



Gardening for beginners, little beginners

By Brandie Majeau

The Thorhild County Family Centre recently organized a wonderful Little Green Thumbs workshop at the Thorhild Swimming Pool Playground, offering a delightful opportunity for young garden enthusiasts to immerse themselves in the world of gardening. The workshop aimed to not only get children actively involved in planting and gardening but also to provide them with a multi-sensory learning experience and a platform to develop various skills.

The event was

designed to engage the children's senses through tactile stimulation as they dug into the soil, transplanted baby spider plants, and explored the natural texture and feel of gardening. By involving the senses, the workshop aimed to enhance the children's sensory perception and motor skills while fostering an understanding of the responsibilities associated with caring for living things.

The young participants eagerly embraced the hands-on activities and, in the process, gained a deeper appreciation for the science

behind nurturing plants, as well as the care, confidence, and patience required to ensure their survival. This not only instilled a sense of responsibility towards their "spider babies" but also laid the groundwork for future discussions on understanding living things and the interconnectedness of nature.

While the children were engrossed in their gardening tasks, the Thorhild County Family Centre ensured that the workshop provided a nurturing and supportive environment reminiscent of

the foundation of its programs. The structured projects were balanced with opportunities for free play, allowing the children to repurpose their gardening tools as sand shovels and indulge in creative, unstructured play. The camaraderie among the children was evident as they took turns on the swings and slides or coming together to build imaginative creations in the sand.

The Little Green Thumbs workshop not only offered a rich learning experience for the children but

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Become voyagers of the North Saskatchewan River

By Brandie Majeau

Saskatchewan River Voyagers LTD offers thrilling and educational excursions along the breathtaking North Saskatchewan River. Founded in 2023 by Bill Engman, an avid explorer who initially sought solace and treasures amidst the tranquil waters, the company has blossomed from Bill's personal hobby into a flourishing venture. Embark on a journey to uncover the enchanting beauty of the river, while uncovering its hidden gems and rich history.

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Maisy and Myles plant their baby spider plants.



Brooks shows his completed transplant.

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Escape to Smoky Lake County, escape to Northern Lights RV Resort

By Brandie Majeau

Richard Kimmitt, the proud owner of Northern Lights RV Resort, began his journey with the property back in 2021. The resort was previously an old motorcycle campsite known as the Howling Coyote. Upon settling in the scenic area of Hamlin, AB, Kimmitt envisioned a thriving five-year plan for the family-oriented RV Resort. Open year-round, the resort offers a plethora of activities and amenities, catering to both members and non-members with options for seasonal,

nightly, and weekend camping.

The resort has seen significant growth, currently boasting one hundred campsites with plans to expand to four hundred sites. It has become a haven for veterans and retirees seeking tranquility and a range of recreational activities.

Embracing a keen sense of community, Northern Lights RV Resort is more than just a place to stay. It is a family that actively engages in local and surrounding events while also providing campers with

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Permit Number: DP 034-24

Legal Land Description: PLAN 716CL, BLOCK 2, LOT 6 & LOT 7

Area: HAMLET OF WARSPITE

Division: 3

Land Use District: HAMLET GENERAL (HG) DISTRICT

Use Type: DISCRETIONARY USE

Proposed Development: MANUFACTURED HOME

Permit Number: DP 037-24

Legal Land Description: PLAN 2321586, BLOCK 7, LOT 9

Area: BONNIE LAKE RESORTS

Division: 1

Land Use District: MULTI-LOT COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL (R1) DISTRICT

Use Type: DISCRETIONARY USE

Proposed Development: SHIPPING CONTAINER (20.0 FEET)

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

Persons wishing to appeal any of the above decisions must do so by filing a written "NOTICE OF APPEAL" along with the \$250.00 appeal fee, to the Clerk of the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB) 4612 McDougall Drive, Box 310, Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0, no later than **Friday, August 30, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.** The appeal letter should indicate the development permit number, contact name, phone number, mailing address, and reason(s) for appeal.

Jordan Ruegg
Development Authority Officer/
Planning and Development Manager

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 up-to-date information on available activities.

A highlight of the resort is its diverse range of activities, appealing to all ages and interests. From weekly pancake breakfasts to quad trails, playground equipment, an above-ground pool, various games, and a newly constructed mini-golf course – there is always something exciting happening at the resort. The entertainment offerings span from Survivor Games, Karaoke, and Movies under the Stars to Scavenger Hunts, Olympics, and chili cook-offs.

The commitment to environmental harmony is a cornerstone of the resort's ethos.

It is evident in the careful development aimed at coexisting with the local wildlife and providing access to abundant wild berries. Northern Lights RV Resort is a place where nature can be enjoyed without harming it. The property also features spacious bathrooms and shower cabins, and a communal area stocked

with books and entertainment. Northern Lights RV Resort offers the added convenience of 24-hour security to ensure the safety and peace of mind for all campers and members. The resort also provides storage options and assistance for campers and trailers, demonstrating a commitment to accommodating the needs of its guests.

