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# Celebrating Christmas at Métis Crossing



People were coming in early to enjoy the free lunch and all the activities at Métis Crossing. This is also a perfect venue for a variety of functions.

**By Irene van der Kloet**

Métis Crossing has had many activities throughout 2022, the latest being the Christmas Party on December

10. Visitors were welcomed with a variety of activities indoors: every table had an activity, from gingerbread house making, and cookie baking to bingo

and a variety of crafts. Live music entertained the public while people enjoyed their free lunch, and it was well received, as there was a full house. Santa was

wandering around the facility, visiting with everyone, especially the kids. Métis Crossing is a large facility,

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# Sturgeon County enhances competitiveness with launch of Major Investment Incentives Program

**Submitted article**

Sturgeon County approved municipal tax exemptions of up to two per cent for large-scale investments to enhance its domestic and global competitiveness.

The Major Investment Incentives Bylaw offers investors tax exemptions on eligible capital costs for new or expanded value-added agriculture and solar power production projects undertaken in the County.

Sturgeon County is committed to attracting large-scale, long-term investment that drives the local economy and creates jobs for our residents. We must position ourselves to attract businesses, and these incentives position the County as a premier investment destination in our target industries.

Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw

These incentives have the potential to attract investment in projects that will bring in millions in municipal tax revenue over their lifetimes. The municipal tax revenue from these projects will far exceed the incentive amounts.

At a time when development costs are rising, these tax incentives can help us secure

investment by closing the gap for investors that face high capital, labour and transportation costs in Alberta.

Michael Richard, acting director of Economic Innovation and Growth

To be eligible for tax incentives, value-added agricultural projects in Sturgeon County must have an investment of at least \$20 million. If projects meet eligibility criteria, they could access municipal tax exemptions of either 1.5 or two per cent of eligible capital costs.

Solar power production projects in Sturgeon County's portion of Alberta's Industrial Heartland must have an investment of at least \$200 million. If projects meet eligibility criteria, they could access municipal tax exemptions of one per cent of eligible capital costs.

The Major Investment Incentives Program is complementary to the County's existing energy value chain incentives, and incentives offered by the provincial and federal governments. Reviews are underway to consider additional sectors that may merit inclusion within the incentives program.

Sturgeon County will start accepting applications in early 2023.



Ugly sweater day was a hit at Redwater School last Friday.




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# GRAPEVINE

DECEMBER 2022



## Scheduled Meetings

County meetings are open to the public. To virtually attend, visit our website's Calendar or Agenda & Minutes Page.  
www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/meeting-minutes-agendas

*Departmental Operations Meeting*  
*Natural Gas*  
January 24, 2023 at 9:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

*Regular County Council Meeting*  
January 26, 2023 @ 9:00 AM  
February 15, 2023 @ 9:00 AM  
Public Q & A Period 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

*Agricultural Service Board*  
February 21, 2023 @ 1:00 PM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Maybe Christmas,  
he thought, doesn't  
come from a store.  
Maybe Christmas...  
perhaps... means a  
little bit more!**  
- The Grinch

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Phone: 780-656-3730  
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## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works will be

**CLOSED**

December 26, 2022 to January 2, 2023

and

January 6, 2023



## Council Highlights

- **First reading** to Bylaw No. 1425-22: Village of Vilna and Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).
- **First reading** to Bylaw No. 1426-22: Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).
- **Passed** Bylaw No. 1421-22: Waskatenau Intermunicipal Water and Wastewater Servicing.
- **Adopted** Policy Statement No.07-08-01: Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)- Liaison Committee Terms of Reference.
- **Adopted** Policy Statement No.62-11-01: Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA)- Liaison Committee Terms of Reference.
- **Adopted** Policy Statement No. 02-34-01: Peace Officer: Enforcement Jurisdiction.
- **Adopted** Policy Statement No.01M-19-01: Animal Control Technician.
- **First Reading** to Bylaw No. 1422-22: Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) Bylaw.
- **Approved** the 5 Year Consolidated Capital Budget.
- **Approved** the 2023 Interim Municipal Capital Budget.
- **Approved** the 2023 Interim Municipal Budget.
- **Adopted** the 2023 Natural Gas System Operating Budget.
- **Adopted** the 2023 Natural Gas System Capital Budget.

### Donations

- \$850.00 of 2022 FCSS Funds to Victoria District Agricultural Society for their volunteer appreciation.
- \$1,250.00 of 2023 FCSS Funds to Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers for their volunteer appreciation.



## Transfer Station HOLIDAY HOURS

### BELLIS TRANSFER STATION

December 24	CLOSED
December 28	10:00AM to 4:00 PM
December 31	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 4, 2023	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 7, 2023	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### SMOKY LAKE LANDFILL

December 24	CLOSED
December 27	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
December 31	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 3, 2023	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 7, 2023	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### SPEDDEN TRANSFER STATION

December 25	CLOSED
December 28	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 1, 2023	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### VILNA TRANSFER STATION

December 24	CLOSED
December 27	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
December 31	CLOSED
January 3, 2023	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
January 7, 2023	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

### WASKATENAU TRANSFER STATION

December 24	CLOSED
December 31	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
January 7, 2023	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE!**

Want to see when meetings are scheduled? Want to attend a meeting virtually? Curious about County news?

Visit the Smoky Lake County website  
www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca



# COLD WEATHER

If the outside temperature is **-32 degrees Celsius** or colder (including the wind chill factor), during extreme cold weather events, Smoky Lake County Landfills and Waste Transfer Sites will not be open. During this time the Public Works Department will not mobilize any Maintenance Equipment (except in emergency situations).

## COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS



Dress in several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing instead of a single heavy layer. Pack extra warm layers in your vehicle for all passengers.



Check your antifreeze, battery, windshield wipers, wiper fluid, and other vehicle equipment. Ensure your first aid kit and emergency kit are well stocked. Make sure you have plenty of fuel in the tank (at least 1/2 full), good winter tires, clean your lights and turn them on. Clear all snow from your vehicle before driving, drive to the road and weather conditions, buckle up and **please never drive impaired**.

# SNOWPLOW REMINDERS

County Public Works asks residents who plow the snow in their driveway entrances to have the snow moved well into the **RIGHT** hand corner of their entrance ditch. This improves the ability of our grader operators, who are plowing County roads, to minimize the amount of snow left behind at driveway entrances. **Please make sure your address sign remains clearly visible from the road and not obstructed by snow.**



- When pushing snow across the road from an approach, please assure no ridges are left across the county roadway and the snow is pushed well into the ditch; no snow is to be left on the shoulder of the road.
- It is the County's objective to have its' roads in a condition where traffic is moving within 48 working hours following any winter weather event.
- Flags for Snow Removal Reminder:** Tractor snow removal from driveways of residents who have purchased snow flags will occur (after a winter weather event of 6 inches of snow or more) **after** the snow removal at the villages is complete.
- The final deadline to purchase flags for snow removal is **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Residents of the County may contract the County for snow clearing beyond private residential driveways at an hourly rate based on full cost recovery to the County using Alberta Road Builders Rates, subject to the availability of snow clearing equipment.

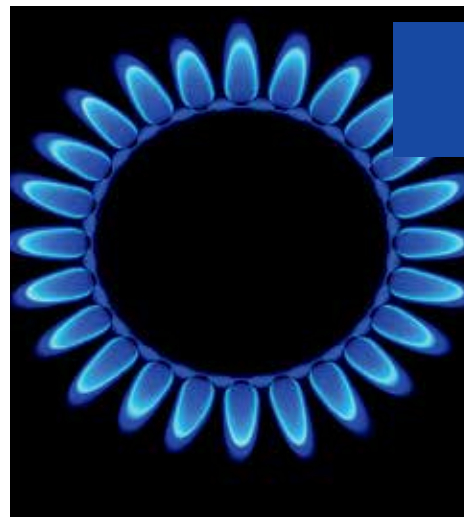
## KEEP YOUR ADDRESS SIGN VISIBLE



When precious minutes count, it's important that your sign is clearly visible for Emergency Services. Please ensure that your rural sign is not obstructed by grass, trees, snow piles or debris, etc.

If you see a down or damaged road sign please report it to the Public Works Shop at 780-656-3577

## NATURAL GAS REBATE PROGRAM



Albertans are getting extra help with their natural gas utility bills this winter.

From October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, most Albertans with natural gas service will receive a rebate from the Government of Alberta if Alberta's natural gas price is above \$6.50 per Gigajoule (GJ).

The rebate applies to any Alberta residence or Alberta company with a natural gas usage under 2,500 GJ per year – a typical Alberta house uses around 120 GJ of natural gas per year!

