



Thorhild Minor Hockey rings in the new year



The entire Thorhild Minor Hockey team is grateful for all its volunteer support but extends a special thanks to Candace Shaw, Kayla Torguson and Krystal Croswell for all their hard work and dedication. They put a tremendous amount of work into the planning and executing of the New Year's Event, preceding and including the New Year's Eve celebration. **Photos courtesy of Thorhild Minor Hockey**

By Brandie Majeau

Thorhild Minor Hockey ushered in the new year with a fun-filled evening. For the first time, they hosted a New Year's Eve celebration, drawing in approximately 350 guests eager to partake in the festivities. The evening unfolded with a delightful blend of a sumptuous dinner and

lively dance party, made possible by the incredible generosity of local sponsors who helped to significantly lower ticket prices, allowing an affordable evening for all families.

As guests arrived, the tantalizing aroma of skillfully prepared dishes wafted through the air, courtesy of Zina's Catering, who provided a mouthwatering

feast to kick off the night. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement, and a variety of raffles and silent auction items tempted guests to engage in supporting Thorhild Minor Hockey with a chance to win.

Boomtown DJ Service took over the dance floor,

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Town of Redwater announces the Re-Imagine Redwater Grant Program

By Brandie Majeau

The Town of Redwater is excited to announce the launch of the Re-Imagine Redwater Grant Program, designed to provide financial incentives to storefront business owners who hold a valid business license within the community. This initiative aims to enhance the visual appeal and overall safety of the town through targeted beautification efforts.

The Re-Imagine Redwater Grant Program offers an exciting opportunity for eligible businesses to enhance their properties with financial support.

Through this program, businesses can apply for a grant that matches 50% of their project costs, for projects up to \$5,000. This funding is specifically aimed at supporting a wide range of exterior improvements, which may include beautifying storefronts, integrating upgraded accessibility features, and implementing safety enhancements that adhere to the program's established guidelines.

Business owners are strongly encouraged to seize this chance to refresh their storefronts, thereby

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Re-Imagine Redwater Grant Program Guideline

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Trudeau resigned, now what?

By Brandie Majeau

On Monday, January 6, 2025, a significant shift in Canadian politics was announced as the news broke regarding Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's imminent resignation. This development evoked a complex spectrum of emotions among the Canadian population, ranging from jubilation among his critics to profound disappointment among his supporters. The landscape of Canadian politics is now poised for transformation, prompting a critical examination of what

this resignation truly signifies for the country.

For those who have long opposed Trudeau and the Liberal government, this announcement may feel like a hard-fought victory. However, the anticipated fallout and changes resulting from his departure are unlikely to materialize overnight, leaving many to wonder what the immediate future holds for the Liberal Party and the country as a whole. In light of Trudeau's resignation, the Liberal Party faces the urgent task of appointing an interim leader

to assume the role of Prime Minister, a process that typically can extend over several months. This timeline is particularly pressing given the looming electoral deadline: Canada is required to hold a federal election by October 20, 2025. The political landscape is further complicated by the timing of this resignation, as it coincides with the impending inauguration of Donald Trump as President of the United States. Trump's history of contentious policies could pose significant challenges for

Canada, particularly since he has threatened to impose sweeping tariffs on Canadian goods from his very first day in office. This looming concern adds to the urgency for the Liberals to stabilize their leadership.

Another factor to consider is the potential for a snap election. Should the Canadian parliament advance a no-confidence motion aimed at dissolving Trudeau's government, a federal election might

be called sooner than the scheduled date in October. Recognizing this precarious situation, Trudeau recently addressed the media, revealing that he had met with Canada's Governor General, Mary Simon. During this meeting, he requested the prorogation of parliament until March 24, effectively ending the current parliamentary session. This move is strategic, as it buys time for his party to identify and position a new leader while simultaneously mitigating the immediate threat of a no-confidence vote.

As Canadians find themselves in this pivotal moment, it is clear that the country is in a state of anticipation and uncertainty. Regardless of individual political affiliations, this juncture represents a collective pause for Canada, as everyone awaits the unfolding of the next chapter in Canadian politics. The forthcoming leadership transition and potential election will ultimately determine the future direction of the country, and time will be the ultimate storyteller in this political saga.

