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Redwater Art Society wrapping up another year



By Brandie Majeau

This fall has been bustling for the dedicated members of the Redwater Art Society, culminating in their exciting 2nd Annual November Art Show and Sale. This vibrant event showcased the incredible talents of local artists and provided a platform for

A selection of artwork created by members of the Redwater Art Society. Photos courtesy of the Redwater Art Society.

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Thorhild Drop-In Centre gets a face lift and launches floor curling program

Volunteers of the Thorhild Drop-In Centre are refinishing old curling rocks for the launch of their Floor Curling Program. See story page 7.

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- Pancakes with Santa by Remax (10-12 pm)
- Hot Chocolate by Sicoli Financial (10-12 pm)
- FOLSS Concession (12-3 pm)
- Photos with Santa (10-3 pm)
- Exambank Santa's Workshop S (10-4 pm)
- Christmas Cheer Challenge Room (10-4 pm)
- Christmas Kids Activities (10-3 pm)
- Craft N' Tradefair & North Pole Passport (10-4 pm)
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CHRISTMAS CHEER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

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TOWN OF LEGAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

- Horse Sleigh Rides (3-6 pm)
- Roaming Christmas Elves (3-6 pm)
- Petting Zoo (3-6 pm)
- Photos with Santa (3-6 pm)
- Visits with Princess Elsa & Olaf (4-6 pm)
- Hot Chocolate & Treats for Kids
- Skating Party Under the Christmas Lights
- Celebrating the NEW Outdoor Rink
- Centennial RV Park, South end of 43 street, Legal

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community engagement and appreciation of the arts.

In a bid to further beautify the town, the Art Society proposed a captivating mural concept to enhance a stark concrete wall. Their vision received enthusiastic unanimous approval from the town council, paving the way for this artistic endeavor to commence in the spring. Support from various community groups has emerged, stepping forward to assist with the costs of supplies needed for this collaborative art project.

Throughout the season, the society has been abuzz with multiple workshops, allowing members to delve into new techniques while refining their skills across various mediums including watercolors, acrylics, oils, and pastels. Esteemed outside instructors such as Willie Wong and Oksana Zhelisko from Edmonton shared their expertise, enriching the learning experience. Additionally, the society has been fortunate to have its own talented and experienced members, including Barb Gaboury, Carol Mervyn-Keon, Fred Moody, and Donna Yakibchuk, who have led classes and workshops. This initiative has proven to be immensely beneficial, aligning with the

society's goals of fostering art appreciation and encouraging creative expression for individuals of all ages.

Aiming to engage the community further, members of the Art Society collaborated with the local Library for the 'Word on the Street' event. Prior to Halloween, they also hosted a delightful mini workshop for children, where they could create their own whimsical 'Monster Jars' designed to hold a battery-operated candle—a spark of creativity that surely lit up the imaginations of young participants.

As part of their commitment to supporting budding artists, the society is excited about offering the Art Society Scholarship to a local student who pursues post-secondary studies in the arts. Information regarding this scholarship opportunity will be shared online soon. Their website, <https://www.redwaterartsociety.ca>, is a treasure trove of details about upcoming classes, including an impressive lineup of instructors for 2025. It also features a Members Gallery, where visitors can admire the splendid works created by the society's talented members.

The Redwater Art Society takes pride in showcasing the creativity and passion of artists, both young and old. The



Photos courtesy of the Redwater Art Society.

public is warmly invited to visit during open hours—Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM and 'Drop-In Saturdays' from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM—to experience this vibrant art community.

The Art Show and Sale held on November 22 and 23 was a resounding success, overflowing with creativity and enthusiasm. For those who missed the opportunity to partake in this inspiring event, you're encouraged to drop by and meet the talented artists, as well as explore the delightful array of items still available for sale. Artwork makes for a truly exceptional and unique Christmas gift, perfect for those looking to give something extraordinary this holiday season.

Redwater School News



School Resource Officer Constable Lamabe participated in a fire drill last month at Redwater School, supporting students as they practiced essential safety procedures. After the successful drill, Constable Lamabe treated a group of elementary students to an exciting tour of his police cruiser. The students were thrilled to explore the vehicle and learn more about his role in keeping the community safe. This hands-on experience added an extra layer of engagement to an already valuable day.



**Pepper's Petro
Canada**

Wayne Gaboury

1949-2024

One of the old cowboys, Wayne Marcelle Gaboury, 75, died at his Smoky Lake home Monday, November 11, 2024. Wayne was born to Bud and Lucille Gaboury at Sexsmith, Alberta. A few years



Timberland rodeo circuits. Wayne loved the Teepee Creek stampede and was on the organizing committee and participated in many stampede events. He won some prize money but

later, Wayne was blessed with a brother Doug. Wayne and Doug had many adventures growing up on their farm near Teepee Creek.

Wayne made his start in the world working for a guiding outfit. Then he worked rigs for many years mainly with Nabors Drilling.

One August 17, 1968 he married the love of his life and lifelong best friend Barbara. They settled in Teepee Creek Alberta and built a farmstead in 1978 while working closely with his dad and brother farming as well as working in oil patch and driving his water truck.

Wayne is survived by his wife Barbara. Together, they had three children, Michelle (Geoff) Jackson, Wade Gaboury and Nicole (Marcus) Hallows. Wayne is survived by grandchildren Elyse (Joey), Genevieve, Madeleine, Taylor, Reid, Addison, Layne, Tristan and Westin.

Wayne enjoyed working with horses most of his life and was a team roper on the NRA and

sometimes came home with nothing but muddy clothes and a perfect imprint of a horseshoe on his back from the wild horse race.

Wayne enjoyed golfing especially at Spruce Meadows near Sexsmith. He was a decent curler and hurried hard at the Trucker's Bonspiel. The Gaboury's moved to Sexsmith in 1987 and there he started his business, Hi Pressure Washers.

Wayne and Barb never quit dreaming about horses and started racing standardbred horses in Grande Prairie and then in Cloverdale, BC. Retiring from horse racing and wanting to be near their children and Alberta sunny skies, they retired in Smoky Lake with their beloved dachshunds and ready crib board.

Wayne's family will be conducting a service with his immediate family. Wayne was a character but will be missed by many. Hoping he finds green pastures, a horse and dog to be a friend and a trail to lead an old cowboy home.

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This fully developed 2-story home with a walkout basement backs onto a serene pond and features a sought-after triple heated attached garage. The main floor welcomes you with a grand entrance, a 2-piece bathroom, and a mudroom with a walkthrough pantry connecting to the garage. The kitchen boasts stainless steel appliances and exotic granite countertops, and flows into a dining room with pond views, a spacious family room, and a rear deck overlooking the yard. Upstairs, enjoy a large family room, a 4-piece bathroom, laundry, and three bedrooms, including a primary suite with a walk-in closet and luxurious 5-piece ensuite. The walkout basement provides additional living space with a bedroom, 3-piece bathroom, rec room, storage room, and utility room. The landscaped yard includes curbing, a lower deck, covered patio, and two storage sheds. The triple garage features built-in shelving and 220V wiring for EV charging or workshop use. This home is an exceptional blend of style, comfort, and functionality.