Your local natural gas utility will automatically place the rebate on your monthly bill if the rebate is in effect. You will see a line on your bill stating "GoA Utility Commodity Rebate Program."

The natural gas rebate will be triggered if the monthly natural gas rate charged by any of Alberta's regulated default supply providers is above \$6.50/GJ. All eligible customers will receive rebates, regardless of whether their local utility has a lower rate.

The Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. and all 80 of our Member Natural Gas Utilities have worked with the Province to ensure Albertans get natural gas cost relief. The Natural Gas Rebate Program helps Albertans to continue to heat their homes with clean, efficient natural gas.

The Alberta Government has more details on the Rebates at [www.alberta.ca/affordability-programs.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/affordability-programs.aspx)



[www.FedGas.com](http://www.FedGas.com)

## PAPER WEIGHING YOU DOWN?



You can receive your monthly Natural Gas bill by email. If you would like to receive your Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Bill through Paperless Billing, call 780-656-3730 or email [--@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:--@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

Please provide the following information to sign up:

- Name of the Account Holder
- Natural Gas Bill Account Number
- Email address and phone number



## In Emergency Situations Please Dial

# 9-1-1

### Police - Fire - Medical

Please do not call Smoky Lake County or emergency responders directly.







# Community Events Calendar

## January 2023

Community Services  
780-942-4101

Town Office  
780-942-3519

An active town with a big heart, alive with history and civic pride where beauty and community thrive. [www.redwater.ca](http://www.redwater.ca)

### Winter Programs

Go to [www.redwater.ca/p/events-programs](http://www.redwater.ca/p/events-programs) or call the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101 for full details on the following upcoming programs:

#### Chair Fitness Class at Pembina Place

- Mondays, 10:45-11:45am, January 30 to March 27 (no class on February 20)
- 8 classes for \$52.50 (includes GST)
- Registration deadline is January 17. A minimum 8 participants are required.

Join us for a beginner/senior friendly exercise class for all individuals ages 18+. This class uses a chair to help keep you stable while using your body weight, resistance bands, and light dumbbells. If you are up for a challenge, you can do the exercises standing. All equipment provided. Drop-in passes available for purchase January 23-27 at \$8 per class.

**Community Crochet & Knitting Program** - Join this drop-in community connection initiative on select Saturdays at Pembina Place. \$5 per person. Bring your own supplies/projects or experiment with basic supplies provided.

**Indoor Walking at Pembina Place** - This program runs from Monday to Friday (closed stat holidays) from 9:00am to 12:00 noon at Pembina Place. A season pass is \$20. Bring clean indoor shoes and enjoy walking inside.

**Coming Soon** - Recreational Skating Programs for children, Pickleball for adults. Watch for news on the Town of Redwater Facebook page or website.

The Town of Redwater is undertaking a full overhaul of its Land Use Bylaw, and as a part of this project we are hosting the following public engagement events:

- ◆ Stakeholder Workshop (in-person and virtual attendance available) on January 11, 2023. Time and location TBA.
- ◆ An online survey will be open between January 10-25, 2023. The link will be posted on the Town website and Facebook page in early January.

Additional engagement opportunities will be offered in the spring. Contact Treena Lane at [devofficer@redwater.ca](mailto:devofficer@redwater.ca) or 780-942-3519 Ext 330 in January for more information.



Families First Society holds drop-in *Silly Sprouts Play* (for parents and their 0-6 year-olds) at Pembina Place in Redwater on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30am. Other programs such as *Wiggles and Giggles* (for parents and their 0-12 month-olds) and *Dadventures* (for Dads, Granddads, Uncles and their kids) are held in nearby municipalities. Go to [www.redwater.ca/p/events-programs](http://www.redwater.ca/p/events-programs) for posters with details and contact information for all Families First programming.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
2 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Junior Curling (7:00pm) Legion - Darts/Pool (7:00pm)	3 Pioneer Club - General Meeting (1:30pm) Library - LEGO Club (2:00-4:00pm) League Curling (7:30pm)	4 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Library - Tabletop Games (3:00-5:00pm) Library - Board Meeting (6:00pm) Legion - General Meeting (7:00pm)	5 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Library - Toddler Storytime (2:30-3:30pm)	6 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Library - Movie Night (6:00pm) Legion - Crib (7:00pm) Friday Night Social Curling (7:30pm)	7 Museum Open (10:00am) 1 8 Pioneer Club - No Pancake Breakfast this month
9 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Legion - Coffee (9:00am) Junior Curling (7:00pm) Legion - Darts/Pool (7:00pm) School Resumes	10 Silly Sprouts Play at Pembina Place (9:30-11:30am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) League Curling (7:30pm)	11 Legion - Coffee (9:00am) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Library - Tabletop Games (3:00pm) & Build a Crispy Snowman (3:00-4:30pm) Pioneer Club - Community Supper. Phone 780-942-3772 by Jan 8 to book your plate (5:00pm) Town of Redwater Stakeholder Mtg on Land Use Bylaw (Time TBA)	12 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Museum Open (1:00-3:30pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Library - Toddler Storytime (2:30-3:30pm)	13 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Legion - Crib (7:00pm) Friday Night Social Curling (7:30pm)	14 Museum Open (10:00am-3:00pm) 15
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23 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Junior Curling (7:00pm) Legion - Darts/Pool(7:00pm)	24 Silly Sprouts Play (9:30am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Committee of the Whole Meeting at Town Council Chambers (6:00pm) Library - Off the Books Adult Program (6:00pm) League Curling (7:30pm)	25 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Casino Bus Trip - Phone Sharon at 780-942-3838 to book your spot (9:15am) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Library - Tabletop Games (3:00-5:00pm)	26 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Museum Open (1:00pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Library - Toddler Storytime (2:30-3:30pm) Library - After School STEAM (3:00-4:30pm)	27 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Legion - Crib (7:00pm) Friday Night Social Curling (7:30pm)	28 Museum Open (10:00am-3:00pm) 29
30 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Chair Fitness Class (10:45am) Junior Curling (7:00pm) Legion - Darts/Pool(7:00pm)	31 Silly Sprouts Play at Pembina Place (9:30-11:30am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) League Curling (7:30pm) PD Day - No School	<b>REDWATER LIBRARY</b> Adventure awaits! The Winter Reading Program begins January 1. Join us for two months of reading, crafts, activities and prizes! Watch the Library Facebook page for details or phone 780-942-3464.		<b>REDWATER FITNESS CENTRE</b> • Equilibrium Yoga: Tuesdays and Sundays, 7:00-8:00pm. Phone 780-267-1046. • RFC Kickboxing Program: Coming soon in 2023. Phone 780-991-5882.	

**Need information or assistance?**  
One call can connect you to community groups, resources & information  
**Town of Redwater - Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) 780-942-4101**

**SNOW REMOVAL**  
Please watch for 24-hour No Parking signs to assist with winter snow clearing.  
Check out the newly updated Snow Clearing Policy on our website at [www.redwater.ca/p/bylaws](http://www.redwater.ca/p/bylaws).

**Public Health Clinic at Redwater Health Centre**  
9:00am-4:00pm Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays  
Phone 780-942-6615 to book an appointment.  
Providing immunizations (child, adult, school, seasonal influenza), communicable diseases control, healthy beginnings and early childhood interventions.




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and every opportunity was taken to entertain the public outside as well: horse and wagon rides were offered, and wagons were always full. After the ride, which could be a bit on the chilly side, a person could warm up at the campfire. There was an opportunity for tobogganing, snowshoeing and skating.

The facility is worth a visit, with many Métis cultural artifacts on display, including handmade jackets, the Métis sash, jewellery and other ornaments. The in-house store has these artifacts on offer and is well worth a visit. Anyone looking to ski or snowshoe this winter, Métis Crossing is an excellent place to go, with five different trails, plus a walking-only

loop, on 688 acres of ancestral historic land with horses, buffalo and elk. Métis Crossing also offers gathering packages for holiday gatherings. This is a unique cultural hub that the region may be proud of. Métis Crossing is located on the Victoria Trail, off Highway 855 on the North Saskatchewan River. They also have a Facebook page with more information.



## Secretary Treasurer

Aspen View Public Schools is currently recruiting for a **Secretary Treasurer** to provide leadership in the business and financial management of the division. The position is located at the Division Office in the scenic town of Athabasca, a one and a half hour drive from Edmonton. Aspen View Public Schools serves the needs of approximately 2650 students in 10 schools, 4 Hutterite Colony schools, 2 outreach schools and educational programming in 2 institutional schools.

In addition to the required CPA designation, a bachelor of commerce or management with a specialization in accounting or financial management, and successful senior level financial management experience would be considered assets.

