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CHESTERMERE RESIDENTS INVITED TO PAINT A PORTRAIT OF THEIR CULTURES

***LIBRARY'S COLLABORATIVE CANVAS PROJECT WILL BRING
INDIVIDUAL STORIES TOGETHER FOR ALBERTA CULTURE DAYS***

By Stephen Jeffrey with Spencer McDonald



Residents are being invited to help turn the Chestermere Public Library into a community portrait during Alberta Culture Days.

Chestermere in Colour is a collaborative visual-arts project asking participants to create a canvas inspired by their cultural identity and their own understanding of

celebration. The completed works will be displayed together at the library, allowing individual experiences to become part of a broader picture of the community.

Canvas packages and project instructions became available at the library Aug. 25. Participants may work independently or register for one of two open studio sessions scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 16.

A youth studio begins at 4:15 p.m., followed by an adult session at 6:30 p.m. The studios provide dedicated space for participants to develop their pieces alongside other community members.

Completed artwork must be delivered to the library by 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19. The public exhibition opens Wednesday, Sept. 23, with a reception scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m., and remains on display through Oct. 21.

Artists may retrieve their work from Oct. 22 through Oct. 26, according to the library's published fall schedule.

The project coincides with Alberta Culture Days, the province's annual September celebration of arts, heritage, diversity and community spirit. Events are presented by organizations across Alberta to make cultural activities accessible and encourage public participation.

Chestermere in Colour gives residents an opportunity to share something meaningful about their backgrounds without requiring them to tell their stories in words. Displaying the canvases as one exhibition also highlights the range of experiences and traditions found within the city.

Participation details, studio registration and library hours are available through the Chestermere Public Library. Because canvas supplies and studio space may be limited, interested residents should contact the library before beginning their work or attending a session this September.



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THIRD ANNUAL CELEBRATION FILLS JOHN PEAKE MEMORIAL PARK WITH FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT AND A MESSAGE OF WELCOME

By Stephen Jeffrey Photos courtesy of Kiran Randhawa and Shannon Dean



Thousands of people gathered along the shore of Chestermere Lake on Saturday as the third annual Chestermere Muslim Fest transformed John Peake Memorial Park into a meeting place for cultures, families and neighbours.

Organizers with the Chestermere Muslim Council estimated that more than 8,000 people attended the free, day-long festival Aug. 29. While the figure was not independently verified through a gate count, photographs and videos from the event showed large crowds moving through the park, busy food and vendor areas and families remaining beside the lake into the evening.

The festival ran from noon until 10 p.m., offering halal food, local vendors, stage entertainment, community presentations and a children's activity area.

Mayor Shannon Dean attended the celebration, along with councillors Kiran Randhawa and Jenelle Sandboe. Festival organizers thanked Chestermere's elected representatives, city employees, sponsors, vendors and volunteers for helping bring the event together.

The weather also cooperated, giving visitors an opportunity to spend the afternoon and evening outdoors while enjoying the lakeside setting.

Hosted by the Chestermere Muslim Council, Muslim Fest was established as a celebration of community, culture and faith. Although Muslim traditions remain at the centre of the event, organizers have consistently emphasized that everyone is welcome.

That invitation appeared to be accepted Saturday by residents

and visitors from across the region.

Food trucks and local chefs offered halal dishes reflecting cultures from across the Muslim world. The market area provided space for artisans, designers, small businesses and community organizations, while children moved between inflatable attractions, games, face painting and other family activities.

The stage program included entertainment, speakers and nasheeds—vocal music connected with Islamic tradition. Together, the different elements allowed visitors to experience Muslim culture through food, music, business, hospitality and conversation.

The festival's growth is particularly notable because this was only its third year.

Organizers had set an ambitious goal of attracting more than 8,000 visitors and assembling at least 50 food and vendor partners. Their post-event attendance estimate, if confirmed, would place Muslim Fest among Chestermere's largest annual community gatherings.

It also reflects the changing face of the city.

According to the 2021 federal census, Chestermere was home to 1,615 Muslim residents, representing approximately 7.3 per cent of the city's population at that time. Chestermere has continued to grow rapidly since that census, welcoming families with roots in many parts of the world.

A community celebration of this size offers those residents an opportunity to see their cultures and faith represented publicly and positively in the city they call home.



For other residents, the festival creates an accessible place to learn about their neighbours without the formality that can sometimes accompany discussions about religion or cultural differences. Sharing a meal, watching children play or speaking with a vendor can build familiarity in ways that speeches and official programs cannot always accomplish.

That may be the festival’s most important contribution.

Chestermere has long defined itself through gatherings beside the lake—from summer festivals and markets to concerts, fireworks and family celebrations. Muslim Fest does not replace those traditions. It adds another chapter to them, reflecting the people who now make up the community.

Saturday’s turnout also demonstrated that a culturally specific event can have broad community appeal. Visitors did not have to be Muslim to enjoy the food, entertainment or lakeside atmosphere, but they left with a greater opportunity to understand the faith and cultures being celebrated.

That balance—maintaining a clear Muslim identity while welcoming the entire community—has become central to the festival’s growth.

The setting helped. Families spread out across the grass, children moved between activities and visitors gathered around the stage and vendor booths. The lake provided a familiar

Chestermere backdrop for an event that is becoming one of the city’s new summer traditions.

The celebration also created an economic opportunity for participating food vendors, artisans and small businesses. Large community events can introduce independent operators to thousands of potential customers in a single day while allowing residents to discover businesses they may not otherwise encounter.

No independently confirmed breakdown of visitors, vendors or economic activity was available by publication time. The Chestermere Muslim Council’s attendance estimate should therefore be understood as an organizer’s figure rather than an official count.

What could be seen, however, was a busy park and a diverse gathering of people sharing food, conversation and an afternoon beside the lake.

In a city growing as quickly as Chestermere, community identity cannot remain fixed in the past. It develops as new residents bring their own traditions and then find ways to share them with their neighbours.

On Saturday, Muslim Fest offered one vivid example of how that can happen: not by asking cultures to stand apart, but by inviting everyone to meet in the same park.

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**SATURDAY COLLECTION SUPPORTED THE CHESTERMERE FOOD BANK WITH HELP
FROM LOCAL VOLUNTEERS AND SHOPPERS**

By Stephen Jeffrey photo shannon dean



Local volunteers spent Saturday serving lunch and collecting donations to help keep the shelves stocked at the Chestermere Food Bank.

The Rotary Club of Chestermere held the four-hour food drive Aug. 29 outside Seun and Alexandra's No Frills at 100 Rainbow Rd. Shoppers were invited to contribute food or money while volunteers offered hot dogs and pop between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Several city councillors attended the event and publicly thanked Rotary and the Chestermere Men's Shed for supporting the food bank. Members of the Men's Shed assisted the Rotary Club during the collection.

No Frills owners Seun and Alexandra partnered with Rotary to host the drive and provide a convenient collection point for residents doing their weekend shopping.

The event focused on practical items needed by the food bank. Its published wish list included canned vegetables, soups, beans, oatmeal, flour, cooking oil, coffee and juice. Household supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap and cleaning products were also requested.

The Chestermere Food Bank provides several forms of assistance to people facing food insecurity. These include regular food hampers and a Bread and Extras program for residents needing additional short-term support. It also operates seasonal initiatives, including school backpack and Christmas hamper programs.

Organizers had promoted the drive as a simple way for residents to help their neighbours by adding one or two needed products to their grocery carts.

Photographs shared after the event showed Dean with volunteers at the collection area. However, organizers had not released a final donation total or a complete list of participants by publication time.

The Saturday drive demonstrated how a grocery trip, a donated item and a few hours of volunteer work can be combined to support Chestermere families experiencing difficult circumstances through a straightforward, locally organized weekend effort.



