



## Redwater Food Bank a beacon of hope

By Brandie Majeau

The Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank has experienced an unprecedented increase in demand in 2024, with a 75% rise in clients compared to 2023. This surge has placed significant strain on current volunteers, many of whom are over the age of sixty-five. The physical demands of stocking and packing boxes and bags are becoming increasingly challenging, in addition to the demands of regulations or certain limitations out of their control.

It can be difficult to maintain optimism during these times. Many clients request food items that are not readily available. For example, mayonnaise is not a staple food item but a stock item that depends on donations. There is also increased pressure to accommodate the diverse dietary needs of clients seeking assistance. Unfortunately, there is often a lack of variety in donations, making it challenging to provide specific food products, varieties of rice or pasta, or other culturally relevant food options. Over 80% of the food bank's 2024 budget

has already been used, ensuring that just the staple products and all four food groups are maintained and provided.

Volunteers also discussed the impact of the provincial government's efforts to encourage growth and attract new residents to rural areas. In theory, this is great, however, newcomers sometimes face significant challenges upon relocating to these small communities. Many individuals who visit the food bank come in feeling frustrated, and as a last resort, needing assistance. Some have found that their housing situations have fallen through or that although there are plenty of jobs advertised, transportation limitations confine them to these rural areas where opportunities may be scarce. The Redwater Food Bank feels the added pressure to support new residents who find themselves in situations they were not expecting. "And then you think you are doing your best and an email shows up being told that you aren't helping." They feel that, on a provincial and federal level, the Canadian government

needs to understand the unique challenges it is facing.

Families struggle, and seniors are opting to skip meals to survive. Yet, with the heaviness of these challenges, Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank pushes on with an unparalleled passion to do what they can. Thinking outside the box, the team collaborates with various partners and supporters to provide healthy meals and a robust support system for clients in need. They dedicate personal time to print out recipes and work directly with individuals, teaching them how to incorporate something like fresh zucchini into their meals or enhance a package of Sidekicks by adding a portion of cooked meat to create a full dinner. They truly go above and beyond what is expected.

What is truly remarkable happens behind the scenes. Dedicated volunteers are constantly busy maintaining and tracking inventory, fulfilling grocery lists, and answering phone calls. They are an incredible blessing. Susan Krochter also expresses her

gratitude to FCSS in Thorhild and Redwater, describing them as the most amazing and caring people to work with. She admits she would be lost without their support and dedication, especially in assisting food bank clients outside of scheduled work time.

The food bank owes its success to the overwhelming support of the Town of Redwater, its sponsors, and the generous donations from individuals and organizations, whether monetary, shelf-stable food, produce, or beyond. Words of thanks hardly suffice to express the difference each contribution makes to this organization.

The Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank currently feeds over 2,800 people, which means they are essentially feeding the population of Redwater plus an additional 500 individuals, encompassing clients from Redwater, Thorhild, Radway, Newbrook, Egremont, Abee, Sturgeon County, and Waskatenau. New donations are always welcome, and they are continuously seeking new sponsors.

## A hearty serving of stone soup



Photos courtesy of H. A. Kostash School

By Brandie Majeau

The grade 1 students at H. A. Kostash participated in a yearly tradition just before the Thanksgiving break, each student bringing in an ingredient and together, whipping up a batch of stone soup. As various vegetables and herbs were added to the pot, these young chefs became the embodiment of Thanksgiving, a celebration of harvest and a shared feast.

Stone Soup is a European folk tale about travelers who are hungry and tired when they arrive in a village. They ask the

villagers for food and shelter, but the villagers refuse because they don't have enough to share. One of the travelers suggests they make "stone soup" if they just had a pot and some water. Curious, a villager brings them a pot and helps them start a fire. The traveler adds a clean stone to the pot of hot water.

