



Ag Society president, Alex Torguson presents Terran Ewasiw with his scholarship award. Photo courtesy of Thorhild Ag Society

Redwater Museum exhibits “what cell phones have replaced”

By Brandie Majeau

The beginning of a new year brings discussions of resolutions and changes. This tradition dates back thousands of years, believed to be in honour and celebration of a new year, attributing promises and commitments. People take this time to reflect upon themselves, evaluating self-perceived areas of need and growth. Often, reflecting on personal change involves examining the past. People have healed by addressing past mistakes or building upon childhood trauma, among other things.

Modern-day resolutions often revolve around technology: reducing or eliminating social media use, cutting down screen time for games, or minimizing the constant checking of emails and messages conveniently stored in pockets. A thought-provoking question arises: what

else can be considered in resolutions related to technology, specifically cell phones? The Redwater & District Museum features a unique display that showcases items replaced by current cell phone technology. This display includes vintage media items, games, radios, various lighting selections, and an array of informative resources. It astutely highlights the technological advancements while offering a poignant reflection on what has been lost.

With the proliferation of cell phones, many have forsaken the art of writing letters, with some even foregoing the pleasure of hearing a loved one's voice in favour of sending a quick text message. Digital games, with their vibrant colours and constant stimulation, enable gamers to connect globally. Yet, these digital interactions lack the personal

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Thorhild Ag Society awards two scholarships for 2023

By Brandie Majeau

The Thorhild and District Agricultural Society recently awarded its annual \$500 scholarship to not one but two students who are pursuing post-secondary education following

their graduation from Thorhild Central School. Given that there were no successful candidates for the 2022 year, the Thorhild & District Agricultural Society board decided to grant two scholarships for 2023. The selection

criteria are based on academic achievement and community involvement. This year's recipients embodied the values and dedication that the Thorhild Ag Society seeks when assessing potential beneficiaries.

Terran Ewasiw and Ryne Semeniuk were honoured with this scholarship in recognition of their exceptional commitment to secondary education and dedication as they transition to

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Ag Society treasurer, Shannon Barnes, presents Ryne Semeniuk with his scholarship award. **Photo courtesy of Thorhild Ag Society**

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post-secondary institutions. It is indeed an honour to recognize such outstanding students for their remarkable achievements. Ewasiw and Semeniuk demonstrated motivation and academic diligence, showcasing a passion for learning and a drive to progress academically. These

attributes were evident not only in the classroom but also in their community involvement and dedication. Both were deserving candidates, and the Thorhild Ag Society board extends heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as they pursue their chosen paths. Prospective applicants for the

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Permit Number: DP 030-23

Legal Land Description: PLAN 1324097, BLOCK 1, LOT 1

Area: SOUTH OF CACHE LAKE

Division: 2

Land Use District: AGRICULTURE (AG) District

Use Type: DISCRETIONARY USE

Proposed Development: ANIMAL BREEDING AND/OR BOARDING FACILITY, GREENHOUSE, SHED, COOP & DETACHED GARAGE

For information or viewing this Development Permit, please contact Jordan Ruegg, Development Authority & Planning and Development Manager at 780-656-3730 to arrange an appointment.

Persons wishing to appeal any of the above decisions must do so by filing a written "NOTICE OF APPEAL" along with the \$250.00 appeal fee, to the Clerk of the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB) 4612 McDougall Drive, Box 310, Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0, no later than **Monday, January 8, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.** The appeal letter should indicate the development permit number, contact name, phone number, mailing address, and reason(s) for appeal.

**Jordan Ruegg
Development Authority Officer/
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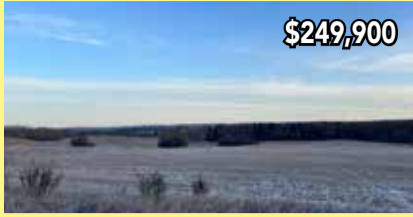
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60217 HWY 63 THORHILD COUNTY



\$424,900

Beautiful bungalow sitting on 11.89 acres! This home is over 1320 SQFT with main floor laundry, updated kitchen consisting of granite countertops, newer cabinets and appliances. Large dining area and living room with wood burning fireplace, 3 bedrooms on the main level including primary with 2 piece ensuite. Main 4 piece bathroom and loads of closet space on this level. Newer flooring and windows throughout the whole main floor. In the basement you will find a large rec room with bar area, 3 piece bathroom, 2 additional bedrooms, tons of storage and utility room with newer HE furnace. Outside is a mature yard with amazing landscaping and a huge garden area. New west facing pressure treated front deck and east facing rear patio with HOT TUB. Massive double garage with 2 new 9ft doors and new openers, 40ft sea can comes with property for extra storage. Located 45 minutes from the Anthony Henday and on the way to Fort McMurray

