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February 25 Redwater Minor Hockeys 59, 259.00 Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Facility Upgrade AB Government

Dale Nally (left) presents Redwater Minor Hockey President Alf Lavallee with a \$59,259 CFEP grant from the Alberta government to support facility upgrades. The funding will go toward new risers for the community arena.

Photo by: Hon. Dale Nally, MLA

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Cirque de Smoky Lake a family day highwire act

By Brandie Majeau

Despite the biting cold that enveloped much of Alberta, Smoky Lake brought to life its festive Family Day event, uniting families, children, and children at heart. This day was not merely an escape from the winter chill; it blossomed into a celebration of

laughter, joy, and a multitude of opportunities for families to forge deeper connections through a medley of engaging activities.

A standout attraction was Flyin' Bob Circus Experience, where families were invited to unleash their inner cus performers in a unique circus drop-in

area. With a sense of wonder and excitement, both children and parents tackled stilts, embraced the challenge of tightrope walking, and attempted to master unicycles, crafting an atmosphere brimming with attempted performance creativity.

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If you know, you Agknow

By Brandie Majeau

The Alberta Farm Mental Health Network, known as AgKnow, plays a vital role in supporting the mental well-being of Alberta's farmers and ranchers. As the agricultural landscape continues to evolve, AgKnow is committed to providing essential resources tailored specifically for individuals within the farming community. Their mission is to assist farmers in accessing mental health resources and to guide them towards

supportive connec- farmers from access

transformative shift sponsive to the everin farming culture—a shift where prioritizing mental health becomes a routine aspect of farm life, much like planting and harvesting. By focusing on increasing resilience among farming communities, AgKnow aims to de-stigmaconversations surrounding mental health, encouraging individuals to seek help without fear of judgment. They strive to reduce the barriers that often prevent

tions in times of need. to necessary ser-AgKnow envisions a vices and remain rechanging challenges facing the agriculture sector in Alberta.

Central to AgKnow's approach is the development of a comprehensive network of services designed to meet the specific needs of farmers, enabling them to lead fulfilling lives while actively contributing to local economies and fostering resilient rural communities. They are in the process of

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 - 3. To promote crime prevention through the sharing of information regarding techniques, products and ideas.
 - 4. To interact with and to share information of other crime watch/prevention groups in the area
- 5. To study problems of concern such as, but not limited to the prevention of crime, the investigation of incidents and the judicial system.

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Newbrook Drop-In: Where community, fun, and friendly competition come together

By Brandie Majeau

The Newbrook Drop-In Centre has been a beloved community hub for years, inviting locals to gather every Tuesday evening at 7 PM for an engaging and friendly game of Whist. This classic card game brings with it a spirit of fellowship and light- hearted competition, with a modest \$1 playing fee. The unique twist for Newbrook Drop-In is that the players with the lowest score on each side of the table win their loonies back, while the victorious side plays for the winning bragging rights and takes home the pot...3 loonies. After the games, participants can enjoy complimentary coffee and tea, along with a delightful dessert or snack brought by various members of the Drop-In Centre, rotating through volunteers each week.

While Tuesday nights are a highlight for many, the Newbrook Drop-In Centre also organizes several special events throughout the year. This includes popular spaghetti dinners that have become a favorite social gathering, and a series of four bingo nights throughout the year, with the next scheduled for April 4th and will be a meat bingo.

Additionally, the centre has hosted a variety of engaging local events, including potluck suppers,

and dances, and competitive crib tournaments. Recently, a new executive board was elected, and they are actively brainstorming creative ideas and upcoming activities that promise to enrich the community experience at the drop-in.

Open to all visitors, the Newbrook Drop-In also offers an affordable yearly membership for only \$10, which greatly contributes to maintaining this welcoming venue. The facility is available for rent, accommodating various gatherings and events, with

lively musical jams rental options priced as follows: complete access to two rooms and the kitchen is available for \$175; one room and kitchen for \$100; and a single room without kitchen access for \$75. Please note that a non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required to secure any rental. The hall comfortably accommodates up to 90 guests, making it an ideal setting for celebrations and community functions. Keep an eye out for future events and activities at the Newbrook Drop-In Centre, as there's always something exciting on the horizon!