Furthermore, the resort prides itself on its accessibility, cleanliness, and ongoing expansion. They host regular GO RV tours to highlight new RV models and assist campers with troubleshooting their own RVs. With over 110 members and a bright future ahead, Northern Lights RV Resort is not just a place to stay but a place to grow with.

The resort is currently underway with plans to build a spray park and two indoor swimming pools, offering even more exciting possibilities for a family holiday experience. Booking a tour or accommodation at Northern Lights RV Resort is just a phone call away at 780-656-6559.



Bill Engman prepares a crew of guests to begin their Saskatchewan River Voyagers adventure.

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safety information, and contagious enthusiasm for a day of fun.

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experience that provides insights into environmental sciences, geographical formations, and the diverse wildlife that thrives along the North Saskatchewan River. Saskatchewan River Voyagers Ltd. specializes in unveiling secret pockets of discovery, ensuring an exceptional and unparalleled adventure for all. The stern paddlers "captain" and expertly navigate the canoes, while the staff provides top-notch equipment, adding fun elements like water guns and inflatable tubes to

elevate the experience. As guests immerse themselves in the sights and stories, they can almost transport themselves back in time, envisioning the historic voyagers who once navigated these waters on their trading expeditions centuries ago.

Saskatchewan River Voyagers can be contacted through their Facebook page or at 587-252-4904. In addition to guided canoe trips, canoe and kayak rentals are available in addition to fishing excursions and gemstone hunts.



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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!

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. Mongolian city ___ Bator
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Type of sandwiches
16. A type of shape
17. Son of Shem
18. French modernist painter
19. Grandmother
20. Mammary gland of female cattle
22. Hill or rocky peak
23. Secret political clique
24. Songs to one's beloved
27. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Restrict the number or amount of
35. Combined into a single entity

37. Brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Materials in the earth's crust
40. Partner to cheese
41. Of the sun
42. Baseball great Ty
43. After B
44. Place to relax on the beach
45. Folk singer DiFranco
46. Partly digested food
47. Small dog breed
48. Japanese honorific
49. Salts
52. Beard moss genus
55. Mountain pass
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Metric weight unit
63. Italian Seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. Wading bird
67. Days in mid-month

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68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part
33. Capital of Guam
34. Six-membered ring (chemistry)
36. Bar bill
37. Car mechanics group
38. Notable Bill Murray character
40. Health care for the aged
41. Gurus
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Reduce
46. Spy organization
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Plants of the lily family
50. Type of reef
51. Oral polio vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. Lose
54. Former Brazilian NBAer
57. Baseball great Ruth
58. ___ Clapton, musician
59. Chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. CNN's founder

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ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)

You are the master of leaping before looking, Aries, and this week is no different. You are not satisfied with hanging back and assessing the situation before acting. You're right in the mix.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

Taurus, do not pretend to be a neutral party when two people come up to you seeking advice. You are too loyal to avoid taking sides, but it could affect the relationship with the other person.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Gemini, it may be time to step in and help a loved one refocus their energies. Rather than let them dwell on a difficult situation, work to offer them a new perspective.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)

Use the past as motivation to make some serious changes in your life, Cancer. This is the week to begin plotting a few ideas that can have a large impact.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)

Leo, there may be some room in the budget for a few splurges this week. As long as you do not go too overboard, you can snag that item that you have had your eyes on for some time.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)

Don't be so sure that you've examined every detail and checked them multiple times, Virgo. Your plan has to be foolproof for it to work. Run it by another set of eyes.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)

Libra, if no one is asking for advice right now, it's best to leave your life coach tendencies on the side. If and when someone needs your help, you can believe they'll come calling.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Sagittarius, it can be challenging for you to avoid the soap opera that is seemingly unfolding around you right now. Do your best to stay out of the fray for the time being.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

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CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Capricorn, if someone in your social circle is in need of a new perspective, you may have to speak up and help get them on a better path. Take this responsibility seriously.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)

You have come a long way in a short time, Aquarius. Keep up the hard work and you will continue to see results you can be proud of.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)

Pisces, you will have to try to tune out the static all around you this week and concentrate on the things you need to accomplish. There is no wiggle room for distractions right now.

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Annual Golf Tournament enhances community



By Brandie Majeau

The Town of Redwater once again hosted a successful Redwater Mayor and Council Golf Tournament. The event is held annually and used to support various community groups and local not-for-profits. The golf tournament includes breakfast, on-site lunch, prizes for winners, a silent auction, and a dinner. The annual Redwater

Mayor and Council Golf Tournament has been a significant success, having raised over \$50,000 in support of various charitable causes. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the unwavering support of sponsors, donors, volunteers, and enthusiastic

participants. Their generous contributions have not only helped in surpassing the fundraising goals but also in making a meaningful difference in the community. In concluding comments, it was noted, "You're all winners no matter where you placed for supporting not-for-profits."

