



Radway Pioneer Days a tribute to local heritage



By Brandie Majeau

The Radway Pioneer Days event was a vibrant and lively occasion that united community members and visitors from far and wide to partake in the annual summer festivities organized by the Radway Agricultural Society. It served as a beautiful opportunity to honor and

rejoice in time-honored customs, evoking a sense of warmth and nostalgia for the deep-rooted traditions of the community. A significant highlight of the festivities was the bench show, a platform that showcased a range of exceptional skills that are increasingly rare in today's modern and fast-paced world. In an age where

convenience often prevails over craftsmanship, the bench show offered a space for both adults and youth to proudly display their talents in areas such as baking, horticulture, arts, and more, highlighting the diminishing art of producing one's own goods.

Additionally, attendees were able to enrich

themselves with the agricultural heritage by exploring the local Krause Milling Grain Elevator, gaining valuable insights into the rich history of the area.

The annual Car Show, a staple of the Radway Pioneer Days event, attracted a diverse crowd

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Cotton Candy supports community initiatives

By Brandie Majeau

The Thorhild Community Association was thrilled to acquire a new addition to their event equipment – a cotton candy machine. Even though it may seem like a small purchase, the delectable, fluffy confection spun from this machine is a beloved feature at fairs, carnivals, and other community events. The acquisition of the cotton candy machine by the Thorhild Community Association signifies an expansion of the fun and delight at local gatherings, allowing

for the creation of a delectable treat that adds an extra touch of magic to the festivities.

Several volunteers eagerly gathered in the kitchen, excited to begin creating their new sugary delight, cotton candy. As they meticulously whipped up batch after batch of colorful cotton candy, they encountered a few hiccups along the way. Despite the learning curve and inevitable mistakes, the volunteers persevered, understanding that everyone must start

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Fire response billing in Redwater: What you need to know

By Brandie Majeau

The Town of Redwater operates a user-pay system for fire response costs. This means that individuals who require fire services will receive a bill for the response. This system ensures that the costs are covered by those who use the service rather than spreading the expense across all taxpayers. Here's a breakdown of how it works and why it's important:

The budget will cover essential operational costs to ensure the fire department is always prepared to respond to emergencies. These include professional fees, insurance, goods and supplies, repairs and maintenance, vehicle expenses, and utilities. This covers not only equipment but also the maintenance of the fire department building. While ensuring that the service is readily available to those in need is crucial, the Town of Redwater must also consider the cost of fire response services.

Additionally, the local fire department responds to calls outside the city limits to ensure that surrounding areas receive necessary assistance in emergencies. The question then arises: should these costs be charged to the taxpayers? In 2024, it is anticipated that \$10,500 will be spent on user fees related to fire calls, showcasing the importance of the user-pay system in effectively managing our budget. This system helps keep taxes lower while ensuring that those who require fire response services contribute to covering the associated costs.

Consider this: if the town absorbed fire response costs into the general budget, it could lead to significant tax increases for all

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS July 23, 2024

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the July 23, 2024, Regular Council meeting:

Unfinished Business - Moya Wonsik Delegation - Approach Request
Council directed Administration to respond to Ms. Wonsik that Thorhild County will construct a new approach at the cost of the landowner, as requested.

Repair of Fire Pump on Newbrook Fire Apparatus
Council approved the transfer of funds of \$27,500 from General Operating Reserves for the repair of pump and primer while the apparatus is in for its collision repair.

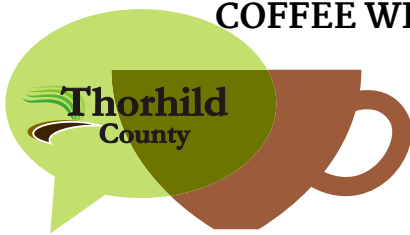
Special Council Meeting - CAO Budget Planning Session
Council scheduled a Special Council Meeting CAO Budget Planning Session for August 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Administration Building in Council Chambers.

Delegation - Angie Tan
Council accepted the delegation report from Ms. Angie Tan as information, and further declined Ms. Tan's request to waive Invoice 14020.

Correspondence for Action - Federation of Gas Co-op
Council approved Councillor Joyce Pierce to attend the 18th Annual Federation Charity Golf Classic event.