#3 LOST POINT LAKE STURGEON COUNTY



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2063SQFT above grade with another 1541SQFT in a fully developed walk out basement. The main floor is A frame styling with a loft overlooking the living room and backyard. Large mud room with loads of built in features, bedroom with 3pc 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 walkout basement has huge above ground windows with two sets of bedrooms with Jack and Jill 4pc 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 yard. Large double attached garage with mezzanine. The backyard has two storage sheds and a firepit area along with some fruit trees. Recent upgrades include new roof July 2023 & boiler system reconditioned Dec 2022

#40 WATERDALE PARK HWY 38 STURGEON COUNTY



\$599,000

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, 3pc bath and plush carpeting. The other two bedrooms on this floor are of a good size and a main 4pc 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.

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touch found when sitting around a table, missing the camaraderie of a grandparent trying to cheat or the playful threats of flipping a game board. While digital music offers unparalleled clarity and access to unlimited artists and genres, it can overshadow the intimacy and sheer joy of local talent and jam nights. Although digital art

surrounds us, it may not capture the tactile experience of paint and canvas.

As the new year unfolds, take a moment to visit the Redwater & District Museum. Before embarking on numerous resolutions that may falter within weeks, explore the "What Cell Phones Have Replaced" exhibit for a moment of quiet reflection. While technology is undeniably awe-inspiring,

it prompts us to consider its cost. As 2024 begins, a resolution might be as straightforward as rekindling connections and finding inner peace through holding a tangible book, baking cookies that may not be Instagram-worthy, feeling dice roll in your palm or cards slide through your fingers, or experiencing the joy of opening and reading a handwritten note.



Redwater Museum displays an in depth look at the world of technology replaced by cells phones.

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KID'S CORNER



STUDENT

Yug
second grade
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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.

Smoky Lake Region ICC Meeting- Fire Services

January 29, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

Regular County Council Meeting

January 11, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

January 25, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

February 8, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

February 22, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

March 7, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

March 28, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

April 11, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

April 25, 2024 @ 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,
FEBRUARY 19, 2024
for Family Day

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Amended Policy Statement No. 01-53: Treaty 6 & Land Acknowledgment.
- Adopted the 2024 Natural Gas Operating Budget.
- Adopted the 2024 Natural Gas Capital Budget.
- Approved the Five-Yea Consolidated Capital Budget.
- Approved the 2024 Interim Municipal Budget.
- Renewed membership with the Smoky Lake Chambers of Commerce.
- Held Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1453-23.

Donations

- \$500 to the Smoky Lake Curling Club for sponsorship of two curling rock handles.
- Promotional items to the Community Planning Association of Alberta conference.
- \$2,500 of 2024 FCSS funding to the Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers Ukrainian Dance Club for their volunteer appreciation.

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Extended deadline to apply: January 12, 2024

LAND FOR SALE

Smoky Lake County is offering for sale 3 County owned parcels by CLHbid.com. Sale will happen on **Thursday, February 15, 2024** from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM MST.

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CRIME PREVENTION TOWN HALL

Participating communities include Smoky Lake County, Town of Smoky Lake and the Villages of Waskatenau and Vilna.

Smoky Lake RCMP, along with Smoky Lake County Rural Crime Watch and Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P), will be hosting a Crime Prevention Town Hall. There will be speakers on CPTED - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, C.O.P Program, and further information on how to protect yourself and your property in both rural or urban areas.

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., presentations start at 7 p.m. with Q&A following.

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U7

Redwater school

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Redwater RCMP respond to fatal motor vehicle collision

On Jan. 4, 2024, at approximately 6:18 p.m., Redwater RCMP received a report of a two-vehicle collision involving a pick-up truck and a semi-truck on Highway 28

in Sturgeon County. Upon arrival, emergency responders observed that the driver of the pick-up truck was deceased. The deceased has been identified

as a 37-year-old male resident of Beaumont Alta. The driver of the semi-truck was transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

RCMP continue to investigate the cause of the collision.

Alberta RCMP offer their condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

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Rex Drabble

June 3, 1935 ~ January 1, 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Rex Drabble announce his passing on Monday, January 1, 2024 at the age of 88 years. Rex will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 23



grandchildren, Kaleb, Kate, Ethan, Dylan, Mathew, Gracin, Logan, Livia, Stella, Jace and Ruby; 1 great grandchild, August. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 1:30 pm

at the Fort Saskatchewan Community Hall- Normandy Room, 9964 - 93 avenue, Fort Saskatchewan.