5207 54ST REDWATER



\$229,900

Cozy 1,017 sq. ft. 2-bedroom bungalow with a fantastic layout. The main floor features all-new flooring installed within the last year. Step into the renovated kitchen with brand-new appliances, countertops, sink, and cabinets. The dining and living rooms flow together, providing ample space for gatherings. Toward the back of the home, you'll find two bedrooms, including a spacious primary, and a recently renovated 4-piece bathroom. A few steps down leads to a mudroom by the back door and access to the unfinished basement, ready for your personal touch. Other upgrades in recent years include new shingles, vinyl siding, most windows, electrical improvements, a sump pump, and a high-efficiency furnace. Outside, enjoy a large fenced yard with a patio and a double garage that needs some TLC but is equipped with gas and power.

5026 50 AVE WARSPITE



\$99,900

Why rent when you can own? This charming one-bedroom mobile home makes a perfect starter or retirement home. Located in Warspite just off Highway 28, it's connected to city water and sewer for added convenience. Enjoy a bright sunroom with patio doors opening to a deck, as well as a large shed for extra storage.

19408 TWP RD 622 THORHILD COUNTY



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135 acres of productive farmland. Approximately 80 acres cultivated for the last 20 years and the remainder has been brush piled and being turned into farmable acres.

4426 51 AVE REDWATER



\$189,900

1.18 acres of fenced compacted Yard in Redwater industrial area. All services are along the lot line including water, sewer, gas and power. Great lot to build on and there is also a new metal building package on the lot that can be purchased separately

5219 54 ST REDWATER



\$399,000

Fantastic family home on a large lot with endless possibilities! The main floor features a spacious living room with a cozy gas fireplace, a bright kitchen with patio doors leading to a back deck and a massive fenced yard, three bedrooms, including a primary suite with a 3-piece ensuite and walk-in closet. A 4-piece main bathroom and direct access to the heated double attached garage complete this level. The basement offers a large family room with a wet bar, a 3-piece bathroom, and ample storage space. Recent updates include new flooring throughout most of the home, upgraded vanities and toilets in all bathrooms, a newer high-efficiency furnace, and central air conditioning. The expansive yard provides room to add another garage, create a huge garden, or space for kids and pets to play. Alternatively, the extra lot could be subdivided and sold. A versatile property with great potential!

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church Christmas Bingo

Saturday, December 7, 2024

6:00 pm - Doors Open for Bingo
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Redwater Pioneer Club gets flipping

By Brandie Majeau

Pancake breakfasts have developed into a beloved tradition within community fundraising efforts, seamlessly merging the comfort of a hearty morning meal with the uplifting essence of charitable activities. These delightful events not only provide the joy of indulging in fluffy, golden pancakes but

also serve as impactful and accessible fundraising platforms for local schools, clubs, and nonprofits. One notable example is the monthly pancake breakfast held at the Redwater Pioneer Club. Here, devoted volunteers come together, often starting their prep early in the morning to ensure everything is perfect. The kitchen comes alive with the sounds

and scents of sizzling pancakes and sausages, creating an inviting and warm atmosphere that beckons both old friends and new faces. Attendees have the pleasure of enjoying a variety of offerings, from pancakes expertly drizzled with maple syrup to perfectly cooked sausages that add a savory touch to the meal. Alongside these delicious options, guests

can sip on steaming cups of freshly brewed tea and coffee or opt for refreshing juice, ensuring that everyone walks away satisfied.

This delightful breakfast gathering is not only about the food; it embodies the community spirit, offering a chance for residents to come together, share stories, and enjoy each

other's company while supporting the local Senior's Club. Laughter can often be heard echoing through the hall as friends reconnect and new friendships are formed over shared meals. The pancake breakfast is always scheduled for the first Sunday of each month, making it a recurring highlight for many. So, be sure

to clear your schedules and mark your calendars to "get your syrup on." The next event is set for December 1, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, and promises to be a delightful affair. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity not only to nourish the body but to connect with community while enjoying a delicious start to the day!

Holiday convoy set to move through Smoky Lake

By Brandie Majeau

The Kinette Club of Smoky Lake is excited to don their festive elf hats and roll up their sleeves to support Santa's mission this holiday season. On Thursday, November 28 at 6 PM, they will host their Annual Toy & Food Drive, an event designed to bring joy and assistance to local families in need.

This year's drive will feature a lively Holiday Convoy, which will be led by the Smoky Lake Fire Department. The convoy is set to travel down every street in the Town of Smoky Lake, making it easy for residents to participate by donating non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys. These generous donations will serve a vital purpose in enabling families in our community to embrace a memorable holiday season.

By contributing resources and support, individuals can help

ensure that children have festive meals, receive gifts that spark pure delight, and create lasting memories surrounded by loved ones. This spirit of giving will encourage a sense of togetherness and happiness, allowing each family to experience the true essence of the holidays, despite any challenges they may face.

Residents are encouraged to bring their contributions outside to greet the convoy as it passes by. Alternatively, for those who prefer to prepare in advance, donations can be left on front steps or driveways where the convoy can collect them. The Kinette Club wants to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to help, so if residents happen to miss the Toy & Food Drive on the scheduled day, there are plenty of other options. Donation bins are conveniently located

throughout the town at well-known spots including IDA, Home Hardware, Pappy's, ATB, and the Smoky Lake Library, making it easy for everyone to drop off their contributions.

In addition to food and toy donations, monetary contributions are welcomed.

Residents can make cash donations directly at ATB, or they can conveniently e-transfer directly to slkineeteclub@gmail.com.

For anyone with questions about the event, or for those who live outside the town limits but still wish to contribute, please contact Elena at 780-554-9906. Every donation, no matter how big or small, can make a significant difference. Together, everyone can spread the spirit of giving and ensure that this holiday season is filled with warmth and joy for all families in our community!



The Newbrook 4-H Club has kick started the year again

By Alyssa Ollikka

Our club continues to grow, we have just over 50 members!

In October we held our first general meeting. Members got to discuss the types of projects they are interested in. Projects offered this year will be beef, swine, poultry, equine, foods, sewing, and cleavers.

At the meeting, members got to vote for their executive team. This year our President is Jake Shwetz, Vice President - Willow Lyons, Secretary - Makenna

Ollikka, and Treasurer Maddox Day. Jocelyn Toronchuk gets to be our General Leader.

Some projects are under way and started already. Beef had their weigh in day at Andy & Shawnalee Shwetz's farm. It was a great day. Members all participated in sorting the animals off the trailers, guiding them along in alley, putting them in the shoot for tagging and weighing a loading them back on the trailer. We weighed close to 50 animals that day!

Equine met at the beginning of

November for their first ride. Members got to saddle their horses and do a little bit of riding and getting to know everyone.

Foods and Sewing will be starting soon this month with their activities as well.

Poultry and Swine usually doesn't start until the new year when members get their animals.

I look forward to keeping you update on what's happening in our club throughout the year along with my other club reporter buddies.

Bye for now!