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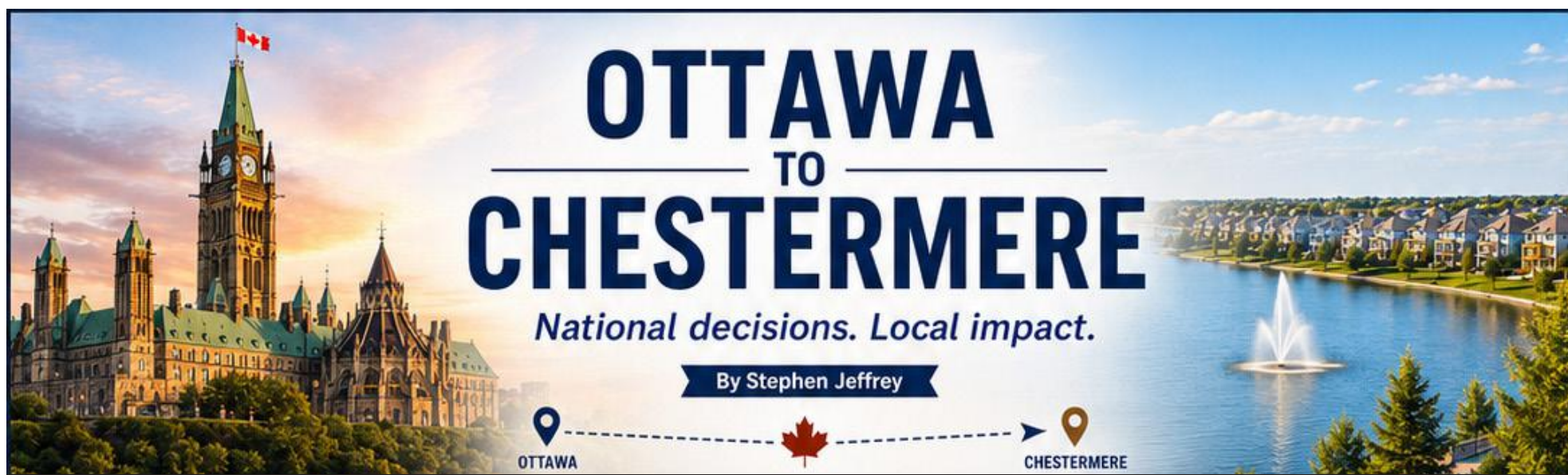
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OTTAWA TO CHESTERMERE: CANADA ANSWERS U.S. TARIFFS WHILE LOOKING TOWARD EUROPE

Canada's deteriorating trade relationship with the United States continues to reshape the federal agenda, with Ottawa preparing retaliatory tariffs, business supports and a renewed push to find markets beyond its largest trading partner.

The federal government will impose counter-tariffs on \$27.6 billion worth of American goods beginning Sept. 8. Rates of 15, 25 and 50 per cent will apply to more than 700 products, matching the corresponding American tariffs.

The measures cover steel, dairy products, appliances, agricultural equipment, pulp and paper, electronics and other goods. Ottawa says the list was designed to favour products for which Canadian or non-American alternatives are available.

After consulting domestic industries, the Department of Finance removed fish and seafood from the final list to avoid wider economic harm.

For Chestermere households, the immediate concern is cost. Tariffs are paid by Canadian importers and can be passed along through higher prices. Appliances, electronics and some building or agricultural equipment may therefore become more expensive, even when the policy is intended to pressure American producers.

The government has paired the tariffs with \$7.5 billion in new and expanded assistance for affected workers and businesses. That package includes a \$2-billion Canada Strong Diversification Fund, another \$1.5 billion through regional development agencies, \$500 million in additional Business Development Bank of Canada liquidity and \$3.5 billion in rapid-response worker and employer supports.

A separate \$20-million federal investment announced in Peace River will assist Alberta's forest sector, including projects intended to improve productivity and develop new markets. Most of that funding is repayable. The announcement provides the clearest Alberta example so far of how Ottawa's broader tariff-support package may be delivered through Prairies Economic Development Canada.

Opposition demands parliamentary scrutiny

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre has asked Prime Minister Mark Carney to recall Parliament and release the text of the trade proposal Canada rejected.

Poilievre argues that MPs and Canadians should be allowed to examine what Washington offered and why Ottawa walked away. His proposed emergency economic response includes temporarily eliminating federal gasoline taxes and removing capital gains taxes when proceeds are reinvested in Canada.

Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne rejected the suggestion that negotiations had taken place without public scrutiny. Former Alberta premier Jason Kenney has supported keeping negotiating documents confidential but said Parliament should be recalled to debate the trade crisis.

Those are separate questions. Negotiators require room to bargain privately, but Parliament also has a responsibility to examine the government's response once negotiations produce consequences for Canadian workers, businesses and consumers.

The House of Commons is scheduled to return Sept. 21.

Three by-elections test Liberal support

Voters went to the polls Aug. 31 in Beaches–East York, Chicoutimi–Le Fjord and North Vancouver–Capilano. All three seats had previously been held by Liberals, making the contests an important test of whether the government can preserve its recently acquired majority.

The Anchor did not get the results, they were not available at print time.

Another vacancy has opened in Rosemont–La Petite-Patrie following the departure of former NDP MP Alexandre Boulerice. The government must announce that by-election between Sept. 6 and Feb. 22.

Although these contests are far from Chestermere, their results will influence how confidently the government proceeds when Parliament returns—and how much pressure it faces to modify its trade and affordability policies.

Ottawa orders six Canadian-built icebreakers

Carney also announced an \$11.3-billion contract for six Canadian Coast Guard icebreakers to be constructed at Chantier Davie in Lévis, Que.

The ships will replace aging heavy and medium icebreakers and support shipping, search and rescue, environmental response and Canadian operations in the Arctic. Ottawa says construction will support nearly 5,000 jobs and use Canadian

steel and other domestic materials.

Construction is expected to begin in 2027, with the first vessel delivered five years later and all six operating by 2038.

The contract matters beyond Quebec. If Ottawa follows through on its Buy Canadian commitment, suppliers across the country could compete for work. It also represents an attempt to use federal procurement to strengthen domestic industries at a time when access to the American market is becoming less predictable.

Europe moves higher on Canada’s agenda

Carney will travel to Strasbourg in September as Canada works to deepen economic and security ties with the European Union. He is scheduled to attend European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen’s State of the Union address Sept. 16 and address the European Parliament the following day.

Europe cannot quickly replace the scale or convenience of the American market. Geography, transportation costs and differing regulations remain significant barriers. However, the collapse of the latest Washington negotiations has made diversification less of a long-term ambition and more of an immediate economic necessity.

For Chestermere, this week’s developments come down to a practical question: can Canada defend its interests without placing too much of the cost on families and small businesses?

The counter-tariffs demonstrate resolve. The support programs may soften some of the damage. But their success will ultimately be measured here at home—in prices, paycheques, contracts and whether Canadian businesses can find dependable customers elsewhere.

CHESTERMERE RCMP AND ALBERTA SHERIFFS CONDUCT WARRANT ROUNDUP

Submitted by Chestermere RCMP



Chestermere, Alta. — On Aug. 24, 2026, Chestermere RCMP, in partnership with the Alberta Sheriffs FASST South team, conducted a targeted warrant roundup across the City of Chestermere.

The initiative brought RCMP and Alberta Sheriffs members together to locate individuals with outstanding warrants, conduct follow-up investigations, and gather intelligence to support future enforcement activities.

Members attended numerous residences throughout Chestermere and worked collaboratively to locate and address outstanding warrants. Community engagement during the initiative was very positive, with members receiving appreciation and support from residents for their efforts to locate individuals wanted by police.

The roundup resulted in the following:

- 5 fugitives arrested
- 10 warrants executed, involving offences including theft, failing to abide by release conditions, and failing to appear in court
- 18 investigations resulting in information expected to assist with future arrests
- 4 investigations producing intelligence regarding targets who may be leaving the province or country, directly supporting the efficiency of future investigations
- 29 residences attended throughout the City of Chestermere

Targets identified as residing outside the City of Chestermere have been added to the Alberta Sheriffs FASST South target list and will be addressed as resources and operational priorities allow. Several additional targets were contacted by telephone. Follow-up action will be conducted to ensure outstanding fines are addressed and paid where applicable.

