



Rudie & Janice opened Rudie's Auto Repair in Smoky Lake in 1991! We would like to share with all of you Rudie has decided to retire after 30 years of dedication to our loyal customers. We would like to thank each and

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to our customers!

every one of our customers for their business over the past 30 years. Our son, Jeremy along with his fiance, Jolene have decided to carry on the business. They look forward for your continued loyalty & support.

Congratulations Rudie's Auto Repair 22!

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Thorhild author Juanita Krause recently published her third science fiction book

By Juanita Krause

"Ice is a fewer than 15,000 words novel-lette," she said. "I wrote it for youngsters who are beginning to read chapter books and for older youths who think they don't like reading and prefer shorter books with short, action-filled chapters. I think people of any age who like a good story will enjoy it."

Krause has been writing for over 30 years. She published High Orbit Hero in 2012 and c-Surfer in 2014. She was the local reporter for The Review newspaper during the past three decades.

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Vandalized historical sign prompts offer of reward

By Alan Kausy

The Victoria Home Guard Historical Society (VHGHs) is a non-profit organization that voluntarily preserves and promotes the rich history of Smoky Lake County's Victoria District.

Due to their efforts, the Victoria District was named a National Historic Site of Canada in 2001. In 2020, Smoky Lake County Council designated the Victoria Trail as a Municipal Historic Area.

The VHGHs, founded in 1997, is a registered charity that helped establish the RCMP Memorial Sculpture and the Red River Cart monument, both of which are along the Victoria Trail.

The VHGHs's



namesake originates back to the 1885 Northwest Rebellion when the Victoria Home Guard was established as a protective measure.

The Victoria Trail runs alongside the bank of the North Saskatchewan River and is known for being the oldest road in Alberta. It was the main route

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Thorhild resident celebrates 100th birthday

By Irene van der Kloet

Thorhild seniors' home NewThorad Seniors Housing recently celebrated the 100th birthday of one of their residents, Elma Bondarenko.

Elma was born in Meeting Creek, AB, and when she was five

years old, her parents moved to the Thorhild area, where they homesteaded. Elma is the middle child of five, with an older brother and sister and two younger brothers, twins.

Once she entered grade one, she walked two and a half miles

to school every day. In the winter, her parents would hook up horses and sleigh and bring their children to school, along with a cousin who lived across the road.

Elma attended school up to grade eight, then

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2022 Waste Collection Schedule



Town of Redwater - 2022

■ WASTE AND ORGANICS PICKUP
 ■ WASTE COLLECTION
 ■ BLUE BAG COLLECTION

JANUARY 2022						
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- Monthly Winter Organics Pickup Added (Nov. — Apr.)

- Reduced Rates

Notes:

- Consider using compostable bags or lining bins with paper, cardboard or newspaper in the winter to prevent freezing

- Have your cart out before 7 am

- Leave 1m of space for each cart



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Continued from page 1 she came to work on the farm and shortly after, she got married to Victor Bondarenko, her high school sweetheart. Victor had his mixed farm with chickens, turkeys, geese, cows and pigs. "When you have a cow, you have milk, butter, cream, you will never

go hungry," Elma says. Victor and Elma had two daughters, Janet and Irene, who went to school in Thorhild. They lived on the farm until Victor retired at 65, then they moved into town, and she has been living there ever since. At first, when she moved there, she knew most people in Thorhild, but

over the years, people came and went, so now she doesn't know as many people anymore. Victor passed away just before 2000. Elma has five grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. The youngest great-great-grandchild is a boy, just a few months old.

Her children and grandchildren do not all live near Thorhild. Elma mentions that her granddaughter Corinne lives in Ontario and visited her last summer. Elma's daughters visited her for her birthday. Memorizing some events from when she was younger, Elma chuckles at her

experience with high heels. She loved to dance; she and her husband often went to Weasel Creek Hall to dance. Elma was dressing up and had bought a pair of three-inch high-heeled dancing shoes. But it wasn't easy to learn how to walk on them, and she twisted her ankle. The doctor was ten miles

away, so her uncle fixed it. "He just pulled on it, and it went into place," Elma laughs. The seniors' lodge celebrates birthdays once a month, and Elma's birthday is celebrated on February 4th. It is a unique celebration because Elma turned 100. It will be celebrated with the Alan Libby band from Redwater.

The great backyard bird count



Have you made any plans for this weekend? Would you like to be part of a global movement without leaving your home?

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is an annual four-day event that engages bird enthusiasts of all ages worldwide in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where birds are located. This year, the GBBC celebrates 25 years of coming together to enjoy birds. One of the first online projects to collect information on wild birds. Anyone can participate - it doesn't matter if you are a beginner or an avid birder. You can count for as little as 15 minutes on a single day or for as long as you like each day of the event.

