

Dance company needs help renovating new studio

By Megan Suitor

Local not-for-profit private company Epic Acrobatics and Dance Association is reaching out for support from Redwater and the surrounding community. The Redwater-based dance school is in its third season of operation and recently had to lease a new space.

"There are lots of multipurpose spaces in Redwater, but we run lessons from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. every weekday, and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends," shared Trista Gable, co-director of Epic. "We found a commercial space and signed a lease, but it is designed for office use, not a dance studio, so renovating a 3600 square foot space is expensive."

The larger and more dedicated space is allowing Epic to offer more programs to more

students. The dance club has grown from 19 dancers to over 50 dancers competing at a solo, duet, and group level. Last year, 20 classes were offered, and starting in September, 61 classes per week will be available.

Students are attending from all around the region, including some students travelling with their parents from over an hour away.

"We're being seen as a good dance studio that people want to travel for," shared Lesley Bourassa, co-director of Epic. "These families are travelling here and then spending hours in Redwater while their children attend lessons, benefiting the entire community."

The new space is being designed and renovated to

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The new space for Epic Acrobatics and Dance has been gutted and is being transformed into a quality dance space. Photo submitted by Lesley Bourassa.

Redwater Health Centre facility grounds improvement project

By Falon Fayant

Hard hats are needed these days in some areas around the Redwater Health Centre. Alberta Health Services (AHS) has undertaken a \$3 million dollar improvement project focusing on parking lot upgrades, the heliport, landscaping, and drainage. Funding

for this project was provided through the Government of Alberta's Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP).

Plans for the parking lot include increasing the general parking area and new asphalt, as well as creating an additional entrance

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Chief Administrative Officer

Smoky Lake Foundation is seeking a CAO with leadership experience in Seniors' Housing and Supportive Living Care. This position reports to the Board of Directors of the Smoky Lake Foundation and is responsible for the overall operations of the Foundation in accordance with the policies and regulations, implementing the organization's programs, services and management of all staff and volunteers. Located just over an hour northeast of Edmonton, the main office is located in the Bar-V-Nook Lodge within the Town of Smoky Lake.

Role

- Direct and manage the daily administrative operations.
- Provide direction and leadership towards the Foundations' Mission, Vision and Business Plan.
- Develop, implement, and monitor annual operation plans and budgets.
- Incorporate best practices in HR Management to lead a capable, strong team and a positive culture.
- Oversee the Health and Safety for the organization.
- Create/amend policies and procedures as required.
- Research and apply for grant funding.
- Be responsible for payroll and monthly financial reporting.
- Build strategic relationships with other agencies: Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services
- Utilize resources and staffing effectively.
- Oversee 40 Senior self-contained units plus 2 social housing units throughout Waskatenau, Vilna and Smoky Lake, as well as the 40-unit Vilna Lodge and the 60 unit at Bar-V-Nook Lodge which includes Supportive Living.

Experience and Skills

- Five years of experience in a senior administrative role working with a Board of Directors; considered an asset.
- Understand Alberta legislation, industry standards, and best practices.
- Excellent organizational, management, interpersonal and conflict-resolution skills.
- Detailed budgeting and/or financial experience.
- Working knowledge of computers, storage, networking and other physical devices, infrastructure and processes to create, process, store, secure and exchange all forms of electronic data, including (Sage or Yardi software), would be an asset.
- Understanding of Board Governance Structure.
- Compassionate and understanding demeanor.
- Clean vulnerable sector check.

Education

- Post-secondary, such as a Bachelor's or Master Diploma/Degree in the related field.

Smoky Lake Foundation offers an excellent benefit and pension package along with a competitive salary, and will negotiate within the position's salary range based on experience and qualifications.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume, in confidence, to: smokylakefoundation2023@gmail.com

Closing Date: September 5th, 2023, however the competition may remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

We thank all our candidates for their interest, however, only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

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Government supports for evacuees

Alberta is committed to helping Ukrainian evacuees arriving in the province. To find out what government supports and services are available, visit Alberta.ca/Ukraine, or call our help line at 1-888-701-1101 for help in Ukrainian, English and Russian.



MOUNTIE MINUTE Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment

- On August 15 received a report of a stolen Side by Side near TWP 602 in Waskatenau
- Smoky Lake RCMP received a call that someone had entered onto a property and decided to swath and bale hay without the permission of the land owner
- Reports of vandalism/mischief on Range Road 182 at Highway 28, stop sign has been knocked over twice in the last week as well as vehicles not stopping at the stop sign before entering onto Highway 28
- A sea can was broken

into and items were stolen which included a Artic Cat Generator, Shop Manuel, Command Remote Started and a Tail Gate (F150 for 1980-1984 truck- brown)

- August 16 - Vilna Golf Course reporting a disturbance a of a male possible intoxicated and angry, members attended and deescalated the situation
- On August 18 CNRL site near Bellis was broken

into causing damage and a generator was stolen. Suspect vehicle was a white Chrysler 300. Investigation continues.

- Members located a stolen vehicle in the middle of the road on RR 123, vehicle stolen from Boyle area
- On August 18 RCMP received a call of a boat stolen from Mon's Lake shore, investigation continues.
- Smoky RCMP received

a call that a suspicious vehicle was driving erratically in the field near the Bellis School.

- August 19 a 2013 Chevrolet Truck was stolen from Waskatenau, later on that day it was involved in a collision, owner's debit card was used at a local business, investigation on going to ID driver.
- On August 20 RCMP received a call of a Break and Enter to a rural property near Warspite, investigation is on going
- 58 calls for Service was dispatched to the RCMP during the week of August 14 which also included Sudden Deaths, Uttering Threats, disturbances, Collisions, 911 calls, False Alarms and Basic Assistance
- Smoky Lake RCMP participated in the Village of Vilna Boomtown Days Parade.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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An opportunity exists for a business interested in delivering registry services in the town of Smoky Lake.

Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, Registries is responsible for the administration of the Motor Vehicle Registry, Personal Property Registry, Corporate Registry, Vital Statistics Office, and Land Titles Registry. Registries also oversees frontline registration services for the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and the Alberta Organ and Tissue Donation Registry, and licensing for driver examiners, security service workers, locksmiths and investigators.

Private Registry Agents were established in response to Albertans' needs for timely and efficient access to in-person government registry services, information services, licensing services, road tests and other associated products.

If you have the financial and business capacity to deliver these services, we invite you to submit a response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) by September 19, 2023.

