



Photos provided by the Thorhild Community Association.

## The hunt is on

Riley and Casen fill their buckets and bags with goodies at the annual Candy Scramble.



- Arabella with her dad Brandon, scramble for treats at the North Corridor Co-op annual Candy Scramble.

By Brandie Majeau

Spring is unfolding, and Thorhild County is abuzz with family activities as Easter approaches, welcoming the new season and the lighthearted

mood as the weather shifts and spring fever becomes almost tangible. The libraries have Easter themed crafts and spring workshops, businesses offer a variety of coloring contests

and as families prepared for the arrival of the Easter Bunny, Thorhild kicked off the holiday with their variety of annual events.

The third annual Candy Scramble at the

hardware store, hosted by North Corridor Co-op, was a joyful and bustling event. Children aged ten and under eagerly lined up by age, brimming

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## Redwater Museum features Japanese settlers



Redwater & District Museum features rich displays of Japanese Settlers and Culture.

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## Newbrook Ag Society hosts fundraiser dinner

By Brandie Majeau

On September 12, 2023, the Wilson family awoke up at 4am riddled with confusion at their home feeling too warm and the ethereal orange glow that seemed to permeate the night. Daughter Samantha relayed her confusion as she laid in bed hearing the continual coughing of her father. By the time their fire alarms sounded, the Wilson family had only minutes to evacuate their home. Everything was gone in twenty minutes.

The Wilsons, located in the Newbrook area, expressed their gratitude to the Thorhild County Fire Department for their quick response to the call. The home went up like paper, but the Wilsons were extremely pleased with the dedication of the crew and the preventative response. As the family described the dry conditions and dry creek bed along the property and acres of farmland awaiting harvest, they all agreed that although their home was lost, the outcome could have been much worse. What was even more amazing was the people and neighbours who showed up

immediately clothes and offers to help rebuild.

The resulting loss was described as “an emotional rodeo.” Everything the family owned was gone. Millie Wilson (wife, mother) emotionally explained that a fire never comes at a suitable time but happened in the midst of a family diagnosis of breast cancer and her own health challenges requiring heart surgery. The community stepped in to embrace them in a showing of familial support. As Millie was in the hospital, ladies showed up in droves to assist Samantha in cleaning and sorting through the ashes, people supported Ian (husband/father) in rebuilding the homestead they had been on since 1986. As a family that prefers to be behind the scenes and offering help instead of asking for it, Millie Wilson’s voice broke explaining how hard it was for them to be in the spotlight and the overwhelming response of their neighbours and strangers, “people who had nothing were there to give what little they had.”

And that would

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### Assets to cash

Coin collections, liquor collections, jewelry, vehicles, equipment and real estate. Over 40 years experience. Please call Oral at omu estate auction services (780) 999-6105. Oral@omueas.com omueas.com





APRIL 2024

# GRAPEVINE

## 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**  
 April 11, 2024 @ 9:00 AM  
 April 25, 2024 @ 9:00 AM  
 May 9, 2024 @ 9:00 AM  
 May 23, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

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

**County Budget Meeting**  
 April 5, 2024 @ 9:00 AM  
 April 24, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works Offices will be

**CLOSED**  
**MARCH 29, 2024**  
*for Good Friday & APRIL 1, 2024*  
*for Easter Monday*



April 28 commemorates the National Day of Mourning to remember workers who have been injured, killed or suffer illness as a result of occupational accidents and hazards.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Third and Final reading of Bylaw No. 454-24: Off Highway Vehicles.
- Third and Final reading of Bylaw No. 1457-24: Bellis Sewer Tax.
- Annual Farmers & Ranchers Appreciation Day BBQ will be held on June 14, 2024 at the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex.
- Third and Final reading of Bylaw No. 458-20: Water and Sewer.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 04-01-03: Operation and Maintenance of Transfer Sites Agreement.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 08-10-04: Special Tax Cancellation
- Third and Final reading of Bylaw No. 1459-24: TELUS' Next Generation 9-1-1 Service
- Approved renewal of \$2,200.00 Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunities (NAAGO) Membership
- Awarded the 2024 - 2026 Gravel Crushing Tender to Auger Sand & Gravel of Westlock, AB.
- Approved the 2023 Smoky Lake County Consolidated Financial Statements.
- Approved the 2023 Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Financial Statements.

### Donations

- \$1,500 of FCSS funding to Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 227 to purchase activity supplies.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For job details and how to apply visit:  
[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/employment](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/employment)

### ROADSIDE MOWER OPERATOR

DEADLINE TO APPLY: APRIL 5, 2024

### WEED INSPECTOR

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO: APRIL 5, 2024

### SUMMER STUDENT POSITIONS

DEADLINE TO APPLY: APRIL 26, 2024

Smoky Lake County thanks all applicants in advance, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The competitions may remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

### Contract Trucks & Equipment: Notice to Register

Policy No. 03-04

Contractors must complete and submit annually a registration form listing each piece of equipment they wish to hire out. Registration forms must be **delivered in person** to the Public Works Shop prior to, **4:00 PM on April 30, 2024**

### Dust Control/ Suppression Applications

Policy No. 03-39

Public Works is accepting applications for blade mix oil or magnesium chloride dust control/ suppression for rural roads within the County in front of residences.

Deadline to apply is prior to 4:00 PM on May 1, 2024

Policies and application forms can be found at:  
[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/policies](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/policies)

## PROCLAMATIONS:

National Volunteer Week	April 14 - 20, 2024
National Tourism Week	April 15 - 19, 2024
National Day of Mourning	April 28, 2024

## WASTE TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Waste transfer stations and landfill sites will resume regular operating hours effective **April 1, 2024**

Bellis Transfer Station	Wednesday, Saturday
Smoky Lake Landfill	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Spedden Landfill	Wednesday & Sunday
Vilna Transfer Station	Tuesday & Saturday
Waskatenau Transfer Station	Saturday

**Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

### Attention Agricultural Producers!

If you're hauling heavy loads, please do so in the early morning while the roads are still firm. We kindly request your continued support to keep road damages to a minimum. Thank you!

Questions?  
 Bob Novosiwsky, Road Foreman, 780-650-5100

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# Smoky Lake holds first community sing-along

By Brandie Majeau

Deana Sonnleiter, an independent community member, orchestrated a lively sing-along event hosted at Smoky Lake Drop-In Center. The community musical affair began at 4pm with a gradual inundation of people coming to check out the event. The leisurely attendance built to a full community event that brought in the youth council canteen fundraiser and a variety of family members. The atmosphere was a vibrant, colorful, and inviting decorations adorning the hall. It was heartening to see people of all ages coming together

to engage with the music, singing, and dancing, creating a joyous and celebratory atmosphere. Children were thrilled to don the mesmerizing bracelets in a variety of glowing colors and were enchanted with the addition of a fog machine that added to the ambiance of the festivities. Sonnleiter, the mastermind behind this unique event, was truly overwhelmed with joy and gratitude as she reflected on the opportunity to bring the gift of music to the community. She passionately believes that "music is good for the soul," and seeing the positive reception from

the audience and the remarkable sales achieved by the youth council further solidified the success of the event. These results have also generated a great deal of anticipation for future gatherings, highlighting the impact and potential for even greater community involvement in the future. After the resounding success of the first Smoky Lake Community Sing-Along, Sonnleiter is already looking ahead to make improvements and build upon this event. She is considering introducing prizes, securing media coverage, and adjusting timing to enable more

inclusiveness and accommodation for community members. Deana Sonnleiter's

dedication to providing quality activities to the community is supported by Smoky

Lake FCSS and they look forward to seeing what she comes up with next.



Photo courtesy of Deana Sonnleitner



## COMMUNITY NOTICE

### ANNUAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Each year, CN is required to manage vegetation on its right-of-way. Managing this vegetation contributes to mitigating fire risks and enhances the efficiency of inspection of track infrastructure.

To ensure safe railway operations, the annual vegetation management program will be carried out on CN rail lines in the province of Alberta. A certified applicator (Davey Tree Expert Company Ltd., 1-800-465-6367) will apply herbicides on and around the railway tracks (primarily along the 24-foot graveled area/ballast). Product requirements for setbacks in the vicinity of dwellings, aquatic environments and municipal water supplies will be met.