As the soup cooks, more villagers gather around. The traveler tastes the soup and suggests that it needs some onion. A villager remembers they have an onion at home and brings it to add to

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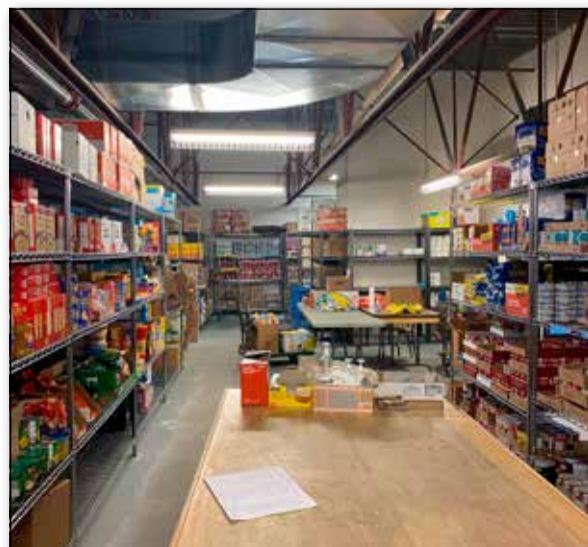
## A brief lesson in autumn leaves

By Brandie Majeau

The vibrant and colorful leaves of autumn are associated with a certain feeling, a particular scent, and a spectacular feast for the eyes. However, they also play a crucial role in sustaining the life of trees. Deciduous trees, characterized by their leaves changing color in the fall, shed their foliage as part of their seasonal cycle. In contrast, evergreen trees, with their needle-like leaves, retain their green color year-round to carry on the process of photosynthesis even during the winter months. During most of the

year, deciduous tree leaves appear vibrant green due to chlorophyll, a pigment that enables them to harness energy from sunlight through photosynthesis. This energy is then transformed into sugars, which nourish the tree and support its growth.

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While some shelves are generously stocked, other shelves at the Redwater Food Bank remain empty. The Redwater Food Bank thanks everyone and every organization for their ongoing support and welcomes any donations, even a box of Kraft Dinner or jars of peanut butter and jam can ease the hunger.

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### STUNNING 10.72 ACRES NEAR WASKATENUA

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### NEW LISTING

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### FULL QUARTER IN THORHILD

Nice mixture of grass land and mature trees. Nice building sites in the trees with power running along the road south of this property. There was a gravel pit that has been mostly reclaimed. Nice hard pad still there which would be great for a shop and parking area. Some black dirt still piled up and a bit of gravel piled there. Seller is willing to spread this however buyer would like. Good 5 strand barbed wire fence and a dugout in the northeast corner so would make great pasture land. Only 2 miles south of pavement and close to Half Moon Lake. Build your house and have land to raise a few animals. Or use it for hunting, quadding and snowmobiling. **\$399,900. Call Heather for more info.**



### LARGE COMMERCIAL LOT WITH HOME IN THORHILD

This 1.06 acre lot right in the Hamlet of Thorhild offers many possibilities for use. The 807 sq ft 2 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow has been substantially remodelled since about 2019. Main floor features a large living room/kitchen and large back porch with main floor laundry as well as the bedrooms and bath. Bsmt has roughed in plumbing and is waiting for the new owners development ideas. Upgrades include h/w tank, furnace, windows, painted stucco, metal roof and all new bathroom, flooring, kitchen cabinets, paint and flooring. The huge lot has lots of natural bush at the back along the back alley and offers lots of privacy around the fire pit. There is plenty of room to build a shop. Zoned commercial but presently used as residential so there are many options for future uses. 2 vacant commercial lots on 1st street are included in this package. Home comes completely furnished so just bring your clothes and move in. **\$235,000. Call Heather to view.**



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**Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church Historical Society**

# Redwater School News



Last week, Redwater School's Grade five/six class participated in Read-In Week by spending time reading with the Grade nine students. The younger students enjoyed the opportunity to engage with their older peers, discussing books and sharing stories together. The activity not only fostered a love for reading but also helped build connections between different grade levels, making the experience both educational and fun for everyone involved.

