



## Road Restrictions Kick In Amid Spring Melt

By Brandie Majeau

As many municipalities begin to implement road bans, it is important to follow these restrictions, but also important to understand the reason why. As the season transitions from winter to spring, the implications of road management become increasingly

significant. Following spring road bans is not merely a recommendation but a necessity that serves multiple critical purposes.

The thawing effect of spring brings with it vulnerabilities for roadways, primarily due to the combination of melting snow and rising temperatures. During this time,

heavy traffic can worsen issues such as ruts, potholes, and overall deterioration of road conditions. Compliance with road bans plays a vital role in maintaining the integrity and longevity of municipal roads, ensuring they remain safe and functional for all users.

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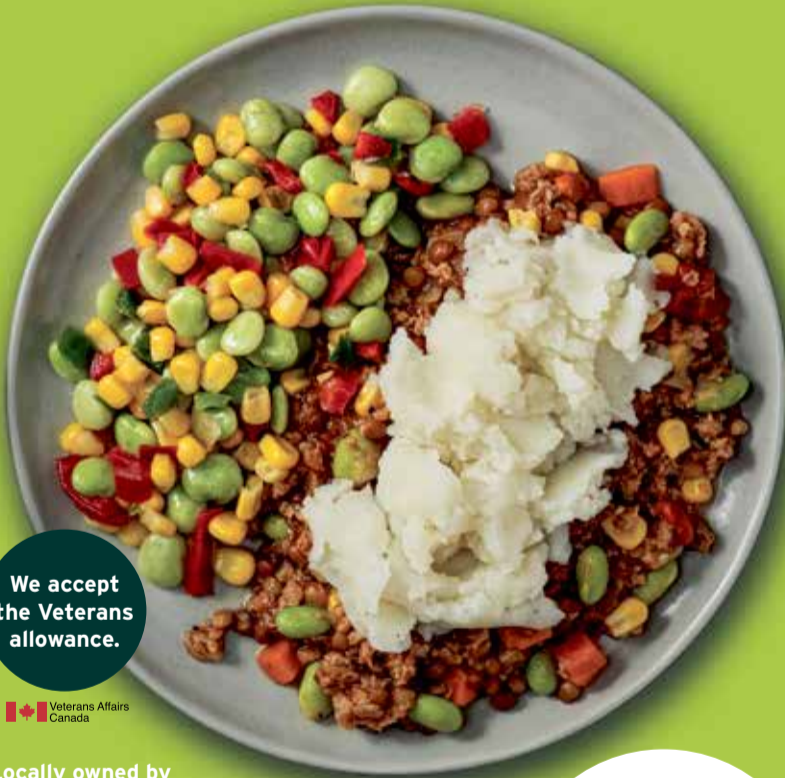
spring thaw can also present serious safety hazards. Wet and softened surfaces increase the risk of accidents due to potential road failures, such as sinkholes or loss of traction. Restricting heavy vehicle access during this thawing period can significantly reduce the

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## Radway readers enjoy their rewards!

By Brandie Majeau

The atmosphere was brimming with joy as the winning family of the Winter Reading Program in Radway was celebrated for their reading accomplishments. Jackie Mackay, accompanied by her excited children, beamed

with pride as they accepted the title of this year's winners.

In a delightful celebration of literacy, the top readers from both adult and junior categories were honored and awarded gift cards, generously provided by the Radway Readers Society. These prizes

acknowledge their dedication to reading and also inspire a profound love for literature and a lifelong commitment to reading that extends far beyond the local libraries.

The Radway Library expressed its gratitude to the Radway Lions Club for their generous contribution of additional toys, which served as delightful incentives for young readers. This wonderful collaboration between community organizations underscores the vital importance of promoting reading among all ages, while simultaneously strengthening the bonds that unite a community. The winter reading program served to recognize individuals' accomplishments while highlighting the common enthusiasm for reading that benefits the entire generations.



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# Smoky Lake Ag Society raises \$250 000 for STARS



By Brandie Majeau

The Smoky Lake Agricultural Society's annual STARS fundraiser stands as a celebration that intricately connects the fabric of the community while championing a vital and life-saving service. STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service) delivers rapid air medical care to individuals in critical situations, especially in rural areas where the urgency of medical assistance can often be hindered by distance and accessibility.

This year's event did not disappoint, featuring an amazing dinner, silent and live auctions and a dance featuring the Ryan Snow Band. The evening was alive with the sound of laughter as guests enjoyed the experience and variety of activities throughout the evening. The small yet mighty community of Smoky Lake joined forces to raise an astounding \$120,000, proof of the power of unity and the remarkable things that can be achieved when people

come together for a shared purpose.

The live auction was an amazing display and selection, revealing a multitude of generous contributions from local businesses and individuals whose commitment to the STARS fundraiser goes above and beyond. Each item represented not only monetary value but also the genuine support of those who understand the importance of what STARS actually means. The Smoky Lake

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# Now Hiring: seasonal students

By Brandie Majeau

Many high school students are at a crossroad, trying to understand where their place will be in this world and what path their lives should take. As the summer approaches, many seasonal positions are popping up and encouraging applications. County seasonal positions offer an incredible opportunity for students, presenting numerous advantages that can significantly enhance their educational

experience and career prospects.