CN only uses herbicides that have been approved for use in Canada and in the province within which they are applied.

The program is expected to take place from May to October 2024.

Visit [www.cn.ca/vegetation](http://www.cn.ca/vegetation) for more information or to make an inquiry, contact the CN Public Inquiry Line at [contact@cn.ca](mailto:contact@cn.ca) or 1-888-888-5909.

CN.CA



## We're Not So Different After All

### Understanding youth and social media

A presentation for parents and caregivers

- Gain a better understanding of how kids use and perceive social media
- Gain insight into apps that youth are using that adults may not be aware of
- How social media can change the way youth perceive themselves and the world around them
- Learn that the differences in the human experience between youth and their parents/caregivers are not as great as what many believe

**Edwin Parr Composite School**  
Athabasca  
Tuesday, April 9  
7-8 p.m.

**H.A. Kostash School**  
Smoky Lake  
Wednesday, April 10  
7-8 p.m.

\*Please note: due to the nature of the conversation, both presentations are for adults only. Childcare will be provided at both presentations.



Presenter: Madison Cameron

Madison is the Youth Specialist with the Center for Trauma Informed Practices. She has experience as an Educational Assistant, Crisis Intervention Worker, Community Support Leader and has spent time collaborating with youth organizations across Western Canada and the U.S. Born and raised in Lethbridge, she is a former university athlete and currently the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at the University of Lethbridge.



Presented by Aspen View Public Schools with the support of the Alberta Education Mental Health Grant



Requests applications for the following Support Staff positions:  
**Maintenance Positions**

Aspen View Public Schools, with a division office located in the town of Athabasca, is a rural school division providing diverse and innovative programming to students in a number of communities. The division is unique in that it is surrounded by a multitude of lakes, golf courses and trails that appeal to an active, outdoor lifestyle while still being in close proximity to larger urban centers.

Aspen View Public Schools is recruiting various maintenance positions. These positions include, but are not limited to journey person Carpenters, Electricians, Plumbers and/or Locksmiths. Apprenticeship opportunities may exist in some disciplines. Non-Ticketed positions including general building and grounds maintenance are also being considered. All positions are full-time, 40 hours/week with a competitive salary and benefit package.

Submit Resumes to Aspen View Human Resources in Microsoft Word or PDF format, along with two references and a current criminal record check with vulnerable sector check and a child intervention check, by **12:00 noon, on April 12, 2024**. A clean criminal record check with vulnerable sector and a current child intervention check are required prior to an offer of employment.

For further information contact Paul Feledichuk at 780-675-2539. We appreciate interest in this position; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Competition Number: MNT202403

Human Resources  
Aspen View Public Schools  
E-Mail – [careers@aspenschools.org](mailto:careers@aspenschools.org)

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# St. Patrick's Day FCSS Open House

By Brandie Majeau

The Smoky Lake Family & Community Support Services and Family Resource Network (FCSS/FRN) was delighted to announce the completion of their move to their newer, larger, and more accessible location. The facility will further enhance their ability to provide better and more consistent programming to the community. This space will also provide the added element of confidentiality and anonymity to those who are seeking guidance and assistance. The new location has been

equipped and structured to host a variety of activities including workshops, meetings, and child/youth programs. With its centralized location and accessibility, FCSS/FRN is pleased that this will be a welcoming space for all to participate in their upcoming events.

To celebrate the inauguration of the facility, Smoky Lake FCSS/FRN hosted a St. Patrick's Day event to invite the community to share in this wonderful occasion with them. The open house style event created a family fun day atmosphere that was filled with games and

excitement, refreshments and great food, and the opportunity to explore the space and meet the staff. The event encouraged all ages to attend and was a wonderful opportunity for all to develop an understanding of what Family & Community Support Services and Family Resource Network has to offer. The open house was met with awe as community members discovered the resourcefulness of the new space and the expanse of programs Smoky Lake FCSS/FRN has to offer.

The St. Patrick's Day event received an overwhelmingly

positive response, with families and individuals stopping by throughout the day to enjoy the fun and festivities. The excitement was palpable, and the staff was touched by the amazing turnout. The smiling faces were a welcome sight as they entered the door, and while many of them were familiar, several fresh faces joined in the celebration of this significant milestone, making the day that

much more special. Smoky Lake Family & Community Support Services and Family Resource Network are pleased to share their thoughts on the move, commenting, "The transition to our new space marks a significant milestone, symbolizing growth and the evolving needs of our community. This move, led by our director Rachelle, embodies a journey of hard work and dedication. Seeing this

vision come to life has been incredibly rewarding, with the new space not only enhancing our service capabilities but also inspiring us to innovate and expand our program offerings."

The St. Patrick's Day open house marks only the beginning of this journey for FCSS/FRN, excitement continues to build as they look into the future and the many ways they can expand their programming.



Photo courtesy of Smoky Lake FCSS

## 6367 53A AVE REDWATER



\$43,900

Fantastic building lot ready for your dream home or buy and wait to build. 50 X 100 backing on to a field with nice homes all around. Set of building plans for a 1496 sq foot bi-level with double garage are available.

## 5204-08 48ST WASKATENU



\$29,900

Two lots in a quiet town to build your dream home or move on a trailer or modular. Peaceful town away from the city and great place to live.

## 5104 52 ST REDWATER



\$157,500

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

## #40 WATERDALE PARK HWY 38 STURGEON COUNTY



\$614,900

Experience the charm of this 2015-built, 1411 sq. ft. raised bungalow on 3.85 acres, just moments from pavement. Immaculately maintained with meticulous landscaping, the main floor features an open design, large windows, and vaulted ceilings. The spacious kitchen has an island, garden doors to a deck, and ample room for a dining table. The primary bedroom boasts a walk-in closet and a 3-piece bath. Two additional bedrooms share a well-appointed 4-piece bath. The main floor also hosts a conveniently placed laundry room. Descend to the fully developed basement with a rec room, an extra bedroom, a 2-piece bath, a cold room, and a mechanical room. The double attached garage is heated. The home features LED lighting, a high-efficiency furnace, and central air conditioning. Outdoors, a sizable garden area awaits, and there's ample space for your recreational vehicles or hobbies. This property is move-in ready, offering a serene country lifestyle.

## 4920 50 AVE REDWATER



\$149,900

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.

# Thank You!

THE THORHILD LIONS CLUB would like to thank the wonderful community of Thorhild County for the great support of our Perogie Supper Fundraiser to help a local family after a devastating house fire. This was a community effort, so thank-you to the following community organizations and businesses: Thorhild Legion #234; The Thorhild Golden Age Drop-In Centre; The Thorhild Community Association; Newbrook Ag Society; Radway Lions Club; Moose Wood Acres; Erdmann's Garden & Green Houses. Also, thank you to all the people who helped with the preparation and presentation of the food, for both our perogie pinching and the supper, especially our cooks Joanne Fedun and Joanna Rusinko. Our community would not survive without VOLUNTEERS.



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have been enough, however, the Newbrook Agricultural Society is going a little bit further and hosting Spring Dinner Fundraiser. The dinner will be held at Newbrook Community Hall on April 6 at 6pm and all proceeds will go towards the Wilson family. The dinner will cumulate with Nick Kuzik acting as auctioneer, a dessert auction to treat the sweet tooth. Desserts will be donated by community members and guests will get to have some fun as they bid on their favorite delightful treats to

share with their table of take home for later. The evening will be wrapped up with local entertainment. The Newbrook Ag Society stated they have held other fundraisers in the past for families losing outbuildings to fire and it worked really well.

The Wilson family was left in disbelief when the newly placed home on their property had its roof blown off by the wind. Despite feeling overwhelmed by a series of unfortunate events, the Wilsons have consistently expressed their gratitude for the incredible support they have received from the community.

## Lawrence Roy Hrycun

December 20, 1946 ~ March 21, 2024

Lawrence Roy Hrycun, beloved father, husband, and brother, and friend to so many, passed away peacefully after a long battle with prostate cancer on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at the age of 77 at



including playing hockey with his three boys on the community rink, which he maintained and helped build. His love of cars was obvious to everyone by the pristine condition of every vehicle he owned.