Photo courtesy of Newbrook Drop-In Centre

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creating and tailoring programs that resonate with farm culture, actively collaborating with producer networks and engaging policymakers. This collaborative effort is essential in establishing a sustainable environment where farm families can not only survive but thrive.

At the heart of AgKnow's initiatives are the real stories of farmers—each with challenges unique and opportunities for growth. With a robust mental health referral network and partnerships with research collaborators, AgKnow is working diligently alongside agricultural communities across Alberta

and beyond. Their collaborative efforts focus on identifying effective strategies to build resilience against ongoing stressors, whether they arise from economic pressures, climate change, or personal hardships. For more information on how to access support and resources, please visit www.agknow.ca.

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Can I count on the Canada Pension Plan when I retire?

(NC) The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) has been in place for almost six decades, but there's a persistent – and unfounded – concern among some Canadians that it will not be there for them when they retire.

According to a recent survey, almost 30 per cent of respondents fear CPP benefits will not be available to them in retirement and another 25 per cent are not sure. The survey did not delve into the reasons why, but the concerns expressed by those surveyed could go back to the mid-1990s, when it was estimated that the Canada Pension Plan would not be able to cover benefits by the mid-2010s; or, perhaps it's the influence of the United States, where social

security is forecast to be insolvent by the mid-2030s.

CPP Fund's finan**cial stability:** The fact of the matter is, the fund is on a firm financial footing thanks to actions taken more than 25 years ago by the federal government and the provinces that participate in the pension plan. They raised contribution levels and created CPP Investments, a professional investment management organization that is overseen by an experienced board of directors and is accountable to Parliament and the federal and provincial finance ministers.

CPP Investments manages excess funds that are not currently needed to pay pension benefits in the best interest of more than 22 million contributors



and beneficiaries. As of September 30, 2024, the CPP Fund stands at \$675 billion. And it's worth noting that pension contributions that come off your pay can only be used to pay CPP benefits; and cannot be used by any governments for any other purpose.

Checks and balances for financial sustainability: There are strong checks and balances in place to ensure the financial sustainability of the system. Every six years, CPP Investments undergoes a special examination of its systems and practices by an independent examiner. In addition, the Office of the Chief Actuary

(OCA), an independent federal body, reviews the future costs and financial stability of the CPP every three years. The OCA's most recent report reconfirmed that the Canada Pension Plan is financially sustainable under legislated contribution rates for at least the next 75 years – the

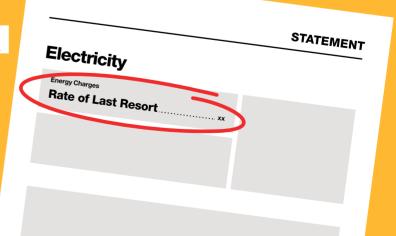
longest period actuarial forecasts can look out.

These factors – a professional investment manager combined with strong oversight – means you can have confidence that your benefits will be there for you for as long as you live – for generations to come.

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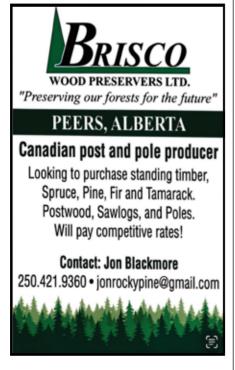
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Bundled up against the crisp air, skaters also glided effortlessly across the arena ice with free skating as part of the afternoon, or if one wanted an alternative, the face painting and games section was a huge hit. Eagerly forming long lines, little ones beamed with anticipation as they awaited colourful designs that transformed their faces into whimsical canvases. Interactive games and delightful prizes fueled the afternoon's excitement. The circus aura was topped off with goodies and treats from corn dogs, to popped popcorn. Every bite pulled guests further into the atmosphere of Cirque de Smoky Lake.

A meaningful addition to this year's festivities was the involvement of Healthy Families, Healthy Futures, who graciously shared invaluable insights about their free in- home visitation services designed for families in the Smoky Lake region. This initiative emphasized a profound commitment to enhancing community well-being and support.

The day also served as a catalyst for community engagement, with four new volunteers joining the community volunteer bank, showing a

growing interest in local involvement. The clever idea of a Graffiti Wall provided families with a creative outlet to express their thoughts and feedback. In honor of Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17th, a special jar filled with inspiring ideas for positive actions was prominently displayed, encouraging families to embrace kindness and spread goodwill beyond the confines of the event through small, thoughtful gestures.