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CANADIAN Kids Corner



Crossword Puzzle

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CANADA



HISTORY

1964

The first Tim Hortons restaurant opens on Ottawa Street North and Dunsmore Street in Hamilton, Ontario, as Tim Hortons Donuts.

Book FACT:

This is a fictional story of book length, that often represents character and action.

Answer: Novel

ACROSS

- 1. Collection of writings
- 4. Movie rating
- 6. Timing of events
- 8. Jewish religious leader
- 9. Newspapers or magazines

DOWN

- 1. One who creates a written piece
- 2. A space in a home
- 3. Green onion
- 5. Start to move
- 7. Corrections

Answers:
 Across
 1. Works 4. Pg 6. Timeline 8. Rabbi 9. Journals
 Down
 1. Writer 2. Room 3. Scallion 5. Go 7. Edits

NEW WORD

AUTHOR

the writer of a book, article or report

How they say that in...

- English:** Word
- Spanish:** Palabra
- Italian:** Parola
- French:** Mot
- German:** Wort

Did You Know?

Children who love reading perform better in school overall. Plus, the more kids like to read, the more they tend to do it, becoming better at reading in the process.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Typewriter

PUZZLES

SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 15 *Review*

SUDOKU

			1	7		9		
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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

CROSSWORDS

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- 67. Snake-like fishes
- 68. Pretended to be
- 69. Body part
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Piece of felted material
- 2. Ancient Greek City
- 3. Aquatic plant
- 4. Potentially harmful fungus (Brit. sp.)
- 5. Body art (slang)
- 6. One who follows the rules
- 7. Ordinary
- 8. Honorably retired from assigned duties and retaining one's title
- 9. Relaxing space
- 10. Japanese socks
- 11. Indian city
- 12. Rip
- 13. Icelandic book
- 21. Satisfies
- 23. Where golfers begin
- 25. Small amount
- 26. Snag
- 27. Determine the sum of
- 28. A distinctive smell
- 29. Exposed to view
- 32. Stain or blemish
- 33. Small loop in embroidery
- 34. River herring genus
- 36. Large beer
- 37. Deep, red-brown sea bream
- 38. Partner to cheese
- 40. At a deliberate pace
- 41. Gurus
- 43. Of each
- 44. Angry
- 46. Popular beverage
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Blocks
- 50. Those who benefitted from efforts of relatives (slang)
- 51. Polio vaccine developer
- 52. A (usually) large and scholarly book
- 53. Popular soap ingredient
- 54. NBAer Bradley
- 57. Popular movie about a pig
- 58. Musician Clapton
- 59. Not a sure thing
- 61. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- 62. Father

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. Long piece of squared timber
- 5. Emaciation
- 10. "Bewitched" boss Larry
- 14. Combining form meaning "different"
- 15. Current unit equal to 10 amperes
- 16. Older
- 17. Large, stocky lizard
- 18. Ringworm
- 19. Actor Pitt
- 20. Indian hand clash cymbals
- 22. Data at rest
- 23. Jeweled headdress
- 24. Indicators of when stories were written
- 27. Check
- 30. Cigarette (slang)
- 31. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 32. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 35. Delivered a speech
- 37. A place to bathe

- 38. Postmen deliver it
- 39. Surface in geometry
- 40. More (Spanish)
- 41. ___ and Venzetti
- 42. Exclamation at the end of a prayer
- 43. Hawaiian dish
- 44. Aggressively proud men
- 45. Fellow
- 46. Mark Wahlberg comedy
- 47. Mock
- 48. When you expect to get somewhere
- 49. Songs
- 52. Pair of small hand drums
- 55. Play
- 56. Sword
- 60. Evergreens and shrubs genus
- 61. Filmed
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 65. Pores in a leaf
- 66. U. of Miami mascot is one

MERRY CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

P	E	I	K	R	U	U	S	R	S	H	T	A	E	R	W	M	H	E	T
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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| WORDS | CHRISTMAS | DINING | GIFTS | MANGER | ROAST |
| ANGEL | CHURCH | EVERGREEN | GREETING CARD | MERRIMENT | STAR |
| BIRTH | COMPANY | FRIENDS | HOLLY | MISTLETOE | TRAVEL |
| CAROLS | DECEMBER | GARLAND | MAGICAL | REMINISCE | TREE SKIRT |
| | | | | | WREATHS |

HOROSCOPE

- ### ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)

Aries, be careful what you ask for, as things have a funny way of coming true for you this week. Censor your thoughts for now, and perhaps hold your cards closer to the vest.
- ### TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

Taurus, you may have a lot of anxious thoughts right now. Friends provide a welcome diversion later in the week, and you also may want to put in more hours at work to stay distracted.
- ### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Gemini, plans aren't panning out as you'd hoped, so consider other opportunities. Stop and consider all the possibilities as soon as possible and then make a decision.
- ### CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)

Thoughts of love and relationships are on your mind, Cancer. However, you will have trouble expressing just how you feel to others. Think through your words before saying them.
- ### LEO

(July 23 - August 23)

Leo, you are a whirlwind of activity, and this causes a bit of disruption to a normally organized week. Others may remark on how you seem to be all over the place, but you know your limits.
- ### VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)

It's hard to imagine fitting anything else into your packed schedule, Virgo. Somehow you manage to do it. But the effects could prove stressful. Try lightening your load this week.
- ### LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)

It's time to plan and prepare, Libra. Take out a pen and paper and start making lists or use a digital planner. It's the only way to remain organized with so much going on.
- ### SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Matters at home are a priority this week, Scorpio. Focus your attention on tackling things around the house and you'll have more time to devote to fun down the road.
- ### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

It might be time to pinch some pennies, Sagittarius. This week you could come up a bit short, and it doesn't bode well for the rest of the month. Consider new revenue streams.
- ### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Capricorn, things turn out to be calm this week, and it is surprising how much you can accomplish. This slow pace is just the reprieve you've needed.
- ### AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)

Aquarius, there's not much you can do about a particular problem, so it may be better to stop thinking about a solution. Put your attention toward something you can control.
- ### PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)

Pisces, a few minor tweaks to your schedule and you could be able to tackle a number of tasks this week. Enjoy the productivity.

Thorhild Drop-In Centre gets a face lift and launches floor curling program

By Brandie Majeau

The Thorhild Drop-In Centre is thrilled to unveil the completion of extensive renovations and announce ongoing improvements that will continue to enhance the community hub. Generously funded by the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP)—a federal grant aimed at supporting community-based projects—the Thorhild Drop-In Centre received a remarkable \$25,000. The NHSP funding is dedicated to initiating transformative projects that significantly enrich the lives of seniors and their neighborhoods.

Energetic volunteers at the Thorhild Drop-In Centre sprang into action,



The Thorhild Drop-In Centre is getting a facelift that brightens up the vintage building and welcomes the community to join them for various events and activities.