A full description of the position and its requirements can be found on our website at <https://www.aspenview.org/Central%20Services.php>

Please submit an application, complete with at least three professional references with permission for Aspen View to contact any or all references to [careers@aspenview.org](mailto:careers@aspenview.org)

This competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found, however, a review of resumes will begin on January 5, 2023. This position will commence as soon as possible at a mutually agreed upon date. Additional information may be obtained from Neil O'Shea, Superintendent of Schools at 780-675-7080 ext. 11.

**We appreciate the interest of those applying, however, only those short listed will be contacted.**

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## METIS CROSSING LTD.

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

In accordance with the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, Metis Crossing Ltd. has applied for an approval to construct, operate and reclaim a waterworks system that serves the water users within the Metis Crossing located on southern half Section 09-058-17-W4M, Smoky Lake County. This waterworks system consists of a groundwater well, a water treatment plant, and a water distribution system. The water treatment processes include pre-disinfection/oxidation, green sand filtration and softening. The wastewater generated from the proposed water treatment process will be discharged to the Metis Crossing site sanitary sewer system. Until Metis Crossing has constructed a permanent site wastewater treatment facility, all sanitary sewer waste collected onsite will be trucked off-site for disposal at a wastewater disposal facility approved by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas or Alberta Energy Regulator.

A directly affected person may provide input into certain regulatory decisions, as allowed by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (section 73). Specifically, any person who is directly affected by this application may submit a written statement of concern within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

Regulatory Assurance Section Approvals Unit  
5th Floor, South Petroleum Plaza 9915 - 108 ST  
EDMONTON, AB T5K 2G8 Fax: (780) 422-0154  
E-mail: [aep.epeapplications@gov.ab.ca](mailto:aep.epeapplications@gov.ab.ca)

The written statement of concern should include the following:

- the application number 001-488753
- describe concerns that are relevant to matters regulated by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act
- explain how the filer of the concern will be directly affected by the activities proposed in the application
- provide the legal land location of the land owned or used by the filer where the concerns described are believed to be applicable
- state the distance between the land owned or used by the filer and the site in the application
- contact information including the full name and mailing address of the filer. Please provide a telephone number and/or email address for ease of contact.

Environment and Protected Areas will review each written statement of concern, seek more information if needed, and notify each filer by letter of the decision to accept or reject their written submission as a valid statement of concern. The Public Notice of this application will also be posted on the Department's website at <https://avw.alberta.ca/PublicNoticesViewer.aspx>.

Statements of concern submitted regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public and the applicant. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

Metis Crossing Ltd.  
Attention: Juanita Marois 17339 VICTORIA TRAIL  
SMOKY LAKE, AB T0A 3C0  
Telephone: 780-722-1993  
Email: [jmarois@metis.org](mailto:jmarois@metis.org)





# Through the eyes of a child

## Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is celebrating Jesus' birthday. God gave us his son. Christmas is about kindness and sharing with other people.  
**Tristan M.**, Grade 4, Holy Family Catholic School

My family and I decorate the yard on Christmas. I also sometimes go to my cousin's house. We also open presents together.  
**Callie W.**, Grade 4, Holy Family Catholic School

Christmas is the birth of Christ. He gave himself to us, that is why we give gifts to family.  
**Maeve S.**, Grade 4, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning

of Christmas is spending time with family and friends, and to celebrate Jesus' birthday.  
**Brooklyn D.**, Grade 4, Holy Family Catholic School

For Christmas, my family and I go to my Grandma's house. We eat a big dinner and we open presents.  
**Stryker F.**, Grade 4, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is celebrating Jesus' birth. My family and I open presents on Christmas day at my Grandma's house.  
**Caleb D.**, Grade 4, Holy Family Catholic School

The true meaning of Christmas is

giving to other people and spending time with your family. Also, remembering Jesus' birth.  
**Nicholas M.**, Grade 4, Holy Family Catholic School

For Christmas, I want to be with my family.  
**Kayven M.**, Grade 4, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is visiting family and having a fun time together. We open presents, have a feast, and go to baba and Guido's house.  
**Sawyer O.**, Grade 4, Holy Family Catholic School

We celebrate Christmas with our cousins at our house or their house. We also

open presents on Christmas.  
**Lexxi W.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

My family and I have a special supper on Christmas. This time it is a fondue party and my whole family is coming and my friends. I love spending time with family at Christmas time.  
**Lonnie A.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is Jesus' birthday and Jesus is born. Also, seeing all your family and friends.  
**Alyssa O.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is having fun with your family and friends, and celebrating Jesus' birthday! My family and I like to sing on Christmas.  
**Charlee D.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is celebrating the birth of Jesus. My family gets elves on the first day of December.  
**Sadie P.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is celebrating Christmas with your family and remembering Jesus' birth.  
**Jenica P.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

The true meaning about Christmas is hanging out with your family and celebrating Jesus'

birthday. Also eating good food with family and friends.  
**Eleanor C.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

My mom and I go to my Uncle's for Christmas. My Auntie is there, sometimes my Grandmas comes, and we give all our presents and we have a party.  
**Aleah L.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is having your family! My family and I open presents on Christmas night and eat a Christmas feast together.  
**Isabella F.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is Jesus' birth, because he is Jesus!  
**Adella T.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

On Christmas, me and my sisters open our presents and my Mom and Dad make dinner. We watch Christmas movies and my sisters and I play with our toys together.  
**Andrew D.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

Christmas is about Jesus' coming alive.  
**Edwin R.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School

For Christmas, I open my presents and I go see my auntie and my friends and I go for dinner.  
**Ronan S.**, Grade 3, Holy Family Catholic School



Warmest Greetings of this Festive Season & Best Wishes for Happiness in the New Year!





## Thorhild Central School Grade 2

My favourite Christmas tradition is that I put out Christmas cookies for Santa. I hang candy canes on my Christmas tree. I hang stockings over my fireplace. I set up my Christmas tree and decorate it.  
**Taylor Barto**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favorite Christmas traditions are opening presents, staying up late, putting up our Christmas tree and putting up our stockings.  
**Khloe Crowell**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is setting up the Christmas tree. We open presents on Christmas morning.  
**Ethan Dmytryk**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is opening presents on Christmas morning. I leave cookies and milk for Santa. I decorate my house.  
**Fletcher Gawluk**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is we put tiny glass people under the Christmas tree for decoration. We go to our Grandma's house on Christmas morning to open presents.  
**Isaac Gillam**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is watching a show on Christmas Eve night until I fall asleep. On Christmas night, I put cookies and milk out for Santa Claus. My dad puts the stockings up.  
**Charlotte Hills**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is going to my aunties for the day. We have a big supper. Then we open presents. Then we go home and go to bed.  
**Flynn Kolybaba**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is on Christmas, I hang up the stockings on the wall. I hang up the

ornaments with my mom and sister.  
**Amorette Lamoureux**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favorite Christmas tradition is we put up our stockings and we put out cookies for Santa and we also put milk out for Santa.  
**Riley Nyal**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favorite Christmas tradition is helping my family with decorating the Christmas tree. I like opening the presents. I like spending time with my whole family. I like having memories with my family. I love spending time with my family. Sometimes I like going on my dugout to skate. And I like finding fishing stuff so I can go ice fishing.  
**Lucas Quaghebeur**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is playing on Christmas morning with my sister and we have fun. On Christmas Eve we leave cookies for Santa.  
**Patience Quiring**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is on Christmas night. I decorate our Christmas tree. Then I go to bed and the elf the shelf comes to our house at night when I am asleep.  
**Austin Shaw**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is opening presents on Christmas morning and leaving cookies for Santa overnight.  
**Lindsay Sauchuk**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is on December 1. I get to start my advent calendar and in November my mom puts the tree up. I put the ornaments on. I love putting the stockings up.  
**Massey Shumansky**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is spending time

with my family and the important people in my life. One of my favourite traditions is when I watch Christmas movies with my mom when my little brother and sister are sleeping. We cut down our Christmas tree two weeks before Christmas.  
**Emily Anne Skowronski**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is reading a Christmas book with my family. I open presents from my family and Santa.  
**Austin Schwab**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favorite Christmas tradition is setting up our Christmas tree. Me and my mom put ornaments on the Christmas tree.  
**Khloe Torguson**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

