



## Windows in Redwater come to life



Photos courtesy of Redwater Art Society



By Brandie Majeau

In a spirited embrace of the new year, a passionate group of Redwater locals braved the brisk winter chill to breathe vibrant life into a block of Redwater. Clad in warm layers, this dedicated crew gathered an exciting palette of chalk markers and acrylic paints, each artist eager to transform the clear glass windows of several local businesses: the Redwater Art Gallery, the

Redwater Museum, and Redwater Home Hardware.

Their mission was clear and expressive: to craft visually stunning images that would not only catch the eye of those passing by but also uplift their spirits. The team was a delightful blend of talent and creativity, featuring Ty Reid, Addison Reid, Olivia Reid, Zack Hruschak and Malik Hruschak, Lea Cook, Kevin Bigelow, Terry Hannah, and

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## A Canadian favourite, maple treats

By Brandie Majeau

The long-awaited Family Day Long Weekend is fast approaching, and communities across Canada and within local communities are gearing up as they prepare for a variety of fun-filled festivities. These celebrations center around families coming together, embracing the spirit of happiness and togetherness. If one takes a moment to sift through the announcements for upcoming Family Day events, many communities are emphasizing a return to Canadian roots and traditions. Among the activities,

maple candy, made, of course, on fresh snow, stands out, enticing locals and visitors, appealing to that deep-seated appreciation for heritage that lies at the core of every Canadian's identity.

But what makes maple candy so unique, and why does it hold such a revered place in Canadian culture? The history of maple syrup production in Canada is rich and profound, dating back to the Indigenous peoples who first discovered the sweet, viscous sap that flows from maple trees. These early Indigenous groups ingeniously tapped into the trees

by inserting wooden spouts, allowing the sap to flow freely. They would collect it and boil it down into a syrupy elixir or a granulated sugar form, which was incorporated into their diets. But the sap wasn't just a sweet treat; it was also valued for its medicinal properties, believed to promote healing and wellness. With a deep respect for nature, the Indigenous peoples considered the maple tree sacred, woven intrinsically into their cultural and social practices.

As time passed, the methods of collecting and processing sap evolved, yet the passion surrounding

maple syrup has remained firmly rooted in Canadian history.

Markedly, historical figures such as Jacques Cartier have even been linked to this connection of syrupy treats; historians mention Cartier recounting how he drank the sap from a felled walnut tree and likened it to fine wine.

The Family Day Long Weekend is just around the corner, and the spirit of individual communities comes alive, inviting everyone to partake in their unique celebrations. A moment's pause reveals several activities beyond the

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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](http://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.

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

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

**Chair Fitness:** Wednesdays, 10:45-11:45am. March 5 to April 23. \$80 for 8 weeks. Fun fitness for ages 18+ and all levels of fitness.

**Lunch Crunch:** Wednesdays, 12:00-12:45pm. March 5 to April 23. \$80 for 8 weeks. Medium intensity workout for adults 18+.

**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](http://www.redwater.ca/p/pembina-place) or scan the QR code:



## Family Day of Fun!

### Monday, February 17, 2025



**FREE Family Activities**  
(While Supplies Last)

Pembina Place, 12:00-3:00pm



- Hot Dogs and Popcorn
- Snowman Sundaes
- Face Painters
- Balloon Twisters
- Games and Activities
- Inflatables

- Crafts
- Mini Golf
- Door Prizes
- Family Skating  
(Helmets are mandatory for under 18 years old)