The Request for Proposal may be obtained on the Alberta Purchasing Connection website: www.purchasingconnection.ca

Electronic submissions are only accepted and must be emailed to SA.ContractsRFP@gov.ab.ca.

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Laurie Dallyn
December 14, 1952 ~ August 11, 2023



It is with heavy hearts and great sadness the family of Laurie Dallyn announce his peaceful passing at Redwater Health Centre surrounded by his family on Friday, August 11, 2023 at the age of 70 years. He will be forever remembered and loved by his wife, Lore Dallyn; his children, Clifford Dallyn, Diannetha (Chris) Donauer, Aaran Schwaiger and Aaran's four children; his parents, Eldon and Sharon (nee Sharpe) Dallyn; his siblings, Cathy Mikolayenko, Barb Dallyn, Shelley (Bob) Leonard, and Gale (Joanne) Dallyn; as well as numerous extended family and friends. A private family graveside service and interment will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Ribstone Cemetery. Following the interment everyone is invited to join the family for a Celebration of Life Luncheon at 1:30 pm at the Ribstone Community of Christ Church, Highway 899, Ribstone, Alberta.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Sturgeon Memorial Funeral Chapel (780) 921-3900

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Smoky Lake 40th Stampede during Heritage Days weekend



Bareback rider Peter Duffy of Buck Lake, novice horse rider, shows his talents on Northwind.



Bull riding events closed the Stampede days on both Saturday and Sunday.

By Irene van der Kloet

The Heritage Day weekend in Smoky Lake started with the Lions' pancake breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. Though the breakfast started slow, by 9:30, it quickly picked up, and those flipping pancakes and frying sausages had difficulty keeping up. The Smoky Lake Fire Department was a great help. Over 500 breakfasts were sold by 11:00 when the parade came through town with horses, vintage cars, businesses and groups

presenting themselves. The Stampede kicked off at 1:00 p.m. with bareback and novice horse riding. The Smoky Lake Riding Club's organizing committee had gone above and beyond to attract sponsors, organize events and attract the public. Saturday was a full house: the bleachers were full, and the crowd filled the lawn in front of them. The people enjoyed all the different events and cheered on the riders. The end of the day was not the end of the celebrations: Saturday evening, the

graduate class offered a fundraiser dinner at the Ag Complex. Tickets could be bought ahead of time or at the door; however, those who showed up to buy at the door had to go elsewhere, for they sold out. Congratulations to the graduates for a successful dinner! The dinner was followed by a dance for those who still had some energy to burn after a busy day. On Sunday, the events started again at 1:00 p.m., which gave everyone time to recuperate from Saturday and make an easy start

on Sunday. Sunday showed excellent riders and competitors, sharp times in barrel racing, team roping, and tie-down roping again. Bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riders did not all make the 8 seconds, but they gave a good show anyway, much appreciated by the crowd. Participants came from all over Alberta, some even from out of the province, and even two competitors from New Zealand! This Stampede is a go-to event every year and is high on the list of the Lakeland Rodeo events. The

intermission on Sunday was for the kids: stick horse barrel races, frisbee scramble and mutton busting. There were six bikes to be won by the kids, and these events always bring so much fun to both participants and the crowd. The clowns entertained the public and ensured bull riders could safely get away from the bull. Whereas Sunday was a little bit less busy than Saturday, the organizing committee can look back on a highly successful event, not in the least thanks to their hard

work. Preparations for these events start in January and continue until the day of the event. The Stampede events were not the end of the Heritage Days celebration: Sunday evening, the Smoky Lake Kinettes hosted the beer gardens, with fireworks at 11:00 p.m. The entire celebration showcases how this community can come together to set up a quality event with something for everyone, which can only happen through the tireless dedication of volunteers and sponsor support.



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Smoky Lake RCMP Community BBQ



September 7, 2023
11 a.m.
Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment
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The Smoky Lake RCMP, in partnership with the NE Corridor Victim Services Unit, will be hosting a community BBQ to celebrate the RCMP's 150th Anniversary.

Please join us for some free food and the chance to meet the officers who keep our community safe.

We look forward to seeing you!







Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada

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showcase the quality of dance instruction that Epic is bringing to Redwater. Not only will there be two dedicated lesson rooms, both with a sprung dance floor, but the space will also include a room for students to hang out or do homework between lessons or while siblings are having lessons.

The directors of Epic have been working extremely hard through the summer to make this new space a reality for all of the dancers.

"We both have full time-day jobs," shared Gable. "We have been working on the renovation, the summer dance programming, the registration and the scheduling for the new session."

To complete the renovations at the dance studio is going to cost a minimum of

\$50,000. The space needs sprung flooring with proper vinyl dance flooring, all new lighting and mirrors, and that doesn't include the basic renovation materials such as paint.

"Thorhild Co-op has been amazing," said Gable. "We reached out to him, (Thorhild North Corridor Co-operative's Home and Building Solutions Division Manager, Jonathan Alyward), and he got back to us within the day with quotes and discounts on materials. We have also received support from Dodi at Redwater Home Hardware."

Bourassa has been applying for grants and sponsorships, and a partnership package for sponsors has already been distributed to over 100 local businesses.

"We will have a sponsorship wall at the new studio," said Bourassa. "We are also working on getting a

website up and running, and we will have a sponsor's link on it."

Parents of studio dancers have also rallied to provide support. A bottle drive was held, as well as a BBQ, at which IGA generously donated all of the food. A Go Fund Me has also been set up to help raise the money needed for the renovation.

"We have lots of people willing to do the labour, it's just covering the costs of the material," explained Gable. "We're reaching out desperately to families, friends and local businesses. We know there will be a happy ending, but there is a lot of work, and it's very stressful."

Registration is now open for lessons, with Fall 2023 classes resuming on September 18.

To support the studio, the address for the Go Fund Me page is <https://gofund.me/1doc1dac>.

Canada's inflation rate back above 3%

By Mark Parsons,
ATB ECONOMICS

The national inflation rate edged up last month. Consumer prices rose 3.3% in July from the same month last year, an acceleration from June's 2-year low reading of 2.8%.

