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# Métis Fest a success

By Irene van der Kloet

The organizers of Métis Fest 2023 could not have asked for better weather and a better turnout on June 24. From near and far, visitors came to Métis Crossing to celebrate the Métis culture and history. It was a place to gather, share stories and experience the vibrant culture. “Im excited to see the community gather once again. Please take time to connect and participate in our beautiful

Métis culture”, Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) President Audrey Poitras said in her welcoming address. That is precisely what the roughly 1800 visitors did. They visited each other and enjoyed the music of various musicians throughout the day. Apart from the meal, the podium with the musicians may have been the most prominent attraction. The dance floor quickly filled up for the jigging competition, while

Memphis Pambrun entertained the audience with his music during dinner. The audience was treated to a free dinner of bison meat with vegetables, potatoes, salad, and dessert. No one needed to leave hungry. Once the dinner announcement was made, people lined up, and though the lines were long, the wait was relatively short. On the grounds of Métis Crossing, visitors could familiarize themselves with

Métis culture. Several stations with cultural artifacts were set up inside the big dining hall. Outside, the Historic Village hosted many activities for young and old. Wildlife expert Joe Urie shared his encounters with wild animals, while visitors could test their survival skills at the Hideaway Traditional Skills Challenge. Visitors aged 12 and up could try their skills at flint napping

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## Thorhild resident to celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> birthday



Steve serenading Pauline, October 2022. See story page 5.



The music was very inviting to dancers.

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# Smoky Lake HA Kostash High School reunion



July 8th, 2023 - 1970-71 - Smoky Lake HA Kostash High School Reunion

The Smoky Lake HA Kostash High School reunion took place Saturday, July 8th, at the Smoky Lake Senior Drop-In Center. The reunion was organized for the graduating class of 1970-71 and proved to be a nostalgic

gathering for the attendees. Out of the 34 individuals who attended, 29 were captured in a memorable group photo.

The organizers and the reunion committee deserve special recognition for their hard work in

orchestrating a delightful day filled with reminiscing and reconnecting with former classmates. For many, it was a reunion long overdue, as some hadn't seen each other since their high school days, which spanned

52 to 54 years ago. The event served as an opportunity to rekindle old friendships and create new memories.

The Smoky Lake HA Kostash High School Reunion will hold a significant place in the hearts of those

who attended, as it surpassed expectations and left an indelible impression. The efforts put into organizing the event paid off, resulting in a gathering that will be cherished and remembered for years to come.



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## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JULY 11, 2023

Below is a brief summary of decisions and discussions at the July 11, 2023, Regular Council meeting:

### Bylaw 11-2023: Repeal Bylaw 1031-2002

At the June 27, 2023 Council meeting, Bylaw 11-2023 received First and Second Readings. Council passed the Third Reading for Bylaw 11-2023, which cancels part of the Community Reserve Park within SW 23-63-19-W4M.

### Public Hearing: Bylaw 09-2023 To Amend Section 8.2 of the Land Use Bylaw

On June 13, 2023, Council approved First Reading for proposed Bylaw 09-2023 to add a text amendment to the AG - Agricultural land use district of Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015. Prior to considering Second and Third Readings for Bylaw 09-2023 Council held a public hearing. After the public hearing closed, Council gave Bylaw 09-2023 Second and Third Readings.

### Appointment of Auctioneer for the 2023 Public Auction

Council directed Administration to contact third party auctioneers for the 2023 Public Auction and bring back the list of potential candidates and their fees to the July 25, 2023 Council meeting.

### Policy 606 - Community and Recreational Service Fees

Council approved the amendment to the swimming pool fees in Policy 606 as follows:

Bronze Medallion - \$125.00

Bronze Cross - \$140.00

Bronze Medallion/Cross Combination Course - \$225.00

### Notice of Motion - Informational Document

Councillor Janine Paly provided a Notice of Motion that the County explore the potential of a partnership with Aspen View Public Schools to create an informational document on the Family School Liaison Program. By way of the Notice of Motion, the matter will be automatically included in the next Regular Council meeting agenda.

### Government of Alberta Rangeland/Watershed Programs

Council directed that correspondence from the Government of Alberta regarding a Rangeland Sustainability Program and Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program be referred to the County's Agricultural Service Board.

### Radway Post Office

Council directed Administration to submit the Radway Post Office survey to the Radway Post Office boxes.

## DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED APPEAL BY AUGUST 1, 2023

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

- i) Legal Description: Lot 1 Plan 932 1683; SE 14-59-21-W4
- Land Use Designation: AG – Agricultural District
- Proposal: Application to Build a Proposed 31.6 sq. ft. x 36 sq. ft. Pre-Fabricated Horse Barn with a Height of 6.0 Metres (19 Feet 9 Inches).
- Division: 1
- Permit # DP23-2581

**Date of Decision: July 11, 2023; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, August 1, 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 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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## THANK YOU

Thorhild County extends its sincere gratitude to **Elizabeth, Amber, Desirea, and Madison** of the **Thorhild Central High School Art Class** for putting their talents to work by painting murals on the Thorhild Swimming Pool bleachers.



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# NO RESTRICTION

## EFFECTIVE JULY 11, 2023 AT 2:30 PM

The Fire Advisory that took effect on June 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. is no longer in effect.

New fire burn permits will now be issued. Please note, there is up to a 72-hour turnaround for permits as our fire guardians are volunteer members of Thorhild County Emergency Services. The use of burn barrels, cooking fires and warming fires are permitted. Residents and visitors to Thorhild County are advised to be diligent in fire safety practices while conducting any burning.

Fire Permits may now be requested online by going to:

[www.thorhildcounty.com/Services/Fire-Emergency-Services/Fire-Permits](http://www.thorhildcounty.com/Services/Fire-Emergency-Services/Fire-Permits)

Fire permit burning requirements may be viewed in Bylaw 10-2022 by going to:

[www.thorhildcounty.com/Portals/0/Documents/Bylaws/ES-Bylaw-10-2022.pdf](http://www.thorhildcounty.com/Portals/0/Documents/Bylaws/ES-Bylaw-10-2022.pdf)

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and gold panning with hands-on experience. Various art projects showcased the rich Métis culture, such as painted rocks, finger weaving, soap making and beaded bracelet making. In contrast, horse enthusiasts could try their skills at weighing and tying a pack onto an artificial horse under the guidance of Tracey Klett. Anyone who had never tasted moose could try a piece at the moose meat smoking station. The day was rich in culture, knowledge and sharing. Throughout the evening, the focus was more on the stage, where the Indigenous Fashion Show caught the eye of the audience, followed by the Métis Child and Family Dancers. Altogether, Métis Crossing showcased itself as the go-to place in the region for history, culture, entertainment and good food.



Moose meat was smoked the traditional way, over wood and no spices added.

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## Thorhild resident to celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

By Karen Doninc

Mr. Steve Kolach of Thorhild, Alberta will be celebrating his 100th Birthday on July 28. Time does not drag for Steve because he is able to walk unaided, his hearing is good, his memory is excellent, and he doesn't look like a 100-year-old man. Even his doctor is amazed.

Steve's story began on July 28, 1923, on the family farm at SE 22-59-24-W4 in Thorhild, Alberta. Steve was the youngest of five children born to Andrew and Katherine Kolach. Steve's father passed away prior to his birth and his mother married Safron Budney in 1924. They had four children.

Life on the farm was one big struggle. It was bad enough fighting the elements: frost, ground and bushfires, mosquitoes, dust storms, drought, hail, and harness thieves, but then came the Depression. The year 1933 brought the worst hailstorm that set the family back another ten years.

At the age of seven, Steve began his schooling at the brand-new Ingleside school, two and a half miles away and in grade nine, he became janitor of the school for \$15.00/month. Steve completed grade eleven but regretted that he had to quit school to man the farm with the start of the war.

At the age of 15, Steve purchased a saxophone for \$60.00 with borrowed funds and with a lifelong friend, they started an orchestra called the "Silvertones". In 1949, a new band

called the "All Stars" was formed, which was followed by the "Rocky Ramblers" in 1955. Although Steve gave up the band life in 1957, he has never lost his love for music, still serenading his family on special occasions via saxophone or singing at social functions.

Steve met his wife Pauline (nee Zibrowski) in 1955, by accident, on a trip to buy a chocolate bar. They were married on August 4, 1956, and will soon be celebrating 67 years of marriage. They were blessed with two daughters, Karen and Shelley.

Steve ran the Searle elevator for 17 years until he purchased Thorhild Feed Services in 1968. With Steve as the operator, Pauline as the bookkeeper, and a hired hand, they ran the business until he had enough of the grain dust. They sold the business in 1979 and at the age of 56 Steve retired.

Steve was never one to sit still, and he has many interests that continue to keep him busy and active. Steve has always been very involved in his community, and he served on the Thorhild Village Council for six years, and was Deputy Mayor for one year. He was a Volunteer Firefighter for over 30 years, and was President of the Thorhild Community Association twice, President of the Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church and President of the Seniors Drop-In Center for 15 years. Just last year Steve

served as a banker at two AGLC charitable bingo events in support of the community. Most recently Steve was presented the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award in recognition of his many years of volunteer service in the community. Steve is also a 69-year member of the Thorhild Lions Club and was honoured with the Melvin Jones Fellowship last year. Steve looks forward to weekly Bingo at the Thorhild Golden Age Drop-In Centre, monthly trips to Edmonton on the Thorhild County bus and spending time with family and friends.

