



Kris Kringle Mingle never fails to delight



Caroling style music filled Pembina Place as "Jeannie and Friends" encouraged the crowd to join in on a sing-along.



Octavia & Atrius get their turn to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clause.



Santa explains how long it takes to get back to the North Pole.

By Brandie Majeau

The Town of Redwater held its annual Kris Kringle Mingle over the first weekend of December. As usual, the army of volunteers pulled out all the stops to ensure Pembina Place was decorated to its

fullest capacity and everything was in order to unroll the opening Friday night of fun. As volunteers waited poised for 5 pm, it was excitedly announced that a line-up had begun to form outside the locked doors. The doors opened, and guests received Town

of Redwater reusable tote bags, curious as to why the swag until crafts and creations and cookies piled in arms as families made their way around to the overwhelming amount of activities available to participate in.

It was well-orchestrated

chaos as a pretty-in-pink elf played games with little ones as they waited for a moment with Santa. Crowds cheered in excitement as all skill levels signed up to play in the turkey-curling tournament

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Celebrating s'more good times

By Brandie Majeau

The morning unfolded with a cool, muted light; the sky draped in a blanket of grey. After a night of freezing rain that had later yielded a gentle dusting of snow, Smore'sland faced an uncertain day. Temperatures were unusually warm, hindering solid ice formation on the outdoor rink, which postponed the much-anticipated grand opening of the outdoor skating season to an uncertain future. Several tables were empty, as a handful of vendors deemed the roads too treacherous for travel. The morning began quietly with a handful of guests trickling in to view the Christmas market goods, grab a coffee, and maybe a sandwich.

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O Christmas Tree!

By Brandie Majeau

The Town of Redwater proudly celebrated its annual Festival of Trees alongside its Kris Kringle Mingle event. This festive occasion has become a cherished tradition in the community, bringing together local businesses, organizations, and groups in a spirited competition that showcases their creativity and individuality through beautifully decorated Christmas trees.

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A feast for the senses

By Brandie Majeau

The North Corridor Co-op embraced the spirit of the holiday season with a delightful celebration centered around the joy of food. On the evening of December 6, the Co-op Thorhild Food Store transformed into a festive center of indulgence and savory delight. Customers were treated to various lively in-store food demonstrations for holiday entertaining that sparked creativity and inspiration.

The store became a veritable feast for the senses, with a beautifully arranged display of delectable samples that enticed all who entered. One stand-out selection was the hot spinach dip, which left taste buds raving with its rich

flavor and mouthwatering layers of melted cheese—and as it was noted, it was “So good!” It was a night where indulging in a few extra calories felt perfectly justifiable in the name of holiday cheer.

Amidst the merriment, guests were rewarded with chances to win exciting door prizes and Co-op gift cards. However, the heart of the event was the Co-op’s dedication to giving back. Attendees were encouraged to contribute toys, cash, or non-perishable food items for those in need during the holiday season. Additionally, customers could purchase ready-to-go Hunger Bags, which were pre-filled for the local food hamper

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Photo courtesy of North Corridor Co-op Thorhild Food Store

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GORGEOUS 70 ACRES

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NEWBROOK FARM

Enjoy privacy on this 160 acres at the end of a dead end road just a few minutes south of Newbrook. This cute 896 sq ft 2 bedroom 1 bathroom home was built in 1983 with 2"x6" walls and has been well kept. Upgrades over the years include flooring, kitchen cabinets, windows, ss appliances (stove and dishwasher new this year) shingles and bathroom renovations. Open living/kitchen concept, bay window and garden doors to a large covered deck add to this great home. There is a 32'x24' detached garage with addition on the back for more storage. Beautiful setting amongst large mature trees. The pasture land is all fenced and has dugouts for water and has been rented out for cattle pasture the last few years. Perfect property for someone wanting a little privacy with lots of land for hunting or farming. Just about an hour to Edmonton. **\$459,900.** Call Heather to view.