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December Meetings and Important Dates

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

- Council Meetings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/CouncilMeetings
- Board and Committee Meetings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards
- Public Hearings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/PublicNotices


Economic Development Advisory Board	Dec. 4	12:00 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Dec. 10	9:00 AM
Development Services Division - Lunch Closure	Dec. 12	11:45 AM - 1:15 PM.
All County Offices - Early Closure	Dec. 13	3:30 PM
All County Offices - Partial Closure for staff function	Dec. 17	11:45 AM - 1:15 PM.
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Dec. 17	2:00 PM
Holiday Closure	Dec. 25	Closed
Holiday Closure	Dec. 26	Closed
Holiday Closure	Dec. 27	Closed
Holiday Closure	Jan. 1	Closed

RCMP Priority Meetings
Residents are invited to share input and help shape the priorities of their local RCMP detachment.
December 3 & 5, learn more SturgeonCounty.ca/Events

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DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED – APPEAL BY DECEMBER 3, 2024

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

i. Legal Description:	Lot 3, Plan 5811NY; 202 – 1st Avenue; Hamlet of Thorhild
Land Use Designation:	C2 – Large Lot Commercial District
Proposal:	Installation of an Advertising Free Standing Sign with a Height of 8.54 Metres (28 ft.) and Sign Area is 12.07 Sq. Metres (130 sq. ft.) on the Southeast side of the Lot for the Green Leaf Fuel Distributors Cardlock.
Division:	3
Permit #	DP24-2669

Date of Decision: November 12, 2024; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, December 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.

Appeal Information:

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must appeal to one of the following appeal bodies: (see below for details)

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

An appeal can be filed with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board via email at carol.revega@thorhildcounty.com or via mail to Thorhild County, P. O. Box 10, 801 – 1st Street, Thorhild, AB, T0A 3J0. Telephone enquiries can also be made to the Planning & Development Department at 780-398-3741. Pursuant to Section 686 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, an appeal may be commenced by filing a notice of appeal within 21 days of the decision date. Please note that there is a \$200.00 fee for any appeal.

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED – APPEAL BY DECEMBER 5, 2024

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

i. Legal Description:	NW 36-63-19-W4
Land Use Designation:	AG - Agricultural District
Proposal:	Approval for a new Development Permit which includes an Assignment from Stony Valley Contracting Ltd. to Dale Crowell Construction Co. Ltd. for a Resource (gravel) Extraction site on Crown Land Disposition SML (Surface Material Lease) No. 100037 containing approximately 27.08 ha (66.93 ac) in size.
Division:	5
Permit #	DP24-2660

Date of Decision: November 14, 2024; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, December 5, 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.

Appeal Information:

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must appeal to one of the following appeal bodies: (see below for details).

Land and Property Rights Tribunal

This is the appropriate appeal body if the application is:

- the subject of a license, permit, approval or other authorization granted by the Natural Resources Conservation Board, Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board or Alberta Utilities Commission.
- the subject of a license, permit, approval or other authorization granted by the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas.

You can file an appeal via email or by mail to 2nd floor, Summerside Business Centre, 1229-91st SW., Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9. Telephone enquiries can be made to 780-427-2444.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

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MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN Open House Events

A Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is a key policy plan that communicates the long-term desired land use for your community. It is a high-level blueprint that shows how your community is expected to change over time and the shape it will take in the future.

Thorhild County invites all residents to participate in the upcoming Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Open House Events. These sessions are an opportunity for you to share your input and ideas on the current MDP. Your feedback will play a key role in shaping the updated plan, ensuring it reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the future.

Join us anytime between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM
at any of the following locations:

Wednesday, November 27th **NEWBROOK COMMUNITY HALL**
4801 - 50TH STREET

Thursday, November 28th **RADWAY NEW HORIZONS SENIORS CENTRE**
5108 - 49TH AVENUE

Friday, November 29th **THORHILD COMMUNITY HALL**
11 - 7TH AVENUE

Come help shape the future of Thorhild County!

At each Open House, there are three planned interactive sessions to gather valuable input:

- 1. Rural Community Mapping Workshop:** This session features a large map of the county where residents can mark areas they envision for future land use, as well as highlight geographical areas of concern or aspiration, especially as they relate to rural and agricultural lands. This exercise is essential to help understand community members' priorities for rural spaces and gather insights on areas that need preservation, development, or special attention. Your input directly informs how to approach rural land use decisions in the updated MDP.
- 2. Priority Setting:** There are identified, approximately 50 rural and community-focused theme words, representing topics and goals that could shape the municipality over the next 20 to 25 years. Residents can select the themes they feel are most important and should be emphasized in the Municipal Development Plan. This session is critical, as it ensures that the MDP aligns with rural values and aspirations, addressing areas such as agricultural preservation, environmental stewardship, and rural quality of life.
- 3. Hamlet Boundary Review Maps:** There will be maps of each hamlet, showing current boundaries alongside proposed adjustments. Reviewing and updating hamlet boundaries is important because it:
 - Ensures the growth areas are adequate for future development.
 - Aligns with municipal infrastructure and rural service delivery.
 - Preserves valuable agricultural or natural spaces.
 - Encourages efficient rural land use planning.
 - Reflects recent population and development trends.

By examining these boundary changes, feedback received on whether these adjustments reflect the community's vision and will gain diverse perspectives on potential impacts, especially from those with deep ties to the agricultural areas in the municipality.

Residents are encouraged to participate in these open house sessions, as they are a valuable platform for sharing your insights and guiding the future of Thorhild County.

For questions about the Open House Events please contact: Baily Lapp, RPP, MCIP, Manager of Planning & Development Services Beairsto & Associates Engineering Ltd.

Email: bailyl@baseng.ca / Phone: 780-512-5818

MISSED THE OPEN HOUSES? SHARE YOUR INPUT WITH THE MDP WORKBOOK!

If you're unable to attend the open houses this week, don't worry—we've got you covered! The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Workbook includes the three key activities featured at the open houses, giving you the opportunity to provide your feedback at your convenience.

How to Access the Workbook:

- Download it here: www.thorhildcounty.com
- Pick up a copy: Available at the County Office

Deadline for Submissions: December 6, 2024

Have questions or need more information?

Contact Baily Lapp, RPP at 780-512-5818 or bailyl@baseng.ca

Your feedback is essential to shaping the future of Thorhild County. Let's plan together!





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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS November 12, 2024

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the November 12, 2024, Regular Council meeting:

Unfinished Business - Thorhild Minor Hockey Association Funding Request
Council approved funding in the amount of \$500 towards the Thorhild Minor Hockey Association New Year's event.

Changes to the Local Authorities Election Act
Council directed direct administration to amend Bylaw 09-2021 to include the requirement of a criminal record check.

Draft Establishment of Thorhild County Library Board Bylaw 12-2024
Council gave first reading to proposed Bylaw 12-2024 Establishment of Thorhild County Library Board.

Draft Bylaw 13-2024 Collection and Disposal of Waste and Recycling Bylaw
Council gave first reading to proposed Bylaw 13-2024 Collection and Disposal of Waste and Recycling Bylaw.

Application for Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program Funding
Council approved and authorized Administration to proceed in the submission of applications to Transportation and Economic Corridors on or before November 30, 2024, under the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program Funding for bridges in 2025.

Policy 1405 Community Grants
Council directed administration to inquire with surrounding municipalities regarding details of their community grant applications.