Braving the chilly air, approximately 150 spirited attendees gathered to interweave wonderful memories at the Family Cirque de Smoky

Lake. The event's success was bolstered by the generous support of local sponsors, including Smoky Lake County, ATB, Kinettes, and the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society, whose contributions turned this celebration of family and community into a remarkable reality.

The Family Day Cirque de Smoky Lake encapsulated the very essence of community spirit and so much more. It was a testament to the joy, fun, and excitement that foster connections, demonstrating that even in the midst of winter's chill, families can unite to create cherished memories.











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WOMBANIA

by PETER MARINACCI







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!



\$214,200

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.



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.



Beautiful bungalow in a prime location, situated across from the Redwater Golf Course! This well-maintained home features an open-concept main floor, perfect for entertaining. The main level offers three bedrooms, including a primary suite with a 2-piece ensuite, plus a 4-piece main bathroom. Downstairs, you'll find a spacious family room, laundry area, two additional bedrooms, ample storage, and a partially finished bathroom ready for your personal touch. The basement also features a brand-new drop ceiling. Recent upgrades include newer windows, doors, flooring, some appliances, and updates to the upstairs bathrooms, as well as new carpet in the basement. The only finishing touches needed are interior basement doors and the basement bathroom. Outside, enjoy a fully fenced yard, a double detached heated garage with recently updated shingles, and a side driveway perfect for RV parking. A fantastic opportunity in a sought-after neighborhood!



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.



Commercial building in Redwater with prime Main Street exposurel Featuring three office spaces, this property is ideal for an insurance agency, law firm, accounting office, or other professional services. A great opportunity to establish your business in a high-traffic location!



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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS February 25, 2025

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the February 25, 2025, Regular Council meeting:

Amendments to Policy 605 - Administration, Property Tax and Assessment Services **Schedule of Fees**

Council approved the amendments to Policy 605 - Administration, Property Tax and Assessment Services Schedule of Fees as presented.

Thorhild County Quality Management Plan

Council accepted the attached Quality Management Plan Thorhild County Gas Utility as information and authorized the Reeve to sign on behalf of Thorhild County.

Thorhild County Integrity Management Program

Council adopted the Integrity Management Program, as revised from time to time, as a quideline in operating and maintaining our Gas distribution system.

Delegation - Chris Cholak, MNP

Council accepted the presentation from Chris Cholak, MNP for information.

Correspondence for Action - Egremont Community Club

Council I directed Administration to provide a letter of support for the Egremont Community Club's efforts to construct a new hall. Additionally, Council requested Administration to bring back Policy 332 Letters of Support to a future Council meeting to be updated.

2025 Gravel Program

Council approved the transfer of \$1,200,000 from operating reserves to the Infrastructure Services budget for the completion of gravel surfacing work that was deferred in 2024.

Long Lake Block Wells

Council directed Administration to provide notice to the Long Lake property owners that the block wells except block well #5 will be closed as of September 30, 2025.



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

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Each month, we highlight local business stories, share key insights, and connect you with the people shaping our economy.

This month we are featuring **Nook in the Woods**. Visit www.bit.lv/business spotlight to check out their story and see why Nook in the Woods is more than just a business—it's an experience!

> **Business Spotlight NOOK IN THE WOODS**



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 April 24, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm March 27, 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Records Management Clerk

.80 Temporary, June to August 2025

For details, please visit our Careers page at www.thorhildcounty.com.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT **OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Pool Manager & Lifeguards/Instructors

Equipment Operators

 Summer Program Coordinator & Leaders Spray Operator

 Labourers Roadside Mower Operators

For details, please visit our Careers page at www.thorhildcounty.com.

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.

2023 TAX ARREARS DEADLINE

If you have any property tax arrears from 2023, please note that payment must be made by March 14, 2025, to avoid the Tax Recovery process. If you do not make a payment by this date, a Tax Recovery Notification will be placed on your property's title.

For information on how to pay your tax arrears, visit www.thorhildcounty.com, find Corporate Services under the Services tab and click on Assessment & Property Taxes, or contact our Tax Clerk, Courtney Gray, at courtney.gray@thorhildcounty.com.