Redwater Health Centre. He was born in the Radway Hospital on December 20, 1946, the ninth and final child in the family. His childhood on the homestead in the Newbrook Area instilled a lifelong commitment to family and a strong work ethic. In 1966, he found his passion for carpentry while attending school at NAIT, became a journeyman carpenter, and spent much of his life meticulously working on construction projects. Lawrence also spent 25 years of his career in real estate until 1996 when he returned to carpentry. Lawrence and Terraleen "Terry" first met through co-workers in 1982, were married by August of 1983 and have been inseparable since then. They built a life full of love with their family of three sons and freely gave each other independence. They were committed to their community and spent their time golfing, curling, and participating in many other community events through the years. An avid sports enthusiast, Lawrence's passion for games was unparalleled,

And he could be found by any dessert table, with an unmatched sweet tooth. Lawrence is survived by his wife Terraleen; his three sons Michael (Tricia Kushniruk), Ryan and Warren; two sisters Helen (George) Chahley and Michaelina Hrycun (George Emsland); two sisters-in-law Rosie (Walter) Hrycun and Emily (Paul) Hrycun; as well as many cherished nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Cathrena (nee Lotka) Hrycun; his siblings Mike (Olga) Hrycun, Walter Hrycun, Annie (Metro) Zetaruk, Olga (Ben) Domshy, Victor Hrycun, and Paul Hrycun. Thank you to all the staff at the Redwater Health Centre for their kindness and empathy. The family asks that in lieu of flowers you please consider a donation to the community foundation of your choice. Pride in community and family was something Lawrence valued. Lawrence's memory will be cherished, and his presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

**A Celebration of Life has taken place. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Sturgeon Memorial Funeral Chapel (780) 921-3900**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Redwater School



The Redwater School PE 20/30 Field Trip to FitSet Ninja on March 18 was a fantastic day, where students brought out their inner ninja.

### Thorhild Central School



Thorhild Central School students and staff enjoyed the Grade four class 2024 Alberta Walk project. After learning about the six geographical regions of Alberta, each student chose an item to contribute to the display that represents something significant from one of the regions studied. Students labelled their own items with the item name and region it represents. Then they wrote a report about the project, including information about their item and how it connects to their learning about Alberta.



## Where to find extra cash with your name on it

(NC) Many of us are finding it hard to manage the rising costs of living like rent, groceries and other necessities. It may feel like you can't make ends meet, let alone get ahead. But what if there is cash waiting for you?

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) calculates that it has distributed approximately \$1.4 billion in cheques that have not been cashed yet, and one of these

could have your name on it. Some of them date back to 1998 – a bit like finding an unclaimed lottery ticket in a drawer or \$20 in your old coat pocket.

In 2020, a grandparent discovered they had over 100 uncashed cheques worth almost \$50,000. As a pensioner and primary caretaker for their grandchildren the money was very much needed and

appreciated. The amount was a combination of many benefits. Make sure you check with the agency for any uncashed cheques you may have on file.

These cheques never expire, and if you've already signed up for My Account, you should be able to see if you have one right away. If you haven't signed up for the online account yet you can do it on the

CRA website or by calling their general enquiries line at 800-959-8281.

While you're at it, you may want to sign up for direct deposit to have your money securely deposited into your bank account. That way, you'll never miss a cheque again.

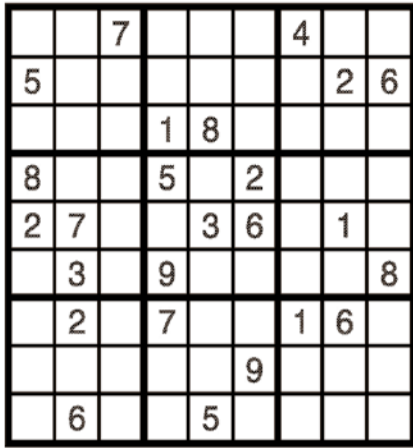
You can find more information on how to claim uncashed cheques at [canada.ca/cra-uncashed-cheques](http://canada.ca/cra-uncashed-cheques).



# PUZZLES

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## SUDOKU

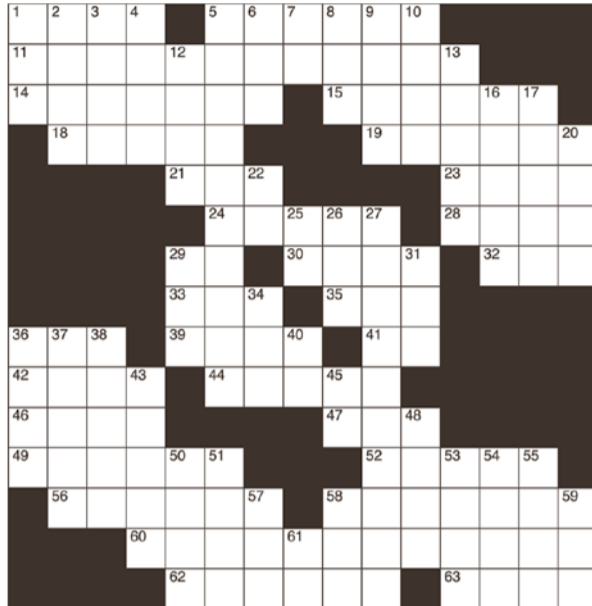


Level: Intermediate

### 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



### 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

1. A minute amount (British)
5. Mystical or magical
11. Shortening
14. More satisfying
15. Other side
18. Philippine island
19. More unnatural
21. Mutual savings bank
23. Famed designer Chanel
24. Makes less wild
28. At some prior time
29. The cops who investigate the cops
30. Immune system response
32. Distress signal
33. Engine additive
35. "No Scrubs" trio

36. Very fast airplane
39. A reward (archaic)
41. Commercial
42. Spots where golfers start
44. Polite form of address (Indian)
46. French river
47. Reduce the light
49. Blood-sucking fly
52. A way to categorize
56. Procrastinates
58. Tall slender tower
60. Where researchers work
62. Office of the Pope
63. Office furnishing

### CLUES DOWN

1. Possesses
2. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
3. Ancient Syrian city
4. Clip
5. In a way, misleads
6. Human gene
7. The Golden State (abbr.)
8. Lizard genus
9. Parasites that invade the skin
10. Took apart
12. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
13. S. California town
16. Suffix plural
17. Painting technique
20. Small Eurasian deer
22. Mr. T character
25. Microsoft
26. Shock therapy
27. Able to be sold
29. A doctrine
31. These three follow A
34. Pulse
36. Quantitative fact

37. Doctor \_\_: children's book author
38. Hebrew calendar month
40. Designated hitter
43. Norther Poland village
45. A passport is one form
48. Hand (Spanish)
50. Hit with the open hand
51. Actor Idris
53. Shakespeare's nickname "The \_\_"
54. Northern U.S. lake
55. Marvin and Horsley are two
57. Soak
58. Partner to cheese
59. Expression of disappointment
61. College dorm employee

## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Grit and guts will get you what you deserve this week, Aries. You may have an opportunity to make a good deal of money, so give this plan careful consideration. Ask for advice if the need arises.

### TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, there has been change in your life and you may want to blame the stars. Things will move out of your comfort zone and you will have to sharpen your ability to adapt.

### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, you may be questioning the relationships in your life at the time being, but don't worry too much. If you hit a rough patch, things will clear up in a few days.

### CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



A big shift in your perception and attitude will bring new components to your life that you may not have anticipated. This week you'll certainly have a few eyes-wide-open moments.

### LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



There will be no hiding out this week, Leo. You will soon learn that things will come your way at a rapid pace. Do your best to keep up, mighty Lion, as it's bound to be exciting.

### VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, you might be willing to throw caution to the wind and get away on a moment's notice. There are affordable ways to do this if you are willing to do your homework.

### LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, even though some drama may be swirling in your universe, you find it tolerable because it's coming at you in small portions. Just stay on the sidelines as much as possible.

### SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, if boredom has set in, it's better to look to new experiences instead of doing something rash just for the thrill. See which classes you can take or find new restaurants to explore.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Self-care and healing are what you should focus on right now, Sagittarius. You may have been pushing your needs to the side lately and you need to make this a priority.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



You are not normally characterized as "impulsive," Capricorn. But you may surprise everyone this week. An opportunity to travel or another adventure could drop in your lap.

### AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Try to create some tranquil spaces at home, Aquarius. You can use a haven, especially when a lot of stuff is thrown at you outside your home.

### PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, you may be on a mission this week to get things done. Don't rush in your efforts to complete everything or you are bound to make mistakes that are not easily fixed.

## CAR CARE WORD SEARCH

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Contact Zach at 780-668-2400 or [director@roseridge.ab.ca](mailto:director@roseridge.ab.ca)

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**ELECTIONS TO BE HELD FOR 3 POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**  
 Nominations for directors now open.  
 Deadline Date April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Bylaws to be reviewed and approved by the members. If you wish to obtain a copy please call the office.**

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT CORONADO UNITED CHURCH ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 STARTING AT 7:00 P.M.**

**To register, please contact our office by April 22, 2024, at 780 942 2786.**

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# Moschansky, Bertha

June 1931 – March 2024

After a full life, Bertha Moschansky has moved on to her next adventure to be rejoined with her husband, Fred, in addition to many other family members and friends. The ones that meant so much and were closest to her that remain behind, will feel her presence every day through all she gave us – love, support, and a role-model like no other.

Bertha spent this life accomplishing and enjoying so many things – being a dedicated and

loving wife, mother and nana, playing bingo, ice fishing, time with special grandchildren and great-grandchildren, crib tournaments and games at the original Pepper's Gas Station, baking, running the farm and raising kids when Dad was away at work, working with him in Edmonton at Canadian Auto Carriers, and their time spent visiting friends and playing cards in the days gone by.

The staff at the Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre Auxiliary cared for Mom like family and shared in our loss – we truly appreciate each and every one of them for all they did to care for her. Dr. Stephan Raubenheimer provided Mom with his special care to ensure her comfort throughout her stay and towards her departure – our heartfelt thanks to him and Colleen Bochar in Acute Care.

Her family that loved and cared for her will say our farewell peacefully as per her wishes. May the memories of all that knew her bring about great stories and reflections.

With our gratitude – her daughters, Connie, Colleen, Shannon & our Families



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**ELECTRONICS**



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**USED OIL MATERIALS**



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**Household Hazardous Waste Roundup**  
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## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS March 26, 2024

*Below is a brief summary of decisions at the March 26, 2024, Regular Council meeting:*

### Draft Recreational Use and Facilities Bylaw 03-2024

Council directed administration to review draft Bylaw 03-2024 and bring it back to a future meeting.

### Community and Recreational Services Schedule of Fees Policy 606

Council adopted as amended the General, Ski Area and Campground sections of the Community and Recreational Services Schedule of Fees Policy.

### Delegation: Northern Lights Library System

Mr. James MacDonald of the Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) presented a year in review and what to expect in 2024. Council accepted the presentation for information.

### Delegation: Gateway Research Organization

Mr. Jay Byer of the Gateway Research Organization (GRO) presented information about GRO and requested funding to support ongoing work. Council accepted the presentation for information and moved that the Agricultural Service Board make a recommendation to Council regarding support of the Gateway Research Organization.

### Delegation: Mr. Shawn Clarke

Mr. Shawn Clarke shared concerns about inconsistencies with tax information. Council accepted Mr. Clarke's presentation for information, and directed administration to provide a response regarding Mr. Clarke's presentation by April 23, 2024.

### Transfer from Water/Sewer Reserves for ERTs

Council approved the transfer of \$6,200 from reserves to purchase 30 new encoder receiver transmitters (ERTs) for the water department.

### Strategic Plan Update

Council approved the draft 2024 Strategic Plan as amended.

### First Reading for Proposed Bylaw 04-2024 to Amend Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 1195-2015

Council approved First Reading to proposed Bylaw 04 - 2024 amending Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 1195-2015 Map 7.1 Future Land Use Map and MDP Map 7.8 Inset Map - Hamlet of Thorhild Future Land Use Map from Industrial to Agricultural as described in Bylaw 04 - 2024 and attached Schedules A, B and C of the Bylaw, and set the Public Hearing for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in the County Council Chambers at the County Administration Building.

### First Reading for Proposed Bylaw 05-2024 to Amend Thorhild Industrial Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1180-2014

Council approved First Reading to proposed Bylaw 05 - 2024 to amend the Thorhild Industrial Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1180 - 2014 Maps 1 through and including 11 by removing the Business Park designation of and by removing from the Plan Boundary an 11.69-acre parcel within SW 8-60-21-W4M owned by Ian Thompson with amendment to add "to Agricultural Designation". and set the Public Hearing for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in the County Council Chambers at the County Administration Building.

### First Reading for Proposed Bylaw 06-2024 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015

Council approved First Reading to proposed Bylaw 06-2024 to amend Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015 by changing the M3 - Industrial district to Agricultural district for an 11.69-acre parcel within SW8-60-21-W4M owned by Ian Thompson, and set the Public Hearing for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in the County Council Chambers at the County Administration Building.

### Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism Letter of Support

Council approved a letter of support for Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism organization for a grant application under Travel Alberta Rural Promotion Fund.

### Gravel Trailer Capital Purchase

Council approved the purchase of a 2017, 38' bottom dump gravel trailer for \$60,000, with \$6,000 to be taken from reserves, and to add unit 1701 to the surplus equipment list for auction.

### Sidewalk Replacement Program

Council approved the transfer of additional funds of \$6,060 from reserves to complete the 2024 sidewalk program.

### Swimming Pool Rate Review

Council directed administration to propose an updated fee structure for swimming pool rates based on comparison to the Redwater swimming pool.

### MLA Invite

Council moved that Council invites MLA Glenn Van Dijken to a future Council meeting.

### Notices of Motion

Council moved that Council revisit the Lagoon Dumping Fee Policy and Policy 1213 - Use of Emergency Services Facilities and Equipment.

### Thorhild Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament Request

Council approved waiving the user fees for the ball diamond, the Centennial Park Campground, the usage of the old school yard for overflow camping and to advise the organizers of previous noise complaints and that the current Bylaw 05-2021 is in effect.

## ARE YOU A SMALL BUSINESS IN THORHILD COUNTY?

### Then you may qualify for the Non-Residential Small Business Property Sub-Class

The Owner of the Non-Residential Property must apply by the April 30, 2024 deadline to receive the Small Business Property Sub-Class Tax Rate for your 2024 property taxes.

Obtain your application online at [www.thorhildcounty.com](http://www.thorhildcounty.com) or in person at the County office (801-1st Street, Thorhild, AB).

For further details call Courtney at 780-398-3741 ext. 2822; courtney.gray@thorhildcounty.com or visit [www.thorhildcounty.com](http://www.thorhildcounty.com), then click on the Services tab > Corporate Services > Assessment & Property Taxes, then click on Tax Rates.



## FREE TAX CLINICS

### Get your benefits and credits

If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, volunteers can do your tax return for you!



### For Thorhild County residents that have modest income and very basic tax returns.

Income Limits for the 2023 tax year are as follows:

- Singles up to \$35,000
- Couples combined income up to \$45,000
- Families with a combined income up to \$52,500

### Taxes will be completed during April by appointments on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 16, 10 am - 3 pm

Wednesday, April 17, 10 am - 3 pm

Thursday, April 18, 10 am - 3 pm

To book an appointment or for information please call Kelly at 780-398-3741 ext. 2820 or Laurie at 780-398-3741 ext. 2810

## DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED – APPEAL BY APRIL 16, 2024

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

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| i) Legal Description: | SE 10-62-21-W4   |
| Land Use Designation: | AG – Agricultural District                                   |
| Proposal:             | Approval for a Natural Resource Extraction (Peat) Operation. |
| Division:             | 4  |
| Permit #              | DP23-2607  |

**Date of Decision: March 26, 2024; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, April 16, 2024**

### Additional Information:

For additional information regarding these permits, please contact Manager of Planning and Development David Blades at 780-398-3741 ext 2825 or email: [David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com).

