



Thorhild Bullarama returns after over a decade

By Brandie Majeau

With the last Thorhild Bullarama being held around twelve years ago, the Thorhild Agricultural Society is thrilled to announce its return. On April 20, 2024, the Thorhild Agriplex will be transformed into a fantastic display of bull riding talent and sport. Sanctioned

by the Bull Riders of Canada, Thorhild will be the fourth event of the season with twenty-five riders competing for the ultimate chance to move on to the champion round. The top eight riders will move on to the next event. The Thorhild Ag Society is engaged and working on a myriad of details, planning

and organizing for this massive event that has been absent from the community for so long. The Thorhild Ag Society already expresses its gratitude to PME for being a monumental sponsor. Ticket sales and prices are unknown at the current time; however, the

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Thorhild and Redwater host Female Hockey Day

By Brandie Majeau

Hockey Alberta has created an initiative of an annual Female Hockey Day, established in 2018, it encourages the celebration of female

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Zoe, one of the youngest Female Hockey Day participants was excited to demonstrate her skills.



A break from the cold: crafting arctic enchantments

By Brandie Majeau

Radway Public Library embraced the cold weather and dove in a wonderfully wintry wonderland craft day. Little winter

booted feet filled the foyer and a flurry of toques and mittens littered the doorway, piling together as a multitude of children piled in to warm up fingers and toes in

anticipation of what was in store for the crafting afternoon. The table was heaped with bits and pieces and the children were

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Igloos and snowforts come to life for Radway Library's winter craft day. Photo courtesy of Radway Library

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The girls participate in a series of drills and exercises on ice.

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 hockey players and aims to further support their growth and development. This is a province wide program with up to ten community associations receiving grants from Hockey Alberta to host their own Female Hockey Day celebrations. Thorhild and Redwater Minor Hockey joined forces, received one of these grants and invited girls aged 5-18 to register to attend an

afternoon of girl power and hockey. Thirty young women registered for the experience. Most registrants have been playing hockey between 2-5 years, however four of the participants had never played before. Many parents and volunteers of the Female Hockey Day expressed surprise at the overwhelming response, pleased with the great turnout. The event kicked off with free pizza and popcorn as the

Professional Women's Hockey League game was broadcast onto a giant screen for the youth to enjoy, cheering on their favorite teams and players. Each girl was also gifted swag bags full of treats and goodies (including team head scarves) handed out to commemorate the occasion. The afternoon progressed as each player donned their skates, helmets, and gear and headed to the ice for half an hour of skills &

drills followed by a half hour friendly game. The freshly groomed rink became a flurry of scraping skates and gliding pucks, the smack of sticks against ice and rubber connecting with boards. Experienced players took their warmups gracefully, pausing occasionally to encourage younger players in puck passing and stick handling. Coaches called out orders, some players exuding confidence while an occasional

wobble of uncertain ankles showed trepidation. As commented by a viewing parent of a new player, the process is so exciting, but intimidating. Redwater and Thorhild Minor Hockey worked together to put on an amazing event, highlighting what Female Hockey Day is all about. The young ladies coming together on January 28, epitomized encouragement and support, and the empowerment that

comes with it. These are the youth of a next generation of future women athletes. They are setting the foundation for their future and defining themselves with strength, endurance, team commitments and leadership skills. These are a group of young ladies that will stand tall and proud as they learn from their challenges and look back upon the memories of their growth and a shared love of the game.

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The EFP is a voluntary, whole farm, self-assessment tool that helps producers identify their environmental risks and develop plans to mitigate those risks.

Producers are required to have an EFP completion letter dated within the last 10 years of the date of application to be eligible for cost-share funding with the On-Farm Stewardship programs of the Canadian Agriculture Partnership.

A laptop or tablet is required.
A light lunch will be provided.

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
9:00 a.m. - Noon

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Greg Flondra Memorial Scholarship

By the Flondra Family

Greg Flondra of Vilna suddenly passed away in August 2017. He was actively involved in agriculture and a proud tradesperson. Greg wanted to continue to grow the family farm but he also realized the importance of further education. An annual scholarship of \$1000.00 was started in his memory in 2021 by his family to give to other individuals to help with the expense of furthering their education.