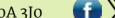
AVOID MISTAKES IN CONTROLLING **BLACK KNOT**

Black Knot is a naturally occurring disease that affects trees and shrubs belonging to the Cherry (Prunus) genus throughout the Canadian prairies. The main symptom of Black Knot is the distinctive black, tar-like swellings that appear on the branches of the affected plant.

One of the primary ways this disease spreads is through improper pruning practices and the timing of these activities. To prevent the spread of Black Knot, it is essential to avoid common pruning mistakes and to choose the right time for pruning.



Learn more by reading the full article at www.thorhildcounty.com and click on Agricultural Services under the Services tab. This article and more are available under Useful Links.



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Five things you might not know about RRSPs

(NC) Most Canadians do not have a workplace pension. That's why the federal government created the Registered Retirement Savings Plan. If you're one of the roughly fifty per cent of Canadian wage earners who contribute to their RRSPs each year, there are a number of things you may not know about them. Here are five.

They provide a tax-deduction

One of the main benefits of contributing to your RRSPs is that you can get a deduction on your current taxes. Simply put, every dollar you contribute to your RRSPs is deducted from your income for the year. This will reduce the amount of income you pay taxes on, and may even

move you into a lower **retirement** tax bracket. Your investments in the RRSP are also tax-sheltered as they grow.

There's a contribution limit

There's a maximum amount that Canadians are allowed to contribute to their RRSPs each year. Your personal amount is based on 18 per cent of your previous year's income, up to a maximum of \$31,560 for the 2024 tax year. But, if you don't use all your contribution room, any extra can be carried over into the future. You can find your unused contribution balance on your annual Notice of Assessment you receive from the Canada Revenue Agency.

with-You can draw them before

Generally, money you take out chase an annuity. will be counted as taxable income for that RRSPs to donate year. But there are exceptions. For example, you can withdraw up to \$60,000 from your RRSPs to use for a down payment if you qualify as a first-time homebuyer. Similarly, you can withdraw up to \$10,000 a year (to \$20,000 lifetime maximum) to use for a qualifying education program. Note that in both cases you must pay back whatever amount you withdraw into your RRSPs within a set period to avoid penalties.

They don't last forever

Many people don't realize that you have to close your RRSP account by December 31st of the year you turn 71. At that point,

you have three opwhen tions: withdraw all you withdraw from the remaining funds, your account before transfer them to a simits time, you will get ilar investment called a hit with a hefty with- Registered Retirement holding tax and the Income Fund or pur-

You can use you

Want to leave a legacy and make a big impactonacauseyoucare about? You can name a charity as a beneficiary on your RRSP. Your financial institution has a simple form for you to fill out where you list all the people and/ or registered charities you'd like to receive your leftover funds.

Note that in Quebec, you can only name a charity as a beneficiary of your RRSPs through your will.

An added benefit? Your estate will receive a donation tax credit that could eliminate much or all of the taxes that would have to be paid on any leftover RRSPs anyway.

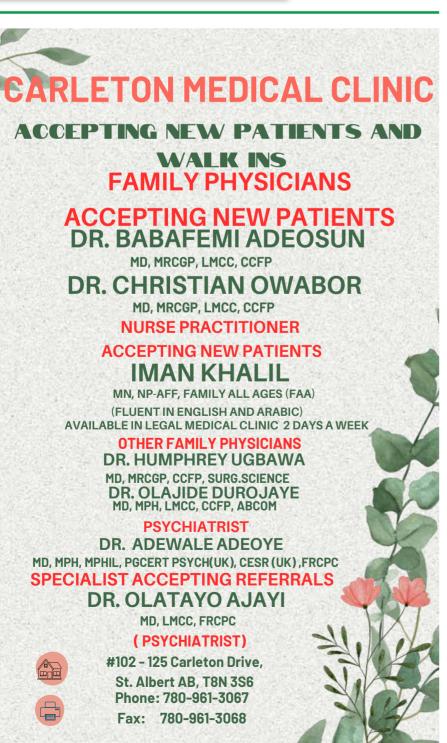
Redwater School News





Grade 8 students at Redwater School participated in frog dissection as part of hands-on learning





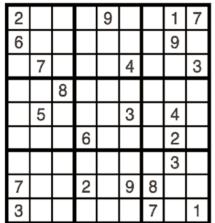




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SUDOKU



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!