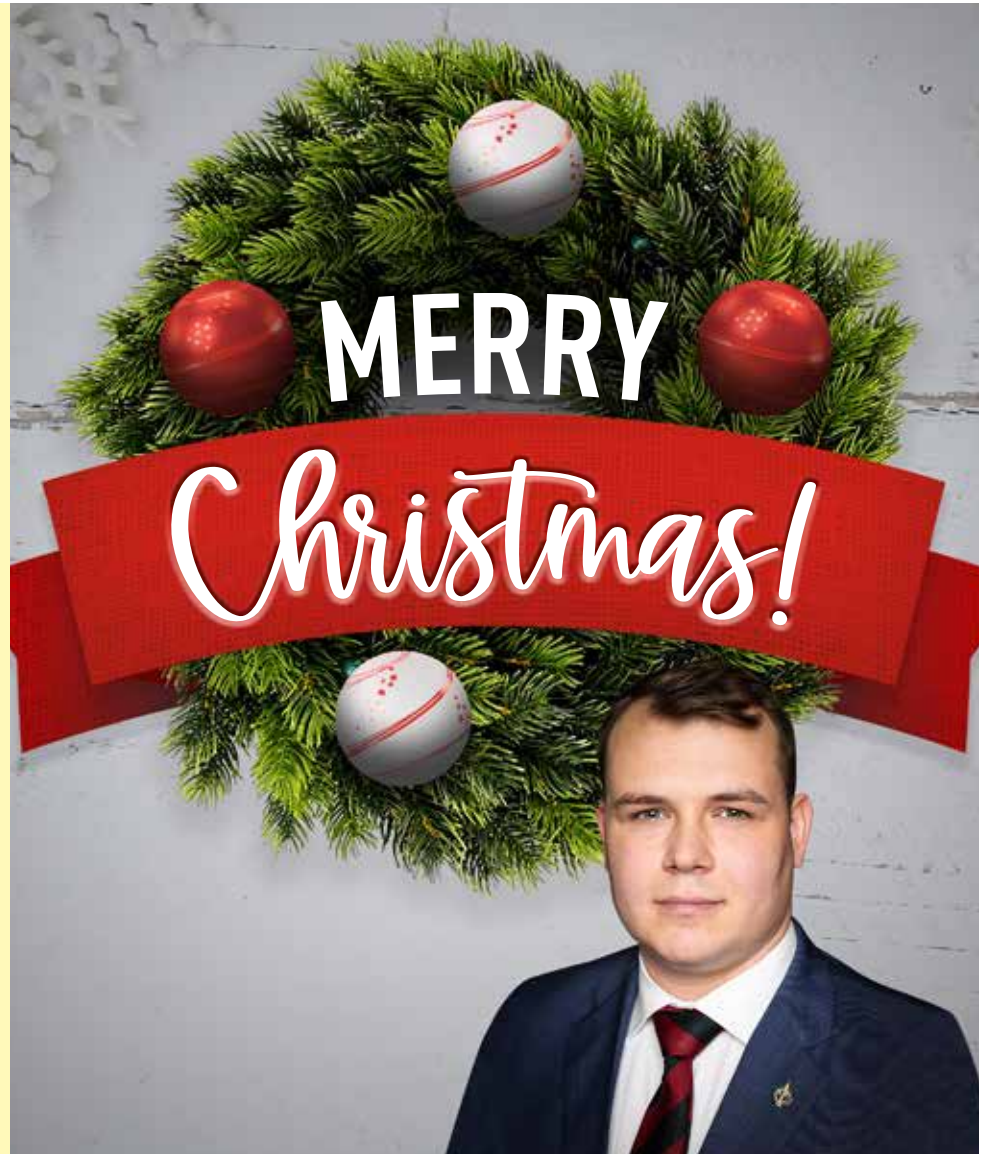
My favourite Christmas tradition is having cookies. We open presents. I want Lego Mario. Mario is red.  
**Sully Trout**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is getting together with my family and friends to pray. And then we all open presents. Finally, the best part of the year we spread joy.  
**Emma Timmer**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is to spend time with my family. We make a candy house with bubble gum.  
**Cami Velthuis**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is to visit my family. I like to decorate my house.  
**Dominic Wilson**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is on Christmas Eve. Me and my family stay up. I make popcorn. It is fun when we open the presents. I love Christmas. I have fun.  
**Presley Gill**, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School



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# Redwater School Grade 6

Christmas Traditions: I don't have many Christmas traditions except the usual handing out gifts and going to Christmas parties with my mom. With these Christmas traditions I really like Christmas whether it be the joy of finally being able to open the present you have been waiting to open for a month or drinking tons of pop at one of

my mom's friends Christmas parties. This is why I feel that Christmas and the Christmas season are the best things out of the year.  
**Kendrix Agrey**

My family tradition is, I go to my grandma's house for Christmas, have dinner and open presents. For my mom's family Christmas, we put a movie on. Then we talk and

stuff. Then we eat dinner, then open presents. **Chase Anema**  
Christmas to me means I get to open presents from people and spend time with family.  
Alena Ehrhardt

What Does Christmas Mean For Me? Christmas means a lot of things, but for me Christmas means more. Christmas means, well hopefully you get to spend one day with your whole family. Make a fire in the fireplace, drink hot drinks like hot chocolate, watch Christmas movies like 'The Grinch,' getting or giving presents to loved ones, and especially eat homemade stuffing or turkey. The best thing about Christmas is watching the lights shimmer

on the beautiful Christmas tree. This is what Christmas means to me.  
**Tatum Goeckel**

Christmas is a time of year where there are Christmas carols, baking cookies for Santa and spending time with family! But my favorite part of Christmas is spending time with family, advent calendars and finding my elf on the shelf every morning and baking with my mom and brother. Have a Very Merry Christmas!  
**Lily Leblanc**

What does Christmas mean to me? It means to get together with your family and have fun and enjoy all the good food and all of the nice presents. But it's not all about receiving,

you give back to all the people you love and care about but even families in need so they can have a great Christmas. And that is what Christmas means to me!  
**Max Lega**

Christmas means I am at home and spending time with my family.  
**Logan Moskal**

A Christmas tradition for my family is every year we bake with friends and family. Christmas to me means spending time with family and opening presents.  
**Kamryn Parranto**

A Christmas tradition that I have is me and my brother go snowmobiling on Christmas morning and go to my grandma and grandpa.  
**Cyr Poitras**

A Christmas tradition that my family and I have is my family and I go to my grandmas. All of my cousins go and jump bails because my grandma's house is in the country. We are also Ukrainian, so we have a Ukrainian feast, and it is sooo good. My cousins and I play lots of games together.  
**Dani Prodaniuk**

My family has a tradition of having three days of opening Christmas presents. One on Christmas eve, another on Christmas and another on Boxing Day. This is because of my Dad's side of the family and my Mom's side too. Of course, as a kid, me and my siblings enjoy this. I love this tradition very much and hope it never ends.  
**Gabe Rabideau**

One of my family's Christmas traditions is

to watch 3 or sometimes 4 funny Christmas movies. We don't just watch those 3 or 4 movies, but we at least always watch those ones, the movies in turn are 'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation', 'Home Alone 1 and 2', and sometimes we watch 'Daddy's Home 2'. Other movies that we have watched in past years are, 'Die Hard', 'Elf', and 'A Christmas Carol'. We also normally decorate our house with most, if not all of our Christmas decorations which makes walking in our front yard look like walking in a Winter Wonderland.  
**Evan Radcliffe**

Christmas means a lot to me. I get to spend time with my family and get a lot of presents. We eat pizza, that's the favorite part about Christmas. I get a lot of money

and I can buy stuff with money. **David Walker**

What does Christmas mean to me? When I think about Christmas I think about my family and all the stuff we do together when it's around the holidays. I think about food and how good it will be because Christmas dinner always tastes better than just a normal dinner. I think about the presents I give and get from family and friends. I think about delicious baked goods my grandma makes with me and usually my brother or sister. I think about all the fun things I get to do with my family such as going to the water park or the cabins. And that's what Christmas means to me and my family. Merry Christmas! **Alison Willerton**

**With You In Mind At Christmastime!**



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# H.A. Kostash School Grade 4

I love Christmas because my family gets together at my house. A few days before Christmas, my mom and I always make treats for my family. One of the treats is called gingersnap kisses; we put Hershey kisses on top! Every Christmas Eve, my mom lets us open a certain present, which is always P.J.s, socks, popcorn and a nice blanket. How I just love spending time with my family and close friends on Christmas!  
**Georgia Harty**

My favorite Christmas was when I was 8 years old because I got a dirt bike for Christmas!! Every day I asked, "When will it be spring?" I love winter because it is the best time of year and Christmas is the best day ever! I love it so much when it snows! I get so excited because it means winter and winter means Christmas!!  
**Brandon Parsons**

My favorite part of Christmas that I love is when I wake up and no one is up yet, so I go look at the stockings! I like to see if Santa came

to the house. I love to see what is from Santa! When I wake up and look at the presents, then I go jump on my Mom, Dad, Brother and any family that is at my house. After breakfast, we get to open our presents! It is all so fun and funny! I love seeing the look on their faces when they open the presents and I know that they love the look on my face when I open mine! It is always the BEST!  
**Madison Pybus**