Long Lake Block Wells Survey
Council approved the draft Long Lake block wells survey and directs Administration to distribute one survey per property to Long Lake property owners.

Redwater Food Bank
Council directed Administration to establish a \$7,000 prepaid account at the Thorhild Co-op in the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank name for 2024; and to allocate \$7,000 in the 2025 budget. Further, Council directed administration to invite the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank to a future council meeting in 2025.

Thorhild County COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 3, 2024
Golden Age Drop-In Centre
210 - 7th Avenue, Thorhild
Drop in between 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A Special Council Meeting will be held in Thorhild County Council Chambers on
Thursday, December 5, 2024 - Commencing at 9:30 am
for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the following item(s) of business:
1. Closed Session - CAO Budget Planning Session (FOIP S. 24(1))



Election Day is Monday, October 20, 2025

Residents of Thorhild County who wish to run for office as a County Councillor must complete several steps before they can collect campaign contributions and be added to the ballot. Visit www.thorhildcounty.com and click on Government, then 2025 Election for information.

**THORHILD COUNTY FCSS
2024 CHRISTMAS HAMPER
CAMPAIGN**

Donate
Drop off gift cards, toys or toiletries at the following locations by **December 9, 2024**.

Thorhild:
- Thorhild North Corridor Co-op Home Agro Store
- Marvelous Munchies Bake Shop
- Library

Radway:
- Library

Newbrook:
- Post Office
- Library

Request a Hamper
Call Tammy at (780) 656-6016 or Corinne at (780) 206-0018 between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm Tuesday through Friday to register.
Please have your physical street address or legal land location ready.
Register by December 6, 2024.

Cash donations are accepted at the County Administration Building (801-1 Street)

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FREE EVENT

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Thorhild County Family and Community Support Services

FCSS Holiday Youth Program

WHERE Thorhild Drop In (210-7th Avenue, Thorhild)

WHEN Thursday December 5, 2024
6:30 - 7:30 PM

WHAT Paint your own Holiday Cookie and create a busted canvas art project

AGES 6+ (Limited space - exceptions may be made for younger siblings if space permits)

Attend to connect with others & meet new friends within the community!

Pre-register by Monday, December 2nd by contacting Kelly at 780-398-3741 ext 2820 or kelly.patry@thorhildcounty.com

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Thorhild County Family and Community Support Services

Coats & Winter Pants for Kids & Family Program

In partnership with Barrhead/Westlock Cleaners

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who kindly donated coats and snow pants. We truly appreciate your generosity.



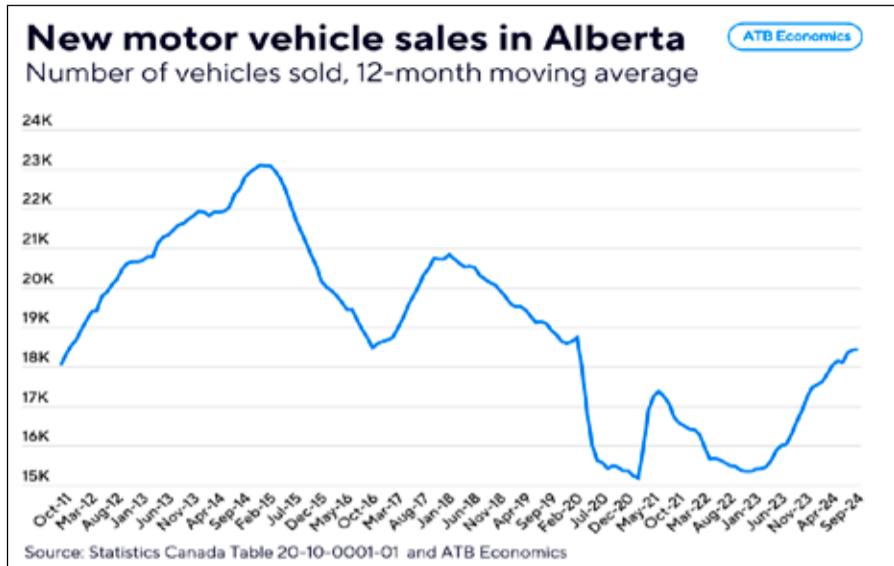
Coats are now being distributed. Anyone requiring an item can contact Kelly at 780-398-3741 ext 2820.



A special thanks to **Westlock/Barrhead Cleaners** for preparing the coats before distribution.



Relatively speaking: New vehicle sales in Alberta



By Rob Roach, ATB ECONOMICS

New vehicle sales provide an indication of how a large slice of the retail sector is doing. They also provide a sense of how the economy is doing overall, with higher sales suggesting things are going well enough for more people and businesses to make a major purchase like a new vehicle. (Interest rates are also a factor with lower borrowing costs facilitating sales and vice versa.)

So what are the new vehicle sales statistics telling us about how things are going in Alberta?

On the bright side, the recent trend has a nice upward slope

(see the chart below). The number of new vehicles sold in Alberta has increased 20 times (on a year-over-year basis) between January 2021 and September 2024.

Despite signs of consumer fatigue setting in (retail sales in Alberta have been fairly flat with per capita sales declining), the number of new cars being sold points to some underlying resilience in the provincial economy.

But, as the chart above also shows, relative to the years leading up to the pandemic, the number of units rolling off lots in Alberta in 2024 does not appear especially strong. Unit sales between January

and September 2024 were, for example, 8% lower than over the same period in 2018 even though Alberta's population was 14% larger.

Although it is a positive sign that new vehicle sales are on the rise in Alberta, because they are down relative to past periods, this suggests two things: 1) there is likely more room for them to climb back up as the provincial economy expands next year (lower interest rates will also help); and 2) even though Alberta's economy is performing well vis-à-vis the country as a whole, it has lost a few steps since the last boom cycle period in 2014.

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diligently installing new drywall throughout the facility. One of the standout achievements from their hard work was the renovation and modernization of the bathrooms, making them not only up to date but fully accessible to all patrons. In addition to the NHSP funding, Waste Management generously contributed \$5,000, alongside other private donations, to illuminate the centre with energy-efficient LED lighting and additional fixtures. The funds were also used to acquire new chairs, replacing outdated ones, which were subsequently sold off, while any remaining furniture was thoughtfully donated to a local charity.

In an impressive show of community support, the Feledichuk Curran Memorial Ball Tournament provided a substantial donation of \$12,000. This funding has gone towards refinishing countertops and enhancing the kitchen area, which is currently undergoing an extensive

renovation. Though not all of these funds have been utilized, they are earmarked for new stoves, a backsplash, and curtains. Discussions are actively taking place to determine the best allocation for these resources to fulfill the building's most critical needs.

With the excitement surrounding the newly refurbished facility, a surge of creative ideas are bubbling up. Thorhild Drop-In Centre now boasts a state-of-the-art television and speaker system (purchased with funds from Thorhild Co-op BBQs), a free three-year contract with MCSNet, and a diverse selection of games, all of which make it an ideal venue for a wide range of events. The dedicated volunteers are eagerly brainstorming new ways to expand what it can offer and create more activities within the community.