One of the most appealing aspects of county seasonal jobs is their flexibility.

While some may be full-time summer placements, many of these positions provide hours that can easily accommodate a student's schedule. It also may provide relevant experience for students looking into specific fields. Seasonal positions can provide valuable, hands-on experience. For instance, those studying environmental science

could find opportunities in parks or conservation efforts, directly linking their job experience with their academic pursuits. Seasonal roles often help students cultivate essential skills that are vital in any career. From teamwork and communication to problem-solving, these positions serve as a training ground, equipping students with the competencies they'll need in their futures.

Working within a county position also enables students to forge connections with

professionals that may become valuable once they have graduated. These relationships can lead to future job opportunities, internships, or valuable references, paving the way for post-graduation success.

Seasonal jobs also provide a significant financial incentive. They offer students a source of income that can assist in covering tuition, textbooks, or building savings towards other future plans. For many, this financial support is essential, considering the cost of post-secondary education and the amount of financial support

their parents may or may not be able to contribute.

Many county positions emphasize community engagement, allowing students to contribute positively to their local areas. This involvement fosters a sense of belonging and responsibility, enriching their educational journey by connecting them with the community. Students can use seasonal employment to explore various career paths without the long-term commitment that permanent roles entail. This chance to test different waters can help them make informed

decisions about their professional futures.

Students should be encouraged to check out the local job forums; county seasonal positions present students with unique opportunities to gain experience, earn money, develop crucial skills, and engage with their communities. These roles can significantly benefit students both during their academic careers and in their future professional endeavors. By taking advantage of such opportunities, students can pave the way for a successful transition from education to the workforce.

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Agricultural Society extends profound gratitude to these sponsors, along with heartfelt appreciation for the countless volunteers and community members whose unwavering dedication propels this cause forward year after year, including those who attend each

annual banquet.

In addition to its fundraising success, the event serves as a critical platform for raising awareness about the essential role that STARS plays in saving lives. It highlights the urgent need for ongoing support to ensure these crucial services remain accessible, particularly in areas where

every second counts in the face of medical emergencies.

The STARS fundraiser exemplifies the core values of teamwork, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the well-being of all residents. This year, another monumental achievement was reached: the Smoky Lake Agricultural

Society has successfully raised a remarkable total of \$250,000 over the past three years. In recognition of this extraordinary effort, their logo will be honoured by being displayed on the STARS helicopter, a sincere tribute to the hard work and generous support that has fueled their fundraising endeavors.



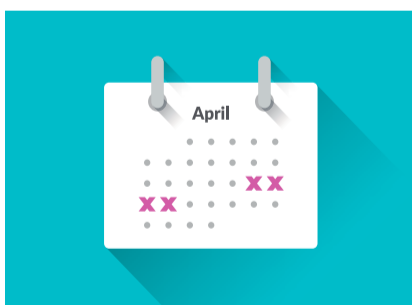
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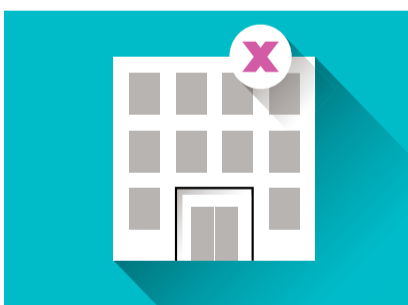
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## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS April 8, 2025

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the April 8, 2025, Regular Council meeting:

### Sale of County Land

Council moved that Reeve Janine Paly and CAO Ryan Maier sign the transfer of title documents for the following properties:

- Part of SE 32-62-20 W4 (18.85 acres)  
Sold to the Buyer for a total amount of \$59,900 includes GST;
- Lot 2, Block 10, Plan 1346 HW (606 - 4 Street)  
Sold to the Buyer for a total amount of \$10,476.19 plus GST

### Permanent Electors Register 2025 Municipal Election

Council accepted the report on the Permanent Electors Register 2025 Municipal Election for information.

### Long Lake Community Block Wells Special Levy

Council directed Administration that no special levy be applied to the Long Lake block wells for 2025, with funds for operating to be taken from the Long Lake Water Reserve.

Council also directed Administration to seek legal counsel if the Long Lake block wells can be transferred or sold to any individual or organization after September 30, 2025.

### 2025 Mill Rates

Council directed Administration to prepare a draft 2025 Mill Rates Bylaw based on Scenario 3, 8% decrease to residential and non-residential mill rates and increase farmland to match non-residential municipal rate.

### Review of Field Requisition Policy 908

Council approved rescinding Policy 908 Field Requisitions.