Steve and Pauline have lived in the same home for over 55 years and have nurtured a large garden their entire married life. They have been fortunate to be able to travel to Hawaii and Mexico numerous times; Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji; cruises to Alaska, the Panama Canal and the Caribbean; as well as trips throughout the U.S.A. and Canada.

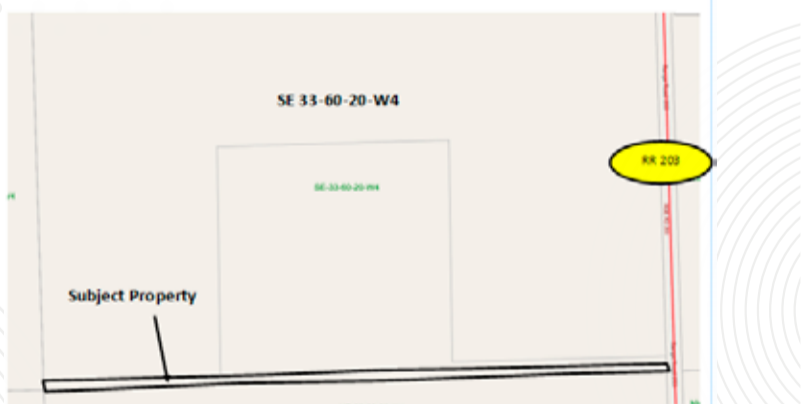
So, what is the secret to live to 100? Steve says it's due to Pauline's good home cooking, keeping a positive attitude, his zest for living, continuous learning, surrounding yourself with good friends and family and it helps that he got some good genes from his mother - she lived to 96. All in all, Steve is still going strong. His family and friends so much enjoy his company, story-telling and warm sense of humour.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

Take Notice that pursuant to Section 70 of the Municipal Government Act R.S.A 2000, Chapter M-26, if a municipality proposes to transfer or grant an estate of interest in a land for less than its market value the proposal must be advertised.

The land is Pt. SE 33-60-20-W4 and is 2.0 acres of vacant agriculture land. Land is assessed at \$1,480.00. Council is proposing to sell the land for \$750.00 plus gst.



Anyone wishing to file a petition regarding the proposed resolution must do so in compliance with the requirements contained in sections 222 - 226 and 231 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26.

- A petition must be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer of Thorhild County within 60 days after the last date on which the proposed bylaw is advertised.
- Only the electors of a municipality are eligible to be petitioners.
- To be sufficient the petition must be signed by electors of the municipality equal in number of at least 10% of the population.

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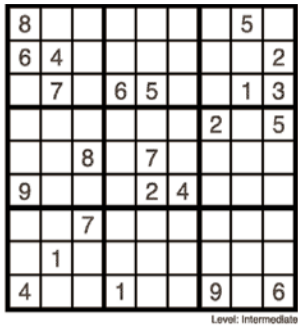
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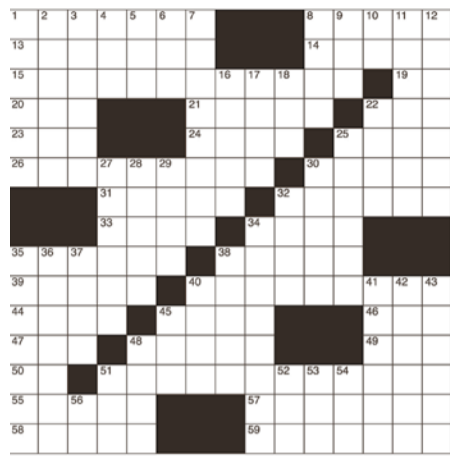


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## Crossword Clues

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Commoner
- 5. Tea leaf
- 11. They save you a table
- 14. Submissions
- 15. Secretly revealed
- 18. Personification of the sea (Norse)
- 19. Unreal
- 21. No seats available
- 23. Bangladeshi currency
- 24. Leaders
- 28. Famed garden
- 29. Denotes past
- 30. Not living
- 32. Midway between south and southeast
- 33. Small island (British)
- 35. Woman (French)
- 36. Wife
- 39. Two-toed sloth
- 41. Blood group
- 42. Soaks
- 44. Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
- 46. Japanese prefecture
- 47. Place to be during a

- rock concert
- 49. Fully grown humans
- 52. Emaciation
- 56. Sparkling
- 58. Fruits you peel
- 60. Derived from a noun
- 62. Popular items to grill
- 63. Port in Yemen

