



Radway Lions invest in some brain flakes

By Brandie Majeau

The Radway Lions are kicking off 2025 with renewed enthusiasm as members actively brainstorm innovative ways to create a positive impact on their community. One of their recent initiatives included a visit to the Radway Library, where they presented librarian Sandra Moschansky with a set of Brain Flakes.

Brain Flakes is a toy dedicated to its mission of nurturing the next generation of engineers. It is centered around building confidence and promoting spatial learning among children,

perhaps paving the way for future innovators in the engineering field.

The Brain Flakes construction toy, characterized by its unique interlocking plastic discs, is specifically designed to inspire creativity while enhancing cognitive development. With these versatile discs, children can explore their imaginations and construct a vast array of structures, ranging from simple geometric shapes to intricate, complex designs. The experiential learning experience engages young minds and serves as a

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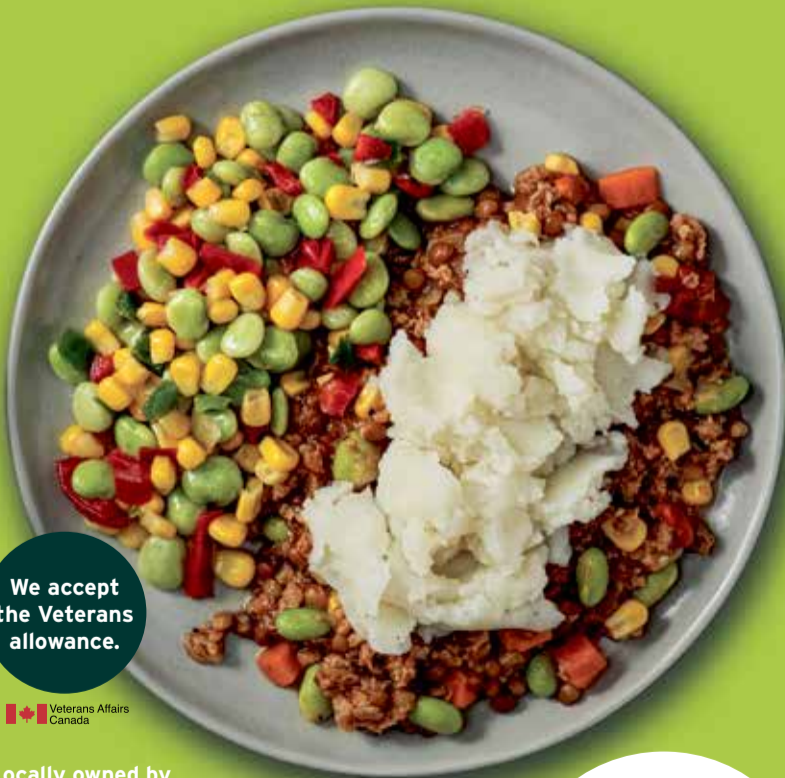


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Public Hearing for the proposed Starkey Hills Outline Plan

Sturgeon County Council requests public input through a non-statutory Public Hearing for the proposed Starkey Hills Outline Plan. This plan would guide the number of lots, municipal servicing, and phases of future planning and development.

The property owner would like to apply for a multi-lot subdivision on their lands located at RL-63-54-25-W4 along Starkey Road. Before subdivision and development can occur, an Outline Plan must be considered by Council.

Each time an Outline Plan is considered, a non-statutory public hearing may be held.

View the proposed Outline Plan at:
<https://www.sturgeoncounty.ca/starkey-outline/>

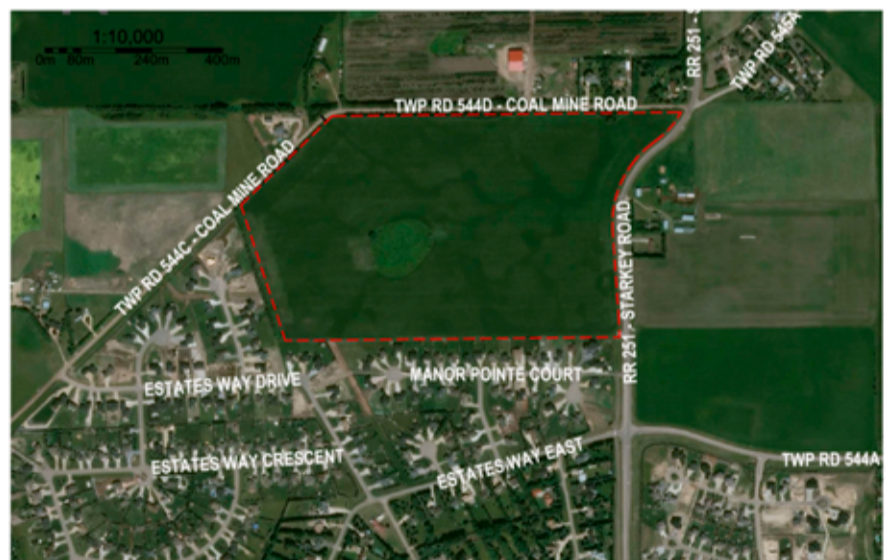
Public Hearing Details

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 2 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter),

Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville),

sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings



Questions? Contact us!

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780-939-1398
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Important information about Public Hearings

Requirements for speakers

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

Speaking in person

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

Speaking via videoconference

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you must register by **February 24 at 2 p.m.** by contacting Legislative Services at 780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Written submissions

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

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

Watching the Public Hearing

You can view the Public Hearing in person or online at **sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings**. To view the livestream, click on the meeting date on the calendar, then click on the video link.

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fundamental stepping stone into the fascinating world of engineering and design.

The Radway Lions felt that the high-quality STEM toy would be an excellent

and engaging addition to the library's resources, aimed especially at enhancing youth programming. It is a hands-on educational tool designed to spark curiosity and encourage critical thinking among

children and teenagers, just like a library does. The Lions envisioned it as a catalyst for creative learning, helping to inspire young innovators and problem-solvers in a fun and supportive environment.