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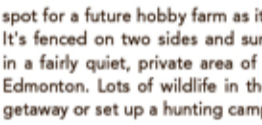
2.78 acres of treed land on pavement 30 minutes north of Edmonton, in a beautiful setting close to Lily Lake. The property has two outbuildings - a 87'x24 ft pole shed and a 30'x12.5 ft storage shed. Close to power and gas, with the trees offering privacy from the road, this land is great for a new home or private storage. Easy access to Bon Accord and Gibbons for shopping and schools. **\$129,900.** Call Glenn for more info.

NEW LISTING




10 ACRES IN THORHILD COUNTY

This newly subdivided lot has all kinds of potential. It is on the SE corner of Range Road 225 and Township 614 and is only 2 miles south of paved highway 661. Great spot for a future hobby farm as it is currently mostly open pasture land. It's fenced on two sides and survey stakes mark the corners. Located in a fairly quiet, private area of Thorhild County, less than an hour to Edmonton. Lots of wildlife in the area. Great building spot, weekend getaway or set up a hunting camp. **\$129,900** Call Heather to view.



79.5 ACRES OF LAND IN THORHILD COUNTY

Hay and bush land about 50 min north of Edmonton boundaries. About 50 acres has been in hay since 2008. Was previously grain land. It was aerated last fall and fertilized this spring. The 30 remaining acres is mature bush (some of it was logged about 5 or 6 years ago and is growing back nicely. Nice building sites with power along the north side and part of the west side. Mostly high rolling land with very little low land. Lots of moose and deer in the area. County bylaws should allow this land to be subdivided once more. Long term renter would be willing to keep renting the land. **\$205,000. Plus gst.** Call Heather for more info.



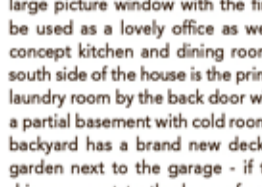
3 BEDROOM HOME IN PIBROCH

Great starter or retirement home or rent it out. Has been rented in the past few years for \$950 per month plus utilities. Upgrades over the past years include metal roof, windows, and furnace. In the past 3 years the hot water tank has been replaced, bathroom renovated and new vinyl plank flooring was installed. Main floor features a large back entrance with laundry, good sized kitchen with plenty of wood cabinets, 4 pce bathroom, furnace room and huge living room. Upper floor has 3 bedrooms. Sits on a large 150x50' corner lot with plenty of room to add a garden or garage. Backs onto a park with basketball court, ball diamond, fire pit area and kids playground. Pibroch has city water and community sewer and an active community hall. It's only minutes away from Westlock with all the amenities you will need including a hospital and indoor swimming pool. **\$82,400.** Call Heather to view.



2 BEDROOMS IN LEGAL WITH OVERSIZED DOUBLE GARAGE

This cheery two bedroom comes with a NEW DECK, large backyard and a double detached 24'x38' garage. Pass the low maintenance front yard to enter into the living room with a large picture window with the first bedroom off the living room - could be used as a lovely office as well. Through the living room is an open concept kitchen and dining room with a double sink and pantry. In the south side of the house is the primary bedroom, four piece bathroom, and laundry room by the back door with room for a deep freeze. Downstairs is a partial basement with cold room and crawlspace for utilities. The fenced backyard has a brand new deck, access to the garage, and a sizeable garden next to the garage - if that's not enough space, there's also a driveway next to the house for RV parking! Within walking distance of parks and shops, and with easy highway access to head into Morinville or Edmonton; this home is perfect for a couple just starting out or looking to downsize. **\$239,900.** Call Glenn to view.



