



Linda Finstad leads a workshop on painting with coffee at the Redwater Art Society.



Workshop participants create bookmarks with their new coffee painting skills.

## Redwater Public Library offers something for everyone



By Brandie Majeau

The Redwater Public Library is thrilled to announce its upcoming year's programming, with events designed for all ages and backgrounds. As you enter the bright and welcoming room, the familiar scent of books fills you with nostalgia and happiness. Recently, the library's annual report has been released, highlighting the demand for the local library. In 2023, the library had 13,785 visitors who borrowed over 14,000 items, and

its four computers recorded 7,493 public Wi-Fi connections.

The Redwater Library is proud to offer its Toddler Morning Program every Thursday. This program provides a safe space for families to read, play, or connect with other families. The program has been running successfully for almost a year now, highlighting the need and positive response from the community. Apart from this, the Redwater Library is also partnering

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## The varying shades of coffee

By Brandie Majeau

The Radway Art Society hosted a special guest for a unique class on March 6. Art Society members and non-members gathered around and listened raptly as Linda Finstad's bubbling personality and anecdotes shared a steady repertoire of first-hand experiences and

accomplishments. Her charismatic manner drew laughter and incredulous reactions, her flamboyant outfit on a burst of color on a dreary winter day, she explained that when she had come across the dress, Finstad purchased seven of them exactly the same. Attending workshops and art sales is now

effortless with her fun and bright polka dot outfit that always stands out, along with her matching car.

Linda Finstad went on to describe her ventures into the art world and her passion for teaching, explaining that she had begun incorporating braille into art so the visually impaired could immerse

themselves into the artwork as well. This led to a curiosity about if individuals who have low vision or blind individuals could learn how to paint. Her classes evolved into a descriptive class, teaching colors through not only descriptions but matching them

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## Embracing International Women's Day



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# Pinching perogies, a community endeavor of kindness and support

By Brandie Majeau

On February 5, a young family lost their home due to a fire. Fleeing their home with only the clothes on their back, they are unable to save anything. The sea-can sitting alongside the house was filled with items to be used in the future as their home was upgraded and expanded, but these items too, were lost, ruined by the intense heat burning against the metal sides. As Debra Krause and Zac Deib, along with their daughter Londyn pick through the pieces as so many have done facing the devastating loss of a house fire, friends and neighbours and the community have pulled together to support them through this trying time.

As word spread rapidly through the community, the endless generosity poured out offering everything



Photos courtesy of Irene Rettman

from beds and household donations to larger contributions to help them rebuild. The Thorhild Lions Club in partnership with the Thorhild Legion has also stepped in to help raise money for the family. They will be hosting a perogy supper on March 22, 2024, at the Thorhild Legion Hall from 4:30 pm to 7 pm, offering take-out services as well. The

preparation of this event encompasses the true showing of community spirit and togetherness.

While the Thorhild Lions Club spear-headed the fundraising supper, it was done in conjunction with the Thorhild Legion who will be providing the facility free-of-charge for the event. The Thorhild Community Association donated

the use of freezer space for the perogies to be frozen after preparation and the Thorhild Drop-In Center has donated the use of their facilities to be used for the perogy-making day. March 8 (perogy-making day) arrived, and thirty-six men and women showed up with or without previous pinching skills to prepare the fundraising

feast. Within two hours, 2900 perogies were completed.

The support has been overwhelming and embodies a community coming together to help their neighbors. The Thorhild Lions Club and the Krause family would like to offer their deepest gratitude for the volunteers who gave a few hours of their time to help them make

perogies, as well as the generous donations and offers by all the individuals since the loss of their home.

Debra Krause had difficulty expressing the entire range of her emotions. She expressed the expanse of feeling overwhelmed and humbled by the overwhelming community support. It has been amazing and unexpected. Krause further went on to say, "We are just incredibly thankful. So many of the folks organizing the fundraising dinner have known me since childhood, so I shouldn't be surprised, but I am." She further went on to remark that this kind of behavior is "small-town love at its finest" and that they will never be able to fully and properly express their gratitude to everyone and their support during this challenging time.

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Any outstanding Fire Permits are hereby cancelled. Any active fires from a permitted burn must be immediately extinguished.

Residents are urged to inspect permitted burn sites to ensure they are completely extinguished. Fires can smolder underground and flare up into a wildfire when the conditions are right. It is the landowners responsibility to ensure that all permitted burns are extinguished prior to expiration of their permit.

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- Propane and natural gas-powered appliances
- Charcoal barbeques

For more information and to view allowed activities, please visit [www.thorhildcounty.com](http://www.thorhildcounty.com), click on the Services tab, then Fire Emergency Services - Fire Bans.

**FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC UPDATE**

**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The Thorhild County Family Medical Clinic is closed until further notice due to a staff vacancy. For any health-related advice and general information, please call the Alberta Health Link at any time by dialing 811.