### Correspondence for Action - International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 955

Council directed Administration to respond to the invitation request for Reeve Janine Paly, Councillor Richard Filipchuk, Councillor Joyce Pierce and Councillor Angela Zilinski to attend the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 955 training event on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

### Correspondence for Action - Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.

Council directed Administration to register Deputy Reeve Trevor Dafoe for the Fedgas Insurance Reciprocal Exchange (FIRE) Annual General Meeting and the June Members meeting that will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

### Correspondence for Action - Thorhild Community Association

Council moved to provide a sponsorship of \$500 to the Thorhild Community Association for the Thorhild Stampede for 2025.

### Correspondence for Action - Meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

Council directed Administration to respond to the Office of the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors that Reeve Janine Paly and Councillor Richard Filipchuk can attend the April 29th, 2025, meeting at the legislative building.

Council also directed Administration to invite Mr. Botros, Regional Director, North Central and Fort McMurray Regions, to a future Council meeting.

### Correspondence for Action - Redwater RCMP

Council directed Administration to respond to Sgt. Nathan Dehaan, Redwater RCMP, with the following priority order:

1. Highest Priority - Crime Reduction,
2. 2nd Highest Priority - Drug Trafficking,
3. 3rd Highest Priority - Traffic/Road Safety

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## EASTER HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES



The Thorhild County Administration and Public Works offices will be closed April 18, 2025 for Good Friday and April 21 for Easter Monday. Offices will reopen Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

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For further details call Courtney at 780-398-3741 ext. 2822; courtney.gray@thorhildcounty.com or visit [www.thorhildcounty.com](http://www.thorhildcounty.com), then click on the Services tab > Corporate Services > Assessment & Property Taxes, then click on Tax Rates.



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April 23, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm

April 24, 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm

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

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### OPTION 2: CALCIUM (County Residents)

Calcium - \$460.00 per 100 lineal meters.

County residents may apply for the Dust Suppression Program by calling the Public Works Office at 780-398-3977 and register to have a request form emailed.

You may also pick this up at the Public Works Office at 21414 Twp Rd 600A or complete the attached application form and return it to Public Works.

Forms can be returned to the Public Works Office in-person or via email to jesse.mackin@thorhildcounty.com .

### Please know your legal land description when applying.

Payments can be made by mail, credit card, drop box at the County Administration Building. Please call 780-398-3741 to notify of drop box usage.

**The application period is April 14 - May 31 of the current year. A late fee of \$100 per application after May 31 of the current application year will be applied.**

## ROAD BAN IN EFFECT

Road Order 01-2025 came into effect on April 3, 2025, defining 75% axle weight restrictions on select municipal roads. These restrictions are necessary to preserve the integrity and lifespan of municipal roadways.

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To ensure that Thorhild County has an adequate number of trucks and equipment for the 2025 road maintenance program, residents who own gravel trucks or heavy equipment and are interested in offering their services are invited to register their equipment.

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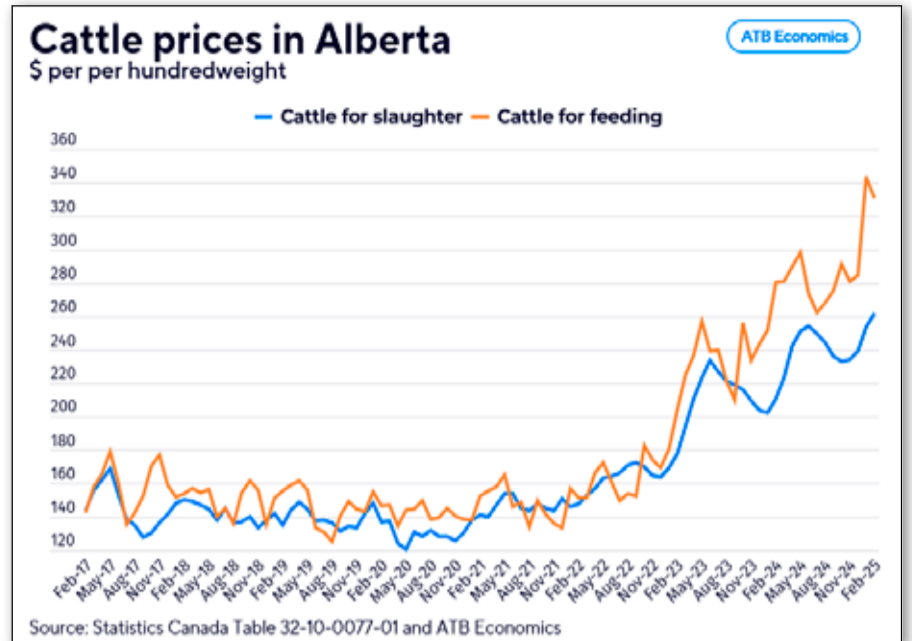
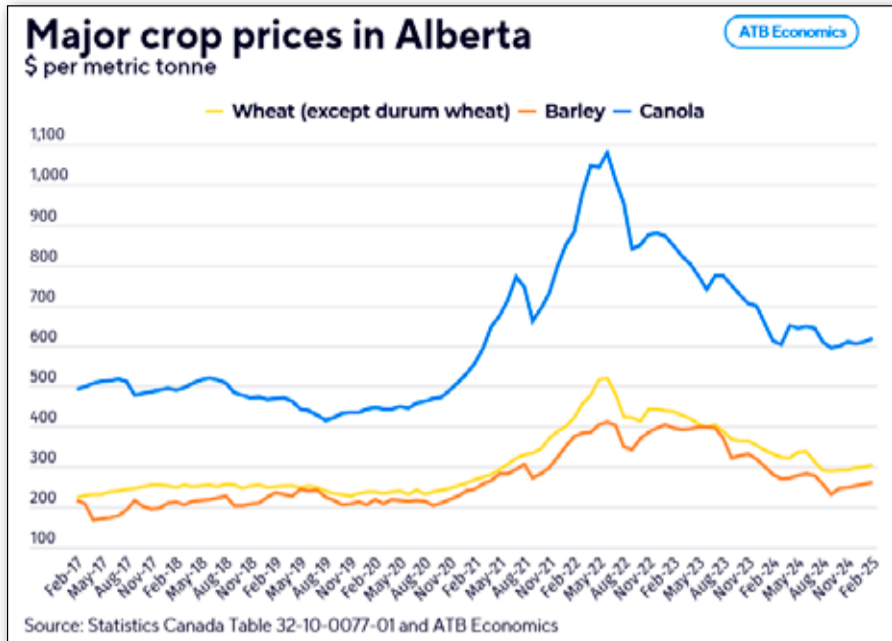
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# For everything there is a season: Major crop and cattle prices in Alberta