“The Chestermere RCMP continues to work closely with its policing and enforcement partners to locate individuals with outstanding warrants and hold offenders accountable for outstanding matters before the courts.” said Staff Sgt. Kathy Klassen, Detachment Commander of Chestermere RCMP. “Our members remain committed to keeping our community safe through diligent policing and rapid response.”

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LYALTA RECREATION EXPANSION RECEIVES CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

**FOUR-SEASON SPORTS COURT, SOCCER FIELD AND
EXPANDED AMENITIES PLANNED NEAR COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

By Stephen Jeffrey



A planned expansion of the Lyalta Community Centre recreation grounds has received conditional approval from Wheatland County's Municipal Planning Commission.

The site, northeast of Lyalta near the entrance to the Lakes of Muirfield community, currently contains a hall, two ball diamonds, camping space and a dog park.

Plans call for a new building with change rooms, equipment storage and a wheelchair-accessible, gender-neutral washroom. A four-season sports court would operate as an outdoor skating and hockey rink in winter, then accommodate activities including pickleball and basketball in summer. A soccer field, expanded parking and a new site entrance are also proposed.

The commission approved the development Aug. 18 subject to 16 conditions. Those requirements include completing engineering reviews, constructing a gravel approach from Township Road 252, installing signs setting out operating rules and hours, and following the approved development plans.

Water capacity was among the issues discussed. A servicing assessment estimated indoor washroom demand using a maximum of 20 users per day. The existing well was recorded at approximately 10 Imperial gallons per minute, compared with estimated demand of 8.93 gallons per minute.

Deputy Reeve Shannon Laprise questioned whether the system could accommodate a tournament drawing hundreds of visitors. Administration said third-party engineers had requested more information and could require an alternative servicing method.

A traffic assessment concluded roads could accommodate volumes. The plan provides 351 parking spaces, while parking connected with facility activities will be prohibited on public roads. The county expects traffic to rise above 400 vehicles per day during major events.

Final stormwater and servicing plans remain subject to engineering review. Outdoor recreation will be permitted year-round, seven days a week, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Once the conditions are satisfied, the expansion could provide Lyalta-area residents with a broader range of recreation close to home in every season.



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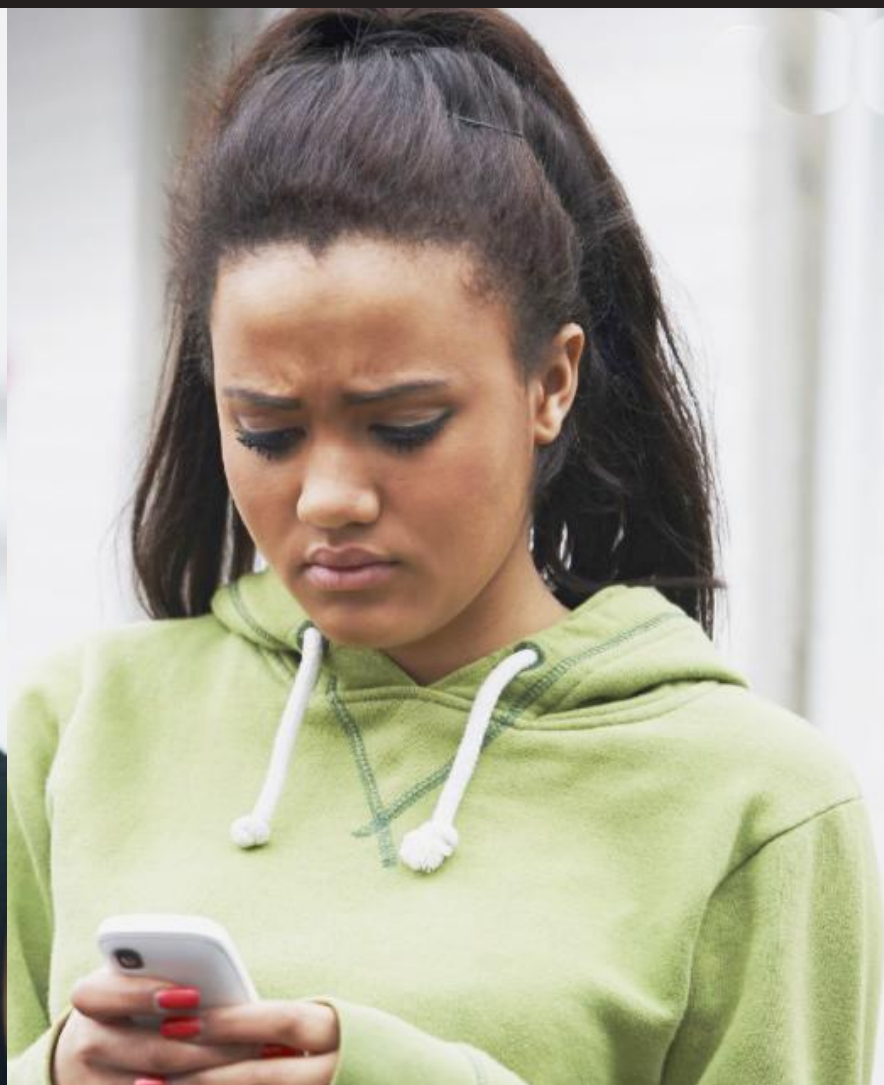
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Alberta is strongest when we grow the economy and manage taxpayer dollars responsibly. This week, our government delivered a major financial milestone, putting Alberta on track for another budget surplus while continuing to invest in rural health care,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

November 19 and can be submitted at 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 October 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.





News and Views from Chestermere Whitecappers

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SEPTEMBER NOTICES

LABOUR DAY CLOSURE

The Recreation Centre and Whitecappers will be closed Monday, September 7. All activities are cancelled.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Board: Tuesday, September 8 at 7 pm. Historical Foundation: Tuesday, September 15 at 1 pm.

ENERGIZER NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 9

Main Hall, 6-8 pm. Discover fall programs and services.

MONTHLY DINNER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

Doors open 4:30 pm • Dinner 5:30 pm

Menu: chili, baked potato with all the trimmings, Caesar salad, buns, dessert, coffee and tea.

Members \$15 • Non-members \$20

Bingo at 6:30 pm. Tickets on sale Sept. 8; sales close Sept. 26 at noon. Tickets are non-refundable.

COUNTRY FAIR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Parade at 9:30 am, pancake breakfast, harvest market, Red Ribbon Competition, rodeo, kids' zone and Whitecappers' Country Kitchen.

Pie and ice cream \$5. Home-baked donations welcome.

Volunteers needed 11 am-1 pm and 1-4 pm. Members may reserve craft tables.

Carol Gardner • 403-698-2352 • carol_gardner@shaw.ca

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

CASINO - SEPTEMBER 2 & 3

Whitecappers' most important fundraiser supports facility rent. Thank you to all volunteers.

PUB & GAMES - STARTS SEPTEMBER 18

Fridays 6-10 pm. Games, music, snacks and visiting. Non-members \$5.

LIGHT THE NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 19

6:30-8 pm. Honour survivors and support a violence-free community.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY Mahjong 1 pm • Walk Fit 11 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am • Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm

TUESDAY Line Dancing 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY Walk Fit 11 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am • Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm • Cards/Crib 1 pm

THURSDAY Quilting 9:30 am • Artisans 1 pm • Bridge 1 pm

FRIDAY Fitness 10:30 am • Chair Yoga 11:45 am • Pub Night 6 pm

SATURDAY Coffee 10 am • Cards/Crib 1 pm

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to everyone celebrating in September!

Carol Bell, Peter Clapton, Ruth Deveau, Nadine Donais, Brenda Ell, Jose Faria, Gail Fraser, Valerie Gertzen, Jean Gilbert, Doreen Hoskins, Jim Kent, Shirley Kinakin, Ellen Lorne, Ellen Neary, Ruth Patterson, Jack Stevenson, Ken Thompson and Raye Weber.

Did we miss you? Please email Ellen.

MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME TAGS

Unclaimed membership tags are waiting at the office.

FOOD BANK

Non-perishable donations are accepted at Whitecappers.

STAGE WEST - OCTOBER 7

Unnecessary Farce: buffet lunch and show. \$65 members; \$70 non-members. Payment due Sept. 16.