Photo courtesy of Radway Lions Club

Chair Fitness: A fun and accessible way to stay active in Redwater

By Shelley Winger

The Town of Redwater is bringing back its popular Chair Fitness program, offering a comfortable and accessible way for residents to stay active. Starting March 5, this low impact exercise class will be available to participants of all fitness levels, making it an excellent option for seniors, individuals with mobility challenges, or anyone looking for a supportive workout environment.

Chair Fitness focuses on flexibility, balance, and strength, using a combination of seated and standing exercises with the support of a chair. Participants will also

have access to light resistance bands and dumbbells to enhance their workouts. With modifications available for all abilities, the program ensures that everyone can move at their own pace and gain the benefits of regular physical activity.

One participant shared, "I really enjoy Chair Fitness. It's a good way to motivate me to get out of the house, and the instructor is knowledgeable and friendly. She's great at adapting movements to all our abilities."

Classes will run weekly from March 5 to April 23, 2025, at Pembina Place (4944-53 Street, Redwater). Registration

is now open online at redwater.perfectmind.com, or for more information, residents can contact the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101.

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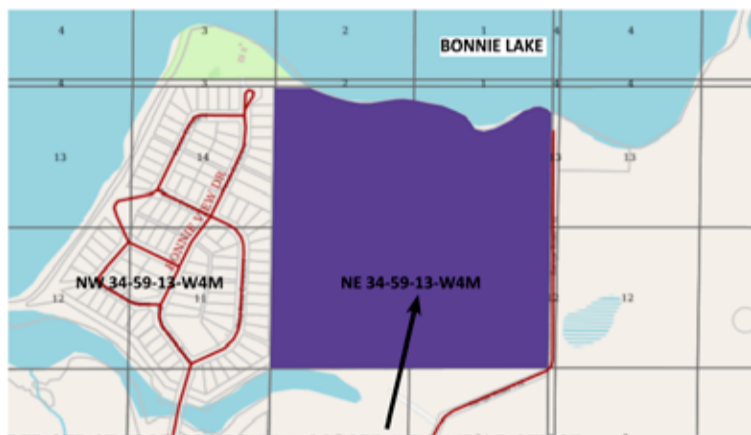
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Smoky Lake County NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING on Proposed Bylaw #1472-25



REDISTRIBUTE FROM RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION (R2) DISTRICT TO AGRICULTURE (AG) DISTRICT UNDER LAND USE BYLAW #1272-14; RECLASSIFY FROM RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION AREA TO AGRICULTURE AREA UNDER MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BYLAW #1249-12; & RECLASSIFY FROM RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION AREA TO AGRICULTURE AREA UNDER BONNIE LAKE AREA STRUCTURE PLAN BYLAW #1146-07

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 #1472-25:

- To redistrict the lands legally described as NE-34-59-13-W4M, from Residential Conservation (R2) District to Agriculture (AG) District, under the County's Land Use Bylaw #1272-14; &
- To reclassify the lands legally described as NE-34-59-13-W4M, from Residential Conservation Area to Agriculture Area, under the County's Municipal Development Plan Bylaw #1249-12; &
- To reclassify the lands legally described as NE-34-59-13-W4M, from Residential Conservation Area to Agriculture Area, under Bonnie Lake Area Structure Plan Bylaw #1146-07.

A Statutory Public Hearing will be held in relation to Bylaw 1472-25, both in-person and via videoconference on Thursday, March 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 T0A 3C0 or online: <https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/393963085> Meeting ID: 393963085 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 Patti Priest, Executive Services Clerk, 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 Executive 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

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the Public Hearing, or otherwise made public. This information is collected in line with section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions, please contact the Smoky Lake County Access and Privacy Officer at 4612 McDougall Drive Box 310, Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0, 780-656-3730, or county@smokylakecounty.ab.ca.



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\$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.

5013 51 AVE REDWATER



\$429,000

This beautiful 2-storey home with a double heated garage has seen many updates in recent years, including new main floor flooring, stainless steel appliances, and granite countertops. The main level is perfect for entertaining, featuring a spacious living room with a cozy corner gas fireplace, a well-appointed kitchen with the back door leading to the deck, a convenient laundry room, and a 2-piece bathroom. Upstairs, you'll find 3 bedrooms, including a generous primary with a 4-piece ensuite. A second 4-piece bathroom completes the upper level. The fully developed basement offers even more space, featuring a large rec room, a fourth bedroom, a 3-piece bathroom, and plenty of storage. The massive backyard provides endless possibilities and includes a large storage shed. Plus, with central AC, you'll stay comfortable even on the hottest days. Don't miss out on this fantastic home!

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!

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!

5217 44 AVE SMOKY LAKE



\$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.

5026 50 AVE WARSPITE



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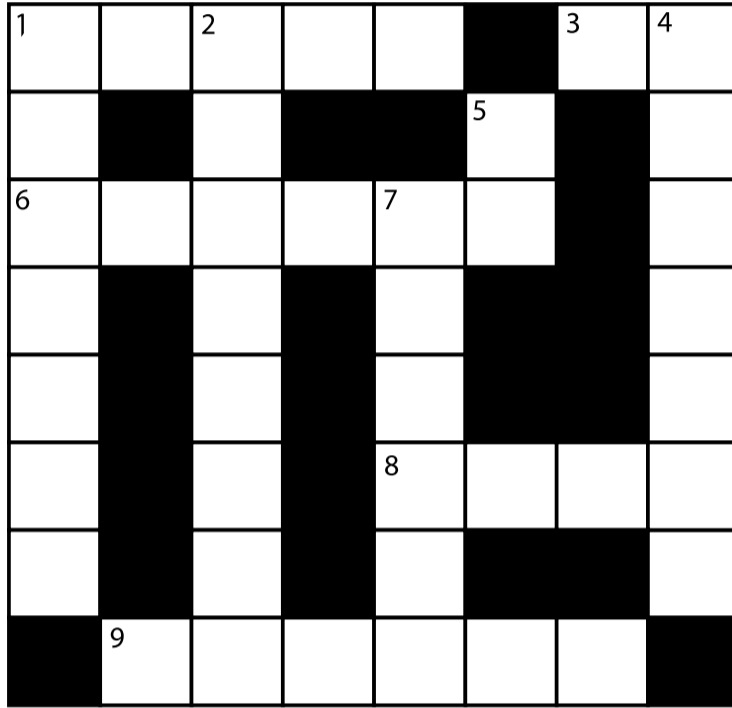
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HISTORY

1921

Canada's Royal Coat of Arms is established. It is closely modelled after the royal coat of arms of the United Kingdom.