**By Rob Roach,**  
ATB ECONOMICS  
April 10

Given the tumult in financial markets, cratering oil prices and rising U.S. recession fears, it feels like the economic ground won't stop shaking beneath our feet.

Meanwhile, large parts of the economy continue to move forward—not as if nothing else is going on, but despite it.

Agriculture is a prime example. Trade war or no trade war, there are fields to

prepare, calving to be done, moisture conditions to be checked and so on.

While there are likely other U.S. tariff shoes to drop (President Trump announced a reduced tariff rate of 10% for most countries on April 10, but increased tariffs on China), Alberta's agriculture sector has so far been spared as long exporters can demonstrate they are compliant with the rules of origin requirements in the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement (which may be easier

said than done).

Somewhat ironically, Canada's countertariffs on U.S. goods mean that imports of wheat, barley, canola from the U.S. face a 25% Canadian tax. This could increase domestic demand for Canadian wheat, canola and barley as buyers seek to avoid the tariffs.

Canadian agriculture and agri-food producers will also have an advantage over foreign suppliers who face reciprocal U.S. tariffs. Canadian countertariffs, however, may increase operating costs.

In the meantime, China has imposed a 100% tariff on Canadian canola oil and cake and peas plus a 25% tariff on pork and seafood. Alberta sold China 16% (\$408 million) of its canola oil and cake exports last year; 25% (\$138 million) of its pea exports; and 4% (\$26.1 million) of its pork exports.

As Alberta's farmers and ranchers wrestle with the trade policy developments, the latest price data from Statistics Canada continue to put major crops on a different

track from the cattle sector.

The average price received in Alberta for wheat, canola and barley was 13-16% lower in February than the five-year average (though still above pre-pandemic levels) whereas prices for cattle for slaughter and feeding were 31-40% higher (see the charts on top of the page).

The latest outlook from Agriculture and Agri Food Canada has Canadian exports of major field crops growing by 5% this crop year based

on strong global demand. The same outlook, however, points to a "notable decline in the prices of most major field crops." The outlook predates the latest escalation of the global trade war by Donald Trump this month, so there is downside risk to this forecast. The next update from Agriculture and Agri Food Canada comes out on April 17.

For cattle producers, the relatively small size of the current North American cattle herd will help support prices going forward.

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## NOTICE OF DECISION OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED – April 7, 2025

Take notice that the following permit for a proposed development as described below has been approved in accordance with the Town of Redwater Land Use Bylaw PD-01-2023 and Bylaw PD-01-2024 Misc. Land Use Bylaw Amendments:

**Permit Number:** DPR2025-006  
**Legal Description:** Lot 12, Block 3, Plan 782 2312  
**Civic Address:** 5421 Eastview Crescent  
**Land Use:** Residential Manufactured Dwelling Density District (R-MF)  
**Variance:** distance from the principal dwelling from 6ft down to 4ft  
**Discretionary Use:** N/A

**Additional Conditions:** That the applicant follow the fire separation distance as provided by Superior Safety Codes.

**Additional Information:** For additional information regarding these permits, please contact the Development Officer at (780) 942-3519.

**Appeal:** The following information is provided as required by Section 685(1.1) of the Municipal Government Act. Any appeal of this decision shall be filed with the Secretary of the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB), 4924 47th Street-Box 397, Redwater, Alberta T0A 2W0 (780-942-3519 ext. 250), within twenty-one (21) days after the date of notice.