My best Christmas memory was Christmas 2018. I woke up at 5:00am and the only other person awake was my mom. We are not allowed to open presents until everyone is awake, and a few minutes after 6:00am, the rest of my family woke up. I rushed upstairs to get a present and put it on the table to wait for everybody else. When we were all there, I ripped my present open and it was exactly what I wanted!! It was a Ninja Lego set with two bad guys and two good guys and a dragon! We played with

my lego and then we all watched a Christmas movie! We then had dinner and slept for the rest of the day!  
**Sam Stanicky**

This year I'm so excited about Christmas because on December seventeenth, I'm going to Abbotsford on a plane! We haven't seen my grandpa and grandma for Christmas for four years, and my sister and I are going to have so much fun!  
**Dahlia Kausy**

The best Christmas memory that I have is at my Baba's house. It was soooooo fun because I broke my arm - not that I am saying that was fun to have a broken arm for Christmas, but anyway, that year, I was at Baba's house and the fake Santa would come and my cousins and I would chase Santa around and have fun. That year, with my broken arm, my Dad carried me on his shoulder and Santa Claus came up behind us and gave me a "high five!" It was so fun and that is my story about Santa.  
**Carly Cunningham**

Olivia. I hope I can do that again! I always like what I get for presents too.  
**Emma Jarema**

My favorite part of Christmas is when we get to spend time with friends and family and decorate the tree and the house for Christmas! This year we are going to a hotel and we are going to the mall! It will be so

much fun! We are going to get dippin' dots and it will be awesome!  
**Taylyn Chomyc**

Christmas is special to me because I get to see my whole family. This Christmas we all are having Christmas at our house! I really don't care if I get presents or not; all I care about is my family!  
**Bentley Chizawsky**



**HAPPY Holidays**

May the spirit of the season bring you light, love, and joy.

**FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL & TOWN STAFF**

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**Redwater TOWN OF**



# Vilna School Grade 2

My family sets up a Christmas tree. I always help decorate. My favourite decorations are the big gold ones.  
**Adaline Quintal**, Grade 2, Vilna School

**Sparklingeyes**, Grade 2, Vilna School  
 I drink hot chocolate during the Christmas season.  
**Ahlena Whitford**, Grade 2, Vilna School

**Willow Dunning**, Grade 3, Vilna School  
 Last year I got an art set to paint and draw for Christmas. I love art!  
**Kali Moses**, Grade 3, Vilna School

**Mister Hunter**, Grade 2, Vilna School  
 We get to open presents together as a family and at night we make cookies for Santa. Santa wrote a note saying thank you for the cookies and milk.  
**Jayda Buffalo** Cardinal, Grade 2, Vilna School

We go to my Baba's and eat lots of food! I love cheese buns!  
**Michael**

I celebrate Christmas by making lots of food and cookies with my Nanna.

I like to open my presents with my family. My family gives Santa pop and cookies.



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# Ochre Park School Grade 4G

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus. My name is Kaylynn, I am 9 years old. I live in Redwater. I go to Ochre Park School. I have two sisters Aubrey, Harper and a dog. This will be short and sweet. Now for my wish list can I please have a new hoverboard and a bed. I don't want to be greedy so I don't have any more gifts. Make sure you don't forget to say hi to the reindeer and elves for me. I might even put a little present for everyone. On Christmas Eve I will put cookies and milk for you. Happy Holiday.  
**Kaylynn Hromota**, Grade 4G

To Santa, Hi my name is Landon and I'm 9 years old. Mu puppies are cute and like to play. Be careful! Try not to open my Nana's door or Boots might bite. I am from Redwater and there's lots of fun kids here. Do you like RCS? Do you like dogs? I want a drone and a random RC.  
**Landon Moulton**, Grade 4G

Dear Santa, My name is Makalyn and I am 9 years old. I am a very energetic kid and I love to dance. My family and I are really excited for Christmas. It is our

favourite holiday. My brother and I are really excited to see Buddy again. Last year he found so many awesome hiding spots. Tucker and I gave him jelly beans last year and I think he liked them. Before I tell you what I want for Christmas I have 2 questions. For my first question, do you always wear red? How many elves are in the workshop? I don't want to be greedy so I will only ask for 1 thing. I would really love the Disney Castle lego set, it would mean the world to me but if you can't make it, that's ok. I will be leaving you homemade cookies and some milk and carrots for the reindeer. Merry Christmas Santa.  
**Makalyn McCutcheon**, Grade 4G

Dear Santa & Mrs Claus and everyone at the North Pole. My name is Olivia Anaka. I live in Redwater, AB in the country. I'm 9 years old. I like to do hockey, dance, golf and other sports. I have a sister, brother, mom, dad and a dog. My sister Emily is in kindergarten and my brother Mason is in grade 2 and I'm in grade 4. Recently I played

a hockey game. I got a goal from the blue line. We won the game. It was my first goal. I have mostly 2 friends, Peyton and Violet. I hope they have a wonderful Christmas. I have an elf Elfie, does she behave? What I would love for Christmas is mini brands and more film for my camera. This year I'll leave you chocolate milk, cookies and carrots for your reindeer.  
**Olivia Anaka**, Grade 4G

Dear Santa, I'm Peyton, I'm 9 years old. I have an older brother. I won a writing award recently. I have been playing barbies and they have been travelling in their camper. I've been pretty good. How are you? What I want for Christmas is lego friends. I also want squishmallows squishys and 3 barbies. I have questions. How are the reindeer, Mrs Claus and the elves? Can you say hi to Mrs Claus, the elves and the reindeer for me? I love Christmas. It's one of the best times of the year. My cat has been meowing a lot and my dog has been super hyper. Happy Holidays.  
**Peyton Anema**, Grade 4G

Dear Santa, my name is Rhenleigh. I am now 9 years old. I have one cat but he does not live at my Grandma and Grandpa's house. I live in Redwater with my mom and dad and brother. I have some questions. What is your favourite thing to do in the North Pole? Do you have a favourite reindeer? I still do hockey. I don't do gymnastics anymore. I don't want to be greedy so I will only say 2 things. My first one is lego friends and lego like the same thing but they are a little different.  
**Rhenleigh Kapach**, Grade 4G

Dear Santa & Mrs Claus, my name is Riess. I live in a town called Redwater. It's located in Alberta. I am 9 and in the fourth grade. What are all your elves names? What is the weirdest thing that you have been given as a gift during your travels during Christmas? My favourite hobbies are drawing, crafts, like making 3D models with my 3D pen. I also like going to karate. I attend karate twice a week. Can I have a new sweater from Preston Styles.com and also

a new backpack from Preston Styles.com? Thank you Santa.  
**Riess Beament**, Grade 4G

Dear Santa, hi as you know I'm Trenton and I'm 9 years old. I have 2 brothers. I love reindeer. I like learning about the Bismark and HMS hood and Titanic. These 3 ships fascinate me. I know a lot about great war and second world war. I have some things to ask you, how old are you? How do you get down the chimney? How fast are you? Do you know Tyson Holnnen? What are your hobbies? Do you like skating? Can you say hi to the elves for me? I would like a new phone and a snowbike kit and an xbox. thanks, oh and I'm leaving you chocolate chip cookies, some milk, Cheato's and sour patch kids. FOR the reindeer I'm leaving carrot, potatoes and chips if that's ok with you.  
**Trenton Holt**, Grade 4G

Dear Santa & Mrs Claus, I'm Violet and I'm in the fourth grade. I am 9 years old. I have 2 brothers logan and Gavin. I love playing hockey. I'm a goalie. I go to Ochre Park School.

