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### Abee spends an afternoon with Santa





### By Brandie Majeau

The Abee Community Hall hosted its second annual "Santa is Coming to Abee" event, transforming the space into a festive wonderland that embraced the spirit of the holiday season. On the afternoon of December 1, community members gathered to welcome Jolly Ole St. Nick into their midst, celebrating a warmth, and something a little bit more, that makes Abee truly special.

As guests arrived, they were greeted by the invitation to pull up a chair and sample fresh baked cookies, grab a hot chocolate or coffee, sit down and enjoy! The afternoon unfolding to encourage guests to linger and fill their cups once more.

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Creativity blossomed at the craft tables, which were lined with colouring sheets and crafting paraphernalia curated to inspire joy and

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#### By Brandie Majeau

The Flower Barn, nestled in the town of Smoky Lake, began its journey approximately four and a half years ago. In the early days of the Covid pandemic, Louilla Tychkowsky and her daughter Ebbeney embarked on a venture, launching a mobile flower delivery service from the comfort of their home. With creativity and passion, they crafted

stunning, one-of-akind floral arrange-

ments that brought a touch of beauty and joy to their customers, no matter where they were needed.

As the world gradually emerged from the shadows of the pandemic, Louilla and Ebbeney recognized a growing desire among their loyal customers for personal connection. They looked to meet the very people who had supported their blossoming business during such uncertain times, eager to build relationships and share in the joy of their exquisite floral creations.

It all began with a delightful idea to create a Christmas popup store, which took root in Smoky Lake in 2022. What started as a six-week venture leading up to the holiday season quickly

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### COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS November 26, 2024

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

#### **Delegation** - Dennis Brooks and Bernice Anderson

Council accepted for information the delegation from Mr. Dennis Brooks and Ms. Bernice Anderson regarding damages to trees. Council directed Administration to bring back further information regarding the estimated cost to remove the trees and to contact Mr. Brooks and request for him to contact FORTIS Alberta regarding the tree removal.

#### **Draft Municipal Elections Bylaw 14-2024**

Council gave three readings to Bylaw 14-2024 Municipal Elections.

#### Appointment of Returning Officer and Substitute Returning Officer for the 2025 **Municipal Election**

Council appointed Carol Revega as Returning Officer and Kendra Toronchuk as Substitute Returning Officer for the 2025 Municipal Election.

#### Draft Establishment of Thorhild County Library Board Bylaw 12-2024

Council gave second and third readings to proposed Bylaw 12-2024 Establishment of Thorhild County Library Board.

#### Draft Collection and Disposal of Waste and Recycling Bylaw 13-2024

Council gave second and third readings to proposed Bylaw 13-2024 Collection and Disposal of Waste and Recycling, as amended.

### Long Lake Cottage Owners Association Letter of Support

Council approved a letter of support for the Long Lake Cottage Owners Association under the Municipal Climate Resiliency grant program through Intact Financial Corporation for the installation of a dry hydrant in the hamlet of Long Lake.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN **THORHILD COUNTY:** FORGING STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE

Thorhild County is proud to announce the launch of a new initiative aimed at fostering comprehensive economic development to strengthen the vibrancy and resilience of our regional economy. This initiative takes a holistic approach to economic growth by supporting existing businesses, attracting new investment, encouraging entrepreneurship, and facilitating collaboration among community groups. By addressing both immediate challenges and long-term opportunities, Thorhild County seeks to create a sustainable and diversified economic foundation that benefits all sectors of the community.

The Economic Development initiative will be rolled out over the next two years, and its foundation is built on direct engagement with local businesses, residents, service providers, community groups, local government officials, and other key stakeholders. The County is working with Lochaven Consulting, who will work closely with citizens, business owners, industry stakeholders, and regional partners over the coming months to build an Economic Development strategy aligned to the specific needs and context of Thorhild County.