THE LAND USE BY-LAW provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Municipal Development Authority may appeal by serving written Notice of Appeal to the Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, PO Box 10, Thorhild, AB T0A 3J0 within twenty one (21) days after the decision is made. Any party wishing to initiate an appeal to be heard by the County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board must submit a non-refundable fee of \$200.00 in order for the appeal to be accepted.

## FIRE ADVISORY REMINDER

A Fire Advisory came into effect on March 7, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Any outstanding Fire Permits are cancelled and no new permits will be issued. For details on the Fire Advisory, please visit [www.thorhildcounty.com](http://www.thorhildcounty.com) (home page).

**NOTE:** As per the Emergency Services Bylaw 12-2023, section 35(j), it is strictly prohibited for any person to ignite or cause to be lit any unauthorized fire during a Fire Advisory, Fire Restriction, or Fire Ban. For the first offence of this section, a fine of \$3,000 will be applied and \$6,000 for the second offence.

## SENIORS FRAUD PREVENTION

Presentations from Rebecca Green, ATB Thorhild and Redwater RCMP

April 23, 2024, at 1:00 pm  
Thorhild Golden Age Drop-in Centre  
210 - 7th Avenue, Thorhild



FREE PRESENTATION AND TRANSPORTATION  
Please call Laurie at 780-398-3741 ext. 2810 by April 19th to register for transportation from the Newbrook Silver Horizons Drop in Centre & Radway New Horizons Drop in Centre.







# THORHILD COUNTY

## PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE FOR BYLAWS 04-2024, 05-2024 AND 06-2024

Thorhild County is giving consideration to amending the following Bylaws.

The following Public Hearings will be held both in-person and via Zoom (audio only) and will be presented in consecutive order on:

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., Thorhild County Council Chambers (801 – 1st Street, Thorhild)**

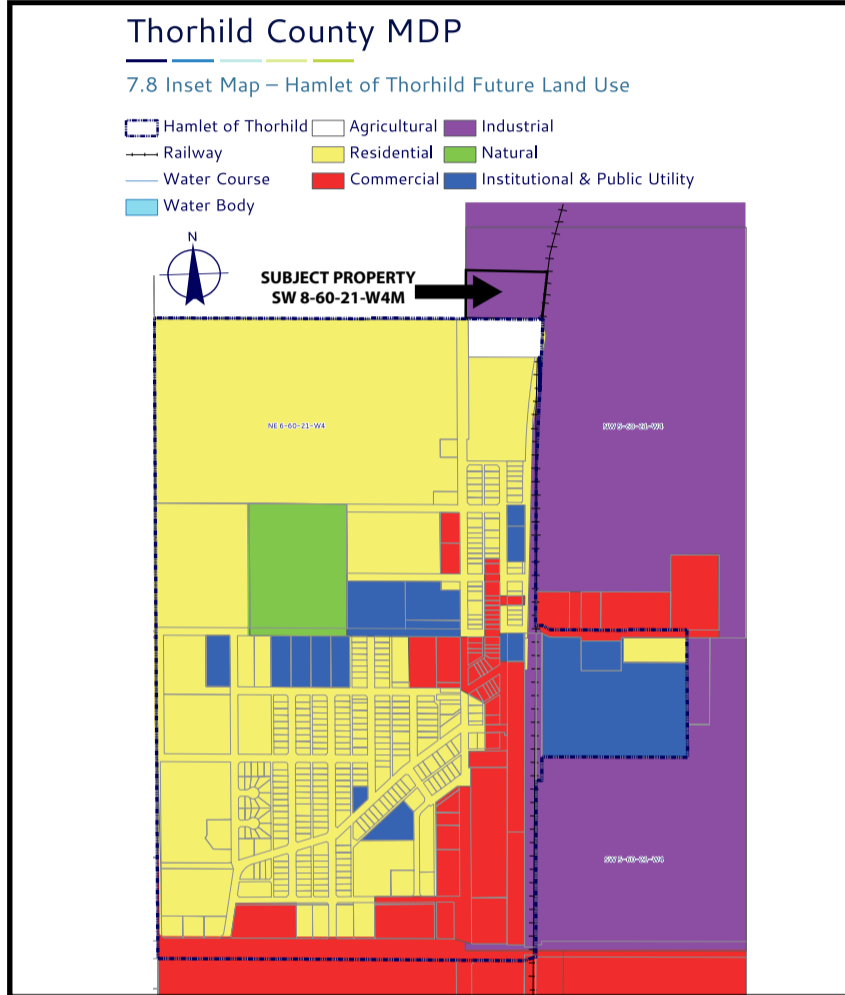
The proposed Bylaws may be viewed at [www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings/Public-Hearings](http://www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings/Public-Hearings)

**BYLAW 04-2024:** To amend Municipal Development Plan 1195-2015 by changing the Designation of that portion of SW 8-60-21-W4M consisting of 11.69 acres from the M3 Industrial Designation to AG Agricultural Designation. **See Schedule C.**

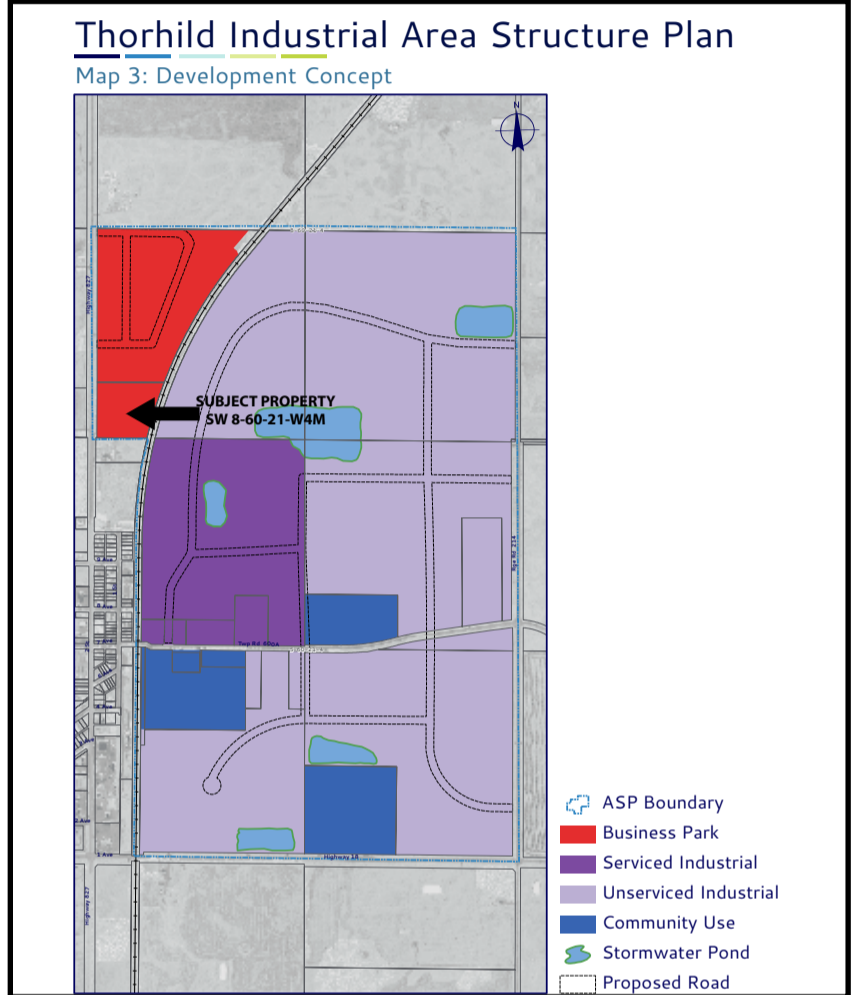
**BYLAW 05-2024:** To amend the Thorhild Industrial Area Structure Plan 1180-2014 by changing the Designation of that portion of SW 8-60-21-W4M consisting of 11.69 acres from Business Park Designation and removal from Industrial Boundary to AG Agricultural Designation. **See Schedule C.**

**BYLAW 06-2024:** To amend Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015 by changing the District of that portion of SW 8-60-21-W4M consisting of 11.69 acres from the M3 Industrial District to AG Agricultural District. **See Schedule C.**