In the fall, Peter and Mary Flondra presented the Greg

Flondra Memorial Scholarship to the 2023 recipient James Karpyshyn at the Flondra Farm. James has finished his second year of the Journeyman Electrician apprenticeship program at Lakeland College and is working for Jtek Electrical.

The Greg Flondra Scholarship is directed to individuals who are in an apprenticeship program in any trade area. Applicants must have graduated from high school within the county of St. Paul or Smoky Lake and have completed at least their

first year of an apprenticeship program. Being involved in their community and their interests are also important factors to consider when choosing a successful candidate.

For more information or application forms for the Greg Flondra Memorial Scholarship contact the Flondra Family at gregflondrascholarship@gmail.com. We are currently accepting applicants for 2024. Deadline for applications is June 20, 2024 and the successful applicant will be announced in the summer.



Left to right: Peter Flondra, Mary Flondra parents of late Greg Flondra presenting the cheque to the recipient James Karpyshyn.

Redwater RCMP investigate break and enter

On Jan. 22, 2024, Redwater RCMP received a report of a break and enter to the Lily Lake Resort on Lily Lake Road, in Sturgeon County. Complaint advised that someone had gained entry into the resort and stole a 500 lbs taxidermy polar bear.

The resort had a similar occurrence back in Aug. 2023, where two taxidermy racoons were stolen. The estimate cost of these taxidermy animals is \$35,000. Redwater RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in aiding with the investigation.

If you have any information on this incident, you are asked to call the Redwater RCMP at 780-942-3607. If you wish to remain anonymous you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by Internet at www.tipsubmit.com or by SMS (check your local

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Great revenue or holding property zoned commercial but presently used for residential. Loads of upgrades over the years including windows, electrical, shingles and some flooring. 2 bedrooms up with one more in the basement. Could be called a raised bungalow with large basement windows. Finish developing the basement and add equity or just keep it rented out or dynamite starter home.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

WHERE?

Abee Hall

WHEN?

February 14, 2023

TIME?

10:00 a.m.

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For More Information Contact:

Jennifer Edworthy
780-942-4101
jedworthy@redwater.ca

For 2024 Updates Visit:

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PUZZLES

SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 15 *Review*

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

CROSSWORDS

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- One point south of due east
- Coagulated blood
- Fortifying ditch
- Devotee of Hinduism
- Trunk of a tree
- Bank note
- Capital of Guam
- Study again
- Covered with hoarfrost
- Opening
- Legendary Rolling Stone
- Stray
- Computer storing system

- Signal
- Pitching statistic
- Human being
- Malaysian isthmus
- The "Blonde Bombshell"
- A gland
- Bluish greens
- Endangered
- Three-dimensional
- In a way, precipitated
- God associated with dissolution
- Blemished
- Flow or leak slowly
- Disco legends The Bee __

CLUES DOWN

- A way to board
- Get down
- Highly seasoned sausage
- First day of month
- Eurasian shrubs
- The organ that bears the ovules of a flower
- Small lake
- Belief
- Sunrooms
- Metric weight unit
- Vasopressin
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- One-time family room staple
- Got back together
- Anger
- Sang merrily
- Sea eagle
- Military men
- Kilo yard (abbr.)
- Found in the sea
- Protects from weather
- Type of medicine
- City along the Rhine
- Animal disease
- Martini ingredients
- Get away
- Lack of disunity
- One-time European Commission officer

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ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)

There is a new person in your life who may become a source of inspiration, Aries. It's a new year and you are ready for all the novel experiences you can encounter.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

Taurus, you could be feeling more grounded in your personal life than you have in some time. The people you surround yourself with accept and love you unconditionally.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Gemini, if a suggestion goes against your instincts this week, give it careful consideration nonetheless. This person may have some good ideas that you may not have thought of.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)

Cancer, you tend to be good about not letting work life bleed into your personal affairs. However, this week you may need to have some carryover to accomplish all that lies ahead.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)

Some good news may arrive this week that will put you on cloud nine, Leo. Just don't let this enthusiasm distract you from getting all of your business wrapped up on time.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)

A charming person may come into your life this week, Virgo. At first he or she may be a whirlwind and confuse you for some time. Eventually, you may catch on and go with the flow.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)

