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Healing lodge

Seniors construction landmark

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Construction of the Strathmore Care Community reached a major milestone Aug. 25 as local and provincial representatives gathered inside the future continuing care facility for its official topping off ceremony.

The \$45-million project is expected to open in May 2027 with 96 spaces, including 54 long-term care spaces, 36 supportive living spaces and six hospice spaces. Of the supportive living spaces, 18 are planned for memory care.

For Doug Murphy, president and CEO of Shasta Senior Living, seeing the building reach this stage comes after a journey that began nearly six years ago.

"We began this marathon in September 2020," Murphy said during the ceremony. "Together and separately, we worked through a worldwide pandemic, rapidly rising interest rates, escalating construction costs, tariffs and a whole lot of legislative changes."

Murphy said the project is expected to create the equivalent of 75 to 80 full-time jobs in Strathmore once operational. Those positions will include registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, health-care aides as well as food service, housekeeping and maintenance staff.

Initially aiming for a February 2027 opening, it has now been adjusted to May 2027, due to routine delays such as securing steel. Murphy said the construction crew has been working days and weekends to get the project on track.

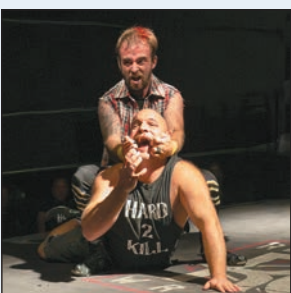
"It's taken a long time to get to where we are and it's good to be able to finally show it off a little bit," Murphy said.

The project carries a personal connection for Murphy. He and his late wife Betty Ann lived in Strathmore for 14 years and spent their careers working in continuing care. Murphy said he and his wife were passionate about hospice care.

"This is what we've always done, continuing care; and Betty Ann was very passionate about hospice care," he said. "That's part of the reason that we responded to the request for proposal."

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Up close and personal

Up-and-coming rodeo athletes took part in the seventh annual Strathmore & District Agricultural Society rodeo school Aug. 24-27. The school, which features bull riding, bullfighting, saddle bronc and bareback, allows students to get their feet wet with professional rodeo instructors. See Page 8 for more coverage.

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Windwood festival

Strathmore's Susanne Sevcik, a local musician and pianist, helped bring the Windwood Music Festival to town as part of its fifth annual 2026 Summer Music Festival. Sevcik, who grew up in Strathmore, encouraged the group to include the community in its festival performances. She was joined by fellow pianist Tong Wang and cellist Luis Almeida. The Aug. 28 performance, "Windwood at the Vault," was held at The Vault Cultural Collective as part of Alberta Culture Days.

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Minister Rick Wilson joins Chief Samuel Crowfoot and other council members from Siksika Nation in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Siksika Iitaisokinaapyoyis Healing Lodge Recovery Community on Aug. 26. The centre represents hope and community for local Nation residents who need recovery treatment for addiction.

Melissa Piche Photo

Siksika Nation celebrates new era of healing and recovery

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Siksika Nation celebrated a ribbon cutting ceremony on Aug. 25 as they prepare to open the doors on a new 76-bed recovery community aimed at bringing culturally-grounded addiction treatment closer to home for people in southern Alberta.

The Siksika Iitaisokinaapyoyis Healing Lodge Recovery Community is the second of five Indigenous-led recovery communities planned for Alberta. The remaining three are expected to finish construction by the end of 2026.

The newly-built facility is owned and managed by Siksika Nation. A Nation-owned not-for-profit corporation, Siksika Iitaisokinaapyoyis Healing Lodge, was selected to operate the recovery community.

"The opening of the Siksika Iitaisokinaapyoyis Healing Lodge Recovery Community is about bringing healing home," said Siksika Nation Chief Samuel Crowfoot. "Our relatives can now come home to Siksika to get well, surrounded by family, community and culture, while reconnecting with our traditional Blackfoot ways of healing."

The first clients are expected to begin treatment this fall with the doors set to open Oct. 1. People will be able to remain in treatment for up to one year at no cost to themselves or their families.

Services at the lodge will incorporate Siksika Nation's culture, ceremony, identity, family and community, while providing addiction treatment and other supports.

"This Healing Lodge represents hope for our relatives and strength for our Nation," Crowfoot said. "When our relatives heal, our families heal. Our community grows stronger and we create a healthier future for generations to come."

The province provided capital funding for construction and has committed to long-term operational funding.

Mental Health and Addiction Minister Rick Wilson was in attendance and he said removing barriers to recovery-oriented care remains a priority for the province.

"This 76-bed recovery community is a place (that gives) those struggling with addiction an opportunity to access evidence-based and culturally-grounded treatment during their pursuit of recovery," Wilson said.

Budget 2026 includes nearly \$30 million to open and operate Indigenous-led recovery communities in Alberta. Once all five are complete, they are expected to add more than 375 beds to the province's addiction treatment system with capacity to help up to 1,500 people pursue recovery each year.

The Alberta government has invested approximately \$180 million in capital funding to build the five Indigenous-led recovery communities.

Recovery communities provide live-in addiction treatment along with supports intended to help clients build healthy habits and social skills. Programs can also include employment training and other services aimed at supporting long-term recovery.

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Wheatland County council briefs

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Wheatland County council had a full morning of meetings Aug. 18, with discussions ranging from utility rates to local Catholic school results and an interim appointment within the agriculture department.

COUNTY LOOKS AT FUTURE OF UTILITY RATES

How Wheatland County residents pay for water and wastewater could begin to look different in the coming years as the County works toward a more consistent approach to setting utility rates.

During the Committee of the Whole meeting, council reviewed a proposed Utility Financial Policy Framework. Administration is looking for direction on several areas, including tiered water rates, how much utility services should be subsidized through other county revenue, whether rates should differ between communities and how infrastructure costs should be handled.

The discussion comes as the county continues to subsidize a significant portion of utility costs. The 2026 budget shows a consolidated utility net deficit of approximately \$2.62 million. When amortization is removed, the five-year average subsidy varies considerably between communities, from five per cent in Carseland/Speargrass to 54 per cent in Rosebud. Cluny sits at 48 per cent, Gleichen at 26 per cent and Muirfield at 35 per cent.