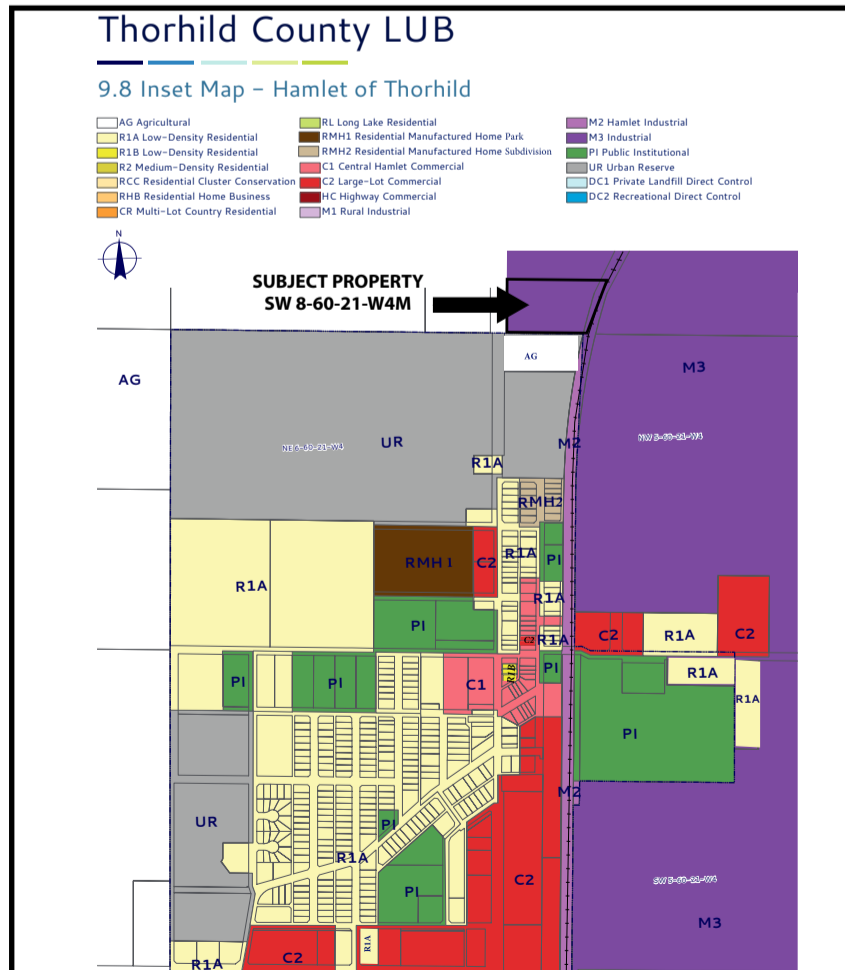
### BYLAW 04-2024 - Schedule C



### BYLAW 05-2024 - Schedule C



### BYLAW 06-2024 - Schedule C



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The following information applies to all three (3) Public Hearings:

- All speakers will be given a 10-minute time limit and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission in advance of the Public Hearing.
- If you intend on participating in person, you are encouraged to pre-register.
- If you wish to speak at the Public Hearing via Zoom, you are asked to register by Friday, April 19, 2024. This is to ensure that Zoom participants receive instructions to access the hearing.
- If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, you may make a written submission. Your name, address, legal land location and the bylaw number must be included in your submission.
- To register, submit a written submission or have issues connecting via Zoom, contact the Planning Clerk at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2823 or email: [jeannette.cholach@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:jeannette.cholach@thorhildcounty.com).
- The proposed Bylaws may be viewed at the County Office and are available on the Thorhild County website at: [www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings/Public-Hearings](http://www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings/Public-Hearings).
- Persons wishing to attend the Public Hearing are invited to attend in person or via Zoom through the County website at: [www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings](http://www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings).
- If you have any questions or inquiries pertaining to this Public Hearing, contact David Blades, Manager of Planning and Development at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825 or e-mail [David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com).

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: By submitting comments on these bylaws, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the Public Hearing, or otherwise made public. This information is collected in line within Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIP Co-Ordinator at 780-398-3741.





**PUBLIC NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF REDWATER, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**SECTION 251 – THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

**TAKE NOTICE**, that the Council of the Town of Redwater, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing Bylaw FIN-02-2024 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Town of Redwater to borrow monies from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority by way of debenture issue, to pay for the cost of the following municipal purpose(s), namely the the watermain rehabilitation / replacement project for 52 Avenue from 54 Street to 52 Street within the limits of the said municipality.

The total cost of the aforesaid project amounts to an estimated \$440,000. The net amount to be reallocated on the credit and security of the municipality at large by the reallocation of debentures is \$440,000. The debentures are to be repayable to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority in twenty (20) equal consecutive semi-annual instalments of combined principal and interest, the semi-annual interest estimated at a maximum interest rate of 7%, or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority.

**NOW THEREFORE NOTICE** is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Redwater that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw FIN-02-2024 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly.

**DATED** at the Town of Redwater, in the Province of Alberta, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Ken Van Buul  
Chief Administrative Officer

A copy of the proposed bylaw and related documents may be inspected on the Town website [www.redwater.ca](http://www.redwater.ca) or contact the Town Office at 780 942 3519 for a copy to be sent via email, mail or facsimile. Any comments or questions can be forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer at [kvanbuul@redwater.ca](mailto:kvanbuul@redwater.ca).

**INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS**

Pursuant to Section 1(i) of the Municipal Government Act an "elector" means: A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councillor under the *Local Authorities Election Act*. Pursuant to section 47(1) of the *Local Authorities Election Act* a person is eligible to vote in an election if the person:

- a. is at least 18 years old,
- b. is a Canadian citizen, and
- c. resides in Alberta and the person's place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day.

A poll may be demanded in the Town of Redwater by electors equal in number to at least:

- a. in the case of a municipality other than a summer village, by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10% of the population, and
- b. in the case of a summer village, by a number of the electors of the summer village equal to at least 20% of the number of summer village residences in the summer village.

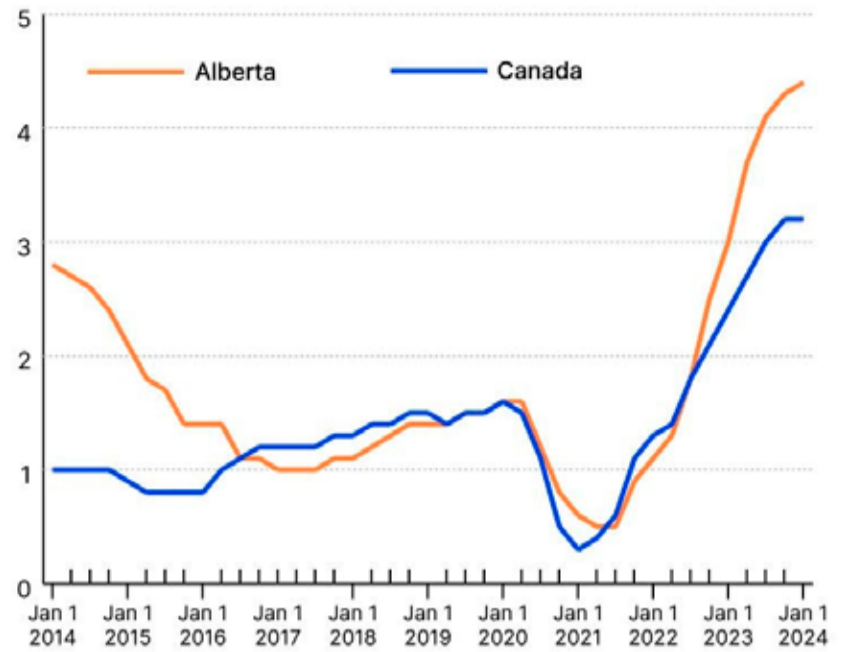
in accordance with the provisions of section 223 of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with the provisions of section 251 of the Municipal Government Act.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition". (Further requirements of the petition are provided in section 224 of the Municipal Government Act.)