Health FACT:



There are 60,000 miles of these in the average human body.

Answer: Blood vessels

ACROSS

- 1. Chest organ
- 3. Blood pressure (abbr.)
- 6. Dramatic start of an illness
- 8. Discomfort
- 9. Tube blood moves through

DOWN

- 1. Free from illness
- 2. Counteracts poison
- 4. Forcing to move through
- 5. Adequate or alright
- 7. College property

Answers:
 Across
 1. Heart 3. BP 6. Attack 8. Pain 9. Vessel
 Down
 1. Healthy 2. Antidote 4. Pumping 5. OK
 7. Campus

NEW WORD

PULSE

a rhythmic throbbing of the arteries as blood is pumped

How they say that in...

- English:** Heart
- Spanish:** Corazón
- Italian:** Cuore
- French:** Coeur
- German:** Herz

Did You Know?

The average resting heart rate for an adult is between 60 and 100 beats per minute.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Blood pressure cuff

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Rusnak, Allen (Al) Steven

May 7, 1954 – February 1, 2025

On Saturday, February 1, 2025, Allen Rusnak of Vegreville, Alberta passed away at the age of 70 years.

Allen is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Debbie; three children, Erin and her daughter Cameron Mae; Scott and his sons Thomas and Elliot; and Derek; one brother Norman Rusnak; two sisters Donna Rusnak and Connie (Peter) Stecyk. He was



predeceased by his parents Steve and Mary.

A Celebration of Al's Life will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Vegreville Social Centre with Verna Klimack as the celebrant. Inurnment will be held at a later date in the Riverside Cemetery Columbarium. Memorial donations may be made to the "Canadian Liver Foundation" or to the "Canadian Kidney Foundation."

To send condolences, please visit www.autumnrosefuneralhome.com



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Makarowski, Kelly Wesley

It is with deep regret, we announce the sudden passing of Kelly Wesley Makarowski on January 25, 2025.

He will be remembered by his son, Seth; siblings, Chas (Ken), Mitchell, and Chantal (Greg); numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. Kelly was predeceased by his



parents, Katherine and Wesley; and nephew, Noah. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday February 22, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Smoky Lake Complex, 4612 – 54 Avenue, Smoky Lake, AB. Inurnment will follow at the Abee Community Cemetery. Cremation has been entrusted to Park Memorial Ltd.

Photos, memories, and condolences may be shared through www.parkmemorial.com

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Provincial government offers courses to local ESS teams

By Brandie Majeau

In a recent reconnect meeting held in Thorhild County, a dedicated group of volunteers convened to reinforce their ongoing commitment to establishing a strong Emergency Social Service (ESS) team. This group is vital for improving community resilience, and the efforts of all participants are sincerely appreciated.

During this reconnect meeting, volunteers were introduced to a range of free online courses offered by the provincial government to deepen their understanding of Emergency Social Services and the diverse roles within the field. These courses present an excellent opportunity for individuals to refine their skills and expand their knowledge, ultimately improving their effectiveness in emergency situations.

Among the available courses is "Behaviour and Disasters," which addresses the complexities of predicting human reactions during emergencies or disasters—an often challenging task

for ESS practitioners and volunteers. This session will explore common scenarios and the various behaviors individuals may exhibit in the face of disaster.

Additionally, it will provide practical suggestions and strategies designed to mitigate the effects of emergencies on both individuals and communities, focusing on preparedness and response at all stages: before, during, and after an event.

Other offerings include an "Introduction to Emergency Social Services," which lays the foundation for understanding the ESS framework; "Registrations and Reception Centre Program and My Alberta Emergency Registration System," which instructs on managing registrations and the operational aspects of reception centers; "Donations Management," focusing on effectively handling community donations during crises; "ESS Coordinator," which provides insights into the leadership and coordination roles within ESS; and "ESS Basics," detailing

the essential principles and practices that underpin the work of Emergency Social Services. For more information on these courses or to express

interest in becoming an Emergency Social Service volunteer, please contact Tammy Kuefler, Family Resource Coordinator at Thorhild County.

H.A. Kostash School News



H.A Kostash's grade 1 and 2 students enjoyed some skating fun last week.



A stunning collection of quilts spanning from 1912 to 2024 is now on display at the Redwater and District Museum, presented in collaboration with the Redwater Quilters Guild.

Photo by: Redwater and District Museum

PUZZLES

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Tropical Asian plant
- Yankees' slugger Judge
- Helps to preserve food
- Plant disease
- One who predicts
- Equally
- Burundian franc
- Pouch
- Arizona city
- Surround
- Hard, heavy timber
- Witnessed
- They _
- French river
- A way to drink
- Small constellation
- Peruse a written work
- Type of hound
- Plant of the goosefoot family

- Evade or escape
- A way to confine
- Volcanic crater
- Weekday
- Women's service organization (abbr.)
- Local area network
- Sensory receptor
- Posted
- Tibetan pastry
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Very willing
- Golf score
- Consume
- Touchdown
- Tends to remind
- In a way, smoothed
- Poke holes in the ground
- Herbaceous plants

CROSSWORDS

CLUES DOWN

- Body art
- Boxing's GOAT
- Film for posterity (abbr.)
- Prayer
- Calculating machine
- Keyboard key
- Outburst
- Man-eating giants
- New Hampshire
- Type of sword
- Counting
- Pants style
- Political action committee
- U.S. government legislative branch
- Civil Rights Act component
- Contractors take one
- Spanish soldier
- A person's brother or sister
- Expressed pleasure
- Song of praise
- Shock treatment
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Counteract
- Goes over again
- Popular Dodge truck
- Male adult
- A part of a river where the current is very fast
- Rope used to lasso
- Become less intense
- Subway rodent
- Lead alloy
- Japanese honorific title
- Advise someone
- Famous NYC museum
- Ocean
- Cathode-ray tube
- Cologne
- It starts with these two

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Aries, impulsiveness may cause friction with loved ones this week, so avoid rushing into decisions. Keep an open mind when others come to you with their thoughts.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, expect some clarity regarding a recent financial decision this week. You'll get the answers you need about budgeting and other investments you've been mulling over.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



This week you may be tempted to overcommit to social endeavors, Gemini. Keep your boundaries in check, especially if you are having difficulty telling other people, "no."

