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Newest class of firefighter recruits now in service



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Sixteen new firefighters are responding to emergency calls in Sturgeon County after completing their professional

firefighter training. These firefighters dedicated a tremendous amount of time in their evenings and weekends to complete

this training, which prepares them with the knowledge and skills needed to respond to emergencies in our communities.

We are proud to have them on our team and responding in the community.

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Ice cream for everyone!

By Brandie Majeau

Students and staff at Thorhild Central School (TCS) began their wind down to another successful school year. On

June 5th, they kicked off the beginning of June and Spirit Week with "beach day!" The warm, sunny weather cooperated

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From left to right: Katy Howard, Mya Jamieson and Shinnie Peligro all smiles and showing off their beach day gear and ice cream! Photo by by Kristy Krause

Seniors honoured in Radway and Newbrook



Photo courtesy of Tracy Woloshyniuk

By Brandie Majeau

Seniors' Week was celebrated across Alberta this year during the week of June 5-11. The theme this year was "Aging is More" and focused on exciting Albertans about growing older. Radway Public Library and Newbrook Public Library

celebrated their older community on June 8, inviting patrons to join them for an afternoon of treats, refreshments and door prizes. Radway librarian, Sandra Moschansky, was pleased to welcome twenty-one attendants to the event as

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Strawberry Tea

The return of an annual tradition! On May 31, the Smoky Lake Ladies Auxiliary Association hosted its Annual Strawberry Tea.


In attendance were numerous long-term members, including founding member Olga Holowaychuk, who is 96.

It was a delightful afternoon at the Smoky Lake Drop-In Centre, where approximately 65 people

enjoyed strawberry shortcake and a visit. Thank you to those who came for takeout also! Many thanks to the donors- Old Fashioned Bread Bakery for the cake and supplies; the Health Centre for the whipped cream, strawberries, tea and coffee; Bellis Greenhouse and Zachoda's Greenhouse for the door prizes; and the Floral Farm for the fresh roses in the arrangements.

Donations are still coming in and are greatly appreciated at any time. A huge thank you to all who donated, including an anonymous donation in a thank-you card. The Smoky Lake Ladies Hospital Auxiliary has a long history of community involvement. In the past, they have donated many medical devices to the facilities. They have been instrumental

in brightening up and furnishing the palliative care room at the George McDougall Memorial Health Centre. They donate some of the personal care items (such as toothpaste and toothbrushes) to patients that arrive in emergency unexpectedly. They volunteer their time visiting the residents in long-term care as well as patients in acute care. Watch for more fundraisers to come!



NOTICE OF PREPARATION

2023 ASSESSMENT AND TAX ROLL
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Notice is hereby given that the combined tax and assessment notices have been mailed as of June 14, 2023 to all property owners in Smoky Lake County. In accordance with Section 311 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26 R.S.A. 2000, all persons are deemed to have received their combined tax and assessment notices as a result of this notice.

The assessment roll is open for inspection at the County Office, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, Alberta during the business hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Please call the County Office at 780-656-3730 to arrange for an appointment to inspect the assessment roll. Any person who desires to object to the entry of their name or that of any other person upon the said roll or to the assessed value placed upon any property must by August 21, 2023, lodge their complaint(s) in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer of Smoky Lake County.

Please review your Assessment and Tax Notice. If you have any questions, please contact the County Office.

A 12% penalty will be applied to any current taxes owing after October 31, 2023. If you do not receive your tax notice or have any other questions, please contact the County Office at 780-656-3730.


DATED this 14th day of June, 2023.

Lydia Cielen
 Interim Chief Administrative Officer
 Smoky Lake County

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?