**CLUES DOWN**

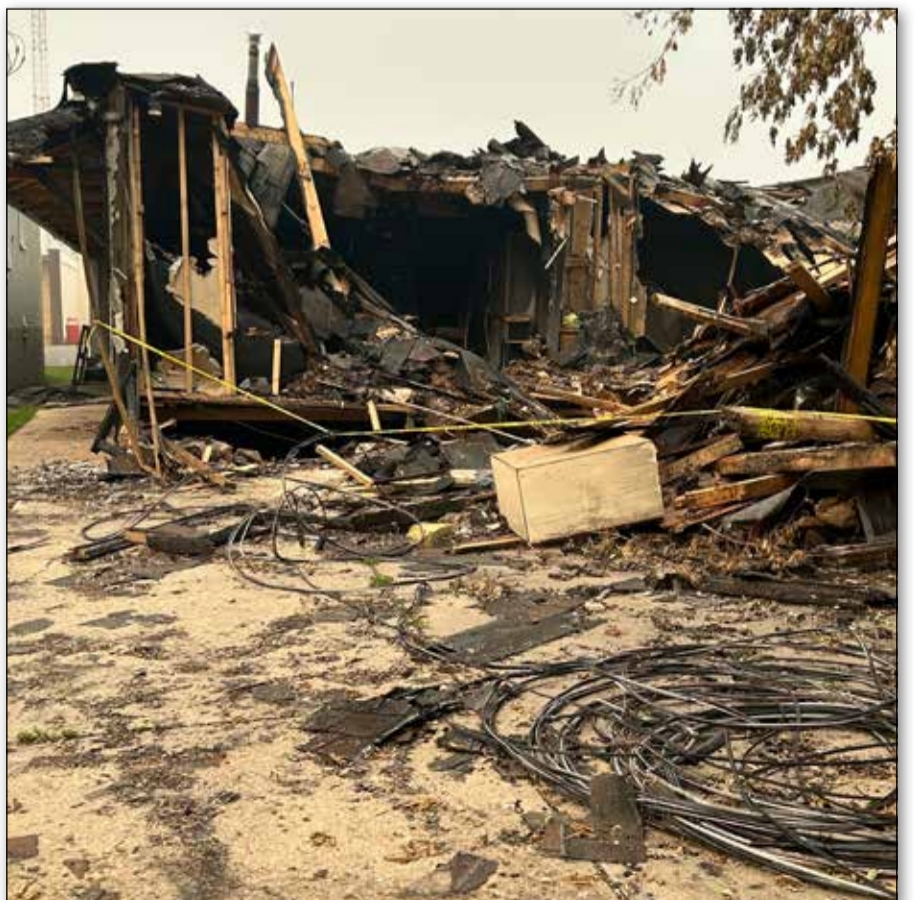
- 1. Before
- 2. Actress Dunham
- 3. This (Spanish)
- 4. Director Peter
- 5. Dominant
- 6. English artists' society (abbr.)
- 7. NY Giants legend
- 8. It's in the ground
- 9. No No No
- 10. Pesky insect
- 12. Danish-American muckraking journalist
- 13. Kids love to do it
- 16. Good Gosh!
- 17. Fakes
- 20. A citizen of Denmark
- 22. Mystic syllable
- 25. Commercial
- 26. Letter of the Hebrew

- alphabet
- 27. Helpers
- 29. Water (French)
- 31. Young woman
- 34. Red-brown sea bream
- 36. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 37. Comprehends
- 38. Walk with confidence
- 40. Home of the Flyers
- 43. Appetizer
- 45. News organization
- 48. Source of the Nile
- 50. A way to march
- 51. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 53. Egyptian bull-god
- 54. Children's author Blyton
- 55. Baseball pitching stat
- 57. Rude young person
- 58. Table napkin
- 59. Monetary unit in Asia
- 61. One-time AL MVP Vaughn

# Fire and destruction



In the aftermath of the fire that occurred on July 2 in Redwater, authorities swiftly took action to investigate the incident. Their efforts led to the arrest and charging of an individual for arson in relation to the crime. The arrest signifies an important step towards seeking justice and holding the responsible party accountable. The fire incident has had a significant impact on the community, leaving behind a scene of destruction and concern. Local personnel are diligently working to address the aftermath. **Photos by Shauna Krankowsky**



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# Fun Family Rodeo in Smoky Lake