STUNNING 10.72 ACRES NEAR WASKATENAU

A gardeners delight with mature trees, flower beds, gazebo and garden area. Older home was added onto in 1996 and remodelled and features a mixture of old country charm and modern conveniences in this 1485 sq ft home. Some original doors and light fixtures, lots of modern white kitchen cabinets with granite countertops, gas fireplace, both main floor and bsmt laundry facilities, large back entrance and covered deck. Main floor has 2 bedrooms, 4 pce bath and large kitchen, dining room and living room. Bsmt has new flooring throughout the family room, bath (with corner jacuzzi tub) cold room and den. 32'x28' heated double garage was built in 2021 and is completely finished inside. Even has roughed in wiring for future electric car charger. 56'x20' metal clad cold storage shed and small barn. Completely fenced with new 5 strand barb wire fencing. Great opportunity for horses or hobby farm. About an hour from NE Edmonton, near Waskatenau. **\$550,000.** Call Heather to view.



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 programs, ensuring that their generosity had a direct impact on the community.

The North Corridor Co-op also introduced its Tree of Support, an inspiring feature where individuals could donate any amount to contribute and place beautiful decorations on the tree. All proceeds were directed towards the

local FCSS and Angels in Motion support groups, which play a crucial role in assisting individuals who may require a little helping hand as the holidays approach.

The evening offered a warm and festive alternative to the usual rushed and somber trip to the grocery store, with customers playfully chiding friends who couldn't make it to savor the

sumptuous array of dishes. The staff members beamed with joy and enthusiasm, their infectious energy transforming the night into an unforgettable celebration. The warm sense of togetherness and shared enjoyment enveloped everyone who took the time to stop by, making the event one of the simple pleasures of the holiday season.



Photos courtesy of North Corridor Co-op Thorhild Food Store

Redwater School News



Rick's OILFIELD HAULING

The graduating class at Redwater School has successfully completed their first fundraiser. The poinsettia sale was a resounding success, thanks to their hard work.



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.

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.

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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 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 T0A 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

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LIMITED INVITATION TO TENDER Lease of Municipally-Owned Properties

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY extends a Limited Invitation to Tender for lease of the following Municipally-Owned Properties in accordance with Policy Statement No. 13-01

Tender #	Legal Description of Property	
1	SW 8-62-13-W4 (South shore of Whitefish Lake)	+/- 153.50 acres
2	SE 8-62-13-W4 (South shore of Whitefish Lake)	+/- 125.10 acres

Sealed bids for the leasing of Municipally-Owned Properties must be submitted to:

Smoky Lake County
ATTN: Planning and Development Department
P.O. Box 310
4612 McDougall Drive
Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0

Bids must be received on or before Friday, January 31, 2025 at 4:00 Mountain Time.

Bids are to be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Surface Lease Tender" with the Tender # clearly indicated on the outside of the envelope.

The successful bidder shall enter into a Surface Lease Agreement with the County. Please note, that Policy No. 13-01 restricts the lease of municipally-owned properties for agricultural use only.

Questions? Please contact Jordan Ruegg, Planning and Development Manager at 780-650-5207 or jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca.



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for a chance to take home a turkey (not one that had been hurled down the ice). Grandparents beamed as they watched their grandchildren take in the magic of the season. Faces were transformed into magical Christmas creatures at the face-painting booth. The air was alive. The senses were captivated with sights and sounds, aromas of popcorn and sweets and foods.

Between the stations offering treats, hot chocolate, card and ornament making, photo booth opportunities, and more, the lines moved at a leisurely pace. However, the moments of waiting didn't feel so long when conversations began to flow between strangers or when a child excitedly showed the person behind them what they had just made.

The air hummed with excited chatter as volunteers of all ages came together to orchestrate the Town of Redwater's enchanting Kris Kringle Mingle. The event flowed effortlessly, reminiscent of Santa's expertly maneuvered sleigh gliding through the night sky. Every detail was attended to, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere that enveloped the town. The Town of Redwater extends heartfelt gratitude to all residents, community groups, businesses, and dedicated volunteers who contributed to this festive celebration. A special acknowledgment goes out to the incredible sponsors and partners whose generosity and support bring the Kris Kringle Mingle and similar beloved events to life, making cherished memories possible for everyone involved.