One option being considered is tiered water billing. Average monthly water consumption among county utility customers is 13 cubic metres.

Administration identified 15 cubic metres and 30 cubic metres as possible thresholds. About 30 per cent of accounts consistently use 15 cubic metres or more while roughly three per cent consistently reach 30 cubic metres or more.

A higher rate could then apply once customers move beyond the established threshold.

The county is also considering whether utility rates should remain the same across its communities. Currently, water and wastewater rates are largely uniform, despite differences in the cost of providing those services. A sample subsidy model presented by administration suggests smaller systems such as Cluny and Rosebud could receive higher subsidy levels than larger systems such as Carseland/Speargrass and Muirfield.

No final utility policy was approved through the Committee of the Whole agenda. Feedback from the discussion is expected to be incorporated into a draft policy coming back to council Sept. 8. That work will also help shape proposed 2027 utility rates and changes to the county’s Master Schedule of Fees.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BRING RESULTS TO COUNTY

Representatives from Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools appeared before Wheatland County’s Public Presentation Committee to provide an update on Sacred Heart Academy and Holy Cross Collegiate in Strathmore.

Trustee Harry Salm and Superintendent Dr. Andrea Holowka were scheduled to present the schools’ Annual Education Results Report results to the committee.

Information included with the presentation showed Sacred Heart Academy, serving kindergarten to Grade 6, with an enrolment of 309 students and

63 per cent utilization. Holy Cross Collegiate, serving Grades 7 to 12, was listed with 338 students and 72 per cent utilization.

The presentation also highlighted the upcoming CTR Strathmore and District Practical Ranching School. The program is being developed in partnership with the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society and Lakeland College and is expected to launch Feb. 1, 2027.

The program is intended to give students an opportunity to explore careers in agriculture while completing their high school diploma and beginning post-secondary agricultural studies. Students will attend regular classes at Holy Cross Collegiate and take hands-on dual-credit college courses in the afternoon. A limited number of spaces are also expected to be offered to students from Golden Hills School Division.

The presentation was informational and no decision was requested from council through the agenda.

APPLICATION FOR NEW SIGNS AT ROSEBUD

Wheatland County’s Municipal Planning Commission approved a development permit for replacement signage along the walking tour through the Hamlet of Rosebud.

The application proposes replacing 12 freestanding signs featuring numbered historical photographs and information about local points of interest. Administration said replacing the walking tour signs supports Rosebud’s cultural identity, heritage interpretation, tourism economy and pedestrian experience.

Several locations were adjusted following circulation of the application.

The commission approved the new signs with variances subject to six conditions and the exclusions identified in the approval.

INTERIM AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN RECOMMENDED

Wheatland County also held a Special Council meeting Aug. 18 to deal with a vacancy in its agriculture department.

Administration recommended Russ Muenchrath be appointed Agricultural Fieldman to the Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board effective Aug. 18.

The interim appointment follows the recent resignation of the county’s Manager of Agriculture and Environment and Agricultural Fieldman.

Muenchrath previously served as an Agricultural Fieldman with Wheatland County for many years and agreed to return to the role on an interim basis while the County recruits a permanent replacement.

Administration said recruitment for a permanent Manager of Agriculture and Environment and Agricultural Fieldman was already underway and was expected to take approximately two to three months.

Agricultural Service Board members were consulted by email because the board’s next regular meeting is not scheduled until October, with the majority responding positively to the proposed interim appointment.

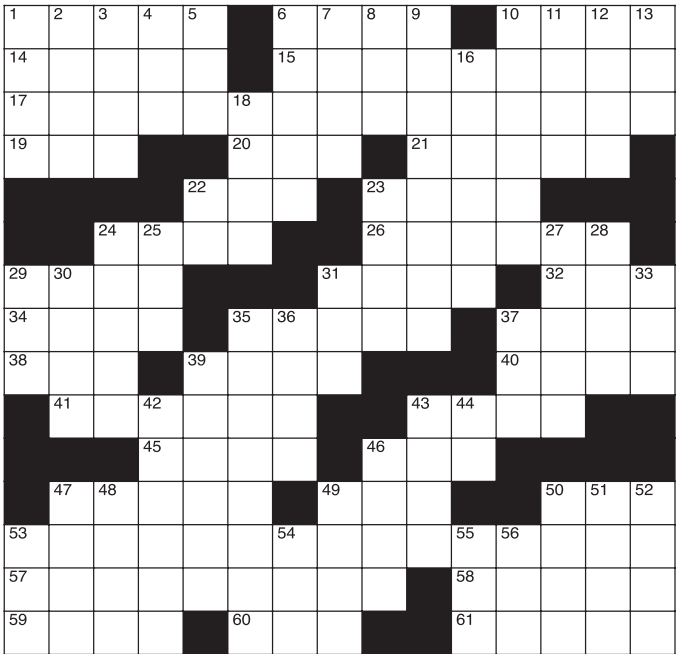
The Agricultural Fieldman position helps oversee County agricultural programs and regulatory responsibilities including weed and pest control, soil conservation, animal health responsibilities and other agricultural and environmental services.



Season opener

The Strathmore Badgers peewee football team opened their season with a road game in Stettler on Aug. 29. Despite a solid performance, the Badgers fell 26-18. The Badgers will now host Stettler in a rubber match, this time at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School field on Sept. 5 (1 p.m.) in their home opener.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Manila hemp plant

6. Turkish river

10. Something to read

14. In a way, initiated

15. Popular Apple TV series

17. King Charles is part of it

19. Earlier

20. Foot (Latin)

21. Zodiac sign

22. A browning of the skin

23. Remain as is

24. Turfs

26. It’s used to slaughter animals

29. Volcanic crater

31. The mother of Jesus

32. One’s life story

34. One-time Liverpool coach Slot

35. Counterparts
37. Jacob __, American journalist

38. Digital audiotape

39. River in South Africa

40. Kimono sashes

41. Rooting somewhere

43. American spy Aldrich

45. A way to call for

46. Taxi

47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour

49. Swiss river

50. Popular type of video game (abbr.)

53. Have surgery

57. Formal withdrawal from a union

58. Performs spoken improv

59. Greek war god

60. 2,000 lbs.

