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Harrison brings laughter to Stettler stage

by CHERYL BOWMAN

The Stettler Variety Showcase brought Michael Harrison and his Ventastic show to Stettler on March 22, delivering an afternoon and evening of lively, family-friendly entertainment at the Stettler Performing Arts Centre. The afternoon performance drew a packed crowd with more than 35 children in attendance, while the evening show also saw a strong turnout.

Throughout both performances, Harrison leaned heavily on audience interaction, inviting participants on stage and shaping material in real time. His quick improvisation and ability to adapt to each individual generated frequent cheers and laugh out loud laughter. From engaging children to involving adults, he maintained a steady pace that kept the audience attentive. The material remained family friendly and, even when it edged toward more mature territory, it was delivered with sharp comedic timing.

The show concluded with a standing ovation.

Harrison is a veteran Canadian entertainer with more than 30 years of experience delivering interactive, family-oriented performances. His shows blend comedy, magic and eccentric characters, a format that has made him a regular at fairs and festivals across North America. Known for his high-energy stage presence and strong audience engagement, his work focuses on broad appeal humour that connects with audiences of all ages.

Six-year-old Van LaRose proved a standout participant at Michael Harrison's Ventastic show, keeping the performer on his toes with quick one-liners and witty replies of his own. Harrison shared in the laughter, clearly amused by the youngster's sharp humour. Harrison demonstrated sharp improvisational skill, quickly crafting responses that matched each exchange. His ability to adapt on the fly kept the momentum steady and the show moving seamlessly, much to the delight of the crowd. Rural Alberta Report / C. Bowman



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Town of Bashaw council discusses beautification committee

by STU SALKELD / LJI JOURNALIST

The Town of Bashaw council discussed making its beautification committee more formal, governed by bylaw rather than policy. The discussion was held at the Mar. 18 regular meeting of council.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Theresa Fuller presented councillors with the town's community centre bylaw as a template for a new beautification committee bylaw. Currently, the town manages the beautification committee through a policy, which doesn't have the authority of a bylaw.

Fuller noted during her presentation that the community board bylaw may be too rigid, and councillors were asked to provide input on whether they wished the proposed beautification bylaw to be dialled back.

Coun. Kyle McIntosh began the discussion by noting the beautification committee needed a bylaw rather than a policy, and that, as part of the bylaw, a set of terms of reference should also be included, which would outline the rules by which the committee will operate.

McIntosh continued by stating he'd like as much flexibility as possible in the beautification committee bylaw, but also noted he had never approved a bylaw such as this before and didn't want to make mistakes that would require revisions later.

Mayor Cindy Orom observed that council had previously voiced interest in reviewing the beautification committee policy, after which the CAO indicated the policy should likely be replaced by a bylaw.

Councillors began discussing what they wished to see in the bylaw. McIntosh wanted the term of a committee member clearly defined and suggested four years.

It was also noted during discussion that some strict requirements, such as mandating a beautification committee report for every council meeting, would likely be too onerous.

Mayor Orom noted Bashaw's beautification committee has some very passionate, long-term members, and she predicted the committee will likely see little turnover. She added that longer board member terms, such as four years, would illustrate council's confidence in those members.

Coun. Reina Masyk stated she would like it prominently advertised when there is an opening on the beautification committee. She said any eligible and interested community member should apply, adding she appreciates people stepping forward from the community.

Councillors passed a motion directing staff to rewrite the draft beautification committee bylaw with council input and bring it back to a future meeting.

Fire dept. update

Coun. McIntosh stated he recently met with fire department officials to discuss a new initiative.

"I met with the fire chiefs on Mar. 11 to discuss the dispatch definition, upcoming tour, and future priorities," stated McIntosh in his report to council.

Library board

Councillors approved a resolution appointing one of their members to the public library board due to an oversight. The CAO noted that a previous resolution appointing Coun. Masyk to the library board was incomplete and should be redone.