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Healthy aging:

Three common illnesses older Canadians should know about



(NC) Our golden years can be the best time of our lives, but your body may need a little more care than it did in years past. Regardless of how young you may feel at heart, there are illnesses that are more common at an older age.

Here are three conditions to be aware of that can significantly affect older adults:

1. Shingles Herpes Zoster, typically referred to as shingles, is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. If you had chickenpox in the past, the virus remains dormant in your body and can reactivate later in life as shingles. Shingles often shows up as a painful rash or blisters that can last for weeks and can lead to nerve pain lasting for months or even years. It's estimated that one in three Canadians will get shingles in their lifetime, and with ninety per cent of adults over the age of 50 thought to have had chickenpox, shingles is a concern for older Canadians.

Treatment may have limited impact, but shingles

can be prevented. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization and the Comité sur l'immunisation du Québec (CIQ) recommend vaccination for people aged 50 and over to help prevent shingles. The CIQ also recommends vaccination for people aged 18 years and older who are immunocompromised.

2. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) RSV is a common and highly contagious virus that affects the lungs and breathing passages. Despite commonly being associated with infants and young children, adults aged 60 and older are also at increased risk for serious infection from RSV.

The natural decline in immune function as we age makes the older-adult crowd more vulnerable to infections and health complications, including RSV. Additionally, immunity against RSV is short-lived, so you can catch it again even if you've already had it. Getting vaccinated, washing your hands frequently, disinfecting surfaces around you, and avoiding time spent close to anyone who

is ill are a few steps to help avoid contracting the virus.

3. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

COPD is a lung disease that includes chronic bronchitis or emphysema. It causes a narrowing of the airways and can progress slowly over a number of years. Its typically diagnosed in those over age 40, and many people may not realize they have the condition. Symptoms can include a cough lasting longer than three months, wheezing or whistling when breathing, long-lasting colds and shortness of breath during everyday activities. Feeling short of breath is not a normal sign of aging, and those experiencing it should seek medical guidance. Those with the disease are also at higher risk of developing heart conditions, diabetes and low bone density. The good news is COPD is manageable with treatment.

There are all sorts of ways to enjoy life well into our golden years, but it can be helpful to know what you might be up against.

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS December 19, 2023

Below is a brief summary of decisions and discussions at the December 19, 2023, Regular Council meeting:

Delegation: Redwater RCMP Detachment

Council accepted for information the report from the Redwater RCMP Detachment.

Council also directed Administration to invite a member of the RCMP Redwater Detachment to the January Coffee with Council meeting.

Draft Bylaw 15-2023 Tax Instalment Payment Plan Bylaw

Council gave Second and Third Readings to Bylaw 15-2023 Tax Instalment Payment Plan Bylaw.

Annual Community Youth Group Assistance

Council approved funding allocations for the 2023 Annual Community Youth Group Assistance program as follows:

- \$375 to Newbrook 4-H Beef Builders
- \$325 to Thorhild Fun Hockey
- \$400 to Thorhild Minor Hockey
- \$400 to Thorhild Skating Club
- \$375 to Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club
- \$250 to Friends of the Newbrook Public Library

Draft Long Lake Ski Area Policy 1002

Council approved the draft Long Lake Ski Area Policy 1002.

Long Lake Cottage Owners Association - Inquiry Letter

Council directed Administration to respond to the Long Lake Cottage Owners Association's letter of inquiry pertaining to the Long Lake Block Wells with information as presented.

Council also authorized any members of Council to attend the Special Meeting with Thorhild County Reeve and Councillors and Long Lake Cottage Owners Board of Directors held by the Long Lake Cottage Owners Association at the Long Lake Fire Hall on January 13, 2024.

Small Community Opportunity Program

Council directed Administration to proceed with an application to the Small Community Opportunity Program to contract an Economic Development Officer to focus on small business growth, attraction and promotion.

Alberta HUB Letter of Support Request

Council authorized a letter of support to Alberta HUB for its Northeast Alberta Sector Development Strategy project grant application to the Northern and Regional Economic Development Program.

2024 Operating and Capital Budgets

Council approved the 2024 Operating Budget and the 2024 Capital Budget as presented.

Draft Policy 210 Duties of Council Committees

Council approved draft Policy 210 Duties of Council Committees.

Draft Policy 212 Council - Extended Leave of Absence

Council approved draft Policy 212 Council - Extended Leave of Absence.

Rescind Policy 304 Lapel Pins

Council approved rescinding Policy 304 - Lapel Pins.