41. Small amount

46. Uncertain

satiny finish

in S. America

advocate

your own identity

56. Noted consumer

60. Spanish sports club

42. Mother of Perseus

45. Gov't investigators

49. A cotton fabric with a

51. The vast grassy plains

55. Your consciousness of

44. Ornamental box

Here's How It Works:

CLUES ACROSS

14. Not narrow

19. Automobile

20. Toadstools

23. Challenged

25. One-sided

17. Frame

22. Utilize

greed

1. Cut a little bit off

5. State with confidence

11. River in NE Scotland

15. Lacking social polish

21. High school dances

27. Showing extreme

34. Everyone has one

35. Lake in Botswana

38. E.T. rode in one

39. Juniors' parents

31. Potted plants

16. Amount of time

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

- 4. Monetary units
- 6. Marine invertebrate
- 7. One who takes you to court
- 8. Indicates outer
- 9. Parallelograms
- 10. Strains
- 11. Cross
- 12. A way to remove
- 18. Ukraine city

- 29. Jewelry brand
- 64. Woman (French) Rohan 65. Ready and willing to be

taught **CLUES DOWN**

61. Body part

62. Tractability

1. Brushed aside

- 2. Water sprite
- 3. Ones to look up to
- 5. A number everyone has

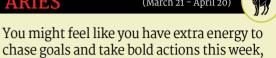
- 13. Some pages are dog-__

- 24. A citizen of Denmark
- 26. Summer month (abbr.)
- 28. Hindu queens
- 30. Fictional rider of
- 31. Wet dirt
- 32. Russian city
- 33. Observed 36. Furious

- 37. Drivers' licenses
- 39. Musical composition
- 40. Auction
- 43. They __
- 45. Women
- 47. Inspire with love
- 48. Japanese ankle sock
- 49. Appears
- 50. Old World lizard
- 52. The leading performer
- 53. Type of protein
- 54. Pennsylvania town
- 57. Art __: around 1920
- 58. __ Blyton, children's author
- 59. Abnormal breathing
- 63. A place to sleep
- 66. Muslim ruler title
- 67. Depressed
- 68. Gradually gave way
- 69. Clear-thinking

CROSSWORDS HOROSO

(March 21 - April 20)



TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

You may feel compelled to slow down and nurture your inner self this week, Taurus. Take time to reflect on your values and personal goals.

Aries. Your natural drive will be strong. Find

opportunities to assert yourself in new areas.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

You are in a social mode this week, Gemini. Your communication skills will take center stage, and it's a good time to collaborate or share ideas with others.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, your focus could shift toward long-term career goals in the next few days. Work to identify a clear vision of where you want to go and the path to get there.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)

Leo, this week brings an adventurous energy that implores you to expand your horizons. Consider travel, new experiences or educational pursuits to make the most of your time.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



You may find yourself dealing with intense emotions this week, Virgo. You might realize that time is running out on something and you really need to make a move.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)

Relationships are especially important to you right now, Libra. Whether it is friendship, romance or business, your interactions with others are bound to be intense.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Scorpio, this week requires heightened focus on daily routines and personal health. It's a good time to prioritize selfcare and improving your habits.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Sagittarius, your creativity and passion are elevated this week. You feel ready to pursue personal projects since your inspiration is booming.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Family matters takes precedence and garner your attention this week, Capricorn. You may feel a desire to create a sense of stability in your personal space.

(January 21 - February 18)

Aquarius, communication is key this week, whether it's in social circles, at work or at home. You will engage in good conversation and exchange interesting ideas.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)

Finances come into focus this week, Pisces. You may wonder how you can improve your financial situation and make smarter choices when it comes to money.

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If you have a claim against this Estate, you must file your claim by April 11, 2025.

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If you do not file by the date set out above, the Estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.







Redwater School proudly celebrated the outstanding achievements of its athletes at a recent tournament. Both the girls' and boys' teams earned silver medals, while the mixed team brought home bronze. Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork reflected the spirit of the school, and everyone looked forward to what comes next for these talented students.