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, much of your to-do list this week will focus on your home life. Take a break from the hustle and spend time bringing order and balance to spaces in your home.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Your words carry a lot of weight right now, Leo. Be very careful about the opinions you offer and the stories you share. By the weekend you may be called upon for some advice.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, if you have been thinking about making some sweeping financial decisions, now is the time to take action. Putting things off for another day can wreck long-term plans.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Sometimes you have to give yourself a pat on the back when others are not offering the feedback you need, Libra. You are doing a great job and learning along the way.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



You often keep your cards close to the vest, Scorpio. Others may be surprised to learn a project you have been working on for some time has come to fruition.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Personal ambitions are at the forefront of your mind, Sagittarius. However, you may be placing too much importance on financial matters.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



You are doing quite well in your professional life right now, Capricorn. But in terms of home life, there are definitely some areas that can use improvement.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Aquarius, you could be feeling a strong urge to declutter personal spaces, such as the garage, closets or even your home office. Find the time to start sorting through belongings.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



All it may take is a simple conversation to clear up some persistent misconceptions, Pisces. Figure out when to schedule that talk and afterwards you will feel better.

FINANCIAL TIMES WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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| ALLOCATION | ASSETS | DEPRECIATION | INCOME | MARGINS | PROFIT |
| | BALANCE | DIVERSIFY | INTEREST | MARKET | RATE |
| | | | | | STOCK |

The “Splash” is imminent

By Brandie Majeau

The Annual Splash & Crash fundraiser for the Thorhild Agricultural Society is officially underway, bringing a wave of excitement to the community this year. The fundraiser is uniquely set up at two distinct locations, strategically chosen along Highway 18 to catch the eye of passing drivers. This year one of these sites features a car, the other, a Massey Ferguson 530 combine, adding a touch of agricultural pride to the fundraiser. The 2024 Splash & Crash was situated in one location with a single vehicle.

In 2024, the “Splash” portion of the fundraiser successfully raised an impressive total of \$8,310. From this amount, \$4,155 was presented to the lucky winner, Kendra Toronchuk. The remaining proceeds are

charitably funneled back into the operations and maintenance of the Thorhild Agriplex, ensuring the facility remains a central hub for community activities.

Meanwhile, the “Crash” segment saw enthusiastic participation, selling \$1,950 worth of raffle tickets. Ian Paly emerged as the winner, showcasing his adventurous spirit by choosing to drive the car in the 2024 Thorhild demolition derby—a highlight of the local event calendar that never fails to draw in spectators.

As preparations for the 2025 Splash & Crash fundraiser gain momentum, enthusiasm is palpable in the air. Influencer duo Leroy and Leroy from “Always Something to Do” recently visited Thorhild and, in playful confusion, discussed the Splash & Crash signs pointing in opposing



Photos courtesy of Thorhild & District Agricultural Society

directions during a recent video. Leroy later remarked, “Nothing says small town fun like parking a car on a dug-out, waiting for it to crash through AND then driving the car in a demolition derby

after it’s pulled out! Way to go, Thorhild Ag Society!” Their endorsement adds a fun twist to the already building excitement surrounding the campaign.

To enhance the participant experience,

the Thorhild & District Agricultural Society has been diligently preparing for the “Splash” by setting up sensors and live feeds, ensuring that everyone can enjoy each moment in real-time. One of the

most exciting parts is continually checking the live feed as time counts down to individual “splash” guesses. Ticket sales for this event can be conveniently accessed through their website, splashandcrash.ca.

PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1670/24 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1670/24. This Bylaw would redistrict a portion of SW-29-55-26-W4 from R4 – Hamlet Serviced District to DC24 – Direct Control District 24.

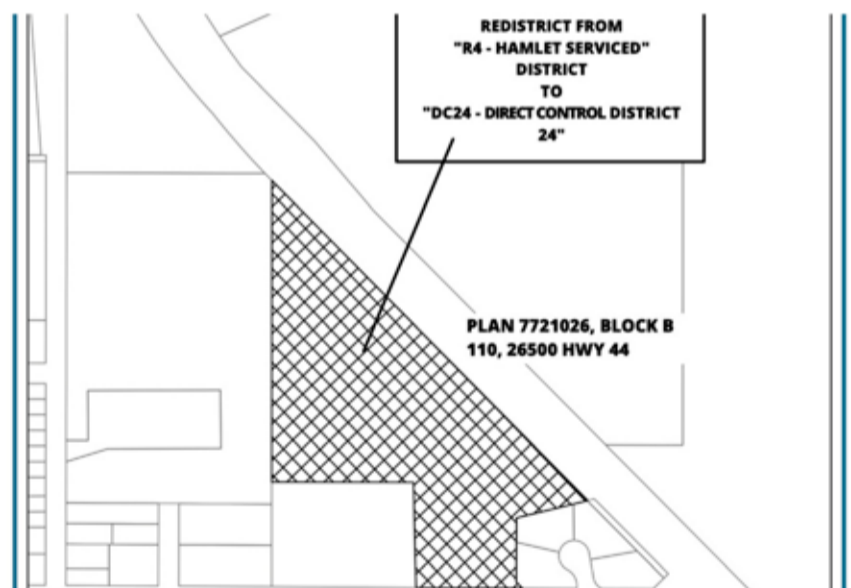
The proponent is seeking to relocate their existing business (Recreational Vehicle Sales) to the hamlet of Riviere Qui Barre. As this land is currently designated as ‘Hamlet Residential’ which does not allow this type of activity, redistricting is being proposed to accommodate or allow for the associated uses.