The turkey curling event was a fan favourite as participants competed to win 1 of 6 turkeys.

Holiday Publishing
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5124 49 ST WASKATENUAU



\$74,900

Charming starter home or investment property! This cozy home features two smaller bedrooms that could easily be combined into one spacious room or repurposed as a large walk-in closet. Situated on a generous 72' x 125' lot, there's plenty of space to build a garage, while the property already includes a durable metal storage shed. Recent updates include newer shingles, a sidewalk, and a patio.

19408 TWP RD 622 THORHILD COUNTY



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5217 44 AVE SMOKY LAKE



\$239,900

Spacious 1,480 sq. ft. bungalow featuring two bedrooms on the main floor (with the option to convert the main-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.

5020 59ST REDWATER



\$247,000

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!

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.

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!

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December 8 seemed destined for disappointment. But as the time slipped by, more and more people emerged to fill Egremont Hall with its usual warmth and welcome. The roads, now damp instead of icy, beckoned people to venture out—the hall filled with conversation and laughter. A table overfilled with people, barely able to squeeze another chair into the circle. While the skates had to be left at home this Smore'sland, it was still everything that Egremont Community Club set out to make it. The volunteers bustled between the kitchen and main hall, filling cups of hot chocolate and cider.

The hotdogs snapped with each delicious bite.

Santa arrived, followed by the Grinch and Buddy the Elf, greeting a chorus of squealing and giggling children as they ran through the hall, hiding behind market tables, sneaking an extra candy cane, and embracing a different kind of fun that comes with having to adapt and accept the uncertain Alberta winters. Santa, jolly as always, took time to answer the "big" questions little ones have about how long it takes to travel by sleigh and what his reindeer eat. He listened patiently to Christmas wishes and bid a hearty farewell before heading to his next stop.

The day unfolded in a way slightly different from the original plan, yet Egremont Smore'sland never failed to enchant. As usual, smore kits were distributed, their bright red boxes were placed in eager hands. Crackling bonfires glowed brightly, lending an inviting warmth that wrapped around everyone like a cozy blanket. The air was thick with the sweet scent of toasted marshmallows mingling with laughter that echoed within and around Egremont Hall. Joy bubbled up like the sparks dancing upward from the fires, creating an afternoon laid out in a perfect mix of happiness and togetherness.



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Thorhild Agriplex celebrates grand re-opening



Emma, Kate, and Cohen do some craft activities at Thorhild Light-Up

By Brandie Majeau

The Thorhild & District Agricultural Society has ample reason to celebrate this year beyond the holiday season. After a whirlwind of activities, they proudly included the Grand Re-Opening Ceremony in their annual Light Up! event. On the evening of November 30, the Thorhild Waste Management of Canada Agriplex was abuzz with excitement as community members gathered to partake in cherished traditional Thorhild Light Up activities. Attendees enjoyed complimentary hot-dogs and steaming cups of hot chocolate, while children delighted in a variety of free craft kits, showcasing their creativity. The venue also hosted a public skating session, and in a heartwarming touch, families had the opportunity to meet Santa Claus himself. The jolly figure distributed a remarkable eighty goodie bags, contributing to what Ag Society board members estimated to be one of their largest turnouts, with around 240 people flowing

through the doors. Adding to the festive atmosphere, Thorhild County Emergency Services made a special appearance with a portable s'more station, providing warmth and delicious treats for all to enjoy. The evening culminated in a dazzling fireworks display, generously sponsored by North Corridor Co-op.

The celebration took on an additional layer of significance with the unveiling of improvements made to the facility. The renovations encompassed a comprehensive upgrade of the lobby, bathrooms, and kitchen, transforming these spaces to better serve the community. Enhancements in the kitchen included a

new stove, cooler, flooring, fresh paint, countertops, ceiling tiles, cabinets, and prep tables, along with energy-efficient LED lighting that illuminated the kitchen, lobby, dressing rooms, and restrooms.