**SPECIAL OCCASION RECOGNITION POLICY**

Thorhild County Council recently adopted Policy 304 Special Occasion Recognition that recognizes milestones of County residents or churches, and grade twelve graduates. Through this policy, Thorhild County is pleased to offer the following:

- Congratulatory certificates for milestone birthdays or wedding anniversaries
- A plaque of recognition of Thorhild County churches celebrating 100 years
- Congratulatory letters to Thorhild County grade twelve graduates

Residents can view Policy 304 by visiting [www.thorhildcounty.com](http://www.thorhildcounty.com) and clicking the Documents icon and inserting "Policy 304" in the search bar.

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To book an appointment or for information please call Laurie at 780-398-3741 ext. 2810



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with Sturgeon Adult Learning to provide programs on digital literacy. These classes teach basic computer skills and the use of handheld devices such as smartphones, all at a low cost. The library also provides after-school programs including makerspace, steam,

and Lego clubs. With spring-break fast approaching, Redwater Library is offering a host of fun activities in addition to being able to drop in to grab a book, a movie or take a few moments to embark on their winter scavenger hunt. The dedication of staff and volunteers ensure that Redwater

Library is always offering an amazing array of resources and quality programming. The building is brimming with ideas and creativity and learning resources. Redwater Library encourages patrons to always stop in and see what is going on and keep up to date on all the future programming and activities to join.

# The Community Misfits – A film debut



By **Brandie Majeau**

Thorhild Living Gospel Fellowship (TLGF) Youth Ministries invited viewers to a free First Viewing and Awards Ceremony, featuring the completion of their creation, a full-length feature film. Fourteen teens along with the help of their pastor, parents and community volunteers, and businesses created *The Community Misfits*, a project borne out of boredom and meaningful conversations emphasizing the issues and topics that have impacted the youth group individually and as a whole. The *Community Misfits* is a movie that has been a year in the making and was nearly abandoned several times, however, TLGF Youth Ministries prevailed, and the result was a film exploring the social and emotional turmoil surrounding today's youth.

The movie premiered at the Thorhild Community Hall with close to one hundred guests in attendance. Murmurs of anticipation filled the air as the countdown began. In opening remarks, Pastor Steve's voice resounded with thoughtful contemplation that slowly revealed itself to a storyline surrounding everyday school life, bullying, religion, home life, mental

health, racism, and sexuality. As the development moved between social and individual problems, a complex plot was revealed unraveling the intricacies and the turmoil of today's youth. Scenes of a truck theft elicited giggles throughout the crowd as the trio of unlikely thieves struggled to pop the hood of an antique truck, once underway the amateur driver complained to his passenger accomplice for tying his shoes, which was too distracting. After the absurd arrest at the nearby quarry, *The Community Misfits* took a more serious turn.

The movie delved into the pressures of peers, making mistakes, and choosing life paths. The actors portrayed fictitious storylines that wove together with the haunting accuracy of the seriousness of teen life. Several times, the film descended into a rabbit hole of darkness, defining the very real struggles that youth are sometimes faced with and offering them a light in the form of gentle guidance and forgiveness. There was also a tangle of unlikely friendships, punctuated with unequivocal support. The words of a parent character echoed through the analogy of life as a chess game and

offered sage advice, "Before you win, you will definitely lose." The movie showed challenges and heartaches but were cushioned with open arms ready to embrace.

Thorhild Living Gospel Fellowship Youth Ministries created a wonderful piece that was both heartfelt and creative. Their fun was evident in several impromptu scenes that were left in the film to the delight of the audience. There were special thanks to all the community volunteers and/or actors, community businesses churches, and sponsors. The cast was fantastic and was completed by a talented group of set technicians and camera operators. The TLGF-Youth Ministries welcomes all youth between the ages of 12-18 who are looking for a place of fellowship. The group meets on Saturdays from 7-9 pm and began with a movie night during Covid with everyone scattered apart for proper distancing. The group evolved to include Newbrook, Redwater, Thorhild, and Radway and is emphasizing "...a multi-church effort just to be there." The focus is on being there to listen, engage and interact. The words of Grandma D echo from the film, "We are all misfits until we find out how much we are loved."

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- Developing ongoing information in relation to bylaw compliance in the community
- Applicants must be available to work various shifts that include a rotation of days, some evenings and weekends

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Deadline for submissions of résumés is **March 31st, 2024**.

The Town of Redwater thanks all applicants for their interest, however only those who have been selected for an interview will be contacted.



# Embracing International Women's Day



Photo courtesy of the Gathering Place

By Brandie Majeau

International Women's Day is celebrated on a global level on March 8. The Gathering Place Co-op commemorated the date with a women's dinner and guest speaker intended to support and understand the value of women and gender parity. The 2024 theme of International Women's Day was Inclusiveness. Guests arrived and were given a brief history of what inspired International Women's Day, drawing guests back in time to 1908 when oppression and inequality were the subject of many women's voices and cumulating in 15000 women marching through New York City demanding to be heard. In 1911, International Women's Day was honored in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland and followed by rallies to improve rights to work, vote, and further advancements in women's rights.

Along with the history that included the Bread and Roses campaign as well as a cumulation of events following World War 1, the Gathering Place Co-op group discussed what inclusiveness meant along with ways to garner strength in women's solidarity and celebrate their achievements. As the conversation lingered, the topics also included the improvements in

women's rights but focused on awareness and understanding of current discrimination and gender inequality. The mission is to inspire inclusion, having a far-reaching impact beyond International Women's Day creating a world free of bias and stereotypes, and finding a world of gender equality, where diversity is valued, celebrated, and embraced.