Accurate Assessment Services will be available at the Smoky Lake County Office on June 21, 2023 between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM and on June 29, 2023, between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM **by appointment only**. If you would like to schedule an appointment please contact the County Office at 780-656-3730 or dhackman@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 13, 2023

Below is a brief summary of decisions and discussions at the June 13, 2023, Regular Council meeting:

Draft Bylaw 10-2023 Water and Wastewater Rates Amendment

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 10-2023 Water and Wastewater Rates, which includes an amendment to Schedule B: Change Annual Key Deposit Fee to Annual Fee. The amended bylaw will come back to a future Council meeting for consideration of the second and third readings.

Proposed Bylaw 09-2023 Communal Housing and School Site

The Hutterian Brethren Church of Scotford applied to amend the Thorhild County Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015 to specifically add Communal Housing and School Site for NW 11 -59-21 -W4M. Council passed first reading for proposed Bylaw 09-2023 as a site specific, permitted use on the lands located at NW 11 -59-21 -W4M.

Council also moved to set the Public Hearing for Bylaw 09-2023 for Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 10:00 am in the County Council Chambers at the County Administrative Building.

Municipal Comparators

Council directed Administration to use the following municipalities for a salary survey: Westlock County, Smoky Lake County, Lamont County, Athabasca County, Minburn County, Stettler County, Big Lakes County, Clear Hills County, County of Forty Mile, Two Hills County, and County of Northern Lights.

Closure of Opal Non-Potable Truckfill

Council directed Administration to bring back information on the following: costs for upgrades to the Opal truckfill, information from the Agricultural Service Board regarding accessibility at all truckfills, potable and non-potable, suggestions for additional services at the Opal truckfill, and input from the Thorhild County Emergency Services department before budget discussions for 2024.

Delegation: MLA Glenn van Dijken

MLA Glenn van Dijken joined the Council meeting to hear about any matters that pertain to the Government of Alberta. Council discussed their ongoing lobbying efforts for continued provincial support for the Nurse Practitioner Program. Council directed Administration to forward briefing notes on the Nurse Practitioner Program to the Minister of Health and MLA Glenn van Dijken.

Radway Post Office

Council directed Administration to respond to Canada Post that Thorhild County has provided viable options to keep the Radway Post Office in the hamlet of Radway that have been denied. Therefore, the responsibility on what to do with a federal service such as postal delivery for its customers in Radway rests with Canada Post. And further, that Thorhild County will continue to provide Canada Post with use of the post office facility in Radway at no charge for as long as required.

NO SPRAY AGREEMENTS

Landowners wanting "No Spraying" conducted along their properties are requested to contact the Agricultural Services office or go online to www.thorhildcounty.com to sign a **No Spray Agreement**.

County issued 'DO NOT SPRAY SIGNS', must be visibly posted on your property.

- **You must sign a new agreement every 3 years.**
- **All Agreements signed in 2019 are now due for update.**
- **If land ownership changes, please advise Agricultural Services staff.**

Landowners who sign an agreement are responsible to control the weeds and brush along the No Spray Zones. If no weed control is completed, herbicide will be applied. Agreements **MUST** be signed prior to **June 30, 2023**.

Agricultural Services office is closed to the public on Monday's, please call 780-398-3977 ext. 3974 for information.

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CLOSED ON:
June 21, 26, 27, 28, 2023

Date	Activity	Location	Time	Price
27 JUN	DYEING FOR SUMMER	Thorhild Cook Shack	4:00pm-6:00pm	\$15
05 JUL	CANADIAN EH?	Thorhild Legion	9:00am-4:00pm	\$10
11 JUL	FINDING NEMO	Thorhild Library	10:00am-3:00pm	\$5
13 JUL	BUMP, SET, SPIKE!	Thorhild Pool	9:00am-12:00pm	\$20
13 JUL	JR. DETECTIVES	Thorhild Library	1:00pm-4:00pm	\$5
19 JUL	SOUS CHEF	Radway drop-in Center	9:00am-4:00pm	\$25
21 JUL	CLIP N' CLIMB	County Office	9:00am-4:00pm	\$40
25 JUL	THE GREATEST SHOWCASE	Thorhild Library	9:00am-4:00pm	\$5
26 JUL	FUN IN THE SUN	County Office	9:00am-4:00pm	\$15

For more information please visit the online ticketing page on the Thorhild County website or contact Haley @780-656-6391

THORHILD COUNTY HISTORY NORTH TOUR

Thursday, July 13, 2023
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Join us for a Thorhild County History to the north. Sites include the Thorhild Museum, Abee Meteorite 1952, Airplane Crash 1955, Newbrook Observatory, plus a few surprise stops.