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

[View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1670](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1670)

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 1 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville) sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings



Questions? Contact us!

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Planner, Current Planning
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Important information about Public Hearings

Requirements for speakers

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

Speaking in person

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

Speaking via videoconference

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you **must** register by February 24 at 1:00 p.m. **780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377**. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Written submissions

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

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

Watching the Public Hearing

You can view the Public Hearing in person or online at sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings. To view the livestream, click on the meeting date on the calendar, then click on the video link.

QDM comes to Vilna

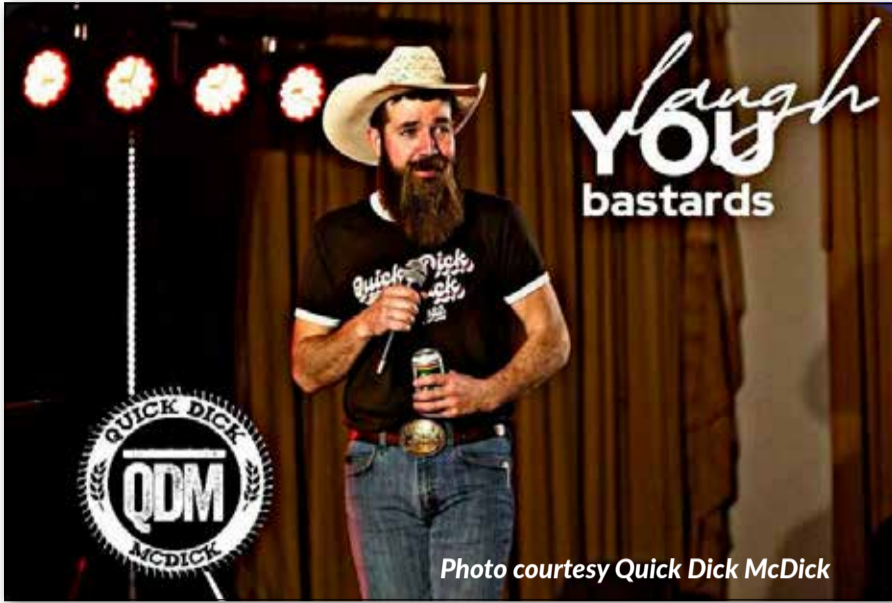


Photo courtesy Quick Dick McDick

By Brandie Majeau

Who is Quick Dick McDick (QDM)? Quick Dick is a multifaceted Canadian farmer, stand-up comedian, and YouTube content creator known for his unique blend of

humor that revolves around the nuances of Canadian politics, farming challenges, energy issues, and the oil and gas industry. With a fearless approach to various topics, he engages his audience with

both wit and candor. Originally hailing from the small community near Tuffnell, Saskatchewan, Quick Dick's path took an interesting turn after high school when he ventured into the oil patch in Brooks,

Alberta.

In his early years, Quick Dick became deeply involved in the oil and gas sector.

He spent several years serving as the operations manager for an oilfield trucking company, where he was responsible for coordinating and managing approximately 60 workers. During his time there, the company grew significantly, expanding its fleet from a modest three trucks to an impressive 36. The company specializes in supporting fracturing crews by supplying essential materials such as liquid CO₂, nitrogen, and various chemicals. However, the demanding nature of the industry took a toll on him, as he often found himself in

high-pressure situations and eventually frustrated by a challenging economic landscape.

After nearly two decades in the oil patch, Quick Dick reached a turning point.

Feeling the weight of an intense lifestyle, he decided it was time for a change. He spent an eye-opening summer on his Harley-Davidson, traversing over 25,000 kilometers and visiting every province and territory in Canada that had accessible roads. This journey allowed him to reflect on his life, and when he returned to his roots on the farm, he discovered a profound sense of happiness and fulfillment almost instantly.

The Quick Dick McDick persona emerged humorously

and unfiltered during his initial forays into social media, starting with daily videos on Snapchat. However, since those videos would only last a day, he evolved his content strategy and transitioned to YouTube, where his candid and comedic style flourished. Today, his YouTube channel boasts over 100,000 subscribers, solidifying his status as a prominent figure in Canadian comedy.

Known for his coarse yet hilarious content, Quick Dick McDick has garnered a loyal following. He will be performing live at the Vilna Cultural Centre on February 28, 2025. Ticket availability can be found at the Vilna ATB or through the Town of Smoky Lake.



Sturgeon County's 100 Year Farm Family Award recognizes families who have lived and farmed in the County for 100 years or more.

If you meet the following criteria, your family may qualify for this award!

- Your family has owned the land for at least one hundred consecutive years, which can be demonstrated through documentation and records of ownership.
- You are a direct descendant of the homesteader.
- Your family is currently farming the land.
- You, or another direct descendant of the original homesteader, still reside on the parcel of land.



Applications can be submitted with ownership records and documentation via:

Online: www.sturgeoncounty.ca/farmfamily

For more information or for alternate submission options visit www.sturgeoncounty.ca/AgricultureAwards.

If you have questions or require assistance with your application, call us at 780-939-8349.

The deadline for application submissions is Friday, February 28, 2025.



Sturgeon County is proud of its diverse and innovative agricultural sector! The Excellence in Agriculture Award is a way to recognize those who demonstrate excellence in what they do and help improve local communities, the economy, and the environment.

Past award recipients have been recognized for demonstrating excellence in a variety of ways, including: innovation and use of technology, engagement with youth and other community members, or protecting the environment through improved stewardship practices.

Who is eligible?

- Families and operators (individuals, community associations, groups and clubs) of farms of all sizes and types, such as grain, greenhouses and livestock producers.
- Businesses supporting the agricultural sector.
- Businesses that add value to agricultural commodities.
- Agri-tourism operators.