Libra, use whatever opportunities you have to speak to older family members and jot down the memories they have. Time is fleeting and you want to learn all you can.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Surround yourself with people who bring positivity into your life, Scorpio. It is alright to take inventory and distance yourself from others who do not generate positive vibes.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

People who believe they have a lot of power are going to be all around you this week, Sagittarius. Don't fall prey to any intimidation tactics. Continue to do your own thing.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Dreams have been entertaining and awfully vivid lately, Capricorn. But you can't put too much stock in them. They may simply be your subconscious mind trying to work through things.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)

Express gratitude when you are gifted something both thoughtful and expensive, Aquarius. This is something you have had your eye on for some time but never purchased yourself.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)

You're likely to be very busy soon enough, Pisces. Some loud and busy people may come into your life in the next few days. It may prove hard to find a quiet moment afterwards.

HOT BREAKFAST WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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| BAGEL | BRUNCH | CROISSANT | FRIED | MORNING | POACHED |
| BISCUITS | BUTTER | EGGS | GRAVY | MUFFINS | POTATOES |
| BREAKFAST | CEREAL | ENGLISH MUFFIN | GRITS | OATMEAL | SCRAMBLED |
| | CREPES | FRENCH TOAST | HASH | PANCAKES | TOAST |
| | | | | | WAFFLES |

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It is with great sadness that the family of Steve Przekop announces his passing on January 28, 2024 at the age of 80 years.



moment to stop and say "hi" when they saw him. He loved fishing and in the last few years he took much enjoyment in watching his granddaughter Kali at her dance competitions and

Steve is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sharon Przekop; son, Dallas (Jodi) Przekop; grandchildren, Kali and Kadan Przekop; sisters, Irene Darichuk, Helen (Jack) Benders; brother, Ted Przekop (Lorraine); sisters-in-law, Faye Przekop and Louise Shulko; brothers-in-law, Marshall Grandish and Rick (Darlene) Shulko, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and good friends.

his grandson Kadan at his hockey and baseball games. We loved our road trips.

He was predeceased by his parents, Peter and Josephine Przekop; brother, Edmund Przekop; sisters, Twyla Grandish and Wanda Makowichuk and her husband, Sam; in-laws, Nick and Nancy Shulko; brothers-in-law, Nick Darichuk and Doug Page, and sister-in-law, Isabell Przekop.

We would like to give thanks to all the staff at the Bar-V-Nook Manor for looking after him these past few years, the doctors and nurses for their excellent care while he stayed at the George McDougall Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre, and to the staff and residents that made his last few days a little easier while he was in the Smoky Lake Auxiliary Long Term Care Facility. And last – a special thank you to Gerald Babichuk and the Smoky Lake Lions Club who made it possible for Steve to spend Christmas day at home.

Steve had numerous jobs over the years, but his favorite was when he was a school bus driver. He was respected by so many students on his bus and many of them always took a

Steve was a very private, shy man and as per his wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations in Steve's honour can be made to the Smoky Lake Lions Club.

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Ag Society has confirmed that there will be an adult dance following the family-friendly bullarama, featuring the music of Ryan Snow. Discussions are also in the works connecting with various non-profit community user groups to organize a pre-show fundraiser supper.

The demise of the previously annual bullarama, then hosted by the Thorhild Community Association, fell to the wayside due to lack of help and volunteers. These events are

monumental undertakings requiring volunteers at every stage of progression and execution, a group of ideological minds working together right from the initial planning phases through the event setup and function. As with most community events, their success hinges not only on attendance and support, but helping hands that are seen on the front lines and the countless hours of volunteers hidden behind the scenes, all working together to ensure a flawless event.

The Thorhild

Agricultural Society's mission is community enhancement, part of that enhancement is providing and developing rural community activities to be enjoyed by the entire family. The Ag Society is a dedicated group striving to bring life and excitement, offering a nostalgic reboot of a community favorite as well as a newness to families new to the area that have never experienced the richness and excitement of a professional bull riding event. The announcement of the return of Thorhild Bullarama is made

with excitement and as it progresses into the endless factors that need to be addressed, Thorhild Ag Society asks if anyone is interested in being a part of this event to contact them. The more hands, the lighter the work and the guaranteed success of the first bullarama and hopefully many more to come. The entire community is looking forward to seeing fans new and seasoned coming out to support this bull riding affair, drawing them into the unique sport, cheering on an eight-second ride.