Redwater Rush players battle for the puck during games against Athabasca and Drayton Valley on February 22. **Photo: Redwater Minor Hockey**



MARCH 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

March 13, 2025 @ 9:00 AM March 27, 2025 @ 9:00 AM April 10, 2025 @ 9:00 AM April 24, 2025 @ 9:00 AM May 8, 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

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April 18, 2025 and April 21, 2025

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- 3rd Reading given to Bylaw No. 1474-25: Joint Use and Planning Agreement with Lakeland Catholic School District.
- Defeated Bylaw No. 1472-25: A Bylaw to amend land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14: LUB Amendment for NE-34-59-13-W4 from Residential to Agricultural Land.
- Awarded Campground / Recreational Area Supervision & Care-taking Services for Hanmore & Island Lake, & Mons Lake.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 62-10-10: Agricultural Service Board Business Plan.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 03-20-05: Safety Apparel and Footwear.
- 3rd Reading given to Bylaw No. 1475-25: Natural Gas.
- Agreed to amend the agreement for the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with Lamont County.

Donations

- \$500 donation to Spedden Fish and Game Association Family Day Fishing Event.
- \$500 donation to Vilna Curling Club's Annual Greg Flondra Memorial Bonspiel.

NOTICE: PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Bylaw No: 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.

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

For details visit: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/publichearing

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Contract Trucks & Equipment: Notice to Register

Policy No. 03-04

Contractors must complete and submit annually a registration form listing each piece of equipment they wish to hire out. Registration forms must be *delivered in person* to the Public Works Shop prior to, **4:00 PM on April 30, 2025**.

<u>Dust Control/ Suppression Applications</u>

Policy No. 03-39

Public Works is accepting applications for blade mix oil or magnesium chloride dust control/ suppression for rural roads within the County in front of residences.

Deadline to apply is prior to 4:00 PM on May 31, 2025.

Policies and application forms can be found at: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/policies

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Navigating security in the age of online banking

(NC) As Canadians increasingly bank and manage their money online, it's crucial to stay vigilant in safeguarding transactions and personal information safe and secure.

According Shekher Puri, RBC's VP, digital components and platforms, there are a number of easy-touse digital tools and steps you can take that can help protect you whenever you're online.

 Use multi-factor authentication possible: Two-factor authentication, or two-step verification, vides an extra layer of security and makes it harder for cybercriminals steal your information when banking



or making transactions online. It does this by using two separate factors to make sure you are who you say you are. For example, when using two-step verification for online banking, after you enter your username and password, you will receive a notification on a trusted device asking you to allow the login. This ensures that even if someone has your username and password, only you can access

your banking information and conduct transactions. While some apps and websites use this type of authentication automatically, some leave the decision up to the user, which is a smart step to take every time you are online.

 Use alerts to suspicious **activity:** There are several types of alerts that send a notification if there is out-of-the-ordinary activity on account.

example, with a fraud alert, you will be notified if there is an unusual banking or credit card transaction. That's why it's important to set up these alerts with all your financial institutions.

 Use a trusted device: Only use devices you are familiar with when banking or managing your money online. This means your own personal smartphone, tablet or laptop. It's also important to only use secure Wi-Fi connections, public networks.

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Ochre Park School News



Municipal elections fast approaching

By Brandie Majeau

Municipal elections in Alberta are fast approaching, presenting a unique opportunity for indiinterested viduals in influencing their community. For those passionate about improving localities, now may be an ideal time to consider a candidacy for municipal office. The role of an elected official allows individuals to be involved in important decisions, budget allocations, and the everyday lives of residents.

Running for office can be daunting; Alberta however, Municipalities, in collaborationwiththe Rural Municipalities Association (RMA). has developed a comprehensive resource guide to assist potential candidates. This guide provides insights from the experiences of ABmunis and RMA Board members and highlights the Elected Officials Education Program



(EOEP). Interested individuals can start by accessing valuable resources on Running for Municipal Office at www.abmunsi.ca.

Serving as an elected official demands significant responsibilities, and success often hinges on a deep understanding of the community its people, geography, prospects, and challenges. Wherepresenting small villages, rural

municipalities, large cities, officials must be well-versed in relevant legislation, planning and development processes, and effective service delivery. Additionally, strong skills in ethical governance, collaboration with colleagues neighbouring municipalities, and strategic planning are essential for effective community leadership.

The EOEP offers essential training and resources for those seeking to enhance their competencies. The program includes Munis ipal elected official 101: the Essentials of Municipal Governance, designed to equip both new and returning councillors with the necessary skills and knowledge for their roles. Additionally, six supplementary courses cover detailed topics

such as public participation, regional partnerships, land use, and development approvals.