The bathrooms saw new countertops, flooring, paint, and mirrors, and the addition of updated puckboards and penalty box barriers. Entrance mats were installed for added comfort, while a new hot water tank and arena brine pump were also introduced.

A significant contribution came from Glen Van Dijken on behalf of the Alberta Government, who awarded the Thorhild Agricultural Society a substantial grant of \$100,000 through the Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Renewal Program.

Additionally, Fortis Alberta generously donated \$7,500 for the LED lighting upgrades, and the FCC Agrispirit Fund provided another \$15,000 towards the installation of new doors set to be completed in the spring. Pembina also contributed \$2,500 toward the upgrade of the



Sky and Alexandra take a moment to pose with Santa.



Kolsen shares his excitement as Santa hands him a goodie bag!



Glenn Van Dijken presents Thorhild Ag Society with \$100 000 grant.

hot water system. Local businesses played a pivotal role in realizing these enhancements, with companies such as Hiemstra Heating & Sheet Metal, Connect Energy, Beaver River Painting, and Sheldon Floor & Tile stepping in to complete the

necessary work. The Thorhild & District Agricultural Society extends heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the ongoing maintenance and evolution of this beloved building, which has served as a cornerstone of community life for the past 50 years. It

has fostered youth recreational programs throughout the seasons, forged bonds among residents, and facilitated the creation of cherished memories. A special thanks goes to Shell Canada for their sponsorship of this year's annual Light Up celebration.

Mitch from FortisAlberta presents \$7500 to the Thorhild Ag Society towards LED lighting upgrades.



H.A. Kostash School News



Kindergarten students at H.A. Kostash School had a delightful experience crafting delicious Christmas treats alongside the Senior High Foods Class. The festive activity was a wonderful opportunity for the younger and older students to connect, learn, and share the joy of the holiday season.



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Ochre Park School



Students at Ochre Park School embraced the festive spirit with ugly sweaters and holiday cheer during the Student of the Month assembly.



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Light it up!

By Brandie Majeau

Redwater's Festival of Lights has woven a magical tapestry of brightness into the dark winter nights of recent weeks, as neighbors and residents of the town banded together to create a spectacle of festive cheer. With enthusiasm and creativity, they transformed their homes and yards into enchanting displays adorned with glowing Christmas lights. From intricate designs to whimsical inflatables,

each installation not only showcased the spirit of the season but also sparked a light-hearted competition to determine who could claim the title of the best holiday display. It's a scene that would thrill even The Griswolds, as every light and ornament was meticulously arranged to dazzle anyone lucky enough to stroll or drive by.

The streets of Redwater shimmered with a myriad of colors—reds, greens, blues, and

golds—creating scenes that completely transform front yards and buildings. The artistry present in the decorations was nothing short of breathtaking; some homes featured swirling patterns of lights, while others embraced traditional motifs, such as glowing reindeer and charming Santa figures. It was evident that countless hours were invested in planning and executing each unique vision, transforming the town into a radiant

tribute to the holiday season.

A warm congratulations is extended to all participants, celebrating not only the winners but also the community spirit that made this event a success. The top contenders were rewarded for their hard work with prizes that include \$50 gift cards to Home Hardware, while the fifth-place winner was treated to a stunning gift basket crafted by local artist Andrea the Painter.

This year's winners are as follows: taking the coveted first place was The Millers, whose display captivated everyone with its brilliance. In second place, Mel and Debbie Sautner impressed with their creative arrangement, followed closely by the delightful decorations at Donna Y Residence in third place. Fourth place was awarded to the charming display at Chrissy M Residence, and rounding out the top five was the Lawson Residence.

While the

excitement of voting and judging has wrapped up, the festive lights continue to shine brightly across the town, inviting everyone to take a leisurely drive through Redwater. Each turn offers a new opportunity to appreciate the

artistic flair and hard work that went into every display. And for those who love a little extra holiday spirit, be sure to spot the home that counts down the days until Christmas, adding an extra touch of anticipation to this joyous season!