Correspondence for Information - Ministry of Health
Council directed Administration to follow up with the scheduling assistant for the Office of the Minister of Health regarding a potential meeting.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL



Thursday, August 22, 2024

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Long Lake Ski Chalet

SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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

Please check in at the office at 21414 TWP RD 600A before viewing.

- Wednesday, August 7, 2024, from 10 am to 2 pm.
- Wednesday, August 14, 2024, from 10 am to 2 pm.
- Wednesday, August 21, 2024, from 10 am to 2 pm.



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

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

NATURAL GAS INSTALLATION

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

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

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

The application deadline is August 31 of each year.

SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST

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SUMMER PROGRAMS 2024



- August 8 Elk Island Hikes** (8-14 yrs)
Visit Elk Island National Park and spend the day hiking!
Thorhild County Office | 9 am—4 pm | \$30
- August 13 Zoo and Movie Adventure** (8-14 yrs)
Spend the morning exploring the Edmonton Valley Zoo, and finish the day off with a movie and popcorn!
Thorhild County Office | 9 am—4 pm | \$60
- August 15 Food Around The World** (6-14 yrs)
Travel the world with your tastebuds as we make food from different cultures!
Radway Seniors Centre | 9 am—4 pm | \$20
- August 20 Olympic Games Day** (6-14 yrs)
Compete in Thorhild version of the Summer Olympics!
Thorhild Library | 9 am—4 pm | \$10
- August 21 Summer Wrap Up** (6-14 yrs)
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11:00-12:00	Rental	Lifesaving Society Swim Lessons					Rental
12:00-1:00		Maintenance					
1:00-2:00			Weekly Program * /Rental		Maintenance	Flipper Friday/Public Swim	
2:00-3:00	Public Swim				Staff Training		Public Swim
3:00-4:00		Public Swim		Public Swim			
4:00-5:00			Toonie Swim				
5:00-6:00					Public Swim	Public Swim	
6:00-7:00							
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Sawchuk, Priscilla Ann
May 4, 1949 - July 30, 2024

Peacefully surrounded by her family, Priscilla Ann Sawchuk passed away on July 30, 2024, at the age of 75 years. She is survived by her daughter, Pamela (Curtis) Zaharko, sister, Judith (Len) Vezina, nephews, Trevor (Teresa) Vezina, Kelly (Bonnie) Vezina, and great niece and nephew Ruby & Bennett. Predeceased by her parents Harry & Olga Sawchuk. Priscilla lived in Edmonton the majority of her life and worked for Edmonton Catholic Schools as a Buyer. She was proud of her job and looked forward to her retirement in 2006. That same year she left the bustle of city life and bought a little house in Thorhild to be closer to her family. She loved many things, renovating her house, gardening, cooking, zipping around town on her mobility scooter and absolutely without a doubt loved her cats. Her last year was spent in residence at the Thorhild Lodge. In keeping with Priscilla's request, no service will be held. She will be interred at Weasel Creek Cemetery. The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at the Thorhild Lodge and the Redwater Hospital. Your caring and support for Priscilla will always be remembered.



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Bylaw Consultation

BYLAW No.11-2024: Borrowing Bylaw for a New Water Reservoir in Smoky Lake

Members of the public are encouraged to provide feedback regarding Borrowing Bylaw no.11-2024. Town Council passed first reading of said bylaw on July 22, 2024.

The purpose of Bylaw No.11-2024 is to incur indebtedness in the amount of One million, two hundred and twenty-four thousand, two hundred and five (\$1,224,205.00) dollars for the purpose of funding a New Water Reservoir in Smoky Lake.

Feedback on Bylaw No.11-2024 can be sent to email: finance@smokylake.ca.

Town of Smoky Lake Council will consider adoption of Borrowing Bylaw No.11-2024 at the September 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting unless a petition of electors for Bylaw No.11-2024 is received as provided for in Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act. Petitions must be received and filed with the Chief Administrative Officer no later than 12:00 p.m. on September 4, 2024 at 56 Wheatland Avenue Smoky Lake, Alberta.

For further information please visit our website at www.smokylake.ca under Government, email finance@smokylake.ca or call the Town Office at (780) 656-3674.