61. Helps to evade capture

CLUES DOWN

1. Swedish rock group

2. “Friday Night Lights” director Peter

3. Currency exchange fee

4. Feline

5. Folk singer DiFranco

6. Ghastly pale from distress

7. Rapid eye movements

8. Monetary unit of Macao

9. Lawmakers

10. Colorless mineral

11. At some prior time

12. American protest singer

13. Opener

16. Seldom

18. Relaxing places

22. Touchdown

23. From end to end

24. Kids love him

25. Metal-bearing solid

27. Skin care product manufacturer

28. Thirteen

29. Angry

30. Member of a Semitic people
31. One-thousandth of an inch

33. Former CIA

35. Most lemony

36. Engage in

37. Mass of fish eggs

39. Food supplies

42. Backbones

43. American real estate investment firm

44. Megabyte

46. “Three Coins in the Fountain” songwriter

47. Dutch colonist

48. Full-grown pike fish

49. Emergency prep expert Edwards

50. Flute

51. Dismissive sound

52. Slang term for marijuana

53. Young women’s association

54. Cosmopolitan city

55. Narrow isthmus in Thailand

56. Pointed end of a pen

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Fall ball

The Strathmore Reds faced Calgary #7 on Aug. 29 as part of the Teen Fall Baseball League. The Reds will play the remainder of their fall schedule in Calgary. The league features players ages 13-16, with members of Strathmore's provincial champion U15AA team joined by U13AA and other local players.

Joe Lepage Photos

Strathmore Care Community reaches major construction milestone

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Unlike many of the larger centres where Murphy has previously developed and operated facilities, Strathmore was different.

“This was kind of one closer to the heart,” he said.

MLA for Chestermere-Strathmore, Chantelle de Jonge, told those gathered the facility will serve more than the town itself.

“I know the Strathmore Care Community is going to be an important project not just for the town but really for this region, because when it’s completed, it’ll give seniors and families in our aging communities continuing care closer to home and to their kids, to the grandkids,” de Jonge said.

Alberta Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services, Nathan Neudorf, also attended the ceremony and described the project as an important addition to continuing care in the region.

“Continuing care spaces are more than just buildings. They are homes and they are places where Albertans can receive the care and support they need while remaining connected to the people and communities that matter most, and often, they lived in for many, many years,” Neudorf said.

He added the need for care will continue to grow alongside



Doug Murphy, president and CEO of Shasta Senior Living, along with Chief Development Officer Sean O’Gorman welcomed guests to the new Strathmore Care Community Topping Off ceremony on Aug 26. The project began in 2020 and nearly six years later the building is taking shape and getting ready to open to its first residents in 2027.

Melissa Piche Photo

Strathmore and its surrounding communities.

“It will give seniors and their family’s greater access and care close to home, and in a setting designed to meet their needs with both dignity and compassion,” Neudorf said.

Former Wheatland County reeve Amber Link reflected on watching the proposal develop from its early stages through the challenges that followed.

“When I think about this project, I don’t actually think first about the building,” Link said. “Doug, one of the things that struck me most the very first time we met was your heart. It became clear very quickly that this wasn’t simply a development project for you.”

She said the significance of the Strathmore project goes beyond its number of beds.

“It’s about someone from Strathmore or Wheatland County being able to receive the care they need while remaining part of the community they love,” Link said. “It’s about spouses and children and grandchildren being able to visit. And it’s about

dignity.”

For Murphy, that need is already apparent. He said he understands there could be between 80 and 100 people in the area currently waiting for the levels of care the new facility will provide.

Admission will be handled through Assisted Living Alberta with prospective residents assessed and approved through the provincial system. Murphy stressed residents will pay the same provincially-established accommodation rates as they would at comparable facilities elsewhere in Alberta.

The six hospice spaces are another important part of the project and will provide an option that has not previously been available locally.

During the topping off ceremony, Chief Development Officer Sean O’Gorman explained the centuries-old tradition of marking the point when a building reaches its highest structural point. Historically, an evergreen or tree would be placed at the top of a structure as a sign of respect for the land and recognition of the people who built it.

The Strathmore project put its own spin on the tradition. Guests signed a piece of structural steel, and a tree was planted at the site to grow alongside the care community.

“A tree begins with strong roots. For this project, those roots are the community of Strathmore and the people who have helped make this vision possible,” O’Gorman said. “Ultimately, a building is only concrete, steel, wood and blocks. What truly brings this building to life are the people who will call it home.”

As construction continues toward next spring, Murphy said reaching the topping off milestone gives the team confidence that the long-planned facility is moving closer to becoming a home.

“Just that we’ve got it to where it is and we know that we’re going to be able to finish it,” Murphy said. “We’re going to be able to look after close to 100 people in Strathmore for the next 30 or 40 years.”Wielgosz encourages groups planning larger gatherings to contact the RCMP ahead of time.

“I would encourage a group, for that matter, to approach our detachment, to have a discussion on how to facilitate any planned events to ensure that they’re carried out in a peaceful, lawful, and safe matter,” he said.

Scott said he plans to continue speaking publicly about the issue and will continue to exercise his Charter rights.

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Spartan battle

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Secondary suite approval challenged at Strathmore appeal hearing

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A development permit allowing a secondary suite in Strathmore's Lakes Estates neighbourhood was brought before the town's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) on Aug. 20 following concerns raised by area residents.

The appeal centred on Development Permit D26-083 for 52 Lakes Estates Circle. The property is zoned R1 Single Detached Residential District, and a secondary suite is considered a discretionary use under the Town of Strathmore Land Use Bylaw. Jim Goertz spoke on behalf of the neighbourhood association.

New Urban Custom Homes submitted a development permit application June 10, with payment received June 12, in order to bring the work into compliance. Development Permit D26-083 was subsequently approved July 7.