For the second consecutive year, Thorhild Minor Hockey collaborated with Redwater Minor Hockey to enlist goalie coaches from Gold in the Net to train their goalies. Gratitude is extended to both the Hockey Alberta Foundation and the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation for the grants that supported local minor hockey organizations, enabling the provision of this valuable opportunity. Additionally, appreciation goes to the Gold in the Net coaches for delivering an exceptional experience to the goalies, enhancing their confidence and skills in the net. **Photo taken by Melissa Schwab**

MOUNTIE MINUTE Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment

****UPDATE**** Vilna Fire Hall Break In/Theft during an unrelated investigation Elk Point RCMP located equipment which was stolen from the Vilna Fire Hall theft, equipment located was jaws of life and tools investigation is still on going

- RCMP member executed numerous Outstanding arrest warrants

- RCMP dealt with numerous Mental Health calls for service, reminder if you are struggling don't be scared to reach out for help

- Break and Enter into a cottage near TWP 614

- RCMP investigating uttering threats over a Fraud incident

- RCMP investigating a Break and Enter/ Theft near TWP 613 and RR 180

- Members completed a well-being check for a family member

- Friday morning at approx. 3:00 am 1 male and 1 female were at the Vilna Lodge, damaged vehicle and siphoned fuel out of vehicles.

- Suspicious vehicle in Vilna- Green Truck with radio antenna's

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Continued from **page 1** encouraged to jolt their imagination with an activity of winter delight.

With careful guidance and encouragement to dive into their own

imaginations to make their creations come to life, bundles of cotton, pinecones and an array of materials unraveled into delightful scenes and structures. The cardboard bases

were transformed into snowy landscapes and white fluff was wielded with the expertise of seasoned architects emerging into igloos, snow forts and snowy scenic settings. Whimsical

snowmen, in addition to woodland creatures, were crafted and placed as charming characters to complete the fanciful countryside.

The children displayed an

enchancing talent to make such arctic dreamlands come to life. It was a wonderful break from the cold and a chance laugh and giggle and delight in the abilities and ingenuity of friends.



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FEBRUARY 2024

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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

- 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

Agricultural Service Board Meeting

- February 12, 2024 @ 1:00 PM
- March 5, 2024 @ 1:00 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. 62-12-04: Clubroot
- Approved \$1,000 Bronze level membership to the Alberta Invasive Species Council
- Elected Officials voted to not to receive a Cost of Living Allowance for 2024
- Approved a \$400 Municipal Tourism Partnership/ Annual Membership to Go East Regional Tourism Organization
- Approved the \$808.73 renewal of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) membership
- Amended Policy Statement No. 02-11-15: Peace Officer: Annual Reporting

Donations

- \$250 to Smoky Lake Stars U7 Minor Hockey team for their annual home hockey tournament
- \$500 sponsorship to the Original Grazing School for Woman event scheduled for March 2, 2024
- \$1,706 of FCSS funding to the Village of Waskatenau Library Board for their Board Game Program
- \$1,875 of FCSS funding to the Vilna & District Agricultural Society for their Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- \$200 to the Mighty Moose Miles Endurance Ride held in Smoky Lake County on April 19 - 21, 2024

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Weed Inspector

Smoky Lake County, Agricultural Services Department has an employment opportunity for the position of **Weed Inspector** which consists of temporary-full-time work for approximately four months, starting May 6, 2024. The successful candidate must be willing to work flexible hours and preference will be given to students or individuals with a pesticide applicator license or the ability to obtain one, prior experience in agriculture, pesticides, spray operations and weed and plant identification.

Deadline to apply: March 22, 2024

Visit: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/employment

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.

- NE 23-60-13-W4M (136.30 ACRES)
- SW 34-61-13-W4M (127.60 ACRES)
- NE 32-59-14-W4M (160.0 ACRES)



Visit: <https://www.clhbid.com/auctions/countybounty/>

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For more information contact the County Office at 780-656-3730.