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
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<b>3</b> Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)	<b>4</b> Silly Sprouts at Pembina Place (9:30-11:30am) Pioneer Club - General Meeting (1:30pm) Library - LEGO Club (3:00pm) (6:30pm) Town Council Meeting (6:30pm) Pioneer Club - Games Night (7:00pm)	<b>5</b> Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Library - Board Meeting (6:00-7:30pm) Legion - Meeting (7:00pm)	<b>6</b> Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am) Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)	<b>7</b> Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) Legion - Pub Night (5:30pm-2:00am)	<b>8</b> Quilters Guild at Alliance Church (9:30am) Library - Eye care, We care Lions Program (11:00am) Legion - Paint Night (7:00pm) <b>9</b> Legion - Bingo (6:00pm)
<b>10</b> Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am)	<b>11</b> Silly Sprouts at Pembina Place (9:30-11:30am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Pioneer Club - Games Night (7:00pm)	<b>12</b> Legion - Coffee (8:30am) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Pioneer Club - Community Supper. Phone 780-942-3772 by February 5 to book tickets.	<b>13</b> Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am) Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)	<b>14</b> Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) Legion - Pub Night (5:30pm-2:00am) Library - Movie Night (6:00-8:00pm)	<b>15</b> Quilters Guild at Alliance Church (9:30am) <b>16</b> 
<b>17</b> <b>FAMILY DAY</b> Town Office Closed Family Day Fun at Pembina Place! See details Above! 	<b>18</b> Silly Sprouts at Pembina Place (9:30-11:30am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Museum - General Meeting (1:30pm) Town Council Meeting (6:30pm) Pioneer Club - Games Night (7:00pm)	<b>19</b> Legion - Coffee (8:30) Shopping Bus - Phone Sharon at 780-942-3838 to book (9:45am) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Library - Coffee & Cards with Liz (2:00-3:00pm); General Meeting (5:00pm) Citizens on Patrol AGM & Regular Meeting at the Legion (7:00pm)	<b>20</b> Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am) Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am) Library - Monthly Homeschooler BYOBook Club (11:15am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)	<b>21</b> Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) Library - After school Makerspace (3:30-4:30pm) Diamond Spring Lodge - Spaghetti Dinner (5:00pm) - Phone reception to book tickets 780-942-4553 Legion - Pub Night (5:30pm-2:00am)	<b>22</b> Quilters Guild at Alliance Church (9:30am) <b>23</b> 
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FORT SASKATCHEWAN  
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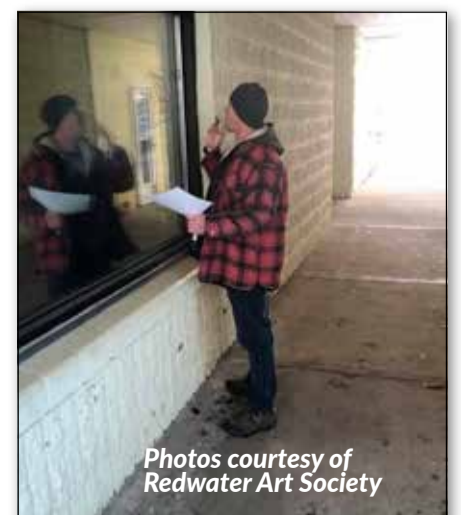
Jeannie Hare. United in their goal, they embarked on the ambitious endeavor of enhancing their town's charm—each stroke of their brushes contributing splashes of emotive color and artistic expression.

As the artists poured their creativity onto the glass, the once-blank windows began to shimmer with life, showcasing a mesmerizing array of designs that captured the very essence of their community. Swirls of color, enchanting scenes, and playful motifs took shape, transforming the streetscapes into a gallery of joy and inspiration.

The end result was nothing short of spectacular, breathing new life

into the area and sparking a renewed sense of local pride.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to each person who wielded a paintbrush and who weathered the brisk morning, displaying their unwavering commitment to nurturing the community and bringing a delightful splash of color to life on every window!



Photos courtesy of Redwater Art Society

5312 53 AVE REDWATER



\$299,900

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.

4615 49 AVE REDWATER



\$265,000

This 1,159 sq. ft. bungalow offers a 22x24 detached garage, room for RV parking, and a concrete parking pad at the front of the home. With 3+1 bedrooms, the home has seen some updates over the years, including newer shingles and most main-floor windows. The main floor features a well-designed layout with a kitchen and dining area, a bright living room, a 4-piece bathroom, a primary bedroom with a 2-piece ensuite, and two additional bedrooms. The basement offers plenty of potential and includes a large family room, a 3-piece bathroom, a utility/laundry room, and an additional bedroom. A fantastic property with space, functionality, and room to make it your own!

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.

#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.

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.

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**Deadline:** Noon on February 13, 2025

**Inquiries or Applications:** contact the Town Office at 780.942.3519 ext. 250 or redwater@redwater.ca



Scan for Application

**Rick's OILFIELD HAULING**

Students at Redwater School had a blast indulging in delicious treats and participating in a variety of fun activities.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY LEARNING COUNCIL**

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**Foundational Subject TUTORS**

The Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council has openings for individuals interested in preparing adult learners for their CAEC (Canadian Adult Education Credential), previously known as GED, tests. Duties include assessing students, preparing course materials, providing instruction in basic reading, writing, math, science and social studies, collecting and documenting information, and other duties as required. Training will be provided to the successful applicant.