Appeal Fee - \$ 300.00

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FOR: BILL AND MARY PISAREWSKI

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**DATE: SAT MAY 3 AT 1 PM**

**TRACTORS AND FIELD EQ** \* JD4430 Tractor w (12,000 hr) cab, duals, Ezee on Loader, bucket, Bale Forks\* JD 4430 w (8550 hr) cab, duals \*10' HD Snow Blade fits over Bale Forks\* IHC 6200 Press Drill w gr, ft, rubber packers\* IHC 770 5x16 Auto Trip Plow\* 12 ft JD 110 Disc\* 12f JD Disc\* 12 ft IHC VS Cult\* 12 ft C 5 46 Cult for Parts \* 6 ft Tiller\* sets of 6/6/3/6 D Harrows\* IHC 706 Tractor w Ezee On 90 Loader

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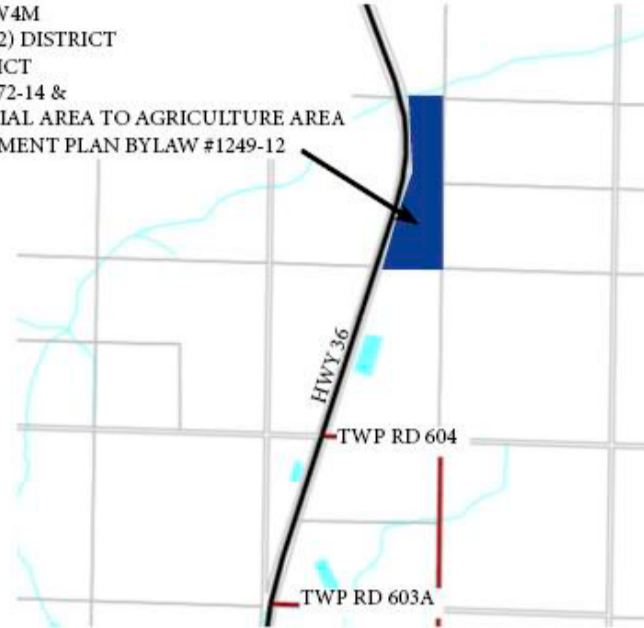
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## Smoky Lake County NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING on Proposed Bylaw #1477-25



REDISTRIBUTE PT. NW-27-60-14-W4M  
FROM RURAL INDUSTRIAL (M2) DISTRICT  
TO AGRICULTURE (AG) DISTRICT  
UNDER LAND USE BYLAW #1272-14 &  
RECLASSIFY FROM COMMERCIAL AREA TO AGRICULTURE AREA  
UNDER MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BYLAW #1249-12



**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 #1477-25:

- To redistrict the lands legally described as PT. NW-27-60-14-W4M, from RURAL INDUSTRIAL (M2) DISTRICT to AGRICULTURE (AG) DISTRICT, under the County's Land Use Bylaw #1272-14; &
- To reclassify the lands legally described as PT. NW-27-60-14-W4M, from COMMERCIAL AREA to AGRICULTURE AREA, under the County's Municipal Development Plan Bylaw #1249-12.

**A Statutory Public Hearing will be held in relation to Bylaw 1477-25, both in-person and via videoconference on Thursday, April 24, 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/711789613> Meeting ID: 711789613 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 [mandreychuk@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:mandreychuk@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](mailto:jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

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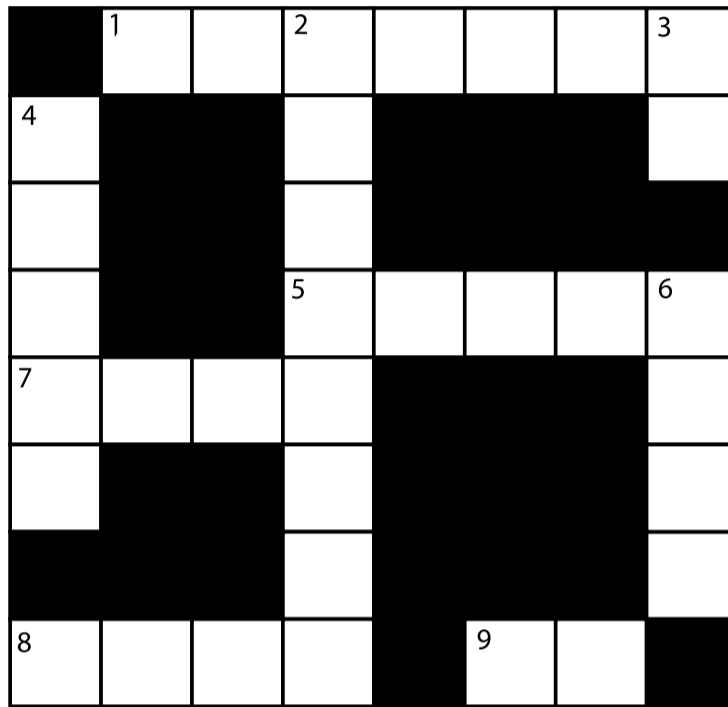
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# CANADIAN Kids Corner



## Crossword Puzzle



## CANADA



## HISTORY

### 1945

Canada is a founding member of the United Nations, an intergovernmental organization that aims to maintain international peace and security.