Guest speaker, Chantal Cooknell, spoke about the importance and roles of women's shelters in Alberta. Cooknell presented facts and information about shelters including a demand and increase in their need, yet funding has remained the same since 2015. The presentation went on to include types of violence women experience and the number of children brought into shelters as well. Chantal Cooknell also spoke openly about the imbalance of pay between genders in professional positions. Following the presentation, guests were invited to engage in a question-and-answer segment, including enthusiastic conversations around the evening's topics.

The Gathering Place Co-op International Women's Day celebration was attended by guests ranging in age from 15 - 80. The meal was sumptuous and concluded with "Mama Val's" incredible chifflon

cakes. Every woman is personally thanked for their attendance, commented Mandy Melnyk, "some attended because they were curious, some have experienced violence but most importantly connecting with each other, visiting and celebrating all the amazing women in outlives is vital to building and maintaining friendships and support networks in a world that is very insecure!" The Gathering Place Co-op intends to make this rural women's day celebration an annual event. Incidentally, International Men's Day is observed annually on November 19.

Guest speaker Chantal Cooknell (as stated in her bio on the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters) "holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with dual concentration in Business Management and Marketing. Before joining ACWS, she was the first Development Coordinator for the Grande Prairie Women's Residence Association, as well as the Manager of Community Engagement at Haven Society in British Columbia. She is passionate about the non-profit sector and has spent most of her career working with anti-violence organizations that support victims of domestic violence and promote the equity, advancement, and safety of women.

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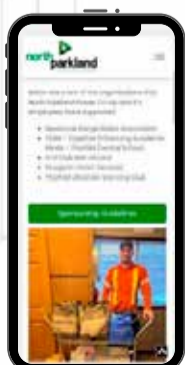
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Level: Intermediate

### 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

## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Aries, this week you need to get back to business, especially if hobbies or other interests have been taking up much of your time lately. Avoid distractions at all costs.

### TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

You may be excited about new prospects that are on the horizon, Taurus. With so much change coming, it can be exciting to see what lies in wait.

### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Gemini, you may discover that you are devoting a lot of attention to others of late, sometimes cutting into your own needs. Be attentive and caring, but pay attention to your own needs as well.

### CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Cancer, if you check the calendar lately you are bound to find a number of dates are filled. You may want to consider slowing down; otherwise, you may prematurely burnout.

### LEO (July 23 - August 23)

Leo, if expenses and finances have been troubling you of late, you can breathe a sigh of relief when things lighten up this week. Right now you are in a good spot financially.

### VIRGO (August 24 - September 22)

Virgo, you will need to uphold your end of the bargain for the time being as others are counting on you delivering. You cannot dodge any responsibilities right now.

### LIBRA (September 23 - October 23)

Libra, over the next few days you may receive some offers from employers or entrepreneurs that seem very appealing. Before you jump into something new, do your homework.

### SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

Scorpio, it will become obvious how others rely on you for advice and to get jobs done correctly. All of that responsibility can put extra pressure on you, so take it all in stride.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

This week you may discover that people are flocking to you left and right, Sagittarius. You will not have trouble making new friends if you so desire.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Capricorn, take ownership of any actions that may have put you into a strained relationship with those close to you. Admitting mistakes is the first step in mending fences.

### AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 18)

Aquarius, you may only now be getting to those resolutions you made a few months ago, but better late than never. Focus on projects around the home that will revitalize your spaces.

### PISCES (February 19 - March 20)

Physical activity can do wonders for you, Pisces. If you are feeling stressed, overwhelmed or even tired, take a walk or hit the gym for some exercise that can alleviate many symptoms.

### 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

- Small Eurasian deer
- Irish county
- A major division of geological time
- Broadway actor Lane
- Canadian province (abbr.)
- Human gene
- Two
- A famous one is blue
- Utter repeatedly
- Ring-shaped objects
- Spoils
- Occurs
- Commercial
- Near
- Products you may need
- Pledge thrown down

as a challenge

- TV network
- Silk or cotton garments
- Soviet Socialist Republics
- Retired American football coach Dean
- Hot dish
- A type of gin
- Atomic #84
- Sawhorse
- About ground
- Medicine man
- Seedless raisin
- Capital of Albania
- Appendage
- OJ trial judge
- By the way (abbr.)
- Bicycle parts
- Barbie's friend

59. Moved one's neck to see

60. Commercials

### CLUES DOWN

- Make up for
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Salary
- Influential world body
- Engravers
- Declared as fact
- One who steals
- Jewelry
- Hospital employee (abbr.)
- Nonsense (slang)
- Town in Galilee
- Value
- A fake name
- Sheep in their second year
- Town in Surrey, England
- Appropriate for a

particular time of year

- Creative works
- Recesses
- W. Pacific island group
- Tolkien character
- Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
- Pioneer
- Scribe
- Painted a bright color
- Lowest members of British nobility
- Actress Thurman
- Type of sugar
- Crest of a hill
- N. American people of British Columbia
- Device
- The Mount Rushmore State