It was noted by an adjacent homeowner that building of the suite started before the permit was approved, however, there is no concrete evidence to support this claim.

Residents appealing the approval raised several concerns, including the character of the neighbourhood, parking, snow removal, the potential for additional secondary suites to be approved in Lakes Estates and the possible impact on property values. The written appeal argued the area was intended for single family dwellings and that allowing a secondary suite could change the character of the neighbourhood.

Parking was a significant part of the discussion surrounding the application. Under the Land Use Bylaw, one additional on-site parking stall is required for a secondary suite, and street parking cannot be counted toward that requirement.

The Development Authority found the application met those requirements. Its report states the property has a three-car garage and three parking pads and that internal departments identified no concerns that would prevent the application from being approved.

The town also pointed to Strathmore's history with secondary suites. Council reinstated them as a discretionary use within low density residential districts in 2020 following public consultation. Administration described the change at the time as a way to encourage safe and regulated secondary housing opportunities in the community.

The permit was approved with conditions requiring the development to comply with the R1 district and Land Use Bylaw, follow the approved plans and parking requirements and limit the property to two dwelling units: the principal residence and one secondary suite.

The Development Officer concluded the suite would not unduly interfere with neighbouring properties or alter the established character or primary function of the neighbourhood. The report also found sufficient municipal servicing and on-site parking were available, three parking stalls in the garage and three in front of the garage on the driveway pad.

The question about proper installation of frost protection and proper drainage also were brought up with the respondent stating they would make any changes necessary if the suite is approved.

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board has the authority to uphold, vary or overturn the Development Authority's decision. The board's decision will be presented at a separate meeting with the date yet to be determined.



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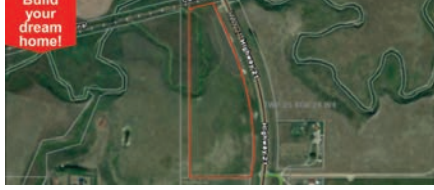
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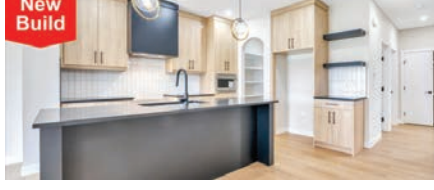
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Local councillor gives back

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore Coun. Richard Wegener is once again putting his own money behind a local cause through his annual Community Charity Challenge, this year choosing the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 10 as the beneficiary.

Now in its fifth year, the challenge encourages residents to donate to a selected community organization, with Wegener personally matching donations up to \$1,000.

“I’ve been fortunate with my time on council, and I figured I would look at giving back to some of the organizations within the community that help others out,” Coun. Wegener said. “The big one this year happens to be the Legion’s 100th anniversary. So, I wanted to have them as a beneficiary. This is my fifth (challenge) that I’ve been doing and over the past four years, I’ve probably raised close to \$10,000.”

Wegener stressed the challenge is something he organizes personally and is not a Town of Strathmore initiative.

Over the previous four years, Wegener has selected organizations including the Strathmore Overnight Shelter, Wheatland County Food Bank, the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society and Wheatland Housing Management Body.

Rather than taking applications for the challenge, Wegener said he tends to choose organizations that have a personal connection or stand out because of the work they do locally.

“I look at ones that are memorable to me or mean something to me, I guess,” he said.

The Legion stood out this year not only because of its anniversary, but also because of Wegener’s interactions with the organization during his time on council.

“We’ve done a lot of stuff with the Le-

gion. We’ve been invited to some of their events,” he said. “And the legions have always been a good organization throughout the year. So, I think making this year, being their 100th, was just something that made it a little more ... special, just to try and help them out a little bit.”

Strathmore Legion Branch No. 10 president Donovan Arnaud said learning the branch had been chosen came as welcome news during an already significant year.

“Oh, I was delighted and (we’re) honoured,” Arnaud said. “It’s our 100th anniversary. It’s a very unique year. We’re all very honoured to be a part of that. And so, when he came forward with this very generous offering to support our branch and our program, we are naturally very, very honoured.”

Wegener typically runs the Community Charity Challenge for approximately one month before arranging a presentation with the selected organization. A final presentation date with the Legion has not yet been determined.

Residents who want to contribute as part of the challenge can make their donation directly to the Strathmore Legion (legion10@shaw.ca) with Wegener planning to match eligible donations up to the \$1,000 limit. Wegener said updates on the challenge and eventual presentation will also be posted through his social media accounts.

For Arnaud, the challenge is another example of the support the Legion continues to receive from Strathmore residents.

“I just want to echo again one last time that we really appreciate Richard’s very generous initiative here, and we appreciate the support we get from so many people in Strathmore, in the community at large,” he said.

Residents are encouraged to keep an eye on the Legion website for more information on the 100th celebration on Oct 3.



One More Fight!

Real Canadian Wrestling (RCW) brought a night of action, drama and controversy to Strathmore with RCW One More Fight on Aug. 28 at the Strathmore Stampede Ag Pavilion. Machete defeated Tyler Rose in the opening match, while Soup Nasty and Andres Boralise ended in a no contest after The Brand stormed the ring. The Rogue Kings retained the RCW International Tag Team Championships against The Brand, while Mo Jabari and Riley Cruz also fought to a no contest after the referee was injured. In the final match, Strathmore’s own Steve Wilde and Matt Hart defeated New School Violence in a last-chance tag match, allowing Wilde to remain an active RCW competitor.

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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 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting
September 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
September 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting
For call-in details, access links, and agenda packages, please visit our website.
<https://wheatlandcounty.ca/agendasandminutes/>

Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers September 22nd, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026.