Becoming a municcarries significant weight in shaping the future of local communities. These officials have crucial decision-making power that affects infrastructure, budgeting, economic development, and the provision of essential

municipal services. By representing their constituents, councillors play a vital role in ensuring that the community's concerns and needs are acknowledged addressed.

Their decisions can directly improve residents' quality of life throughenhancedpublic services, boosting economic growth, or promoting a more inclusive and equitable community.

H.A. Kostash **School News**



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PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1669/24 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1669/24. This Bylaw would redistrict a portion of SE-34-56-26-4 from AG -Agriculture to AG 2 - Agriculture 2 District, which accommodates diversified agricultural development with increased traffic and visitors.

The proponent is seeking to operate an Event/Wedding Venue on the property. As this land is currently designated as AG - Agriculture, it does not allow for 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-1669

REDISTRICT FROM "AG - AGRICULTURE" DISTRICT "AG2 - AGRICULTURE 2" DISTRICT PLAN 2421838, BLOCK 1, LOT 1 56510 RGE RD 262 Rge Rd 262 Twp Rd 565

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 1 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville) sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings

Ouestions? Contact us!

Jonathan Heemskerk Planner, Current Planning 780-939-1398 jheemskerk@sturgeoncounty.ca

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 March 10 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.



Six actions to help avoid money mistakes

(NC) According to recent research, while three-quarters of Canadians say they have strong financial habits, many are still making money mistakes that could be impacting their financial wellbeing. These actions range from not setting financial goals to not keeping track of expenses. The research also uncovered that many Canadians feel they lack the time or knowledge to make good financial habits stick.

Want to avoid money mistakes and build stronger financial habits? Here are six actions to help get you started.

goals and Set create a plan: Knowing what you want to achieve and creating a plan is an important step in making new financial habits stick. It allows you to see where you are financially and identify the habits you will need to create, and stick to, in order to reach your goals.

- 2. Make a budget and track your spend**ing:** These are two important habits that can improve your financial wellbeing. Start by looking at your spending habits and then create a budget that aligns with your monthly earnings. Make sure to capture all expenses, big and small, and to review your budget regularly to ensure you are staying on track.
- 3. Monitor your cash **flow:** Knowing and staying on top of your cash flow is an important step to not only ensure you have enough money to cover your expenses today, but to make long-term planeasier ning

identifying how much money you have to put towards savings and investing goals. It can also help you determine if you need to tighten up your spending.

- 4. Save and invest when and what **you can:** With everyday expenses adding up, it can sometimes seem impossible to find money to save or invest. A common misconception is that it takes a lot of money get started or make a difference. In reality, finding even a small amount of money to put away can add up over time. The most important thing is to just get started.
- 5. **Chip** away debt: Knowing how much debt you have is a good first step. Make a list of all your current debts, along

with interest rates, then look at your budget to see how much you can put towards paying off your debts. While there are many approaches you can take, one strategy is to focus on your highest-interest debt first.

6. Get expert advice

and use tools that can help: Get expert advice and use tools to help you keep your financial habits on track. For example, digital tools like RBC's NOMI, which provides a suite of capabilities that use artificial intelligence to help

Canadians manage their money, can help remove some of the barriers and friction that can come with creating better financial habits.

Find more tips to help you navigate creating better financial habits at rbc.com/ nomi.





Pick-Up:

Friday, April 25, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m. - Noon

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For more information

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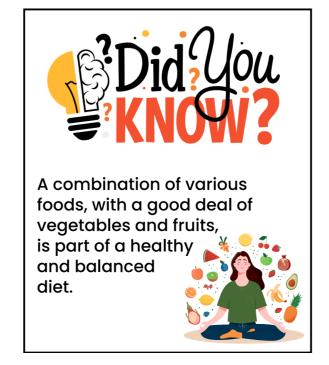
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Warm up with Irish stew this St. Patrick's Day

🔽 t. Patrick's Day is known for revelry. A festive atmosphere prévails each March 17, and people from all walks of life and genealogical backgrounds take part in festivities that have become celebrations of Irish culture.