The recipients for the 2024 proceeds this year are the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank, the Redwater Family Recreation Association (which is building a pump track for skateboards, scooters, etc.), and a \$1000 donation to establish a post-secondary scholarship. Grateful for being chosen as recipients,

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also provided a welcome reprieve for the parents. It became a moment for parents to relax, connect, and share amusing anecdotes about managing the demands of summer schedules and parenting during the holidays. The laughter and mutual support among the parents created a heartwarming atmosphere, reinforcing the sense of community and togetherness within the group.

As always, the Thorhild County Family Centre played a pivotal role in facilitating the workshop, offering a supportive environment and a range of engaging activities. The event not only brought joy and support to the children and parents but also provided a valuable opportunity for everyone to step away from the busyness of daily life, engage in physical activity and acquire new knowledge in a nurturing and inclusive setting.



Wrenley fills her planter with potting soil.

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 the Redwater Food Bank brought along a crew of volunteers to help with the event, and in turn, the tournament is thankful for their support. Special thanks go out to all the sponsors of the Redwater Mayor and Council Golf Tournament – without them, these events just would not happen. The entire tournament is a testament to the dedication to community support. The first-place winners, Pembina Pipeline Corp./Secure

Energy, tied with Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association and generously donated their prize to a silent auction item, with the proceeds going to the not-for-profit groups. Similarly, Conifer Energy CAO donated his prize winnings of a smoker to the Redwater Food Bank to use as a raffle item to raise more funds for the food bank.

Mayor David McRae expanded on the opportunity the golf tournament creates to give donations. The event is entirely

self-funded and is the only way to provide such significant contributions to local organizations and charities with no impact on taxes. It is explicitly funded for not-for-profits. Redwater mayor and council look forward to the tournament every year and participate in everything from BBQing the dinner to playing golf. The tournament is a terrific way to get out, meet people, and be a part of great community support. The next tournament will be held on August 7, 2025.



Mayor David McRae thanks all participants and sponsors of the Mayor and Council Golf Tournament



Susan, Redwater Food Bank chairperson, embraces Patrick, Conifer Energy CAO, after he donates his prize of a smoker to the food bank to use as a raffle fundraiser.

Upcoming live auctions

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Welcome to this 1180 sqft bungalow in Smoky Lake. This move-in-ready home boasts numerous recent upgrades, including appliances, main floor windows, shingles, the main bathroom, vinyl fencing, basement flooring, and air conditioning. The main floor of this 3-bedroom home features a lovely kitchen with a dining area, a spacious living room, and a beautiful 3-piece bathroom. The basement offers an additional bedroom, a 4-piece bathroom, a recreational area, and a laundry room with ample storage. Outside, the expansive yard includes a two-tiered deck, a single-car garage, a garden shed, and plenty of space to park all your toys.

5217 44 AVE, SMOKY LAKE



\$239,900

1480 square foot bungalow with two bedrooms up and additional one in basement. Main floor laundry room could easily be converted back to a bedroom for 3 up. Central air conditioning. Wood burning fireplace, main floor family room, large covered deck, triple style garage and large jacuzzi room, sauna in basement. Home could use a little TLC as it has been a rental for 18 years. Loads of potential and very unique.

5343 61 ST, REDWATER



\$229,900

Beautifully maintained bilevel home with central air conditioning, located at the end of a quiet street. The main floor features 2 bedrooms and a 4-piece bathroom, a living room with a large picture window, and a kitchen that opens onto a covered deck. The basement includes an additional bedroom, a rec room with a wet bar, a 4-piece bathroom, a laundry room, and plenty of storage space. The backyard offers space to build a garage or create your own oasis, with green space behind the fence. This home has numerous upgrades over the years, including new shingles, furnace, hot water tank, air conditioning, electrical panel, some flooring and windows, front door, concrete sidewalk and driveway, kitchen countertops, bathroom fixtures, and more.

5408 48 AVE, REDWATER



SOLD

\$229,900

Charming bungalow with newer front and rear decks. Inside, discover a well-designed main floor featuring a delightful kitchen, dining space, and cozy family room. The primary bedroom, accompanied by a three-piece ensuite, and another bedroom are also located on this level, along with a convenient four-piece bathroom. Downstairs, the partially finished basement offers a recreational area and potential for two additional bedrooms, alongside a partly completed bathroom and laundry space. Outside, enjoy the fully fenced yard with ample room for a garage, plus plenty of parking space and a garden shed at the rear.