Our key focus areas include:

- 1. Empowering Local Businesses: Supporting existing businesses to overcome challenges and reach their full potential.
- 2. Encouraging and Growing Entrepreneurs: Providing essential resources and mentorship to help new ventures succeed and flourish.
- 3. Attracting New Investments: Bringing fresh opportunities, business growth, and long-term economic vitality to Thorhild County.

"We are excited to launch this initiative and take a proactive approach to supporting our local economy," said Carol Revega, Director of County Services for Thorhild County.

Thorhild County invites all community members to participate over the coming months. Public engagement and input will be critical in shaping the future of economic development in Thorhild County. Please fill out our survey that you can find www.thorhildcounty.com/Business/ Economic-Development/Economic-Development.

Printed copies can also be found at the Thorhild County Office.

### **DECEMBER 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

### ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 - ALL Offices are closed Thursday, December 26, 2024 - ALL Offices are closed Friday, December 27, 2024 - ALL Offices are closed Monday, December 30, 2024 - Open & Regular Hours Tuesday, December 31, 2024 - Open & Regular Hours Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - ALL Offices are closed

### **THORHILD TRANSFER STATION**

Saturday, December 21, 2024 - Open Wednesday, December 25, 2024 - Closed Saturday, December 28, 2024 - Open Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - Closed

LONG LAKE TRANSFER STATION Sunday, December 22, 2024 - Open Sunday, December 29, 2024 - Open

HAMLET GARBAGE & BLUE BAG PICK UP Friday, December 20, 2024 - Normal Garbage pickup Friday, December 27, 2024 - Normal Garbage pickup

### TRANSFER STATIONS UPDATE

The Thorhild Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, and Wednesday, January 1, 2025. It will reopen on Saturday, December 28, 2024, and Saturday, January 4, 2025.

The Thorhild transfer station has undergone a few changes to enable the on-site attendant to manage the traffic and waste streams more efficiently.

The operational changes have been introduced to be effective in the placement and management of the different streams of waste and be more compliant with legislative requirements governing the collection of waste. The Thorhild transfer station provides a very vital service to residents. It is very important that waste is separated, and that each waste type and recyclables are properly placed in their designated area. All used oil shall be placed into the double-walled container, there are no exceptions to this.

The on-site attendant is responsible for providing you information and direction on the operational requirements. All residents are required to check in with the attendant and provide proof of a County-issued card before any waste and recyclables are disposed of. Thorhild County asks for your full cooperation and compliance in the management of this facility and our Long Lake facility as well.

Please note that effective January 1st, 2025 that all pesticide and herbicide containers will no longer be accepted at any transfer station. These containers are to be returned to the vendor from where they were originally purchased.



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For more information about the Economic Development plan, please contact our team at Ecdev.coordinator@thorhildcounty.com.

### MAIL SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

Thorhild County reminds utility customers that payment deadlines remain unchanged due to the postal strike, which may delay bill delivery.

### **Payment Options:**

1. Pre-Authorized Payment Plan: Automatic payments from your bank account. 2. Online or Telephone Banking: Use your bank's services to pay. 3. In-Person Payments: Pay at the County Office with cash, cheque, or debit. 4. Drop Box: Submit cheques (no cash) in the secure drop box at the County Office. 5. Online Payments: Pay with a credit card through our OptionPay system at www.thorhildcounty.com.

Consider signing up for e-billing to avoid missing any deadlines. To enroll, visit the Utilities tab at www.thorhildcounty.com or call 780-398-3741, extension 2811. You can also pick up your bill at the County Office at 801 1st Street, open Tuesday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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### Radway market once again a holiday favourite



Kade & Ty Cissell humour their mother with a photo with Santa.

### **By Brandie Majeau**

The delightful aroma of hearty Ukrainian dishes wafting through the air and the traditional display of plate after plate being served from the bustling kitchen windows have become an iconic feature of the Radway Christmas Market. This cherished annual event is a treasure trove of activities and free

lively entertainment, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for families as they explore the spirited hall filled with a diverse array of market vendors. It stands out as the ideal pit stop in the search for that perfect Christmas gift, with a remarkable selection that ranges from intricate jewelry and fragrant candles to captivating artwork and festive

ornaments.