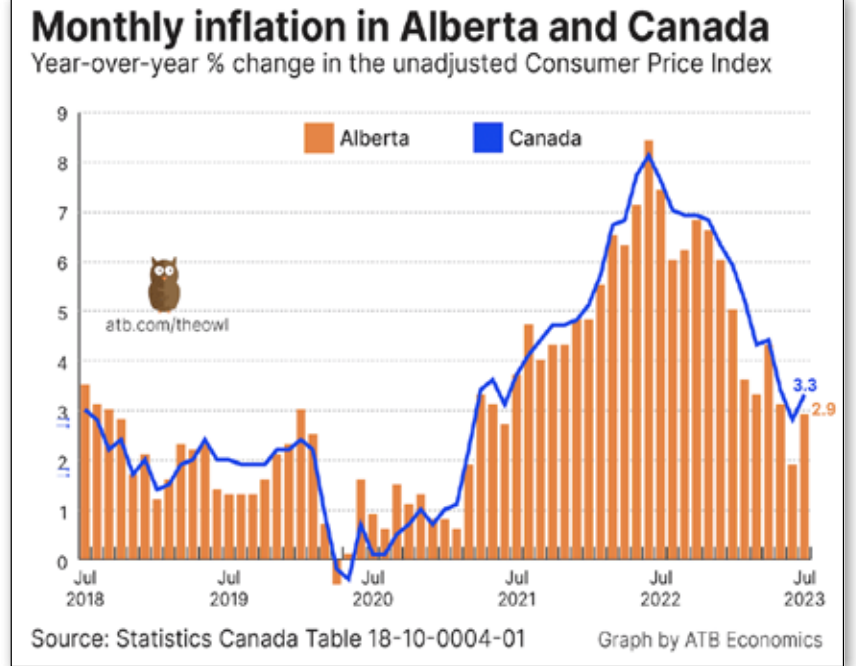
The main reason for the uptick: energy prices. They fell again in July (-8.2% year-over-year), but just not as much as June's decrease of 14.6%. The smaller decline can be attributed to gasoline prices and higher electricity prices.

Mortgage interest costs (+30.6%) continue to put pressure on the index. Without mortgage costs, the consumer price index rose 2.4%.

Food price inflation moderated, with the smallest annual increase in over a year for grocery prices. However, at 8.5%, grocery price inflation remains stubbornly high.

The Bank of Canada has been watching for signs that 'core' inflation (i.e. inflation that strips out volatile components) readings are softening. Two of the measures the Bank uses (trim and common) edged lower year-over-year in July, while the other (median) was flat.

In Alberta, the inflation rate remained below the national average (see chart), but accelerated from 1.9% to 2.9% due primarily to slower declines in energy prices. Gasoline prices fell

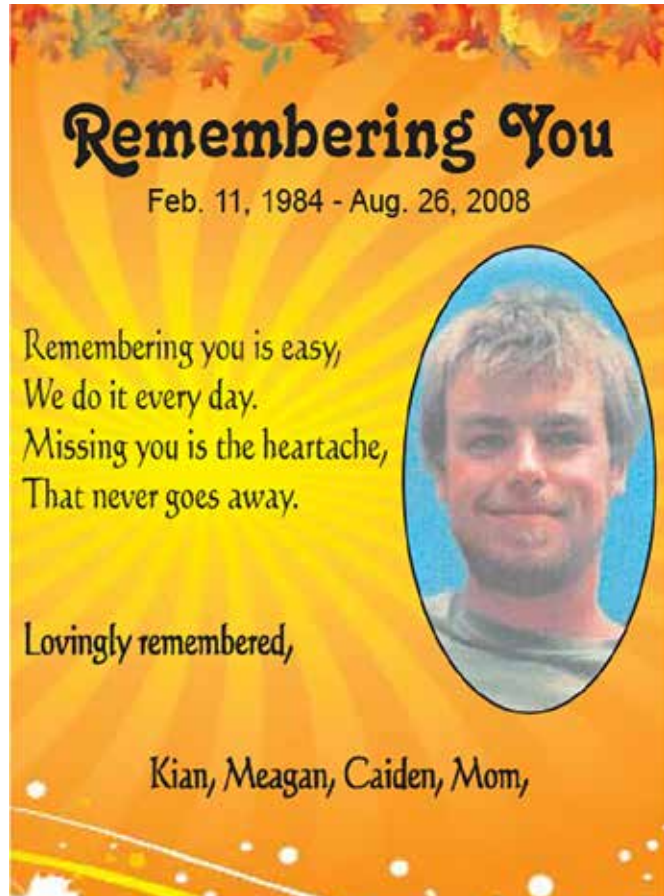


23% year-over-year (slightly smaller than the June decline), while electricity prices more than doubled from July 2022, which Statistics Canada attributes to high summer demand, base period effects, and the phasing out of policy interventions. On a year-to-date basis, inflation in Alberta has averaged 3.4% compared to 4.2% nationally.

July's annual CPI reading for Canada was ahead of the Bloomberg consensus average of 3%. However, the uptick in inflation is not overly surprising, given that base period effects for energy prices were coming off. The Bank of Canada's own forecast for headline inflation was 3.3% in the third quarter.

While not a great

report, it's unclear that this will be enough to sway the Bank of Canada to keep raising rates on September 6 instead of waiting to see the impacts of past increases. The Bank of Canada will be weighing other data points, including the soft July labour report and signs that consumer spending is slowing.



Connecting the Community 2023 State of the County Address and Open House

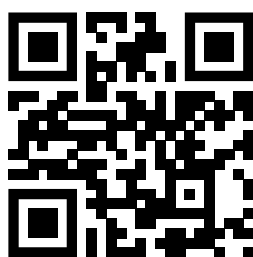
Join us to hear from Mayor Alanna Hnatiw about the exciting things to come as part of the 2023 State of the County Address.

Following Mayor Hnatiw's presentation, there will be an opportunity to speak to Council and County staff and learn more about what we're doing and how we are building a bright future for Sturgeon County.

We're holding two events, pick the one that works better for you!

Doors: 6:00 pm
Mayor's Address: 6:30 - 7:00 pm
Open House: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

Register today!
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September 19
6:00 - 9:00 PM
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September 21
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Edmonton Garrison - WOs' & Sgts' Mess
Building 210, Ortona Road, CFB Edmonton

Please note: Guests attending at the Edmonton Garrison should bring their government-issued photo identification.

***Bonus!** Attend the Edmonton Garrison starting at 5PM for a tour of the recreational facilities.





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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 22, 2023

Below is a summary of decisions and discussions at the August 22, 2023, Regular Council meeting:

Proposed Emergency Services Bylaw 12-2023

Council gave first reading to the draft Emergency Services Bylaw 12-2023 with amendments to Section 26(c) with the addition of "on Public Lands."