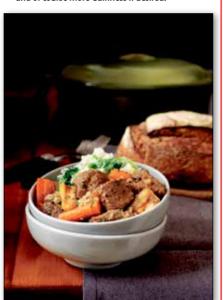
Cuisine is a big part of Irish culture, even if it's not the first thing people think of when pondering the Emerald Isle. This St. Patrick's Day, celebrants can bring a touch of Irish cuisine to their celebrations by preparing the following recipe for "Irish Guinness Stew with Lamb" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Irish Guinness Stew with Lamb Makes 6 servings

- 8. cups lamb or beef stock; divided
- 1. cup pearl barley
- 3. lb. lamb shoulder, cubed
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 3. tablespoons oil 1/2. cup unbleached all-purpose flour
- 4. stalks of celery, washed, trimmed and chopped
- 2. large yellow onions, peeled and chopped
- 3. cloves of garlic, minced
- 3. large carrots, peeled and roughly chopped
- 12. fluid ounces Guinness stout
- 1. bunch fresh parsley
- 1. bunch fresh thyme
- 1. bunch fresh rosemary
- 3. large potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2. teaspoons cornstarch
- 4. teaspoons water
- 1. In a medium saucepan set over medium heat, bring 3 cups of stock to a boil; add barley. Reduce heat to low and gently simmer for 20 minutes. Set aside.
- 2. Meanwhile, pat the meat dry with paper towels. Season the meat with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a 6-quart Dutch oven. Brown the meat on all sides over medium-high heat. Using a slotted spoon, remove the meat from the pot. Sprinkle flour over the meat, shaking off any excess; set aside.
- 3. Add the celery, onions, garlic and carrots to the pot and saute until onions are soft and translucent. Add

Guinness and deglaze the pot, scraping up all the caramelized bits on the bottom and sides of the

- . Chop the leaves of the parsley, reserving the stems. Tie the parsley stems and several sprigs of thyme and rosemary into a bundle; drop the bundle into the pot. Chop the remaining thyme and rosemary; set chopped herbs aside.
- 5. Return the meat to the pot. Add the potatoes, barley and enough stock to cover the meat and vegetables. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to very low and simmer for 2 to 3 hours, or until meat is fork tender. Stir occasionally, adding remaining stock as necessary.
- 6. Check seasoning; adjust to taste. Stir in chopped parsley, thyme and rosemary. Mix cornstarch in water and stir. Add to stew, stirring to incorporate. Cook over low heat for 5 to 10 minutes or until stew thickens. Ladle into bowls. Serve with crusty bread and of course more Guinness if desired.



Enjoy a bite of a lemony treat

djusting diet is a necessity for someone with food allergies, intolerances or a condition like irritable bowel syndrome. Although an individual may understand the need to avoid certain foods, it can be difficult to pass up on foods when so many people around you are enjoying them, especially when they are tasty desserts.

Fortunately for lemon bar lovers, this recipe for "Lemon Bars" from "The Complete IBS Diet Plan" (Rockridge Press) by Amanda Foote, RD, offers a sweet and sour offering with delicious shortbread crust that should not cause any digestive distress for IBS sufferers.

Lemon Bars Makes 12 bars For the crust

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) very cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces, plus more for greasing the pan
- 13/4 cups gluten-free all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 4 tablespoons very cold coconut oil, cut into pieces

For the filling

- 4 large eggs
- 11/4 cups sugar
- 3 tablespoons gluten-free all-purpose flour
- Grated zest of 2 lemons
- 2/3 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/3 cup unsweetened plain rice milk Pinch sea salt

To make the crust:

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with butter.

- 1. In a blender, combine the flour, powdered sugar, cornstarch, and salt and pulse 10 times in 1-second 2. Add the butter and coconut oil. Pulse 4 to 5 times
- more, in 1-second bursts, until the mixture resembles sand. 3. Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan and press
- the crust into the bottom and slightly up on the 4. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until just brown.



To make the filling:

- 5. While the crust bakes, in a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, sugar, and flour. Stir in the lemon zest, lemon juice, rice milk, and salt. Pour the mixture into the warm crust.
- 6. Bake for about 20 minutes until the filling is set.
- Cool on a wire rack for 30 minutes. Refrigerate before cutting into bars and serving.

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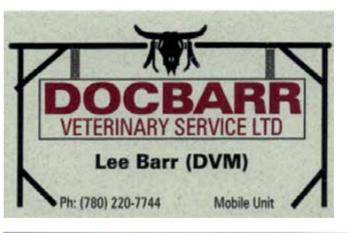
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