## FLOWER POWER WORD SEARCH

F R C N B A Z D C A T E V Y S I A D Z S  
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 L Z T L E O F F P E R R L H Y B E M A Z

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

### WORDS

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|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| ALYSSUM | BEGONIA   | DAISY     | LEAVES   | PEONY     | SNAPDRAGON |
| ASTER   | CARNATION | DANDELION | LILY     | PETALS    | STEM       |
| AZALEA  | DAFFODIL  | FLOWER    | MARIGOLD | POLLINATE | TULIP      |
|         | DAHLIA    | IRIS      | ORCHID   | ROSE      | ZINNIA     |

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Ophelia, the youngest member of the Redwater Art Society, is excited to create beautiful designs on her coffee art bookmark.



Completed bookmarks by a member of the Redwater Art Society.

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to emotions and feelings and tactile scents and led to painting classes using that distinctive approach. Finstad further explained how her curiosity has led to turn many useless items (think cat hair, algae, or cigarette butts) into pigments to use in paintings. This creative adventure was one of the reasons she stood at the front of the Redwater Art Society today.

During the pandemic, as many items were delayed

or simply unable to attain, Finstad was out of certain materials and had decided to look around her own home and use what was available on hand. What she discovered led her to create one thousand works of art, greeting cards and several books bursting with inspiration. Linda Finstad paints with coffee. Instant coffee to be precise. The process, she found, is remarkably similar to painting with watercolors.

Redwater Art Society students followed the unique


tutorial and created bookmarks featuring their own coffee art. The designs ranged from simple cartoonish scenes to intricate designs featuring flower, mountains, and trees. The varying shades were created by using different strengths of coffee and Finstad guided the class to build up layers and create depth with highlights and shadows. "There's just an explosion of bookmarks!" exclaimed one art society member as she wandered the room

to take in the work of fellow artists. As Linda Finstad moved around the class, she repeated reminded her impatient students to let their work dry before adding more details but praised their creativity and passion for embracing this newfound skill. To further explore Linda Finstad's creations visit her website at [www.famouscoffeeartist.com](http://www.famouscoffeeartist.com) or to explore your own creative side visit [www.redwaterartsociety.ca](http://www.redwaterartsociety.ca) to see what is coming next.


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Rudolph Joseph Willisko was born in Holden Alberta on April 9, 1937. He passed away on December 8th, 2023 in Westlock, Alberta.

Those who predeceased him were his parents, Michael and Sophie, brothers Wilfred and Vince, daughters Jill and Jenifer, and only grandson Levi. Surviving him is his brother Lenard, first wife Joanne Roger's, second wife, Joanne Hicks, Debbie Krone, third wife Jill Brooks, daughter Pearl

Dawn, sons Danard and Bart. Rudy lived in the Smoky Lake area for the last 50 years and will be remembered and loved by his extended family and many friends.

Come join us in a celebration of Rudy's life on April 6th, Saturday 2024 in Warspite Alberta at the Warspite Community Hall at 12pm for a 12:30 pm start. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Warspite Community Hall would be greatly appreciated.

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**Deadline to apply: March 22, 2024****Roadside Mower Operator**

Our Agricultural Services Department is hiring for the position of **Roadside Mower** for approximately five months, commencing May 6, 2024. The successful candidate must be willing to work flexible hours and preference will be given to individuals with prior experience in agriculture.

**Deadline to apply: April 5, 2024**

Full details and how to apply can be found at:

[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/employment](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/employment)

PO Box 460, 56 Wheatland Avenue  
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- Execute action items from meetings.
- Arrange all travel and related arrangements for Council as required.
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- Perform related duties as required.

**Position Requirements:**

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**Remuneration:**

- Remuneration will be based on experience, knowledge, and abilities.

Interested applicants are invited to submit their resumes, in confidence, to the Town of Smoky Lake, 56 Wheatland Avenue, Smoky Lake, by mail to P.O. Box 460, Smoky Lake, AB, T0A 3C0 or email [HR@smokylake.ca](mailto:HR@smokylake.ca) by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2024; however, the position will remain open until a suitable candidate has been selected.

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## Loretta Elisa Kight

(nee Struck)  
January 28, 1940 ~ March 7, 2024



Our mom Loretta Elisa Kight sadly passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at the age of 84, after a long and full life. Loretta is survived by her son Rudy; step-son Glen (Kathy); daughters Karen (John) and Wendy; step-daughter Dawn; 9 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; sisters Sharon and Elenor. She was predeceased by her husband Ray and step-son Mikey. Mom was born in Vancouver General Hospital on January 28, 1940. Home in those days was Lulu Island, now known as Richmond. She lived near the water in a saltwater home. She found a beached outrigger one day, hence her love of the water and nature. She started fishing at the age of 7, and from that day on she became an avid fisherman, either off the wharf or with her dad. Her first job was working at a quilting school at the end of grade 9. She learned the trade of sewing upholstery from her dad. She was very good at what she did and loved her job. She did a lot of camping and fishing on the weekends. She had joined a church choir as she loved to sing and play music. She loved to play accordion and played until her hands could no longer play. She loved to garden, loved feeding and watching her wild birds, her favorite was the chickadee. She also loved to travel to anywhere that was hot, mostly Mexico. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

**A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 1:00 pm at Sturgeon Memorial Funeral Chapel, 5016 47 Avenue, Bon Accord, Alberta.**

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### PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1642/23 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1642/23. The property owner would like to facilitate future recreational activities on their land at 54513 Range Road 274 (SW-33-54-27-W4M). This land is zoned as AG-Agriculture, which does not allow this type of activity.

#### Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 2:00 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 accommodate recreational activities in Sturgeon County, land must be zoned to REC - Recreational District.

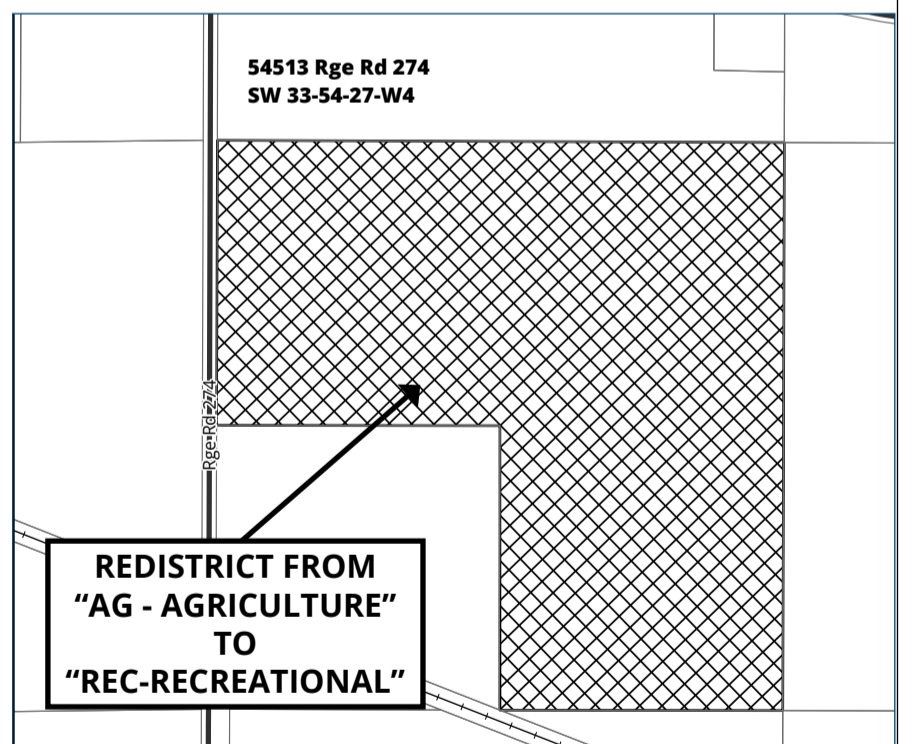
Each time land is rezoned, a bylaw is needed to amend the Land Use Bylaw, and a public hearing must be held.

View the proposed bylaw at [sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1642-23](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1642-23)

**Please Note:** This Public Hearing was originally advertised for March 12, 2024 with an incorrectly labeled map. Due to this the Public Hearing has been re-scheduled.

#### Questions? Contact us!

Kyle Schole  
Planner, Current Planning  
780-939-1397  
[kschole@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto:kschole@sturgeoncounty.ca)



#### Important information about Public Hearings

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##### 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

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JOIN US AT AN INFORMATION SESSION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEW PROJECTS IN YOUR DIVISION.

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**DIVISION 1 & 2: Wednesday, March 13**  
CFB Edmonton - WOS & Sgts' Mess  
210 Ortona Rd., Lancaster Park  
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**DIVISION 3 & 4: Tuesday, April 16**  
Calahoo Community Centre  
#9, 54500 Rge Rd 275, Calahoo

**DIVISION 5 & 6: Wednesday, March 27**  
Gibbons Cultural Centre  
5115 - 51 Street, Gibbons

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**Sturgeon COUNTY**

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County Centre Office  
Ph: 780-939-4321  
Toll Free: 1-866-939-9303  
Emergency After Hours: 780-939-4321

**April Meetings and Important Dates**

Meeting schedule is subject to change. Members of the public are welcome to observe or listen in. For teleconference details and links to the livestream, click on the meetings notice in the following locations:

**Council Meetings:** [SturgeonCounty.ca/CouncilMeetings](http://SturgeonCounty.ca/CouncilMeetings)  
**Board and Committee Meetings:** [SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards](http://SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards)  
**Public Hearings:** [SturgeonCounty.ca/Notice](http://SturgeonCounty.ca/Notice)

	<b>April 1</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Easter Monday</b>		
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	April 2	2:00 PM
Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee	April 8	9:00 AM
Youth Advisory Committee	April 8	6:00 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	April 9	9:00 AM
Country Living Expo	April 13	10:00 AM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	April 16	2:00 PM
ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC)	April 17	9:00 AM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	April 23	9:00 AM