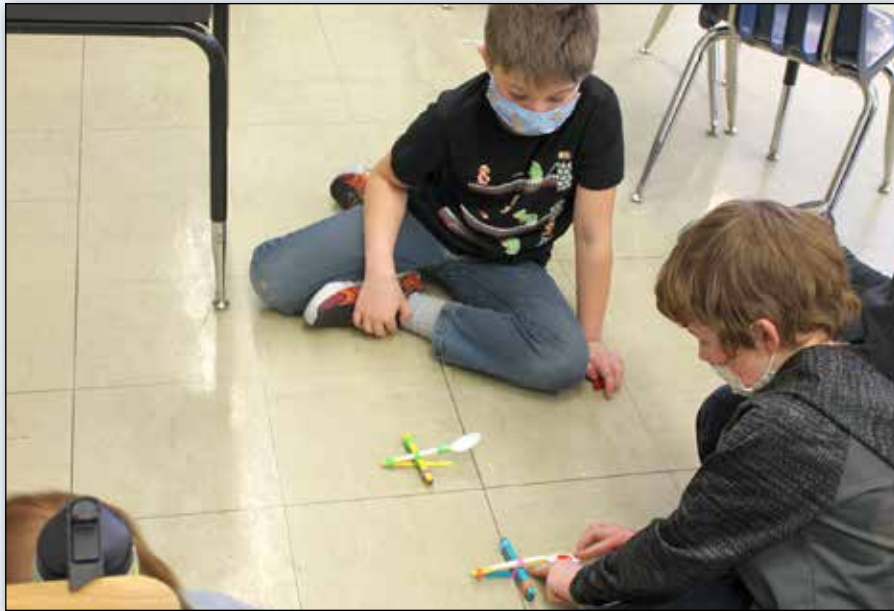
But here's the best part - it's free, fun, and easy - and it helps the birds!

The GBBC is a joint program of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Audubon Society with Canadian partner Birds Canada. Participating can be done alone or with others and can be done anywhere you find birds. The emphasis is on "backyard." You don't have to leave the house to do this. You can participate by watching the birds through your kitchen window for 15 minutes while making your morning coffee or while sitting on your couch, looking out your front window. Those of you with birdfeeders in your yards already know how relaxing and enjoyable

this is - for you, it's just another four days of enjoyment, but with a bit more effort because you are recording your findings.

Now, some of you might be thinking, huh? It's the middle of February!?!? There aren't birds here in the middle of our freezing temperatures! Winter is a great time to see birds in our area. While we don't have the same variety of species compared to the summer months, we still have plenty of winter birds to see. Some are year-round residents, like Downy Woodpeckers and the

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Grade 3 & 4 students from Holy Family Catholic School build catapaults as part of their science unit. Students used popsicle sticks, elastics and spoons to build their catapaults and then tested them to see how they worked.



RCMP ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Redwater RCMP invite the community to engage in consultation during their 2022 Town Hall
Sargeant Jeff Sehn of the Redwater RCMP Detachment, in conjunction with Thorhild County, invites local community members to the 2022 Redwater

RCMP Detachment Crime Prevention Town Hall. Residents served by the Redwater RCMP Detachment who may have any comments and/or concerns about crime prevention and policing issues in and around the communities of Abee, Amelia, Coronado, Egremont, Half Moon Lake, Lost

Point Lake, Newbrook, Opal, Radway, Redwater, Thorhild, Thorhild County are invited to attend. These town halls are not only a way for us to connect with the local community members but hearing from residents and leaders on local policing priorities in the coming year helps

us to better serve our communities. Presenters include Redwater RCMP Detachment, Eastern Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit, "K" Division Community Policing, Restorative Justice, Redwater Integrated Traffic Unit, Thorhild County Peace Officers and Redwater/

Smoky Lake Victim Services. In order to keep our community members safe, the Town Hall will be held virtually on MS Teams, Feb. 23, 2022, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. To attend, please RSVP via email to kredwatercommunityfeedback@rcmp-grc.gc.ca before 4 p.m. on Feb. 22, 2022.

If you wish to submit a question(s), please submit any inquiries along with your email confirming your attendance. The link to the meeting will be provided to those who RSVP. We look forward to meeting with you and connecting at the 2022 Crime Prevention Town Hall.

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Remain as is
- 5. Functional
- 11. News magazine
- 12. Popular treat
- 16. Area units
- 17. Artificial intelligence
- 18. Marten valued for its fur
- 19. Forms of matter
- 24. Home of the Dodgers
- 25. Bordering
- 26. Part of the eye
- 27. It might be nervous
- 28. Visualizes
- 29. Crest of a hill
- 30. Measures engine speed (abbr.)
- 31. Tears in a garment (Br. Eng.)
- 33. Not easily explained
- 34. Song in short stanzas
- 38. Detonations

- 39. Intestinal
 - 40. EU cofounder Paul-Henri
 - 43. Balmy
 - 44. New Mexico mountain town
 - 45. Gobblers
 - 49. Insecticide
 - 50. Golf scores
 - 51. Has its own altar
 - 53. "Pollock" actor Harris
 - 54. Being livable
 - 56. NHL play-by-play man
 - 58. "The Great Lakes State" (abbr.)
 - 59. Unpainted
 - 60. Swam underwater
 - 63. Native American people
 - 64. Containing salt
 - 65. Exam
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Small bone in middle ear