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Pink Shirt Day February 28, 2024

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Canada Agriculture Day: February 13, 2024
- National Heritage Week: February 19 - 25, 2024
- Pink Shirt Day: February 28, 2024

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SCHOOL NEWS

H.A. Kostash School



H.A. Kostash's "Kinders" had a blast in gym class as they enjoyed the exhilarating activity with the parachute. The atmosphere was filled with so much joy and excitement!



Recently, the Grade 1s under H.A. Kostash had a fantastic time as they skated with their friends, creating cherished memories together.

Holy Family Catholic School

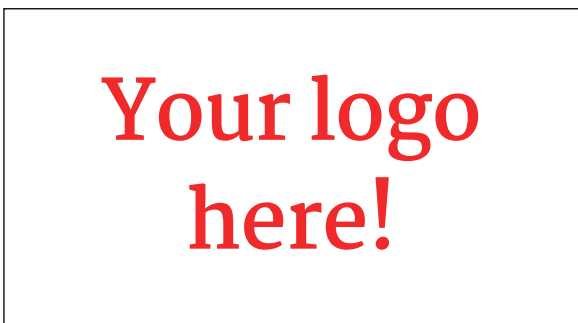


Last week Holy Family Catholic School hosted a Wellness Day for Grades 1-6, featuring activities such as clay making, yoga, nutrition sessions, and positivity sessions. Special thanks to our guest speakers and Mrs. Melnyk for her excellent organization. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day, and the positive energy was palpable!

Thorhild Central School



Some Thorhild Central School high school students are stepping up as mentors and coaches for the junior high basketball teams. Appreciation goes out to these committed individuals as they play a crucial role in enabling all junior high students to participate in our mini-tournaments and Regionals.



Workshops and wellness courses coming soon to Smoky Lake

By Brandie Majeau

In the upcoming months, a variety of community learning programs, courses and workshops will be available to the community of Smoky Lake. Programs such as these enrich the lives of a municipality by providing essential education and skills to the public as well as offering a variety of tools to assist and support individuals

as they navigate the health care system and deal with personal and individual health predicaments. The upcoming programs will offer First Aid, CPR, and a variety of family caregiver wellness workshops. While First Aid and CPR training is essential in many workplaces, it is an asset to every individual. The immediate response given by trained persons can be the difference

between life and death and may minimize further injury and may reduce the risk of disability dependent on the ability to give instantaneous and appropriate care. First Aid and CPR training can also give confidence to caregivers, creating self-assurance in their capacity to provide care, knowing they are educated to manage unforeseen situations. Others, in care settings, may

also be more comfortable with the knowledge that someone is around that can provide intermediate care in the event of an emergency. The Future Family Caregiver Wellness Workshops include Pain Monitoring and Management for the Caregiver, Navigating the Health Care System, Effective Communications: Guidance for the Caregiver, and

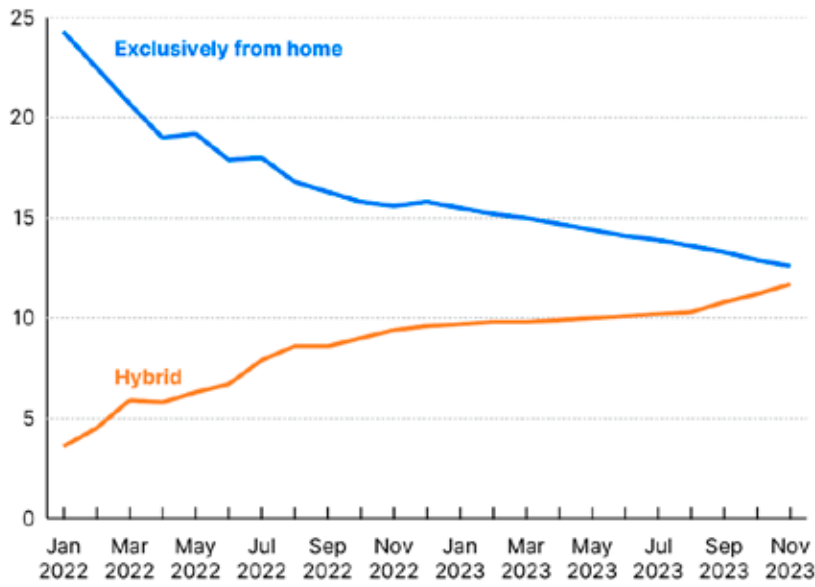
Supporting a Person with Dementia. These programs will be held at the Smoky Lake Senior's Drop-in Centre and will be taught by health care professionals. The caregiver and wellness workshops are an initiative of Norquest College designed to be an inclusive learning experience to equip caregivers with the tools and support they need to provide care effectually

