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## Childcare Society gets a brand-new play structure



Vanessa Vaudan, Shannon Barnes, Lindsay Gross, Kelly LeMessurier Feledichuk, Christopher Raezter, Jessica Mykyte and Kerrie Stanko: Board Members of Seeds to Sprouts Childcare Society ribbon cutting for the new playground structure.

By Brandie Majeau

Excited screams filled the air as parents and grandparents chased after toddlers. It was an exhilarating day for the Seeds to Sprouts Childcare Society. Seeds to Sprouts began as a conversation

around a kitchen table, expressing a need for childcare in the Thorhild area. After countless hours by volunteers, the dream finally came to fruition. In 2019, Seeds to Sprouts opened its doors with the donation of two classrooms from Aspen

View in Thorhild Central School. The society now employs eleven staff members and is attended by forty-six children. Board members expressed their gratitude to all businesses, organizations, and individuals that made this dream possible, right down

to the donations and support for the lunch program and snacks.

However, this gathering was not just about snacks and classrooms. On the evening of September 29, they gathered to celebrate the ribbon

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## Thorhild Central School Honours National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

By Brandie Majeau

A sea of orange shirts flooded the gymnasium of Thorhild Central School (TCS) on September 29 in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Approximately 375 guests were in attendance, including students, TCS staff, Aspen View officials, and members of the community. The holiday, which originated in 2013 as Orange Shirt Day, was formally implemented and recognized

for the first time in 2021 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It encourages Canadians to understand, reflect, and learn about the impact residential schools had on the Indigenous community. TCS educator Erin Halonen guided the ceremonies with solemn dignity, encouraging all guests to join in this journey of understanding. "Remembering, recovering, and reconciling" is a term

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Grass Dancer, Darryl Whiskeyjack with his mother Tracy Whiskeyjack and Uncle Jason Whiskeyjack

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Cam and Justin flip burgers for the celebration supper.

Continued from page 1 cutting of the brand-new daycare playground. A tearful acknowledgement was made regarding Don Evans, expressing that without his equipment and donations, they would not be here. Kerrie Stanko, board president, offered heartfelt

recognition, "We are really grateful for the efforts of the late Don Evans in coordinating this purchase with Flaman. He didn't get to see the structure in place, but he would be happy to see the joy it brings the kids." In addition to Flaman Sales and Rentals, the numerous organizations and individuals

that sponsor Seeds to Sprouts Childcare Society are proudly displayed next to the playground facility. North Corridor Co-operative, Aspen View School Division, Thorhild Central School, Thorhild County, Waste Management, Pembina, Shell, North Parkland Power, North West



Emilie Ritchot enjoys the new playground after the ribbon cutting. Her father said "She loves it here!"



Refinery, Westlock Prescription Center, Thorhild Lions Club, Fortis, DDC Sand Gravel and Concrete, Hill Drilling, Mill Creek Sand and Gravel, Feledichuk Family, and Rusinko & Sons Trucking Ltd. were all thanked by name, and most had a representative attending the special event.

The humbling

speeches could not fully convey how thankful this group and community are towards all these wonderful contributors. The Society has become an overwhelming success and a staple of support for families in the community. Stanko concluded the intimate ceremony by encouraging everyone

to come inside and enjoy a bite to eat. Smokehouse Grills, out of Morinville, arrived early with the contribution of their grills and time, and had been busy flipping burgers that had been graciously donated by Geiger Farms. They were ready to serve up the guests on this chilly autumn evening.

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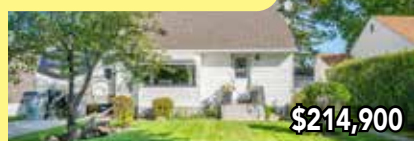
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Here is the one you have been waiting for 3 bdrm 1.5 story with loads of character and all the important things upgraded over the last number of years. Upgrades include shingles, furnace, hot water tank, central air conditioning, kitchen, floors, washroom, electrical, windows and even a newer double garage to go along with the older single. Basement is left to be finished to your plans as all old stuff was ripped out so fresh canvas for your ideas. Large cement pad for your RV to have it right at home and no storage costs.

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Cozy bungalow located right across the street from Redwater school and Pembina place. This 2 bedroom home has recently had all new windows installed and new shingles this year. Both bedrooms, 4 piece bath, kitchen and living room are all on the main floor. The basement is partially developed with a newer HE furnace, cold room and laundry area. Outside you have a massive yard on a corner lot with a 24x26 double detached heated garage with oil change pit. Back alley access to sneak that RV in the yard for winter parking.

