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Holy Family Catholic School's Christmas Concert



Holy Family Catholic School's Christmas Concert was a long time coming! It filled ones' heart to have so many families back under one roof. The sheer amount of bravery and effort that went into every part of it was beautiful to see.

Eating healthy while stretching dollars: two workshops and a free Christmas dinner in Smoky Lake

By Irene van der Kloet

With prices rising and inflation as high as it was in the 1980s, it is harder for everyone to get healthy groceries reasonably priced. Recently, two workshops were held in Smoky Lake to help residents eat healthy while staying within budget, or

in other words, while "stretching their dollars." The Smoky Lake Library organized the first workshop with Galia Alexander as the facilitator. "I have grown micro greens commercially and delivered them to Edmonton and Sherwood Park," Galia

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Participants of the microgreens workshop were put to work to start their greens. Noel Simpson and Julia Serben prepared an excellent Christmas dinner for the Smoky Lake Legion.

Residents are concerned about the development of the RV Campground

By Irene van der Kloet

In Hamlin, a rural community in Smoky Lake County, residents are concerned about the construction of an RV park in their area. The quarter section on which the park is located was purchased in 2020 by Richard Kimmitt. Until then, this was an old motorcycle campground set up for tenting with minimal facilities. The RV park in the making, Northern Lights RV Park, is intended to become a luxury park with 400 stalls, a pool, a splash park, a day area and many other amenities, which will likely attract high traffic to the park and surrounding area. Much work has already been done: old fences have been removed, trees have been removed, roads have been built, power poles have been installed, and sites have been developed. The developer held two open houses to encourage memberships. The park will operate on memberships, meaning people wanting to park their RV there will need to purchase a membership. As

not every member will occupy a stall all the time, more memberships are being sold than there are stalls to ensure maximum use of the stalls. Some residents surrounding the park are unhappy with these developments. Their concerns pertain to several issues they brought forward to Smoky Lake County, but primarily that the County did not follow the proper procedure. The residents are concerned that Smoky Lake County did not implement an area structure plan that the County Planning and Development Officer stated in writing would occur. This would have allowed for public consultation, and the residents would have had input in the development from the beginning. One main issue is whether applicable permits have been issued to the developer. The residents state that the permit given to the original motorcycle campground does

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Northern Lights RV Park is the subject of a hefty discussion between Smoky Lake County and some of the park's surrounding residents.

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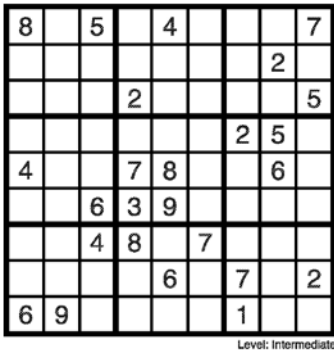
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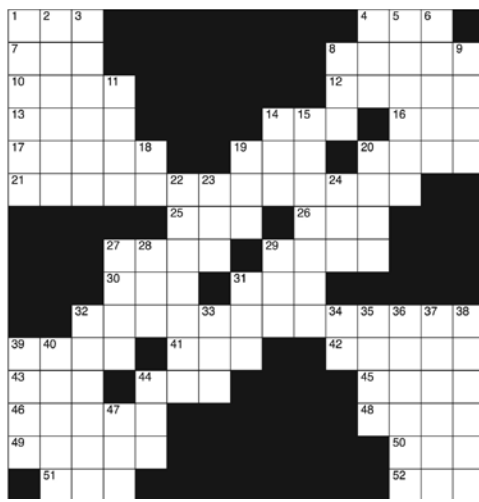
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Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Basics
- 4. Swiss river
- 7. Constrictor snake
- 8. Building occupied by monks
- 10. Discount
- 12. Deal a blow to
- 13. Relating to the ear
- 14. Thyrotropin
- 16. Loud, unpleasant noise
- 17. Large intestines
- 19. Move with a curving trajectory
- 20. Witnesses
- 21. You need both to live
- 25. Dash
- 26. Network
- 27. Dig
- 29. C. European river
- 30. Supplement with difficulty
- 31. Corporate executive
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's onscreen wife
- 39. No variation

41. Airborne (abbr.)

- 42. "Heidi" author
- 43. Affirmative
- 44. Pie __ mode
- 45. W. Asian country
- 46. Grotesque or bizarre
- 48. Delicacy (archaic)
- 49. Textile
- 50. Denial
- 51. Electronic data processing
- 52. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Engulf
- 2. Waterside hotel
- 3. Printed cotton fabric
- 4. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 5. One who follows the rules
- 6. Lace up once more
- 8. Fire byproduct
- 9. Hankerings
- 11. Outer
- 14. One-time aerospace firm
- 15. Seafood
- 18. Commercial