CROSSWORDS

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- 2. Long, angry speech
- 3. Move out of
- 4. Male organ
- 5. Two-toed sloth
- 6. Making dirty
- 7. Article
- 8. Oil company
- 9. Emits coherent radiation
- 10. Amounts of time
- 13. Unit equal to one quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 14. Forbidden by law
- 15. Drains away
- 20. Not out
- 21. Sea patrol (abbr.)
- 22. Bird genus
- 23. Gratuity
- 27. ___ and feathers
- 29. Spiritual part of an individual (ancient Egypt)
- 30. Hot beverage
- 31. Pouch
- 32. It followed the cassette
- 33. Large northern deer
- 34. Ones who offer formally
- 35. Famed genie
- 36. Bequeathed
- 37. Skeletal muscle
- 38. Atomic #56
- 40. Silk garment
- 41. They deliver the mail
- 42. Equally
- 44. Check
- 45. Light-colored breed of hound
- 46. Drug that soothes
- 47. Railroads
- 48. Most slick
- 50. Jacket
- 51. A radio band
- 52. Hello
- 54. His and ___
- 55. Supporter
- 57. Popular software suite (abbr.)
- 61. Railway
- 62. NY coastal region (abbr.)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Aries, you keep looking inward to realize your goals and you're making very good progress in that regard. Communication is a key to success, so keep dialogues open.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Lately you seem to radiate success in all you do, Taurus. Others naturally want to flock to where you are and spend more time with you.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

If communication with family members has been difficult lately, you may find that things change in the next few days, Gemini. This is a welcome change.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Disagreements are not necessarily a bad thing, Cancer. They can open people up to discussions that can be enlightening. Disagree, but don't let it get heated.

LEO (July 23 - August 23)

Romance may be on your mind a lot more than usual, Leo. This can be a good thing. Use your free time to foster nuances in your relationship.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 22)

Virgo, you may have to take a different route than you initially expected in order to reach a destination. The journey could be very eye-opening and inspirational.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 23)

In order to be the brightest and the best you can be, you may find that you rub certain people the wrong way, Libra. Find ways to make amends.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

Scorpio, a challenging week ahead will require some focus and a willingness to accept support. Surround yourself with people who have your back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

An especially busy social schedule may leave you feeling a little tired for some time. Schedule some time for rest and relaxation to recharge your batteries.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

A great deal of unexpected information is coming your way, Capricorn. You may have to sort through it to figure out what is useful and what is not essential.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 18)

Don't neglect the help that people are willing to offer you, Aquarius. Teamwork makes the dream work, and working with others is beneficial to all involved.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20)

Use creativity in any way you can to solve issues that come your way, Pisces. You may be surprised at what you come up with.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ALMANAC
- ALPHABETICAL
- ANNOTATION

ARCHIVES

- BARCODE
- BIBLIOGRAPHY
- BINDING

BOOKS

- BORROW
- BROWSER
- CALL NUMBER

CIRCULATION

- CITATION
- DATABASE
- DICTIONARY

EDITION

- FOLIO
- HOLD
- INDEX

- JOURNAL
- LIBRARIAN
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- REFERENCE
- TEXT

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Announcements

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"I like writing about teenagers and young adults because they are going through a very interesting phase of life," said Krause. "It's at that age they make decisions on what kind of men and women they are going to be and develop the strength to take the actions to get themselves to that place. It can also be the time they get themselves into difficult situations they might know how to avoid later in life."

Ice is the story of sixteen-year-old

Mark Olson when he volunteers to stake his family's claim to a piece of comet, a precious chunk of ice cargo, by camping out on the frozen lump to protect it from pirates. He faces isolation, equipment failure and a deadly raid by thieves

who want to steal the ice for themselves.

"What's really special about this publication is the title on the front cover," said Krause. "About 15 years ago, when I wrote this story, my friend Kathy Chin read it to her son, Kabre. He was only five or six at the time, but he liked it so much that they drew pictures of Mark having his adventure on the ice in space. In one of those pictures, Kathy drew blocks of ice chiselled into the letters ICE. As soon as I saw them, I knew that if I ever published this story, those letters had to be on the front of the book."

Krause has created stories for as long as she can remember, usually just creating them in her head and not undertaking the work involved in putting them on paper.

She grew up on a

farm west of Thorhild and recalls sitting on the straw bales in the yard, writing stories of adventures on the moon when she was still in elementary school.

"I was young enough that I still named my heroes after my dad," she said.

Now half a century older, she is still writing science fiction stories about characters living on the moon and out in space. The difference is that she now understands plot lines, story arcs, and the requirements for discipline and skill with language.

Even so, to aspiring writers, Krause said, "Just sit down and write. Write what you have to say, then worry about the re-writing. If you can't spell or don't have good grammar, there are people who can help you with that."

She said outlines are useful tools, but authors shouldn't be afraid to change them as their stories evolve.

"I'm a linear thinker," said Krause. "I start at Chapter One and work my way to the end. I know other people who write all mixed up: chapter four, then part of chapter one, then maybe chapter eight. You have to do whatever works for you."

After graduating from high school in Thorhild, Krause worked in an office in Edmonton for a year before joining the Canadian Armed Forces. She served 18 months, then left the army to get married and raise four children in the Thorhild area.

Krause is an active volunteer with several organizations in her community. During her decades as a community newspaper

reporter, she received the Bronze Quill award from the Canadian Community Newspaper Association (CCNA) and won the CCNA Environmental Writing award and Historical writing award. She also received the University of Alberta writing award through the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association, contributed to three provincial Fire Prevention Week awards and won a national photography award. She also received letters of commendation from the Stollery Children's Hospital for articles written about two children with cancer.

Another highlight of her reporting career was a trip to Bosnia to interview and write about local soldiers on overseas duty. Her professional expertise has allowed her to

participate on the media panel at the Alberta Teachers Association communications conference as well as serve as a CCNA competition judge and a judge for the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers better newspapers awards.

ICE is currently available from Krause at authorkrause@gmail.com or through Friesen Press at https://books.friesenpress.com. It will be available through other online outlets in the near future.