Draft Policy 605 Administration, Property Tax, and Assessment Services Schedule of Fees

Council approved draft Policy 605 Administration, Property Tax, and Assessment Services Schedule of Fees as amended which includes a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) plus cost of postage to mail for each replacement County ID card request per residential tax roll.

LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR



Do you have a community event you want to promote? Tell us about it and we'll add it to our local events calendar.

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NOTICE OF MULCHING ACTIVITIES

Mulching operations are currently in progress along registered creeks and roadside easements. Mulching activities utilize specialized machinery to shred trees and brush, transforming them into mulch chips. These chips are deposited on the ground surface and ditches, where they undergo natural decomposition over time.

Mulching helps clear ditches of fallen brush and trees, increases efficiency during snow clearing in winter, and improves ditch drainage.

Please watch for equipment and stay clear of machinery activities in progress.

THORHILD COUNTY ID CARDS

Thorhild County Identification Cards are required to access Thorhild and Long Lake Transfer Stations and Waste of Management Canada-Thorhild Landfill for all household waste. ID cardholders **must** show their cards to the transfer station attendants. Effective January 2024, transfer station attendants are required to scan ID cards.



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- Cotton swabs
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FALSE ALARMS – WHAT YOU NEED KNOW



A friendly reminder that False Alarms are not only a drain on resources and personnel, but can take personnel away from a real emergency.

Should your alarm system go off when there is no emergency, remember that turning off or silencing the system at the control panel only stops the alarm from going off at your property. A chain of events has already been set in motion.

Police, fire, or ambulance have been notified and may already be on their way to your location. Remember that Police, Fire and EMS must treat all alarm calls as a genuine emergency until proven otherwise.

In most cases, after silencing the alarm panel, you must call your alarm company to advise them that you have had a false alarm.

The alarm company will then contact first responders through appropriate channels to advise them of the need to cancel the alarm.

Where Emergency Services have taken any action responding to a False Alarm to the same location within the same calendar year, charges will apply as per Emergency Services Bylaw 12-2023.

By doing your part to reduce false alarm calls you are helping reduce the burden on our first responders and focusing their efforts where they need to be!

DRIVEWAY SNOWPLOWING/SNOW FLAGS

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

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

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

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

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

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Ringling in the new year with a healthy relationship with food

Consuming a varied diet can provide our bodies with essential nutrients needed to function optimally. Proper nutrition can also lower our risk of chronic disease and support our overall physical health, including the development and maintenance of strong bones, a robust immune system, and efficient organ function.

We know that food plays a central role in our customs, traditions, and celebrations. What we eat is also influenced by education, income, and access to food.

Having a healthy connection with food can also impact our physical and mental well-being.

What does a healthy relationship with food look like?

A healthy relationship with food and eating is an important part of a healthy eating pattern. It can be different for everyone. Some ways you can develop a healthy relationship with food are:

- Enjoying the

taste, social, traditional, and cultural aspects of food

- Being aware of how, why, and where you eat.
- Listening to your body signals for hunger and fullness.
- Welcoming all foods without fear or guilt
- Looking at food as a source of energy, nourishment, and enjoyment.
- Knowing that eating will change based on appetite, emotions, routines, and many other factors.
- Slowing down and taking time to eat. Our lives are busy and often we have places to go, activities to do, or errands to run. When building a connection with food, it's important to pay attention to textures and flavours of the food you are eating, which can be hard to do when you are rushing your meals and snacks.

- Limiting the use of phones, devices, televisions, or distractions while you are eating. Mindless eating is easy to do when we have a screen in front of us!
- Noticing when you are hungry or full, and re-connecting to the eating experience by creating awareness of your thoughts, feelings, emotions and behaviours.
- Planning what you would like to eat and involving others in planning and preparing.

Healthy relationships with**food start at a young age**

Classrooms and school lunchrooms are locations where teachers have an opportunity to promote a healthy relationship with food amongst students. Parents and caregivers can also provide an environment to foster healthy relationships with food.

For this reason, public health dietitians at AHS have created resources to support an inclusive learning environment that is sensitive to diverse backgrounds. Some tips for teachers, parents, caregivers, or mentors include:

- Emphasizing the

positive aspects of eating while helping children and teens recognize that food supports our physical, social, cognitive, and mental well-being.

- Referring to foods by their name or their type, such as a fruit or a protein or a dessert, instead of labelling them as "good," "bad," "clean," or "junk." Referring to foods with negative or positive connotations can lead to shame and stress around eating which can contribute to unhealthy relationships with food,

which may be harmful to health.