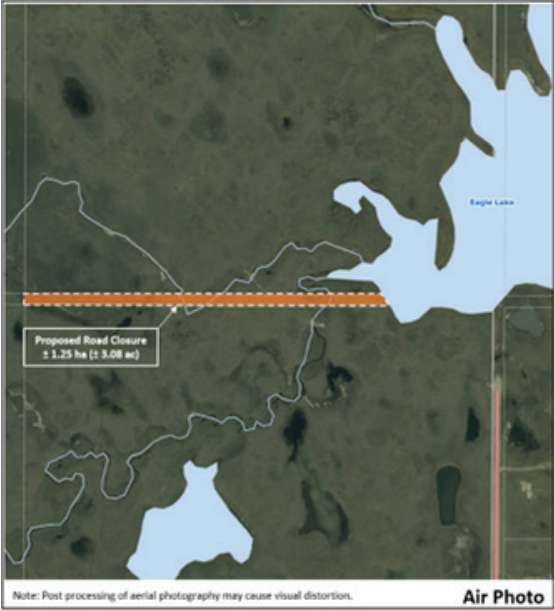
The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

File No: RC2026-002

Bylaw #: 2026-13

Location: The undeveloped road allowance between SE-25-23-25-W4M and NE-24-23-25-W4M, immediately west of Eagle Lake.

Proposal: To close a ± 1.25 hectare (± 3.08 acre) portion of undeveloped road allowance to public travel between SE-25-23-25-W4M and NE-24-23-25-W4M, to facilitate the consolidation of the road allowance into the adjacent lands.



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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Celebrating ALBERTA

Strathmore celebrated Alberta Day with an afternoon full of family-friendly activities on Aug. 28 at Kinsmen Park. The town teamed up with the Strathmore Farmers' Market to present Alberta Day on the Friday, which is when the weekly market takes place. Along with Strathmore Farmers' Market, the celebration included a petting zoo, bouncy castles, kids' train, food trucks and other activities at Kinsmen Park, while the amphitheatre featured performances by Indigenous dancer Spike, Harold Fast and Bebe Buckskin.

Joe Lepage Photos



Back-to-school reminder: slowdown in Strathmore school zones

MARIO PRUSINA
Times Editor

With students returning to classrooms for the 2026-27 school year, drivers are being reminded to slow down and pay close attention around Strathmore's schools.

The Town of Strathmore is home to many schools, meaning the return to school brings increased pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic throughout the community.

Under the Town of Strathmore's current traffic control bylaw, the speed limit in a school zone is 30 km/h on school days during three designated periods: 8 to 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Drivers are encouraged to plan for additional traffic during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up periods and to be especially alert for children crossing streets or walking and cycling near schools.

The town community bylaw and peace officers patrol school and playground zones and work closely with the RCMP to enforce traffic safety rules.

The back-to-school safety reminders include:

- Slow down and obey the posted 30 km/h limit whenever school-zone restrictions are in effect.
- Watch for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly around school entrances and crosswalks.
- Put away distractions and keep your attention on the road.
- Stop for school buses when their

red flashing lights and stop arms are activated.

- Leave plenty of room around school buses, which make frequent stops and can stop unexpectedly.

- Follow parking and stopping restrictions around schools. Areas marked as no stopping or no parking may be needed for buses and student drop-off.

- Avoid passing, U-turns and three-point turns around schools and crosswalks.

- Give yourself extra time during the busy morning and afternoon periods.

Students also have a role to play in keeping school areas safe. Children walking or cycling to school should plan their routes ahead of time, use designated crossings and remain alert when approaching roadways. Students should put away phones and other electronic devices and remove earbuds when crossing streets so they can hear approaching traffic.

Drivers should also make sure they have stopped before allowing a child to cross. Whenever possible, pedestrians should make eye contact with drivers before entering the roadway.

The town's transportation planning has previously identified pedestrian safety around schools and major roadways as an area of concern, with residents also raising concerns about speeding in the community.

With school back in session, drivers are being reminded that a few extra seconds of caution can make a significant difference.

Slow down, stay alert and watch for children.

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Rodeo school

The seventh annual Strathmore & District Agricultural Society Rodeo School took place Aug. 24-27 at the Ag grounds, giving riders from novice level and up the opportunity to develop their skills with experienced instructors. The first two days featured 10 bareback riders and 14 saddle bronc riders, while the final two days focused on bull riding and bullfighting with roughly 24 participants. A major draw of the school is the calibre of its instructors, including local veteran rodeo competitors Scotty Schiffner and Don Johansen.



Joe Lepage Photos

TECA brings year-round sports and community space to Strathmore

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A new sports and entertainment space in Strathmore is hoping to give families a place to play, watch the game and spend time together without having to make the trip into Calgary.

TECA Golf Simulators & Sports is preparing to open its doors in Strathmore with a focus that goes well beyond golf.

For owners Terrill and Carl Carlson the idea started with family and the desire to create something local.

“My husband has worked in farming his whole life and we really wanted a place that (puts) family first,” Terrill said. “There’s not a ton of places in Strathmore that we found that we could go to with our kids or a whole family and participate in something.”

The couple found that many activities meant travelling to Calgary or elsewhere. As Carl prepared to leave farming the idea of opening a sports simulator began to take shape.

“He (thought), ‘This is something that I think I could really do,’ when he left farming and yeah, here we are,” she laughed.

Golf is a big part of TECA, but it is far from the only option. The simulator bays can also be used for bowling, hockey, baseball, disc golf and shooting. The facility will also have pool tables and cornhole boards.

“There’s something for everyone,” Terrill said. “We really wanted to see someplace that people could go and watch the game and play around or just sit and watch the TV or whatever.”

The facility is also expected to be a popular option for children and families. Terrill said birthday parties have already been booked with kids interested in trying activities such as bowling and other sports that are not readily available locally.

Golfers will have plenty of options as well. The simulator technology provides detailed information about shots and distances and can be used for practice during the off-season.

TECA is also looking at offering golf lessons and leagues in the future.

“If people just want to go and practice their swing or practice putting or improve their game in the off season, then yeah, that’s also what we’re going to be able to (do),” Terrill said.

The simulators were selected after Carl and his friends spent time researching and trying different systems. The equipment comes from True Golf in Utah and offers thousands of courses from around the world.

The couple hopes that eventually TECA can offer leagues that mirror PGA and LPGA competition and give local golfers another way to stay active during Alberta’s long winter.