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DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED – APPEAL BY MARCH 1, 2022

Take notice that the Municipal Planning Commission for Thorhild County has approved the following Development Application(s):

- i) Legal Description: SE 34-60-23-W4
Land Use Designation: AG – Agricultural District
Proposal: To Provide Setback Variances from Range Road 232 for Existing Outbuildings Numbered 1 through 7 as Shown on Schedule A; Attached Hereto, and to Provide a Specific Time Frame to Have Buildings Numbered 8 and 10 Relocated to Meet the Required Setback of 131 Feet from Range Road 232, and to Further Provide a Specific Time Frame to Remove the Existing Manufactured Home.
Division: 4
Permit # DP22-2493

Date of Decision(s): February 8, 2022; Appeal by: 4:30 PM, March 1, 2022

Additional Information:

For additional information regarding these permits, please contact Manager of Planning and Development Kathleen Deshoux at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825 or email: kathleen.deshoux@thorhildcounty.com.

THE LAND USE BY-LAW provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Municipal Development Authority Officer may appeal by serving written Notice of Appeal to the Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, PO Box 10, Thorhild, AB T0A 3J0 within twenty one (21) days after the decision is made. Any party wishing to initiate an appeal to be heard by the County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board must include with the letter (and/or other documents) of appeal a non-refundable fee of \$200.00 in order for the appeal to be properly received and accepted.

If you submit comments, either orally or in writing, the information you provide may be recorded, or otherwise made public, subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

REDWATER RCMP VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

The Redwater RCMP Detachment will be hosting a virtual Town Hall Meeting on **Wednesday, February 23, 2022 from 7 pm to 9 pm**. Please refer to the invitation below for details and directions on how to RSVP. Note: To attend, please RSVP before 4 pm on February 22, 2022.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Redwater Detachment



Feb. 3, 2022

Redwater RCMP invite the community to engage in consultation during their 2022 Town Hall

Thorhild County, Alta. – Sergeant Jeff Sehn of the Redwater RCMP Detachment, in conjunction with Thorhild County, invites local community members to the 2022 Redwater RCMP Detachment Crime Prevention Town Hall. Residents served by the Redwater RCMP Detachment who may have any comments and/or concerns about crime prevention and policing issues in and around the communities of Abee, Amelia, Coronado, Egremont, Half Moon Lake, Lost Point Lake, Newbrook, Opal, Radway, Redwater, Thorhild, Thorhild County are invited to attend. These town halls are not only a way for us to connect with the local community members, but hearing from residents and leaders on local policing priorities in the coming year helps us to better serve our communities.

Presenters include Redwater RCMP Detachment, Eastern Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit, "K" Division Community Policing, Restorative Justice, Redwater Integrated Traffic Unit, Thorhild County Peace Officers and Redwater/Smoky Lake Victim Services.

In order to keep our community members safe, the Town Hall will be held virtually on MS Teams, Feb. 23, 2022 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. To attend, please RSVP via email to Kredwatercommunityfeedback@rcmp-grc.gc.ca before 4 p.m. on Feb. 22, 2022. If you wish to submit a question(s), please submit any inquiries along with your email confirming your attendance. The link to the meeting will be provided to those who RSVP.

We look forward to meeting with you and connecting at the 2022 Crime Prevention Town Hall.

ARE YOU A SMALL BUSINESS IN THORHILD COUNTY?

Then you may qualify for the Non – Residential Small Business Property Sub-Class.

The Owner of the Non-Residential Property must apply by the **April 29, 2022** deadline to receive the Small Business Property Sub-Class Tax Rate for your property for 2022. Obtain your application online at www.thorhildcounty.com or in person at the County office (801-1st Street, Thorhild AB).

For further details call Cindy at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2822; cindy.hutchinson@thorhildcounty.com or visit www.thorhildcounty.com.

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February 28, 2022
7:00-8:30PM via Zoom
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February is Heart Month, a time to bring attention to the importance of cardiovascular health, and what we can do to reduce our risk of cardiovascular disease.

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Tuesday 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM / Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
780-398-4MED (4633)

Please Note: The Clinic will be CLOSED on Friday, February 25, 2022.

DRIVEWAY SNOW PLOWING (LAND OWNERS)



Land owners who clear their own driveway must ensure that snow is pushed to the far right of their driveway so that the grader may push it away.

No snow is to be pushed across the road into the opposite ditch, as this may leave a ridge that becomes a road hazard. In the event that a vehicle or its occupants sustain damage or injury due to snow ridging caused by landowner activity on the road, the land owner may be held responsible.

SNOW REMOVAL ON SIDEWALKS (HAMLETS)

- (1) A Person shall remove snow and ice from any Sidewalk adjacent to Property they Own or Occupy within 48 hours after the snow or ice has been deposited.
- (2) A Person shall ensure any Sidewalk adjacent to Property they Own or Occupy is free of any Garbage.
- (3) If a Person fails to comply with subsection (1), the County may arrange to have the Sidewalk cleared and the expenses and costs incurred by the County for removing the snow and ice shall be paid upon demand and, if unpaid, may be added to the tax roll of the adjacent Property.
- (4) A Person shall not deposit snow ice upon any Highway, Public Place or Property that is not their own.