If you are a teacher, parent, or care provider and want to learn more about supporting a healthy relationship with food, please visit ahs.ca and search healthy relationship with food.

Start slow and celebrate progress!

If you are thinking about making changes to the way you eat and improve your relationship with food, the new year can be a good time to start.

- Take a look at where you are now. Reflect on how you think and talk about food. Choose a small goal that is important to you. For example, maybe you often think about foods as good or bad. It may help to re-frame how you think about or refer to food.

For more information including nutrition education, workshops and classes, visit albertahealthservices.ca/nutrition.



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Two surprisingly dangerous goods you use all the time



(NC) You probably don't read the label of everything that enters your home, and there are likely a few items in your home that you may not realize are dangerous. Below are two items you should know about to keep your home safe.

Batteries – a burn and fire risk

Lithium batteries are in many everyday devices, from cellphones to toys to power tools. While there are many safety standards for them, these lightweight, long-lasting power sources can be dangerous if they are not made, stored or handled properly. In fact, according to federal regulations they are classified as dangerous goods.

To avoid chemical burns, fires or explosions, make sure to only buy batteries from reputable

brands and retailers and avoid aftermarket or third-party batteries. Third-party lithium batteries can be of poor quality or counterfeit and have been shown to lead to more fires.

Keep batteries out of reach of children and supervise play-time to prevent kids from swallowing small cell batteries found in many children's toys.

– a risk of explosion

You may already know that aerosol canisters will explode if heated. But you might be surprised by how many day-to-day products come in these canisters. In addition to hairspray, you can find cooking oils, sunscreens, perfumes, air fresheners and cleaning products in these pressurized cans. Think about how many you might have in your house while

you're out shopping.

If you buy a product that comes in an aerosol canister, be sure to store it away from heat according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Just like lithium batteries, products in aerosol canisters are classified as dangerous goods by Transport Canada. This means that they require a special shipping label when being transported or shipped.

If you have to return these products through the mail, make sure that the package includes the appropriate dangerous goods shipping label.

These labels are required for all packages carrying items classified as dangerous goods. You can find more information about the regulations at tc.canada.ca/en/dangerous-goods.



MOUNTIE MINUTE

Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment



- Reports of a residence broken into near Paradise Cove
- On December 20 the Vilna Post Office reported that numerous mail boxes were broken into
- December 21 RCMP investigated a Armed Robbery in the Town of Smoky Lake, short time later the suspects were arrested and charges laid for Armed Robbery and numerous additional charges.
- Numerous Frauds were reported during this time
- RCMP received a call of a neighbour dispute
- Theft of vehicle in the Vilna area

- a Ford LGT 1983- Brown in color
- RCMP responded to Mental Health, Well Being Checks, and Suspicious Vehicles
- Numerous vehicle collision reported, it's that time of year be cautious with road conditions due to weather change
- If you see any suspicious vehicle which not normally in your area call the RCMP to report

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

PUBLIC NOTICE – Bylaw 1640/23

Assessment of manufactured homes in a manufactured home community.

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the Sturgeon County Public Notification Bylaw, Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on proposed Bylaw 1640/23.

This Bylaw seeks to bring the approach to property assessment for designated manufactured homes into compliance with the Municipal Government Act and proposes to designate the owner of a manufactured home community as the assessed person for a designated manufactured home in the community. This has been the practice in Sturgeon County for almost two decades.

Bylaw 1640/23 is required because changes to the zoning for manufactured home communities in Land Use Bylaw 1385/17 resulted in the current system not being legislatively compliant. It is important to note that property assessment values are not affected by this Bylaw.

[View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/Bylaw-1640](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/Bylaw-1640)