THORHILD COUNTY MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2025



The next municipal general election will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025.

In Thorhild County, there are five division Councillor positions open to eligible candidates. Nominations for the general election are open January 2 to September 22, 2025.

Information pertaining to the 2025 Municipal Election is available at www.alberta.ca/municipal-elections.

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.

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

SHELTERBELT TREE SEEDLING SALE

Orders open January 6, 2025!

There are limited numbers of each species, and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Distribution day is slated for mid-May.

To access the order form and description of species, visit www.thorhildcounty.com/Services/Agricultural-Services/Shelterbelt-Tree-Seedlings-Sale.

Please call 780-398-3977 or 780-398-3977 Ex. 3974 for more information.



KRIS KRINGLE HOLIDAY MINGLE

The Town of Redwater would like to thank the residents, community groups, businesses, and volunteers who came together to be a part of this year's Kris Kringle Holiday Mingle. Your involvement made this community event a spectacular seasonal celebration!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR AMAZING SPONSORS AND PARTNERS!



Check out the Town of Redwater Facebook page for detailed posts of Kris Kringle sponsorship and partnership involvements!

FESTIVAL OF TREES PARTICIPANTS (* Denotes winners)

*Lions Club of Redwater, *Ochre Park School Students, *SCES Station 7, *Redwater Crafting Group, Redwater Public Library, Redwater Home Hardware, Wild Rose Mama's - Red Hat Society, Redwater & District Agricultural Society, Redwater & District Museum, Redwater Citizens on Patrol, Redwater Hospital Auxiliary, Town of Redwater Community Services, CIBC, Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society, Tim Hortons, Town of Redwater Arena Operators, MDC Arts Association, Jade'Spa, and Jeannie and Friends Music Group.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS WINNERS

The Millers, Mel and Debbie Sautner, Donna Y Residence, Chrissy M Residence, and the Lawson Residence. Thank you to EVERYONE who brings light and joy to the Town with your seasonal decorations!

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

January 2025

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Town Office
780-942-3519

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Winter Programs



For details on the following and other programs at Pembina Place, 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 at Pembina Place: Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm; Wednesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm; and Thursdays, 6:00-8:00pm. January 20 to April 3. \$40 season pass or \$5 per session.

Indoor Walking: Monday to Friday, 8:30am-12:00pm at Pembina Place. January 2 to April 11. \$20 season pass or drop-in fee.

Recreational Skating for Kids, Level 1: Wednesdays, 5:15-5:45pm. January 8 to February 12 for 3-6 year olds. \$40. Register by January 3.

Redwater Crafting Group: Mondays and Saturdays, 1:00-3:00pm starting January 6. Free! Beginners can use our supplies, or bring your own project.


Fitness Classes: Watch our website and Facebook page for announcements on Chair Fitness and Lunch Crunch classes for 2025.

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: 



Health & Wellness for the New Year!

Elevate your well-being and invest in your health in 2025! The Town of Redwater has partnered with the Sherwood Park-Strathcona County Primary Care Network (PCN) to deliver FREE workshops at Pembina Place (4944-53 Street) to help you invest in your health. Workshops run from 10:00am-12:00pm and are open to Redwater and area residents.


Thursday, January 9 - Healthy Eating for 1-2 People
Discover the art and science in crafting nutritious and simple meals perfectly suited for one or two servings. 










Thursday, January 30 - Diabetes, The Fundamentals
Learn the basics about diabetes, how it may be treated, and the potential problems diabetes can cause if left unchecked. You will be provided strategies for managing blood sugar level through choices and changes in diet and lifestyle.

Thursday, February 20 - Mental Wellness
Learn the basics of mental wellness. Discover strategies for improving mood and managing your mental health longer term.