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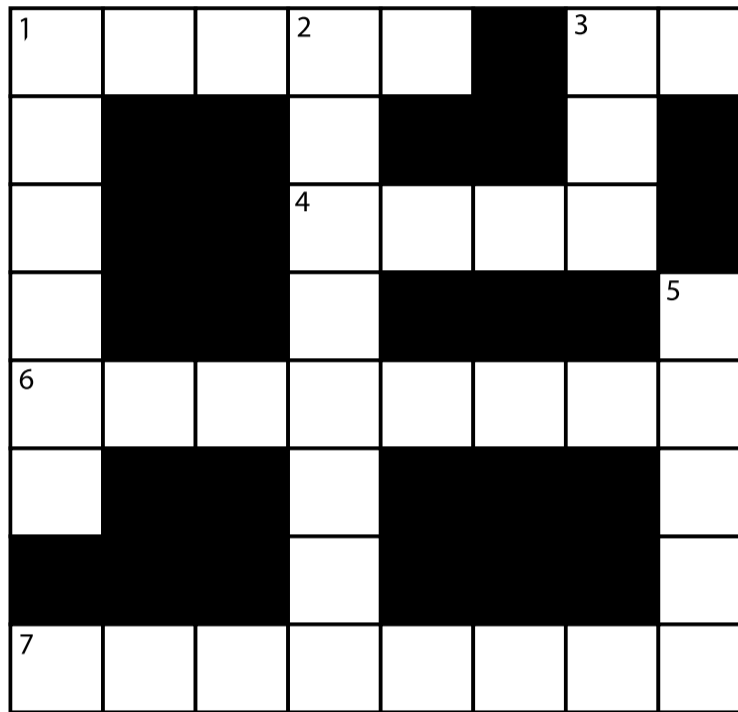
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# CANADIAN Kids Corner



## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1. New; not old
- 3. Internet technology (abbr.)
- 4. To seep out
- 6. The first time
- 7. They keep items frozen

### DOWN

- 1. Having turned into ice
- 2. Waste produced by rotten item
- 3. Frozen water
- 5. Units or articles

Answers:  
 Across  
 1. Fresh 3. IT 4. Ooze 6. Earliest 7. Freezers  
 Down  
 1. Frozen 2. Spoilage 3. Ice 5. Items

## CANADA HISTORY



1922

THE WORLD'S FIRST INSULIN TREATMENT IS MADE AT THE TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL. THE TECHNIQUE WOULD LATER WIN A NOBEL PRIZE FOR CREATORS FREDERICK BANTING AND CHARLES BEST.

## FOOD FACT!

THIS PROCESS OF PRESERVING FOOD AT AN EXTREMELY LOW TEMPERATURE WITH COLD, CIRCULATING AIR CAN KEEP IT FRESH LONGER.

ANSWER: FLASH-FREEZING

## New Word

### PRESERVE

to maintain something in its original state

## How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Cold
- SPANISH:** Frío
- ITALIAN:** Freddo
- FRENCH:** Froid
- GERMAN:** Kalt

## Did You Know?

DESSERTS ARE FROZEN FOODS THAT ARE QUITE POPULAR. YOU CAN FIND AN ENTIRE AISLE OF ICE CREAM, ICE POPS AND OTHER FROZEN TREATS AT GROCERY STORES.

## GET THE PICTURE?

**Can you guess what the bigger picture is?**

ANSWER: FROZEN TV DINNER

## Redwater School



As the weather warms up, students across our schools are diving into exciting outdoor activities. Senior high Wildlife students recently enjoyed a fishing trip, connecting with nature and learning about conservation firsthand. Grade 12s explored culture at the Royal Museum, while junior high students honed their musical talents at Band Camp. Meanwhile, grades 5 and 6 hit the slopes for a thrilling day of tubing. With spring in the air, our students are seizing the opportunity to learn, explore, and make lasting

## Redwater's Ochre Park School



In collaboration with our community partners, Rising Thunder and Dreamcatchers Gift and Art Studio, we are thrilled to share the exciting developments taking place in our Learning Commons with the goal of building community and feelings of belonging. Elder Bill Bertschy arrived to assemble a fantastic 14 foot diameter tipi and Miss Ellie from Dreamcatchers Gift & Art Studio joined us for a hands-on art session. Our students will be leaving their mark by printing their hands along the bottom of the canvas, adding a personal touch to the exterior of the tipi. But that's not all- Ellie will be on site, leading a live painting session to bring the exterior canvas to life, with images of the 7 Grandfather Teachings and a stunning Owl to mark the entryway of our tipi. This collaborative partnership would not have been possible without the support of the amazing Ochre Park School Council and our Indigenous Educational Assistant, Deborah Vanstone.

### INVITATION TO TENDER

## 2024-2026 GRAVEL CRUSHING TO STOCKPILE

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Smoky Lake County invites tenders for the 2024 crushing of 100,000 Tonnes of Gravel Products to stockpile within the White Earth Creek Gravel Pit located at NW ¼ of Section 2-61-18-W4, with the option of 2 renewals each of a one year term, at the sole discretion of the County. Estimated gravel volumes for the optional renewal years of 2025 and 2026 shall not be less than 85,000 Tonnes per year.