Councillors unanimously passed a resolution to appoint Masyk to the Bashaw Library Board.



Bashaw Community Centre.
Rural Alberta Report / S. Salkeld

Due recognition

Councillors reviewed the Town of Bashaw awards policy, which guides the presentation of long-service awards and can include elected officials, municipal staff, and provincial athletes. Private deliberations

Councillors entered a closed session to discuss two items: personnel (cemetery mowing and groundskeeping) and ATIA Section 19 (personal information).



Michael Harrison and his puppet J.J. square off in a staring contest with reluctant volunteer Larry Mulbach, Harrison's "human puppet" during the Ventastic show. Rural Alberta Report/C. Bowman

Town of Hanna council decides grant increase to be discussed next fall

by STU SALKELD/LJI JOURNALIST

The Town of Hanna council decided a possible increase to a well-used community grant program will be discussed next fall during budget deliberations. The decision was made at the Mar. 10 regular meeting of council.

Community Services Coordinator Michele Toews presented councillors with a request from the Community Services Board (CSB) that council boost the annual grant from \$20,000 to \$35,000.

“The CSB held a meeting on Feb. 12 where a motion was made to recommend to council that the \$20,000 yearly grant be increased to \$35,000 annually, with three application cycles a year, with the understanding that all requests for funding within the community services scope, including facility rental discounts, will be directed to apply through the CSB grant process prior to any council intervention,” stated Toews’ report to council.

“The first grant cycle under this new process in 2026 brought in \$14,900 in applications. We are expecting another possible \$7,000 in applications just to cover groups previously requesting facility discount support, which would tap out the \$20,000 in funding without room to consider new projects and the smaller grant projects this funding has traditionally served.

“CSB requests flexibility with this funding increase, with the understanding that it will only be awarded to qualified grants and any remaining funds at year-end will not carry forward into future years.”

During her verbal presentation, Toews explained percentage discounts given to community groups on things like facility rentals have a significant impact on the CSB grant in question. Toews noted the CSB felt \$35,000 is a sufficient amount to handle those previous commitments, plus any applications that come in. Conversely, she stated if the budget remains at \$20,000, some groups may have to be turned away.

Coun. Angie Warner stated she had concerns about boosting the grant, specifically where councillors would find \$15,000. Warner asked if that money would come from raising taxes or if it would be cut from other areas.

“Where’s the cutback coming from?” she asked. “We can only give out so much.”

Warner stated that the Town of Hanna already loses money by funding facilities, some of which need upgrades, but the town doesn’t have a “user-pay” system. She added that non-profits play an important role in Hanna, but council doesn’t know where increased funding would come from.

Coun. Paul Hunter stated the increase seemed large to him.

Warner noted that in her four years on council she has learned it is unusual for a municipality to donate money to the extent that the Town of Hanna does. She added that if a hike is considered, it should be discussed during regular budget deliberations next fall.

All councillors mentioned that Hanna volunteers and non-profits do a



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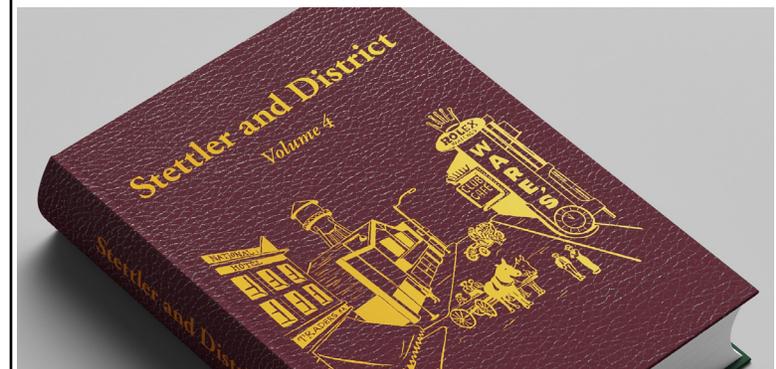
great deal of work in the community.