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Off Grid Kids creates connections



By Brandie Majeau

Redwater HYPE, in collaboration with Fearless in the Forest, is proud to present a unique summer opportunity for local youth—the Off Grid Kids program. This initiative is not just about outdoor exploration but also about instilling a deep appreciation for the natural world. With the right gear and a lot of excitement, the kids set out on Tuesday mornings for a journey of discovery, both within their community and beyond, fostering a sense of unity and belonging.

Off Grid Kids offers an incredible opportunity for local youth to develop practical survival skills, navigate through challenging hikes, and engage in critical thinking exercises. This comprehensive program is designed to foster resilience. It takes participants on expeditions through

neighboring communities, allowing them to interact with diverse ecosystems and gain a deeper understanding of environmental conservation. The program not only benefits the participants but also contributes to the community by fostering a generation of environmentally conscious individuals. Off Grid

Kids strives to reintroduce children to the grounding and peaceful connection that nature provides, encouraging them to even participate in the sensory and tactile experience of embracing and connecting with trees firsthand.

This summer has been an incredibly eventful time filled with enriching activities centered around environmental education, canoeing, archery, and various outdoor games. The children have truly been pushed out of

their comfort zones. Still, in doing so, they have found themselves uplifted and encouraged while embarking on a journey through nature as well as a journey of personal discovery. Off Grid Kids, organized by Redwater HYPE, has proven to be an impressively challenging program that has prompted profound growth in all participants. HYPE has courageously taken youth participants outside, rain or shine, to locations where they have little control over the elements. Traveling by bus to these remote spots is far from the comforts of home, and they are often without much shelter. Each session lasts for 2 hours and the knowledgeable and supportive facilitators ensure the safety of participants, allowing them to embrace discomfort as a means of constant learning and growth.



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Cotton Candy

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somewhere, and errors are still tasty. Once the cotton candy was ready, the team loaded bags upon bags of the sweet treat in preparation for Radway's Pioneer Days event.

Once at Radway Pioneer Days, the cotton candy station was set up alongside the Radway Lion's Club treasure dig, creating an atmosphere of excitement and community engagement. With the bags creatively attached to sticks in a "hobo style" fashion, mini volunteers eagerly took on the task of distributing the cotton candy to delighted event attendees. The Thorhild Community Association

decided to offer the cotton candy for the low price of... free, with the option of contributing a donation. The generous attendees insisted on contributing to the cause, and the donation jar soon began filling up with coins of gratitude.

The unexpectedly heartwarming result of this initiative was the collection of over \$200. This sum will be happily donated to the local community food hamper program, serving as a testament to the power of community spirit and generosity.

The decision to refrain from profiting from their practice rounds of cotton candy creations was a thoughtful acknowledgment of the

current challenging times and the pressing need to address hunger and ensure that everyone's basic needs are met. The proceeds from the sale were earmarked to tackle a significant issue. Still, the Thorhild Community Association and their dedicated helpers approached the task with infectious enthusiasm and broad smiles as they navigated through the bustling crowds, eventually selling out of their delectable treats. This cotton candy fundraiser stands as a heartwarming example of the positive outcomes that can arise when different groups come together with a shared goal of serving the greater good.

Fire response

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residents. For instance, a \$30,000 increase in costs would result in a 1% tax hike. This includes the hours spent on the equipment, water usage, responders, and more. However, with a user-pay system in place, only those who use the service are billed, preventing such tax hikes. In 2024, they projected \$10,500 in user fees related to fire calls. It's important to note that this projection is specifically for in-town calls. As Sturgeon County handles the fire department and would bill for responses outside corporate limits, this user-pay system effectively manages our budget. It helps keep taxes lower while ensuring that individuals who require fire response services cover the associated costs. The fire department's response to a structure fire includes pumper trucks, water trucks, and command vehicles. Based on rates set by the Government of Alberta, the total cost for such a response is approximately \$4,410 per hour. The actual costs may vary depending on the specific situation.

This underscores the importance of insurance. While individual insurance policies likely cover repairs or replacement of the home in the event of a fire, as well as the contents of the home, it's crucial to determine if they also cover fire department charges and firefighting expenses. It's essential to contact personal insurance companies to understand the coverage in the event of a fire, and to ensure that fire department charges are covered by individual policies to avoid residents being left with an out-of-pocket bill for response costs.