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Book your seat by calling Thorhild County at 780-398-3741.

Payments can be made by phone or in person via cheque, cash, debit or credit card at the **County Administration Building** at 801 - 1st Street, Thorhild.



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NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING

On proposed Bylaw 09-2023 which would amend Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015 Section 8.2 "Agricultural District" for a proposed Communal Housing and School Site, as site specific, permitted use, on NW 11-59-21-W4 containing 160 acres.



Thorhild County is giving consideration to a Land Use Bylaw Amendment. The Public Hearing will be held both in-person and via Zoom (audio only) on: **Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** Thorhild County Council Chambers (801 – 1st Street, Thorhild)

Important Information

- All speakers will be given a 10-minute time limit and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission in advance of the Public Hearing.
- If you intend on participating in person, you are encouraged to pre-register.
- If you wish to speak at the Public Hearing via Zoom, you are asked to register by Friday, July 7, 2023. This is to ensure that Zoom participants receive instructions to access the hearing.
- If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, you may make a written submission. Your name, address, legal land location and the bylaw number must be included in your submission.
- To register, submit a written submission or have issues connecting via Zoom, contact the Planning Clerk at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2823 or email: jeannette.cholach@thorhildcounty.com.
- The proposed Bylaw may be viewed at the County Office and is available on the Thorhild County Website: <https://www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings>.
- Persons wishing to attend the Public Hearing are invited to attend in person or via zoom through the County website at: <https://www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings>.
- If you have any questions or inquiries pertaining to this Public Hearing, contact David Blades, Manager of Planning and Development at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825 or e-mail David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the Public Hearing, or otherwise made public. This information is collected in line within Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIP Co-Ordinator at 780-398-3741.

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED – APPEAL BY JULY 4, 2023

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

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| i) Legal Description: | Lot 29, Block 1, Plan 822 1375: Northbrook Estates |
| Land Use Designation: | CR – Multi-Lot Country Residential District |
| Proposal: | Application for a 1,024 sq. ft. Two Story Residence (Height 24 ft.) with Attached Wraparound Deck, a 576 sq. ft. Detached Garage with Loft (Total Height of 22.6 ft.) and an Existing 224 sq. ft. Accessory Building/Shed. |
| Division: | 2 |
| Permit # | DP23-2572 |
| ii) Legal Description: | NE 29-61-21-W4 |
| Land Use Designation: | AG – Agricultural District |
| Proposal: | Application for the installation of a 1,050 sq. manufactured home and attached mudroom/shed to serve as a second residence. |
| Division: | 4 |
| Permit # | DP23-2571 |

Date of Decision: June 13, 2023; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, July 4, 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.

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 TOA 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 submit a non-refundable fee of \$200.00 in order for the appeal to be accepted.

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Continuous masking no longer required in AHS facilities

After careful review, Alberta Health Services (AHS) has rescinded continuous masking requirements. As of June 19, 2023, AHS will no longer require continuous masking at all AHS facilities, including Continuing Care and contracted sites.

This applies to all patients, families, and visitors at AHS facilities, as well as Alberta Precision Laboratories, Covenant Health, CapitalCare, and Carewest sites. It also applies to all AHS and contracted staff, including physicians, midwives, students, volunteers, and contractors.