and confidently in their own homes. The Family Caregiver Wellness Workshops also help enable family caregivers to manage their own, in addition to those receiving care, mental health and quality of life. Individual workshops and courses can be found on the Town of Smoky Lake Facebook page with full details, registration fees and registration deadlines.

New study sheds light on working from home

Working from home in Canada

Percentage of workers working exclusively from home or in hybrid work arrangements January 2022 to November 2023



Source: Statistics Canada, "Research to Insights: Working from Home in Canada," January 18, 2024

By ATB Financial Team

Most Canadians do not work from home, but as a new study from Statistics Canada shows, it is more common than before the pandemic.

Highlights of the study include:

- The percentage of Canadians working most of their hours from home spiked during the pandemic, reaching about 40% in April 2020.
- That percentage has come down, but at about 20% as of November 2023, it is still more than double what it was before the pandemic.
- While working almost exclusively from home has tapered post-pandemic, hybrid work arrangements have become more common, rising from about 4% at the start of 2022 to

12% in November 2023.

- One of the reasons most Canadians do not work from home is because they can't: only about 40% of jobs in Canada can—in principle—be done from home and the share "varies substantially across regions, education levels, wage deciles, industries and population groups."
- For example, only 4% of jobs in the agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing sector can be done from home compared to 85% of finance and insurance jobs. (Full disclosure, I am writing this from my home office.)
- In Ottawa, 53% of jobs can be done from home with 37% of workers doing just that compared to 28% and 7% in the Wood

Buffalo–Cold Lake economic region of Alberta (as of December 2022).

- Nine in 10 new teleworkers (i.e. those who didn't work mostly from home before COVID) said they were just as productive at home as they were in the office (as of February 2021).
- The number of Canadians working from home for an employer located in another province or country has increased, but remains relatively small with 179,000 working for an employer in a different province and 87,000 for an employer in a different country (as of June 2022).
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DEVELOPMENT PERMITS ISSUED – January 31, 2024

Take notice that the following permit for a proposed development as described below have been issued in accordance with the Town of Redwater Land Use Bylaw PD-01-2023:

- Permit Number:** DPR2024-001
- Legal Description:** Lot 29, Block 4, Plan 822 1694
- Civic Address:** 4630 49 Ave East
- Land Use:** Designated Industrial Park District (I-DIP)
- Proposal:** Vehicle Repair Shop
- Approved Discretionary Use:** Vehicle Repair Shop

Additional Information: For additional information regarding these permits, please contact the Development Officer at (780) 942-3519.

Appeal: The following information is provided as required by Section 685(1.1) of the Municipal Government Act. Any appeal of this decision shall be filed with the Secretary of the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB), 4924 47th Street-Box 397, Redwater, Alberta T0A 2W0 (780-942-3519 ext. 250), within twenty-one (21) days after the date of notice.

Appeal Fee - \$ 300.00

Development Officer
Phone: 780-942-3519 Ext. 330
Fax: 780-942-4321
Email: devofficer@redwater.ca

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

If you submit comments, either orally or in writing, the information you provide may be recorded, or otherwise made public, subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS January 30, 2024

Below is a brief summary of decisions and discussions at the January 30, 2024, Regular Council meeting:

Draft Bylaw 01-2024 Natural Gas Rates Bylaw

Council gave second and third readings to draft Bylaw 01-2024 Natural Gas Rates Bylaw.

Proposed Bylaw 02-2024 Operating Borrowing Bylaw

Council gave all three readings to Bylaw 02-2024 Operating Borrowing Bylaw.

2024 Volunteer Appreciation Event

Administration provided a report about the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Event scheduled for Wednesday April 24, 2024. Council accepted the report as information.