SHELTERBELT TREE SEEDLING SALE 2022

Thorhild County residents interested in purchasing shelterbelt seedlings are requested to contact the Agriculture Services office or go online to <https://www.thorhildcounty.com/Services/Agricultural-Services/Agricultural-Services> to see the species list and application form. There are limited numbers of each species and will be done on a first come first serve basis. Distribution day is slated for early May.



Please call 780-398-3977 ext 3974 for more information.



Families and friends divided

By Susan Johnson

As we continue into the new year, we can't help but wonder what lays ahead, especially after the pandemic-related stresses over the past couple of years. Our leaders are saying that we are heading into an endemic, and this is, once again, unknown territory with continued uncertainty causing more tension. Some long-term physical impacts of Covid 19 are expected and likely won't be fully uncovered for many years. Neither will we understand how the pandemic has changed relationships, and unfortunately, many families and friends have been divided by COVID-19. As we venture further into this article, we will explore the changes in some relationship dynamics caused by living through a pandemic.

We will also examine some of the causes and possible solutions.

Looking back, it's hard to believe how naive we were heading into March 2020. We had vaguely heard about a strange virus in some obscure region of China. By mid-March, the World Health Organization declared a COVID-19 pandemic. Outbreaks were reported in continuing care centers and seniors' homes by April, and gatherings, group activities, and team sports were prohibited. Many people were experiencing feelings of fear, stress, and worry, normal reactions during a global pandemic that we had never seen before. It seemed like each day was producing more protective restrictions and upending the lives of Canadians.

Despite the overwhelming changes to

their everyday lives, most people were resilient, even in the face of loneliness and isolation. They experienced many lockdowns, and they often feared for the health and safety of their loved ones. As friends and families headed into the pandemic, they sometimes disagreed on social and political issues, but, in general, they were supportive of each other's opinions and boundaries as they listened to medical and political leaders and tried to assess their own personal risks.

Two years into the pandemic, society no longer blindly trusts its leaders and is exhausted from trying to navigate the waves of COVID-19. Pre-pandemic social and political splits have deepened, and passions and feelings have often become magnified, leading to the destruction


of many relationships. We now commonly hear about siblings fighting, spouses at odds, and bonds being frayed due to differing opinions related to COVID-19.

Some of the causes of these heated disagreements are the realities of people travelling different roads, different worries, coming from varied backgrounds, and having their unique future dreams. Some citizens may be in a high-risk group of severe outcomes or have lost family members or friends. As a result, they may be cautious and fearful as we head into an endemic and take fewer precautions. On the other hand, some people may be very anxious and excited about returning to a version of normalcy, especially if their livelihood depends on the lessening

of restrictions. Each of these scenarios is reasonable and understandable, but instead, they have recently become divisive and caused the loss of trust within relationships.

Throughout the pandemic, there has been continued uncertainty fueled by poor leadership and ambiguous communication. There has been a lack of consistent, reliable scientific information made easily accessible to the public, leading to seeds of doubt. With few clear-cut answers and constantly moving targets, emotions tend to take over. We have seen this recently with protests, a constant barrage from the mainstream media, and the polarization of different groups. Unfortunately, as the pandemic has dragged on, it has also led to massive impacts on personal relationships.

The good news is we may be nearing the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, and many relationships can be salvaged. This will take a lot of work, but friends and families may eventually be able to speak more directly to one another about important topics that matter and develop new levels of understanding. As a result of the pandemic, we can hope that people have learned new skills: not being overly reactive and practicing mindfulness. As we near the end of the rollercoaster ride, we should also remember a quote I've heard many times over the past two years and consider what it has meant regarding every individual's unique situation. "We may be all weathering the same storm, but we are not all in the same boat."



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Thorhild County is hiring seasonal positions to operate the outdoor Thorhild Swimming Pool during the 2022 summer season. Tentative schedule of pool operation is May 24-August 26 for 2022. Position durations are approximately April 11-September 2, 2022. If you enjoy meeting new people and ensuring the water safety of both adults and children, join our team and work in a unique environment in a friendly community.

Pool Manager and Lifeguards/Instructors

Qualifications:

- Red Cross or National Lifeguard Instructor Certification
- Red Cross Water Safety or National Lifeguard Swim for Life Certification
- Standard First Aid Level C or Aquatic Emergency Care
- WHMIS
- Pool Manager: Pool Operator Level 1 (or willing to complete course)

Full position details can be found at www.thorhildcounty.com under Career Opportunities.

Halfmoon Lake Campground Seasonal Sites

Camping season is just around the corner

All County and Non-County Residents may apply from February 20 to March 10

For the 2022 season there is 3 SEASONAL SITES available, and the cost will be \$2,000/site/season (May 15-September 30) and **3 storage sites** \$200/site/season (available only to seasonal site renters); all fees include GST.

Maximum RV size for the 3 seasonal sites available are:

- Site 2 – 50 ft
- Site 5 – 45 ft
- Site 7 – 35 ft


**Applicants are responsible to ensure their unit will fit.*

Seasonal and storage site application process Fill out the application form (which can be found on the Thorhild County website Halfmoon Lake Campground tab www.thorhildcounty.com) and submit the form along with your full fees. **All sites assigned on a first come basis.**

Any questions regarding the application process contact Carolyn:
780-398-3741 ext. 2810 or 780-656-6260

Applications and fees must be submitted at Thorhild County Administration office 801-1st Street in Thorhild

Phone: 780-398-3741 | www.thorhildcounty.com | 801 - 1st Street, Box 10, Thorhild AB T0A 3J0





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
WEED INSPECTOR

Smoky Lake County is seeking 3 self-motivated individuals for the seasonal position of **Weed Inspector** for approximately four months, starting May 2, 2022. The successful candidate must be willing to work flexible hours and preference will be given to students or individuals with a pesticide applicator license or the ability to obtain one.