By Irene van der Kloet

Smoky Lake held its first Family Rodeo of the year on a beautiful and hot summer day. “The Riding Club asked us if we wanted to organize it this year,” Dawn-Marie Tannas, one of the organizers, says. “We started organizing in January and have been very busy getting sponsors and setting everything up. Registrations filled up in a few hours; some were on the waitlist. Some people cancelled within the past few days, so we were happy accommodating some people on that list”. A look at the list of participants showed a high number of PeeWees under 11. Whether riding a big horse or a pony, these kids had big smiles on their faces. Some participated with a lead line (mostly moms who ran the course faster than the horse); others were

old and brave enough to go on their own. There were different classes to participate in, and mostly everyone did everything. Barrel racers went at their own pace: the younger ones ran the pattern at a trot or lope, whereas the older ones went for speed and seemed more competitive. The same happened with pole bending and keyhole. “We wanted it to be a fun event,” Shelby Yuschyshyn, an organizer, says. “It’s not about the fastest time, but more for the kids, so an event with the nicest decorated horse, the tallest or the smallest horse, the oldest or the youngest participant and the PeeWees always win a prize.” The three organizers, Dawn-Marie, Shelby and Becca, are passionate about the event. The goat-tying event brought an extra dimension into the mix: apart from horse

skills, goat handling skills came into play now. The goats were mainly complacent, sometimes too complacent. One goat decided not to stand up and wait in the sun, so she laid down, very relaxed. Whenever a child approached her to take the ribbon off her tail, she looked like she was doing

this daily. After a few nudges, at which she kept lying down, she was replaced with a more feisty friend. This one did not enjoy the fun so much and broke loose, but could be caught quickly. And then the horses had their fun. As soon as the rider dismounted to tend to the goat, a few of

them decided to go back to the entrance. After all, that was the fastest way out. An event like this does not happen without sponsors and volunteers. There were beautiful prizes for everyone: pails with goodies, a halter, a jacket, a saddle pad, a bucket hanger, and more. In addition,

there were draw prizes. Volunteers helped wherever needed. Two food vendors ensured no one had to go hungry, with burgers and hot dogs by Fat Patti and ice cream by Just For Licks. The organizers can look back at a successful event. Next year, there may be two Family Rodeos.



Goat tying wasn't easy for everyone. Sometimes the goat did not cooperate, and some participants had difficulty tying.

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## Three tips to help disaster proof your home



**(NC)** Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and more intense across the country. That's according to data from Public Safety Canada, which also found that the most common events are floods, forest fires, earthquakes, thunderstorms, hurricanes and winter storms.

No one wants to go through one of these, but some of us will. Here are some tips to help protect against the worst of the damage affecting you, your family and your property so you make it through unscathed.

### 1. Know the risks to your home

The more you know about what might occur in your area, the better you can prepare. Risks differ from region to region. To get an idea, consider how your geography affects you: For instance, homes next to the Atlantic Ocean may be at risk for hurricanes, the West Coast has earthquakes to consider, and central Canada might focus on what to do in

a white out. Find out if you live in a flood plain and consider historical weather events that have passed through your region.

### 2. Make a plan just in case

An emergency plan is a crucial step to prepare your home and family for the unexpected. In it, you should include safe meeting places, important information like insurance details and contact information for friends and family. Also note your home's emergency exit routes, the location of at least one emergency kit, and any important steps and reminders for when a disaster occurs.

### 3. Ready your physical space

In addition to creating an emergency plan, take steps to help make your home more resilient:

- Take care of landscaping and cut back any dead branches.
- Store important documents above floor level, and not

in the basement.

- Keep heavier items on lower levels of shelves.
- Use surge protectors to prevent power surges when electricity comes back on after an outage.
- Fix cracks, gaps and leaks promptly.
- Ensure landscaping grades away from the home and downspouts point away from the foundation.
- Consider adding backup power if you use a sump pump.
- Consider installing backflow valves for toilets and drains.
- Install weatherstripping around doors and windows.
- Consider durable or fireproof materials such as insulated concrete forms if you are remodelling.
- Store an emergency kit on the premises with supplies to get you through several days.

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Last week, the Town of Redwater displayed a pumpjack near the electronic sign in Redwater. The pumpjack serves as an eye-catching attraction for the public, drawing the attention of passersby. Its presence near the electronic sign adds an interesting element to the town's surroundings. **Photos: Town of Redwater**



# Ice cream, athletics, and board games



A small group of friends enjoy an ice cream and a silly game of "Don't Wake Daddy"

**By Brandie Majeau**

Thorhild & District Agricultural Society (TDAS) has been inviting the community to their Ice Cream Socials since the middle of May. Once a week, the Agriplex is open to guests who would like to enjoy an ice cream cone (or float) and get in on some drop-in ball hockey. Those not inclined to play sports can choose from a wide variety of board games and strike up a friendly competition.