One new upcoming program is Floor Curling. Members discussing the building and its previous role as a hub of entertainment remarked,

"It's here, we gotta use it!"

They have been digging through back rooms and looking at ways to revisit some old favourite programs. The momentum is palpable, as they prepare to welcome everyone—members and non-members alike—on December 3 at 1 PM for a floor curling meet and greet. This event will provide a platform for the community to voice its aspirations for the facility's future endeavors and an introduction to floor curling. The floor curling program, designed as a drop-in activity, is poised to evolve as interest grows. The space is being carefully prepped and painted, salvaged curling stones from previous generations are being lovingly oiled, new curling sticks have been acquired, and a generous scoreboard donation from Redwater Floor Curling is set to elevate the experience. All that's needed now are the enthusiastic players to join in on the fun!

H.A. Kostash School News



Students from Smoky Lake's H.A. Kostash School learned about welding during a visit to Portage College in Lac La Biche.

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Four ways to boost your retirement savings

(NC) When you're just starting out in your career, retirement can seem like it's too far away to imagine. But the sooner you start planning for your retirement, the more money you'll have available to experience your dreams. Here are four things to consider when planning for retirement.

Start as soon as you can

You've likely seen charts and graphs showing how every dollar you invest today can grow multiple times over a long period of time. These charts visualize the power of compound interest. If, for example, you invest \$1 in an account that will earn you 5 per cent per year, at the end of the first year, you'll have \$1.05. But in the second year, you'll earn interest on the dollar and the 5 cents. The larger the initial investment and the longer the investment period, the more your money will grow.

Maximize your RRSPs and TFSA

There are two

popular federal government programs that many Canadians use to help fund their retirement: Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) and Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSAs). Both are similar in that they allow you to invest money in various financial products, including mutual funds, stocks and bonds. The difference is that you get a tax deduction for anything you invest in an RRSP, but the money is taxed when you withdraw it. There are no immediate tax savings with the TFSA, but the money in your investment grows tax-free for as long as you leave it in the fund. One great way to capitalize on both is to invest enough

in your RRSP to qualify for a tax refund, and then invest that money in your TFSA.

Employment benefits

Once upon a time, most Canadians counted on a pension to pay for their retirement years. While many careers still include a pension plan, they're increasingly few and far between. A more common option today is for an employer to offer matching contributions to your RRSPs. If you're in the market for a new job, factor in the benefits of working for employers who offer a pension or matching funding for retirement savings in your decision-making process.

Have a side hustle

For many of us,

when we envision retirement, we picture ourselves signing off permanently. But the reality is that many people find the switch from a 40-hour work-week to zero hours somewhat boring.

Some find satisfaction in volunteering their time or doing other charitable work. But if you're worried about financing your retirement, perhaps you could turn your career skills or hobbies into a side gig. If, for example, you worked as an accountant, perhaps you could do people's taxes for them. If you were a writer of some sort, maybe you could pick up some freelance work. If you have worked in construction, set up a business doing small renovation projects.

Find more financial literacy tips and free resources at abcmoneymatters.ca.



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Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank Christmas Hamper Program

Only open to residents of the Town of Redwater and East Sturgeon County (East of RR230)

Registration open from Nov 25 - Dec 6 by calling 780-942-2061.

Delivery/Pick Up of hampers will be at 9am Dec 23

Please note that no gift cards or toys will be given out with the hampers. For toys, please contact the Redwater Chamber of Commerce at 587-991-7049

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December 14th & 21st 10 - Noon

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10 am -1 pm
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Smoky Lake, AB

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
5:00 – 8:00 PM AT PEMBINA PLACE

FREE!

- Festival of Trees
- Visits with Santa
- Horse-drawn Wagon Rides
- Fire Pits & S'mores
- Photo Booth
- Cookie Decorating
- Crafts
- Face Painting
- Coloring Contest Display
- Concession Open
- Public Skating (4:00-8:00PM) (Helmets mandatory for users under 18)
- Secret Santa Workshop for Kids
- Turkey Curling with Prizes
- Jeannie & Friends Carolers
- Free Hot Chocolate & Hot Dogs (While supplies last)
- Free Popcorn (While supplies last)
- Food Bank Donations Appreciated

The Festival of Trees is held in support of the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank. Please bring a food or cash donation if you can Friday evening.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM AT PEMBINA PLACE

- Redwater & District Ag Society's Christmas Craft and Bake Sale
 - Festival of Trees
 - Concession Open
 - Food Bank Donations Appreciated

5:00 – 8:00 PM THROUGHOUT THE TOWN

- Festival of Lights (Vote for your favorite seasonal displays!)

Cruise the Town with this self-guided tour. Enjoy the Christmas lights, and vote for your favorite locations! Pick up your map and ballot from Tim Hortons or Pembina Place, or download it from our website.

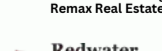
WWW.REDWATER.CA/P/EVENTS-PROGRAMS

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE AT 780-942-4101

Kris Kringle Holiday Mingle is organized to provide quality, affordable family programming for our community, and to strengthen community bonds.



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Community Events Calendar

December 2024

Community Services
780-942-4101

Town Office
780-942-3519

An active town with a big heart, working together to build a safe, beautiful, and sustainable community. www.redwater.ca

CHECK IT OUT



For details on the following and other programs, visit the Town of Redwater Facebook page and the Events and Programs page on our website (redwater.ca/p/events-programs). To register for any of our programs or events please scan the QR code above or visit <https://townofredwater.perfectmind.com>.

Pickleball: Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm; Wednesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm; and Thursdays, 6:00-8:00pm. \$40 season pass or \$5 per session.

Indoor Walking: Monday - Friday, 8:30am-12:00pm. \$20 season pass or drop-in fee!

Winter Wear Depot: If you are in need of free warm winter wear, call the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101.

Redwater Crafting Group: Join the crafting fun! Beginners can use our crochet and knitting supplies, or bring your own project. For more info, contact the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101. The final session of 2024 is December 14.

Birthday Party Rental: Book your child/youth birthday party at Pembina Place. Receive 1 hour ice time, and 2 hours lobby rental. Call 780-942-3555 or email facilityadmin@redwater.ca for more details.

Free Shiny & Public Skating: Thanks to a very generous sponsorship by Pembina Pipeline, all shiny and public skating is FREE for the 2024/2025 ice season. View ice calendar at www.redwater.ca/p/pembina-place or scan the QR code:



Kris Kringle Holiday Mingle

Friday, December 6
5:00-8:00pm at Pembina Place

FREE!

- * Free hot chocolate, hot dogs, and popcorn
- * Crafts & Cookie Decorating
- * Horse-drawn Wagon Rides, Fire Pits & S'mores
- * Festival of Trees (Vote for your favorites!)
- * Secret Santa Workshop for Kids
- * Face Painting
- * Jeannie & Friends Carolers
- * Food Bank Collection
- * Santa Visits and Treat Bags
- * Public Skating
- * Turkey Curling
- * Photo Booth
- * Concession on site for purchases

Saturday, December 7
10:00am-3:00pm at Pembina Place

- * Redwater & District Ag Society Christmas Craft and Bake Sale
- * Festival of Trees
- * Concession open!