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Grade 4 students at Thorhild Central School recently embraced collaborative learning in both math and language arts. In math, they explored the concepts of sets and sharing by counting and dividing various items, providing an engaging introduction to their division unit. Meanwhile, in language arts, students played an interactive word game called "Jingo" to review action words (verbs). They listened to clues, identified the matching verb, and marked it on their Jingo cards, turning learning into a fun and educational experience. These hands-on activities encouraged teamwork, critical thinking, and active participation, making the classroom an exciting place to learn.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 All members and members of the public are advised that an AGM of the **Smoky Lake Drop In Centre** will take place on **Sunday February 09, 2025 - 1:00 pm.** at the **Smoky Lake Senior's Drop In Centre** 124 White Earth Street, Smoky Lake, AB.
 For more info; phone Vern: 780-656-5900.

Continued from page 1 spinning infectious tunes that had both kids and adults alike dancing with abandon throughout the night. The celebration was made extra special with two balloon drops, allowing the younger attendees to kick off their New Year's festivities early at 10 PM; the night never lost momentum as the actual midnight celebration culminated with the second drop.

From the moment the music began until the last song signaled the close of the evening, the dance

floor overflowed with swirling energy. It was a night filled with smiles, laughter, and revelry, such an event setting the bar high as Thorhild Minor Hockey welcomed the new year.

As the celebration drew close, the atmosphere buzzed with an overwhelming sense of joy and appreciation. Guests shared their thoughts, expressing how much they cherished the chance to take a well-deserved break after the whirlwind of the holiday season. With winter often feeling quiet and uneventful, this

gathering provided a much-needed opportunity to get out of the house and connect.

The New Year's Eve dinner and dance brought attendees from every corner of the county and beyond. The satisfied murmurs echoed through the hall. Plans are already underway for this event to blossom into an annual tradition, with hopes that it will continue to grow and evolve, bringing even more people together in the years to come.

Thorhild Minor Hockey thanks every family and every volunteer for pulling

together to make the evening what it was and the following sponsors for making it all possible and affordable: Bayer Crop Sciences, Moose Wood

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3-bedroom bungalow situated on a large, fully fenced lot, complete with a double detached garage. Over the past five years, this home has seen numerous updates, including new shingles on the house, a high-efficiency furnace, a hot water tank, new carpet upstairs, and updated flooring in the basement. The main floor offers a well-designed kitchen with stainless steel appliances, a cozy living room, and a dining area. Down the hallway, you'll find a spacious storage closet, a 4-piece main bathroom, a primary bedroom with a 3-piece ensuite, and two additional bedrooms. The basement is mostly finished, featuring new flooring in the family room and den. The bathroom is functional with a toilet and sink, with space ready for a shower installation. There's flexibility to customize the utility/laundry room and add another bedroom if needed.

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!

5903 53 AVE REDWATER



\$244,900

With a little renovation and effort, this property has the potential to become a wonderful family home! Situated on a large, fenced yard that backs onto a park, it offers plenty of outdoor space and includes a double detached garage. The main floor features 3 bedrooms, a cozy living room, a kitchen, and a 4-piece bathroom. The basement is partially finished and comes with all the flooring materials already purchased and ready for installation by the new owners. A great opportunity to add your personal touch and make this home your own!

5026 50 AVE WARSPITE



IMPROVED PRICE \$89,900

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.

5217 44 AVE SMOKY LAKE



IMPROVED PRICE \$229,900

Spacious 1500 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 19 years and could use some TLC, it offers incredible potential and unique features for the right buyer.

#4 4908 43 ST LEGAL



\$214,900

Discover this charming 2-bedroom end-unit townhouse in Legal, perfectly situated near a park. Ideal for those seeking low-maintenance living, as exterior upkeep and snow removal are included in the affordable monthly condo fee. The main floor offers a functional layout, starting with a front bedroom that can double as an office. The kitchen overlooks the cozy living room, which opens onto a private balcony, perfect for relaxing or entertaining. Additional features include main-floor laundry, a spacious primary bedroom, and a 4-piece bathroom. The home also includes a single attached garage and a partial basement, providing ample storage space. Recent updates, including new flooring and appliances, add to the appeal of this move-in-ready home.