So far, there has only been ball hockey offered in the way of athletic options, but as the summer continues, a pickleball set will be assembled, and plans for badminton, soccer and basketball are in the works. Concession Manager Roman Sopotyk said they are always looking for more to offer the community. They

will always take donations, from board games to sports equipment. The Ag Society is in need of sports balls (soccer, basketball, volleyball, etc.), nets or other equipment that can be used to create a social atmosphere that invites community members to slow down and spend time together. If children are grown and gone or have simply outgrown something that may be tucked in the back of a shed, TDAS would love the opportunity to give them new life at their functions. Sopotyk mentioned that cash donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase equipment or games as well.

The ice cream cost is incredibly reasonable, and the portions are generous. The atmosphere is welcoming: voices mingle in calls of "hellos" and

"how are you", conversations punctuated with laughter. Roman Sopotyk not only serves up the cold treats but adds to the friendly environment. His smile beams at everyone who walks through the door. It is this attitude and feeling of belonging that will keep community members coming back week after week. The ice cream socials and ball hockey drop-ins have currently been held on Sundays but may be changing to another day of the week. Keep your eyes on the Thorhild & District Agricultural Society Facebook page for changes or upcoming events, or contact them directly. If you haven't had a chance to attend, it is worth the stop. Take a summer break and maybe run into an old friend or meet new ones.

## Wildfire smoke and summertime smog lead to higher Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) ratings from April to June 2023

Hours monitored	Low-risk AQHI	Moderate-risk AQHI	High-risk AQHI	Very-high risk AQHI
14,783	11,520	2,485	453	325

From April through June 2023, Fort Air Partnership (FAP) recorded 12,716 hours of air monitoring data for use in calculating the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) at seven stations in our Airshed.

### Summary of Exceedances

There were 544 one-hour exceedances of the Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives (AAAQO) and 88 exceedances of the 24-hour objective in the second quarter of 2023.

The increased number of high and very-high-risk AQHI hours resulted from wildfire smoke and summertime smog in the FAP Airshed. Wildfire smoke increased the amount of fine particulate matter in our Airshed, especially from May 16-25 and

June 8-14, but also on June 2-3 and June 16. Regional meteorological conditions (which led to smog formation) resulted in a 24-hour fine particulate matter exceedance on April 1.

There were 494 one-hour exceedances of fine particulate matter caused by wildfire smoke. There were also 46 one-hour exceedances of ozone levels caused by wildfire smoke and/or summertime smog, three one-hour exceedances of benzene with an undetermined source, and one one-hour exceedance of hydrogen sulphide with an undetermined source.

Air quality measurements are compared continuously to both one and 24-hour AAAQOs. An exceedance of an AAAQO

is reported to the Alberta Government, and the likely cause of the exceedance is investigated.

For an online version of this news release, click here.

For more details: April to June 2023 air monitoring report.

FAP has ten continuous air monitoring stations in and around Alberta's Industrial Heartland. The AQHI and near real-time data for every substance at every station are available at fortair.org. Information about FAP is also available by calling 1-800-718-0471. FAP's monitoring and reporting on substances that affect air quality is transparent, guided by a scientific advisory group and driven by national and provincial standards.



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# June 2023 RCMP Release

During the month of June, the Redwater Detachment responded to a total of 282 calls for service, which included:

- Assault (x4)
- Break and Enter (x8)
- Utter Threats (x6)
- Motor Vehicle Collisions (x32)
- Theft (x12)
- Mischief (x18)

Redwater RCMP arrest and charge male for arson

Redwater, Alta. – On July 2, 2023, at approximately 5 p.m., Redwater RCMP responded to a Redwater residence in response to a report of an intoxicated person who was causing a disturbance. During the course of the investigation, the suspect was located outside an area business and arrested for theft in relation to the disturbance. During the arrest, a fire was observed at the adjacent building, and police were approached by witnesses who advised that the arrested suspect was responsible for the fire.

Fire personnel attended the scene and the fire was extinguished. As a result of the fire, three buildings were damaged with others sustaining water damage.

Tony Agawa (31), of no fixed address, was charged with:

- Arson
- Break and Enter
- Theft under \$5000

After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Agawa was released on conditions for Alberta Court of Justice in Fort Saskatchewan on July 20, 2023.

On June 6, 2023 at approximately 2:30 a.m. the Redwater RCMP received a complaint from a rural Sturgeon County resident reporting that 2 males had driven onto their property, exited their vehicle, and then began walking towards the property owner's vehicle. The alert property owner turned on his yard light which caused the males to return to their vehicle and flee the property. While fleeing from the property the vehicle slid into the ditch and became stuck just as police were arriving. One of the suspects fled from

the area on foot while police were able to arrest the other suspect.

Alexander Valentine (37), of St. Albert, was charged with:

- Break and Enter with Intent.
- Possession of Break-in Tools.
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000.
- Possession of a Controlled Drug or Substance.
- Fail to Comply with Release Order Condition. (X2)

After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Valentine was remanded in custody to appear in the Alberta Court of Justice in Fort Saskatchewan on June 22, 2023. As a result of the June 22nd, 2023 court appearance Valentine was released from custody until his next court date of July 13, 2023.