Applications and nominations can be submitted online by visiting

www.sturgeoncounty.ca/AgAwards

The deadline for application submissions is Friday, February 28, 2025.

For more information on submission requirements, eligibility, and award details visit: www.sturgeoncounty.ca/AgAwards. If you have questions or need help with your application, call 780-939-8349.



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LETTER TO EDITOR



By Nicole Hewitt

Education is, at its core, about shaping a positive future. It provides stability, relationships, compassion, knowledge, and social skills to those who will lead our communities in the coming decades. When done well, these future leaders will strive for equity in environmental stewardship, economic growth, political leadership, and corporate responsibility. They will shape our culture, fostering

opportunity, generosity, and cooperation despite differences. However, achieving this ideal is increasingly difficult. Our education system, originally designed on a factory model, has undergone improvements—one of the most critical being the shift from an impersonal process to a relationship-based approach. Research shows that one caring adult can make the difference between a child developing emotional resilience or struggling with



Holding the Line

Workers remain steadfast on the picket line, pushing for negotiations to move forward.

lifelong reactivity. The former leads to strong, determined individuals who create change; the latter results in defensiveness, detachment, or a sense of victimhood. One way we see this shift in schools is through Educational Assistants (EAs). Unlike past Teacher's

Assistants (TAs), who primarily supported teachers, EAs work directly with students, building relationships and providing crucial support. However, society, technology, and changing family dynamics have placed even more pressure on schools. Many

youth today feel isolated, and for some, school is the only place where they have a caring adult in their corner. At the same time, financial strain, rising inflation, and a lack of education funding stretch resources thinner than ever. Alberta currently

ranks last in Canada for per-student education funding. Rapid policy changes and budget cuts have fueled skepticism and frustration. Dedicated school staff—teachers, EAs, administrative assistants, speech and

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INDUSTRY UPDATE WEBINAR

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2025
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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS February 11, 2025

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the February 11, 2025, Regular Council meeting:

Unfinished Business - Long Lake Block Wells Survey

Council directed Administration to seek legal counsel regarding the closure of 13 Long Lake block wells with block well # 5 to remain open at the Hamlet of Long Lake, and to respond to the Long Lake Cottage Owners Association letter from January 21, 2025.

Unfinished Business - Policy 1304 - County Bus Policy

Council approved amended Policy 1304 County Bus, including limiting destinations to a 150 km radius of the Hamlet of Thorhild.

Grants in Place of Taxes Write Offs

Council directed Administration to write off \$11,946.18 for 92 tax rolls as listed in Schedule "A" - Grazing Reserve Accounts for Write Off.

Correspondence for Action - Shell

Council directed Administration to respond to Shell's request with a date of March 13, 2025, for the tour.

Correspondence for Action - Elected Officials Education Program

Council approved the use of the Elected Officials Education Program for mandatory post-election training.

Correspondence for Action - RCMP Redwater Detachment

Council accepted for information the letter from RCMP Redwater Detachment, RE: Shape the RCMP, received February 4, 2025.

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED – APPEAL BY MARCH 4, 2025

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

- i. Legal Description: SE 06-58-22-W4
Land Use Designation: AG - Agricultural District
Proposal: Application for a Natural Resource (Sand) Extraction Site involving approximately 29.8 hectares in size (project footprint).
Division: 2
Permit # DP24-2663
- ii. Legal Description: Plan 2965 ET, Block 4, Lots 4 and 5.
721 - 1st Street, Hamlet of Thorhild
Land Use Designation: C1 – Central Hamlet Commercial District (LUB 1194-2015)
Proposal: Application for a Business offering Light Mechanical, Tire Sales and Service and Oil Changes.
Division: 3
Permit # DP25-2675

Date of Decision: February 11, 2025; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, March 4, 2025

Additional Information:

For additional information regarding these permits, please contact Manager of Planning and Development David Blades at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825 or email: David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com.

Appeal Information:

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

Land and Property Rights Tribunal

This is the appropriate appeal body if the application is the subject of a licence, permit, approval, or other authorization granted by the Minister of Environment and Parks or granted under any act the minister is responsible for under section 16 of the Government Organization Act, or granted by the Natural Resources Conservation Board, Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board or Alberta Utilities Commission. You can file an appeal via email or by mail to 2nd floor, Summerside Business Centre, 1229 - 91 St. SW., Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9. Telephone enquiries can be made to 780-427-2444.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

All other appeals not subject to the above can be filed with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board via email at carol.revega@thorhildcounty.com or via mail to Thorhild County, P. O. Box 10, 801 – 1st Street, Thorhild, AB, T0A 3J0. Telephone enquiries can also be made to the Planning & Development Department at 780-398-3741. Pursuant to Section 686 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, an appeal may be commenced by filing a notice of appeal within 21 days of the decision date. Please note that there is a \$200.00 fee for any appeal.



FREE TAX CLINICS Get your benefits and credits

If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, volunteers can do your tax return for you!



For Thorhild County residents that have modest income and very basic tax returns.

Income limits for the 2024 tax year are as follows:

- Singles up to \$35,000
- Couples combined income up to \$45,000
- Families with a combined income up to \$52,500

Taxes will be completed during March and April by appointments on the following dates:

March 5, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm	April 9, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm
March 6, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm	April 10, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm
March 25, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm	April 22, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm
March 26, 2025 10:00 am-2:00 pm	April 23, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm
March 27, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm	April 24, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm
April 8, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm	

To book an appointment or for information please call Kelly at 780-398-3741 ext. 2820.

ENVIROMENTAL FARM PLAN WORKSHOP

It is becoming increasingly important to have an active Environmental Farm Plan (EFP). Take advantage of this workshop to get in-person help to start a new EFP or renew an expired one.

Reasons to get an EFP:

- More and more commodity groups and agencies are requiring producers have an active EFP.
- An EFP is good for 10 years before it needs to be renewed.
- Your EFP can be used as a marketing tool if you sell directly to the public.
- Certain government programs require an EFP to get access to funding resources.
- EFPs are strictly confidential and private.
- They are free to obtain!