DATE of the last publication of this notice is the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

**Population growth in Canada and Alberta**

% change, year-over-year



Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0009-01 and ATB Economics

# Alberta continues to lead all provinces in population growth

By Rob Roach, ATB ECONOMICS

**Annual growth remains red hot**

Alberta added 202,324 residents—roughly the population of two Red Deers—between January 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024 for a growth rate of 4.4%. You have to go back to 1981 to find a higher pace of annual growth.

That 4.4% was also the highest of any province and well above the national rate of 3.2%—the highest it has been since 1957.

Just under two-thirds of Alberta's growth since January 2023 came from net international migration with net interprovincial migration accounting for 27% of new residents and natural increase (births less deaths) for 8%.

Strong gains from non-permanent international residents\* continued to be a key driver of population growth in Alberta. Of the 130,870 residents gained from international migration last year, 60% (78,370) were in the non-permanent category.

Ontario was the main source of interprovincial migrants to Alberta, accounting for 42% of Alberta's net gain from the rest of the country last year. British Columbia was the second largest source at 28% of the total followed by

Saskatchewan at 9%. While job opportunities are always a key factor keeping people in Alberta and attracting them to it, the relative affordability of housing has emerged as a driving force with average house prices several hundred thousand dollars higher in B.C. and Ontario than in Alberta.

**Quarter-over-quarter growth slower, but still strong**

Zeroing in on the change between the third and fourth quarter of last year, the pace of population growth in Alberta slowed from 1.3% to 0.9%. Nationally, the growth rate also slowed, going from 1.1% to 0.6%.

Interprovincial migration, which can be quite sensitive to seasonal factors, fell from a net gain of 17,094 for Alberta in the third quarter to 9,913 additional residents in the fourth quarter (-42%). Despite the smaller gain, this was the 10th quarter in a row in which Alberta's population grew from interprovincial migration, a turnaround from the quarterly losses that marked the period between mid-2015 and mid-2021.

The pace of growth from other countries also slowed, falling from the record high of 39,212 to 31,037—

the third highest gain on record—for a drop of 21%. The pullback was much larger at the national level at -42%.

Our latest forecast (which uses the standard July 1 to June 30 period to assess annual population change), sees the slowdown evident in the fourth quarter of 2023 continuing with the result being more moderate population growth in 2024 and 2025 than we saw last year.

Alberta's population gains going forward will, however, still be strong compared to most other parts of Canada and developed economies around the world and, in turn, help drive ongoing economic expansion in the province.

\*A non permanent resident is a person from another country with a usual place of residence in Canada who has a work or study permit or who has claimed refugee status. Family members living with work or study permit holders are also included, unless these family members are already Canadian citizens or landed immigrants or permanent residents.

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# Redwater Museum features Japanese settlers

By Brandie Majeau

Kimura Lake, located approximately eight kilometers west of Redwater, is a kettle hole that has been around for hundreds of years. Until the mid-eighties, Kimura Lake remained unnamed. Alberta's Cultures Historic Site dedicated the name Kimura Lake in honor of Toyomatsu Kimura who originally settled the area in the early 1900s.

In the early 1900s, Toyomatsu Kimura departed from Fukuoka-Ken, Japan to Hawaii as part of a large labor force. In 1906, Kimura made the journey to Vancouver

and over the following three years, he toiled on the railway in British Columbia under conditions resembling indentured servitude, as he was under a close contract with the company.

Shortly thereafter, he was made aware of an opportunity to acquire land near Redwater. After ensuring compliance with all laws governing land sales to individuals of Asian descent, he proceeded with the purchase of a sizeable expanse of bushland in the Maybridge District, situated to the west of Redwater.

In 1919 Toyomatsu Kimura purchased his

first quarter section which bordered south of the end of the lake and in the following year, purchased land on the west side of the lake where he eventually built his first home. In 1927, Kimura sold his business in Edmonton and moved to establish permanent residence in the Redwater area. That same year, Toyomatsu Kimura in partnership with a Mr. Saito, purchased an entire section designated School Land and two adjoining quarter that all encircled the lake. When the partnership was dissolved Kimura retained the western half section of the property.

Toyomatsu Kimura's unwavering dedication to his adopted homeland exemplified the pioneering spirit that defined his life. Despite facing unique challenges due to his ancestry, he carried the weight of responsibility with grace and determination. The decision to name Kimura Lake in honor of Toyomatsu Kimura stands as a poignant and well-deserved tribute to his enduring legacy of commitment, resilience, and perseverance in the face of adversity.

Take the opportunity to visit Redwater & District Museum for a chance to explore the culture and heritage of a rich and vibrant community that helped to shape Redwater and its surrounding areas.



The Redwater School PE 20/30 Field Trip to FitSet Ninja on March 18 was a fantastic day, where students brought out their inner ninja.

## Volunteer Appreciation Night

### Thursday, April 18, 2024

### 5:00-9:00pm at Pembina Place

Register Here:  
<https://2024volunteer.eventbrite.ca>

Volunteers, join us for an evening of recognition, appreciation, and promotion of your contributions to our community! Enjoy a catered meal and after-dinner entertainment as a thank you for all you contribute to our community!

Register by Monday, April 8th - the earlier the better, as there are limited spots available!

For More Information Contact:  
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 Email: jedworthy@redwater.ca.

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with excitement for the upcoming treasure hunt. As the signal was given, the children dove into a pile of shredded paper and Easter grass, their laughter and cheers filling the air as they unearthed a delightful array of chocolates and candies. The staff,

adorned with warm smiles, encouraged, and cheered on the young participants, creating a welcoming and festive atmosphere. As each child left with their baskets overflowing with sweet treats, they were handed an additional bag of goodies from North Corridor Co-op, adding to the

joy of the day. The weekend after the Candy Scramble, children were eagerly welcomed back to town to take part in the Fourth Annual Easter Egg Hunt organized by the Thorhild Community Association. This year, the event took

Continued on **page 14**



Volunteers and participants enjoy the Thorhild Community Association annual Easter Egg Hunt. **Photo provided by the Thorhild Community Association.**



Last week, Sturgeon County peace officers Bill Willocks and Susie Pestana, accompanied by Deputy Mayor Deanna Stang, presented the Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association with a \$2,500 cheque to support the association's vital initiatives. The Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association, which has been operational in the County for 40 years, collaborated with law enforcement agencies to deter crime and foster secure communities. Nearly 800 members actively monitored their neighborhoods and reported any suspicious activities. For those interested in learning more or joining, visit [SturgeonRuralCrimeWatch.org](http://SturgeonRuralCrimeWatch.org). **Photo: Sturgeon County**

## Newbrook 4H Club News



**By Annabelle Stevens**  
Newbrook 4H Club

Attached are the club members who gave their speeches on Feb 4, 2024. Along with Willow Lyons and Harper MacMillan in Sherwood Park March 9, 2024, for Regional public speaking competition.

Newbrook 4H had their club level speaking competition on Feb 4, 2024, the winners were for the club level:

### Speeches

Juniors (1st) Alyssa Ollikka, (2nd) Harper MacMillan, (3rd) Daniel Quagehbeur  
Intermediate Willow Lyons, (2nd) Makenna Ollikka, (3rd) Jacob Stevens  
Senior (1st) Denver Lyons

### Presentations

Junior (1st) Brinell Beach & Kenley Nendze, (2nd) Raelynn Ollikka & Isla Sauchuk

Intermediate (1st) Kaylee Kuzik & Lexi Nendze (2nd) Gus Shwetz & Carter Ollikka

Senior (1st) Shelby Dowhan, (2nd) Jacob Hyde

They then held speeches at the Thorhild district level Feb 25, 2024, the Newbrook 4-H club members who received awards were:

Junior speeches (1st) Alyssa Ollikka, (2nd) Harper MacMillan  
Intermediate Willow Lyons, (2nd) Makenna Ollikka  
Senior (1st) Denver Lyons  
Presentations (1st) Brinell Beach & Kenley Nendze  
Intermediate (2nd) Kaylee Kuzik & Lexi Nendze

Willow Lyons, Harper MacMillan, and Brinell Beach attended regionals in Sherwood Park on March 9th, 2024.