As the evening slowly unfolded, the air became alive with the sounds of enchanting live music that dances through the crowd, coaxing joy-filled laughter, and cheerful murmurs among the attendees. The trees that lined the stage were adorned with an array of twinkling lights, creating a breathtaking



Chase makes some magic reindeer food at one of the Radway Market Christmas activities.

backdrop of sparkling colors that casts a warm, magical glow over the entire festivities. Everyone was eagerly anticipating the moment when the guest of the hour, Santa Claus, made his grand entrance and stepped into the spotlight, igniting a wave of excitement that ripples through the crowd.

atmosphere The filled with energy as people chatted animatedly, engaged in banter, and tried their luck at various raffles, savored the aroma of delicious food offerings. From freshly baked bread to teas and juices, the culinary delights were as festive as the event itself, inviting indulgence with every step. The Radway Christ-

masMarketisfarmore than just a seasonal event; it embodies

a cherished tradition that beautifully signifies the start of the holiday season. It brings together families, friends, and neighbors, forging strong connections within the community. With each smile, each shared moment, and each twinkling light, the market fosters a heartwarming camaraderie that celebrates the spirit of togetherness and joy.



### **Environmental Farm Plan** Workshop

Sturgeon County is hosting a free, one-day event for producers who want to create (or renew) an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP).

The EFP is a voluntary, whole farm, self-assessment tool that helps producers identify their environmental risks and develop plans to mitigate those risks.



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### NOTICE OF DECISION OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED - December 3, 2024

Take notice that the following permit for a proposed development as described below has been approved in accordance with the Town of Redwater Land Use Bylaw PD-01-2023 and Bylaw PD-01-2024 Misc. Land Use Bylaw Amendments:

Permit Number: DPR2024-037

Legal Description: Lot 1-3, Block 6, Plan 944HW Civic Address: 5008 49 Ave. Land Use: Downtown Commercial District (C-DWT)

Variance: N/A Discretionary Use: Vehicle Repair, Vehicle Servicing Area Additional Conditions:

- That there shall be no outside storage of vehicles over 1 tonne.
- That there shall be no outside storage of derelict vehicles

Producers are required to have proof of an EFP completion date within the last 10 years of the date of application to be eligible for most cost-share funding programs.

Please bring a laptop. A light lunch will be provided.

Thursday, January 9, 2025 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., in person only 9613 100 Street Morinville Register by January 6, 2025



www.sturgeoncounty.ca



#### or parts

Additional Information: For additional information regarding these permits, please contact the Development Officer at (780) 942-3519.

Appeal: The following information is provided as required by Section 685(1.1) of the Municipal Government Act. Any appeal of this decision shall be filed with the Secretary of the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB), 4924 47th Street-Box 397, Redwater, Alberta TOA 2W0 (780-942-3519 ext. 250), within twenty-one (21) days after the date of notice.

Appeal Fee - \$ 300.00

### Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

If you submit comments, either orally or in writing, the information you provide may be recorded, or otherwise made public, subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Infor-mation and Protection of Privacy Act.



### **December 19, 2024 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

St. Michael's Fenwyck Heights (260 Pioneer Road, Spruce Grove, AB)

Join me in sharing best wishes and light refreshments

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transformed into a beloved fixture that never left the community.

Though the location of The Flower Barn has shifted over time, its commitment to Smoky Lake remains steadfast.

At The Flower Barn, the duo Louilla and Ebbeney put their creativity and passion into every arrangement, ensuring each creation is a masterpiece. They source fresh flowers weekly, allowing their designs to reflect the beauty of the seasons. Additionally, they provide a stunning collection of distinctive house plants, adding an element of charm and interest to any home. Their innovative spirit drives them to keep things fresh and exciting, encouraging loyal customers to return time and again.