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Notice of Public Hearing: PD-02-2024 Municipal Development Plan (MDP)



Public Hearing

Bylaw PD-02-2024

Monday, January 20, 2025 | 18:00 | Council Chambers 4924 47 St.
Any member of the public may attend

What is Bylaw PD-02-2024?

The MDP is a high-level, policy document that guides the long-term vision for how the town will grow and develop. The MDP provides a broad framework that guides decisions on land use, infrastructure, housing, economic development, and environmental sustainability. The new plan is built on seven guiding principles: A Prosperous and Efficient Town; An Affordable and Livable Town; A Distinct and Vibrant Town; A Healthy and Safe Town, A Resilient Town; A Collaborative Town and; An Organized and Effective Town.

What does this mean?

If adopted, the new MDP will set a clear vision and framework for Redwater's future. Guided by principles like prosperity, livability, safety, and resilience, it will shape decisions on land use, housing, economic growth, and infrastructure. This plan will ensure sustainable growth while preserving Redwater's unique identity and supporting a vibrant, collaborative community.

How can I get more information

Any member of the public may review the proposed bylaw and ask questions. A copy of the proposed bylaw is available at redwater.ca or you can visit the Town Office during office hours where staff can explain what is proposed, how it might impact you, and how the Public Hearing process works.

Can I provide comments?

Members of the public are welcome to provide comments on the proposed bylaw. You can participate by:

- Registering in advance to speak, either in person or virtually (advance registration is not required but is encouraged to assist with meeting organization)
- Submitting written comments in advance
- Speaking at the meeting, either in person or virtually

To register or submit written comments in advance, call 780.942.3519 ext. 250 or email redwater@redwater.ca. For inclusion in the published agenda, written comments must be received by 10:00 a.m. on the Friday before the meeting. Each presenter will be allotted up to 10 minutes to speak. Please note that the names of persons providing comments will become part of the public record.

Register in Advance or provide comments at the Public Hearing:

Questions? Call Us: 780.942.3519 ext. 250

Advance Registration: register by 10 am on Jan. 17, 2025

Written submissions, visuals: submit by 10 am on Jan 17, 2025

By Email: comments or questions: redwater@redwater.ca

A look at a new year



The sun sets on the winter solstice, December 21, 2024. Historically, a symbol of the beginning of a New Year.

By Brandie Majeau

Is there ever a pause, a reflection between December 25 and December 31, where there is a contemplation of why the New Year in most countries begins on January 1? Historically, this was not always the date. The new year was marked by the winter solstice, December 25, the spring equinox...so what happened?

King Numa Pompilius of Rome is partly responsible. He reformed the Roman calendar around 715-673 BCE, changing January to be the first month instead of March. January is named after Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, while March honors Mars, the god of war. However, January 1 did not officially become the start of the Roman year until later.

In 46 BCE, Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar, which kept January 1 as the New Year. As the Roman Empire expanded, so

did the use of the Julian calendar. After Rome fell in the 5th century CE, many Christian countries changed their calendars to reflect their beliefs. This led to March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation) and December 25 (Christmas) becoming popular dates for New Year's.

The Julian calendar had mistakes in calculating leap years, causing dates to shift over the centuries. This created issues with seasonal events and the date of Easter. To fix this, Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian calendar in 1582, which corrected leap year calculations and restored January 1 as New Year's Day. Countries like Italy, France, and Spain quickly adopted it, but Protestant and Orthodox nations did not.

Great Britain and its American colonies continued to celebrate New Year's on March 25 until 1752. Over time, non-Christian countries also began using the Gregorian calendar. For example, China adopted it in 1912 but still celebrates the Chinese New Year based on a lunar calendar. Many countries following the Gregorian calendar also

have their own traditional or religious calendars. Some nations, like Ethiopia, celebrate their New Year (Enkutatash) in September.

The history of calendar systems is an intricate web woven with complexity and intrigue, one that cannot be fully captured in a brief overview. The information preceding merely scratches the surface of humanity's long and varied relationship with timekeeping and the passage of years. For those curious enough, there is a vast world of knowledge waiting to be explored—a journey into the depths of how we perceive and measure time.