Councillors also noted the many pressures being placed on the town budget and taxpayers.

At this point, Deputy Mayor Fred Crowle, who was chairing the meeting, asked if the recommendation from the CSB should be tabled until next fall, to which the majority of councillors voted “yes.”

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Lacombe County council looks to improve grading in 2026

by STU SALKELD/LJI JOURNALIST

Lacombe County council will look to buy an additional grader in 2026 and recruit a new operator to drive it. The decision was made at the Mar. 12 regular meeting of council.

Director of Operations Bill Cade presented councillors with a report updating their desire to more closely examine the number of grader beats the municipality has, and whether that number should be boosted. "Lacombe County has 1,046.75 miles of gravel roads, which are currently serviced by eight divisional graders, averaging 131 miles per division," stated Cade's report to council. "The division areas are currently unbalanced, with a range of 88.5 miles to 178.75 miles between divisions.

"These divisions were originally set up to create smaller divisions in higher-traffic areas and larger divisions in lower-traffic areas.

However, traffic volumes and types have shifted with development around the lakes, industrial development, and oil and gas development. Additionally, there has been greater public demand for higher gravel road service levels."

Cade pointed out a chart comparing eight rural central Alberta municipalities and their average miles per grader division; the higher the number, the more miles that operator is required to manage and, theoretically, the longer it takes to get the work done. Only two other municipalities had a higher number than Lacombe County.

Cade explained that by creating a ninth grader division, then tweaking current boundaries, the average number of miles could be reduced, likely resulting in grader work being completed more quickly.

However, he pointed out this required the purchase of another grader and the hiring of an

operator to drive it. Cade noted in his report this proposal is not included in any budget. Cade's report estimated the purchase and set-up of a grader would be about \$700,000, plus about \$270,000 for future operating costs.

During discussion, councillors asked how quickly a grader and operator could be acquired; Cade responded that if the tender went out immediately, the vehicle would likely be delivered in four to five months, but there is no guarantee. Cade added that it wouldn't be the current year model and that prices don't seem to be dropping.

As councillors discussed the issue, Coun. Dana Kreil observed the public has requested more grader service and asked why not start it in 2026?

Cade stated road complaints come into the county office year-round, and this winter's freeze-thaw cycle proved a challenge for the public works department. Cade stated service level expectations from the

public seem to be increasing and may have something to do with increased industrial traffic.

As the discussion progressed, Cade observed recruiting a grader operator also takes time and can be challenging; he noted a suitable operator could be in place right around the time the new grader should be delivered. That depended, noted Cade, on council making a decision immediately.

Councillors discussed sticking to the traditional budget process and possibly buying a new grader in 2027 after it's been discussed. It was noted the county could begin recruiting now regardless, and a "back-up" grader could be used.

Councillors passed a resolution to proceed in 2026: Lacombe County will begin the tender process for a new grader and begin the recruiting process for an operator as soon as possible.



Buyers gather at the Stettler Agricultural Society Grounds on March 20 for the Piro & Pieschel 2nd Annual Bull Sale. A complimentary lunch of roast beef, mashed potatoes, salad and desserts, prepared by Teresa's Catering, was served to many hungry bidders ahead of the 1 p.m. sale. Piro Red Angus, owned and operated by Mike and Jade Zoller and Pius and Rosemarie Zoller, offered 47 bulls this year, while Pieschel Farms, run by Devon and Rae-lee Pieschel, featured a wide selection of Angus bulls along with two heifer bulls from their Simmental line.



Agriculture

Alberta AI growth raises water concerns

by KCJ MEDIA GROUP

Alberta is moving to establish itself as a hub for artificial intelligence infrastructure, but new analysis is raising concerns about how that growth could strain water resources already under pressure in parts of the province.