## Science FACT:



Different species of this plant grow better in certain climates, so homeowners must choose carefully.

Answer: Grass (lawn)

### ACROSS

- 1. Where flowers grow
- 5. Where lawns meet the road
- 7. A way to leave
- 8. Green grass
- 9. Not "down"

### DOWN

- 2. A response to
- 3. The lower of the Dakotas (abbr.)
- 4. Cuts grass
- 6. Dirt

Answers:  
 Across  
 1. Gardens 5. Curbs 7. Exit 8. Lawn 9. Up  
 Down  
 2. Reaction 3. SD 4. Mower 6. Soil

## NEW WORD

### MULCH

material spread around or over a plant to enrich the soil

## How they say that in...

- English:** Green
- Spanish:** Verde
- Italian:** Verde
- French:** Vert
- German:** Grün

## Did You Know?

Switching the direction a person mows the lawn each week can help the grass to grow thicker and more lush over time.



## Get the PICTURE?

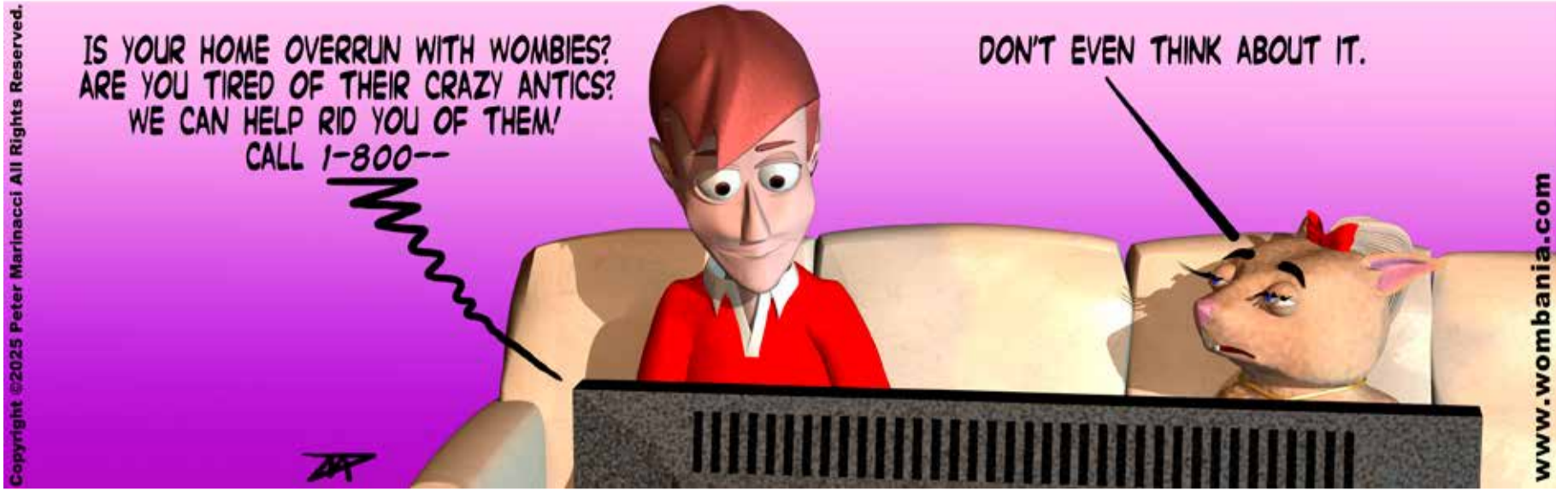


Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Garden gnome

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You won't find a better location than this charming bungalow in Redwater, perfectly situated backing onto Poplar Park and just a few blocks from the elementary school. The main floor offers a functional and inviting layout, featuring a movable eat-up kitchen island, a patio door leading to the front deck, and a spacious living room. This level also includes three bedrooms, with the primary suite boasting a private 2-piece ensuite, plus a 4-piece main bathroom. Conveniently located before heading downstairs is the entrance to the attached heated double garage. The fully developed basement adds even more living space with a fourth bedroom, a large rec area, a cozy family room, and a 3-piece bath combined with the laundry room. Recent updates include a new boiler and hot water tank (2024) for added peace of mind. The fully fenced, pie-shaped backyard is a private retreat with a deck, a garden shed, and a gate providing direct access to the park.



5217 44 AVE SMOKY LAKE

**SOLD**

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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.



SW-36-64-19-4 ATHABASCA COUNTY

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5307 62 ST REDWATER

\$349,000

This stunning 1,178 sq. ft. fully developed 4-level split offers a spacious layout, a double detached garage, and a fenced yard. Over the years, this home has seen numerous upgrades, including windows, flooring, doors, shingles, kitchen, and bathrooms. The main floor boasts a bright and inviting living room, a designated dining area, and a beautifully renovated kitchen with an island and newer appliances. Upstairs, you'll find three bedrooms, including a primary suite with a private 2-piece ensuite, along with a 4-piece main bathroom. The lower level features an additional bedroom, a 3-piece bathroom, and a generous family room, while the basement offers even more space with a rec room complete with a bar, plus a utility and laundry room. Situated on a quiet dead-end street, this home provides a peaceful setting with minimal traffic—perfect for families or those seeking a serene retreat.