Thursday, March 13 - The Mediterranean Way of Eating
Delve into the heart of this way of eating and the scientific principles that underpin its remarkable health benefits. Whether you are seeking to improve your health, expand your food choices, or simply indulge in the pleasures of good food, this class will be an inspiring experience!

Register online at <https://townofredwater.perfectmind.com> or in person at the Community Services Office (2nd floor at Pembina Place) during regular office hours.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
Caregivers' Coffee Are you a caregiving looking for support? Visit the Town of Redwater website for more details.  For more info: 780-942-4101 Lspicer@redwater.ca	Winter Wear Depot If you are in need of free warm winter wear, call the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101 or stop by the second floor at Pembina Place during office hours to browse and pick up items. 	Town Offices closed 1  Happy New Year!	2 	3  Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am)	4 5 Pioneer Club - Pancake Breakfast (9:00-10:00am)
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Phone 780-942-6615 to book an appointment.
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Each year, participants go all out to express their unique styles and holiday themes, with the aim of spreading joy and embodying the true essence of the holiday spirit.

As always, this year's contest offered not only the exhilaration of competition but also, the opportunity for a charitable cause. The winners would earn bragging rights along with a \$50 donation made in their name to the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank, emphasizing the importance of giving back to the community during this special season. Each tree adorned with lights, ornaments, and personal touches told a captivating story of the people and groups behind it.

After much anticipation, the results have finally been announced: first place was awarded to the Lions Club of Redwater, recognized for their exceptional and heartwarming display, representing what it means to be a Lion. The second-place honor went to Sturgeon County Emergency Services, whose creativity shone as brightly as holiday lights, incorporating emergency services tools along with personalized photos of the team. Following closely, the third-place prize was claimed by Ochre Park School, while the fourth place was awarded to the Redwater Crafting Group, who's imaginative decorations captured the spirit of the season.

The Town of Redwater extends heartfelt thanks to all the winners and participants for contributing their time and effort to make this year's Festival of Trees an enchanting experience for everyone. Their dedication and creativity turned the event into a magical celebration, leaving lasting memories for all who attended. For those interested in reliving the festive moments, a large selection of photos from the Festival of Trees is available on the Town of Redwater's social media pages.

Village of Waskatenau Christmas Light-Up 2024
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Shaggies Hair Salon	Smoky Lake Old Fashion Bakery
ATB Financial – Waskatenau	Donald Gorenjuk – Fireworks
Holy Family School	Lonnie Andruchow
Waskatenau School Youth Foundation	Merv Bielish & Pat Scully
Waskatenau School Council	Waskatenau Lodge #154 - donation

Thank you to all the Volunteers
We apologize if we have missed anyone

PUBLIC NOTICE
VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

Take notice that the following Development Permit has been issued under Land Use Bylaw #686-2021 of the Village of Waskatenau:

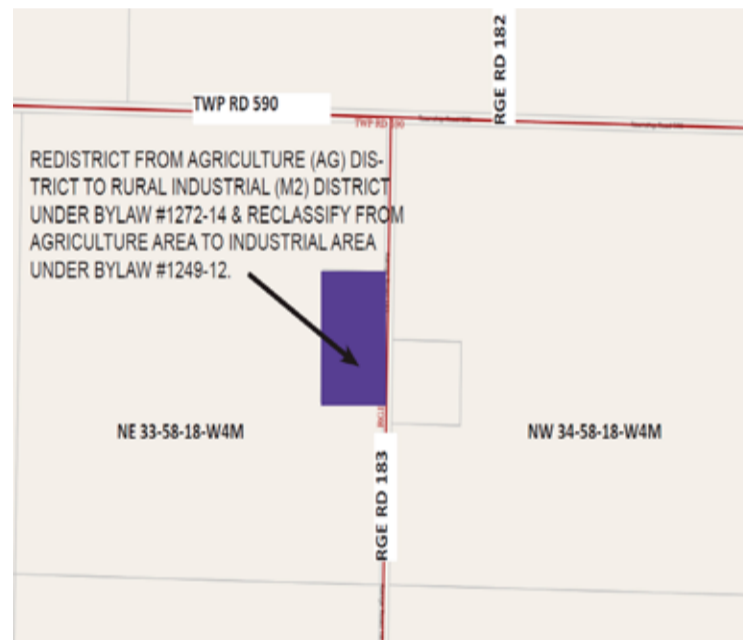
Proposed 20' Sea Can	Legal Description S ½ of Lot 1, Block 9, Plan 3346 ET	Street Address 5127 – 47 Street, Waskatenau, Alberta
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Any person claiming to be affected by the said development may appeal to the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB) by serving written Notice of Appeal to the ISDAB Clerk of the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at Box 310, Smoky Lake, Alberta TOA 3C0 within fourteen (14) days.