Recent reporting suggests a single large-scale data centre can consume water volumes comparable to thousands of acres of irrigated farmland. The comparison is drawing attention in agricultural regions where water allocation is tightly managed and often limited, particularly in southern Alberta.

The debate comes as the province advances legislation designed to accelerate data centre development. Changes under the Utilities Statutes Amendment Act (Bill 8) intend to manage the impact of large industrial power users by requiring many projects to supply their own electricity rather than drawing heavily from the provincial grid.

Under this approach, developers are expected to build or secure dedicated generation to meet their needs and cover the cost of connecting to transmission infrastructure. The policy is intended to protect existing ratepayers and maintain grid stability as demand increases.

Interest in Alberta as a data centre destination has grown rapidly. Proposals tied to artificial intelligence computing represent a

significant potential increase in electricity demand, far beyond current capacity without major expansion of generation.

The province has promoted its advantages, including access to natural gas, a relatively cool climate and a regulatory environment positioned to attract investment. Those factors are central to Alberta's strategy to compete for large-scale technology projects.

Water use is emerging as a key point of tension. While northern river systems offer more abundant supply, southern regions face stricter limits driven by irrigation demand and recurring drought conditions. Data centres rely on substantial water use for cooling, creating direct competition with agricultural and municipal needs.

Alberta's policy direction places much of the responsibility on developers to manage their own power requirements and address resource impacts. The approach works to balance economic growth with infrastructure constraints, but it also shifts risk onto project proponents as scrutiny increases.

As proposals move closer to construction, questions around water allocation and long-term sustainability are likely to intensify. The outcome will help determine whether Alberta can expand its role in the AI economy without adding pressure to already stretched resources.

Alberta launches pilot program to recruit rural veterinarians

media release GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

Alberta's federal and provincial governments are investing \$250,000 over two years in a new pilot program aimed at addressing veterinary shortages in rural communities, particularly in livestock-focused practices.

The Veterinary Student Recruitment and Retention Pilot Grant Program, funded through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, will provide up to \$10,000 per clinic to support the hiring of a veterinary student between May 1 and Aug. 31, 2026. The initiative is designed to encourage students to pursue long-term careers in rural Alberta by giving them hands-on experience in communities facing current or anticipated veterinarian shortages.

Federal Agriculture Minister Heath MacDonald said rural veterinarians play a key role in supporting livestock producers and maintaining Canada's food supply.

"Alberta's ranchers take the health and well-being

of their livestock seriously, and veterinarians in rural communities are an essential part of their operations," MacDonald said in a statement.

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation Minister RJ Sigurdson said the program is part of a broader effort to stabilize the province's agricultural sector.

"By investing in veterinary students, we are investing in the future of Alberta's agriculture industry," he said, noting that increasing the number of trained veterinarians will help ensure reliable access to care for livestock producers.

The program targets rural and mixed-animal practices that provide livestock services and are experiencing staffing gaps. Applications are now open, with a second intake planned for 2027.

Dr. Renate Weller, dean of the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, said early exposure to rural practice is critical to

building long-term workforce capacity.

"Helping rural practices provide meaningful, hands-on experiences to our students will result in lasting connections and strengthen a resilient veterinary workforce," she said.

The initiative comes amid ongoing concerns about veterinary shortages across the province.

A 2021 report from the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association found vacancy rates nearing 17 per cent overall and almost 19 per cent in rural areas, far above the provincial average of about three per cent.

The report also projected Alberta will need more than 1,600 additional veterinarians by 2035 to meet growing demand.

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Airdrie RCMP charge youth with weapons offences

media release ALBERTA RCMP

On March 17, 2026, at approximately 12:30 p.m., a youth was confronted by another youth armed with a machete at the McDonald's on Edmonton Trail, Airdrie. The victim was subsequently robbed of personal property. There were no injuries because of this armed robbery. This incident was not reported to police.