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Continued from page 1

likelihood of accidents.

Beyond safety, the operation of heavy vehicles during the spring thaw contributes to soil compaction and erosion, jeopardizing local ecosystems. By following road bans, individuals and businesses alike can help protect natural habitats, thus reduce the broader environmental impact of transportation activities. This commitment to environmental stewardship is crucial for the sustainability of our landscapes.

Neglecting road bans can lead to substantial

financial burdens when it comes to repairing the resulting damage. These costs are ultimately borne by municipalities and taxpayers. Proactive adherence to road bans during the spring thaw can significantly diminish these repair expenses, leading to long-term savings that benefit the community as a whole.

Finally, it is important to recognize that compliance with road bans is often mandated by local authorities. Following these regulations helps avoid fines and penalties and encourages a culture of

respect for community governance. Adhering to these guidelines demonstrates a collective responsibility toward the welfare of our communities.

The significance of respecting spring road bans cannot be overstated. This practice is essential for enhancing safety and protecting the environment, ensuring the sustainability of our transportation infrastructure. Entering this critical season, it is crucial for all road users to be mindful of these regulations and to act in the best interests of the communities.

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Emily,  
 Jason, Bonnie, Dylan (Vivian), Kameron (Cami), Rod, Melanie, Gavin, Carter, Sawyer Chad, Jessica, Raelynn, Alyssa Ryan, Farrah, Kaden, Cohen & Makenna



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# PUZZLES

SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 15 *Review*

## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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69. Denouncements

70. More beloved

### CLUES DOWN

1. Winged nut
2. It cools a home
3. Kisses (French)
4. Oxford political economist
5. Keyboard key
6. Leaf pores
7. Agrees with publicly
8. Not around
9. Czech city
10. Muscle cell protein
11. Greek letter
12. Movements
13. Ned \_\_, composer
15. Popular series Game of \_\_
18. Exclamation that denotes disgust
21. Helper
24. Gift
26. Up in the air (abbr.)
27. Treat without respect

30. Trims

32. Slang for lovely

35. City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)
37. Guitarists' tool
38. Island nation
39. Delivered in installments
42. A baglike structure
43. Cooking vessel
46. Gets in front of
47. Wounded by scratching
49. More breathable
50. Medical dressings
52. Indiana hoopster
54. Married Marilyn
55. An ancient Assyrian city
57. Congressmen (abbr.)
59. Approves food
62. Ventura's first name
63. Between northeast and east
66. Atomic #71
68. Email designation

## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Expect some valuable insight regarding your future to emerge in the next few days, Aries. It won't be difficult to set plans in motion when you have the right people on your side.

### TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, take a breather and give some careful thought to your recent experiences and your expectations going forward. You will benefit from this in the long run.

### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



You are focused on your work, Gemini. However, distractions are beyond your control right now and will pull your attention away from what matters to higher-ups.

### CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Romantic endeavors are a little hard to plan and consider right now, Cancer. Just stick to what your intuition is telling you and you will come out just fine in the end.

### LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, you might be called upon to be a mediator for friends or loved ones who need a fresh set of eyes. Keep a cool demeanor and a level head and you can lead them to a resolution.

### VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, you are drawn to creative projects, but avoid using them to put off other endeavors. These distractions will only delay the inevitable and then you'll be pressed for time.

### LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, carefully schedule your time this week, as you cannot afford to get behind on your assignments at work or in school. You also have many important appointments on the calendar.

### SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, someone comes to you for advice this week and wants you to keep their situation private. You need to help them without betraying their request for confidentiality.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



It is possible your mind will wander this week, Sagittarius. You might not be able to focus on the tasks at hand, and will need to focus extra hard to limit distractions.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Capricorn, pay attention to detail in all things that you do. Be mindful of this when tending to professional and personal matters.

### AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Aquarius, the simplest resolution is often the best one. Keep this mind when tackling a perplexing problem in the days ahead.

### PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, you are eager to sail through your to-do list, and certain tasks need to be postponed to address those that are high-priority. Rearrange things accordingly.