**Application deadline – Friday, February 7, 2025.**

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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.**



### 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.**



### 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.**



### 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.**



### 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.**



### 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.**

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## Thorhild Central School News



Thorhild Central students in Mrs. Gabbey's Grade 2 class had a blast designing and building their own pencil holders as part of a fun and hands-on learning experience. The project, which was incorporated into their curriculum, allowed the young learners to exercise their creativity and problem-solving skills while creating something practical to use in class. The students proudly showcased their unique and colorful pencil holders, each one reflecting their individual style and ingenuity. It was a memorable and educational activity that blended art, design, and teamwork.

## Ochre Park School News



Students at Ochre Park School have been enjoying the snow this winter!



# A look at the North Zone Health Neighbourhood

By Brandie Majeau

The Town of Smoky Lake and its surrounding communities are an integral part of a health initiative known as the North Zone Health Neighbourhood. This endeavour is designed to enrich community well-being by cultivating stronger connections between residents and the health and community professionals dedicated to supporting overall health. This approach focuses on several key areas: spotlighting local support systems, promoting small steps individuals can take to enhance their own health, and emphasizing various medical professional services available in the community.

Within this framework, Smoky Lake is a key player in the Four Directions Health Neighbourhood. This collective consists of community members and health care professionals

committed to making health care an easier and more accessible part of daily life. Their mission is to promote a healthcare model that is centered on community engagement and awareness. By examining the various factors that influence health, they look to create healthier communities through improved connections and increased understanding of resources within reach of individuals. Alongside these goals, the Four Directions Health Neighbourhood offers a range of community services tailored to local needs.

Health Neighbourhoods serve as a combined platform that unites individuals from diverse backgrounds to enhance primary health care services for residents in Northern Alberta. The partners involved in these Health Neighbourhoods are actively building bridges between

healthcare and social support sectors to elevate the primary health care experience for all Northern Alberta residents. By employing a collaborative, cross-sectoral strategy, they strive to promote inclusivity and ensure that communication remains accessible and easily understood by all community members. Importantly, these Health Neighbourhoods are distinctly regionally based; the partners involved not only work in these areas but also live and participate actively in the communities they represent.

The North Zone Health Neighbourhoods embody a model of shared leadership where each member takes ownership of the collective work. The framework is continuously evolving; the partners aim to develop navigation supports to guide community members through available resources, alongside

organizing workshops, sharing impactful stories and enhancing networks. Communication improvements are also a key focus, building on existing community projects and initiatives.

There are currently four active Health Neighbourhoods in Northern Alberta that meet and maintain focused subgroups called "Mini Working Groups." These groups concentrate on specific aspects of community health to promote actionable change and enhance the health care experience. The goal is to expand the Health Neighbourhood model to include more areas in the North Zone, improving the health and well-being of communities.

As indicated on their webpage, it is important to note, "The North Zone Health Neighbourhoods are grassroots in nature, and not owned by Primary Care Networks or Alberta Health Services."



# Redwater Minor Hockey Association to host the Hockey Alberta U13 "C" Championship

The Redwater Minor Hockey Association is proud to announce that it has been selected to host the Hockey Alberta U13 "C" Championship, presented by ATB. This highly anticipated event will take place at Pembina Place in Redwater from March 20 to 23, featuring eight top teams from across Alberta competing in

a thrilling weekend of hockey. The championship promises to highlight the exceptional talent and sportsmanship of young athletes while showcasing the vibrant community of Redwater. Hosting this prestigious event is both an honour and an opportunity to bring the community together in celebration of a sport beloved by many.

Organizing a tournament of this scale requires extensive planning, resources, and community support. The Redwater Minor Hockey Association is actively seeking sponsors to contribute to the event's success. Sponsorship opportunities range from financial contributions to in-kind donations, with all sponsors receiving

recognition for their generosity. Volunteers will also play a crucial role in ensuring the championship runs smoothly. From assisting with logistics and managing raffle or admission tables to supporting teams and spectators, there are many ways for community members to get involved. This event offers Redwater a chance to

shine on a provincial stage, and the association is calling on the community's incredible spirit to make the championship an unforgettable experience for players, families, and fans alike. The Redwater Minor Hockey Association encourages everyone to attend and enjoy the exciting action on the ice. With

high-energy games and a strong sense of local pride, the tournament is sure to be a memorable event. For more information about sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please contact Janine Pequin at [jbruchal@hotmail.com](mailto:jbruchal@hotmail.com). Together, the community can make the Hockey Alberta U13 "C" Championship a resounding success!