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Have something for the newsletter? Please let us know.



Whitecappers Activity Schedule

SEPTEMBER 2026 CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Dance Fit 10:30	2 OFFICE 10-1 Walk Fit 11 Chair Yoga 11:30 Carpet Bowling 12:45 Cards/Crib 1-4	3 OFFICE 10-12 Quilting 9:30 Artisans 1 Bridge 1	4 OFFICE 10-1 Fitness 10:30 Chair Yoga 11:45	5 Coffee 10-11:15 OFFICE 11-3 Cards/Crib 1-4
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REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT WHITECAPPERS

MONDAYS Mahjong 1 • Walk Fit 11 • Chair Yoga 11:30 • Carpet Bowling 12:45
TUESDAYS Line Dancing 10:30
WEDNESDAYS Walk Fit 11 • Chair Yoga 11:30 • Carpet Bowling 12:45 • Cards/Crib 1
THURSDAYS Quilting 9:30 • Artisans 1 • Bridge 1
FRIDAYS Fitness 10:30 • Chair Yoga 11:45 • Pub Night 6
SATURDAYS Coffee 10 • Cards/Crib 1

PLEASE NOTE

- Drop-ins: members free; non-members \$5.
- Pub Night resumes Sept. 18.
- Office hours may change.
- Check the newsletter for updates.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Everyone is welcome.

Bring a friend.

Come for the activities; stay for the friendship!

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EVENTS & THINGS TO DO

Festivals, concerts, markets and family activities within a day trip of Chestermere

Summer offers plenty of reasons to explore Chestermere and the surrounding region. From lakeside music and community festivals to country fairs, live theatre and outdoor concerts, here are some of the most promising events within an easy drive of the city.

September 1–30 — Calgary Culture Days

Various Calgary locations

A month of local arts, cultural performances, exhibitions and community activities. Individual events are added throughout September.

calgary.ca/events/culture-days

September 2 — Music in the Plaza

Heritage Park, Calgary — 6–8 p.m.

A free outdoor performance by HYMM Melodies in Heritage Plaza.

Heritage Park Music in the Plaza

September 4–7 — Cochrane Lions Labour Day Rodeo

Cochrane Lions Rodeo Grounds

The 60th annual rodeo features bull riding, barrel racing, junior events, community activities and live music.

cochranerodeo.com

September 5–October 12 — Halloweekends

Calaway Park

Family-friendly Halloween entertainment and fall activities offered on selected park-operating days.

calawaypark.com

September 6 — Calgary Pride Parade

Downtown Calgary

The parade travels along Ninth Avenue, beginning at Fifth Street SW and ending near East Village.

Calgary Pride Parade

September 9 — Energizer Night

Chestermere

A free community fair connecting families with sports, recreation, childcare, support services and community organizations.

littlaketlocals.ca/signature-events

September 9–13 — Spruce Meadows “Masters”

Spruce Meadows, Calgary

World-class international show jumping accompanied by shopping, entertainment and family activities.

sprucemeadows.com/masters

September 12 — airdrieFEST

Downtown Airdrie — 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

A free street festival featuring local businesses, artisans, community organizations, entertainment and family activities.

airdrie.ca

UPDATE: AMAZING DUCK RACE RAISES APPROXIMATELY \$7,000 FOR SYNERGY PROGRAMS

NEARLY 500 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE JOHN PEAKE PARK FUNDRAISER AS COMMUNITY TEAMS RACED FOR LOCAL DUCK SPONSORS

By Stephen Jeffrey Photo Terry Gill



Synergy's youth interns, summer volunteers and community partners gather at John Peake Park during the 2026 Amazing Duck Race. The Aug. 22 fundraiser attracted approximately 500 people and raised about \$7,000 before matching funds. Photos supplied by Synergy.

Synergy's Amazing Duck Race brought approximately 500 people to John Peake Park on Aug. 22, raising money for youth, mental-health and community programs while giving young volunteers a chance to lead one of the organization's signature summer events.

Synergy reports that 465 of the available 500 rubber ducks were sponsored. Duck sales and donations raised approximately \$7,000, with the amount eligible for a 50-per-cent match through the Rogers Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink program.

If the full matching amount is received, the fundraiser would generate approximately \$10,500 for Synergy's community programming.

The event combined an obstacle-course race with the traditional numbered-duck draw. Five pairs representing community organizations and services completed a series of activities before collecting a numbered rubber duck and crossing the finish line. Prizes went to the people who had sponsored the selected ducks.

The Calgary Yacht Club team of Barrett Duff and Jill Glendinning finished first. Their winning duck, number 373, was sponsored by Jennifer L.

Community Peace Officers Eli Steinfeld and Conor Caulkett placed second, selecting duck number 112 for sponsor Ida S.

Synergy volunteers Harsh Kaur and Dhairya Sharma finished third with duck number 484, sponsored by Brant E. The Chestermere Fire Department team of Adam Kambeitz and Robbie Heckle placed fourth, drawing duck number 389 for Caiden E.

The Chestermere Boxing Club's Nicolas Grundau and Gurnoor Mahal completed the top five. Their duck, number 241, belonged to sponsor Bernie S.

Activities continued after the race with a youth vendor market, petting zoo and food trucks. The market was designed to give young entrepreneurs practical experience selling their products, interacting with customers and learning some of the responsibilities involved in operating a small business.

The Duck Race also marked the final event organized by Synergy's youth interns and summer volunteers. Synergy said the young people gained work experience, practised life skills and helped community members see the talent and potential local youth bring to Chestermere.

Although the event is organized as a fundraiser, Synergy describes its purpose as broader than collecting donations. It was created as an accessible, family-friendly gathering where residents, businesses, volunteers and community agencies could spend time together while supporting programs serving local young people and families.

Money raised through the race helps Synergy offer free initiatives, respond to emerging community needs and support work connected to youth development, mental health and community wellbeing.

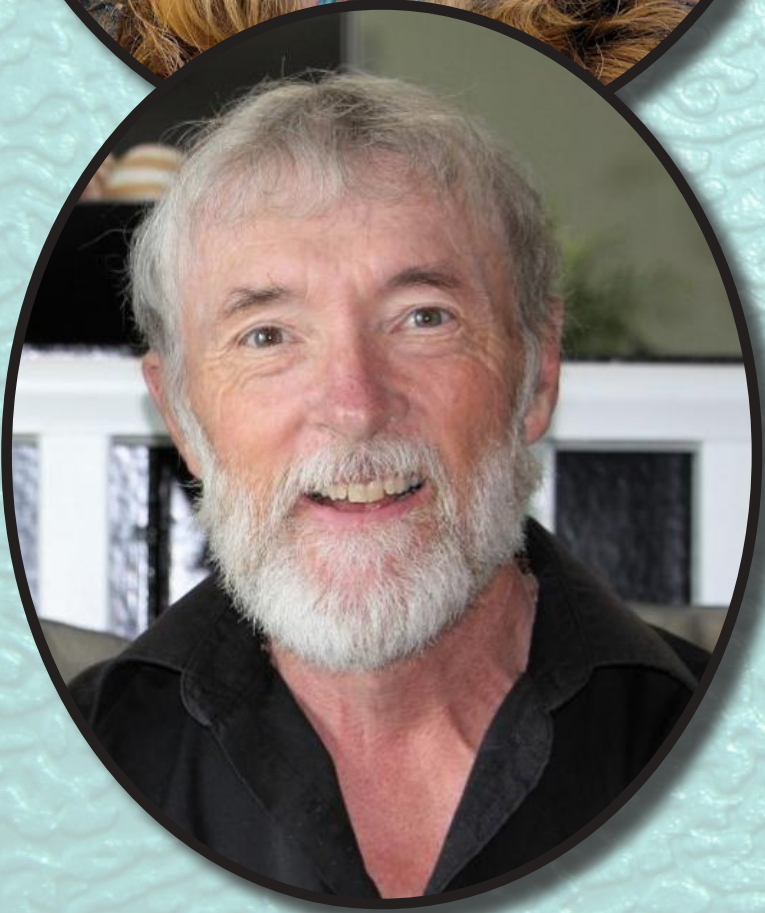
The turnout also demonstrated how a simple idea—a field of numbered rubber ducks and a playful obstacle course—can become a platform for volunteerism, youth leadership and local giving.