5132 52 ST, REDWATER



\$264,900

This 1140 sq ft bungalow is situated on a quiet street in Redwater, conveniently close to Redwater School, Pembina Place (hockey arena), a golf course, and an outdoor pool. The main floor includes three bedrooms, a four-piece bathroom, a front living room, a dining area, and the kitchen. The basement features two additional bedrooms, a three-piece bathroom, a recreational area, and a laundry room. The backyard has a massive vegetable garden, fruit trees, a fully fenced yard with a storage shed, a greenhouse, a pergola, and an oversized single garage. Some upgrades over the years include metal roofing on both the house and garage, high efficiency furnace with central A/C, new kitchen countertops, and some updated flooring.

4816 50 AVE, REDWATER



\$114,900

Here's an opportunity to purchase a profitable business along with its property, with no leases involved. This turnkey pet grooming business is currently in operation, featuring all newer equipment. It presently operates only four days a week, but the owner states it could easily run seven days a week and still be booked well in advance. Take the chance to be your own boss today!

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS August 13, 2024

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the August 13, 2024, Regular Council meeting:

Thorhild Swimming Pool

Council approved funding in the sum of \$150,000 for the Thorhild Swimming Pool repairs, with the funds to come from the Legacy Fund Reserves.

Thorhild County Library Board Appointments

Council rescinded Resolutions 233-2024, 197-2022 and 576-2022, and appointed the following individuals to the Thorhild County Library Board:

- Jackie MacKay for Division 1, for a first term, April 9, 2024 - December 31, 2026.
- Roy Kubica for Division 2, for a fourth term, October 26, 2021 - December 31, 2024.
- Gretchen Marko for Division 4, for a first term, October 25, 2022 - December 31, 2025.

Reschedule 2024 Public Auction Date

Council authorized the 2024 Public Auction date as Tuesday, October 8, 2024, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Long Lake Cottage Owners Association Small Grant Request

Council approved a \$300 grant for the Long Lake Cottage Owners Association 3rd Annual Ball Tournament and Barbeque Family Fun Day.

Policies 501, 502, 503, 504 Review

Council approved the recommended changes to Policy 501 - Hiring, Policy 502 - Employee Classifications, and Policy 504 - Employee Performance and Planning Evaluation Process.

Appointment of Assessment Review Board Officials

Council appointed Richard Barham as Thorhild County's Assessment Review Board Clerk and Tina Groszko, Raymond Ralph, Richard Knowles, and Darlene Chartrand to the Assessment Review Board for 2024.

Transfer from Reserves for Block Well #14 Repairs at Long Lake

Council approved the transfer from reserves of \$4,885, with an additional \$965 coming from the operating budget for the repair of block well #14 at a total cost of \$5,850.

Economic Development Officer Project

Council directed Administration to engage a Consultant for the Economic Development Officer Project.

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED – APPEAL BY SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

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

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| i) Legal Description: | Lots 1-4, Block 3, Plan 3467CE; Hamlet of Radway |
| Land Use Designation: | C1 – Central Hamlet Commercial District |
| Proposal: | Approval for an Auctioneering Establishment with Auction Items based from Lots 1 – 4, Block 3 Plan 3467CE, at 4903 – 50 Street in the Hamlet of Radway and be approved as an Online Auction Business only with No Live or On-Site Auction Activity. |
| Division: | 1 |
| Permit # | DP24-2633 |
| ii) Legal Description: | NE 5-63-19-W4M |
| Land Use Designation: | AG - Agricultural District (LUB 1194-2015) |
| Proposal: | Approval for an Events Business (Weddings and other Important Occasions). |
| Division: | 5 |
| Permit # | DP24-2644 |

Date of Decision: August 13, 2024; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, September 3, 2024

Additional Information:

For additional information regarding this permit, please contact Manager of Planning and Development David Blades at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825 or email: 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 TOA 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.

SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Thorhild County is disposing of surplus County equipment by tender as per Policy 338 Disposal of Assets and Obsolete Material.



Equipment for sale includes the following:

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- Unit 1641 - 2007 John Deere Utility Tractor 2320
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- 72" Buhler Finishing Cut Deck. Previously used with Unit 1641, 2007 JD utility Tractor.
- 54" Blade. Previously used with Unit 1641, 2007 JD utility tractor.
- 2014 TERBEN 5FT Rotary Cutter TC10-500.
- 2010 Tandem Gravel Pup, 15 feet S/N 2C92214E291086146.
- 2020 SWS 24' Gooseneck Trailer S/N 2CU5BARK3A2027843.
- 1998 JCB 214, wheel loader backhoe S/N TC4E0465520.
- 2010 Ford F-150, 4X4, extended cab, 275,612 kms, S/N 1FTVX1EV5AKB99497.
- 54" sweeper with hydraulic power pack.
- 2007, 47" John Deere snowblower.

For details, visit www.thorhildcounty.com, and click on Services, then Infrastructure, and scroll down to "Surplus Equipment for Sale."