**MOUNTIE MINUTE**  
**Smoky Lake RCMP**  
**Detachment**


- RCMP received a call of a male who walked into a yard looking for assistance, located male walking on highway
- Smoky Lake RCMP received a call of a male who could be schizophrenic, RPACT team was engaged and transported to the St. Paul Hospital for assessment
- RCMP received a call of a suspicious males inside of ESSO, members attended and they were no longer inside
- Wellbeing Check on a male walking N/B on Highway 855
- RCMP responded to a deer collision
- RCMP along with Fish and Wildlife attended a call of a wounded moose on the side of the road
- Smoky Lake RCMP received calls that property have been broken into a Paradise Cove, investigation is on going
- Suspicious vehicle on RR 142 and TWP 600- Black Dodge Truck
- RCMP attended a residence in the Village of Vilna for concerns of a mental health well being check
- Break in Enter to business in the Town of Smoky Lake (numerous business were hit) investigation on going
- Vehicle was stolen near Waskateanu, vehicle later recovered in the City of Edmonton
- CNRL site broke into near RR 162, suspects wore face masks
- On January 19, 2025, at 08:19 A.M. RCMP in Smoky Lake were dispatched to multiple break and enters that had occurred over night. Multiple businesses within the town of Smoky Lake were broken into, items stolen, and damage caused. Shortly thereafter members were alerted to a further incident at a rural location within the county of Smoky Lake where it was learned that a vehicle had been stolen, and another break and enter had been committed. Police immediately attended all break and enter scenes and entered into thorough investigations. As a result of these investigations police were able to recover the stolen truck and identify two suspects a male and a female. The suspects were subsequently located and arrested. Both suspects were released on undertakings to appear in provincial court on March 6, 2025, in Fort Saskatchewan.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON A CRIME CONTACT THE SMOKY LAKE RCMP AT 780-656-3550 or CRIMESTOPPERS 1-800-222-TIPS(8477)**

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Facility Operator

*Casual*

The Town of Redwater is situated just 35 minutes northeast of Edmonton and borders the Alberta Industrial Heartland, this community is poised for significant growth. Redwater offers great recreation, culture, education and health care to the area residents. Visit our website to learn more about our great community: [www.redwater.ca](http://www.redwater.ca).

Our team is seeking a **Casual Facility Operator**. This position will be a member of the Community & Protective Services team, and report directly to the Parks & Facility Supervisor.

#### Responsibilities of a Facility Operator.

- Operating the Zamboni and other equipment, ensuring the ice is maintained and safe for use.
- Conducting dressing room and facility inspections to ensure high standards are met for user groups.
- Performing various janitorial duties such as glass cleaning, sweeping, mopping etc., to maintain cleanliness throughout Pembina Place.
- Assist with general facility responsibilities such as daily operations and maintenance.
- Perform other related duties as required.

#### Qualifications

- Experience working in an Ice Arena or related recreation facility is an asset.
- Valid Class 5 Motor Vehicle Operator license and driver's abstract required.
- Previous customer service experience, with strong conflict resolution skills and the ability to stay calm in stressful situations while fostering positive interactions with the public.
- Valid First Aid, CPR and WHMIS Certification is an asset.
- Physical job requirements include occasional lifting of 50 pounds or more, twisting, walking and physical activity associated with an arena operator.
- Able to work independently or with minimal supervision.
- Effective time management, planning and organizational skills.

**This position requires evening and weekend shifts.**

This is a casual position with no guaranteed hours or benefits. The rate of pay is \$21.57-\$25.57/hr. This position will be open until a suitable candidate is found.

Please forward a cover letter, résumé in **PDF** format and work-related references to:

**Jeremy Pifko, Parks and Facilities Supervisor**  
**Town of Redwater, Box 397, Redwater, AB, T0A 2W0**  
**Email : [jpifko@redwater.ca](mailto:jpifko@redwater.ca) Ph: (780)580-8011 Fax : (780)942-4415**



*The Town of Redwater thanks all applicants for their interest, however only those who have been selected for an interview will be contacted.*

**Reminder January 2025**

**Pay Town of Redwater Business License 8:30**

Proceeds from the Business License Fees are used for the Re-Imagine Redwater Grant Program to support local storefront businesses with building improvement projects.