With 465 ducks sponsored and only 35 remaining unsold, the community came close to filling the entire race roster.

For Synergy's interns and summer volunteers, the afternoon provided more than a final assignment. It gave them an opportunity to help deliver a major public event and see hundreds of residents gather around work they helped make possible.

Crow's Feet

Birding with Elaine and Don



Warbler Mania Hits Confederation Park



Spring brings a new energy to bird watchers across the province. With two thirds of birds migrating north to Alberta and beyond, binoculars and increasingly, audio or visual bird identification apps come out with the return of the birds. A special group, the wood warblers, attract great attention. In late May and June, birders travel to Cold Lake, Lac La Biche and Slave Lake, eager to locate and watch the twenty-one regular warbler species that make the boreal forests home for a few months each year. Raising young in an environment filled with insect life as the main entree is essential for the survival of all species. Warblers, like many other species, combine favorable south winds and the cover of the night to head north.

As the third week of August presents shorter daylight hours, the anticipation of the return south by warblers in Calgary, specifically at Confederation Park, creates a beehive of photographers and birders. With hundreds of eyes searching ebird.org reports, the word, "warbler", rings as it were Christmas Day. On Saturday, August 22nd, Elaine and I, out by 7:00 AM, enjoy the early quiet of a beautiful park. Painted in nature's finest shrubs, water courses and tall trees, it's truly a picture that simply needs warblers. We were hopeful to be fortunate enough to have a warbler or two slow down enough, and avoid innocently hiding behind the leaves enabling us to



take a photo. As we headed west along the pathway, angling over to treed areas to look and listen, we could see camera equipment being worn by nearly one hundred bird watchers, all looking for “that” photo. Individuals move from group to group with the assumption that the gathering of twenty birders must be looking at something.

Elaine and I had headed in different directions. Finding a quiet spot along the slow flowing water off the paved trail to stand and listen is a favorite method. This morning, the warblers made their presence felt, literally within a few feet of my position. Joined by vireos and a single chickadee, the warblers combed the twigs, undersides of leaves and remaining flowers, seeking a morning morsel. Completely immersed in the wonderful warblers close by, I didn't realize a half dozen other photographers had heard the “loud” clicking of my technically ancient shutter. Turning left and right as well as doing a 180 degree turn, I felt like I was in a birding circle, with camera lenses presenting that surround sound feeling. Meanwhile, Elaine had spotted a sizable group, including a birding couple we know, and joined them, looking for a few species of warblers. The quiet and concentration of so many bird watchers was truly a joy.

After enjoying three hours of the quiet mania, we headed home to view our results. Eight warbler species had paid a visit our eyes and some would find their images in digital form. Joining over twenty other bird species we'd observed, mid-August in Confederation Park is truly the place for the wandering warbler photographers.





This week marked the 13th annual National Red Wine Day, first celebrated in 2014 after being proclaimed by an influential wine journalist, and has grown in popularity each year. Except for a few triskaidekaphobic folks fearing the number that comes between 12 and 14, my regular tippling posse was eager to meet on my backyard patio for a little pregaming with some choice selections from my cellar, followed by a private tasting at a local wine merchant, before ending the evening in a wine and tapas bar.

I like to take the opportunity to broaden my wine horizons on this auspicious day, by choosing a few of the less-popular grapes that do not have the market dominance of Merlot, Cab Sauv, Syrah, and the like.

Our first stop of the evening started out with a short pour from a bottle of Tannat, courtesy of Moon Curser Vineyards in the Okanagan Valley, an adventurous BC winery that grows several varietals that are uncommon in North America.

For those not familiar with the varietal, Tannat is a red grape with origins in southwestern France, first planted on the slopes of the Pyrenees mountain range that separate France and Spain. The Tannat grape was brought to Uruguay by Basque settlers in the 19th century, and found a seemingly perfect terroir, becoming the most-planted vine in Uruguay.

As you might have guessed from the name, Tannat is a very tannic wine, so it is usually blended with Cab Sauv or Cab Franc to soften up the tannins. While France and Uruguay still account for the largest plantings, the Tannat grape also thrives in Australia and South Africa, and is starting to grow in popularity in cooler climes like Oregon and the Okanagan Valley of BC.

The Tannat we enjoyed from Moon Curser Vineyards in BC was bursting with raspberry, blackberry, and fig flavours on the palate, followed by a vanilla finish from the long time spent aging in oak. The mouthfeel was full-bodied and luxuriant, reminding me to pay a visit to the winery on my next annual pilgrimage to the Okanagan.

The next hidden gem was a bottle of Marselan, an uncommon



grape varietal from Bordeaux developed in 1961 by crossing the Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache varietals, and tasting much like a blend of its two parents. Most of the production is in France and Spain, with very little making its way to Canada, so I was delighted to find it for sale at a little boutique in Calgary. Marselan was developed to be more tolerant of warmer climates than its noble parents, so as the winemakers of Bordeaux adapt to climate change, we may see more of this varietal at your local bottle shop.

After a few more bottles were uncorked and passed around, I decided that my favourite of the evening was a Dolcetto from the Stag's Hollow Vineyard in the Okanagan Valley, a winery I have visited many times over the years on weekend getaways to BC.

The Dolcetto grape hails from the famed Piedmont wine region of Italy, which I toured by train back in the pre-pandemic era, stopping in small towns for winery tours on a decadent summer vacation that now seems like a lifetime ago. Unlike the Tannat grape I started off this adventure with, Dolcetto wines are



typically consumed within 3 years of release, as their bright fruit-forward notes will slowly fade if aged for too long in the bottle.

Dolcetto is very much an easy drinking and friendly wine, pouring into my glass with a vibrant purple hue with juicy note of plum and blueberry on the nose, followed by violet and dark chocolate on the tongue. This style of wine typically only sits in oak for 6 months or so before bottling, and is typically released from the cellar after less than a year in the bottle.

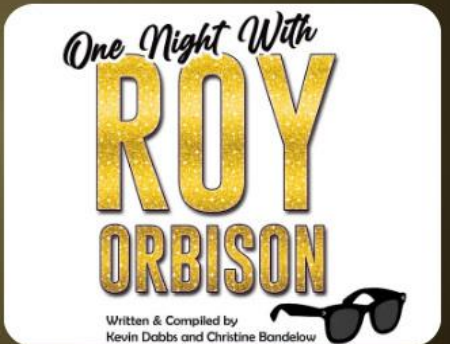
Red Wine Day may have passed us by for another year, but nothing is stopping you from making every day a red wine day. Ask your friendly neighbourhood booze merchant for help picking out a few uncommon varietals and broaden your wine horizons!

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ARIES

Mar 21 - Apr 20

A practical decision deserves your attention early in the week. Trust the evidence instead of rushing to prove a point. A friendly invitation later on could introduce you to someone whose energy and ideas are genuinely refreshing.



LIBRA

Sept 23 - Oct 23

A choice that once seemed evenly balanced now has a clearer answer. Pay attention to what brings lasting peace, not merely immediate approval. An honest conversation strengthens an important relationship and restores a sense of teamwork.



TAURUS

Apr 21 - May 21

Make room for a small pleasure you have been postponing. Responsibilities will still be there, but you will handle them better after a genuine pause. A money conversation becomes easier when everyone agrees on the real priority.



SCORPIO

Oct 24 - Nov 22

Your instincts are strong, but confirm an assumption before acting on it. Information arrives in pieces this week. Patience helps you see the full pattern. Set aside private time for a project that feels meaningful rather than merely urgent.



GEMINI

May 22 - Jun 21

Your curiosity opens an unexpected door this week. Ask the extra question, follow the interesting lead and keep notes. At home, someone may need your full attention more than advice. Listening carefully will say everything necessary.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23 - Dec 21

A change of scenery will lift your outlook, even if it is only a new walking route or an afternoon somewhere unfamiliar. Keep plans flexible. A spontaneous idea could become the highlight of an otherwise ordinary week.