Delegation: Ron Costain - Emergency Services Survey, Fire Invoices Forgiveness, Property Tax Forgiveness

Council passed a motion to refer the matter until after the Appeal Decision has been made regarding tax forgiveness. Council also moved to direct Administration to extend the fire invoices for a further 60 days.

Delegation: Thorhild County Residents United, Jodie Foster and other members, Re: Waste Management of Canada, Newbrook Landfill, Consideration for Permit Renewal

Council passed a motion to accept the presentation as information.

Radway Post Office Survey

Council directed Administration to share the results of the survey with Canada Post.

2023 Public Auction Properties Title Transfers

Council directed Administration to transfer title of the following unsold 2023 public auction properties to Thorhild County:

- 1) Pt SE-32-62-20-W4 (18.85 acres; rural Thorhild County)
- 2) Pt NW-8-61-22-W4; Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 052 2188 (40.01 acres; rural Thorhild County)
- 3) Pt SE-20-58-22-W4; Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1820387 (10.01 acres; rural Thorhild County)

Assessment Review Board (ARB) Appointments

Council appointed Richard Barham as Thorhild County's Assessment Review Board Clerk and appointed the following individuals to the Assessment Review Board for 2023:

Tina Groszko
Ray Ralph
Richard Knowles
Stew Hennig
Darlene Chartrand

Bridge File 70496 Range Road 214

Council directed Administration to gather more information on Option 2 and on other critical bridges that are requiring replacement in 2024 and present during budget 2024 deliberations.

Alberta HUB Proposed Project - Regional Industrial-Commercial Land Buildings Database

Council authorized an Alberta Community Partnership grant application with the County of Vermilion River as the lead applicant for the development of a regional industrial/commercial land buildings database.

Correspondence - Alberta Government Ministry of Health, Re: Meeting Request, received August 9, 2023

Council directed Administration to respond to the Minister's email, and to request a virtual meeting with the Minister of Health at her convenience.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come meet with County Council on:
Wednesday, September 6, 2023
Legion Hall, 5th Street & 5th Avenue, Thorhild
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm



HWY 827 RESTRICTED BRIDGE



Alberta Transportation has listed the bridge over Kennedy Creek on provincial Highway 827 as a restricted bridge with a maximum allowed gross vehicle weight of 15 tonnes. Highway users must adjust their loads to meet the weight restriction or use an alternate route.

Thorhild County contacted Alberta Transportation regarding the bridge condition and was advised that the bridge is not on the current replacement plan. The weight restriction will remain in effect until further notice.

RR214 BRIDGE CLOSURE REMINDER



The County bridge located at SW-21-59-21-W4, Range Road 214, remains closed due to fire damage, which resulted in unsafe crossing of the bridge.

No through traffic is permitted. Please use an alternate route.

The bridge will remain closed until further notice.

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED – APPEAL BY SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

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

- i) Legal Description: South Half of SW 23-62-22-W4
Land Use Designation: AG – Agricultural District
Proposal: To Obtain Approval for Two 12 sq. ft. x 16 sq. ft. Additions to an Existing Part 9 Manufactured Relocatable Structure and Four Sea Cans (8 sq. ft. x 40 sq. ft.).
Division: 4
Permit # DP23-2589
- ii) Legal Description: SE 27-60-23-W4
Land Use Designation: AG – Agricultural District
Proposal: Proposed 26.2 metre x 42.7 metres (86 sq. ft. x 140 sq. ft.) Cold Storage Agricultural Building with a Height of 8.84 metres (29 ft.).
Division: 4
Permit # DP23-2590
- iii) Legal Description: Lots 7-9, Block 4, Plan 3467CE; Hamlet of Radway
Land Use Designation: C1 – Central Hamlet Commercial District
Proposal: Conversion of an Existing Commercial Use Building (3,300 sq. ft.) into a Childcare Facility.
Division: 1
Permit # DP23-2591
- iv) Legal Description: Lot 7, Block 1, Plan 0927931; SW 15-60-23-W4
Land Use Designation: AG – Agricultural District
Proposal: Installation of a 14 sq. ft. x 70 sq. ft. Manufactured Home and 12 sq. ft. x 16 sq. ft. Shed.
Division: 4
Permit # DP23-2588

Date of Decision: August 22, 2023; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, September 12, 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.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS WITHIN THORHILD COUNTY



Are you looking for full-time workers? Thorhild County is exploring becoming a designated community in the Government of Alberta's Rural Renewal Stream program that links employers to foreign nationals to work, live and settle in rural Alberta. The County is gauging interest from local businesses in their full participation in the program and invite business owners to contact the County to discuss the program.

Please visit www.alberta.ca/aaip-rural-renewal-stream.aspx for information on the program, and contact Carol at 780-398-3741 ext. 2808 if you're interested in taking part in this community-based program.

ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Did you know that Thorhild County has not charged for business licenses effective January 1, 2022?

Improve the visibility of your business to the local community by listing it on Thorhild County's online business directory.

Please visit www.thorhildcounty.com and click on the Business tab to learn how to add your business to the directory at no cost.



Thorhild library charms with first annual Fanfest

By Brandie Majeau

Thorhild Library invited the community into the artistic expression and world of Cosplay. On Aug 16, the first ever Thorhild Fanfest was held. Fanfests and cosplay is a world dedicated to the fans, celebrating superheroes, video games and all favorite characters. For many children in attendance, this was their first experience with cosplay. Thorhild Librarian, Kathy Pasay, commented, "some of the guests walked in and were all like...what is happening!?" While several attendees did not dress up for the event, many others donned their costumes and

showcased the full extent of cosplay entertainment. This fun filled affair welcomed all ages to attend and dive into the fantasy and magic of this enjoyable hobby.

Cosplay guests, Will and Taylor Rettman, led a discussion panel and shared informative knowledge, discussing their experience of the craft. They spoke of the competitive nature of cosplayers and the attention to detail that goes into creating costumes. These guest speakers entranced their audience with stories, drawing them in to this mystical world. As the conversation came to a close, participants were then taught to create paper dragon

puppets. Puppet master, Taylor Rettman, shared her amazing talents and skilled instructions, guiding participants into a remarkable project. Paper was cut and decorated and manipulated, enchanting forms emerged, and each guest ended up with an individually beautiful "pet" dragon to follow them home. One guest expressed her excitement that Thorhild Library was the "cool library" for putting on such an event. The first Annual Fanfest of Thorhild was a success. It was a unique experience for a small community to be drawn into the niche of cosplay and the world beyond it.