5:00-8:00pm Throughout the Town

- * Festival of Lights - Cruise the town to enjoy the Christmas lights. Pick up your map and ballot from Tim Hortons or download from www.redwater.ca/p/events-programs

For more details, visit www.redwater.ca/p/events-programs or the Town of Redwater Facebook page

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
<p>Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) 2</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am)</p> <p>Redwater Crafting Group at Pembina Place (1:00-3:00pm)</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)</p> <p>Legion - Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting (7:00pm)</p>	<p>Silly Sprouts at Pembina Place (9:30-11:30am) 3</p> <p>Pioneer Club - General Meeting (1:30pm)</p> <p>Library - Drop-in Lego Club (2:00-4:00pm); Off the Books - Christmas Ornaments with H2H (6:00pm)</p> <p>Town Council Meeting (6:30pm)</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Games Night (7:00pm)</p>	<p>Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) 4</p> <p>Art Society - Painting a Winter Scene (1:00-3:00pm)</p> <p>Legion - Whist (1:00pm)</p> <p>Library - Board Meeting (6:00pm)</p> <p>Legion General Meeting (7:00pm)</p>	<p>Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am) 5</p> <p>Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am)</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)</p>	<p>Kris Kringle Holiday Mingle 5:00-8:00pm See details above. 6</p> <p>Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am)</p> <p>Library - Mother Goose's Rhythm & Rhyme (10:00am)</p> <p>Legion - Crib (7:00pm)</p>	<p>Pioneer Club - Pancake Breakfast (9:00-10:00am) 1</p> <p>Festival of Lights & Redwater & District Ag Society Sale. See details above. 7</p> <p>Legion - Bingo (Early Bird 6:00pm, Regular Game 7:00pm) 8</p>
<p>Legion - Coffee (8:30am) 9</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am)</p> <p>Redwater Crafting Group at Pembina Place (1:00-3:00pm)</p>	<p>Silly Sprouts at Pembina Place (9:30-11:30am) 10</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Games Night (7:00pm)</p>	<p>Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) 11</p> <p>Legion - Whist (1:00pm)</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Community Supper (5:00pm). Phone 780-942-3772 by December 4 to book tickets</p>	<p>Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am) 12</p> <p>Shopping Bus - Phone Sharon at 780-942-3838 to book (9:45am)</p> <p>Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am)</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)</p>	<p>Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) 13</p> <p>Library - Mother Goose's Rhythm & Rhyme (10:00-11:00am)</p> <p>Library - Movie Night (6:00pm)</p>	<p>Quilters Guild at Alliance Church (9:30am) 14</p> <p>15</p>
<p>Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) 16</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am)</p> <p>Redwater Crafting Group at Pembina Place (1:00-3:00pm)</p>	<p>Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) 17</p> <p>Museum - General Meeting (1:30pm)</p> <p>Town Council Meeting (6:30pm)</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Games Night (7:00pm)</p>	<p>Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) 18</p> <p>Legion - Whist (1:00pm)</p> <p>Citizens on Patrol Monthly Meeting (7:00pm)</p>	<p>Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am) 19</p> <p>Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am)</p> <p>Library - Homeschooler Book Club (11:15am)</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)</p>	<p>Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) 20</p> <p>Library - Drop-in Makerspace (3:30-4:30pm)</p> <p>Legion - Crib (7:00pm)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Library - Holiday Cartoons (12:00-2:00pm)</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day 26 Boxing Day</p> <p>Town Office closed December 23-27. Pembina Place closed December 23-27.</p>		<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>INVEST IN YOUR HEALTH In-person classes offered by your Primary Care Network: Healthy Eating, Diabetes - The Fundamentals, Mental Wellness, & Mediterranean Way of Eating. Coming to Pembina Place in 2025!</p> <p>29</p>
<p>Christmas Break - No School (December 23 - January 3)</p>					
<p>30</p> <p>Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>	<p>Public Health Clinic at Redwater Health Centre 9:00am-4:00pm Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays</p> <p>Phone 780-942-6615 to book an appointment. Providing immunizations (child, adult, school, seasonal influenza), communicable diseases control, healthy beginnings and early childhood interventions.</p>		<p>SNOWREMOVAL</p> <p>Please watch for 24-hour No Parking signs to assist with winter snow clearing. Check out the Snow Clearing Policy on our website at www.redwater.ca/p/bylaws</p>	<p>Thursdays Museum Open 1:00-3:30pm</p> <p>Saturdays Museum, Library, and Art Gallery Open 11:00am-3:00pm</p>
<p>Need Information or Assistance? One call can connect you to community groups, resources and information Town of Redwater - Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) 780-942-4101</p>	<p>FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS HAMPERS Book your Christmas hampers between November 25 - December 6. Call and leave a message at 780-942-2061. Volunteer drivers needed for delivery Call 780-942-2061</p>		<p>Families First Society FORT SASKATCHEWAN</p> <p>Drop in to the free, facilitated Silly Sprouts programs at Pembina Place for caregivers and their children ages 0-6 years.</p>	<p>Help bring this transportation service to Redwater by volunteering! Gas reimbursement provided. You choose when, where and how often you drive.</p> <p>For more info: 780-424-5438 drivehappiness.ca</p> <p>DRIVE HAPPINESS SENIORS ASSISTED TRANSPORTATION</p>	

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PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1660/24 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1660/24.

This Bylaw would redistrict a portion of SW-1-55-25-4 from AG – Agriculture District to I3 – Medium Industrial Unserviced District.

The proponent is seeking to relocate and expand their existing business (access mat manufacturing). As this land is currently designated as 'Agriculture District' which does not allow this type of activity, redistricting is being proposed to accommodate or allow for the associated uses.

Each time land is redistricted, a bylaw is needed to amend the Land Use Bylaw, and a Public Hearing must be held.

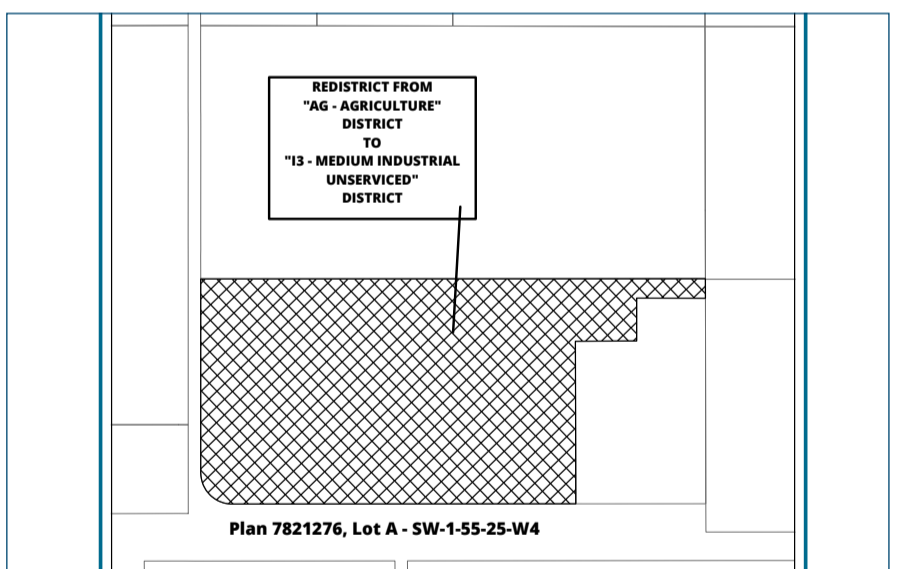
[View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1660](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1660)

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter)

Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)
sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings



Questions? Contact us!