CANCER

Jun 22 - Jul 22

A lingering worry begins to lose its power once you put it into words. Choose a trusted person and speak plainly. Your home environment also benefits from one modest improvement that makes everyday routines calmer and easier.



CAPRICORN

Dec 22 - Jan 20

Something you have steadily built begins showing measurable results. Take satisfaction in that progress before setting the next target. A family or household matter needs practical leadership, but it should not become yours to carry alone.



LEO

Jul 23 - Aug 23

You do not need to command the room to make an impression. Quiet confidence works beautifully now. Give another person credit where it is due, and the goodwill returns quickly. The weekend favours creativity, laughter and good company.



AQUARIUS

Jan 21 - Feb 18

An unconventional solution may be exactly what a stalled situation needs. Explain your thinking clearly and give others time to catch up. Socially, reconnecting with someone from your wider circle brings an enjoyable surprise or useful perspective.



VIRGO

Aug 24 - Sept 22

A new month gives you the clean starting line you have wanted. Choose two achievable priorities rather than an exhausting list. Progress will accelerate once you stop polishing every detail and allow a good idea to become real.



PISCES

Feb 19 - Mar 20

Protect your energy from unnecessary noise this week. You are especially receptive to other people's moods, so choose your company carefully. Music, art or time near water helps restore clarity and reveals what your next step should be.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

AUG 31
Van Morrison

SEPT 1
Gloria Estefan

SEPT 2
Keanu Reeves

SEPT 3
Garrett Hedlund

SEPT 4
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SEPT 5
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IN MY OPINION

BILL 11'S REAL TEST: WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ALBERTAN WHO CAN'T PAY?

ALBERTA SAYS PRIVATE SURGICAL OPTIONS CAN INCREASE CAPACITY AND SHORTEN PUBLIC WAIT LISTS. THE FAIREST WAY TO JUDGE THE EXPERIMENT WILL BE WHAT HAPPENS TO PATIENTS WHO REMAIN IN THE PUBLIC SYSTEM.

Opinion By Stephen Jeffrey

There is an easy way to turn Alberta's Bill 11 into a political shouting match.

Call it the beginning of American-style health care. Or call it the innovation that will finally rescue an overloaded public system.

Neither tells ordinary Albertans what they really need to know.

The more important question is much simpler:

What happens to the Albertan who cannot afford to pay?

Alberta's dual-practice system is expected to begin in September. Under the new model, approved physicians will be able to provide publicly funded care while also performing certain procedures for patients who choose to pay privately.

The Alberta government argues this can increase surgical capacity, attract and retain physicians and shorten public waiting lists. Medically necessary care will remain available through the public system, while emergency, urgent and cancer surgeries will remain entirely publicly funded.

There is a reasonable argument behind the government's plan.

Consider 1,000 Albertans waiting for the same elective procedure. If 100 decide to pay privately and those operations represent genuinely additional capacity, there are now 100 fewer people in the public queue.

The person who cannot afford private surgery could actually benefit.

That is the best-case scenario for Bill 11, and it should not be dismissed simply because private money is involved.

But there is another possibility.

Those private operations still require surgeons, nurses, anesthesiologists, technicians and other health professionals.

If they come from the same limited pool of people currently staffing Alberta's public health system, we haven't necessarily created more health care.

We may simply have created another line, one in which the ability to pay determines who can enter it.

And that is where Bill 11 deserves very close attention.

The workforce question

Participating physicians will be required to meet minimum commitments to the public system before providing privately paid surgery.

That is an important safeguard.

But the Alberta government has said the exact minimum requirements will depend upon participation and the needs of the health system.

The Alberta Medical Association has gone considerably further, proposing 70 safeguards covering workforce sustainability, equitable access, patient safety, transparency, oversight and financial accountability.

Among the AMA's central concerns is ensuring dual practice does not divert scarce health-care workers from publicly funded services or cause public patients to wait longer.

That may ultimately be the most important question surrounding Bill 11.

Alberta's health-care shortage isn't simply about buildings, beds and operating rooms.

It is about people.

What does this mean for an ordinary family?

For most Albertans, Bill 11 probably won't dramatically change a routine visit to a family doctor or emergency department.

The difference may become apparent when someone needs an elective procedure.

Imagine being told your hip can be replaced through the public system, but you will have to wait.

Then comes another option.

You could have the procedure privately, potentially much sooner, if you can afford it.

For a wealthy Albertan, that may be an easy decision.

For a middle-income family, it could mean considering savings or borrowing.

For a senior living on retirement income, the decision could become particularly difficult.

Nobody is being required to purchase the operation. The publicly funded option remains.

But "choice" becomes a complicated word when someone has been living with pain or limited mobility for months.

There is another question Albertans should watch.

Critics of Bill 11 have warned that a significant private surgical market could eventually encourage the development of insurance products covering privately delivered care. The Alberta Medical Association has also identified supplementary insurance as an issue requiring examination.

Whether such a market develops, and what limits governments or regulators might place upon it, remains unclear.

That distinction matters.

A health-care system in which some people purchase faster access directly is one thing.



A system in which private surgical insurance becomes a common employment benefit would be something considerably larger.

Albertans should watch carefully to see which direction the province takes.

Rural Alberta could experience Bill 11 differently

There is another concern outside Calgary and Edmonton.

Private surgical facilities are most likely to operate where there are sufficient patients, specialists and surgical volumes to support them.

If dual practice attracts additional physicians to Alberta, smaller communities could benefit indirectly.

But if existing specialists spend more of their working time providing private procedures in major centres, rural and regional communities could find themselves competing for an already limited workforce.

Again, everything comes back to the same question.

Are we creating additional capacity or redistributing the capacity we already have?

Bill 11 isn't only about surgery

Lost in much of the debate are significant changes involving health information.

Bill 11 contains amendments to Alberta's Health Information Act that take effect upon proclamation. Alberta's Information and Privacy Commissioner has raised concerns about several provisions, including expanded information sharing, automated systems and artificial intelligence, accountability for shared health records and protections surrounding personal health numbers.

Those issues could ultimately affect considerably more Albertans than private surgery because almost every Albertan has a health record.

They deserve scrutiny too.

There is also an unresolved national question.

The Alberta government maintains its dual-practice model complies with the Canada Health Act. Critics, including a legal

opinion commissioned by the Canadian Health Coalition, have argued otherwise.

The Canada Health Act is built around the principle that access to medically necessary insured health services should be based upon medical need rather than someone's ability to pay.

Whether Alberta's model ultimately crosses that line may become an issue between the provincial and federal governments and potentially, eventually, the courts.

For ordinary Albertans, however, the legal argument may matter less than what actually happens when they need care.

Give us the numbers

There is no reason Albertans need to decide today whether Bill 11 is brilliant or disastrous.

We can measure it.

In fact, Alberta says Acute Care Alberta will regularly review the program, report on system performance and make adjustments where necessary. Good.

Then Albertans should see the results.

Show us public surgical waiting times.

Show us public and private surgical volumes.

Show us whether Alberta gained physicians.

Show us whether nurses, anesthesiologists and other health professionals moved between the public and private systems.

Show us what happened in rural Alberta.

And, most importantly, show us whether the Albertan who couldn't afford private treatment waited longer or received care sooner.

If private procedures increase Alberta's total surgical capacity while public waiting lists fall, critics should be prepared to acknowledge that the experiment is working.

If health professionals migrate toward private facilities while public waiting lists grow, government should be prepared to acknowledge that too.

This shouldn't become another Canadian health-care debate where ideology matters more than evidence.

There is nothing inherently sacred about the way health care is currently delivered. Canada's public system already relies extensively upon private physicians, pharmacies, laboratories and contracted facilities.

There is room for experimentation.

But there is something worth protecting at its foundation.

A Canadian who needs medically necessary health care should be able to receive it regardless of the size of their bank account.

So give Bill 11 a chance. But give it a stopwatch too. Come back in a year. Then two.

Ask the person waiting for a hip replacement whether the line became shorter.