The shop caters to a variety of occasions, from weddings to funerals, ensuring that every need is met with grace and care. Beyond the enchanting floral arrangements, The Flower Barn offers an enticing selection of locally crafted Wick Witch candles that fill any space with warm, inviting scents, and a charming assortment of silk flowers that never fade. In an exciting partnership, The Flower Barn will showcase Jolene's Tea from Jolene's Tea House in Banff. Moreover, for the animal lovers, there are

Barn Bites—wholesome, locally made treats created by Ebbeney Tychkowsky, for barnyard companions—and a curated selection of healthy dog treats, perfect for pampering furry friends.

In light of the ongoing Canada Post strike hindering online shopping options, supporting local businesses has become more important than ever. Take a moment to explore the gems and treasures nestled within the community, all just beyond the front door. This winter, consider gifting someone a burst of color and life in the form of a stunning, living arrangement that brings a breath of fresh air to any space.

### **Ochre Park School**



Team Green took on Redwater's first responders in an exciting conclusion to the week's Tic-Tac-Toe Showdown at Ochre Park School. The spirited competition highlighted the strong bond between the school and its community partners. A big thank you to the first responders for joining in the fun and supporting the school's events.



## Office Manager/ Receptionist

Full time position available at the Bellis Veterinary Services in Bellis, AB.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of **GORDON SCHLAMP** who died on September 25, 2024

If you have a claim Against this estate, you must file your claim by December 27, 2024 with **Stella Schlamp**, 780-245-5088 and provide details of your claim. If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

### We will not be publishing the weeks of December 25 and January 1.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES DECLARATION**

SERVICE ALBERTA AND RED TAPE REDUCTION

Due to the Canada Post mail strike, expiry dates for the interim driver's licence issued from November 1, 2024 to January 14, 2025 are extended to expire on February 15, 2025. Albertans with interim driver's licences can continue to operate a motor vehicle while awaiting the final driver's licence card once mail service is reinstated. Motor Vehicle Services continue to be delivered through Alberta's Registry Agents and online.

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### \$369,900

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.



### Spacious 1,480 sq. ft. bungalow featuring two bedrooms



This 1,195 sq. ft. bungalow, situated on a spacious lot backing onto an open field, offers incredible potential with some TLC. The home features three bedrooms on the main floor, including a primary bedroom with a convenient 2-piece ensuite. Updates over recent years include newer shingles, a furnace, a hot water tank, upgraded attic insulation, and eavestroughs. The fully developed basement adds extra living space with potential for two additional bedrooms, a large rec room, a 3-piece bathroom, a generous storage room, and a summer kitchen. A great opportunity for those looking to invest in a home with plenty of space and a fantastic location!



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.



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!

### Santa's last stop: Newbrook

### <u>By Brandie Majeau</u>

In a charming recent interview with Santa Claus, following a whirlwind weekend filled with festive events throughout the County of Thorhild, he expressed his excitement about returning to the area one last time before his journey back to the North Pole for the big day. Santa chuckled as he recounted nearly forgetting about the quaint town of Newbrook, but he felt a wave of relief wash over him upon realizing he still had time to visit.

Mark the calendar for December 13th, as the Newbrook Rec & Ag Society invites everyone to their enchanting Christmas Market and Light Up event. The air will be filled with the

mouthwatering aroma of freshly made perogies, reminiscent of the delightful meals prepared by babas everywhere. The evening invites guests to linger and savor these delicious homemade perogy dinners, accompanied by the love and warmth of the season. But that's not all—local bakers, the amazing ladies of Newbrook, will also unveil their culinary talents with an array of delicious pies, ensuring that no sweet tooth goes unsatisfied. The Christmas pie sale promises to be a sell-out feature, calling to attendees that they need a pie to take home for the holidays.