While the business is starting with its existing setup, the long-term vision is considerably larger:

possibly purchasing more simulators or even expanding their space size in the future.

The company’s website describes its mission as building “a space people never want to leave.”

TECA’s sports lounge is intended to provide more than a place to use the simulators. The facility will offer a space to watch games and socialize. There is also a mezzanine area where customers can relax and enjoy drinks.

The facility will be licensed but Terrill emphasized that children and minors will still be welcome.

As the opening approaches, the couple is working through the final inspections and licensing requirements. Once they are all cleared the doors will open. The couple is aiming for a Sept. 1 opening. A larger grand opening is planned for Oct. 10.

Managing taxpayers' dollars

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Alberta is strongest when we grow the economy and manage taxpayer dollars responsibly. This week, our government delivered a major financial milestone, putting Alberta on track for another budget surplus while continuing to invest in rural health care, regional growth, and farmers facing severe moisture conditions.

Our government is keeping Alberta's finances on the right track. Budget 2026 projects a \$2-billion surplus, which is \$11.4 billion higher than previously forecast. Higher revenues from natural resources and strong growth in

energy, manufacturing, and agriculture helped drive this improvement. With Alberta expected to finish 2025-26 in the black, our government is also on track to deliver five consecutive budget surpluses, with a sixth in sight for this year. We are also growing the Alberta Heritage Trust Fund, which is forecast to reach \$32 billion by the end of this fiscal year, helping to support Albertans for generations to come.

Reliable primary care is essential to keeping rural communities healthy and growing. Our government is investing an additional \$9 million to help rural clinics hire more health care professionals and expand services to benefit even more Albertans. Nearly \$8 mil-

lion through the Rural Team Recruitment Grant program is helping create 105 new health care positions across rural and remote Alberta, including at the Langdon Medical Clinic, which received \$150,000 in funding this spring to support health care recruitment and strengthen local access to care. Through these investments, we are already seeing results across the province.

Our government is helping towns and cities across Alberta turn local opportunities into new investment and jobs. Alberta's government is investing \$3 million through the Northern and Regional Economic Development program to support municipalities, Indigenous communities, and non-profit organizations working to grow their local economies. The City of Chestermere was also a recent recipient of funding through this program, helping support local economic development initiatives in our community. Since launching the program in 2022, we have invested almost \$29 million in 291 projects across the province. Applications for the program are open until Nov. 19 and can be submitted online (alberta.ca/northern-and-regional-economic-development-program).

Farmers can plan carefully for the growing season, but they cannot control Mother Nature. After record moisture left some Alberta producers unable to access their fields or complete essential farm work, our government added more flexibility under the AgriStability program to help them manage major drops in farm income. Producers who

missed the original April deadline now have until Oct. 1 to enroll. Eligible farmers can now receive up to 75 per cent of their estimated AgriStability benefit early, helping put money in their hands sooner during a difficult growing season.

When Alberta's finances are strong, we can invest in priorities that matter to Albertans. Our government is keeping the province on solid financial footing while investing in rural health care, local economies, and farmers who need relief. That balance means improving the services Albertans rely on today while building greater opportunities over the long-term.

Finally, I am pleased to share that last week I had the honour of hosting the Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services, the Honourable Nathan Neudorf, members of Strathmore town council, and Wheatland County council, to discuss seniors' care in Chestermere-Strathmore. As our communities continue to grow, ensuring seniors have access to the care and supports they need remains a priority. I appreciate the opportunity to hear different perspectives, share local concerns, and discuss how we can work together to support seniors and their families.

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)

Back-to-school shopping tips and pitfalls

BBB RELEASE

Back-to-school is upon us, and the Better Business Bureau serving Alberta and East Kootenay is sharing some guidance on how to get the best deals and how to avoid shopping pitfalls.

"Back to school is an exciting time for families," says Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen, BBB President and CEO. "Follow these tried and true tips while enjoying some quality time with your children before they head back to the classroom."

BBB recommends the following tips when looking for school-related items, either in person or online:

IN-PERSON SHOPPING

- Create a shopping list before heading to the store. This helps you stay focused and avoid impulse purchases.
- Shop early. To avoid crowds and ensure you get the best selection, start your shopping early in the season.
- Compare prices between retailers, save coupons, sign up for email alerts, and redeem any cash-back or rebate offers. This will help you get the best deals and stay within budget.
- Check store policies. Be aware of return policies, especially for electronics and clothing, in case you need to make exchanges or returns.

RESEARCH BIG-TICKET ITEMS

- Read reviews. Look for reviews from credible sources to understand the pros and cons of different models.
- Check specifications. When buying new equipment, check with your child's school to learn about any technical requirements and determine if any changes are necessary to the home's high-speed internet. Before purchasing an expensive laptop, tablet, or computer accessory, research the brands, warranty, customer reviews, and prices at various stores to ensure the best deal. Also, look up the retailer's reputation on BBB.org.
- Look for student discounts. Many tech companies offer discounts for students. Verify eligibility and take advantage of these savings.

SHOP SMART WITH SALES

- Plan ahead. Mark your calendar for upcoming sales.
- Make a priority list. Decide which items are most crucial to purchase during these sales to maximize your savings.
- Combine discounts. Look for op-

portunities to combine store sales with manufacturer rebates or coupons.

ASKING FOR DISCOUNTS

- Don't hesitate to ask. When shopping in person, inquire if there are any available discounts, especially for bulk purchases or floor models.
- Leverage loyalty programs. Sign up for store loyalty programs, which can offer exclusive discounts and points on purchases.
- Use student IDs. Some store discounts are available to students with either a ".edu" email address or a student ID. If you're a student or have a student in your family, ask if there are any student discounts available.
- Visit school supply drives. Many communities and organizations host school supply drives where you can either donate or receive supplies. Check with local schools, community centres, or non-profits.

CONSIDER BUYING IN BULK

- Team up with other parents. Consider pooling resources with other parents to buy supplies (like paper towels, tissues, wipes, hand sanitizer) in bulk, which can be more cost-effective.
- Warehouse stores. Check out warehouse clubs for bulk deals on school supplies and snacks.