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# Bank of Canada betting on slower growth

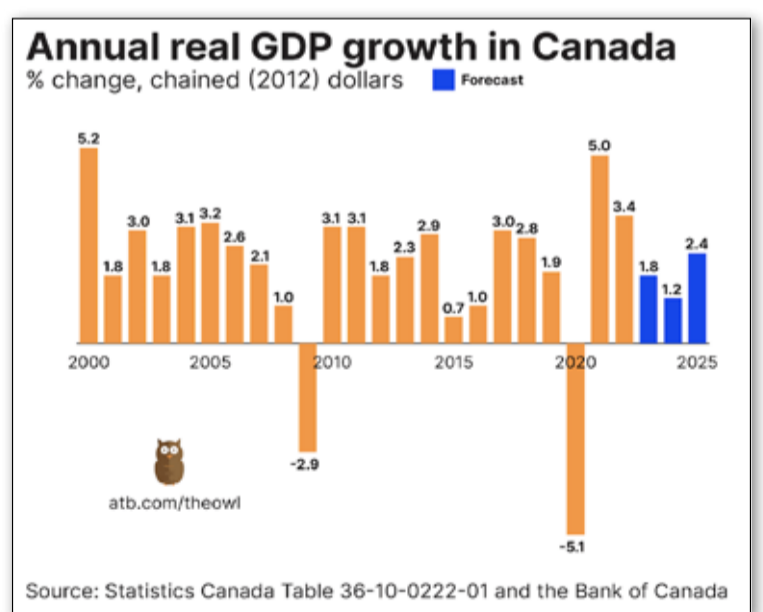
By ATB Financial Team

Last week's Bank of Canada interest rate decision—a 0.25 percentage point increase to 5%—was accompanied by a fresh set of growth projections for the Canadian economy. The Bank does this every second rate announcement, or once a quarter.

According to the July edition of the Monetary Policy Report (MPR), Canada's economy has been outperforming the Bank's expectations. Consumers, in particular, have been resilient spenders in the face of higher interest rates. Projected real GDP growth in 2023 was revised up to 1.8% (from 1.4% in April) thanks to a stronger-than-expected first half of the year.

The Bank expects consumers will slow their spending while exporters face weaker demand over the next year. As such, growth will moderate to an average of about 1% over the second half of 2023 and first half of 2024.

In other words, the forecast



is for sluggish growth over the next 12 months, but thankfully not an outright recession.

On an annual basis, the Bank expects the Canadian economy to expand by 1.2% next year.

These low numbers will, if things go as expected, be followed by a healthier annual growth rate in 2025 of around 2.4% (the 10-year average set before the pandemic was 2.3%).

At 1.8%, the Bank of Canada's forecast for US economic growth in 2023 is the same as Canada's, but this will be followed by an anemic 0.6% in 2024 and only 1.4% in 2025.

It's a similar story for the global economy, with growth slowing next year as tight monetary policy restricts demand followed by an uptick in 2025 as the negative effects of higher interest rates wane.

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# Emergency volunteers honoured

By Brandie Majeau

As wildfire season hit Canada with a roaring and overwhelming early beginning, firefighters were left scrambling to keep up with the devastation and fight and suppress a crushing number of fires that seemed to pop up at every turn. In an effort to show their appreciation to a small number of these individuals, The Radway Lions Club hosted an appreciation dinner for Thorhild County Emergency & Protective Services First Responders.

These individuals were invited to attend with their significant others as a show of gratitude for their dedication during the extreme fire season that began this spring. The Radway Lions Club expressed their understanding of the hard work and dedication put forth by the volunteers. Hours of training, being on call, and sacrifices to sleep and personal time are part of the day-to-day lives of volunteers in these positions. This dinner was proposed and



Photos courtesy of Radway Lions Club



fulfilled to showcase that there are people out there who appreciate what these volunteers do. Thorhild County on its own has volunteers that range from seventeen years old to members that are in their early sixties. It takes a step back to fully appreciate the full implication this has on their personal lives. While these positions may be rewarding, they

come with the heavy knowledge that they may encounter situations that they would just as soon forget.

Emergency volunteers strive to be prepared. They push themselves to unknown limits as they approach unfamiliar situations independently or join forces as a team. There is a level of devotion that many of these responders possess that goes

unnoticed. It is a crew that is always silently waiting behind the scenes with a passion to not only be a part of their community but to help and better the lives of residents by being the small few who step up and say, I will do this for you. The Radway Lions Club not only served a meal, but they also served a heartfelt thank you to all of them.