The decision to rescind the current requirement for continuous masking was made based on a number of factors, including declining COVID-19 cases, testing positivity rate, wastewater data and hospital admission rates for respiratory illnesses in Alberta, as well as consultation with stakeholders including patients, families, advisory councils, clinicians and frontline managers.

AHS continues to respect the choice to voluntarily wear a mask in all areas and encourages those who want to continue to wear one. In addition, patients are encouraged to have conversations with their care providers regarding masking, hand hygiene, or other factors that patients feel are important to their care.

AHS continues to encourage visitors or designated family support persons who have had respiratory symptoms to wait to visit loved ones until 10 days after symptom onset, and all visitors and support persons are recommended to mask when visiting symptomatic patients or residents.

Staff are required to continue to use the Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment to make personal protective equipment (PPE) decisions and AHS Routine Practices to prevent the spread of infections.

Appropriate types of masks and PPE will continue to be available in all settings for

patients and health-care workers. For more information please refer to the updated FAQ.

As always, all staff are encouraged to stay home when ill and, to continue to practice good hand hygiene as part of our ongoing efforts to keep patients, families and each other safe and healthy. AHS is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment and will continue to closely monitor the need for changes to masking requirements.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait-times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

KID'S CORNER

STUDENT

Damien Belich

Grade 12

Holy Family Catholic School



Favorite memory

Fishing during spare with the rest of the boys.

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Celebrating 40 years at Ochre Park



By Megan Suitor

Rain clouds threatened but didn't let loose any downpours during the 40th birthday celebrations at Ochre Park School on Thursday, June 15.

"On the day of the anniversary, February 17, staff and students got together to enjoy cupcakes however, we felt passionately about creating an event for past and present staff and students to come together to reconnect and take a walk down memory lane," shared Tarra Larson, a current teacher at the school who helped put the event together along with Patty Moskal, Calvin Harris and Jennifer Geleta.

The soccer fields adjacent to the school were filled with the sounds of horns and sirens as students and community members

mingled among the vehicles on display. The Touch-A-Truck part of the event showcased numerous large and small vehicles from businesses. Everyone was welcome to climb inside and outside and get to learn more about the machines and their uses.


Inside the school, there were plenty of activities to keep the

kids entertained. Face painting was a huge hit, with a lineup the entire time. Redwater HYPE provided activities and snacks, and there was a mini golf course designed by the third grade class.

For the adults, class photos were on display, as were albums filled with photos and articles from the school's 40 years.



Congratulations to the Redwater School students who achieved an impressive 4th place at the Golf Tournament last week. Well done!



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Photo courtesy of Tracy Woloshyniuk



Photo courtesy of Sandra Moschansky



Photo courtesy of Sandra Moschansky

Continued from page 1 well as a few stragglers that missed the opportunity to win the door prizes. "It was nice to have some gentlemen attend the tea as well as the lovely ladies who regularly support our events." Moschansky commented.

Newbrook Library entertained approximately thirty-five guests with a luncheon-style tea party. Newbrook Librarian Tracy Woloshyniuk said "It was a well-attended event, and I believe all those who came out enjoyed themselves."

In addition to the great turnouts, Radway Library also gave many thanks to the Radway Readers Society for providing all the treats, goodies and door prizes, and Thorhild County for providing a cake. Newbrook Library offered a heartfelt thank you to Waste

Management for a donation to the event as well as Thorhild County for also providing a cake for their tea. A simple reminder to all: just because seniors' week is over, don't forget to keep your special seniors in your heart all year long and take time

to spend with them. In a busy, fast-paced world, we need to slow down and remember that they are a wealth of knowledge, history and stories. They are the backbone of many organizations and volunteer committees. They have taught generations a multitude

of talents and skills. They are the reason we are here. Suzanne Somers once said, "I like the way I look. I like the way I feel. I like my energy. I have wisdom. I have perspective. And I can tell you that aging can be so incredible." Celebrate that "Aging is More".