Full job details and how to apply can be found on our website:
www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/employment

Deadline to apply: Noon on March 25th, 2022

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White-breasted Nuthatches, but other seasonal visitors spend their winters in our backyards and county woodlots. These include the Common Redpolls, the Pine

Grosbeaks, and, if you're lucky, Evening Grosbeaks. All these species will eagerly visit your backyard feeders throughout the day. I will write more about attracting birds to your backyard in my next column.

photos while birding and now I can't imagine being without it [The Warden warns all birding spouses to hide your credit card NOW!]. Photos are great to share with other birders who can help you verify the bird species.

birds you see or hear within your time and location. If you are a beginning bird admirer to the count, try using the Merlin Bird ID app on your phone <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org>. If you have participated in the count before, try the eBird Mobile app or enter your bird list on the eBird (desktop/laptop) <https://ebird.org/home>.

Using bird feeders to attract birds to your backyard

If you want to suggest a topic for a future column, contact me via email at thewildturkeyhunter@gmail.com, or you can text/call my personal cell number 519-701-6324 or my business phone 780-656-8622.

Ben Evans lives in Smoky Lake with his wife, The Warden, and all their pets. He is the co-owner of Smoky Lake Mechanical Ltd., Your Community Plumber.

Do you know what would make this even four-day event more fun? Take photos of the birds you are seeing. I created a Facebook group @Smoky Lake County Wildlife specifically for people who enjoy photographing birds with their smartphones and sharing the photos with others. I am a birder who eventually bought an excellent Nikon camera to take



I'm looking forward to hearing from readers about what you see during GBBC. Until next week!

How to Participate:

Step #1 - Decide where you will watch the birds.

Step #2 - Watch the birds for 15 minutes or more, at least once over four days, February 18-21, 2022.

Step #3 - Count all the

TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
FCSS COORDINATOR

The Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Coordinator is assigned the duty of managing the FCSS program, the Family Resource Network (FRN) program and will be required to work with the Advisory Board in the design, implementation, co-ordination, and administration of preventative social service programs that conform to the intent and guidelines of the Province of Alberta's FCSS Program.

The FCSS Coordinator is responsible for overseeing policy, as well as planning, budgeting, managing the day-to-day decision making and setting strategic direction with the assistance of the Advisory Board and will be responsible for promoting FCSS through activities related to the analysis, planning, execution, and evaluation of events.

Responsibilities

- Perform ongoing evaluations of programs and services offered by FCSS to ensure they meet the Province of Alberta's FCSS Program mandate and clearly respond to community needs.
- Responsible for management of the Family Resource Network (FRN) contract and other related contracts as assigned by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).
- Contribute to the enhancement of the FCSS Advisory Board.
- Attend and report at the Advisory Board meetings and Town Council meetings.
- Perform the services of the Advisory Board Secretary such as prepare agendas, draft minutes, maintain documents and records.
- Submit annual reports to the province.
- Interpret and implement FCSS Advisory Board policies.
- Represent FCSS on community boards, groups and committees as deemed appropriate or necessary by the Advisory Board.
- Attend the FCSS organized functions.
- Keep current by way of ongoing education and professional development.
- Develop a monthly or bi-monthly newsletter to be distributed in the Town utility bills.
- Additional programming responsibilities as required.
- Other duties that may be required by the CAO.

Employment Details

The Town of Smoky Lake is flexible with the position and is offering part time employment (with the possibility of full time) or a contract position. Wages will be based on experience and qualifications. A benefits package and enrollment in LAPP can be negotiated. A detailed job description is available on the Town of Smoky Lake's website www.smokylake.ca.

Qualifications:

- Proficiency using Microsoft Office programs and able to successfully learn and use online platforms such as Canvas and Zoom.
- Experience with vulnerable clients is an asset and the role requires an individual with well developed interpersonal and relationship building skills.
- Courses that would be an asset: First Aid/CPR, Food Safety, Crisis & Suicide Intervention, De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations, and Mental Health Awareness or Mental Health First Aid.
- The successful candidate will be required to pass a Criminal Record Check Vulnerable Sector Check, and a Child Intervention Record Check

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume to Adam Kozakiewicz, Chief Administrative Officer to email address: town@smokylake.ca by 4:00 p.m. on February 21, 2022; however, the position will remain open until a suitable candidate has been selected.

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The construction contractor *Alberco Construction* may be reached at **780-459-7110** regarding any construction related questions.

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Trappers address dog safety

By Irene van der Kloet

The Alberta Trappers Association by Ross Hinter, the Liaison and Program Development representative for Industry, Indigenous and Community, hosted an info session on dog safety in the Smoky Lake Curling Rink on February 2, 2022. With this session, they want to help the public understand trapping and their pets' hazards while out in rural areas or on farmland.