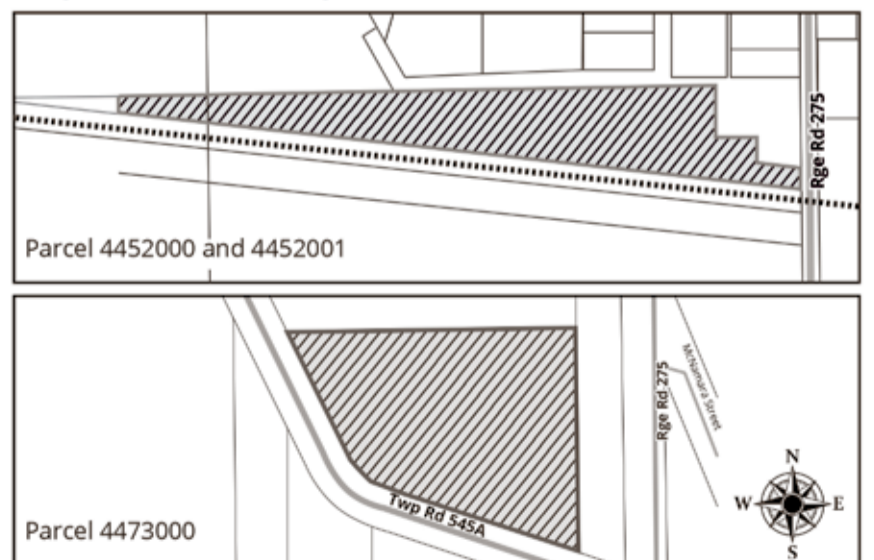
Right of Petition

Unless a petition of the electors of Sturgeon County is received, Council may consider passing proposed Bylaw 1640/23.

The proposed Bylaw can be examined on the Sturgeon County website at www.sturgeoncounty.ca or between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday in the office of the Legislative Advisor, Sturgeon County Centre, 9613 100 Street, Morinville, Alberta.

A person wishing to file a petition in respect of the proposed Bylaw must do so in accordance with Part 7 of the Municipal Government Act and should consult the Alberta Municipal Affairs online publication Petition to council information for Albertans, elected officials and municipal officers. A petition of electors must be filed with Legislative Services in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, in the office of the Legislative Advisor, Sturgeon County Centre, 9613 100 Street, Morinville, Alberta. **A petition for a vote of electors on proposed Bylaw 1640/23 must be filed no later than March 20, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**

Map of Affected Properties



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Garry Wilfred Lahti

December 7, 1952 - January 3, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Garry at the age of 71 years. He leaves to mourn his passing; wife, Kim; daughters Brittany, Krystin and Erika (Mike), grandson, Cody, granddaughter, Aspen, as well as extended family and friends.



during the season on the course with good friends who often would fly to warm destinations to take in a few rounds on some of the world's best courses.

As per his wishes there will be no funeral and at this time there are no plans for a celebration of life.

The family would like to send a sincere thank you to the staff

Garry was predeceased by his mother and father, Hazel and Tauno, and his three brothers, Glenn, Les and Vern and well as his beloved dog, Duchess, who he will be buried with.

Before retiring, he an established crane operator with tickets to

operate cranes around the world.

He spent many hours watching hockey, he loved the Oilers, and chatting about the good old days with friends. His biggest passion was golfing. He spent many hours

at Redwater Health Centre for their compassionate care during the last few weeks of his life. Please send any donations to the Stollery Children's Hospital, a charity Garry frequently supported or any animal rescue of your choosing.

Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to the family by visiting www.westlockfuneralhome.com Westlock Funeral Home & Crematorium (780-349-3474)



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Top tips to get ready for tax time



(NC) If there's one thing you can count on every year, it's that April 30th – or the first business day after it – is the deadline for filing our taxes. Are you ready? If not, here are four tips to help you plan for the big day.

Get organized

If you're a salaried full-time employee, organizing your taxes should be fairly easy. Get your T4 from your employer and collect any earnings slips for your investments. But if you're self-employed or run a business, there is a lot of paperwork to go through, with receipts for expenses from stationary and client meals to equipment and work-related travel. The sooner you get those organized, the easier it will be to complete your tax return.

Note that if you are self-employed, the deadline for filing your taxes is June 17, 2024, but if you owe any money on your return that will be due on April 30th or you'll face penalties and interest for late payment.

Top up your RRSPs

This year, the deadline to make contributions to your registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) and get the deduction on your 2023 taxes is February 29, 2024. Any amount you invest in RRSPs will be deducted from your annual income for the year, and potentially earn you a refund. If you do get one, consider investing it in your tax-free savings account (TFSA), the registered educational savings plans (RESP) you have for the kids or get an early start on next year's RRSPs.

Clean up your files

You're required to keep any receipts or other documents related to your taxes for six years after filing. Once you've completed your 2023 return, pull out any 2017 or older documents and get rid of them. You should also purge any documents you filed away but don't really need, such as receipts for things you can't claim as deductions. Use a shredder to destroy anything that has personal information on it, including your social

insurance number or your signature to protect yourself from fraud.

Automate your business books

If you own a business and are not already using cloud-based accounting software, this is the year you should look into one. With a cloud-based accounting program such as FreshBooks, you can automate things like invoicing and sending out late-payment reminders to help with your cash flow. Everything is also automatically backed up and you can give remote access files to team members who need them. And you can set up your accountant within the platform, which gives them real-time access to your financial data so they can offer you the best help. Small business owners can also apply for the Canada Digital Adoption Program to help fund cloud-based accounting solutions.