Alberta Government renews approval of WM facility in Thorhild County



The Government of Alberta, through the Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas, has renewed the approval for WM's Thorhild Landfill as a Class II Landfill under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act. The approval allows continued operations for another 10-year period.

WM is grateful to receive this green light and has been working through the provincial process to ensure its Thorhild Landfill continues prioritizing WM's commitment to a sustainable and safe environment while remaining an important contributor to the County and residents.

Since opening in 2015, the facility has generated over \$10 million dollars to the local community. Examples of WM's financial participation include:

- Royalties (\$8 million)
- Public waste and recycling drop-off, transfer station operations, and no-charge waste disposal (+\$1 million)
- Formal Community Investment program, led by our Community Advisory Committee, as well as voluntary community initiatives – e.g., Newbrook Fair, Agriplex sponsorship, local 4-H auction, Holiday Food Bank, scholarships (+\$1 million)
- Property taxes (\$660,000)
- Individual Impact Benefit payments to qualified neighbours (\$612,000)
- Long-term employment opportunities for residents and local contractors

The organization's next step is to work with the County and residents to ensure that the province's rigorous assessment and approval process are synchronized with the municipal development permit to further ensure both protection of the natural environment and continued community benefits.

WM has planned to go above various provincial standards for landfills in this new approval and will continue making the results publicly available through the province's reporting requirements (Annual Reports, audit processes and more). The significant body of technical review Thorhild Landfill has gone through for this new approval represents WM's recognition of the shared importance of environmental protection and ongoing community commitment to County residents.

The approval of the site's classification as a Class II Landfill is a result of a collaborative and transparent process between the provincial regulators, WM and leading specialists and analysts – all guided by their dedication to environmental safety.

The Thorhild Class II Landfill is located in Thorhild County between the hamlets of Newbrook and Abee, within Section 19 and Northwest of Section 18, Township 61, Range 20, West of the 4th Meridian. This Landfill only accepts non-hazardous solid waste for disposal, as directed by our Operating Approval. If you have any questions, please contact Cam Hantiuk at 403.837.6073 or chantu1@wm.com.

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B

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C

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E

Everyone should take safety seriously – children and adults.



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F

Plenty of rest will ensure awareness, attention to detail, and improved memory.



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G

Get a trusted adult's advice if you're asked to do something you think is not safe.

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H

Help children younger than you to stay safe too.



I

If a stranger offers you a ride never accept.



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J

Just say "NO" to drugs.



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K

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L

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REDWATER, AB 780-942-4484

M

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N

Never keep secrets from your parents – especially if someone asks you to.



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O

Obey all warnings signs. If it says "Stay Out" then you should.



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P

Proper protection should be worn when riding a skateboard, scooter or bicycle.

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Q

Quarrels that end up as physical fights have gone too far. Take some time out before that happens.



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R

Responsible children help prevent accidents by putting their toys away.



S

Stay away from animals you are not familiar with.



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General Inquiries
780-939-8334

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Counselling & Outreach
780-722-1479

T

Talking to strangers is not a safe practice.



U

Use your common sense... it keeps us safe in situations not covered by rules.



Your neighbour Your lawyer

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V

School's back. Be extra cautious and aware of children playing near roads and in parking lots.



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W

Wearing your seat belt is the only way it can help keep you safe.



X

Exit calmly when you hear the fire alarm.



Y

Your body is your own personal property and nobody else's business.

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Z

Zig-zagging across traffic on foot or on your bike is dangerous.



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Community Events Calendar

September 2023

Community Services
780-942-4101

Town Office
780-942-3519

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FALL NEWS

For details on the following and other programs, watch the Town of Redwater Facebook page and our Events and Programs page on our website (redwater.ca/p/events-programs) or call the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101.

Recreational Skating for Kids

Help children gain confidence on the ice and learn basic skating skills. The first session of six lessons starts the week of September 26; the second session starts the week of November 14. Registration opens September 11. \$40 per child per session.

Chair Fitness Class

Join us for a fun fitness class for individuals ages 18+! This class offers modifications for all levels of fitness. This is a great option for seniors or individuals with limited mobility. Watch for details coming soon.

Green Thumb Fall Clean Up Workshop

Our Green Thumb workshop series ties up for the year with a session on fall clean up tips with live demonstrations on Tuesday, September 5 from 1:30-3:30pm at Pembina Place. Register at Pembina Place (\$5 per person).

Tools for School and Winter Wear Depot

If you are in need of school supplies or warm winter outerwear, or would like to donate school supplies, call the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101 or email lpicer@redwater.ca.

Community Crafting Group

Join in the crafting camaraderie! We have some basic supplies on hand if you are a beginner crocheter or knitter; otherwise bring your project along or share in a group project. This group will meet Mondays and Saturdays from 1:00-3:00pm at Pembina Place starting September 23.

Alberta Culture Days Celebration

Saturday, September 16 from 6:00-8:00pm
Pembina Place

Our Cultural Connection series continues with this special event featuring live music, food, and crafts - all free! If you'd like to share your cultural heritage, talents, or crafts, contact Community Services at 780-942-4101.

Truth and Reconciliation Event

Saturday, September 30 from 4:00-7:00pm
Pembina Place

Join us for an impactful day where together we will learn about Indigenous histories in Canada and how we can move forward together. Free event.

These two events are sponsored through a grant from the Fort Saskatchewan Multicultural Association in association with the Government of Alberta and the Town of Redwater.

