to Strathmore Co-op, where she worked as an accounting technician. Then after the girls were old enough went back to work at Eagle Lake Nurseries for many years.

Marilyn and Wayne were married in October 1968 and in 1973 built their new house on the farm south of Strathmore where Marilyn resided until her passing. Marilyn lived her life for her family, loved her home on the farm and took pride in her garden and yard, enjoyed canning and kept active golfing and playing pickleball. Marilyn was very involved with her family's activities which included many ringette and hockey games during the winter months. She also enjoyed travelling with memorable trips to Nashville, Costa Rica, California, Alaska and many cruises with friends. Marilyn had been involved with the Cairnhill Community Association, and was a recipient of her 50-year recognition with Beta Sigma Phi Ladies Club.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Wayne of 58 years; two daughters Tara (Derek) and Kelie; grandchildren Addison and Jordyn Innes; Taylor and Ashley Hall, and their father Devon Hall; sister-in-law Bonnie (Ken) Seitz and sister-in-law Vicki (Nigel) Russell along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Walter and Katherine Fusick; her sisters Shirley Litman and Paulette Fusick and her mother and father-in-law, Edward and Hazel Risdon.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Cairnhill Hall at 2:00 p.m. Donations in Marilyn's memory may be made directly to Wheatland & Area Hospice Society (P.O. Box 2154, Strathmore, T1P 1K2).

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Obituary



FILATOFF, Lorne Gerald

June 29, 1944
- September 5, 2025

Lorne, beloved husband of Sylvia (Dorchak) passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 5th at the age of 81 years. Lorne is survived by his two sons, Brian (Erin) and Brent (Amy) and his 3 granddaughters, Emma, Madeline & Mackenzie

Also left to cherish his memory is his sister Marie Larsen (Harvey) and his many nieces and nephews. Lorne was predeceased by his parents, George and Lillian and his sister, Irene Dallmann.

A Gathering in honour of Lorne will be held on Thursday, September 11th, 2025 at Mountain View Funeral Home from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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NOTICE

Notice of Nomination Day

Local Authorities Election Act
(section 26)

VILLAGE OF ROCKYFORD

Notice is hereby given that nomination day is:

Monday September 22, 2025

And that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the local jurisdiction office set out below before 12:00pm noon on Nomination Day.

FIVE (5) COUNCILOR

Local Jurisdiction Office:
Village of Rockyford Office
110 Main Street
Rockyford, Alberta

Dated at the Village of Rockyford in the Province of Alberta, this 3rd day of September, 2025

Lori Miller, Returning Officer

Notice of Nomination Day

Local Authorities Election Act
(section 26)

VILLAGE OF STANDARD

Notice is hereby given that nomination day is:

Monday September 22, 2025

And that nominations for the election of candidate for Councilor will be received at the local jurisdiction office set out below before noon on Nomination Day.

FIVE (5) COUNCILORS

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Yvette April, Returning Officer

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Upcoming Council Meetings

Sept 17, 2025 | 6 p.m.

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.

It's cleanup time.

Aquatic Centre closing for annual maintenance.

Every fall, the Strathmore Aquatic Centre shuts down for a few weeks to perform annual maintenance. This downtime helps us keep the pool clean, safe, and ready for another splash-tastic year.

This year's annual maintenance shutdown begins **August 28, 2025** and will last for a couple of weeks. There's a lot that goes into making the pool a safe and clean place. Keep an eye out for progress updates throughout the closure. For more information, contact the Aquatic Centre at **403-934-3325**.

Apply today.

Join the Municipal Policing Committee.

The Strathmore Municipal Policing Committee is an initiative designed to enhance community safety through collaboration, transparency, and active resident engagement. The committee plays a pivotal role in shaping local policing priorities, fostering ongoing dialogue between residents, Council, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and working to ensure the safety and well-being of the entire Strathmore community.

The Town of Strathmore is looking for: individuals with a desire to give back to the community; individuals with specific expertise relevant to the qualifications of the specific board, focus or committee; individuals interested in the legislative process; and individuals with time available to commit to membership.

Learn more or apply today at Strathmore.ca/PoliceCommittee

Swimming, it's a good skill to have.

Fall swimming lessons.

Save the date, swimmers! The 2025 fall swimming schedule will be available September 22, 2025 at noon. Registration opening times are;

- Registration opens for Strathmore & Wheatland County residents on September 30, 2025 at 8 a.m.
- Registration opens for all members on October 2, 2025 at 8 a.m.

For a smooth registration process, create or login to your recreation account at strathmore.perfectmind.com and make sure your address, postal code, and email are up to date. If you need a hand, reach out to the Pool Crew by calling **403-934-3325**.

Curious about your neighbourhood?.

Planning Dashboard.

Curious about what's being built down the street? Now you can find out with just a few clicks.

We've recently launched our new Planning Application Dashboard (PAD) that shows current development and permit applications throughout town. Whether it's a proposed new subdivision, commercial development, or secondary suite, you can now see where projects are happening, what stage they're at, and key details about applications received on January 1, 2025 or later.

View the Planning Application Dashboard at Strathmore.ca/PAD.

Ready for the election?

Voting made easier.

Special Ballots.

We know life can get busy, and sometimes it's not possible to vote in person at an advanced voting station or on Election Day. That's why special ballots are available to eligible voters.

If your name is on the permanent electors register (VoterLink) and you're unable to make it to the polls, you can apply for a special ballot. It's a simple way to make sure your voice is heard in the upcoming election.

To request an application or learn more, email elections@strathmore.ca.

Mark your calendars.

Important election related dates.

Here are a few dates you should keep on the calendar:

- **Nomination Day Deadline:** September 22, 2025 at noon.
- **Advanced Voting Station:** October 15 & 17, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Strathmore Civic Centre.
- **Election Day Voting Station:** October 20, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Strathmore Civic Centre.



Notice of Nomination Day

Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: TOWN OF STRATHMORE, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 22, 2025 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office (s)	Number of Vacancies
Mayor	1 (ONE)
Councillor	6 (SIX)

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

Box 2280
1 Parklane Drive
Strathmore, Alberta
Canada
T1P 1K2

DATED at the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta, this 1 day of September, 2025.



Vanessa Cunningham
Vanessa Cunningham
Returning Officer

Make an investment in your health.

New fitness classes at The Bank starting October.

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For more info about this new partnership, visit our website, Strathmore.ca

Get your tags before it's too late.

HIG coming soon.

Trash to Treasure: September 11 to 14, 2025

Heavy Item Garbage: September 14 to 19, 2025

Last day to pick up HIG tags is September 12, 2025