SHOP WISELY AND SAFELY ONLINE

- When shopping online, be wary of ads that feature items that imply that you may want or need them based on your search history. Scammers could be trying to drive you to a different website. Take note of the ad and go to the store's website by directly typing into the search bar. Note the website's privacy policy and contact information, and always use a credit card when purchasing.
- Shop on reputable websites. Ensure you are purchasing from well-known and trusted websites. Look for HTTPS in the URL.
- Use secure payment methods. Opt-in for secure payment methods like credit cards or payment services that offer buyer protection.

By following these tips, you can make your back-to-school shopping experience smoother, safer, and more economical. Whether you're shopping for essentials or splurging on big-ticket items, a little planning and research can go a long way in ensuring you get the best value for your money

How to identify Canadian products

To the Editor

With the attacks on our sovereignty, we Canadians do have the power to assist our governments across Canada. It's called the use of the almighty dollar choice. We have already seen this power in action: public cancellations of Disney subscriptions led the U.S. administration to back down on efforts to remove Jimmy Kimmel within a week, and the alcohol ban has drawn enough attention that they now say it must be lifted or there will be no deal. These actions got the attention of the people in power. That should be evidence enough to prove who truly holds the power. So why is our UCP premier holding back on banning alcohol when we have so much from other countries to choose from and at no cost to us being attacked because of those choices? Are Albertans not part of Team Canada? Please ask Smith or your MLA to justify the lack of patriotic stand, like the rest of Canada is doing in sending a message. Talking about it or hoping it gets better

is not a plan or a stand. What can you do? Boycotting anything American; is the process to continue with even though there maybe no other choice, it still has an impact. Consider Amazon, reportedly a \$17-billion-a-year company. What would happen if Canadians cut even 20 per cent of their purchases? You can be sure that would get attention. Here are a few resources I hope you'll consider using and sharing: Shop.ca, Madeinca.ca and OSANada, which is an app used to scan bar codes for Canadian products. Reminder: MADE IN CANADA means it could have parts from other countries. PRODUCT OF CANADA is 100 per cent Canadian. We are under attack and its time we show our patriotic duty in being Canadian and in supporting our governments. It's your choice of course to use the power we all have – be a proud Canadian – start today!

Dennis Bigras,
Wheatland County

Tariffs on essentials are a tax on working families

To the Editor

Canada is entering a round of tariff retaliation with the United States, and working families are being positioned as collateral damage. Ottawa keeps saying these measures are about “defending Canadian workers,” but the truth is simpler: when Canada matches U.S. tariffs dollar for dollar, the cost lands directly on households. Especially on the very goods the federal government itself classifies as essential by exempting them from the GST. I also suggest it is time to expand the number of products exempted from the GST, especially new housing and building supplies of all kinds. The government could create a list of such products for which the working families can apply for a rebate. Canadians are effectively being taxed twice or three times when new housing is built. Every construction material: lumber, drywall, wiring, roofing, insulation, fixtures, carries GST through the supply chain. Even when builders claim input credits, the tax is already baked into the price they pay because suppliers and manufacturers have embedded GST in their own costs. Then, when a family buys a newly built home, they pay GST again on the full purchase price. This means the buyer is paying tax on a

price that already contains tax. It is a compounding tax structure that raises housing costs, reduces affordability, and hits first-time buyers and working families the hardest. GST-exempt items are exempt for a reason. They are the basics families cannot avoid: groceries, children's necessities, prescription drugs and medical supplies. If Canada slaps tariffs on U.S. imports in these categories, retailers will pass the cost straight to consumers. Families already struggling with high food prices and rising rents will pay more every week. Rural households, including many here in Alberta, will be hit even harder because they rely heavily on U.S. products and cross-border supply chains. Tariffs on essentials are not leverage against Washington. They are a regressive tax on Canadians. If Ottawa insists on collecting tariff dollars, those funds must be used as damage control, not general revenue. Tariffs raise prices, cut purchasing power, and push inflation into the very categories families cannot avoid. Every dollar collected should be returned to low- and middle-income households through a targeted affordability credit funded entirely by tariff revenue. Tariff dollars could also support essential supply chains, rural food distribution, and workers in export-dependent sectors if retaliation escalates.

Tariffs are political tools, not fiscal tools. If the government chooses to use them, it must neutralize the harm. Any tariff revenue collected should go straight back to the families who bear the cost.

Ken Riley,
Bassano

TIMES CLASSIFIEDS

Obituary
HANSON, Margaret
Ada, nee Dobson



Margaret Ada Hanson, nee Dobson, 78, of Strathmore, Alberta, passed away on August 25, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Marg was born on May 24, 1948, in Regina, Saskatchewan. She moved around Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and BC with her family, and spent most of her school years in Chilliwack, BC. She moved to Calgary where she met Jim Hanson, and they were married on December 18, 1971. They raised their two daughters in Strathmore, Alberta. Marg had a kind and caring heart, and much of her life was centered around the people and things she loved most. She always had a special place in her heart for children and spent her career working with them. She loved her family deeply and took great joy in being a grandmother and great-grandmother. At home, there was rarely a time when Marg didn't have a Siamese cat by her side, and when the Toronto Blue Jays were playing, you could be sure she was watching and cheering them on. These simple joys, along with the love she had for her family, and the many children whose lives she touched, were a big part of who Marg was. Marg is survived by her husband, Jim, with whom she shared nearly 55 years of marriage. She will also be remembered by her daughters Corina (Robin) Skavberg and Michelle Hilton; her grandchildren Rebecca (Josh), Janelle, and Troy; and her great-grandson Silas. She was predeceased by her mother Joyce, her brother Earl, and her sister Winnifred. She will be deeply missed by her sisters, Anne (Bill) Alcock and Dorothy (Albert) Matula, her large extended family, and her friends. Marg is also lovingly remembered by Lori, a daughter she placed for adoption many years ago. As per her request, there will be a small graveside service at the Strathmore Cemetery. The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and caregivers in the Strathmore Palliative Care Team, the Strathmore Hospital, and the Arthur J. E. Child Cancer Centre who provided compassionate care during Marg's final days.