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Smoky Lake Lions: At the heart of the community



The Smoky Lake Lions Club was established in Smoky Lake in 1947, marking 76 years of dedicated service to the community. The club supports the community in various ways, including occasional donations, assistance, and regular contributions. Their pancake breakfast at the onset of the Smoky Lake Stampede garners

significant attendance and serves as a successful fundraiser. Traditionally, the proceeds from this event benefit the Smoky Lake Food Bank.

With the rising cost of living and inflation, many families face financial challenges. On November 28, Noreen Easterbrook, president of the Smoky

Lake Food Bank, spoke on behalf of the Lions Club to garner support for the Food Bank. She stated, "In 2022, thanks to government assistance post-Covid, there was no immediate emergency. However, the Food Bank typically served 12-14 clients monthly; currently, it faces the highest demand ever, witnessing a 49% increase

due to rising grocery costs. Historically, the Lions Club has contributed primarily through the pancake breakfast, usually donating around \$3,000 annually. Although this year's contribution was less, I hope we can pledge \$3,000 for the upcoming year."

The club expresses optimism about making a substantial donation in the forthcoming year. In the spirit of giving, all Lions members brought non-perishable items to their Christmas dinner on December 12, benefiting the Food Bank. Additionally, the Lions operate a bus service for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and groups traveling out of town. A nominal fee covers the bus service, with the driver, also a Lion member, at the helm. Recently, the RCMP required the Lions' bus for their Christmas party. Hammerstrap in Waskatenau graciously covered the transportation expenses as a gesture of gratitude for the RCMP's commendable community service—a gesture appreciated by both the RCMP and the Lions.

The year 2024 promises a plethora of Lions activities, notably the celebration of 349 years of combined Lionism by clubs from Smoky Lake, Waskatenau, Thorhild, Redwater, and Radway on April 13.





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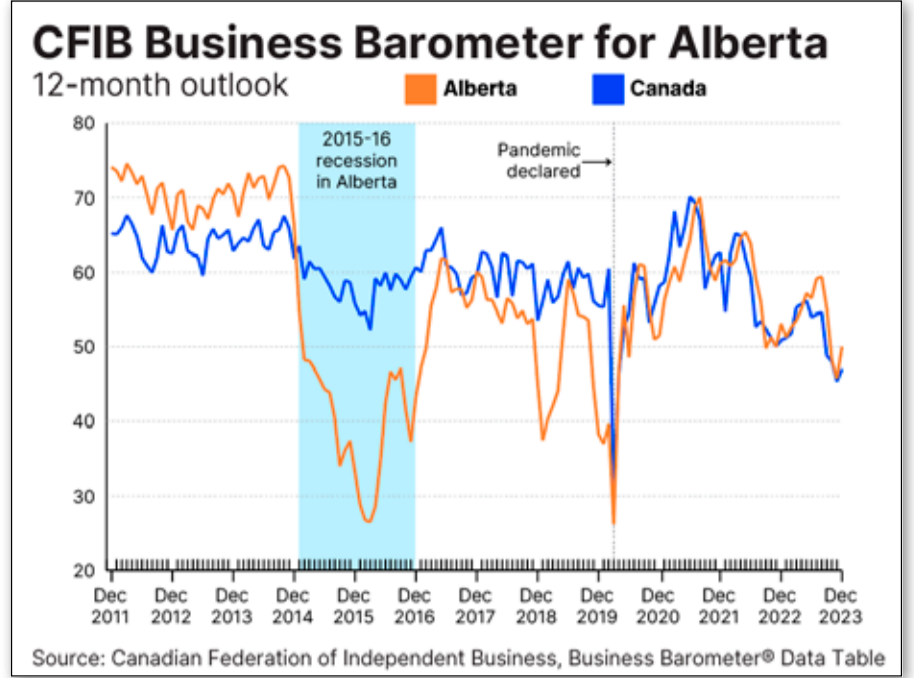
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Dr. Ekanem, RN Jessica Katerenchuk, and Lions President Lorrie Verspeelt collaborated to present a delightful assortment of chocolates to the dedicated staff and patients at the Smoky Lake Hospital acute care unit. Their gesture aimed to bring smiles and warmth to those in the hospital, recognizing their hard work and dedication to patient care.



Evenly split: Small business confidence in Alberta

By ATB Financial Team

After a bit of a stumble in November, the latest Business Barometer® published by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) shows that business confidence in Alberta improved in December* and remains above the national average.