On March 18, 2026, at approximately 12:40 p.m., the victim and a group of friends confronted the suspect at the same McDonald's regarding the theft of property from the previous day. During the confrontation, the suspect pulled out a large machete from his waistband and started waving it around toward the group. A McDonald's employee called 911 and the suspect fled toward the tri-school area. No one was injured during

the incident.

Airdrie RCMP issued a temporary secure and hold order for three schools in that area, while officers searched for the suspect. The suspect was located in an ally near Centre Avenue and Virginia Street and after a brief chase, he was arrested without incident. RCMP also recovered the machete which the suspect had attempted to discard.

A 16-year-old male Airdrie youth has been charged with the following criminal offences:
 Robbery
 Assault with a weapon
 Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose (x2)
 Carry concealed weapon (x2)

Failure to comply with a sentence order under the Youth Criminal Justice Act (x4)

The youth was remanded into custody to appear at the Youth Criminal Court of Justice in Airdrie on March 20, 2026, at 930 a.m.



PHOTO: UNSPLASH

Sheriffs shut down problem property in Ponoka

media release ALBERTA RCMP

The Alberta Sheriffs have closed a residential property in Ponoka following repeated complaints and ongoing concerns about suspected illegal activity.

The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of the Alberta Sheriffs began investigating the property at 4011 45A Street in October 2024 after residents reported a high volume of people coming and going at all hours. Community members described activity consistent with suspected drug use and raised concerns about crime and disorder affecting the surrounding neighbourhood.

During the investigation, police and other first responders were repeatedly called to the property for incidents including reports of home invasions, violent assaults, stabbings, overdoses, fires and thefts.

In January 2025, SCAN issued a warning letter to the property owner, which temporarily reduced disruptive activity. However, complaints resumed in May, prompting SCAN to reopen the investigation and pursue court action.

Last month, the Court of King's Bench granted SCAN's application for a community safety order, prohibiting all individuals, including the owner, from occupying the home for 90 days. Beginning March 18 at noon, the property will be boarded up and fenced off, and all locks will be changed. SCAN members will continue to monitor the property for compliance while the investigation remains ongoing.

Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services said "I'm grateful to the Ponoka residents who refused to stay silent and the SCAN team for their tireless work in closing this property. This action restores the peace of mind families deserve and serves as a firm warning: if you threaten the safety of our communities with illegal activity, we will shut

you down. We are restoring safety to this neighborhood and sending a clear message: criminal activity that jeopardizes public safety has no place in Alberta."

Andrew Albers, inspector, SCAN said "With this closure, SCAN is addressing a longstanding nuisance and public safety concern in an otherwise peaceful neighbourhood. When residents report problem properties, it allows us to identify issues early and work with our partners to take action and help keep Alberta communities safe."

Ponoka RCMP gt. Tyler Epp said "Repeated investigations and criminal charges may hold some accountable, however, problem properties can persist. We are happy to support a program that sends these problem residents packing and brings relief to a community."

The Alberta Sheriffs work with other law enforcement agencies to shut down properties being used for illegal activities. The SCAN unit operates under the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act, which uses legal sanctions and court orders to hold owners accountable for illegal activity happening on their property.

Quick facts

SCAN began investigating complaints about suspected drug and criminal activity at the property in October 2024.

The home is located near parks, green spaces and sports fields.

Conditions under the community safety order will remain in effect until June 16, 2028.



Forestburg village council renews peace officer agreement

by STU SALKELD / LJI JOURNALIST

The Village of Forestburg council renewed its peace officer contract with a neighbouring municipality but voiced interest in perhaps seeing the bylaw officers more often. The resolution was passed at the Mar. 19 regular meeting.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Dwight Dibben presented councillors with a report on the renewal of peace officer services, including bylaw enforcement, for the village from Flagstaff County. This would include things like unshovelled snow on sidewalks, uncut grass, unsightly premises, and other infractions related to municipal bylaws.

“Administration has been notified by Flagstaff County that the current peace officer agreement is due to expire on Feb. 28, 2026,” stated Dibben’s report to council.