Kyle Schole
Planner, Current Planner
780-939-1397
kschole@sturgeoncounty.ca

Important information about Public Hearings

Requirements for speakers

All speakers have five minutes to speak and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission before the Public Hearing.

Speaking in person

To speak at the Public Hearing in person, contact Legislative Services at **780-939-8277** or **780-939-1377** to pre-register.

Speaking via videoconference

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you **must** register by **December 9 at 1:00 p.m.** by contacting Legislative Services at **780-939-8277** or **780-939-1377**. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Written submissions

Email your written submission to Legislative Services at legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca. Written submissions are accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing.

If making a written submission, you must include your name, state your interest in the matter (such as a County resident directly impacted by the proposed bylaw), and indicate if you are in favour of or opposed to the proposed bylaw.

Watching the Public Hearing

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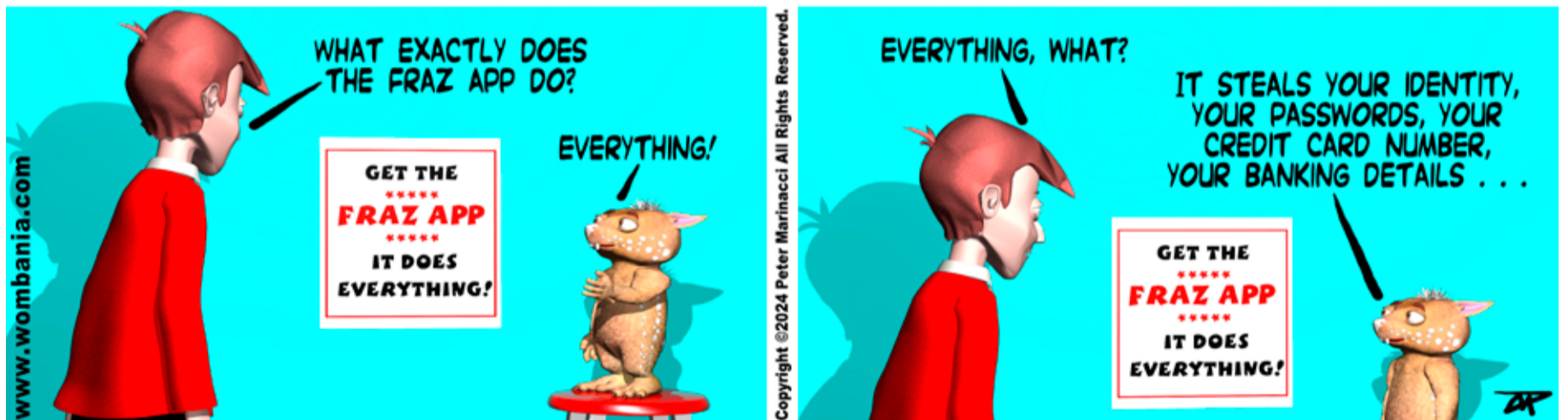
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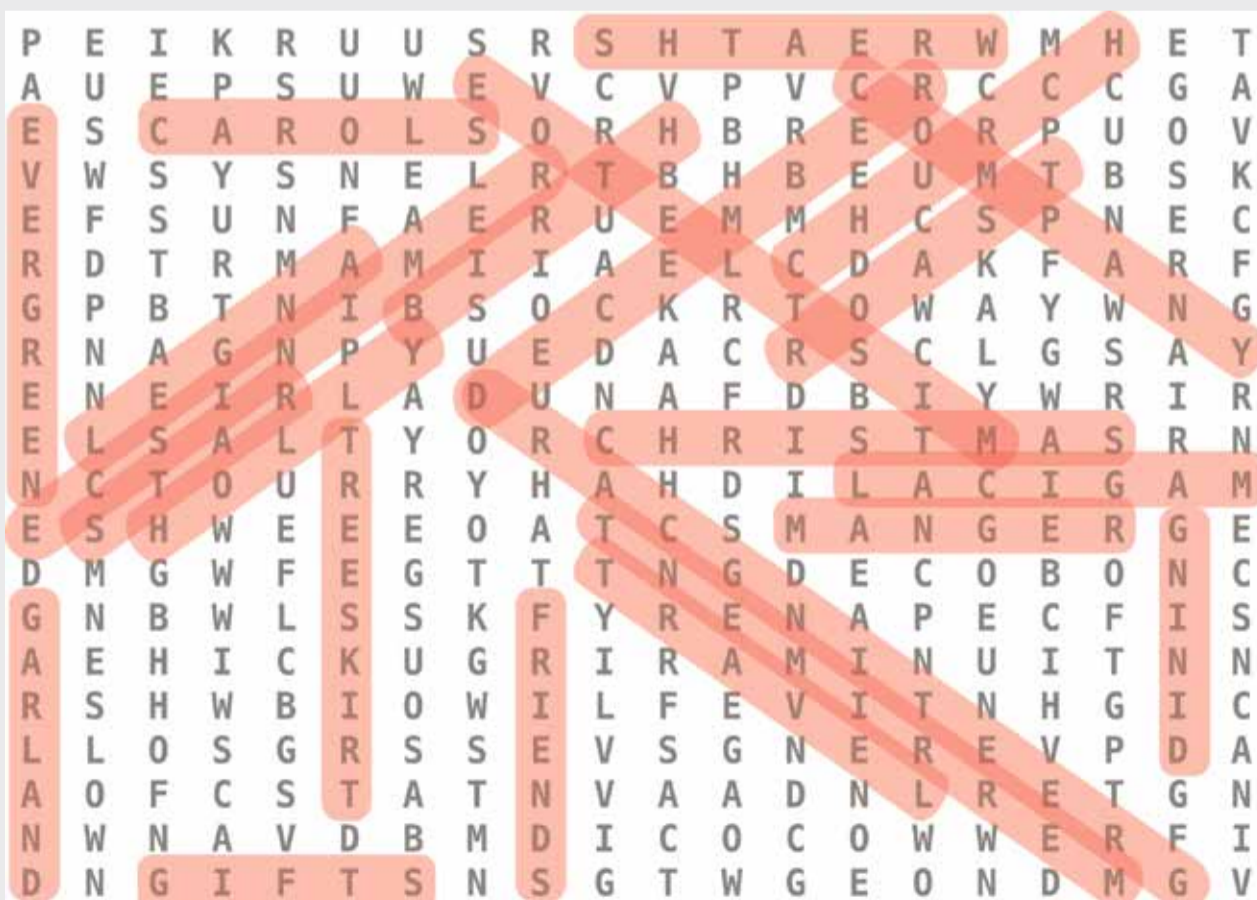
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