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cherished them greatly. His love was expressed by actions and he was greatly loved in return. His care and protection was the strength passed on to his family. He really was a "great" grandpa. He loved to sit in his chair and watch the birds, watch old

westerns and jeopardy on tv, play cards, and visit with his family. Many words of wisdom and entertaining stories were told that will always be remembered. Charles will forever be loved and missed. The family would like to thank the staff at the Redwater Health Centre for the care and compassion provided to Charles and family in his final days. At Charles's request no service will be held and burial has taken place in the Redwater Cemetery.

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Allyse and Norah Lund are joined by Oliver and Russell Pasay on the swim up dock, they took turns jumping off and swimming back to shore.

**By Brandie Majeau**

It really was the perfect day. With overcast skies teasing the idea that rain may be imminent, Thorhild County Family Centre still went ahead with their weekly Wednesday “picnic & play” at Halfmoon Lake. The rain never came, and the light cloud coverage created ideal conditions and temperatures for a day of fun. Family Resource Network Coordinator Tammy Kuefler mentioned a small response to the beginning of this summer program but was delighted with the influx of last-minute registrations for the July 12 activity; many of the families attending were joining this particular program for the first time.

Families packed up picnic lunches, sand toys, swimsuits and any beach paraphernalia they could think of and joined each other for a day at the lake. This is not the first time Thorhild County Family Centre has offered this program. For many years, they have utilized this small piece of paradise so close to home. The relaxed environment, with all the amenities you need, provides the perfect atmosphere for families to come together and meet new people.

The picnic & play program is not just a chance to hang out. It facilitates a safe place for children to meet new friends. It gives families a reason to get out with others if they are new to the area or long-time residents who may be feeling



The youngest guests at the picnic & play, Wrenley Gratton and Maeve Erdmann enjoy snacks and sunshine together.

isolated or alone. It provides something each family needs; the needs are not always apparent, but they find themselves leaving with something personal that they did not realize they were missing. It provides a mini-vacation in a world that is often overwrought with stress and anxiety. It gives families a chance to strengthen their own relationships by doing something together without the distractions of reality.

Children and parents flow from activities and groups, sometimes largely together, at other times one-on-one. Kuefler noted that it doesn't seem to matter how many families attend, whether it is a huge turnout (approximately 45 individuals was the largest to date) or only a couple of families. She notices that each individual gains something from the connectivity. Parents are getting to open up about frustrations and dreams, or enjoying the simplicity of nothing conversations. Quiet children may play contently with other quiet ones, or they may migrate to someone

who draws them into the chaos of play that often comes with freedom, water and sand. Picnic & Play is a program that strives to build and maintain happy and healthy relationships. It is not about how many people attend. While more is generally merrier and more are always welcome, the overall outcome and purpose is to bring people together. Sometimes two families may have an easier time connecting than a group of ten families. Many parents in attendance commented about how happy they were

that they decided to attend. They had a chance to be drawn out and reunite or meet someone new. The comment was also made that they were amazed none of the children were fighting or arguing; the games and sharing of toys came naturally and without coaxing.

The day would not have been complete without screams of excitement and pure childhood joy. “Look at the leeches I found!” “I caught minnows!” “Mom, I need a bigger pail!” “The butterfly landed right on my ball!” “Come see!”



Hazel Pasay shows off her amazing skill of how well she can float!

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### MOUNTIE MINUTE Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment

- July 7, 2023 Redwater Traffic Services and the Alberta Sheriffs conducted traffic enforcement in the area.
- On July 7 Smoky Lake investigated a Break and Enter into a business outside of Smoky Lake, a 3500 GMC Duramax was stolen, currently under investigation.
- July 7 RCMP also received a call of a stolen vehicle from a business in Smoky Lake. Vehicle is a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado, this matter is being investigated.
- Suspicious vehicles in and near Town of Smoky Lake and Warspite (Reminder if you notice any suspicious vehicles ensure you report it to the RCMP).
- The Town of Smoky Lake Herb Garden at Devonin Park was damaged.
- Received a call of intoxicated people walking down Highway 652.
- July 8, 2023 Smoky

Lake responded to a disturbance in the Village of Vilna.

- There were calls for service including investigations of Assault, Thefts and Mischief.
- July 10, 2023 the Smoky Lake Community Daycare was broken into and cash was stolen, this matter is currently under investigation.
- Evening of July 10, 2023 Received a call of a male who came on a rural property wanting to sell guns, the vehicle was a Hyundai Elantra, license plate was obtained which indicated the vehicle was stolen, later that evening, RCMP received a report of suspicious vehicle in Bellis, members attended and attempted to stop the vehicle which fled from police. It was the same Elantra.

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