Workshop 1: Feb 21, 2025: 9:30 am-4 pm, Thorhild County Public Works, 21414 Twp 600A Walkthroughs of Chapters 1 & 2 will take place at 9:30 am and 1 pm.

Details: You MUST register ahead of time for this workshop. Please call or text Chelsea at 780-284-9975 for more info or to sign up.

Deadline to register is February 20, 2025.

Please note this workshop is only open to Thorhild County residents

A valid EFP is mandatory for S.CAP funding (RALP, OFEP).

EFP meets the AgriInvest agri-environmental risk assessment requirement.

HALFMOON LAKE CAMPGROUND SITES

Sites 7 and 11 at the Halfmoon Lake Campground are available for the 2025 season, which runs from May 15th to September 30th. Each site costs \$2,000 for the season, and a damage deposit of \$250 is required.

The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone interested in securing a seasonal site can contact Kelly at kelly.patry@thorhildcounty.com or call 780-398-3741 ext. 2820.



NATURAL GAS INSTALLATION

Property owners requiring a new natural gas service or a secondary line to a home, business, or farm are asked to call 780-398-3741 ext. 2811 or utilities@thorhildcounty.com to request a new natural gas infill.

When contacting Thorhild County, please state the address or legal description, and the type of installation required. The cost for new rural natural gas infill is \$8,250 plus GST. The cost for new urban natural gas infill is \$3,500 plus GST.

The application deadline is August 31 of each year.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Thorhild County is accepting applications from candidates to fill the following summer/seasonal positions:

- Pool Manager & Lifeguards/Instructors
- Summer Program Coordinator & Leaders
- Spray Operator
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For details, please visit our Careers page at www.thorhildcounty.com.



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The family of the late Lawrence Melnyk would like to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who helped during our heart breaking loss. There are so many people who have shared their kindness



staff from Smoky Lake Hospital, Sturgeon Community Hospital and the second floor of the Grey Nuns Hospital, thank you for all that you did for Lawrence. Also, thank you to Grace Gardens

and care with us. Carolyn Penoksy, your guidance, humor and compassion will always live in our hearts. Zina Nendze, you and everyone who helped created a meal that Lawrence would have been so happy to share. Thank you to our Maria, for a beautiful slide show. To the doctors and nursing

Funeral Chapel. To our dear family, friends and neighbors, we will always be so grateful for all of the support and love that helped us deal with the loss of Lawrence. He lived and laughed and loved and left. Now, our world will never be the same. Val, Michelle, Michael, Mandy and families.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BYLAW NO. 05-2025 & BYLAW NO. 07-2025

TAKE NOTICE THAT that the Council of Town of Smoky Lake is proposing to pass a bylaw pursuant to Section 692 of the *Municipal Government Act* and a public hearing will be held to obtain public input on proposed Bylaws 05-2025 and 07-2025.

The purpose of Bylaw No. 05-2025 is to remove the municipal reserve designation from Lot R-2, Block 12, Plan 4117TR.

The purpose of Bylaw No. 07-2025 is to amend the Municipal Development Plan to reclassify Lot 2, Block 11, Plan 872NY from "Residential" to "Commercial".

Date: Monday, February 24, 2025

Time: 10:45 am

Location: Town of Smoky Lake Council Chambers, 56 Wheatland Ave, Smoky Lake, AB or online:

<https://zoom.us/j/3287551220?omn=94039622430>

The Public Hearing will commence at 10:45 am, or as soon as practical thereafter. The hearing will occur sequentially starting with Bylaw No. 05-2025 and followed by Bylaw No. 07-2025.

TO SPEAK OR PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Email legislative@smokylake.ca for participation information.

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TO VIEW BYLAW: visit smokylake.ca

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language assistants, and librarians—are overworked, underpaid, and exhausted. They can no longer make up for the system's shortfalls alone.

This is why CUPE education workers across Alberta are taking a stand.

- Edmonton and Sturgeon CUPE workers began striking in January. Sturgeon's first bargaining meeting is set for February 13, one month after the strike began.
- Edmonton CUPE has had five unsuccessful bargaining meetings, with workers claiming nearly a decade without a meaningful wage

increase.

- Fort McMurray's strike has continued since November.
- Grande Prairie and Wild Rose School Division settled without strikes, but they are the exceptions, not the norm.

In Sturgeon School Division, CUPE workers—including EAs, administrative staff, and librarians—have not received an inflation-matching wage increase in eight years. In that time, division trustees gave themselves a substantial raise. These support workers, who already earn the lowest CUPE wages in Alberta, are now left outside in the cold, fighting for fairness.

Meanwhile, some students who rely on these caring

adults have been forced to stay home. Education is supposed to build a better future, yet the province and school divisions continue to devalue it.

It's disheartening to watch weeks and months pass while support workers stand on the streets, but it's also inspiring. These dedicated individuals are leading by example, advocating for the very values we hope future generations will uphold: equity, fairness, and compassion.

It's time for parents, community members, and policymakers to stand with them. Contact your MLA, demand better funding for education, and support the CUPE workers fighting for the future of Alberta's students.

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- Pony rides with Carousel Amusements (Indoor Arena)

Outdoor activities

- Skating in Cardiff Park - bring your skates! Walk the winter path to the Skating Trail or catch a ride!
- Hayrides from the Agriplex to the Cardiff Park Skating Trail from Longriders Sleigh and Wagon Rides.
- Learn about Alberta wildlife and try snowshoeing with Fearless in the Forest.
- Maple syrup sticks with the Canadian Maple Shack*
- Fire pits for warming and roasting s'mores.
- Learn about Ice Rescue from Sturgeon County Emergency Services.

*Food and giveaways available while quantities last.

Outdoor activities will be cancelled if the temperature is (or feels like) -20C, indoor activities will go ahead. Check our socials and website for updates.