My bff Peyton got an award in November. Thanks for last year's presents. They are awesome. Do you live forever? How many elves work at the workshop? I have 8 friends off the top of my head. For Christmas I'm asking for lol dolls and omg dolls, please and thank you. One more thing, may I please have lego friends set? I hope you have a good new year. I do not know what kind of cookies I will give you and the carrots are for the reindeer. Say hi to Mrs Claus for me and my bff Olivia got her first goal this year on the 27th of November. Merry Christmas.  
**Violet Moskal**, Grade 4G

Dear Santa, my name is Aurora. I am 10 years old and I have 2 brothers and three sisters. I love cats. Be careful of my dad's dog, she might bite if you want to bring me a present. Just surprise me because I like surprises. The best thing you could give me is a car and squishmellows. I have questions. First, Is what you do all summer? Second is, how old are you? Thank you for reading this letter i sent you. I wish you good luck.  
**Aurora Hillman**, Grade 4G  
Dear Santa and

Mrs Claus, my name is Ayton and I am 9 years old. My favourite hobbies are riding my bike in the summer, playing in the snow in the winter and I can't forget about spring. I like to go to my grandma and grandpa's house. Can you say hi to the reindeer and elves? Now time to get to the presents. Could I get a RC car? Not to be greedy but it has to last. I want 3 Nintendo lite's and bean bag chairs.  
**Ayton Thorpe**, Grade 4G

Hi Santa, I am Camryn and I have a sister. I miss her but I live in Redwater, Alberta. I'm from B.C. How old are you? Am I on the good list? I love the snow and I love Christmas. My wish is I got God of War and to see my sister.  
**Camryn Dekleine-Paul**, Grade 4G

Hi Santa, I am David and I am 8 years old. I live in Redwater, AB but it is very cold. I also have 2 questions. Is it fun in the North Pole? How old are you? I want for Christmas is ferrari steering wheel and xbox, I like WW II, WW II cars, family, dirt bikes and guns. I have been very good but I've been bad sometimes. Please say hi to Mrs Claus for me. I love video games, snowmobiles, quads air soft guns, hot wheels and nerf guns.  
**David Hadden**,

Grade 4G  
Dear Santa, My name is Declan Drader and I am 9 years old. I am in grade 4 in Ochre Park School. I live with 2 sisters, Anabelle and Izzy. My mom and dad's names are Crystal and Derek. I have a cat named Jade and 2 dogs named Roxy and Sammy. Sammy is small and Roxy is big. My hobbies are collecting Pokemon, Digimon cards, gaming, rock climbing and karate.  
**Declan Drader**, Grade 4G

Hi Santa and Mrs Claus, my name is Dalilah and I am 8 years old. I have 2 cats. I have some questions for you. What do you do in the summer? I wish for four gifts. I would like hot chocolate, squishmellow, omg doll and lol doll. Have a good holiday.  
**Delilah Creedon**, Grade 4G

Dear Santa, It's your old friend Hutch. Now I am 9 years of age. Some of my hobbies are biking, drawing, writing and karate. I love your work and making people happy. I have some questions. How old are you and what do you do for your free time? For my wish list I promise I've been good so could I have either a bean bag chair or a notebook?  
**Hutch Thomas**, Grade 4G

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# Thorhild Central School Grade 3

My best Christmas tradition was when I was 4 years old. I got a bike.  
**Karstyn Collins**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My favorite Christmas tradition is when I wake up on Christmas and open presents. Last year I got a Nintendo Switch from my baba. It's always fun on Christmas to spend time with family.

**Tucker Guglich**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My favorite Christmas tradition is every year me and my sister open one present on Christmas Eve. It is so fun. We do it because we're so anxious.  
**Emma Henry**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My favorite tradition is when my baba and papa come to my house on Christmas

Eve. We have a celebration for Christmas. We have steak and lots of food. My baba and papa bring me some presents after supper. We open all of our presents and go to bed.  
**Christian Quaghebeur**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My favorite Christmas tradition is baking cookies. It's my favorite tradition because we always get to

do it when dads home from work and we get to put it on a plate. We give him 3 chocolates, 3 cookies, milk and 9 carrots for the reindeer.  
**Allyse Lund**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My best Christmas was last year. I got up and I was excited when I saw a new Lego table. Now we play on it all the time.  
**Brooklynn Hawrelko**, Grade

3, Thorhild Central School. My best Christmas was 2 years ago when we had a family gathering. After we ate, we watched a Christmas movie. It was calm and comfy and warm and that was my best Christmas.  
**Charlotte Wilson**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My best Christmas was when all of my family came together for Christmas. On Christmas Eve we stayed up and ate some of Santa's cookies. Then we woke up really early and opened all of our presents.  
**Olive Zolkewski**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

I remember one year I got so many gifts. It was the best Christmas. We also ate turkey and many candies.

I love Christmas.  
**Luke Windebank**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My best Christmas was 1 year ago. We open presents every morning on Christmas.  
**Saydee Wiebe**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My best Christmas was last year because my family went to like a ball but I fell on my face. One year me and my sister got a sled.  
**Amelia Lahti**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

The best part of Christmas is when I go to my gramma's house and open presents.  
**Ruby Olah**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My favorite Christmas was when I got a race track, cars and a

monster truck.  
**Zayden Thorne**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My favorite Christmas gift was a globe and it had some constellations on it. It was last year when I was 7 years old.  
**Norah Stephenson**,

Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My Christmas tradition is my mom's caramel popcorn. She uses caramel raisins and melts it. And BOOM caramel popcorn!  
**Katie Murphy**, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School



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# Thorhild Central School Grade 1

At Christmas time we all get the same pyjamas.  
**Maleyah Gillam**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

At Christmas time we do secret Santa.  
**Brantt Gill**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Day my cousins come to visit us.  
**Walker McLean**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Eve friends and family come over. We make pies and we make cookies. We eat candy.

**Maci Timmer**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Day we open presents together.  
**Timmy Anderson**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Eve we decorate our Christmas tree.

**Grayson Prodaniuk**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

At Christmas time my elf comes to my house.  
**Carlie Brown**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

At Christmas time we have secret Santa.  
**Zoey Olson**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

pictures taken.  
**Hudson Wosnack**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Day I get presents like a stuffy skunk and a rabbit.  
**Serena Ranger**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

At Christmas time I bake cookies for Santa. We have Christmas dinner, and we go to Nana's.  
**Alexandra Hendrickson**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

we play games together and my mom buys us new pj's.  
**Brody Stow**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

At Christmas time I bake a cake. I pick out presents for my family.  
**Jaxon Hayes**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Eve I make cookies. My cousins and family come over to visit.  
**Zoey Laurie**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School



presents.  
**Lillyanna Paly**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Day I go to the farm.  
**Thaeris Raezter**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Day we open presents.  
**Becky Broda**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

**Rhys DesRoches**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

I ask Santa for tractors for Christmas.  
**Tristan Bugbee**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Day I have hot chocolate with my cousins. We watch a movie.  
**Joseph Toronchuk**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

decorate my tree with lights.  
**Charlie Barnes**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

I decorate my tree. Santa comes to my house.  
**Romi Jamieson**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Day I open presents with my family.  
**Finnley Whyte**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

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On Christmas I get new PJ's. I put out carrots on the plate for the reindeer.  
**Daphne Stephenson**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Day we play games together.  
**Parker Laursen**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

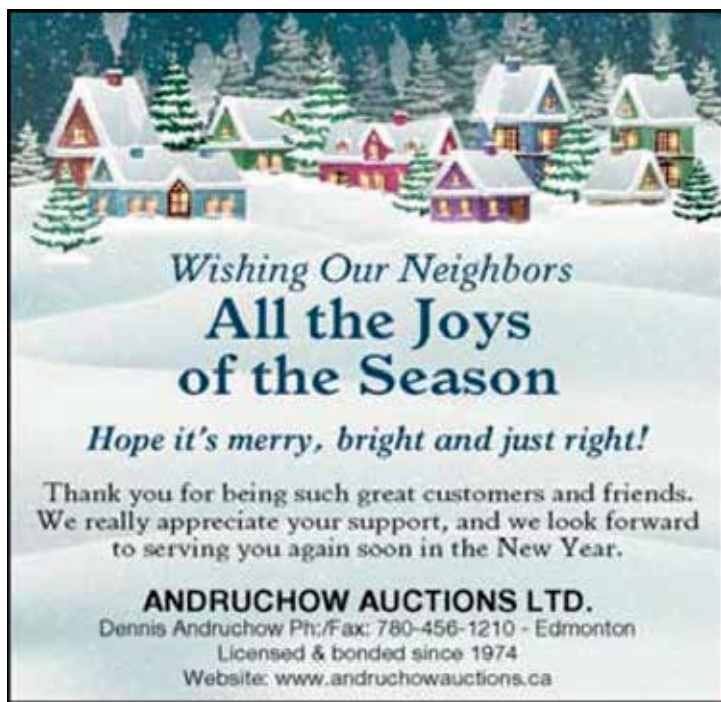
On Christmas Eve

At Christmas time we go on a trip. We fly on an airplane.  
**Oscar Zolkewski**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Eve I go carolling with my family.  
**Violet Guglich**, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Eve I go see my family. We open





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# Ochre Park School Grade 2T

Dear Santa, my name is Frances. Do you like chocolate or white milk? How good are the elves? Which kind of cookie do you like? Can you get me a magic mixie please and thank you? **Frances Regula-Comeau, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, do you like living in the North Pole? My name is Harlow. Please can I have bunny skates for my bunny fofo please and thank you? Santa, I would like one bell from your sleigh please and thank you. **Harlow Wright, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, my name is Madden. How is the North Pole? How do you make toys? I am excited for Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus? How old are you? I am going to Mexico before Christmas. I will be back for Christmas. **Madden Gilfillan, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, my name is Hudson and for Christmas I would like a video game please

and thank you and a drone please and thank you. How are your elves? How old are you? **Hudson Hewitt, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, my name is Dorothy. I am 7 and I'm so excited for Christmas. Do you have kids? For Christmas I would like a rainbow high dells kit and the house please and thank you. **Dorothy Simpson, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, how are you? I am very busy in school. I am so excited for Christmas. How are your reindeer? For Christmas I would like to have a toy pony doll clothes, a toy cat and a toy elf please and thank you. **Gabriella Striegler, Grade 2T**

Hi Santa, I'm Oliver. I'm doing my best to get presents. How do you get around the whole world in one night? I would like a gameboy, a giant ringex, some nail paint please and thank you. **Oliver Howe, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, my name is Adrianna.