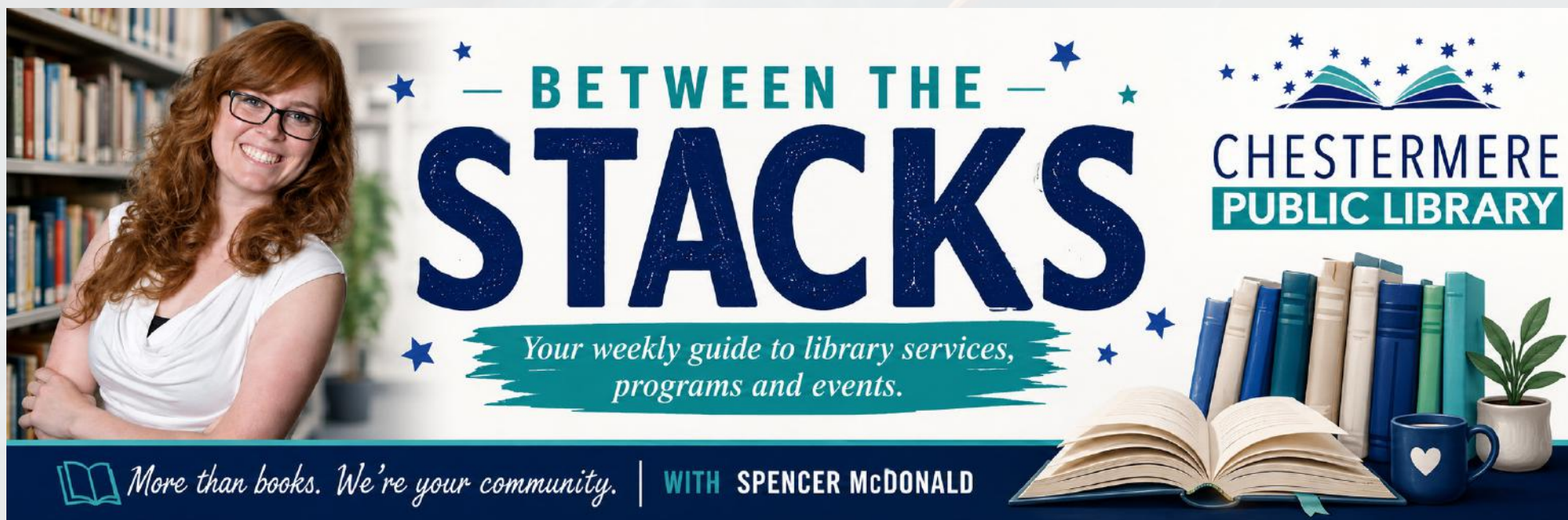
Ask the senior who couldn't afford private surgery whether they received treatment sooner.

Ask rural communities whether they gained doctors or lost them.

Ask nurses where the workforce went. And publish the answers.

Because the success of Bill 11 should not ultimately be measured by how quickly an Albertan who can afford private surgery receives an operation.

It should be measured by what happened to the Albertan who couldn't afford it.



Fall Programs

Our Fall Program Session 1 Program Guide is available now! Find printed copies at the Library and our online version on our website at www.chestermerepubliclibrary.com. Registration is open now!

Upcoming Library Closure

Please note: the Library will be closed from September 5th to September 7th for Labour Day Long Weekend.

Chestermere in Colour: A Community Exhibition Celebrating Art & Culture

Chestermere in Colour: A Community Exhibition Celebrating Art & Culture is a collective community visual arts project and exhibition in conjunction with Alberta Culture Days.

Centered on the theme of celebration, we are inviting residents to create an artwork on canvas inspired by their cultural identity that will be exhibited in the Library. The Library is hosting an exhibition opening reception to celebrate the artists and everyone who makes up our community.

How it works and important dates:

- Tuesday, August 25th: Canvas and instruction pick up begins at the Library. Participants take home their canvas and create their artwork OR register for one of two workshops (6-12yrs or Adult).
- Saturday, September 19th at 5PM: Deadline to submit completed artwork to Library.
- Wednesday, September 23rd from 6:00PM to 7:00PM: Exhibition Opening Reception: The reception will include a brief introduction to the exhibition and the significance of Alberta Culture Days, along with refreshments. The exhibition runs from September 23rd until October 21st.
- Thursday, October 22nd – Monday, October 26th at 6PM: Artwork pickup at the Library.

Teen Volunteer Orientation

Calling all teens (ages 13-17) who want to gain volunteering experience! Learn all about volunteering at the Library at our Teen Volunteer Orientation on Thursday, September 3rd from 5:00PM to 5:30PM. In order to volunteer at the library, you must attend one volunteer orientation throughout the year. Registration required.

Library at Energizer Night

Join us at Energizer Night on Wednesday, September 9th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the Rec Center and learn all about our Fall Programs! Learn more about local clubs, organizations, recreation programs, and services in Chestermere and the surrounding area. No registration required.

YouTube Storytimes

Find us on YouTube by going to <https://www.youtube.com/@TheChestermerePublicLibrary> for a variety of storytimes available anytime!

Graphic Novel and Manga Clubs

This month, our Graphic Novel and Manga club are looking at Time Travel Comics. Try something new and let us know what you chose. Join our Discord on our website to discuss this month's theme.

Self Run Book Club

Want to host your own book club at the library? We will help you get everything you need and provide a space for your group to get together. We provide copies of your chosen book, library space, and coffee for your meeting!

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Are you wondering what's happening at the library? Would you like to know? Sign up for our monthly newsletter for updates on programming, Reading Programs, Featured Displays, Community Outreach, Featured Artists, and more. Sign up by visiting our website at chestermerepubliclibrary.com



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Sunday:	12:00PM – 5:00PM
Monday:	10:00AM – 7:00PM
Tuesday:	10:00AM – 7:00PM
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Friday:	10:00AM – 6:00PM
Saturday :	10:00AM – 5:00PM



If you have any questions or comments, you can email us at: info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com

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OACC returns with new ideas and a full fall calendar

After a summer break, the coalition is ready to reconnect, welcome new members and plan for the 2026/2027 meeting year.

Back together in September

After taking a summer break from meetings and articles, OACC is pleased to be back. Members used the warmer months to travel, recharge and spend time with family and friends.

Residents offered encouraging suggestions about growing OACC membership. Several new initiatives will be introduced at the Sept. 16 meeting as the coalition continues building a stronger source of information and support for Chestermere's older adults.

September speaker: Aging in place

Occupational therapist Catharine of Valley to Peak OT Consulting will share practical strategies for living safely and confidently at home, both now and in the years ahead.

Wednesday, Sept. 16 • 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Synergy, 101–340 Merganser Dr. W.

Coming in October

Lisa Pollard of DocPrep will speak about wills and estate planning at the Oct. 21 meeting. Additional information will be shared in September.



Community connections

Chestermere Men's Shed

The Men's Shed meets Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Lakeshore Manor. It offers men from Chestermere and surrounding communities "somewhere to go, someone to meet, and something to do." Contact chestermeremensshed@gmail.com or visit its Facebook page.

Whitecappers at Stage West

The Chestermere Whitecappers Association has released its next season of Stage West outings. Pricing is \$65 for members and \$70 for non-members. Dates will be published in the Whitecappers newsletter at chestermerewhitecappers.ca.

Holiday luncheon teaser

The Older Adult Holiday Luncheon committee begins planning in early September. Watch for dates and event details soon.

September events

Country Fair & Rodeo — Sept. 12

The 37th annual Chestermere Country Fair begins with the parade at 9:30 a.m. Family activities include the Kids Zone, Harvest Market, Whitecappers Country Kitchen and Zucchini Car Races, followed by the ticketed rodeo.

Red Ribbon Competition

Entries in 12 regular categories and four special competitions must be delivered to the curling-rink area from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. Details: rvcagsociety.ca.

Library fall programs

Registration is required for Seniors' Essential Oil Perfume Rollers on Sept. 27 and Seniors' Decoupage Catchall Trays on Oct. 7. Adult programs include Soapmaking on Sept. 20 and Wintry Pantry Prep — Spice Blends on Oct. 27. Call 403-272-9025 or visit chestermererepubliclibrary.com.