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### Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment

- Smoky Lake RCMP received a call of a possible impaired driver, members located vehicle a Mandatory Alcohol Screening was completed, sample was "o"
- September 26 received a call of Cabins broken into at Island Lake. There was a suspicious white Jeep Cherokee in the area. Police are investigating all leads
- RCMP recovered some items from the Break and Enter at a residence in Whitecourt, investigation on going
- Found property- Outboard Boat Motor Cover, call the Smoky Lake Detachment if you are missing one
- A trailer was broken into on RR 131
- On September 28 RCMP received calls about 3 stolen vehicles in the North West part of the County.
- The RCMP is seeing a rise of stolen vehicles as of recent in our rural area. Remember to lock our vehicles, keep valuables in your garage or house.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON A CRIME CONTACT THE SMOKY LAKE RCMP AT 780-656-3550 or CRIMESTOPPERS 1-800-222-TIPS(8477)**

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Redwater School news



The staff and students at Redwater School demonstrated their support by donning orange shirts to acknowledge Truth and Reconciliation Week. Wearing orange shirts was a small yet meaningful step toward gaining a better understanding of the events that transpired in residential schools in our province.

## Holy Family Catholic School news



Holy Family Catholic School extended thanks to Imperial Cold Lake for their generous financial support for the 2023-24 school year. This funding ensures the continuation of the Mental Health Matters Program, which is vital in supporting students by raising awareness, reducing stigma, and promoting mental wellness at Lakeland Catholic Schools. *Mental Health Matters at Lakeland Catholic Schools!*



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## Letter to Editor:

**Dear Parents**

Last Monday, my son and I were leaving

Redwater (by the golf course) we noticed three young boys (8-

10) trying to run over a young cat with their bikes. I stopped my car but they continued to try to run over the cat and only moved over a

little when I backed up. Trying to hurt or maim an animal is sad to see in children so young and is possibly a criminal offense. Parents, please

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**R. Frederick**

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### COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS September 26, 2023

*Below is a summary of decisions and discussions at the September 26, 2023, Regular Council meeting:*

**Unfinished Business: Fire Invoices**

Council moved to direct Administration to cancel all fire invoices under Bylaw 10-2022 and issue refunds to those who have paid their invoice.

**Unfinished Business: Meeting Dates**

Council scheduled November 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for Coffee with Council in a meeting room at the Newbrook Community Hall. They also set a Special Council meeting for November 2 and November 23, 2023, commencing at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of a CAO budget planning session, and they set a Municipal Development Planning review meeting for October 18, 2023, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

**Code of Conduct Bylaw**

Council directed Administration to make grammatical changes to the Code of Conduct Bylaw and bring it back for review.

**Correspondence: Minister of Transportation**

Council directed Administration to respond to the letter from the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, requesting a meeting with the minister during the 2023 Fall Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) convention to discuss the following items:

- a) Highway 18;
- b) Highway 28; and
- c) Highway 827 Bridge.

### COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come meet with County Council on:  
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<b>Community Economic Development Advisory Board (CEDAB):</b> The CEDAB acts in an advisory role by making recommendations and providing strategic advice to Council on economic and business development matters.	Quarterly	Three	Carol Revega Email: Carol.Revega@thorhildcounty.com Ph: 780-398-3741 ext. 2808
<b>Thorhild County Library Board - Divisions 1 &amp; 5:</b> The Library Board is a governing board with full management and control of the public libraries within Thorhild County.	Quarterly	Two	Tracy Woloshyniuk Email: twoloshyniuk@newbrooklibrary.ab.ca Ph: 780-576-3772
<b>Weed and Pest Appeal Committee:</b> The Weed & Pest Appeal Committee hears and determines appeals under the Weed Control Act.	When required	Three	Clarence Dowhan Email: Clarence.Dowhan@thorhildcounty.com Ph: 780-398-3977 ext. 3974

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used many times for this cause, dedicating ourselves to the healing journey from a history of abuse and degradation.

The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation presentation called upon Superintendent Constantine Kastrinos, who spoke to the students and members of the community about understanding the stories and the truth and creating peace and understanding through reconciliation. Principal Lenore Lamouche followed with a sincere thank you to all in attendance, adding her own personal interest as a parent of a First Nations daughter and a desire to bring awareness to the circumstances. The ceremony involved a sacred smudging, and guest speaker Jason Whiskeyjack

from Saddle Lake Cree Nation gave an opening prayer in Cree. The grade four class joined the singing of O Canada by signing our National Anthem, and a visual media presentation was shown offering a brief history, explanation, and testimony of the plight of residential schools. There was also a moment of silence as the beat of drums played the honor song, beat after beat pounding its way into the hearts and minds of a darker time in Canadian history.