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- 11 - 5pm** - Richardson Pioneer Kids Fun Zone
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Hats off to TCS graduating class of 2023!

By Brandie Majeau

It is a bittersweet time in the lives of all students- the step that takes you from childhood into adulthood. On June 10th, eighteen students celebrated their graduation at Thorhild Central School. As each current grade twelve student walked into the gymnasium for the convocation ceremony, they were introduced with self-described words and their plans for the future. Once seated, they were presented with a litany of advice and goodbyes. Thorhild County Reeve Joyce Pierce addressed the importance of education and encouraged them to carry their experiences, memories and friendships with them wherever they go. Trustee April Bauer followed with comments on watching individual growth

from kindergarten into adulthood and how wonderful it was to celebrate this occasion as a community, and to reflect on who they are. As the program continued, Superintendent Kim Carson offered her congratulations and encouraged them to just enjoy the moment because time often moves too quickly. She also gave them the advice to chase dreams, accept challenges and strive for greatness. Continuing the compliments and guidance was the principal, David Amoit. He praised the graduating class for the hard work it took to make it to the finish line, despite challenges. Amoit also talked about the importance of finding jobs that make you happy, never hesitating to ask for help, and above all, getting up when life knocks

you down. In a final farewell to the graduates, Lindsay Gross spoke a farewell from the entire staff. She admitted that students teach them as they learn and offered an abundance of small pieces of advice to carry with them as they go: be your own old soul, spread your wings, and don't take

life too seriously. Considering the most serious nature of the speeches directed to the graduates, Valedictorian Ryne Semeniuk interjected the ceremony with his upbeat and humorous valedictorian address. "We did it! We are real, bona fide adults!" He expressed his thanks to

the teachers and parents but also thanked themselves for all their hard work, humbly bragging that they were all exceptional in their own ways. Semeniuk offered his class an amazing piece of advice, encouraging them to tear into life and figure it out as they go. In a final

goodbye, he bid farewell to the memories and inside jokes that they had all shared. Your parents and staff have led you all this far, to the TCS graduating class of 2023, congratulations and all the best as you journey to new places and make your own place in this world.



Photos compliments of the grad photographer Shawna Beckett-MBM Photography



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Pat Mahoney, Sturgeon County Fire Chief The paid on-call firefighters completed their National Fire Protection Association Level 1 training – which is the standard for professional firefighters – over six months and passed their provincial

examinations earlier this month. Their training includes fire-fighting techniques like tactical ventilation and fire suppression, vehicle and machinery extrication training, hazardous materials response training, and more. These firefighters will respond from the five stations

managed and operated by the County: Bon Accord, Calahoo, Legal, Namao or Redwater. Sturgeon County Emergency Services provides 24/7 response to a variety of emergencies including residential, rural and industrial fire calls, vehicle collisions and medical calls.