Tenders close on August 28, 2024, at 12:00 noon at the County Administration Building.

THORHILD SWIMMING POOL CLOSING FOR THE SEASON

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You!**

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We also want to extend a huge shout out to the **Friends of Thorhild Swimming Pool Association (FOTSPA)** for their continued support, and **Waste Management of Canada**

for the purchase of the following items:

- New spine board
- Life vest storage cart
- New life vests
- Horsefly trap

We're excited to see everyone at the Thorhild Swimming Pool for the next season opening in May 2025!

BACK TO SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

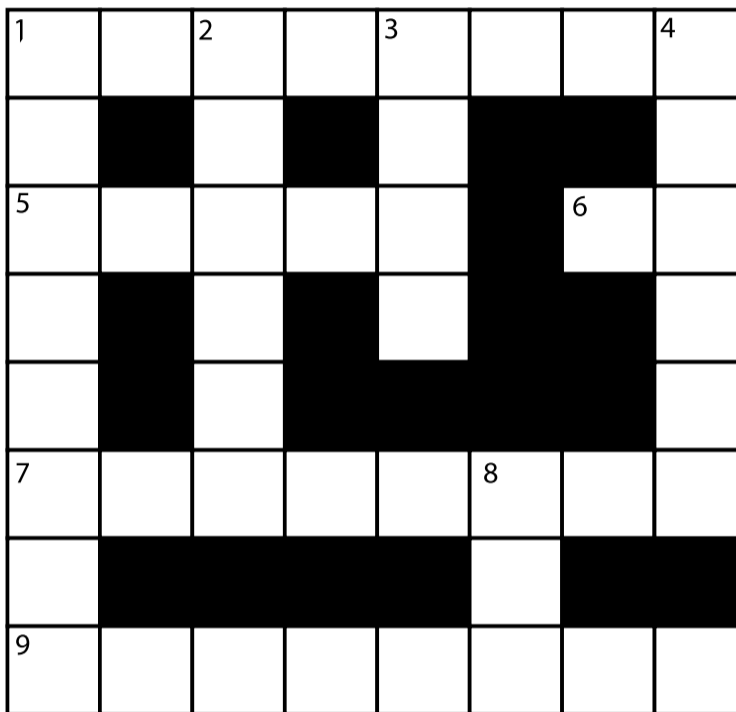
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 - 6. Southeastern state (abbr.)
 - 7. Little samples
 - 9. Fixed
- DOWN**
- 1. A person who creates a product or idea
 - 2. Enables
 - 3. Concept or vision
 - 4. Figures out the answer
 - 8. Neither _____

Answers: Across: 1. Imagines 5. Value 6. AL 7. Testings 9. Repaired Down: 1. Inventor 2. Allows 3. Idea 4. Solves 8. Nor

New Word

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- SPANISH:** Inventar
- ITALIAN:** Inventare
- FRENCH:** Inventer
- GERMAN:** Erfinden

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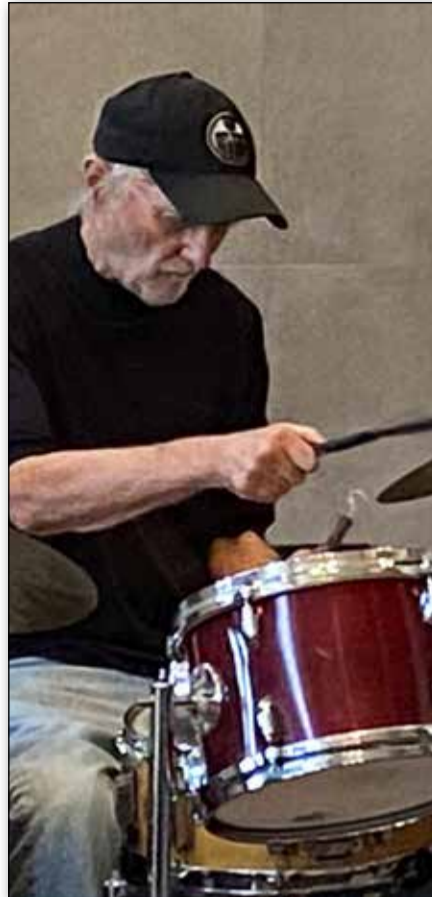
ANSWER: LAB BEAKERS



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Elaschuk has had a successful career as a musician and educator was born in Edmonton and has deep family roots in Smoky Lake and is married to the very successful visual artist Lori Sokoluk whose roots are also in north-central Alberta.

Kevin has previously been based in Edmonton, Toronto and for many years, Vancouver. He has performed at many International Jazz festivals, including those of Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton, Vancouver, Guelph, Lisbon, Portugal and Berlin, Germany. He has recorded several albums as a leader and his horn playing and improvising has appeared on many recordings as a sideman.