- 19. Epoxy hardener (abbr.)
- 20. Samoan monetary unit
- 22. Type of gland
- 23. Arrest
- 24. Check
- 27. Past participle of be
- 28. Alias
- 29. A major division of geological time
- 31. Kids programming channel (abbr.)
- 32. Joked
- 33. Helps little firms
- 34. Roman numeral 50
- 35. Impressive in size or scope
- 36. Domineering leader
- 37. A person who delivers a speech
- 38. One after 89
- 39. Young hawk
- 40. The scene of any event or action
- 44. A team's best pitcher
- 47. Integrated data processing

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explains. "It is an excellent and simple way to add some greens to sandwiches and salads." Galia donated all materials for this workshop; each participant received a large and small bag of soil and five little and five bigger bags of seeds. The smaller bags were intended to be used during the workshop; the rest were for taking home. The package also contained five environmentally friendly bowls. "When you do this at home, don't use soil with much compost, as there are too many nutrients in it. Only pre-soak large seeds, and when you water the seeds, use a spray bottle to avoid moisturizing the soil too much, which would cause your seeds to get mouldy", Galia explains. She is very knowledgeable about all sorts of vegetables and briefly talks about growing lettuce in the house. "When you grow lettuce inside, seed liberally, and do not cover the seeds. You can place the bowls in the

window right away". Galia is starting Alexander Gardens in Warspite, where she lives, in 2023. She has already prepared her gardens and beds and will sell organic produce only. Sixteen participants had signed up for this workshop, but six could not make it that night for several reasons. The six participants who could not attend picked up their bags at the library the next day. That same week, Smoky Lake Family Resource Network (FRN) hosted a workshop about healthy eating on a budget. Brianne Popowich, a Lakeland Primary Care Network registered dietitian, facilitated this workshop. Brianne discussed strategies to avoid spending too much money at the grocery store while putting a healthy meal on the table. The basis is the Canadian Food Guide, from which, ideally, every meal contains a component. Eating meat every meal is unnecessary; proteins can be derived from other foods, such as nuts. Although fresh fruit is generally considered

healthy, products deteriorate in quality because of the long travel time between being picked and ending up on your plate. Canned fruit is processed immediately and therefore contains more nutrients. Another well-known strategy for most people is: don't go grocery shopping on an empty stomach, as the hungry feeling will entice a person to buy more and different groceries than necessary. Plan ahead, have a list and know the food prices in the store where you are shopping. There are helpful apps for shopping on a budget, like the Flash Food App and the Flipp App. Anyone with questions about healthy eating on a budget can contact Brianne at Brianne@lakelandpcn.com. To top off its excellent work, the Smoky Lake Legion hosted a free Christmas dinner on December 25. Seventy people sat down to enjoy a full dinner with turkey (and stuffing), ham, perogies, potatoes, vegetables and some tasty desserts while in the company of friends.

CONQUER CLUTTER WORD SEARCH



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

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| WORDS | COLLECT | GROUP | MOBILIZE |
| CABINET | COORDINATE | HOARD | ORDER |
| CATEGORY | DISARRAY | LABEL | ORGANIZE |
| CLEANING | DISTRIBUTE | LEAD | PLANNING |
| CLOSET | DONATION | LISTS | SCHEDULE |
| CLUTTER | GARBAGE | MESS | SHELVING |
| | | | SORT |

Bylaw Amendment 1612/22

The Municipal Government Act

Section 251 – The Municipal Government Act

Take notice that the Council of Sturgeon County, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw Amendment 1612/22 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said County to borrow monies from the Province of Alberta or another authorized Financial Institution, as authorized under bylaws 1530/21, 1573/22, 1574/22, 1575/22, 1576/22, 1577/22, 1578/22, 1579/22 and 1602/22, at revised terms and rates of borrowing.


Namely, the borrowed monies will be repayable to the Province of Alberta or another authorized Financial Institution in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual payment installments not to exceed fifteen (15) years at an annual interest rate not exceeding ten per cent (10%), or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Province of Alberta or another authorized Financial Institution.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of Sturgeon County that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on **Bylaw 1612/22** is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw.

The proposed bylaw may be examined between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the office of the Legislative Services Officer, Sturgeon County, 9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta.

You can view the proposed bylaw on the Sturgeon County website at www.sturgeoncounty.ca.

Questions?
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Redwater School news



Pictured are some of the wonderful dioramas done by Ms. Cowley's language arts students from the Redwater School. Students created their dioramas based off of the novel that they were studying.