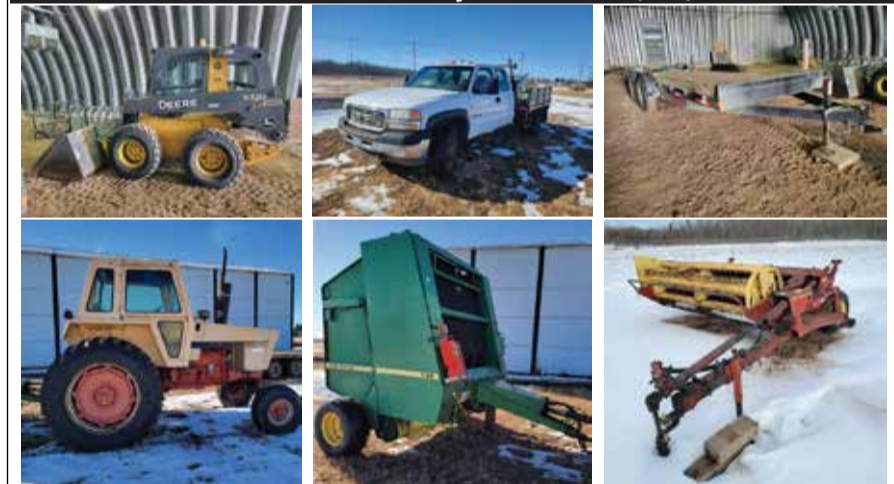
The Newbrook club winners were Willow Lyons who placed 2nd in Intermediate speeches, Harper MacMillan who placed 4th in Jr. speeches and Brinell Beach placed 5th in Jr. presentations.

The club will be having their Mini show with their animals April 13 as they start to prepare for their final show in June.



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# STURGEON COUNTY COUNTRY LIVING EXPO

**April 13, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Morinville Community Cultural Centre  
9502 100 Ave, Morinville, AB**

### Join us to:

- Explore market vendors offering locally grown and created products.
- Speak with exhibitors and experts from various companies and associations providing resources to rural residents.
- Pop by the kids corner: build a tea cup planter, face painting, scavenger hunt, and bunnies!
- Connect with neighbours and other members of your community over coffee and a free hotdog.
- Watch a presentation at the workshop corner to learn about a rural living topic of interest!

[sturgeoncounty.ca/country-living-expo](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/country-living-expo)



## Sturgeon County Centre Open During Renovations



The County Centre renovations include barrier-free washrooms, increasing the size of the main boardroom, and front counter enhancements.

- ▶ Those needing to access County Centre for public hearings, account payments, or attending Council meetings can do so during construction.
- ▶ The main entrance will remain open to the public with front counter staff available to assist you during our regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ Construction will begin April 2, 2024 with an anticipated completion date in Summer 2024.
- ▶ Public parking will be limited with signs identifying where public parking is available.

9613 100 Street, Morinville  
For more information: 780-939-4321  
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## Call for Nominations

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BOARD? WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR NAME STAND FOR NOMINATION.**

Nomination and information packages are now available at the Thorhild and Boyle Administration Offices, or email us at [alison.scoville@northcorridor.crsf](mailto:alison.scoville@northcorridor.crsf)

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 @ 5:00 PM**

*If required voting will take place May 8-10.  
Voting stations will be set up at all  
North Corridor locations from 8AM - 6PM*

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Annual General Meeting

**Date: Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Time: Registration at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Newbrook Hall**

## Sturgeon County Dust Suppression



Sturgeon County offers three options for dust suppression to help reduce the impact of dust created by vehicle traffic on gravel roads.



**Early bird deadline is  
April 16, 2024**

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No orders will be accepted after May 17, 2024.

Download application forms:  
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Questions?

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Email: [dustsuppression@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto:dustsuppression@sturgeoncounty.ca)





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place on the rodeo grounds, and it seems likely that it will continue to be held there in the coming years. The atmosphere was electric as the participants eagerly awaited the signal to start. Colorful plastic eggs filled with delightful treats were cleverly hidden around the grounds, waiting to be discovered by the eager hunters. The most coveted golden eggs held the grand prize of special Easter Baskets. The Thorhild Community Association expressed that witnessing the enjoyment on the children's faces made all

the meticulous planning, coordination, and hard work completely worthwhile. "Bringing joy to the kids in our community is something every small community needs. They are truly the seeds of our future."

The Thorhild Community Association has asked all participants to look for the egg recycling bins around town and offers a huge thank you to all the volunteers, the backbone that ensures the success of such community events. If little hunters or scramblers missed out this year, mark the calendar for next April in a chance to participate again.

## MOUNTIE MINUTE SMOKY LAKE RCMP DETACHMENT

- RCMP attended a call for Mental Health of an elderly male
- Smoky Lake is investigating uttering threats
- Report of a Break and Enter to a shed in the Town of Smoky Lake and numerous other locations all are currently under investigation
- Received a call of Mischief in the Town of Smoky Lake, members attended and spoke with youth who were involved
- RCMP received numerous types of driving complaints
- RCMP assisted with a Family Relation occurrence
- Smoky Lake RCMP arrested a male under the Mental Health Act and transported to the St. Paul Health Center
- RCMP attempted to stop a stolen vehicle near Spedden, vehicle failed to stop.

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

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## KID'S CORNER



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second grade

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**Redwater RCMP recover stolen property**

On March 22, 2024, at 6:53 p.m. Redwater RCMP received a report a suspicious vehicle on Range Road 211 in Thorhild County. Redwater RCMP responded and located an abandon vehicle

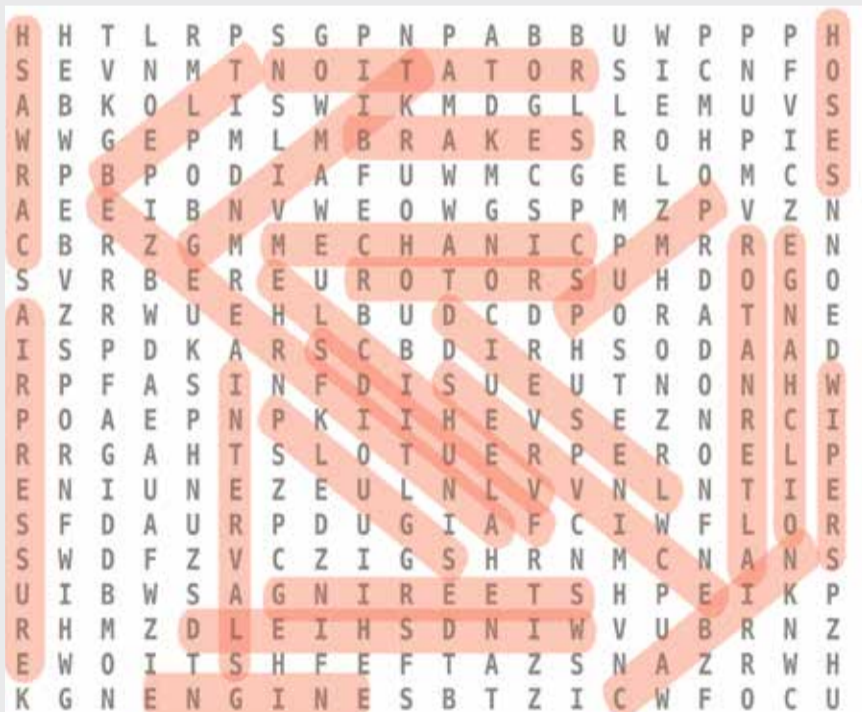
that had been reported stolen out of Lac La Biche, Atla. Redwater RCMP located a GPI fuel transfer pump along with a hose and a portable tidy tank along with the vehicle. The vehicle was

returned to its owner who stated that the fuel pump and other items were not his. Redwater RCMP are looking to reunite the fuel transfer pump with its rightful owner. (Make GPI and model M-150S.)



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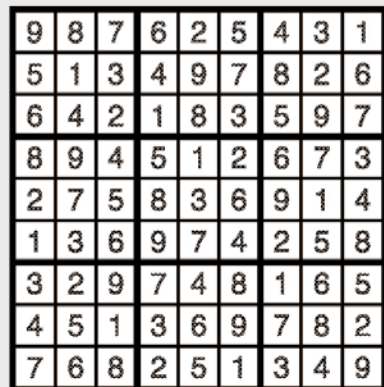
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**Time:** 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
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