One hazard is the transmission of diseases from wolves, foxes, coyotes, raccoons and skunks. The most well-known conditions that these animals can transmit are rabies, canine distemper and parvo, and parasites such as fleas, ticks, heartworm, mites, and

mange. Many people take preventive measures against some of these diseases and parasites. But a new parasite called echinococcus multilocularis has been transmitted from Europe, which causes hazards to animals and humans alike. This parasite can cause severe disease in humans and even be fatal if left untreated. There are three strains: a North American strain which is not hazardous to people, but the European and Asian strains are, and they actually can kill humans if they go undetected. The parasite is transmitted through feces from dogs into wildlife, probably while a dog from Europe carrying the parasite immigrated into North America. Tests have shown that over 42%

of tested coyotes, and over 50% of tested foxes were infected, but the percentages are even higher in urban wildlife than in rural wildlife. This means that dogs are seriously at risk when they roll in feces or put their noses on it and thus transmit it to humans.

Another hazard is that dogs pack up and chase livestock. The general public isn't always aware that a cattle owner has the legal right to kill a dog on his land if chasing his livestock. Most of all, things go wrong when a domestic dog shows up in a place where it isn't expected to go.

The third hazard is that dogs interfere with trappers. "Dogs can get caught in traps, and a trapper that finds a dog in one of his traps

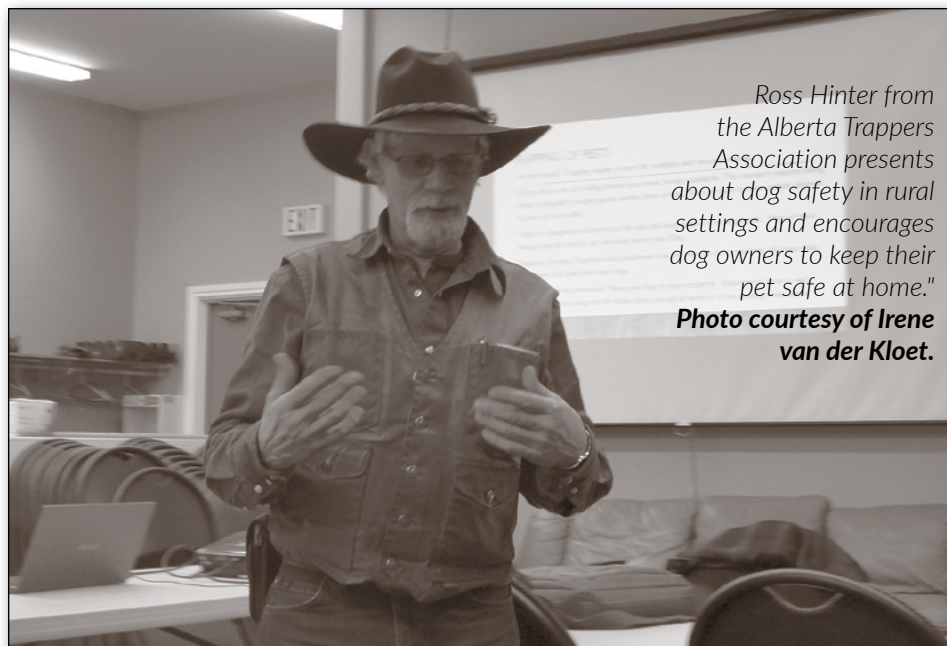
takes it to the stomach. That is not what any trapper wants. We have a training program that we put trappers through; we take them out and teach them where to put traps and where not to put them so that they have some training" Ross says, "Canada has the strictest guidelines and the most humane trapping system in the world. Be that as it may, if you've lost a pet, that may not be of any consolation to you. When a pet dies, many times it's part of the family".

AB Trappers Association is currently in the process of teaching trappers the difference between a humane snare and an inhumane snare. Part of the research is to find a breakaway point where a snare intended for a coyote holds the coyote, but if a deer gets caught in it, it can break through

the snare and get away. But if people understand who the trappers are and the purpose of trapping, they may keep their dogs safer. Livestock producers would like to see trappers take a more responsible role catching wolves and coyotes. When their animals start calving and lambing in March, they ask for a trapper's help to keep the animals safe. However, trapping season ends by the end of February. A trapper needs to get a permit from the provincial biologist to trap outside of the season. To avoid that, the AB Trappers Association tries to get trappers linked up with livestock owners by the end of October (when trapping season starts) to keep livestock safe by the time they start calving or lambing. "We encourage trappers to get out on private land," Ross says, "That is where

the hazard for the pets comes in; therefore, the landowner is advised to inform the neighbours that a trapper is on his land. Ross continues: "Some people say 'Old Rufus never leaves the yard,' but people forget that their dog doesn't go to the bait station because they are hungry; they go to the bait station because they know something is going on out there. So if people don't keep their pets in the house or tied up, these pets may end up in a wreck. That is why the AB Trappers Association goes out to make people aware of all the risks, from porcupines to trappers."

Groups wanting Ross to come out for this information session can contact him at ross@albertatrappers.com. The next event hosted by the AB Trappers Association is the Hide Tanning Demo at Métis Crossing on February 19-23.



Ross Hinter from the Alberta Trappers Association presents about dog safety in rural settings and encourages dog owners to keep their pet safe at home."

Photo courtesy of Irene van der Kloet.

**Notice to:
Dr. Adrian Coma's Patients**

As of February 7th, 2022, Dr. Coma will be relocating his practice to #6, 9936-106 St. Westlock, AB. Appointment scheduling will be open as of January 31st.