The HYPE team and student council from Redwater School served up hot chocolate to the chilly, brave Renegades. **Photos by Redwater School**

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not apply to the RV park and, above all, expired in 2014. This would indicate that the developer needs a permit to do the work already done and in process. Bulldozers are working daily, trees are being removed, wetlands are being rerouted on the

property, and residents are wondering why the county has not supervised the construction. Other concerns pertain to access to the property from Highway 652 and light pollution in a naturally dark area. Residents also expressed their sincere concern about RV park visitors

accessing their lands on quads, destroying fences and disturbing wildlife. These residents have brought forward all these grievances to Smoky Lake County numerous times, resulting in an appeal to the County Development Board, which was discussed in two sessions on December

15 and 21. The emotions ran high in an extensive discussion in which the residents presented their grievances in detailed reports read during the meeting. The County Development Appeal Board will review the residents' concerns and will announce their decision on January 19.



PUBLIC NOTICE – Proposed Bylaw 1422-22: Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of Smoky Lake County has given First Reading of Proposed Bylaw 1422-22: Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB);

- To review the proposed Bylaw 1422-22, please visit: <http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca>;
- The proposed new Bylaw 1422-22 would rescind Bylaw 1347-19 and makes minor typographical corrections, and removes the upper limit of five (5) members on the Board;
- The Smoky Lake County Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) considers appeals certain appeals of subdivision and development in Smoky Lake County, in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, Regulations and Ministerial Orders, and with other County Bylaws;
- For anyone interested in appointment to the SDAB, or for any questions about proposed Bylaw 1422-22, please contact Kyle Schole, Clerk, Smoky Lake County SDAB by phone at 780-656-3730 or by email at kschole@smokylakecounty.ab.ca;
- Proposed Bylaw 1422-22 will be considered for Second and Third Readings before adoption at the January 26, 2023, Regular Meeting of County Council.

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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.

DRIVEWAY SNOWPLOWING/SNOW FLAGS

Thorhild County operates a driveway snow removal program for residents (excluding hamlets) who register and pay for flags.

Driveway snow clearing does not involve snow clearing of the yard. Driveway clearing consists of one pass in and out on the driveway. If custom cleaning is required, the resident should make arrangements with a private contractor.

Persons wishing to register for driveway cleaning must sign an easement, pick up and pay for a flag, and place it at the end of the driveway after the storm has passed, in a location where it is visible to the grader operator.

Please call the Thorhild County Administration Office @ 780-398-3741 to purchase a flag. Flags can be picked up from the Administration Building, Public Works Office, or the Radway Post Office. Registered landowners are required to sign a yearly easement.

- Driveways will be addressed after all County roads are cleared
- Driveway Plowing consists of one pass in and back out
- Each flag is good for one plow only

Fees and Flags must be purchased before the work is done

Fee: \$35.00/Flag

\$20.00/Flag for seniors 65+ who are physically living on the property and can provide age verification.

THORHILD COUNTY IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Thorhild County ID cards are issued yearly. **Watch your mailbox for your new 2023 cards.**



Please note: The 2022 County Identification Cards are valid until January 31, 2023.

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.

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SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

Regularly clearing snow from driveways and sidewalks is necessary to avoid build-up, but where you choose to place the snow is equally essential to ensure the safety of everyone. Thorhild County's Traffic Bylaw and Community Standards Bylaw specify where residents cannot place snow.

Traffic Bylaw 1154-2011, section 5.6 reads as follows:

No person shall place, cause or permit to be placed on any earth, sand, gravel, grass, leaves, snow, ice, debris or other materials upon any sidewalk or roadway.

Community Standards Bylaw 17-2019, section 17(4) states:

A person shall not deposit snow ice upon any highway, public place or property that is not their own.

Please do your part by keeping snow off public roads and sidewalks.



Do This:

1 Move snow from your driveway onto your property. Standing on your driveway facing the road, move snow far right of your driveway so that the grader may push it away.

2 Clear the area by the road on the left side of your driveway. This gives a place to unload snow and helps reduce a chance for a snow berm to form across your driveway.



Not This:

Do not push snow from driveway onto the road or right-of-way. 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 an event that a vehicle or its occupants sustain damage or injury due to snow ridging caused by landowner activity on the road, the landowner may be held responsible.

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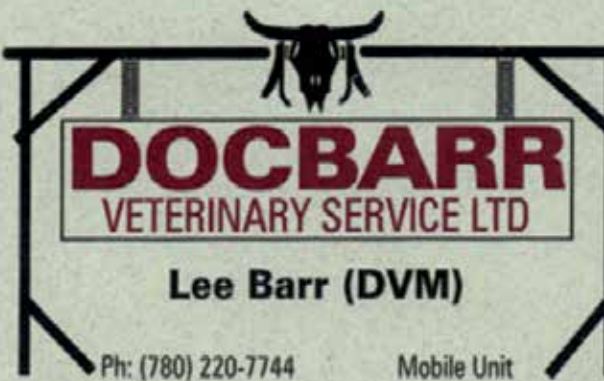


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