Meet the Community and Registration Night

Thursday, September 7 from 5:30-7:00pm
Ochre Park School

- Register for community programs
- Meet the teachers and staff
- Connect with community groups and volunteer opportunities
- Visit with your neighbors
- Enjoy free beef on a bun, juice and treats (while supplies last)

To reserve a table for your community organization or for more information, contact the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101 or email lpicer@redwater.ca.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
<p>SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, October 5 Sturgeon County's Seniors' Conference is at Pembina Place this fall! Come for food, friends, and informative workshops.</p>	<p>School zones have a speed limit of 30 km/h. In Redwater, these limits are in effect on school days from 8:00am to 4:30 pm, unless otherwise posted.</p>	<p>Parent & Child Mother Goose Call Sturgeon Adult Learning at 780-923-2374 to register for this fun program at the Redwater Public Library, Thursdays from September 21 to November 23, 10:00-11:00am. Cost \$20.00</p>		<p>1 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am) Legion - Crib (7:00pm)</p>	<p>2 Museum open (10:00am-3:00pm)</p> <p>3 Pioneer Club - Pancake Breakfast (9:00-10:00am)</p>
<p>Town Offices Closed Labour Day</p> <p>4 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)</p>	<p>5 Silly Sprouts Drop-in at Pembina Place (9:30-11:30am) Pioneer Club - General Meeting (1:30 pm) Green Thumb Workshop at Pembina Place (1:30pm) Library - Lego Club (2:00pm-4:00pm) Farmers' Market (4:00pm) Town Council Mtg (6:30pm)</p>	<p>6 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Art Society - Pets and other Animals Class (1:00-4:00pm) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Library - Board Meeting (6:00pm)</p>	<p>7 Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00 oam) Museum open (1:00pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Meet the Community Night - Ochre Park School (5:30-7:30pm) Redwater Minor Hockey AGM/Equipment Swap at Pembina Place (7:30pm)</p>	<p>8 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am) Library - Movie Night (6:00pm) Legion - Crib (7:00pm) Redwater Minor Hockey Equipment Swap at Pembina Place (7:30pm)</p>	<p>9 Quilters Guild at Alliance Church (9:30am) Museum open (10:00am-3:00pm) Art Society - Village Landscapes (10:00am-4:00pm) Redwater Minor Hockey Equipment Swap at Pembina Place (7:30pm)</p> <p>10</p>
<p>11 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am)</p>	<p>12 Silly Sprouts Drop-in at Pembina Place (9:30-11:30am) Art Society - Birch Trees Class (1:00-4:00pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Farmers' Market at the Legion (4:30-7:00pm)</p>	<p>13 Community Business Meeting at Legion (8:30am) Legion - Coffee (9:00am) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Pioneer Club - Community Supper. Phone 780-942-3772 by Sep 6 (5:00pm) Lions Club - General Meeting at Pioneer Club (7:00pm)</p>	<p>14 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Museum open (1:00-3:30pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)</p>	<p>15 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am) Legion - Crib (7:00pm)</p>	<p>16 Museum open (10:00am-3:00pm) Alberta Culture Days at Pembina Place (6:00-8:00pm)</p> <p>17</p>
<p>18 Indoor Walking Resumes at Pembina Place (9:00am - 12:00pm) Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Redwater Health Centre Auxiliary - General Meeting (1:00pm)</p>	<p>19 Silly Sprouts Drop-in at Pembina Place (9:30-11:30am) Art Society - Dandelion Fairies Class (1:00-4:00pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Museum - General Meeting (1:30pm) Farmers' Market at Legion (4:00-6:30pm) Town Council Mtg (6:30pm)</p>	<p>20 Legion - Coffee (9:00am) Shopping Bus - Phone Sharon at 780-942-3838 to book (9:45am) Art Society - Pets and other Animals (1:00-4:00pm) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Friends of the Library - Meeting (5:00pm) Citizens on Patrol - General Meeting at Legion (7:00pm)</p>	<p>21 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Library - Mother Goose (10:00-11:00am) Museum open (1:00-3:30pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)</p>	<p>22 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am) Legion - Crib (7:00pm)</p>	<p>23 Quilters Guild at Alliance Church (9:30am) Museum open (10:00am-3:00pm) Community Crafting Group (1:00-3:00pm)</p> <p>24</p>
<p>25 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Community Crafting Group at Pembina Place (1:00-3:00pm)</p>	<p>26 Silly Sprouts Drop-in (9:30-11:30am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Last Farmers' Market at Legion (4:00-6:30pm) Committee of the Whole Meeting at Town Council Chambers (6:00pm) Library - Off the Books (6pm)</p>	<p>27 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Casino Bus - Phone Sharon at 780-942-3838 to book (9:15am) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Art Society - Pets and Other Animals Class</p>	<p>28 Pioneer Club - Coffee and Pool (9:00-10:30am) Library - Mother Goose (10:00-11:00am) Museum open (1:00-3:30pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)</p>	<p>29 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am) Legion - Crib (7:00pm)</p>	<p>30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Museum open (10:00am-3:00pm) Truth and Reconciliation Event at Pembina Place (4:00-7:00pm) Community Crafting Group (1:00-3:00pm)</p>

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

The Food Bank is in need of egg cartons and volunteers!
Phone 780-942-2061 for more information.

Public Health Clinic at Redwater Health Centre
9:00am-4:00pm Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
Phone 780-942-6615 to book an appointment.
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PUBLIC HEARING - Bylaw 1624/23
Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1624/23.

The property owner would like to operate an event venue on their land at 26127 Highway 633 (legal land description: NW-11-54-26-4). This land is zoned as AG - Agriculture, which does not allow this type of activity.

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: **Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville) sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings

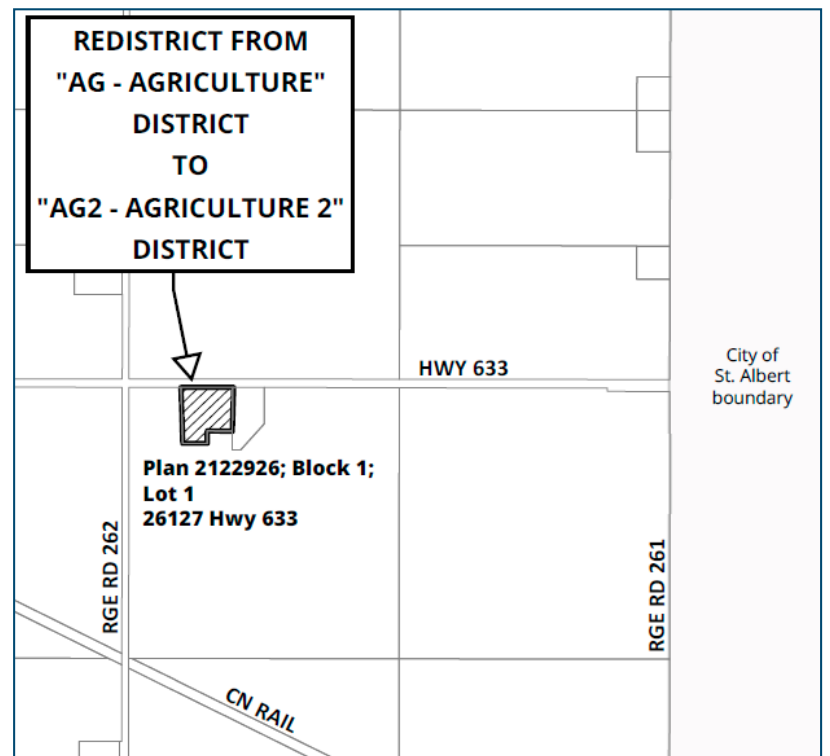
To operate an event venue in Sturgeon County, land must be zoned as AG2 - Agriculture 2 District. The applicant is requesting the land be rezoned from AG - Agriculture to AG2 - Agriculture 2 District. If successful, they could apply to develop an event venue.