VTAS Fair Days in Waskatenau

AUGUST 9 - 11, 2024

FREE ENTRY INTO THE GROUNDS

Friday, August 9

Activities:

Slow Pitch Tournament
7:00pm - 9:00pm | Ball Diamonds

Food & Drinks:

Concession Hosted by H.A. Kostash 2025 Grad Class
6:30pm - 9:00pm | Main Ball Diamond

Saturday, August 10

Activities:

Pig Scramble
Registration - 1:00pm | Event Start - 1:30pm
VTAS Indoor Arena

"What's the Price" Game Show
7:00pm - Doors open | 8:00pm - Game begins
Waskatenau Community Centre
(Must be 14 years and older to be eligible to participate)

Slow Pitch Tournament
All Day | Ball Diamonds

Food & Drinks:

Breakfast Hosted by Waskatenau Senior Citizen's Association | 8:00am - 11:00am | Seniors' Drop-In Centre (Plates purchased at the door)

Lions Club BBQ | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Waskatenau Community Centre (Plates purchased at the door)

Concession Hosted by H.A. Kostash 2025 Grad Class
11:00am - 4:00pm | Main Ball Diamond

Sunday, August 11

Activities:

Parade | Kids' Bike & Pet Parade begins at 10:45am | Full parade begins at 11:00am
(Registration and line up at the Village of Waskatenau office begins at 10:00am)

Open Jackpot
1:00pm - Arena opens | 2:00pm - Event begins
VTAS Indoor Arena

Kids' Zone | 12:00pm - 3:00pm | School Yard
(Petting zoo, sand dig, and face/rock painting)

Egg Toss Competition
Sunday Afternoon | Main Ball Diamond

Slow Pitch Tournament
All Day | Ball Diamonds

Food & Drinks:

Parade Lunch | Following the parade | Waskatenau Community Centre
(Plates purchased at the door - Age 12+ = \$20 | Age 7-11 = \$10 | Age 6 and under = free)

Concession Hosted by H.A. Kostash 2025 Grad Class | 8:00am - End of day | Main Ball Diamond

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Announcements
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 Pioneer Days market was a bustling hub of activity, with vendors offering a wide variety of goods that spilled out into the open air. The enticing aroma of sizzling burgers and the sight of refreshing cold drinks created a lively atmosphere for all to enjoy. The parade, a charming spectacle celebrating both history and community unity, captivated the crowd and left a lasting impression. Radway Pioneer Days once again succeeded in bringing the community together for this, as always, eagerly anticipated annual event.

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5105 45 ST SMOKY LAKE
\$259,900

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.

16264 TWP RD 600 SMOKY LAKE COUNTY
\$799,900

Custom-built 2,100 sq. ft., two-story home situated on 135 acres in a private setting, just a short drive from the town of Smoky Lake and Mons Lake. The main floor features a spacious living room, formal dining area, kitchen with updated countertops and oak cabinets, breakfast nook leading to the sunroom and deck, family room with fireplace, a 2-piece bathroom, and main floor laundry. The upper floor includes a large primary bedroom with a walk-in closet and 4-piece bath, two additional bedrooms, and another 4-piece bath. The walkout basement boasts a large rec room with fireplace, wet bar, hot tub, an additional bedroom, 3-piece bath, and a storage room. The landscaped yard includes custom decks, a fire pit area, and a garden. There's also a double detached garage and a 44x30 shop.

5024 50 ST REDWATER
REDUCED \$309,9000

Charming raised bungalow conveniently situated near Redwater School and a host of amenities. Featuring an excellent layout, this home includes three bedrooms on the main floor, highlighted by a spacious primary suite with a four-piece ensuite and walk-in closet. Another four-piece bathroom on the main level adds convenience for family or guests. Enjoy the spaciousness of the large living room, seamlessly connected to the kitchen area and a convenient backdoor boot room. The partially developed basement includes a versatile four-piece bathroom, laundry and a utility room. Ample natural light fills the basement through its large windows, offering flexibility for additional bedrooms or recreational spaces. Step outside to appreciate the front and rear decks, perfect for relaxation or entertaining. The generously sized lot, measuring 50x130', provides ample space to build your dream garage or outdoor oasis. Don't miss this opportunity to make this inviting property your own!