Delegation: STARS

Council accepted the presentation from Ms. Glenda Farnden on behalf of STARS as information, and directed administration to donate \$6,048 to STARS with funds to come out of Reserves and include STARS support in the 2025 draft budget for Council's consideration. Council also directed administration to advertise the STARS site registration.

Delegation: MCSNET

Council accepted a presentation from Mr. Kevin Bernhardt on behalf of MCSNET as information.

Delegation: Ken Rolfes

Council accepted the presentation from Mr. Ken Rolfes as information, and directed administration to provide further information regarding the age of the sewer line, distance between the sewer and water line, as well as the distance of the water line break in 2022 to the sewer line break and bring back the information to the next Council meeting.

Delegation: Radway Lions Club

Ms. Rehann Onyschuk presented on behalf of the Radway Lions Club. Council directed administration to donate \$1,800 to the Radway Lions Club for the Ladies Night Wellness Connection event to come from the Small Community Grant Program funding.

STARS VIGILANT SITE REGISTRATION



During the STARS delegation at the January 30, 2024 Council meeting, the STARS representative referenced site registration for "STARS VIGILANT."

WHAT IS STARS VIGILANT?

The STARS VIGILANT Emergency Communications Centre was established in 2008 to efficiently activate emergency response plans. Since that time, various industries such as oil and gas, forestry, mining, road maintenance, social services, education, agriculture and transportation use these services.

Registration of recreational facilities such as rodeo grounds, race tracks, and campgrounds is also encouraged. In the event of an emergency at a remote site, a call to a STARS VIGILANT emergency communications specialist immediately begins to coordinate a medical response.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR SITE

- Call the STARS VIGILANT emergency communications centre at 1-888-888-4567 to register 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Complete the site registration form online at www.stars.ca/services-for-industry/stars-vigilant/stars-vigilant-site-registration
- You will receive a confirmation email along with your registered site within 24 hours

For more information about STARS VIGILANT or STARS, visit www.stars.ca.

Note: The STARS Emergency Link Centre is not a replacement for 911 services.

THORHILD COUNTY FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 9 am - 3:30 pm
Tuesday: 11 am - 6 pm
Wednesday: 10 am - 3:30 pm
Thursday: 9 am - 3:30 pm
Friday: 9 am - 3:30 pm

Located at 801 - 1st Street in Thorhild, the Thorhild County Family Medical Clinic offers a full-time **Nurse Practitioner**, who can diagnose, treat illnesses, order and interpret lab tests, manage chronic illnesses and prescribe medications. Blood pressure checks and weight check-ins are also available.

Call the clinic to schedule your appointment or flu shot: **780-398-4MED (4633)**

The Thorhild County Family Medical Clinic is closed on the following dates:
February 8, 15, 22 and 23, 2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN WORKSHOP

Choose Your Workshop: Two Options Available

February 22, 2024, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thorhild County Public Works

February 29, 2024, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Westlock Golf Course

You MUST register ahead of time for this workshop. Please call or text Chelsea at 780-284-9975 for more information or to sign up. The deadline to register is February 19, 2024.

Please note this workshop is only open to Thorhild County residents

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2024 FIRELINE EQUIPMENT CONTRACT

Contractors are invited to register their equipment with Thorhild County Emergency Services for the 2024 Fire Season to assist Thorhild County Emergency Services with wildfires. A contract must be in place prior to any commencement of work.



For any further information, please contact:

Laurie Hodge, Administrative Support Clerk
780-398-3741 ext 2810 or laurie.hodge@thorhildcounty.com

NATURAL GAS INSTALLATION

Property owners requiring a new natural gas service or a secondary line to a home, business, or farm are asked to call 780-398-3741 ext. 2811 or utilities@thorhildcounty.com to request a new natural gas infill.

When contacting Thorhild County, please state the address or legal description, and the type of installation required.

The cost for new rural natural gas infill is \$8,250 plus GST. The cost for new urban natural gas infill is \$3,500 plus GST.

The application deadline is August 31 of each year.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Thorhild County is accepting applications from candidates to fill the following summer/seasonal positions:

- **Pool Manager & Lifeguards/Instructors**
- **Summer Program Coordinator & Leaders**
- **Labourers**
- **Equipment Operators**
- **Spray Operator**
- **Roadside Mower Operators**

For details, please visit our Careers page at www.thorhildcounty.com.