#### 2024 Quantities required:

- Designation 4, Class 20 (3/4") material – 42,000 Tonne
- Designation 4, Class 25 (1") material – 45,000 Tonne
- Designation 4, Class 40 (1 1/2") material – 13,000 Tonne
- Designation 3, Class 12.5C (1/2") material – 5,000 Tonne: Not for Year 2024 – only Year 2025 and 2026

All bids are to be submitted on tender form provided in and in accordance with the "Tender Package". Tender Packages available at the Smoky Lake County Office during regular business hours or on the Alberta Purchasing Connection at <http://www.purchasingconnection.ca>.

Smoky Lake County reserves the right to reject any or all tenders, or accept the tender deemed most favorable in the interest of Smoky Lake County. The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Sealed tenders clearly marked "2024 Gravel Crushing" will be accepted until 2:00:00 p.m., Tuesday, **March 26, 2024** at the address indicated below.

For additional information, contact:

**Chris Minailo**, Public Works Manager at 780-656-3755.

Smoky Lake County  
Box 310  
4612 McDougall Drive  
Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0



## Easter Bake Sale Fundraiser

Coffee, Tea & Cake Also with vendors selling their wares

**Where:** Newthorad Seniors Housing Foundation  
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**When:** Friday March 22nd, 2024

**Time:** 1:30pm, Vendors 1:00-3:00pm

Bake Sale/Coffee & Cake (\$5.00) 1:30-3:00pm

We will have an assortment of baked goods and frozen Perogy's for Sale

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# Poison Prevention Week

It's Poison Prevention Week (March 17-23), and Alberta Health Services (AHS) is reminding Albertans to keep kids safe and prevent medication poisonings.

Children are curious about the world around them. If medications are within their reach, children may play with the bottle or try to taste colourful or flavoured medications. Their curiosity, smaller size and lower bodyweight can put them at higher risk for poisoning.

Last year, more than one in three calls to Alberta's Poison Centre were regarding children zero to five years of age. Many of these calls involved acetaminophen and ibuprofen. While these medicines are safe when used as recommended for treating common aches, pains and fevers, they can



MARCH IS  
POISON PREVENTION  
AWARENESS MONTH

be harmful if taken incorrectly.

There are things you can do as a parent or caregiver to help keep children safe:

**When giving medication:**

- Give only the amount indicated on the prescription label, or for non-prescription medication, on

the medicine's outer label.

- Follow the schedule for your children's medication to give them the right amount of medication at the right time.
- Do not use more than one medicine containing acetaminophen or ibuprofen at

the same time.

- Talk to your child's healthcare provider for additional questions about medication dosing.

**When storing medication:**

- Keep all medications locked up tight, out of sight and reach of children.

- Always put the medicine away after using it.
- Visitors may carry medications with them. Keep their coats and bags out of reach of children.
- Keep medications in their original child-resistant containers.

Other household items — such as laundry detergent pods, essential oils, hand sanitizers and toothpaste — can also be poisonous if ingested or used incorrectly. Store cannabis products, e-cigarettes, tobacco products and vitamins with the same precautions as medications.

**If you are concerned that someone has been poisoned:**

- Call 911 or PADIS at 1-800-332-1414.
- Visit Poison and Drug Information for more information.

Parachute's Poison Prevention Week is an annual initiative recognized by the University of Alberta's Injury Prevention Centre, Poison and Drug Information Centre (PADIS), and various community partners.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait times, improving Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

## PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1645/23 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1645/23. This Bylaw would redistrict a portion of NW-27-57-25-4 from AG - Agriculture District to I3 - Medium Industrial Unserviced District; and from IR - Industrial Reserve District to I3 - Medium Industrial Unserviced District.

**Public Hearing details**

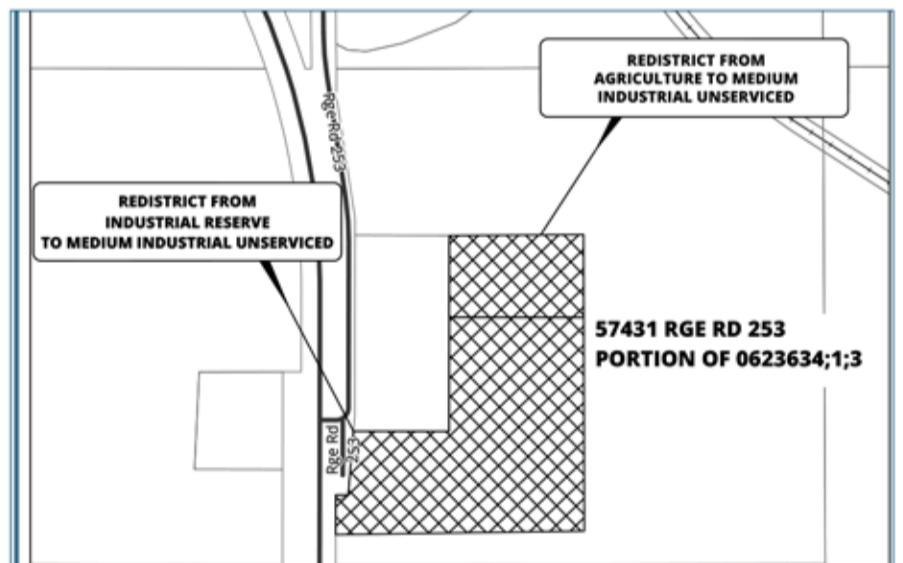
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The property owner would like to facilitate their business expansion and relocation on their land at 57431 RGE RD 253 (NW-27-57-25-4). This land is zoned as AG-Agriculture and IR-Industrial Reserve District, which does not allow this type of activity.