Many individual's themselves adhere to unique cultural traditions and personal beliefs, celebrating the arrival of the new year in harmony with nature's rhythms, particularly when the earth stirs awake from its winter slumber. This diverse array of practices highlights the unique ways in which different cultures honor renewal and beginnings. Regardless of one's individual beliefs and customs, the sentiment remains universal: Happy New Year!

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elevating the overall aesthetic and inviting atmosphere of Redwater.

Not only will these improvements benefit individual businesses, but they

will also contribute to the community's charm and appeal. For detailed information regarding the application process, eligibility criteria, and specific guidelines of the grant program,

please visit the official website of the Town of Redwater. If businesses have completed application forms or any questions, they can reach out via email at devofficer@redwater.ca,

or contact their office directly at 780-942-3519 ext. 330. It's truly exciting to anticipate the positive transformations that these ambitions will bring to the Town of Redwater!

Cornell Mazurenko

January 16, 1951 – December 31, 2024

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of Cornell Mazurenko, our father and Gedo, on December 31, 2024, at the age of 73 years. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family.



Cornell grew up in Weasel Creek, AB, later residing in St. Albert, AB. A reserved and quiet man, his greatest joy in life was his family. Cornell was a devoted father to his daughter, Cortnee (Jeremy), of Weasel Creek, AB, and sons, Sean, of Devon, AB, and Christopher (Ashley), of St. Albert, AB.

Cornell was a proud and devoted Gedo to his cherished grandchildren, Kalen, Carly, Maddyson, Daxton, and Kaycie, who brought light and joy to his life.

Cornell is predeceased by his parents, Bill and Florence, as well as his brothers, Terry and Marshall, and sisters, Gloria and Debbie. He leaves behind sisters, Marie and Donna (Alan), his brother-in-law, Brian, and numerous nieces and nephews who will deeply miss his quiet presence.

Though he was a man of few words, Cornell's actions and reserved

nature spoke volumes. Cornell found fulfillment and peace in being outdoors and putting in a hard day's work. An avid hockey fan, he could often be found cheering for the Oilers, sharing his passion for the sport with his family. His loyal German Shepherds, Ranger and Stoney, were another source of comfort and joy in his life. Cornell's love for music brought him great happiness, especially when playing guitar and singing alongside his sons. His music will continue to resonate in the hearts of those who knew him.

Cornell's quiet strength, and devotion to family will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

A family graveside service, at St. Michael's Cemetery, was held to honor and remember our father and Gedo.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared at westlockfuneralhome.com.
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Ochre Park School



A group of little owls from Ochre Park School recently visited the Sturgeon Public School Division to present to the Board of Trustees and Senior Administration. Their presentation highlighted the Ochre Park School Place Study and Outdoor Learning initiative.



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Smoky Lake invites visitors to new nature trail

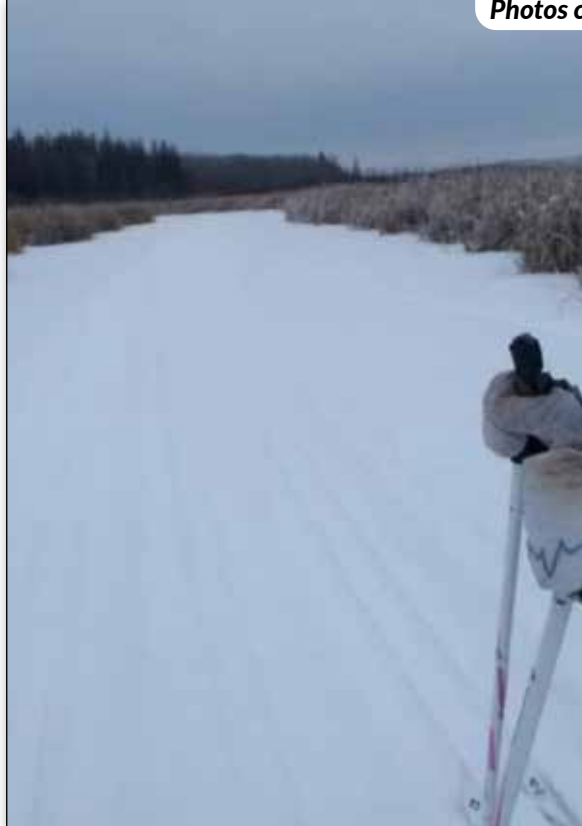
By Brandie Majeau

Winter is often perceived as a season of rest and renewal, inviting us into a world of stillness, contemplation, and tranquility. However, it's crucial to maintain an active lifestyle during this chilly period, and even a simple walk can make a significant difference. Engaging in recreational activities such as cross-country skiing, hiking, and snowshoeing not only keeps us physically active but also offers a unique chance to discover serene landscapes and hidden recreational spots that may be unfamiliar to many.