Neighbourhood block parties

The City offers cookware, dishes, utensils, recipe books, BBQs and a gift card to help neighbours host a cook-off or barbecue. Call Community Services at 403-207-7094 or email cmcleod@chestermere.ca.

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Check before relying on coverage

Review eligibility, application requirements, benefit limits and current program rules at alberta.ca/coverage-for-seniors-program. In most cases, proof of age is the primary requirement.

This information is general and is not a substitute for advice from Alberta Health or a healthcare professional.

Diagnostic imaging available locally

Frontier Diagnostics has opened at Unit 103, 300 Merganser Dr. W., in the same commercial complex as Remedy Rx.

The clinic advertises general X-rays, screening mammography, ultrasound and pain-management services. Its website says pain-management services include image-guided aspirations and injections.

Residents who need these services can ask their healthcare provider whether the clinic is appropriate for their referral.

Appointments and information

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OACC encourages residents to consider local services when they meet their healthcare needs, helping retain valuable resources within the community.

JOIN OACC

Upcoming meetings
Wednesday, Sept. 16
Wednesday, Oct. 21

1:30–3:30 p.m.
Synergy
101–340 Merganser Dr. W.

Enter through the Gas Plus parking lot and turn left behind West Creek Mall.

Walk-ins are welcome. RSVPs are appreciated: vgertzen@shaw.ca

Help plan future speakers

Members are invited to suggest topics and presenters for the coming year. OACC welcomes businesses, organizations and service providers interested in sharing relevant information with the coalition.

Presenter contacts
Joanne: jumpmaster2@shaw.ca
Betty: betty.dagg@shaw.ca
Val: vgertzen@shaw.ca

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Langdon Citizens on Patrol

Coordination Contact: Jennifer Carson

Email: langdoncop@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/langdoncop>

Lakeside Quilters' Guild

Lakeside Quilters Guild. Meeting twice a month at the Chestermere Recreation Center, meeting room #1. Meetings and Sew Days are monthly, every second Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Quilting experience not necessary, new members are welcome. For more information contact Teena at 403-285-8309.

The Rotary Club Of Chestermere

Rotary Chestermere meets virtually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm via Zoom and in-person on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Lakeshore Manor to share a meal, fellowship and hear our Guest Speaker. Guests are warmly welcomed to join our meetings. Please contact Bill Quinney at wtquinney@shaw.ca

The Chestermere Fine Art Guild

The Chestermere Fine Art Guild meets every Thursday at 1pm, at the Synergy Building, 101-340 Merganser Drive West, and have classes on the first and third Monday at 7:00 pm. Come and explore your artistic potential. We welcome new members beginner to advanced. Like us on Facebook and/or email chestermereartguild@gmail.com

St. Gabriel's the Archangel Parish

Catholics in Chestermere: Weekend masses are now open for public celebration without seating restrictions at St. Gabriel's Catholic School (197 Invermere Dr.). There is no longer advanced registration required to attend mass (Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 9 am, and 10:30 am), but please stay home if you feel sick that day. For more information please call 403-455-0196.

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SEPT 5	Millarville Kids Market Millarville Racetrack 10 a.m.-1 p.m. A hands-on market where young entrepreneurs sell what they have made, grown or created. millarvill Racetrack.com
SEPT 5	East Village Public Art Experience The Confluence, Calgary 11 a.m.-1 p.m. A guided introduction to East Village public art, its stories and the free community graffiti wall. theconfluence.ca/upcoming-events
SEPT 5	Pride All-Ages Celebration Cold Garden, Calgary 1-6 p.m. Drag, live music, spoken word, storytelling and community programming in an all-ages setting. calgarypride.ca/events
SEPT 6	Calgary Pride Parade 9 Avenue SW, downtown Calgary Noon The parade travels from 5 Street SW to 4 Street SE. Free to watch; arrive early for a good viewing spot. calgarypride.ca/pride-2026/pride-parade

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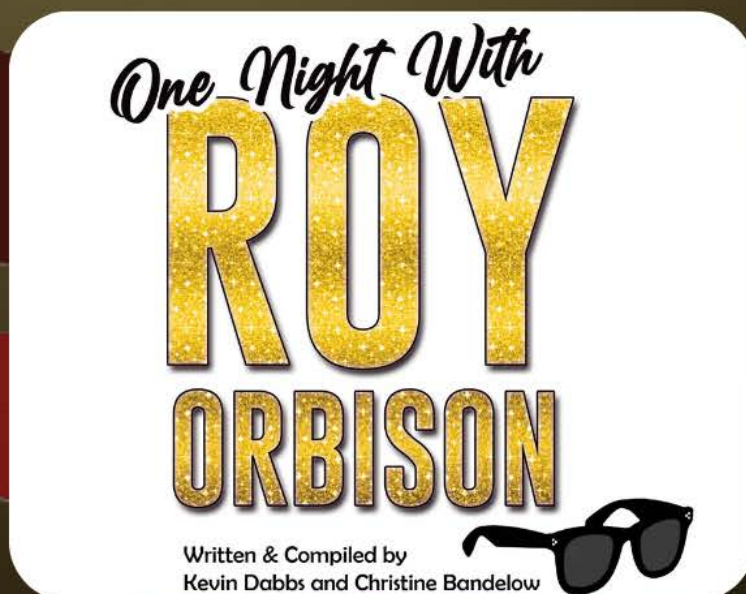
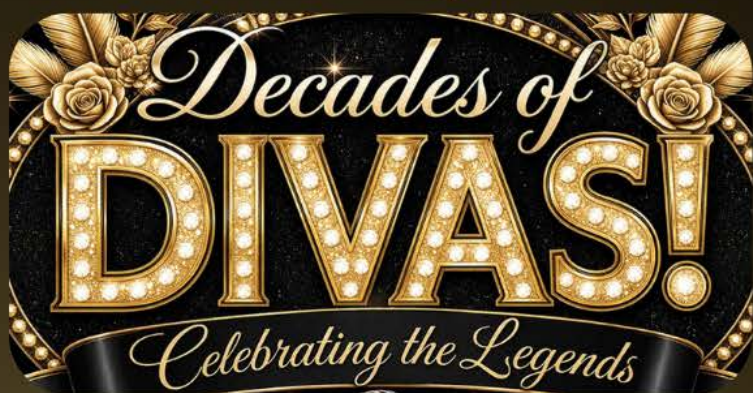
SEPT 7	Preview to the 'Masters' Spruce Meadows 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Labour Day family activities, pony rides, petting zoo, bouncy castles, mini train, vendors and food trucks. sprucemeadows.com/labourday
SEPT 9-13	Spruce Meadows 'Masters' Spruce Meadows World-class outdoor show jumping, shopping, entertainment and family activities. General admission available. sprucemeadows.com/masters
SEPT 12	Chestermere Country Fair Chestermere Recreation Centre All day Chestermere's longest-running annual event: family fun, local traditions and country charm. thecityofchestermere.ca/events
SEPT 19	Chestermere Country Craft Market Chestermere Regional Community Association 10-5 Free admission. Browse handmade goods and creations from local artists, makers and small businesses. eventbrite.ca - search event title
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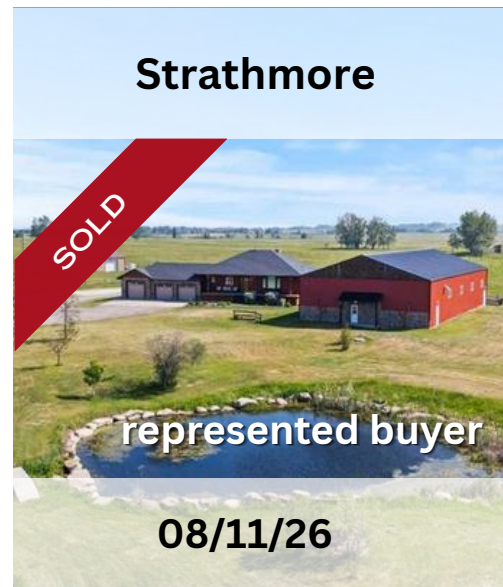
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