For more information about Business Licenses and the Re-Imagine Redwater Program contact:

780-942-3519 ext. 330  
 devofficer@redwater.ca

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 usual winter pastimes, like ice skating and cozy bonfires. The enticing offers of maple candy and toffee twirl through the air, calling out to something deep within—a connection that resonates at the very heart of a Canadian's essence.

These treats, with their sweet, rich flavours, evoke cherished memories and celebrate the warmth of community in the crisp winter air. It has become a tradition emerging over time. After a fresh snowfall, especially as the trees begin to wake from their winter slumber, sap is

collected, boiled, and poured into the snow (watch that it's clean snow) and eaten as maple candy pieces or rolled onto sticks and enjoyed as maple lollies. Watch carefully for upcoming events that may feature this tasty Canadian heritage treat, or (at one's own discretion) give it a try.

# Rural Alberta businesses can access free training

By Brandie Majeau

The Town of Smoky Lake has extended the promotion of a transformative initiative aimed at strengthening local businesses and enhancing workplace culture. Through their social media, they have shared the ongoing opportunities of the Rural Employer's Awareness on Diversity and Inclusion Training, a comprehensive and completely free program designed specifically to help rural businesses thrive by improving their hiring, onboarding, and retention processes for newcomer employees.

This valuable training can be accessed either virtually or in-person, providing flexibility to accommodate various business schedules and preferences. By participating in this program, employers will gain the tools and knowledge necessary to facilitate a more inclusive and diverse workplace, ultimately contributing to the long-term sustainability of their businesses. Established between 2022 and 2023, this endeavor has been made possible through funding from

the Government of Alberta's Settlement, Integration and Language Projects (SILP). The program is dedicated to supporting employers and communities in successfully attracting, settling, and retaining newcomers, who play a crucial role in the economic development of rural regions.



Logo courtesy of Rural Development Network

While this training includes a dedicated segment addressing Indigenous communities, the primary focus is on enhancing the experience of immigrants within the workplace and the wider community. Rural Employer's Awareness on Diversity and Inclusion Training invites all businesses across Alberta to take part in this impactful training opportunity.

Participating in the Rural Employer's Awareness on Diversity and Inclusion Training offers numerous benefits for employers. Businesses can effectively tackle ongoing labour shortages, gain a deeper understanding of the unique needs and challenges faced

by immigrant employees, and access a comprehensive toolkit filled with essential resources and information. Moreover, employers will be equipped to refine their hiring practices and can customize the training to align with their specific workplace requirements.

Program Manager, Soheila Homayed explains, "It is such a valuable tool for many organizations. As we are welcoming more newcomers

into our communities and organizations, I think this training is incredibly timely and necessary to continue building welcoming and inclusive communities across Alberta. The training is free and is completely customizable to the needs of the employer or the community. We are happy to do training virtually or in person, for any length of time. We can offer workshops anywhere from 2 hours to full or half days, depending on the capacity and time commitment of the employer."

To find out more about this program, businesses are invited to contact Soheila Homayed, Program Manager at soheilah@ruraldevelopment.ca.

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## February 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](http://SturgeonCounty.ca/CouncilMeetings)
- Board and Committee Meetings:** [SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards](http://SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards)
- Public Hearings:** [SturgeonCounty.ca/PublicNotices](http://SturgeonCounty.ca/PublicNotices)

Youth Advisory Committee	Feb. 3	6:00 PM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Feb. 4	2:00 PM
ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC)	Feb. 5	9:00 AM
Community Services Advisory Board	Feb. 10	6:00 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Feb. 11	9:00 AM
<b>Family Day</b>	<b>Feb. 17</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Feb. 18	2:00 PM
Winterfest	Feb. 22	3 - 8 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Feb. 25	9:00 AM
Agricultural Service Board	Feb. 26	9:00 AM

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# H.A. Kostash School News



The 24th annual Cambridge Cup Draft at H.A Kostash took place last week during lunch. Commissioner Colten Gargus opened the event with an inspiring speech before revealing the draft order for the General Managers. Coaches and players alike are eagerly anticipating what promises to be a thrilling season.



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with **Janice Tobias**  
at **P.O Box 754 Thorhild**  
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