Each time land is rezoned, a bylaw is needed to amend the Land Use Bylaw and a public hearing must be held.

Questions? Contact us!

Martyn Bell
Planning and Development Services
780-939-8365
mbell@sturgeoncounty.ca

View the proposed bylaw and other information at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1624



Important information about Public Hearings

Requirements for speakers

All speakers have five minutes to speak and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission before the Public Hearing.

Speaking in person

To speak at the Public Hearing in person, contact Legislative Services at 780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377 to pre-register.

Speaking via videoconference

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you must register by Sept. 11 at 1:30 p.m. by contacting Legislative Services at 780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Written submissions

Email your written submission to Legislative Services at legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca. Written submissions are accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing.

If making a written submission, you must include your name, state your interest in the matter (such as a County resident directly impacted by the proposed bylaw), and indicate if you are in favour of or opposed to the proposed bylaw.

Watching the Public Hearing

You can view the Public Hearing in person or online at sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings. To view the livestream, click on the meeting date on the calendar, then click on the video link.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the public hearing, or otherwise made public. This information is collected in line with section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have questions, contact the Access and Privacy Officer at foip@sturgeoncounty.ca or 780-939-4321.



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and exit, which will also provide more efficient EMS access. Grading work will be completed on the facility grounds, which is intended to improve safety and water drainage. The heliport improvements include a new lighting system and landscaping.

According to AHS, the parking lot project began in May 2023 and is expected to be completed in the fall

of 2023, with work on one-half of the lot already underway. This includes electrical for lighting and car plugs for the North side of the parking lot. Curb forming and pouring for the new access is also already in development. AHS has assured that "Pedestrian and EMS access to the Alberta Health Services (AHS) facility and parking lots will not be affected." Parking will always remain available, even if there are

certain areas that require closure during the construction.

AHS has installed on-site signage and traffic direction to ensure that the public and staff are notified during the construction.

AHS "apologizes for the inconvenience the construction may cause, but we look forward to the completion of these projects that will improve the facility infrastructure and parking access."



Alberta Health Services received grant funding from the province for a \$3 million dollar project to improve safety and drainage in the parking lot and grounds of the Redwater Health Centre. **Photo by Falon Fayant**



Hawk captures a crow, then let him go. **Photo by Roger Winger**

RCMP ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

July 2023 RCMP Release

During the month of July, the Redwater Detachment responded to a total of 323 calls for service,

- Assault (x10)
- Break and Enter (x11)
- Utter Threats (x4)
- Motor Vehicle Collisions (x19)
- Theft (x8)
- Mischief (x18)
- Arson (x3)

On July 2, at approximately 5:00 p.m. Redwater RCMP were investigating a report of a male who had stolen a bicycle. Officers were able to locate and arrest the male in the downtown area of Redwater. While arresting the male suspect officers became aware of a fire that had started at a local convenience store and ultimately spread to a neighbouring building, causing significant damage. The fire was eventually brought under control and extinguished before spreading any further. Further investigation revealed that the male who

police had arrested for stealing the bike had also lit the fire prior to being arrested a short distance away.

As a result of his actions, Tony Travis Agawa (31) of Redwater, Alberta was charged with the following:

- Arson – Disregard for Human Life;
- Break and Enter;
- Theft Under \$5000.

A bail hearing was conducted and Tony Travis Agawa was released from custody with his next court appearance scheduled to take place at the Alberta Court of Justice in Fort Saskatchewan on August 17, at 9:30 a.m..

On July 18, the Redwater detachment received a complaint of a female that was shoplifting from the Redwater Home Hardware. It was reported to officers that the female suspect had stolen an inventory scanner and a BB gun. Further investigation by police revealed that this same female was

responsible for stealing a "tip" jar from another Redwater business on July 9th. Officers were able to identify, locate, arrest, and charge the female suspect with two counts of Theft Under \$5000 in relation to both offences. The accused's next court appearance is scheduled to take place at the Alberta Court of Justice in Fort Saskatchewan on August 31, at 9:30 a.m..

On July 26th, RCMP in Redwater received a call of a vehicle rollover on highway 28, just north of the highway 38 intersection. Officers arrived on scene where Fire and EMS crews were able to safely extricate the male and female from the vehicle. Further investigation revealed that the driver of the vehicle was under the influence of a drug and an impaired driving investigation was launched by the RCMP. Investigation is ongoing RCMP would like to thank the public for their assistance with the investigation.

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#3 LOST POINT LAKE ESTATES, STURGEON COUNTY



REDUCED

\$679,000

2063 square feet above grade with another 1541 square feet in a fully developed walk out basement. The main floor is a frame styling with a large loft overlooking the living room and backyard views. Large boot/mud room with loads of built in features, bedroom with full 3 pce bath off back hall, large kitchen with loads of counter and prep space, formal dining room with doors to deck and a huge breakfast area with another door to rear deck. Living room has doors to the front deck to enjoy those early mornings. To complete this level is the huge primary bedroom with walk in closet and full en-suite. The lower level or walkout basement has huge above ground windows with two sets of bedrooms with Jack and Jill 4pce washrooms between them and walk-in closets, allowing the center of the lower level to have a large family room with direct access to the back of the lot. Large double attached garage with mezzanine. The backyard has two storage sheds and a firepit area along with some fruit trees. Extra lot included

#40 WATERDALE PARK, STURGEON COUNTY



\$609,900

1411 square foot raised bungalow built in 2015 just a couple hundred feet off pavement on 3.85 acres. Everything is neat as a pin and manicured meticulously. Main floor is open design and very bright because of the large windows and vaulted ceilings. Large kitchen with garden doors to deck, island and still loads of space for the dining table. Primary bedroom has a walk-in closet, 3pce bath and plush carpeting. The other two bedrooms on this floor are of a good size and a main 4pce bath. On your way to the back entrance is the main floor laundry and then down the stairs to a fully developed basement with rec room, bedroom, 2pc bath cold room and mechanical room. Double attached garage that is heated. All lights in the home are LED, high efficiency furnace, hot water tank and also has central air conditioning. Large garden area and loads of room for your toys or hobbies. Nothing to do here but move in and enjoy the country.