How do you make the toys? How do you make your sled fly? How is Rudolph? How old are you? For Christmas I would like a slinky dog, a hatchamol egg, magic mixy, and a godzilla toy please and thanks. **Adrianna Orr, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, how are your reindeer? Can you send all my family carrots and carrot soup for Nana? Can you send Evvie a minnie phone? **Theo Spence, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, I'm Ryan. For Christmas I would like minecraft stuffy please. I love Christmas. I love minecraft it is amazing. I would like to know what your favourite cookie is. **Ryan Rabideau, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, my name is Paige and I am a girl. How do you make the toys? Do you have kids? For Christmas I would like a lol house please and thank you. I would also like a real kitten and how do you feed the elves? Can I have a letter

from you please? **Paige Berg, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, my name is Mason. I have been working very hard on hockey. How do you make toys? Which milk would you prefer, chocolate milk or milk? Do you have kids? For Christmas I would like some big nerf guns, please and thank you. **Mason Anaka, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, my name is Hayden. I am so excited for Christmas. How do you make the toys? For Christmas I would like gold Pokemon card. I would like regular Pokemon cards. What's your favourite cookie? Please and thank you. **Hayden Dyck, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, my name is Harmony. How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus? How do you make your sled fly? How are the elves? Do you have kids? For Christmas I would like toy cats, please and thank you. **Harmony Radke, Grade 2T**

Hi Santa, it's me, Emma from 2T. So how are you doing? How

do you know what we want for Christmas? For Christmas I would like a phone please, please, please and washable pets, please and thank you. **Emma Hadden, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, my name is Aviana. I have a cat. How do you make the toys? Do you have kids? For Christmas I would like a red cat and bad kitty books please and thank you. **Aviana Atkinson, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, my name is Brayden. How do you get around the whole world in one night? How old are you? For Christmas I would like A Diary of a Wimpy Kid. How is Mrs. Claus? Do you like living in the North Pole? Thank you. **Brayden Taylor, Grade 2T**

Dear Santa, my name is Saffron Brown. How is Rudolph? Do you have kids? How old are you? Santa, I like cats. My favourite kind is a ragdoll. Has your cat mistletoe been good this year? My favourite cat toys are purple and blue. **Saffron Brown, Grade 2T**

# Ochre Park School Grade 1G

Dear Santa, My name is Zane and I have been very good this year and I want Lazerx. **Zane Agrey, Grade 1G**

Hi Santa, I hope you are doing good in the North Pole. May I have a flying hover board, thank you. **Oliver Hintz, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, how are you? I've been a very good boy. May I have a Minecraft DVD, race car and Sponge Bob Square Pants

DVD? Thanks **Jayce Thompson, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a phone, lego and a hover. I have been nice this year. **Caysen Williams, Grade 1G**

How are you Santa? I have been a good boy this year. I would like a big red truck. **Hlib Shevchenko, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, how are you doing? May I have a puppy corn?

**Kierra Kavanaugh, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a miny brands toy cat for Christmas. **Scarlett Kozub, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, hi how are you? What I want for Christmas is Spider Treasure SX. **Donovan Spencer, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like lego and a rabbit invasion Mario game and

switch ports. **Jake Musch, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, It's Keturah. How are you? I would like toy animals, lego friends set and a barbie camper for Christmas. **Keturah Giffiths, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, how are you? I would like an armour sword and shield. **Grayson Lucas, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, how are you? I want a Captain American Shield.

**Dutch Willis, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, how are you? I would like a toy horse set, giraffe lego set, and a rubicks cube. **Natalie Therrien, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, how are you? I would like a guitar for Christmas. **Aaliyah Pasioka, Grade 1G**

Dear Santa, how are you? I would like a dress, shoes and a mirror. **Brooke Van Aalst, Grade 1G**



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# Holy Family Catholic School



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On Christmas Eve, we celebrate Jesus and give him love. **Annalise Flondra**, Grade 2, Holy Family Catholic School

On Christmas Eve, we give Santa milk and cookies because he's hungry. **Maria Bravo**, Grade 1, Holy Family Catholic School

Our Christmas tradition is that we watch The Polar Express all together as a family. We have hot chocolate bombs while we watch it. **Zander Turenne**, Grade 1, Holy Family Catholic School

Our Christmas tradition is to go places every year. This year we are flying to Victoria in British Columbia. **Ella Dowhan**, Grade 2, Holy Family Catholic School



Our Christmas tradition is having a fancy dinner. My favourite part is pineapples with ham and cherries on top. We cook it just so. **Avara Bentley**, Grade 1, Holy Family Catholic School

Our Christmas tradition is to watch The Grinch with hot chocolate before bed. We watch the real one. **Sadie Dunbar**, Grade 1, Holy Family Catholic School

Our Christmas tradition is opening presents and watching a

movie together. **Hunter Miller**, Grade 1, Holy Family Catholic School  
Our Christmas tradition is having fun! **Elijah Haycock**, Grade 1, Holy Family Catholic School

Our Christmas tradition is doing something new every year. This year, we are having a Christmas party. **Annalynn Mackay**, Grade 1, Holy Family Catholic School

Our Christmas tradition is hanging

ornaments on our tree. **Benjamin Rolfes**, Grade 1, Holy Family Catholic School

Our family Christmas tradition is going to people's houses to celebrate. First, we are going to Auntie Lisa's for a sleepover. **Allyson Flondra**, Grade 2, Holy Family Catholic School

Our Christmas tradition is getting our nails painted. My brother gets his big toes painted; that's the funny part! **Aubree Mosher**,

Grade 2, Holy Family Catholic School

Our Christmas tradition is turning on the TV fireplace, opening stockings and presents, and then, we relax all day. **Camron Tanner**, Grade 2, Holy Family Catholic School

Our Christmas tradition is waking up and opening presents together. **Landen Ross**, Grade 1, Holy Family Catholic School



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## Holy Family Catholic School Waskatenau news



Last week, Holy Family Catholic School in Waskatenau held a beautiful Advent Mass. It was a peaceful anticipation of His arrival. The focused preparation ensures hearts are full and ready to love!



On December 15, grade one and two students from Holy Family Catholic School in Waskatenau selflessly donated items from their class prize bin to the Hamper Drive.



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### Coming Events

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**CAMPGROUND HOSTS NEEDED.** Maintenance and office duties for the summer of 2023. Wages negotiable. Please send resume to castle-ri-vercampground@gmail.com. Deadline January 22, 2023.

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## RCMP ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

### Redwater RCMP seek owner of recovered trailer

On December 8, 2022, Redwater RCMP were alerted to an abandoned utility trailer which had been left on the side of the street in Thorhild, Alta. The trailer is described as a tandem axle with automotive style tires with white-walls, which is unique. The cross beams were painted and oxidized in an orange colour.

If you think that this is your generator, or have any information regarding it, please contact Redwater RCMP at 780-942-3607, or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



For 50 years, farm families from northern and central Alberta communities are recognized as recipients of the Farm Family Award. The Northern and Central Agricultural Service Boards select outstanding families who best represent the values of the family farm within their rural community. The award honours both their farming business practices and community involvement. Congratulations to the Shewtz Family on receiving this award! Pictured is Shawnalee Shwetzer accepting the 2022 Farm Family Award on behalf of the Shewtz family from Smoky Lake Division 5 Councillor, Jered Serben.