Recently, the Smoky Lake County Heritage Board has encouraged community members to explore a new nature trail located northwest of the Smoky Lake Golf Course. To access this trail, residents are advised to head west

along the golf course road. After reaching the first right turn—just beyond the acreages—participants should turn north. Continuing along this road, they will encounter the water treatment building, which serves as a landmark indicating a path that leads to the scenic creek, perfect for skiing. For those wishing to venture further, keeping to the north will lead to another road that also connects to the nature trail. It's important to note that individuals skiing or hiking on this trail, as well as along White Earth Creek, do so at their own risk.

The Town of Smoky Lake had granted the Smoky Lake County Regional Heritage Board permission to utilize a bobcat mulcher in October 2024. This equipment facilitated the cutting of the trail, helping



A Christmas Elf went through the nature trail with a snowmobile and homemade weighted ski track contraption to groom the trail.



A bobcat mulcher came through in October 2024 to create the new nature trail.

to create the defined and enjoyable outdoor path. While the nature trail currently remains unnamed, there is a plan in place for public input later this season, allowing community

members to propose names. Once a name is established, official trail name signs will be installed.

There are also plans underway for educational signage along

the trail, providing visitors with valuable ecological information about the surrounding environment. This will enrich the outdoor experience, informing

guests not only about the natural beauty they are exploring but also about the ecosystem's significance and the importance of preserving it for future generations.



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.



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.



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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.



2,78 ACRES NEAR BON ACCORD

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 87x24 ft pole shed and a

30x12.5 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.



GORGEOUS 70 ACRES

A nice mixture of native trees and high, open land in a quiet area of Thorhild County. Start your hobby farm or add some pasture land to your holdings. Could be worked and seeded to hay too if wanted. Driveway

is at the end of a dead end road for privacy. Build your dream home, add to your farm, or use it for recreational use. Could be a weekend getaway or great hunting land as there is an abundance of wildlife on it. Located on the corner of Twp 614 and RR 225 (with driveway on the far west end of Twp 625). About an hour from Edmonton and only 2 miles of gravel road to paved highway 661. **\$199,900** Call Heather to view.



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" x 6" 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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Glen Kondro



After a life lived with quiet grace, Glen Kondro, of Radway, Alberta, passed away on December 11th, 2024, at the age of 69.

We have all lost and will sorely miss a generous, kind soul who never hesitated when his help was sought, never shirked work to be done, and always had a smile and an open heart for all his family, friends, and community. Glen was all but unbeatable at cribbage, loved curling and fishing, and was a devoted fan to the Toronto Blue Jays, Edmonton Elks, and Edmonton Oilers even during their losing campaigns. He loved going to Blue Jays games when he and Ena visited Wayne, Joan and Lynn in Ontario and loved spending time with them.

He is survived by the love of his life Ena Small; siblings Wayne (Joan), Debbie, and Lynn; nephew Joshua; Ena's children Jason (Misty), Nathan, Shara (Russell) along with Ena's grandchildren Rhett (Louise), Tatum, Dylan and Drew along with countless treasured cousins, relatives and friends who Glen always warmly welcomed at his door.

He was predeceased by his father John, mother Helen (Chykerda), and brother Dale.

A private family service will be held at a later date followed by a celebration of Glen's life at the family farm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be welcome in the memory of Glen.