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ALBERTA RCMP

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Anyone with information is asked to please contact the Gleichen RCMP at 403-734-3923. 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. RCMP encourage the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity to police. Reports tell us where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play. To contact RCMP non-emergency line within any Alberta RCMP jurisdiction call 310-RCMP (7267).

Obituary

**LEACH,
Pastor William Garnet**



Pastor William Garnet Leach shuffled off his mortal coil late in the evening of August 20, 2026. Born on October 5, 1932 in Yorkshire, England, he chose to immigrate to Canada in 1953. He worked as a hired man in Standard, Alberta where he heard the call to ministry, a calling he fulfilled faithfully until the close of his life. Garnet leaves behind his loving wife, Margaret, his proud and grateful children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by Luella, his devoted wife and partner in ministry. "Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name." (Psalm 103:1)

To honour Garnet's memory and his lifetime of ministry, Dr. Harry Maier has curated a collection of his sermons and writings. They can be read at <http://pastorgarnetleach.com>

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2026 at Lord of All Lutheran Church (112 Lakeside Blvd, Strathmore) at 2:00 p.m.

If desired, memorial donations may be made in Garnet's memory to The Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, Camrose (www.clbi.ed) or Camp Kuriakos (www.kuriakos.ab.ca)

To send condolences and watch the live stream of the service, please visit Garnet's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Kathy Marie Adams, owner of NW 34-23-26 W4M (132.20 acres), is seeking unconditional offers to purchase all of this property, such offers to be submitted by tender on a Tender Terms form as described below.

Located 1 mile Southwest of Cheadle, Alberta, the 132.20 acre parcel consists of cultivated land. There are no grain bins or buildings on the property. The property generates surface lease revenue of approximately \$8,550.00 per year at current rental rates. To arrange a viewing of the property, contact Kathy Adams at: kathyadams32@gmail.com.

Conditions of Tender:

Prior to 5:00 p.m., Alberta time, on September 25, 2026, sealed tenders, marked "Adams Tender", on a completed Tender Terms form, together with a certified cheque or bank draft payable to "Walsh LLP, in trust" as a deposit for an amount equal to 5% of the tendered purchase price, must be submitted to:

Eric D. Dalke
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A Tender Terms form can be obtained from Eric D. Dalke: 403-267-8454 or email: edalke@walshaw.ca. The deposit will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderers. A tender must be submitted on a completed Tender Terms form or the tender will not be considered. On acceptance of a tender by the owner, the Tender Terms will form a binding contract with the successful tenderer.

Details of submitted tenders will not be made public. The highest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted. Tenderers whose tenders have not been accepted shall be notified on or before **October 2, 2026**. The successful tenderer shall be notified by telephone, fax or email on or before 5:00 p.m. on **September 29, 2026** of the acceptance of the tendered offer. The latest date for closing shall be **October 20, 2026**.

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Sept 9, 2026 | 6 p.m.
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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.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Community Connection Night.

Come for the fair, stay for the movie.

- Resource fair | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- BBQ | 6 to 7 p.m.
- Zootopia 2 | 8 p.m.

September 4, 2026



**Strathmore**

Heavy trash? We got ya covered.

Heavy Item Garbage Returning.

Heavy Item Garbage (HIG) collection returns the week of September 14 to 18. HIG offers residents the opportunity to dispose of large residential waste, and is provided in conjunction with your curbside waste collection service. If you pay the residential garbage charge on your Town of Strathmore utility bill the HIG service is available to you.

Place all items at your regular garbage pickup location by 7 a.m. on September 14th and affix with an HIG sticker. Stickers are available for free at the Strathmore Municipal Building but must be picked up prior to September 14th. HIG stickers will not be handed out the week of HIG.

Learn more about HIG or TTT at [Strathmore.ca/HIG](https://strathmore.ca/HIG)

Your trash, someone's treasure.

Trash to Treasure Returning.

Trash to Treasure (TTT) Days is back for September 10 to 13. This is a great time to let your unwanted items become someone else's beloved items prior to the Heavy Item Garbage collection.

Donators:

- Mark your unwanted but reusable items with an HIG tag and place at same location you would place items for HIG collection.
- At the end of the Trash to Treasure Days remove any items you want to keep.
- Leave items out that you want collected during HIG week.

Collectors:

- Take only items marked with a HIG tag.
- Respect others' properties.
- Do not discard unwanted items on another resident's lawn.

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

Students are back!

Back-to-School Safety Reminders

With students returning to school, Strathmore residents are encouraged to stay alert and help keep out roads safe. Slow down in school zones, watch for children at crosswalks, and avoid distractions while driving.

Remember to follow crossing guards and school bus signals. When a school bus has its red lights flashing and stop arm extended, drivers must stop and remain stopped until the lights stop flashing and the arm is retracted.

Students should use designated crosswalks, look both ways before crossing, and stay focused by putting away phones and removing headphones.

A little extra patience and attention can help ensure everyone arrives safely to and from school this year.

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.

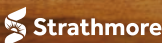
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Maintenance Notice.

Aquatic Centre closed for annual maintenance.

Every fall, the Strathmore Aquatic Centre closes for a few weeks to complete its annual maintenance shutdown. This important work helps keep the facility clean, safe, and operating efficiently for swimmers and visitors throughout the year.

This year's shutdown started on August 17, 2026, and includes a variety of maintenance projects such as replacing chemical lines, cleaning filters and replacing filter sand, repairing pool tiles, servicing valves, and completing maintenance on the waterslide and steam room.

Additional facility upgrades include replacing fire sprinkler heads in the pool area, performing boiler maintenance, and completing electrical system work.

There's a lot happening behind the scenes during this closure, all with the goal of keeping the Aquatic Centre in top condition. Watch for progress updates throughout the shutdown.

For more information, contact the Aquatic Centre at **403-934-3325**.