Please call (780) 307-3744 to book an appointment

**PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW NO. 1570/22
Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1385/17**

In accordance with section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on proposed Bylaw No. 1570/22. This Bylaw proposes to add 'Data Processing Facility' as a discretionary use to the following land use districts: AG – Agriculture, RE – Resource Extraction, I1 – Rural Industry Support, I2 – Local Industrial, I3 – Medium Industrial Unserviced, I4 – Medium Industrial Serviced, I5 – Heavy Industrial, IR – Industrial Reserve, and PU – Public Utility.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to protect the health and safety of the public, the Public Hearing will be held via teleconference on:

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
(or as soon as practical thereafter)

The hearing will also be livestreamed at sturgeoncounty.ca


All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a written submission to Legislative Services by email at legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca. Written submissions will be accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing.

In order to speak at the Public Hearing, you must register 24 hours prior to the opening of the Public Hearing (no later than February 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.) by contacting Legislative Services at 780-939-8279 or 780-939-8277. Speakers will be given a 5-minute time limit.

Any inquiries regarding the proposed Bylaw should be directed to Martyn Bell in Planning and Development Services at mbell@sturgeoncounty.ca or 780-939-8365.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the Public Hearing, or otherwise made public. This information is collected in line with section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions, please contact the Sturgeon County Access and Privacy Officer at 9613-100 Street, Morinville, AB T8R 1L9, 780-939-4321, or foip@sturgeoncounty.ca

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between the current cities of Winnipeg and Edmonton. Most famously, the Northwest Mounted Police traversed the rugged road to establish their presence within Alberta.

VHGHs volunteers are continually preserving the historical significance of the Victoria Trail. In fall 2019, seven roadside interpretative panels were installed, allowing travellers to learn some of the associated history.

The weather-resistant sign panels, which detail specific historical sites, were installed on the trail beginning east of Victoria Settlement and continuing west.

Mounted on steel posts, the signs are all situated within County road allowances, and Smoky Lake County constructed roadside pullouts for three of them. A development permit was obtained to accomplish this.

VHGHs board member Don Klym was the lead hand for this two-year-long project which required extensive research, writing and planning. Smoky Lake County Public Works staff and Mr. Klym permanently installed the signs in autumn 2019. The

'Behrends Group of Edmonton' was contracted to make the sign panels.

'Bears Ears Reserve,' 'Site of the Henry House,' 'Steamboat Landing,' 'Waskatenau Ferry Crossing,' 'Fort White Earth and the Grist Mill,' 'Welcome to the Elbow' and 'Elseys' Hill' are each of the sign's headlines which are followed by several paragraphs of related history.

A brand new brochure was simultaneously published that includes a detailed map of the Victoria Trail's historical points, including the signs.

One year later, in the fall of 2020, the 'Elseys' Hill' sign was permanently defaced by what appears to be a shotgun blast. The spread of the pellets badly damaged the laminated sign beyond repair, and it likely requires replacement. The cost to do so is around \$3000.00.

Considering that the VHGHs relies on monetary donations from membership to accomplish their projects, this is a significant, unplanned cost they will be expected to absorb.

For this reason, during their December 2021 meeting, the VHGHs decided to offer a \$500.00 reward to any individual with sufficient information

that leads to the perpetrator's conviction. Shortly after the damage was discovered, a related report was filed with the local RCMP.

Anyone with useful information is encouraged to contact the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment.

Becoming a member of the VHGHs costs \$10.00, enabling one to receive the 'Victoria Mission' newsletter, which is released twice a year. Board member Sharon Phillips spearheads this publication

task. The newsletter includes historical articles and news related to the Victoria District.

A VHGHs Anthology Project is currently being undertaken, and this 200-page book will be a collection of stories, history, and photographs related to the Victoria Trail. It will also feature a pictorial and anecdotal history of the VHGHs activities, meetings and Home Guard dinners. Residents of the Victoria District and VHGHs members will also be contributors to the upcoming

publication.

Jason Boykiw is current President of the VHGHs, Elaine Bredon Peiche is Secretary, and Bill Sadoway is Treasurer. Other board members are Graham Dalziel, Leon Boychuk-Hunter, Barry Feniak, Robert Van Iderstine and Pat Elaschuk.

Membership applications, donations or other inquiries can be mailed to Victoria Home Guard Historical Society, P.O. Box 28, Warspite, AB, T0A 3N0.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the following Development Permit(s) have been approved on February 2, 2022 in accordance with **Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14** of Smoky Lake County:

Permit Number: DP 046-21

Legal Land Description: SW-34-60-16-W4M

Area: NORTHEAST OF MONS LAKE

Division: 4

Land Use District: AGRICULTURE (AG) District

Use Type: Discretionary Use

Proposed Development: Natural Resource Extraction/Processing Facility (Sand & Gravel Pit)

Permit Number: DP 001-22

Legal Land Description: PT. SE- 35-58-18-W4M

Area: SOUTHEAST OF TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE

Division: 3

Land Use District: AGRICULTURE (AG) District

Use Type: Discretionary Use

Proposed Development: SECONDARY COMMERCIAL USE (SMALL ENGINE REPAIR)

For information or viewing any of these Development Permits, please contact Jordan Ruegg, Development Authority & Planning and Development Manager at 780-656-3730 to arrange an appointment.

Persons wishing to appeal any of the above decisions must do so by filing a written "NOTICE OF APPEAL" along with the \$250.00 appeal fee, to the Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) 4612 McDougall Drive, Box 310, Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0, no later than **Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.** The appeal letter should indicate the development permit number, contact name, phone number, mailing address, and reason(s) for appeal.

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