4923 52 AVE REDWATER



\$359,900

Beautiful open beam bungalow located in a quiet cul-de-sac! The main floor has a large front room that could be used as a living room or dining area, sunken living room with wood burning fireplace and patio doors to the deck. The primary bedroom is on the main floor with a walk in closet and 2 piece bathroom. One more bedroom on this level and main 4 piece bathroom. The kitchen has a great view of the massive yard and loads of counter space. In the basement you will find 2 additional bedrooms, 3 piece bathroom, laundry room and tons of storage. That's not it in the basement, you also have a huge rec area with a custom wet bar, hot tub and another wood burning fireplace. Central air conditioning for those warm days and double attached garage for the cold ones complete this home!

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Redwater fair celebrates the discovery of oil



Volunteers from the Redwater Lions Club hosted the pancake breakfast during Redwater's Discovery Days fair on August 19th. **Photo by Falon Fayant**



Owen, Dane, Alyssa, and Madison Smolcic enjoy the sugary goodness of cotton candy from the Sugadoll booth during Redwater's Discovery Days fair on August 19th. **Photo by Falon Fayant**

By Falon Fayant

The third weekend of August celebrated the discovery of oil with the towns annual Discovery Days fair. The fair began on Friday evening with the bench show at Pembina Place, where exhibitors displayed their handicrafts, baking, preserves, and the results of green thumbs with vegetables and flowers. This year in the junior division, Gavin Moskal claimed the rosette for baking, with Isla Harkness winning in the vegetables and fruit division and Chloe Senych taking the

win in handicrafts. Liz Maki claimed four rosettes in the adult division for baking, preserves, vegetables and fruit, and flowers. Wendy Fedyna won the rosette for handicrafts. In the Golden Age division, Donna Kuefler won baking, Ethel Samis won preserves, Doris Pearson won handicrafts, and Christina Koscielnuk won both vegetables and fruit and flowers. Koscielnuk also won the grand aggregate trophy award for the entire bench show with 493 points. There were 683 exhibits this year, 76 more than the 607 last year, and 40 exhibitors

compared with 34 last year. The Redwater Agricultural Society gave \$1,441.50 in prize money at \$0.30 per judge awarded point. On Friday evening, patrons of the fair enjoyed the Super Mario Brothers movie, which was moved from the park into the curling rink due to the rain, but there was still free popcorn. The Lions Club hosted a pancake fundraiser breakfast on Saturday morning, a delicious prelude to the parade. There were 38 parade entrants to enthral onlookers and toss candy. This year's parade centred around the theme of

the 75th anniversary of the discovery of oil. According to Liesel Spicer, Community Services Coordinator with the Town of Redwater, "The Redwater & District Museum was instrumental in bringing this special milestone anniversary to our attention as a town." The winners of the parade categories were the Redwater Health Centre Auxiliary for Best Community Group, Kicks Saloon for Best Business, Al Shamal Riders for Best Other/Novelty, Redwater HYPE for Best Youth, The Town of Redwater for Best Municipality, and the

Redwater & District Museum for the Community Services Choice Award. The Redwater Health Centre Auxiliary is also celebrating its 50th anniversary, and the float had a 50-year volunteer on board. On behalf of the town, Spicer said, "It truly takes an entire community to put on a parade like this, and we are thankful for all the community groups, businesses, service organizations, municipalities, and individuals who came together to celebrate the Town. Special mention goes to the RKS Oilfield Services

float, which carried the original sign from the original site of the Redwater Oilfield Discovery Well." The remainder of the afternoon was dedicated to the rest of the fair, with bouncy castles sponsored by Rick's Oilfield Hauling, pony rides and a petting zoo, a face painter, balloon animals, food trucks, a show and shine, and the farmer's market and trade show. The evening concluded with a spectacular fireworks show, including fireworks shot from the top of Redwater's oil derrick next to Pembina Place.

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Visit our 'Agendas & Minutes' web page for Council meeting information and the 'Meeting & Events' web page for the complete list of other scheduled meeting dates and community events.

- Regular County Council Meeting**
 September 7 @ 9:00 AM
 September 28 @ 9:00 AM
 October 12 @ 9:00 AM
 November 23 @ 9:00 AM
 December 14 @ 9:00 AM

Organizational Meeting followed by Regular County Council
 October 26 @ 9:00 AM

A Public Q & A Period is held during each Council Meeting 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works Offices will be

CLOSED
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4, 2023
for Heritage Days



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Adopted Policy Statement No. 02-37-01: Peace Officer Patrol Vehicle.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 02-36-02: Peace Officer Uniform and Equipment.
- 3rd and Final Reading of Bylaw 1437-23/ LUB 1272-14 Amendment for Animal Control Bylaw 1438-23.
- Proclaimed Treaty 6 Day - August 23, 2023.
- Proclaimed Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day - September 7, 2023
- Proclaimed Welcoming Week - September 8 - 17, 2023
- Proclaimed Alberta Development Officers Week - September 19 - 22, 2023
- 3rd and Final Reading of Bylaw 1450-23: Recruitment and Retention for Physicians and Healthcare Workers
- Amend Policy Statement No. 05-05-03: Recruitment and Retention for Physicians and Health Care Workers Committee: Terms of Reference

Donations

- \$2000 to Ukrainian Orthodox Society of Spedden for operational costs
- Promotional items donated for the Smoky Lake Kinette Club
- \$300 to the Smoky Lake Golf Club for the Junior Golf Program

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SNOW CLEARING POLICY UPDATE

Smoky Lake County Council has amended the Snow Clearing Policy to:

- Adjust the flat rate fee for service between November 1st to April 30th to \$700 (or \$250 for seniors and/or persons with disability),
- Allow for the purchase of flags at any time of the year, and
- A requirement for the landowner or tenant to provide an area map drawing identifying obstacles.

Find the updated policy and application form on our website under Policy Statement No. 03-35: Snow Clearing - Public and Private Services, or visit the Public Works Shop.

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