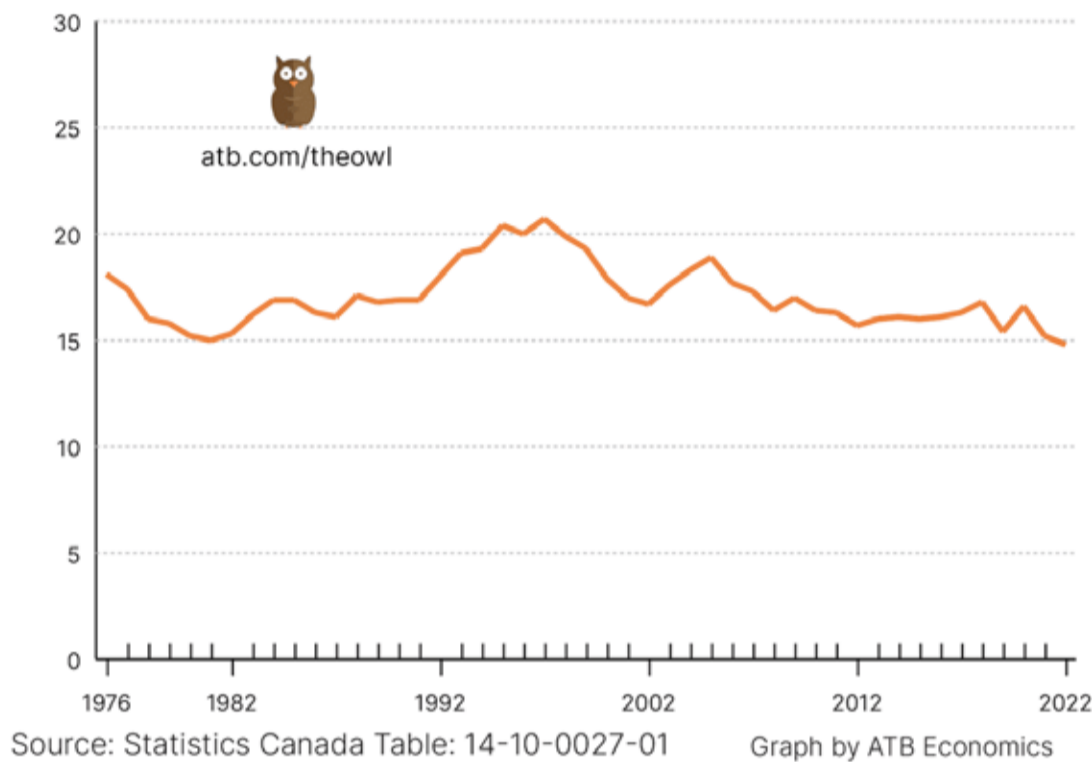
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Self-employment as a % of total employment, annual average



Not much to see here: Changes in self-employment since COVID

By ATB Financial's Economics & Research Team

Self-employment* is an important part of the economy, representing about 15% of total employment in Alberta last year.

Let's take a look at the trajectory of self-employment in Alberta over the last few years.

Overall, the annual** proportion of workers who are self-employed has been relatively stable.

The year before the pandemic in 2019, there were about 355,000 self-employed Albertans accounting for roughly 15.4% of total employment in the province.

While the average number of self-employed Albertans stayed essentially the same in 2020, its share of total employment rose to 16.6%

as the number of employee positions fell in the face of public health restrictions.

By 2022, there were 1.2% fewer self-employed Alberta (351,000) representing 14.8% of total employment. So, a little lower, but not much different than before COVID.

The differences are a bit more stark at the national level with self-employment down by 6.3% in 2022 compared to 2019 and its share of total employment in Canada going from 14.8% to 13.5%.

What can we take away from these statistics?

First, self-employment's share of total employment in Alberta increased during the height of the pandemic, but this was more about the drop in employee positions than a sea change in the level of self-employment.

Second, although the pre- and post-pandemic

numbers are not that different, there has been a long-term downward trend in the ratio of self-employed workers to employee positions. Self-employment's share of total employment in Alberta averaged 19.1% in the 1990s, 17.5% from 2000 to 2009 and 16.0% from 2010 to 2022.

Nationally, self-employment's share was 15.8% in the 1990s, 15.5% in the 2000s and 14.9% from 2010 to 2022.

*Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey includes self-employed workers who report that their main job involves working for themselves rather than an employer.