Scan the QR code or visit our webpage for full event details.
SturgeonCounty.ca/Winterfest

Redwater & District Pioneer Club: A community hub for seniors

By Shelley Winger

Staying active and socially connected is essential for seniors' well-being, and the Redwater & District Pioneer Club provides the perfect opportunity to do just that. Located at 4916 - 50th Street, Redwater, the club offers a welcoming space where seniors can engage with their community, make new friends, and enjoy a variety of activities.

Research has shown that staying socially active can improve mental and physical health, reduce stress and even increase life expectancy. Regular interaction with others helps prevent isolation, boosts mood and enhances overall well-being. The Pioneer Club is a fantastic place for seniors to stay engaged,

share experiences, and enjoy a sense of belonging.

For just \$10 per person, members gain access to reduced rates on monthly suppers and, after a year of membership, discounted hall rentals. The club fosters a friendly and engaging environment, making it a great place to meet new people and stay active.

The club offers a variety of activities throughout the week, ensuring there's something for everyone:

- Floor Curling - Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1:30 PM (except the 1st Tuesday of the month)
- Games Night - Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 PM
- Coffee Mornings - Mondays & Thursdays from 9:00 - 10:30 AM

- Pancake Breakfasts - 1st Sunday of the month from 9:00 - 10:30 AM
- Monthly Suppers - 2nd Wednesday of the month (Cocktails at 5:00 PM, Supper at 6:00 PM)

The club is not only a great place for recreation but also an ideal venue for community gatherings and private events. Hall rentals are available by calling 780-942-3772.

For seniors looking to stay active, maintain social connections, and enjoy a sense of community, the Redwater & District Pioneer Club is an excellent choice. Whether you are stopping by for coffee, participating in floor curling, or enjoying a community meal, this club is a fantastic way to stay engaged and enhance overall well-being.

Ochre Park School News

Ochre Park's school mascot OP the OWL poses with a student of the month.



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Redwater School News



Redwater School students hit the ice for a curling session, honing their skills and enjoying the sport at the local curling club.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We want your feedback!

Waste Management of Canada Corporation (WM) will be hosting a public open house to request feedback from Thorhild County residents on it's application to amend it's development permit to align with the Provincial Environmental Approval at Thorhild Landfill. We look forward to seeing you there.

Date: Thursday, March 6

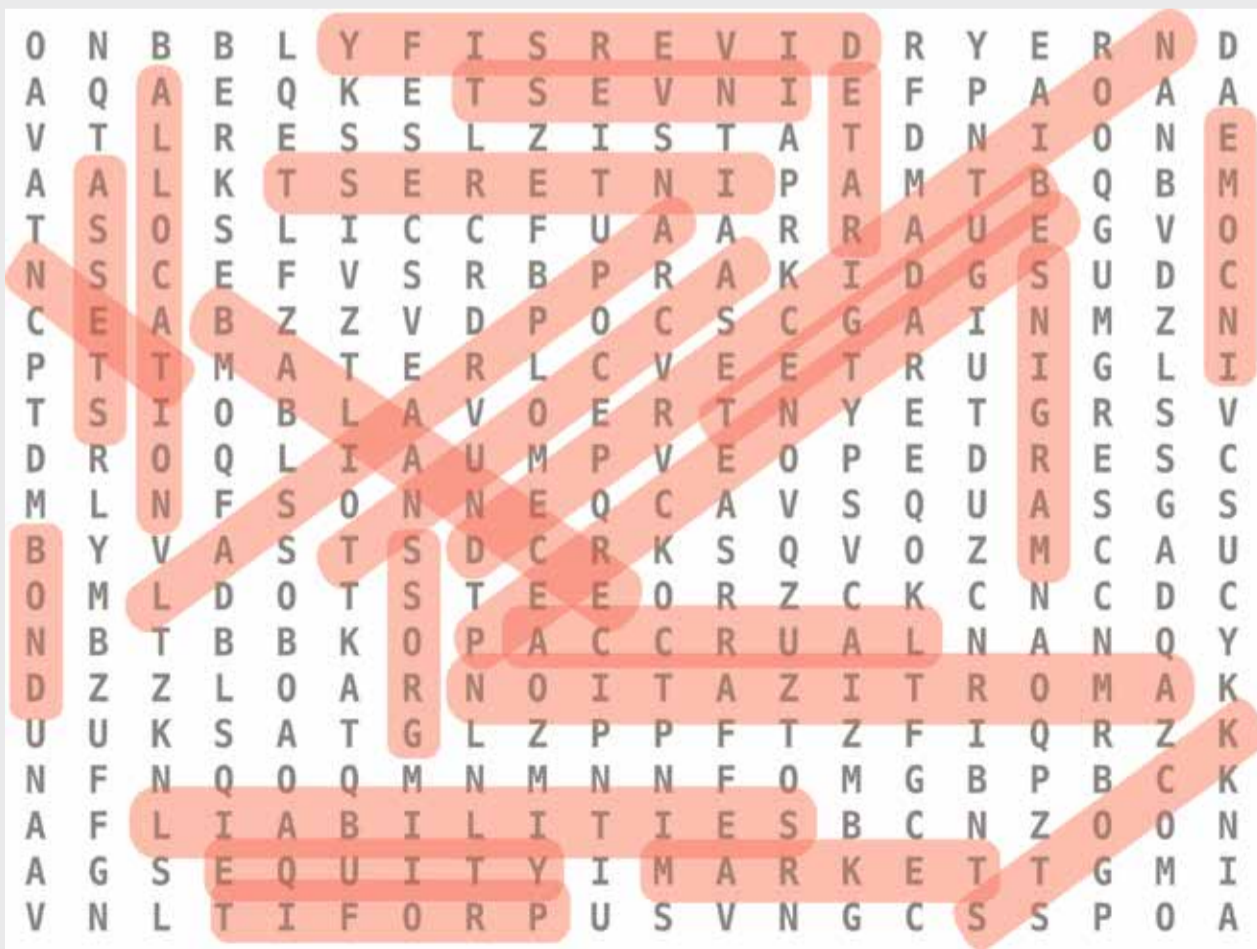
Time: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Location: Newbrook Hall

Questions? Please contact: Chris LeMaistre at clemaistre@wm.com

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