Jason Whiskeyjack spoke of the trauma incurred by families, how children were forcibly taken, relating his own family's experience and emotions. The stories were poignant, relaying the disharmony that echoed in the personal lives of Indigenous families, all because of the damage of the residential school.

As he spoke of his own journey towards healing, he relayed respect and strength of family as a unit, supporting each other and working together to reconcile. His own childhood stories found their way to the telling of The Story of The Grass Dance. The story speaks of a boy seeking guidance and enduring suffering and finding hope at the end of it all—the story denotes healing, the grass dance a healing dance.

As Jason Whiskeyjack's words settled fresh in the minds of all attending, Darryl Whiskeyjack stepped into the center of the gymnasium. Dressed in full costume, with a swish of beads and the tinkling of bells, he began an entrancing performance of The Grass Dance, swaying to the songs of ancient ancestors. He moved with

elegance, his feet strong and sure but graceful, bells echoing a haunting song as he moved. With a final stamp of a foot and the jingle of bells fading into silence, an up-roaring of applause filled the air. With the touching performance, understanding dawns and marks the impact of this painful history. The fading of the bells drew forth the memories of children who never made it back to their homes and the struggle that still very much impacts so many families and communities today.

Students, staff, and guests were invited to join together following the ceremony for a group lunch. The chefs at Freddy's Lunchbox (TCS cafeteria) worked hard to create an amazing traditional meal of bannock and stew to honour the service.



Erin Halonen addressing the assembly for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.



Darryl Whiskeyjack performs a Grass Dance.



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## PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1634/23 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1634/23.

The property owner would like to facilitate RV camping and address existing recreational development on their land at 302 57000 Highway 44. This land is zoned as R4 – Hamlet Serviced Residential District which does not allow this type of activity.

### Public Hearing details

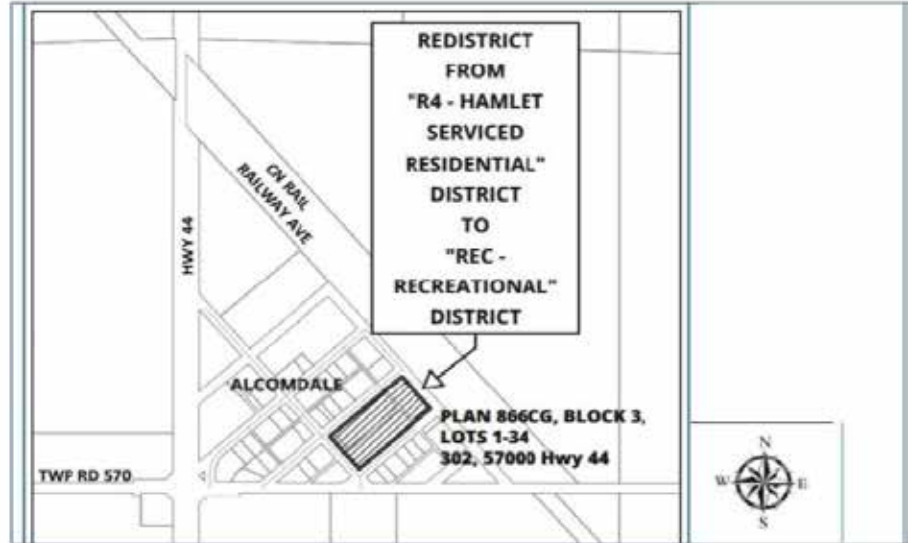
The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:  
**Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter)

Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)  
[sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings)

To operate RV camping and outdoor recreation facilities in Sturgeon County, land must be zoned as REC – Recreational District. The applicant is requesting the land be rezoned to REC – Recreational District, which would allow them to apply for a campground development permit.

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

View the proposed bylaw at [sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1634](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1634)



Questions? Contact us!

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### 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 October 23 at 1:00 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:foip@sturgeoncounty.ca) or 780-939-4321.



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# Something's cookin' at the drop-in centre



The Silver Horizon Drop-in Centre in Newbrook (a Non-Profit organization) hosted its third Spaghetti supper recently. They served 85 plates, and everyone had a fantastic time, with attendees even coming from as far as Westlock. The dinner menu included Spaghetti, Caesar salad, Garlic Bread, and for dessert, Ice cream, strawberries, and whipped cream. The beverages offered were tea, coffee, water, and iced tea. All of this was available for \$15, while children's meals were priced at \$8.



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