As guests continue to wander through the market, they'll find an array of vendors offering unique goods and a chance to purchase tickets to win exciting door prizes, enhancing the festive atmosphere. Children and families will delight in the sleigh rides, organized and brought by volunteers Logan Ross and Albert Hiemstra, who will whisk riders around town, allowing them to bask in the magical display of lights that residents have lovingly set up to illuminate the spirit of the season.

Newbrook The Christmas Market and Light Up will take place at the community hall from 5 PM to 8 PM. Don't miss this chance for an evening filled with joy, community spirit, and, most importantly, the opportunity to see Santa one final time before he embarks on his journey home!



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floor laundry back into a third bedroom) and an additional bedroom in the basement. Highlights include a cozy wood-burning fireplace, a main-floor family room, a large covered deck, double garage, a generous jacuzzi room, and a basement sauna. While this home has been a rental for the past 18 years and could use some TLC, it offers incredible potential and unique features for the right buyer.

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**DECEMBER 2024** 



# GRAPEVINE

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Visit our 'Agendas & Minutes' web page for Council meeting information and the 'Calendar' web page for the <u>complete</u> list of other scheduled meeting dates and community events.

### **Regular County Council Meeting**

December 12, 2024 @ 9:00 AM January 9, 2025 @ 9:00 AM January 23, 2025 @ 9:00 AM February 13, 2025 @ 9:00 AM February 27, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

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

**2025 Budget Open House** December 12, 2024 @ 7:00 PM Virtual- See website for details



Smoky Lake County Council and Staff would like to wish everyone peace and joy this holiday season and a New Year full of health, happiness and prosperity.

Христос Народився!

## Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works will be **CLOSED**

December 25, 2024 to January 2, 2025 & January 7, 2025



### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Second Reading given to Bylaw No. 1464-24: Non-Residential Tax Incentive.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 08-18-10: Council Remuneration.
- Adopted the Year 2025 Natural Gas System Operating Budget.
- Adopted the Year-2025 Natural Gas System Capital Budget.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 08-13-02: Disposal of Surplus Equipment.
- Executed the service agreement with Capital Region Assessment Services Commission.
- Approved the increase of the budgeted contribution amount towards the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board in the amount of \$21,500.00, for a total budgeted contribution in the amount of \$35,000.00 for Years 2025, 2026, and 2027.
   Donations
- \$200.000 each to the local Royal Canadian Legions: Smoky Lake Legion Branch No. 227 and Waskatenau Legion Branch No. 261 towards the Remembrance Day Ceremony wreaths.
- \$240.00 to the Smoky Lake Christmas Hamper Program for sponsorship of 2 Christmas hampers.

### **BUDGET 2025 VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE**

December 12, 2024 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Please join using this link:

https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/862681763

Or dial: 1 (844) 511-2074 Toll Free Canada Access Code / Meeting ID: 862681763

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL- CAMPGROUNDS**

Smoky Lake County is soliciting written Proposals for the provision of Campground / Recreational Area Supervision & Care-taking Services for each of the following Areas:

- Area #1: Hanmore Lake West End, Hanmore Lake East End, and Island Lake
- Area #2: Mons Lake
- Area #3: Bellis Lake (with the option to include Kaduk Lake)

Deadline to submit: **Monday, January 6, 2025 at 4:00 PM** For details visit: **https://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/rfp** 

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - RETURNING OFFICER**

### Transfer Station HOLIDAY HOURS

### Bellis Transfer Station

December 25	CLOSED
December 28	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 1, 2025	CLOSED
January 4, 2025	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### SMOKY LAKE LANDFILL

 December 24
 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

 December 28
 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

 December 31
 CLOSED

 January 4, 2024
 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

 January 7, 2025
 CLOSED

### SPEDDEN TRANSFER STATION

December 25CLOSEDDecember 2910:00 AM to 4:00 PMJanuary 1, 2025CLOSEDJanuary 5, 202510:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### VILNA TRANSFER STATION