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Youth Advisory Committee	Nov 4	6:00 PM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Nov 5	2:00 PM
Transportation Advisory Committee	Nov 7	6:00 PM
<b>Remembrance Day</b>	<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Nov 12	9:00 AM
Budget 2025 Open House	Nov 12	6:00 PM
Agricultural Services Board	Nov 13	9:00 AM
Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee	Nov 18	9:00 AM
Community Services Advisory Board	Nov 18	6:30 PM
Budget Meeting	Nov 19	9:00 AM
Budget Meeting	Nov 20	9:00 AM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Nov 21	2:00 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Nov 26	9:00 AM

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She was predeceased by her husband, Sterling Hutchinson, and mother, Gloria Bourgeois. She will forever be remembered by her children, Tammy Jo and Wayne, father, Bernard Bourgeois, sisters, Susan (David) Trudy, Joanne, and brother, Ritchie (Barbara).

Her happiest times were spent with her granddaughters Cassidy, Keilyn, Quinn, and Parker, and her great-grandchildren, Kaleb and Remley.

Cindy had a vast amount of



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## H.A. Kostash School News



This photo shows the enjoyment of fun and learning for the grade one students at H.A. Kostash in Smoky Lake!

# Home alone? Be prepared.

By Brandie Majeau

Smoky Lake FCSS and Family Resource Network will be offering a Home Alone course and a Babysitting Course in the upcoming weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to understand the implications of what it means to be home alone and to show readiness and responsibility for it. Additionally, a babysitting course builds an amazing foundation for youth to be prepared when faced with unexpected challenges while caring for younger children.

On October 28, 2024, from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, Smoky Lake FCSS will be offering the Home Alone course. This program is tailored for children aged 10 and above, aiming to equip them

with essential skills and knowledge to protect their safety and emphasize the responsibility when staying home alone for brief periods. The course will cover various real-life scenarios, teaching children how to prevent problems, handle emergencies, and stay safe and productive while unsupervised.

The upcoming Babysitting Course scheduled for November 2, 2024, from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm will provide aspiring babysitters with essential skills and knowledge. The course emphasizes the importance of leadership to prepare them for the safety and well-being of children under their care. Youth may learn to recognize warning signs, enforce rules, and create an enjoyable and engaging

environment through games and activities. Babysitting is a great way to teach teens and young adults to lead by example and helps them become positive role models for those around them. It is an opportunity to cultivate confidence, independence, and awareness from a young age, qualities that will serve them well into adulthood. Babysitting courses will also give future babysitters an understanding of childhood development and behaviours that will take them from being “just the babysitter” to someone who has developed techniques in childcare and the ability to engage with children of all different ages.

To register for either of these programs, contact Smoky Lake FCSS at 780-656-0701.

## REDWATER ALLIANCE CHURCH

### Spaghetti dinner

The Redwater Alliance Church is hosting a spaghetti dinner on **November 16** from **5-8 p.m.** The dinner is free, and everyone is welcome. The community is encouraged to come in for a delicious meal and great company.

#### 5224 54ST REDWATER



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This charming 1.5-story home in Redwater offers an unbeatable location, backing onto the 6th hole of the Redwater Golf Course and just steps from the hockey arena and Redwater School. The main floor features a cozy living room, a kitchen with newer appliances and a spacious pantry, a 3-piece bathroom, a mudroom, and one bedroom. The upper floor, currently used as a primary bedroom with ample closet space, can easily be converted back into two separate bedrooms as it once was. The unfinished basement provides excellent storage space and potential for future development. Outside, enjoy a fully fenced yard with a fire pit and pergola, perfect for relaxing or entertaining. The double detached heated garage is a standout feature, complete with a private bar for hosting gatherings, and still offers plenty of space for parking. Additional outdoor parking, including space for an RV. Upgrades over the years, including shingles, fencing, most windows and renovations to the kitchen & bathroom.