The long-term optimism index is based on how businesses expect to be performing in 12 months while the short-term optimism index is based on a 3-month outlook.

The long-term index for Alberta rose 4.3 points to an even 50 in December, down from the recent high of 59.4 in August and below last year's average of 53.6.

December's reading means half of Alberta's small business owners are expecting their business's performance to be stronger in 2024 with the other half expecting it to be weaker.

Sentiment over the shorter term is weaker at 42.0 as of December, down from 55.0 back in May and

well below the 2023 average of 48.3.

A shortage of skilled labour and insufficient domestic demand were the top two limitations on sales/production growth mentioned by Alberta small business owners.

Nationally, the long-term index improved to 47.0 in December from 45.4 in November while the national short-term index rose to 39.8 from 37.3.

*Data reflect responses received from December 5 to the 8.



The Redwater and District Museum extends its sincere gratitude to Conifer Energy for renewing the old sign at the Redwater Discovery Well-site. Larry Hrynchuk approached Mr. Curtis Anaka with a request from the Redwater and District Museum executive to have the sign remade in time for the 75th Anniversary of the discovery of oil in Redwater. Thankfully Conifer Energy agreed

to funding the new sign and it was completed very soon after the request was made. In 1948 oil was discovered on the Hilton Cook farm, near Redwater. The resulting boom changed this sleepy hamlet forever. Redwater and District Museum has captured the story of "When Oil Hit Redwater" and it can be viewed at the Virtual Museum of Canada's website. This well site is still active and therefore is

not open to the public for viewing.

We contacted Mr. Curtis Anaka and he was kind enough to take us to the well site for a picture. Anyone wishing to view the original well-site with its beautiful sign should contact Conifer Energy.

Again, The Redwater and District Museum wishes to gratefully thank Conifer Energy for collaborating with us to make this new sign happen.



SCHOOL NEWS

H.A. Kostash School



Recently, H.A. Kostash's Chem 30 class enthusiastically performed Acid-Base Titrations, diving deep into experimental procedures and observing intriguing chemical reactions!

Redwater School



Recently, Grade 6 science classes at Redwater School constructed hoverboards to review the concept of air pressure!

Thorhild Central School



Recently, Grade 4 students from Thorhild Central School constructed both fixed and movable pulleys, engaging in hands-on activities as they delved into their science unit on simple machines.



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Sturgeon County is proud of its diverse and innovative agricultural sector! The Excellence in Agriculture Award is a way to recognize those who demonstrate excellence in what they do and help improve local communities, the economy, and the environment.

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Who is eligible?

- Families and operators (individuals, community associations, groups and clubs) of farms of all sizes and types, such as grain, greenhouses and livestock producers.
- Businesses supporting the agricultural sector.
- Businesses that add value to agricultural commodities.
- Agri-tourism operators.

Applications and nominations can be submitted online by visiting

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The deadline for application submissions is Friday, March 22, 2024.

For more information on submission requirements, eligibility, and award details visit: www.sturgeoncounty.ca/AgAwards. If you have questions or need help with your application, call 780-939-8349.



Icy conditions

By Valerie Winger

On January 4, an update from the Town of Redwater highlighted the current status of its outdoor rink. According to town officials, the rink has been declared open for public use, albeit with a cautionary advisory in place.

Despite the weather challenges, the Pembina Place Staff have made significant strides in preparing the ice for skating enthusiasts.

While the majority of the rink is ready for use, a specific soft area persists on the north side, adjacent to Pembina Place. Authorities emphasize the importance for residents to refrain from tampering with any caution tape or prematurely accessing this vulnerable section of the ice. Such actions could jeopardize safety, potentially cause skate damage, or compromise the overall ice quality,

leading to delays or even a temporary closure.

Officials extend their gratitude to the community for their understanding and cooperation, emphasizing the need for vigilance. As a crucial reminder, when barricades or cautionary markers are in place, residents are strongly advised to avoid the rink, ensuring the longevity of the skating season and safeguarding the ice's integrity.

PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1638/23 Road Closure Bylaw 1638/23

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1638/23.

Cando Rail & Terminals has requested a partial closure of Range Road 222 to facilitate the expansion of the business. The closure is between Township Road 555 and Township Road 560. As a result of the proposed road closure, Cando proposes to develop a bypass around its site.

A road closure bylaw is needed to close a portion of the road and a public hearing must be held. The bylaw and all feedback received during the public hearing will be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors for review and approval before Council considers approval of the road closure.

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: **Tuesday, January 16 at 1:00 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)
You can view the hearing online at sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings



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 January 15 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. 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

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