December 24CLOSEDDecember 289:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Smoky Lake County invites qualified candidates to apply for the temporary contract position of Returning Officer for the 2025 Municipal Election.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of interest outlining skills and qualifications in strict confidence by: Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 4:00 PM

For complete job details and how to apply visit: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/employment December 31 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM January 4, 2025 CLOSED January 7, 2025 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

### Waskatenau Station

December 289:00 AM to 5:00 PMJanuary 4, 20259:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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### High traffic little business on main street

REDWATER where you'll find this little gem . she takes in commissionable goods and sells them for you plus she has her own stock for sale also. approx 1583 sq ft with a smaller room in back to expand or have staff room .There is also a little sit up coffee bar with sweet treats. shingles were referbished a few years ago, new paint, furnace and HWT 2023 . GREAT BUSINESS TO **OWN .. BUILDING AND ALL COMMISSIONABLE STOCK** FOR ONLY \$125,000



Cute little 2bdrm 1 bath bungalow with many renovations. Situated on main drag in Redwater next door to Noreens second hand store ( which is also for sale). Already has renter in place.. asking 100,000.00 U could also purchase Noreens next door with this cute little house and run the business and live next door... BUY BOTH properties for \$225,000.

### Business with Property for Sale • 5023 51 ST Listing ID: E4367376 \$125,000.00

Well cared for 1540 sq ft. Building with restaurant opening potential again in beautiful downtown ANDREW AB. The restaurant has been closed for a little over a year due to personal reasons. but is a little GEM TO BEHOLD. Seats 50 and was also licensed, has mood lighting, wheelchair access, air-conditioning, walk-in cooler, men's/ladies' washrooms, up to date kitchen with overhead fire extinguisher, vinyl windows, SHINGLES- 10 yrs., HWT - 2018, Electrical - 3 phase power, 3 smaller bedrooms upstairs with 2 pce bath BASEMENT -is full

and clean with 4 pce bath, laundry and loads of storage. FENCED BACK YARD with 12 x 20 greenhouse and small shed, ZONED - C1, BUILDING IS 28 ' X 55', LOT - 30 X 100



### 4712 50 Avenue AV Listing ID: E4374258 \$340,000.00

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### 5103 49A AVE Listing ID: E4397354 \$134,900.00

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#### Building with a New Metal Roof (2015) and 100-AMP Service





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imagination in children of all ages. The kids eagerly engaged in guided craft activities, such as handprint wreaths that wouldsoonadorntheir homes, while others rolled up their sleeves to unleash their own artistic visions, making the room shimmer with excitement and creativity.

embracing Santa, his role with genuine enthusiasm, had adjusted his busy schedule to spend the entire afternoon in Abee, embodying the very essence of holiday spirit. He welcomed eager children with open arms, accepting their carefully made gifts for him and taking precious moments to sip hot chocolate and engage in heartfelt conversations with all manner

of people surrounding him, sharing their own tales of work, dreams, and life experiences. Santa's presence was not just that of a gift-giver but also, an avid listener, his warm laughter resonating with the echoes of joy and eruptmerriment ing from the crafting tables.

As the afternoon unfolded at a leisurely pace, guests flowed in and out, creating an atmosphere that felt more like a cozy family gathering. The smaller gathering allowed for an intimacy that is often lost in larger celebrations, enhancing the feeling of togetherness among the community members. A table filled with gently used toys generously shared by Bailey and Zoe Olson, served as a poignant reminder

of the true meaning of Christmas—the importance of sharing and giving.

The day finished in a beautiful reminder that during the holiday season, the most precious moments arise from slowing down and truly being present. The Abee Community Hall itself exuded warmth, its ambiance reminiscent of a grandmother's kitchen, where nostalgia and kindness intertwine, making everyone feel right at home.

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express their gratitude with hugs, cards, and warm farewell wishes. Addy's hard work and commitment to keeping the school clean and welcoming will be deeply missed. The entire school community thanks her for everything she has done and wishes her the very best in her retirement!



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