6599 53A AVE REDWATER
\$595,000

Stunning custom-built two-story home on an expansive lot with an additional bonus lot. Featuring 2 double attached heated garages, this residence offers ample space and convenience. Relax on the vast rear deck with a hot tub, overlooking serene farmland for privacy. The main level has a beautiful entrance, a large living room with a gas fireplace, and a home office. Also, find a dining area, a kitchen with newer appliances, oak cabinets, main floor laundry, and a 2-piece bath. Upstairs, enjoy a spacious primary bedroom with a walk-in closet, a 4-piece ensuite, and a private covered deck. Two more bedrooms and another 4-piece bath ensure comfort for family and guests. The basement offers entertainment space with a sizable rec area, a gas fireplace, a versatile room ideal for a home gym, a den, and a modern 3-piece bath, plus ample storage. Numerous upgrades over the years, including flooring, doors, shingles, and 2 furnaces with AC, blend style and functionality seamlessly.

#9 WATERDALE PARK, STURGEON COUNTY
\$93,000

3.46 acres in Waterdale Park, this lot is ready for you to build your forever home and tons of space to build that dream shop as well. Located 5 minutes south of Redwater with hardly any gravel, also only 10 minutes from the Alberta heartland and 30 minutes to Edmonton

19564 TWP RD 604A ATHABASCA COUNTY
\$279,900

A 154-acre parcel in Athabasca County, positioned between Highway 63 and Highway 831, just minutes from Long Lake Provincial Park. This land, with perimeter fencing in place, is ideal for livestock pasture, a perfect location for building your dream home, or a peaceful weekend retreat. Recently logged, it features numerous open areas.

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2024 Town of Redwater Annual Mayor & Council Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Redwater stakeholders are ready to swing, putt, and chip in to support local community.

The annual golf tournament fundraiser is sold out with 72 registered golfers comprising of industrial, municipal, and local business representatives, and numerous sponsors who are proud to support local community initiatives.

This year the tournament is on Thursday,

August 8th, 2024 and proceeds will support the establishment of a post-secondary scholarship fund, Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank, and Redwater Family Recreation Association. In addition, the Royal Canadian Legion Br 251 will be overseeing a 50/50 raffle onsite.

Tournaments of this caliber would not be possible in our community without the support

of the many sponsors, participants, staff, and volunteers that so generously contribute their resources to benefit local initiatives. We eagerly await this year's outcome and hope to surpass last year's proceeds. As part of their sponsorship recognition package, we would like to highlight these sponsors for their generous contribution towards the success of the tournament:

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Alberta RCMP provides tips to help curb auto theft

Summer is a busy time as everyone rushes to enjoy to the weather while they can. During these times we often don't follow our usual routines, spending much more time away from home and driving to our next destination. The Alberta RCMP wants to remind everyone on how to protect their belongings. Don't let the fun distract you – protect yourself against theft of, and from, vehicles.

In 2023 there were 8,710 auto thefts in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions; there have been 3,932 in the first six months of this year. Trucks are the most commonly stolen vehicle each year.

To help prevent auto thefts here are some tips to help keep your vehicle and belongings safe while you enjoy your summer vacations:

- Always lock your vehicle, even if you are just running into the store to grab something quickly.
- Make sure that all windows are closed when you leave your vehicle.
- Park your vehicle within sight and in a well-lit area.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage. Otherwise, try to park it such that it can't be easily moved by an opportunistic thief.
- Never leave keys or garage door openers in your vehicle. Garage door openers can be stolen, along with personal identifying documents, and used to identify and enter your home.
- Ensure that personal belongings, especially important documents, are not stored in your vehicle.
- Remove loose change and valuables. These items can be enticing to criminals.

No one is immune to auto theft, but practicing auto theft safety can help you avoid becoming a victim.

This August the RCMP will be using #AutoRoutine to provide information on how to keep your vehicles safe this summer. Follow us on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) and X (@RCMPAlberta) for tips and reminders to help reduce thefts of, and from, vehicles this summer.

If you see something suspicious, report it to your local police service. If you see a crime in progress, call 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



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