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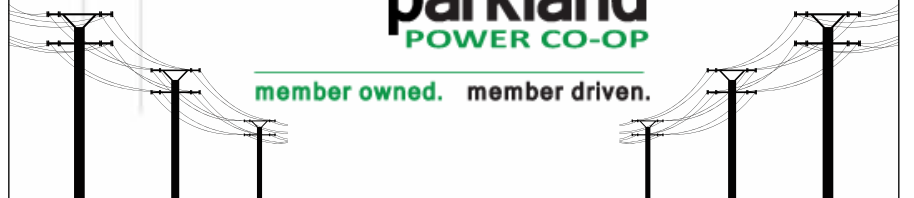
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Zone 4 (1 position) - Lac La Biche (1 yr term)

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Re-Imagine Redwater Grant Program Guideline

Supporting Local Business



- ✓ Signage
- ✓ Exterior Lighting
- ✓ New Siding
- ✓ Facade Painting



www.redwater.ca

Details of the Program and application forms can be found on our website at www.redwater.ca

Completed Forms can be emailed to devofficer@redwater.ca or contact our office 780-942-3519 ext. 330



JANUARY 2025

GRAPEVINE

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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

- Regular County Council Meeting**
 January 9, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
 January 23, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
 February 13, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
 February 27, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
 March 13, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

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

Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works Offices will be

CLOSED

Monday,
 February 17, 2025
 for Family Day

Smoky Lake County MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2025

Nomination period OPEN
 January 1 to September 22, 2025
www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/election2025

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- First Reading to Bylaw 1467-24: LUB Amendment to Redistrict & Reclassify.
- Smoky Lake Food Bank named as the chosen recipient to receive a \$3,500 donation from Gas Alberta through the Gas Alberta Gives Back program.
- 3rd & Final reading of Bylaw No. 1468-25: Designation of the Bellis Store & Heritage Shoppe as a Municipal Historic Resource.
- 3rd & Final reading of Bylaw No. 1469-25: Designation of the White Earth School Hall as a Municipal Historic Resource.
- 3rd & Final reading of Bylaw No. 1470-25: Designation of the MacDonald Stopping House General Store & Pine Creek Post Office as a Municipal Historic Resource.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 62-05-07: Grasshopper Control Compensation.
- Adopted Policy Statement No. 62-08-01: Agricultural Use of Municipal Right of Way.
- Adopted Policy Statement No. 62-30-01: Animal Health & Livestock Emergency Preparedness.
- 3rd & Final reading of Bylaw No. 1471-25: Fire Protection Services.

Donations

- \$2,100 of 2025 FCSS funding to the Smoky Lake Holubka Ukrainian Dance Club for their volunteer appreciation.
- \$2,500 of 2025 FCSS funding to the Town of Smoky Lake FCSS towards the 2025 Family Day Celebrations.
- \$100 to Smoky Lake food Bank on behalf of the 20th Annual Charity Dart Shoot in memory of Cathy & Tom Bullas.

CONTRACT POSITION AVAILABLE: RETURNING OFFICER

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

Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Conducting the 2025 Smoky Lake County Municipal Election ensuring all activities are conducted in compliance with the Local Authorities Election Act.
- Serve as the primary contact for the public and candidates through the election process.
- Recruit and train a sufficient number of election workers for advance polls and Election Day.
- Elections advertising coordination and placement.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of interest outlining skills and qualifications in strict confidence by **4:00 P.M. on January 16, 2025**

For complete job details and how to apply visit: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/employment
 This competition may remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

LIMITED INVITATION TO TENDER

Smoky Lake County extended a limited invitation to tender for lease of the following municipally-owned properties.

- SW 8-62-13-W4 (South shore of Whitefish Lake) +/-153.50 acres
- SE 8-62-13-W4 (South shore of Whitefish Lake) +/-125.10 acres

Deadline to submit: **Friday, January 31, 2025 at 4:00 PM MST**

For details on how to submit a tender visit: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/tenders

NOTICE: PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Bylaw No: 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.

The Public Hearing will be held as follows: **February 13, 2025 at 9:15 AM**

Location:

Virtual: <https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/121269341>

By phone: 844-511-2074 (toll free) Meeting ID: 121269341

In person: Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, 4612 McDougall Drive Smoky Lake

The draft bylaw can be viewed on-line at: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/notices

Questions? Call 780-656-3730

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H.A. Kostash School News

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Redwater School News

Students in the Specialized Programming class at Redwater School recently traveled to Fort Saskatchewan on a special mission. During their trip, they stocked up on groceries for the school's concession and snack program, ensuring their peers have access to nutritious options. This outing not only supported an important school initiative but also provided the students with valuable life skills and a sense of accomplishment.

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