To accommodate the proposed industrial uses the land must be zoned to I3 - Medium Industrial Unserviced District.

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-1645](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1645)



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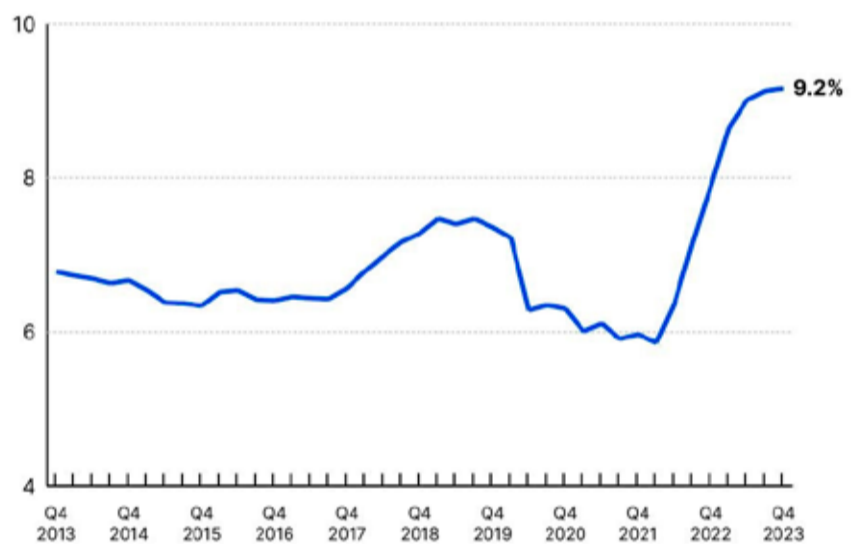
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# Debt servicing costs on the rise in Canada

**Interest costs as share of disposable income in Canada %**, seasonally adjusted at annual rate



Source: Statistics Canada Table 11-10-0065-01

**By Rob Roach,**  
**ATB ECONOMICS**

Data released last week shows that household debt\* as a proportion of household disposable income in Canada declined for the third consecutive quarter.

Household debt went from 179.2% of disposable income in the third quarter of 2023 to 178.7% in the fourth quarter of 2023.

The reason for the recent decline is telling: high interest rates led to relatively sluggish mortgage borrowing in the fourth quarter. As a result, a 1.3% increase in disposable income was able to more than offset a 1.0% increase in debt.

That all sounds fairly

encouraging given the high interest rate environment we are in. Upon closer inspection, however, there are some red flags.

First, the debt service ratio,\*\* has crept up 1.5 points from 13.5% at the start of 2021 to 15.0% at the end of 2023.

Second, the ratio of interest payments to disposable income has gone by 3.5 points over the same period from 6.0% to 9.2% (see the chart below).

Third, both mortgage and non-mortgage debt is expected to rise this year, putting upward pressure on the already elevated debt service ratio.

Fourth, although we are anticipating some cuts to the Bank of Canada's trendsetting

interest rate in the months ahead, current debt is being taken on at current interest rates, which remain high. At the same time, disposable income is expected to grow at a slower pace.

Putting all this together, the amount of disposable income Canadian households will have to spend on consumer goods and services in 2024 will be constrained by the rising cost of servicing a large amount of debt.

\*Includes consumer credit, mortgage debt, and non-mortgage loan liabilities.

\*\*Total obligated payments of principal and interest on credit market debt as a proportion of household disposable income.

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A word search grid with words highlighted in orange. The words include: CAT, VESPA, STAR, PISTON, END, GRAPE, PISA, SWORD, FLOW, YEAH, WOLF, TFL, HUNT, SVP, OES, FRAUD, LDHYA, ABOR, PASAW, SCNZ, NFR, BHS, STSY, ONHZ, TFB, IET, NYNZ, YEE, ON, ED, PNO, ED, LE, EIM, BD, OIRM, VA, WZ, UL, Y.

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A 9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9. The numbers are: Row 1: 7, 2, 6, 1, 5, 4, 8, 3, 9; Row 2: 9, 5, 4, 7, 8, 3, 1, 2, 6; Row 3: 3, 1, 8, 6, 9, 2, 5, 4, 7; Row 4: 5, 6, 3, 8, 2, 9, 7, 1, 4; Row 5: 8, 7, 9, 4, 6, 1, 2, 5, 3; Row 6: 2, 4, 1, 5, 3, 7, 9, 6, 8; Row 7: 4, 9, 5, 2, 7, 6, 3, 8, 1; Row 8: 1, 3, 2, 9, 4, 8, 6, 7, 5; Row 9: 6, 8, 7, 3, 1, 5, 4, 9, 2.

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