Joining Elaschuk in Quartet Northwest on what will be a fun and intimate evening of Jazz are his longtime musical cohorts and great friends, Stuart Crosley - electric guitar (Edmonton), André Lachance - bass (Vancouver) and Mike Gillespie - drums (Edmonton)

The program for this show will consist of swinging bebop, jazz standards, original compositions, blues and latin numbers.

Saturday August 24

- Doors 6pm
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Back on track: Energy bolstered Alberta's exports up through the first half

By Siddhartha Bhattacharya, ATB ECONOMICS

Export revenues in Alberta advanced in the second quarter after a slow start to the year.

According to new Statistics Canada data, the value of Alberta's merchandise exports reached almost \$48 billion in Q2 2024, 15% higher than the same

quarter in 2023. Most of this increase is due to energy exports growing by 19% in value from last year's level. There were a few factors at play behind the jump in revenues:

1. Alberta's crude oil transportation capacity increased significantly (up to 590,000 barrels per day) with the

Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) coming online earlier this year. Bolstered by demand from Asian countries, national crude oil volumes* surged 7.8% year-over-year (y/y) in the second quarter.

2. West Texas Intermediate oil prices were higher, averaging US\$81 in

Q2 of 2024 compared to US\$74 in Q2 of 2023.

3. Wildfires disrupted crude production in May and June of last year.

There were some improvements on the non-energy side as well, up 2.9% y/y and aided by higher wood (+12.6% y/y) and farm, fishing and intermediate food (+4.0% y/y) product sales.

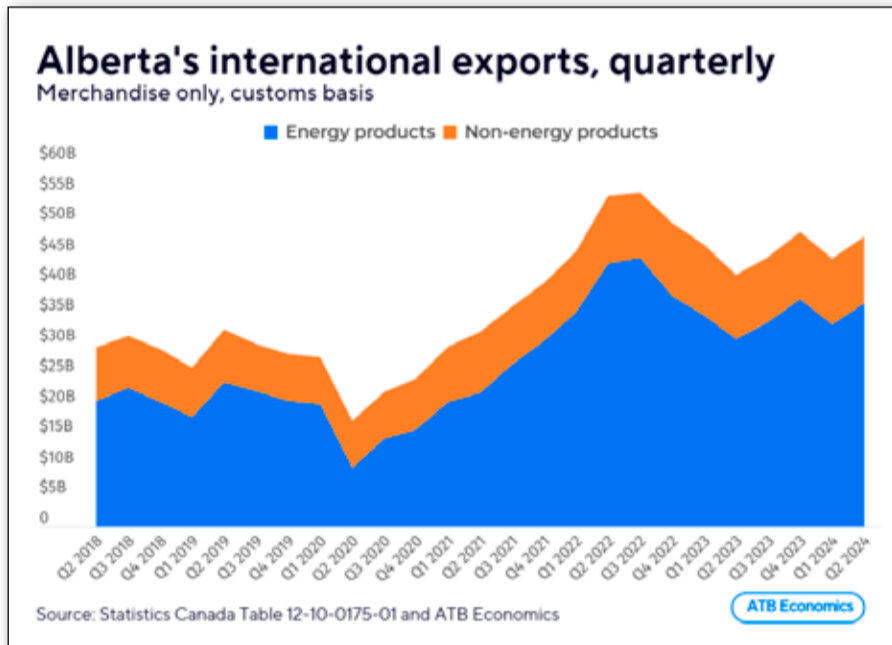
Bolstered by the strong increase in Q2, Alberta's aggregate export revenues are up by 4.4% year-to-date (YTD) relative to the first six months of 2023.

Alberta's contribution to Canada's export growth was higher than any other province over the first half of the year. Even so, the YTD value of exports eased

0.3% nationally with a major pull back in Saskatchewan (-19%) primarily due to lower metal ores and non-metallic mineral product exports.

We expect oil and gas export volumes to rise almost 5% and be a key driver of Alberta's GDP growth this year.

*Merchandise export volume estimates are not available at a provincial level.



Alberta RCMP recommends motorcyclists with a need for speed take it to the track

Modern motorcycles are extraordinarily powerful and capable of extreme acceleration and high speeds. In a controlled environment, like a racetrack, there is little more exhilarating. On public roads and highways, there is little that is more dangerous. Whether you are riding a cruiser, an adventure bike, or a sport bike, it is important to understand that the same risk factors exist for any category of rider:

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- Changing road

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- Braking and handling characteristics of your motorcycle relative to the road surface
- Wildlife
- Mechanical fitness of your motorcycle
- Weather and road visibility

These risks are controlled for environment like the racetrack, and should something happen, safety personnel are only a few seconds away. Conversely, on public roads, these risk factors remain

high. The Alberta RCMP want to remind motorcyclists to stay defensive, attentive, and diligent with regards to safety, and that includes resisting the temptation to squeeze the throttle for too long.