Dated: December 9, 2024

Bernice Macyk
Development Authority, Village of Waskatenau
Box 99, Waskatenau, Alberta, TOA 3P0, Phone (780) 358-2208

Smoky Lake County
NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING
on Proposed Bylaw 1467-24



TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with sections 216.4, 606 & 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Council of Smoky Lake County is giving consideration of Bylaw 1467-24:

- To redistrict the lands legally described as Plan 9121735, Lot A, from Agriculture (AG) District to Rural Industrial (M2) District, under the County's Land Use Bylaw #1272-14; &
- To reclassify the lands legally described as Plan 9121735, Lot A, from Agriculture Area to Industrial Area, under the County's Municipal Development Plan Bylaw #1249-12.

A Statutory Public Hearing will be held in relation to Bylaw 1467-24, both in-person and via videoconference on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) at: Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, AB TOA 3C0 or online: <https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/121269341> Meeting ID: 121269341 or via phone: 1-844-511-2074

In-person Speakers:

If you intend on participating in person, you are encouraged to pre-register for the Public Hearing by contacting Legislative Services at 780-656-3730.

Speakers participating through Telus Business Connect videoconference:

If you wish to speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you are asked to register 24 hours prior to the opening of the Public Hearing by contacting Legislative Services at 780-656-3730. This is to ensure that virtual participants receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Requirements for all Speakers:

All speakers will be given a 5-minute time limit and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission in advance of the Public Hearing.

Written Submissions:

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a written submission to Legislative Services by email at patti.priest@smokylakecounty.ab.ca.

Persons wishing to view the Bylaw and/or the Public Hearing are invited to attend in person or view the Meeting at the County website at <http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca> or view the Bylaw <https://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/notices>

Questions? Contact:

Jordan Ruegg Planning & Development Manager, Smoky Lake County at 780-650-5207 / jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

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Correction:

In the December 11, 2024 issue, the article entitled "Give the gift of winter flowers" featured the incorrect name of the business. The article referred to The Floral Barn in Smoky Lake, however their correct business name is The Floral Farm.

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January 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/Notices

<i>New Years Day</i>	<i>Jan 1</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Jan 7	2:00 PM
Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee	Jan 13	9:00 AM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Jan 14	9:00 AM
Agricultural Services Board	Jan 15	9:00 AM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Jan 21	2:00 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Jan 28	9:00 AM

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- County of Smoky Lake reporting that their scale shack at the gravel pit was broken into, investigation on going
- Hamlet of Spedden - unknown suspects drained fuel from a vehicle's fuel tank
- Reports of a Break and Enter at a lot in Hamore Lake
- FRAUD REMINDER- Be careful when purchasing good and services on FACEBOOK
- On December 5 at 9:15 am Single vehicle collision at Highway 28 near Vilna
- Reports of a suspicious vehicle in a yard, suspect vehicle rammed homeowner vehicle, investigation on going (possible suspect ID)
- Break and Enter to a property in the Village of Vilna, nothing taken only damage to property
- Local business reporting an intoxicated male who became angry after he was cut off of being served drinks. Member attended.
- RCMP responded to collisions on the highway

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