**There is a lot of month-to-month noise in the estimates of self-employment and this continued during the pandemic.

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Fundraiser for archery tournament

By Irene van der Kloet

Students of the H.A. Kostash school in Smoky Lake have figured out that if you want something, you've got to work for it. At the end of July, they are taking a trip to South Africa to participate in an archery tournament. Participation in this tournament is a massive achievement for the 11 students. It is also an opportunity to learn more about the continent and participating countries and go on a safari. There will be several African countries to compete against, such as Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa—the chance of a lifetime. But a trip like that is costly, so they have been busy throughout the year fundraising. On June 1st, they organized a major fundraiser with a spaghetti supper, an extensive silent auction, several draws and, as the primary attraction, rubbing a pie in the

face of a local celebrity! Nine local celebrities had made themselves available to "receive" a pie: School Principal Mykytiuk, Vice Principal Lamouche, Deputy Fire Chief Kotylak, Mayor Cherniwchan, County Councillor

Serben, Family School Liaison Melnyk, RCMP Sergeant Genereaux, Town Councillor Morton and past Mayor Holowaychuk. The students had tried their very best; the tables along the walls of the Ag Complex were

filled with silent auction items. There was something for everyone on those tables, and many things went for a high price. A nice barbecue was a major attraction for buying draw tickets. The spaghetti supper and strawberry shortcake dessert were delicious, but the most anticipated and popular event - and kept as the finale - was the pie in the face event. Sitting on the podium in three rounds, the recipients took their seats, got covered with an apron, and awaited their destiny. At that time, it was already 8:00 p.m., and most of the audience that came for supper stuck around for this event. Most recipients seemed to take this with a smile. After all, they were doing this for a great cause, even though it meant walking around with cream in their hair. Students, organizers and everyone who helped can reflect on a successful event.



Councillor Makowaychuk takes great pleasure in rubbing the pie into co-councillor Morton's face.

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- 11:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Lakeside Farmstead Store and Cheesery
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch in Gibbons
- 1:20 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. ALUS Sturgeon Project Site
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Subdivision And Development Appeal Board	July 11	2:00 PM
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Agricultural Service Board Tour	July 13	8:30 AM
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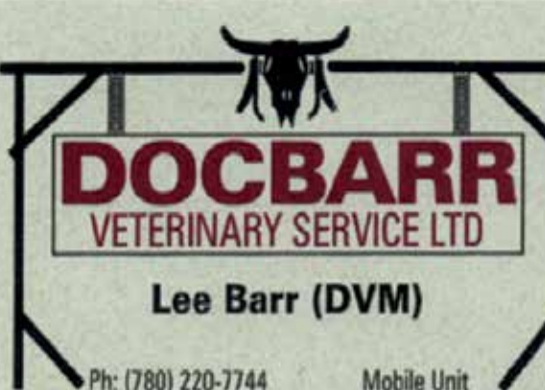
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with their celebration, and everyone showed up in their summery (beach) attire. In addition to the lighthearted day, students and staff were treated to free

ice cream sponsored by Richardson Pioneer (Waskateneau). Just for Licks Small Batch Creamery pulled into the yard and, with the help of parent volunteers, scooped cones and bowls of deliciousness for anyone

wanting a treat. The students were also encouraged to participate in various other themes for spirit week, including Adam Sandler Day, Country vs Country Club, Celebrity Day and 80's Day.



Photo courtesy of TCS

Home and garden, always work to be done

By Brandie Majeau

The Radway Home and Garden Show was held on June 10 and 11. Over fifty tables were set up, with approximately forty vendors displaying their products and services. It was a great weekend for crowds to get out of the heat and speak with not only local entrepreneurs but an array of businesses that offered recreational and home services. The beer gardens were open both days with a selection of cold drinks to quench the thirst as well as a concession offering a variety of standard concession foods, breakfast sandwiches and daily lunch specials.

One of the highlights was the long-anticipated draw for the Radway Ag Society spring raffle. The Ag Society was pleased to



Congratulations to Joanne Fedun for winning the first place prize in the Radway Ag Society Spring Raffle!

announce that approximately 75% of their tickets were sold. The zero-turn lawn mower went to a winner in Thorhild, the gazebo was claimed by a winner from Redwater, and the gift cards went to Abe. With many

other events occurring around the community on the same weekend, the event was a little slower than usual but still enjoyed by many. Radway will be holding their next event, Pioneer Days, on July 21-23.



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