#### #14 CEDARWOOD, REDWATER



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This three-bedroom condo features brand-new carpets on the upper level, along with a new dishwasher and stove in the kitchen. The top floor includes a primary bedroom with a walk-in closet, makeup vanity, and a 2-piece ensuite, plus two additional bedrooms and a 4-piece bathroom. The main floor offers a spacious living room with a gas fireplace and access to the fenced yard, as well as a large eat-in kitchen and a 2-piece bathroom. The undeveloped basement provides a blank canvas, ready for your personal touch.

#### 17339 TWP RD 592A, SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



\$369,000

This recently updated 1,229 sq. ft. bungalow is situated on .5 acre lot just a short distance from the town of Smoky Lake. The beautifully renovated kitchen features a breakfast nook, quartz countertops, and stainless steel appliances. Adjacent is the dining room, leading to a sunken living room with a cozy fireplace. The main floor offers 3 bedrooms, including a primary bedroom with a 2-piece ensuite, and a 5-piece main bathroom. The basement is prepped and ready for your finishing touches, with drywall and primer already in place. It includes a spacious rec room, a bedroom, a den, a 3-piece bathroom, a utility room, and cold storage, along with an exterior door and stairs for easy access to the backyard. A highlight of the property is the dream garage/shop, measuring 26x38, complete with a new natural gas heater and front and rear overhead doors, providing convenient drive-through access.

#### 5353 65ST REDWATER



\$369,900

Welcome to this 4-level split in Redwater with a heated double attached garage, backing onto green space for privacy. This home features many upgrades, including a new concrete driveway, shingles, central A/C, a renovated kitchen with maple cabinets and quartz countertops, updated upper-level bathrooms, new flooring, and most windows. The main floor offers a spacious living room, kitchen, and dining area with patio doors to a covered deck. Upstairs, you'll find three bedrooms, including a primary with a 3-piece ensuite and walk-in closet, plus a 4-piece bathroom. The lower level includes a family room with a fireplace, a bedroom, 2-piece bath with laundry, and walkout access to the backyard. The basement has a rec area, utility room, and storage. The large backyard includes a shed, greenhouse, and wiring for a hot tub. This well-maintained home offers privacy and comfort in a great location!

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## Thorhild Central School News




It was an exciting experience for Mrs. Gabbey's Grade 2 students at Thorhild Central School to learn about Fire Prevention Week and even try on the bunker gear! Hands-on experiences like this really help reinforce important safety lessons while making learning fun.

**Stone soup**  
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how it yields richer results than attempting to persevere in solitude. Each villager adds their unique ingredient to the pot, transforming a simple broth into a sumptuous feast that reflects their combined creativity and generosity. This story serves as an excellent exploration point for stirring conversations about the essence of community, the importance of sharing, and the beauty of openness to one another's contributions. Just as each traveler brought their distinct offerings, from morsels of food to vibrant tales, the grade 1 students at H.A.Kostash are reminded that everyone has something valuable to give; it may be an onion; it may be a clever idea, a cherished memory, or a specific skill. When everyone unites, something truly extraordinary can be created or accomplished.

**Autumn leaves**  
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anthocyanins, which give rise to the stunning red hues seen in leaves as seen in oak trees. The autumn landscape, with its unique blend of colors, is a sight to behold, offering a sense of awe and wonder wherever it is viewed. As the season progresses, the leaves begin to fall. Trees start to create a protective barrier between the leaves and their branches as the weather changes. They extract as many nutrients as possible from the leaves, but the leaves would not survive the winter and would leave the trees vulnerable to damage if they remained. Once the leaves are severed from the fluid in the branches, they detach and descend to the ground. Visiting the local library is a great place to start if one wants to learn more and delve into the amazing science behind the natural world. Or visit local nature or natural museums.

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