“An updated agreement has been provided for council to review.

“The terms of the agreement include, but are not limited to, the following: the county agrees to provide services within the designated area,

commencing Mar. 1, 2026, and expiring Feb. 28, 2029; the county is entitled to all enforcement revenue; the agreement may be terminated by either party given 30 days’ written notice; and the county shall obtain and maintain insurance during the term.”

Dibben stated councillors had standard options for this item: council may accept the agreement on behalf of the Village of Forestburg for a three-year term commencing Mar. 1, 2026, and expiring Feb. 28, 2029; council may request more information regarding the contract and have it brought back for review at a future meeting; or council may take no action at this time. Dibben noted in his verbal presentation that councillors heard Flagstaff County was interested in renewing the agreement and also stated that the county was offering to renew with any community within its boundaries.

During discussion, councillors voiced no concern over the quality of bylaw enforcement from the Flagstaff County officers.

As councillors talked about bylaw enforcement, Coun. Blaise Young noted a concern he had

with traffic on Forestburg’s Main Street. Young observed he was recently parked on Main Street and, while watching traffic, saw several motorists cross the median. Young suggested the peace officers also attend and perhaps give some warning tickets to those motorists.

Coun. Elaine Fossen responded the practice doesn’t seem uncommon. “I have seen that a lot,” said Fossen.

As councillors discussed peace officer presence in Forestburg, they agreed they’ve seen the peace officers in action, but the officers aren’t always in town when peak activity is occurring.

The CAO pointed out Forestburg does not have Traffic Safety Act authority; rather, any traffic offence must be investigated by police. However, the CAO noted that, in his opinion, once a warning ticket is given out for something like

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Town of Coronation receives \$1,000,000 in pool funding

by DARYL PERRY / MULTIMEDIA REPORTER

The Town of Coronation has agreed to sell the golf course gazebo to the Coronation School Outreach Program for one dollar, where it will be used as part of a community project.

The Coronation School Outreach Program is developing a temporary park in memory of Mrs. Lori Eno, located at 4801 Victoria Ave. The project is being funded through the SOARING grant program. Mrs. Eno was a well-respected and beloved former school secretary, as well as a dedicated member of the community. She passed away in August 2025.

In other news, the Coronation and District Wellness Society has received a \$1,000,000 Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant from the Alberta government for the new Coronation swimming pool. As part of the funding requirements, acknowledgement must be made at the facility. The town council has agreed to spend \$192 on an aluminum sign to meet this requirement.

Mayor Shelley Cook also noted that once school enrollment falls below 35 students, funding is cut in half.

Battle River Alliance for Economic Development (BRAED) is working to map all industrial lots within its region.

The initiative will serve as a centralized contact list when businesses express interest in locating within a community. The Town of Stettler has now joined the organization.

Council moved into a closed session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss in-camera items, reconvening in open session at 8:34 p.m.

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crossing the median on Main Street, you don't see many repeat offenders.

The CAO also clarified the article that stated Flagstaff County keeps all revenue generated from bylaw tickets. Dibben stated Forestburg pays zero dollars for its peace officer service, and in return Flagstaff County keeps all revenue. Councillors acknowledged the peace officer contract has no cost to Forestburg's taxpayers.

The CAO also stated that traffic lines on Main Street have been repainted recently, and perhaps the public needs to be reminded that crossing the solid line is an infraction.

It was also noted during discussion that in the past some communities paid Flagstaff County for this service, but once payment is involved, then some management or direction is owed, which may explain why the service is offered as it is.

Councillors unanimously agreed to enter into a three-year deal for peace officer service with Flagstaff County.

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Dr. Jami Frederick, president of the association, said improving access to rural training opportunities is a key step in addressing those shortages.

"Creating meaningful opportunities for students in rural practice helps build lasting connections and supports a strong, sustainable workforce," Frederick said.

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