**Summer Village of Island Lake Request for Proposals Development Officer Position**

The Summer Village of Island Lake, being Alberta's largest Summer Village and located on the shores of Island Lake, approximately 20 minutes northwest of the Town of Athabasca, is looking for an outgoing and enthusiastic individual to fulfill a part time contract position for a Development Officer services within our community.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Bylaw 14-2022 Land Use Bylaw

Take notice that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, Thorhild County Council has scheduled a Public Hearing in regard to the proposed:

**Bylaw 14-2022, being a Bylaw to Adopt a New Land Use Bylaw.**

**Date:** Tuesday January 10, 2023  
**Location:** Thorhild Legion Hall (5th St. and 5th Ave., Thorhild, Alberta)

The Public Hearing on Bylaw 14-2022 will commence at 9:30 am. Persons interested in speaking at this public hearing shall register with the Planning Clerk (phone: 780-398-3741 Ext. 2823) or email: jeannette.cholach@thorhildcounty.com prior to the Public Hearing. Presentations by the public may be made verbally, in writing or both. Please note that verbal presentations shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Those persons who have registered with the Planning Clerk shall speak first, followed by other persons at the meeting who have not registered to speak but who wish to address Council. The proposed Bylaw may be viewed at the County Office and is available on the Thorhild County Website:

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:  
David Blades  
Manager of Planning and Development  
Phone Number: 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825; e-mail: David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com

### NOTICE OF CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION

The January 10, 2023, Regular Council meeting will be held at the Thorhild Legion Hall (5th St. and 5th Ave., Thorhild), commencing after the conclusion of the Land Use Bylaw Public Hearing.

The Regular Council meeting will not be live-streamed due to location connectivity limitations. However, the meeting will be recorded and posted on the County's website following the meeting. Public members are welcome to attend and observe the meeting proceedings.

### DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED APPEAL BY JANUARY 3, 2023

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

- i) Legal Description: Lot 8 Block 6 Plan 5818KS; Hamlet of Long Lake
- Land Use Designation: RL - Long Lake Residential District
- Proposal: Second Recreational Vehicle for a One Year Period
- Division: 5
- Permit #: DP22-2551

**Date of Decision: December 13, 2022; Appeal by: 4:30 PM, January 3, 2023**

**Additional Information:**

For additional information regarding these permits, please contact Manager of Planning and Development David Blades at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825 or email: [David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com).

THE LAND USE BY-LAW provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Municipal Development Authority 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.

### THORHILD FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC HOLIDAY CLOSURE



**The Clinic is closed on the following days:  
December 26 - 30, 2022, and January 2, 2023.**

Thorhild Family Medical Clinic, 801 1 Street, Thorhild  
Phone 780-398-4MED (4633)

### REMOVAL OF CARDBOARD/PAPER RECYCLE BINS AT EGREMONT, RADWAY AND NEWBROOK

Effective January 1, 2023, the cardboard/paper recycle bins will no longer be available in the Hamlets of Egremont, Radway, and Newbrook. Residents can place cardboard and paper along with other recycling materials in blue bags for pick-up on Fridays. Alternatively, the Long Lake and Thorhild Transfer Stations accept these and other recyclable materials.

Please contact the Utilities Department at 780-398-3741 ext. 2811 for more information.

### DECEMBER 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE HOURS**

- Monday, December 26, 2022 - ALL Offices are closed
- Tuesday, December 27, 2022 - ALL Offices are closed
- Wednesday, December 28, 2022 - ALL Offices are closed
- Thursday, December 29, 2022 - Open & Regular Hours
- Friday, December 30, 2022 - Open & Regular Hours
- Monday, January 2, 2023 - ALL Offices are closed

**THORHILD TRANSFER STATION**

- Saturday, December 24, 2022 - Open
- Wednesday, December 28, 2022 - Open
- Saturday, December 31, 2022 - Open

**LONG LAKE TRANSFER STATION**

- Sunday, December 25, 2022 - Closed
- Thursday, December 29, 2022 - Open
- Sunday, January 1, 2023 - Open

**HAMLET WASTE & BLUE BAG PICK UP**

- Friday, December 23, 2022 - Regular Waste & Blue Bag pickup
- Friday, December 30, 2022 - Regular Waste & Blue Bag pickup



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If additional 2023 ID Cards are required for:

- Others residing at the residence who are not on the land title,
- Renters of the residence,
- Or missing ID Cards,

Please apply at the County Administration office. You must apply yearly for the additional cards.

Should you require further clarification or additional information, please contact the Thorhild County Administration Building at 780-398-3741.





# Newbrook Arena

**Schedule for winter 2022-2023. Opens December 11, 2022**

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## Wednesday

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## Friday

Public skating from 5:00 to 7:00pm  
Public shiny from 7:00 to 9:00pm

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For bookings or inquiries, please call Shawn @ 1-780-213-1158  
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The Newbrook Rec & Ag Society Would Like To Thank Everyone Who Attended For Our Christmas Market & Lite Up.

A big thank you to: **Our volunteers**, we could not do this without you. **North Corridor Co-op** for sponsoring our weiner roast. **Logan Roth & Albert Heimstra** for bringing their horses & wagons. **Austin Reil** for the firewood donation. **Our vendors** for their donations to our door prize draws. It was a great success! see you all next year!

Redwater Transfer Station

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FOR THESE HOLIDAY DATES



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# Sturgeon County Family & Community Support Services WINTER 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE



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# Lots of choices at the Smoky Lake Christmas market

By Irene van der Kloet

It is the time of year for the Christmas market. Smoky Lake held its Christmas market on December 10. Normally, the markets are in the community complex, but this time it was held in the H.A. Kostash school. Upon entering the building, the atmosphere was immediately welcoming, with live guitar music by the door. The little hallway was packed with vendors, from soaps, jewellery, keyrings made out of deer

antlers and bones, handmade mitts and scarves to flowers. For anyone wanting a poinsettia, this would have been the place to get it. The long hallway led to the main hall, where Gene Sobolevsky and his partner Tara Harder entertained the crowd with Christmas songs and guitar music. Gene and Tara often perform at the jam sessions in the Smoky Lake Inn, and one could hardly think of better entertainment to accompany a Christmas market. Anything a

person could think of or even not think of was probably there: farmhouse decor, essential oils, novels by Leigh Ann Knowles, Scentsy wax melts, Watkins products, fishing rods, linens, woodworking, resin creations, printed mugs, skin care products, gift baskets, guitars and guitar parts, semi-precious stones and crystals, candles, soups, handmade cards, Super Dips, and so much more. For many vendors, selling items at the Christmas market is a side job or

hobby, but they take this hobby or sidekick very seriously. A lot of time and effort goes into preparation for the market, like, for example, baking. One may wonder how long a vendor has spent preparing for the market, but the result is certainly worthwhile. Many products are not only works of art but also works of heart. This makes visiting a Christmas market so rewarding for both vendors and buyers. The farmer's markets or Christmas markets run from Easter to Christmas.



The Christmas market in Smoky Lake is a popular event that attracts vendors and buyers from the wider region.

## GORDEY, Lorrie

July 28, 1947 – April 20, 2022  
(74 years)




Lorrie Gordey passed away in her home surrounded by loved ones and will be greatly missed by daughter's Charlotte (Jim), Chantelle, son-in law, Bern, grandchildren Naomi (Rob), Jessie, Chelsea, Shyanne (Ben) Kody (Sam), L, and Alisha, and great grandchild Xavier. In addition, by siblings, Clarence and Sue, Elaine and Bill, Ruby, and numerous relatives and friends. Lorrie is now at peace along with her predeceased spouse, Delbert, parents, Nancy and Bill, and siblings, Marussia, Marshall, and Bill.

Wishing you comfort and strength in the memories you hold, as you will find a legacy of Lorrie's kindness in the many ways, she served her family (sharing her garden, preserves, recipes, undivided attention and acceptance), and most importantly, with her grace and kindness, for her special gift, to care for the elderly, those compromised by medical/mental challenges, or life's obstacles.

Thanks for all the love, all the great guidance, the humour, and great food. We give thanks to all who shared in her journey, and may her voice and words, "love you to the moon and back", stay in our hearts forever.

As per Lorrie's wishes, in lieu of tributes, a donation may be made to Patient Financial Assistance Program, Cancer Foundation.

A private memorial service for immediate family members will be arranged in the future.




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*Andrea Prodaniuk*

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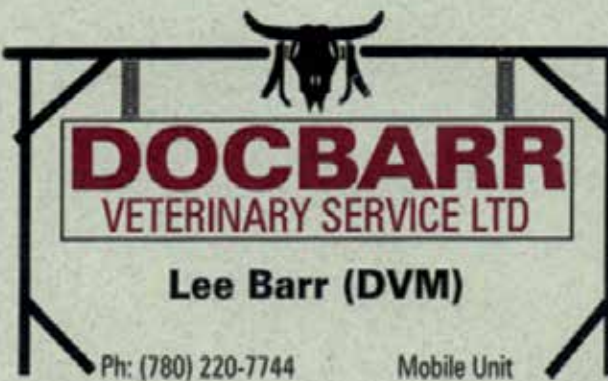


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