Alberta is home to several top-notch motorsport facilities. Your Alberta RCMP recommends taking your need for speed to one of these fine places. You might even find one of us making passes or turning laps out there.

Please slow down and take it to the track.

BACK TO SCHOOL PROMOTION

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- False Alarm at the Vilna School
- Report of a solar panel at the cattle watering tank has been stolen
- Report of break-in at a farm near HWY 28 and RR 164. 2 chainsaws and an old shotgun
- RCMP received a report that a person has been receiving disgusting sexual emails from an unknown email address
- Theft of a 2007 Honda Quad from a rural property near RR 134 and TWP 584
- Smoky Lake ESSO reporting a suspicious vehicle that had damage on the door that appeared to be consistent with use of an axe or crowbar. Two people were in vehicle and drove off when staff was looking.
- Member located a female driving near the dump. The female was arrested for warrants, also IRS for suspended driver, tickets for no insurance, no reg for vehicle. Towing trailer with non-matching plate.
- Received a call of a disturbance at Bonnie Lake Campground at 9 pm on August 9
- RCMP arrested a person for public intoxication
- Reports of a male laying on the road along side HWY 855, members attended but subject was gone upon arrival
- Reports of a tenant issues who possibly suffers from mental health issues
- RCMP members responded to a call of a domestic assault, investigation occurred, arrest happened, charges laid
- Received a call that a suspicious vehicle came into a yard with 4 males inside wearing face coverings, distracted the caller and then 1 suspect got out and jumped into callers vehicle and drove away with it
- Members completed a speed enforcement at HWY 28 and HWY 831, warnings and traffic violations were issued

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A ghostly encounter

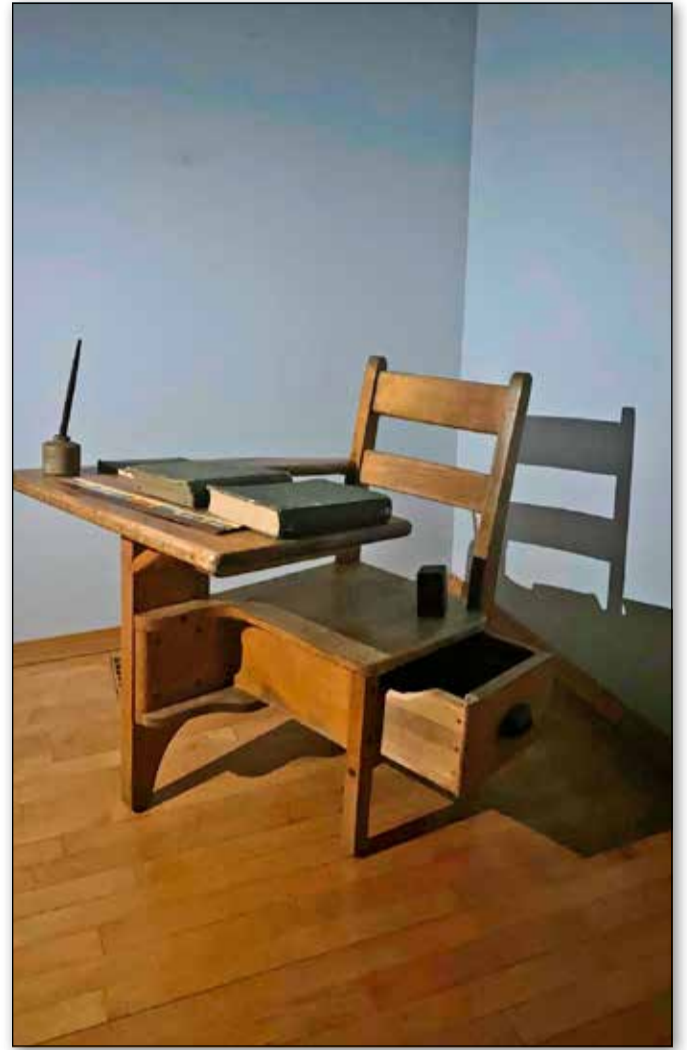
By Brandie Majeau


At what appears to be turning into an eagerly anticipated yearly tradition among the youth, Newbrook Public Library once again held its second annual Ghost Hunting evening. The library buzzed with the presence of excited teens, their laughter and chatter filling the air as they reminisced about the previous year's event. Delicious slices of pizza made their rounds as the library's meeting room underwent a magical transformation into an impromptu theater. Eerie yet age-appropriate PG-13-rated spooky movies flickered across the screen, captivating even the youngest ghost hunters and setting the stage for an unforgettable evening.