2024 SHELTERBELT TREE SEEDLINGS PROGRAM

Thorhild County is pleased to offer its residents the chance to order and purchase shelterbelt tree seedlings now and pick them up in the spring. Don't miss out on this opportunity and place your order soon while supplies last!

Visit the Latest News section at www.thorhildcounty.com to access the Shelterbelt Tree Seedlings Sale webpage to find an assortment of species and the order form.



A taste of where your food comes from



(NC) We eat food every day, but many of us don't give a second thought to where it comes from. Canadian farmers are actively working to produce sustainable food for our supply chain. But what does that mean?

Well, for many growers in Canada, sustainable food should protect the environment as well as help our communities.

Here are a few sustainable practices that could be part of where your food comes from:

For the economy

Community shared agriculture is becoming more common. Families pay a fee to farmers at the beginning of the growing season, and then receive a weekly share of whatever that farmer produces. Many farmers supply directly to their community to help improve access to food and connection to what we eat.

Rooftop farming is another innovative agricultural model that helps to keep farming more accessible and economically viable – even in cities

without traditional agricultural land.

For the environment

Watercourses that are fenced off so cattle cannot access them allow wildlife to have safe corridors to travel through, and support a diverse ecosystem. Keeping livestock away from waterways also helps maintain water quality.

Animals left out to pasture into late fall can stay healthier outdoors and graze on cover crops that have been protecting the soil and absorbing carbon emissions. Their hoofs can help seeds underfoot germinate in the ground.

For the future

Steps like those above, which encourage profitability and a stable food supply, while also making room for communities to eat and be engaged with where their food comes from, can provide social sustainability too. They are actions taken for future generations of children and grandchildren.

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Five tips for communicating with someone living with dementia



(NC) Chances are you've had an opportunity to talk with someone living with dementia at the grocery store, your place of work or at home. A person living with dementia may have challenges with understanding others as well as being understood. Keep these tips in mind to help make it easier to communicate:

Minimize distractions

Before you begin a conversation, turn off any background noise such as the radio or a running dishwasher. This may help the person living with dementia to focus. If you're in a crowded public space, try to find a quieter area to communicate. It also

helps if you stay still during your conversation so they can focus on you.

Keep communication clear

Speak slowly in a friendly tone and use short, simple sentences that focus on one idea at a time. When asking questions, try to use yes or no options, or questions that offer one choice: "Would you like to go on a walk now?" or "Would you like coffee?" If the person living with dementia repeats themselves or says something that is not accurate, avoid correcting them as this may lead to feelings of frustration and confusion.

Be aware of your body language

Calm and friendly body language such as eye contact and smiling may help the person living with dementia feel at ease. Try to avoid body language that indicates frustration or anger, such as crossed arms, rolling your eyes or letting out a loud sigh. You can also use gestures to help reinforce the message you're trying to deliver, such as pointing at the thing you're talking about.

Aim to be an active listener

Active listening means giving time for the person living with dementia to finish speaking. You might also want to

nod your head, make eye contact or repeat back some of what you heard so the person knows you are listening.

Communication is more than words

For some people living with dementia, it may be difficult to get their message across. Listen and respond to the feelings of the person living with dementia, not just the words. Watch for cues such as facial expression, tone of voice and posture to help you understand and respond with care.

Learn more about dementia and find advice for caring for someone living with dementia at canada.ca/dementia.

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of almost 58 years. Left to cherish his memory is his son, Tim (Celine), O'Brien with their children Arielle, Gabriel and Nathaniel; daughter Colleen (Ken) Ewashko, with their children Kelsa (Shane) Unruh, Justin (Emily) Ewashko, Katelin (Mason)

Torresan, Lucas Ewashko and great grandkids, Kash, Saxon and Sienna, Maisie and Benjamin, Lennon, Briar and Vayda; daughter Connie (Gord) Balan, and their children Garrett and Jessie; brother Ken (Lois) O'Brien; sister in law Bev O'Brien; sister Myrna (Morris) Ewasiw; brother Milton O'Brien and many relatives and friends. Del is joining his mom

and dad, Edna and Tom; his brother Lloyd; his sister Lorna and her husband John; his great-granddaughter Presley; and his best friend Isadore in heaven.

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