As the sun dipped below the horizon and the film's final credits rolled, the team of amateur ghost hunters meticulously packed their bags with an assortment of equipment crafted to provoke a response from the supernatural realm. With an air of reverence, the investigators made their way to the Newbrook Observatory Historical Site, a place steeped in history and mystery, prepared to respectfully engage with any potential spirit presence. The group attentively listened to a harrowing tale that set an eerie tone, and then fearlessly delved into the various rooms of the observatory, methodically putting each piece of equipment to the test in their quest to make contact with "the other side."

The evening began with hushed conversations and gradually escalated to abrupt outbursts and urgent summons for others to gather in specific areas. The young group's vivid imaginations were ignited as they shared their extraordinary encounters with rare phenomena. Did the lights flicker mysteriously? Were there unsettling sensations of unseen presences lurking behind them? Did someone feel a ghostly tug on their leg?

Was there a shadowy figure lurking on the stairs? This night would be forever etched in their memories. Excitedly animated by their heightened exhilaration and a tinge of apprehension, the group eagerly conversed as they departed the observatory and ventured into the swirling fog that draped the night air. This event was not only about creating lasting memories; it also provided the youth with an opportunity to forge a connection with the past. Newbrook Observatory's extensive collection of museum artifacts took the guests on a historical journey, bridging the gap between then and now, with or without the assistance of friendly spirits.

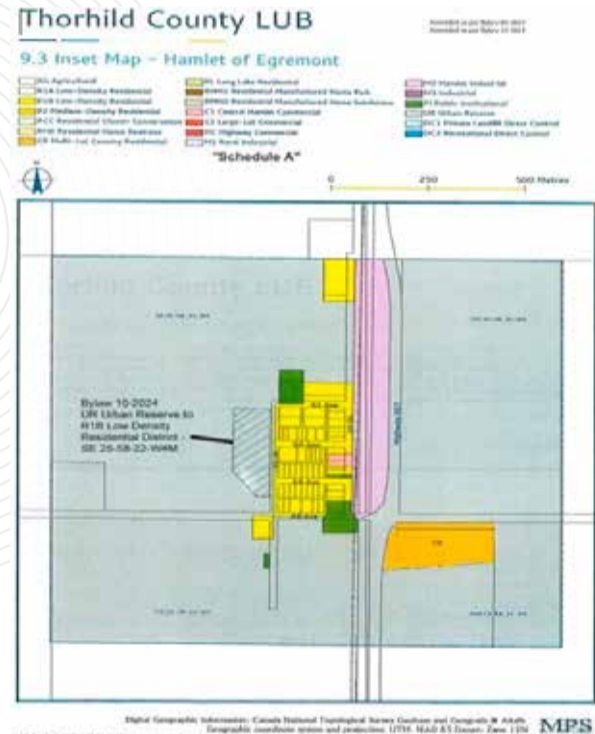




NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment of Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015

On proposed Bylaw 10-2024 which would amend Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015 by changing 9.3 Inset Map – Hamlet of Egremont, of that portion of SE 25-58-22-W4M, consisting of 8 acres, within Title Number 132 333 670 from UR-Urban Reserve to R1B-Low Density Residential District.



NOTICE THAT in accordance with sections 606 of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of Thorhild County is giving consideration to a Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

The Public Hearing will be held both in-person and via Zoom (audio only) on:

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

Important Information

- 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, September 6, 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.

- The proposed Bylaw may be viewed at the County Office and is available the Thorhild County Website: <https://www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings>.
- Persons wishing to attend the Public Hearing are invited to attend in person or via zoom through the County website at: <https://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.
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Word search grid with highlighted words:

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CROSSWORDS

Crossword grid with solutions:

U	L	A	N	C	U	C	U	S	U	M	B	U
N	A	R	A	W	R	A	P	S	L	O	O	P
A	R	A	M	M	A	N	E	T	N	A	N	A
U	D	D	E	R	T	O	R	C	A	B	A	L
S	E	R	E	N	A	D	E	S				
M	O	L	D	A	D	T	A	O	C	A	P	
U	N	I	T	E	D	S	I	B	B	O	G	Y
S	I	M	A	S	M	A	C	S	O	L	A	R
C	O	B	B	C	E	E	C	A	B	A	N	A
A	N	I	C	U	D	P	U	G	S	A	N	
S	I	L	I	C	A	T	E	S				
U	S	N	E	A	C	O	L	S	A	B	E	R
G	H	E	G	C	A	R	A	T	B	A	R	I
L	E	N	O	I	R	A	T	E	I	B	I	S
I	D	E	S	D	E	L	E	D	N	E	C	K

SUDOKU

Sudoku grid:

4	7	1	9	2	8	5	6	3
9	2	8	5	3	6	1	4	7
6	5	3	4	7	1	8	9	2
1	9	6	7	4	5	3	2	8
7	8	2	6	9	3	4	1	5
3	4	5	8	1	2	9	7	6
2	6	4	3	5	9	7	8	1
8	3	9	1	6	7	2	5	4
5	1	7	2	8	4	6	3	9

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