## Crossword Clues

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Dark blacks
7. Construct a wall to confine
13. Most inappropriate
14. A type of board
16. Sacred Hindu syllable
17. Flatterer
19. The Granite State
20. Tears down
22. China's Chairman
23. Former Houston footballer
25. Periods of time
26. Expressed pleasure
28. World alliance
29. A Brit's mother
30. Television network
31. Brother or sister
33. Type of spirit
34. \_\_ Ladd, actor
36. A medium oversees it

38. One time province of British India

40. Wrong
41. The highest parts of something
43. Insect
44. Baseball stat
45. A way to use up
47. Where wrestlers compete
48. It helps elect politicians
51. As fast as can be done
53. Genus of legumes
55. Samoa's capital
56. Monument in Jakarta
58. Former French coin
59. Exploiters
60. College sports official
61. Uninterrupted in time
64. Stephen King story
65. Marked by no sound
67. Weathers

## LOT OF BOOKS WORD SEARCH

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

### WORDS

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# Edmonton's Dahlia Wakefield Brings Musical Energy to Redwater Lodge



Redwater Lodge residents were treated to a dynamic live performance on April 7 by Dahlia Wakefield, a multi-faceted, eclectic powerhouse singer-songwriter and recording artist from Edmonton.

With her powerful

voice and genre-spanning style, Wakefield delivered an engaging set that brought joy, rhythm, and emotion to the room. Known for her versatility and passion, she performed a mix of songs that showcased her wide-ranging talent

and deep connection to music.

The event was part of Redwater Lodge's ongoing efforts to bring quality entertainment and enriching experiences to residents, and Wakefield's visit certainly hit all the right notes.



Shauna Krankowsky photos

## PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1676/25 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1676/25.

The property owner would like to operate a carbon sequestration facility within a part of NE-29-57-25-W4M. To better address the development, the Land Use Bylaw is proposed to be amended in two ways:

Change the definition of gas processing plant to a more generic description related to the process while also adding a reference to carbon sequestration, thereby reflecting the approval the facility has received from the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER).

The area which is covered by an existing lease is being proposed to be redistricted from AG – Agriculture to I1 – Rural Industry Support. It was determined that the I1 – Rural Industry Support in this instance would reflect the proposed use and help address any potential co-locating development that may not be subject to the same AER oversight.

The proposed development is subject to regulation by the AER, from whom it has received approval. As the development has been approved by the AER, the County is obligated to issue a development permit and make any necessary amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to facilitate the development.

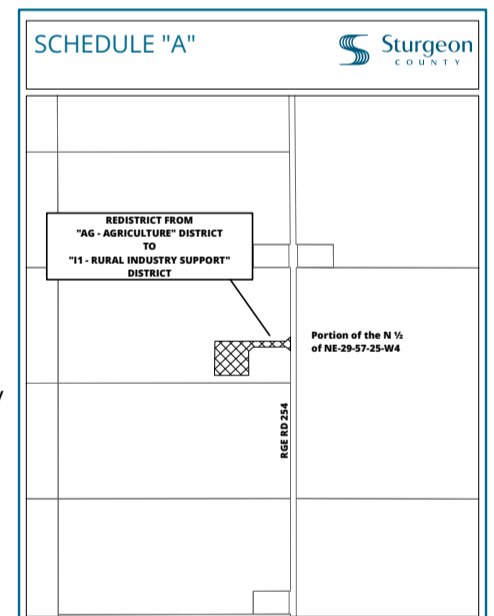
[View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1676](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1676)

### Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:  
**Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter)  
Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)  
[sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings)

### Questions? Contact us!

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[mbell@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto:mbell@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.

#### Speak via video conference (phone or video call-in)

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you **must** register by April 28 at 1:00 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](mailto: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](http://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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# H.A. Kostash School News



Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 at H.A. Kostash School were captivated by presentations from Beaverhill Bird Education. Pictured is Kali the falcon, one of the feathered guests who helped bring the learning to life.




# Thorhild Central School Open House

## Thursday, April 24th, 5-7 p.m.

**Everyone welcome!**

The Open House is a great opportunity for families who:

- **Have children starting school in 2025-26**  
Registration for Kindergarten and Great Beginnings (Pre-K) will be available
- **Are new to the community**
- **Are considering a return to public education**
- **Want to learn more about TCS**

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## Love or money? More Canadians want a prenup

(NC) With wedding season around the corner, many couples are planning the final details of their upcoming nuptials. And for a growing number of them, that means signing a prenup.

More than half of Gen Z want their partner to sign a prenup if they get married or enter a common-law relationship, according to a recent survey by TD. This is compared to the already-high national average of 31 per cent.

Gen Z most concerned about relationship finances

Among those surveyed, Gen Z showed the strongest feelings around finances in relationships, with 65 per cent saying their partner's net worth is important to them when starting a relationship. One in four respondents also admitted they likely wouldn't date someone who earns less than them.

"We know that finances can be a big stressor in relationships and are clearly

on the minds of many, especially Gen Z," says Nicole Ewing, principal wealth planning office, at TD Wealth. "Working together with your partner to tackle money conversations head on could help bring you both understanding and clarity in your relationship and respective financial futures."

Despite Gen Z taking the most definitive stance, all ages expressed strong concerns about finances in their relationships. The survey uncovered that some of the country's top relationship dealbreakers include being dishonest about finances, never offering to pay for anything and having bad spending habits.

"A key component of financial health as a couple is making sure you agree on your financial goals, so it's wise to have that conversation early on to ensure you're both on the same page," adds Ewing.

Building your financial plan as a young

couple

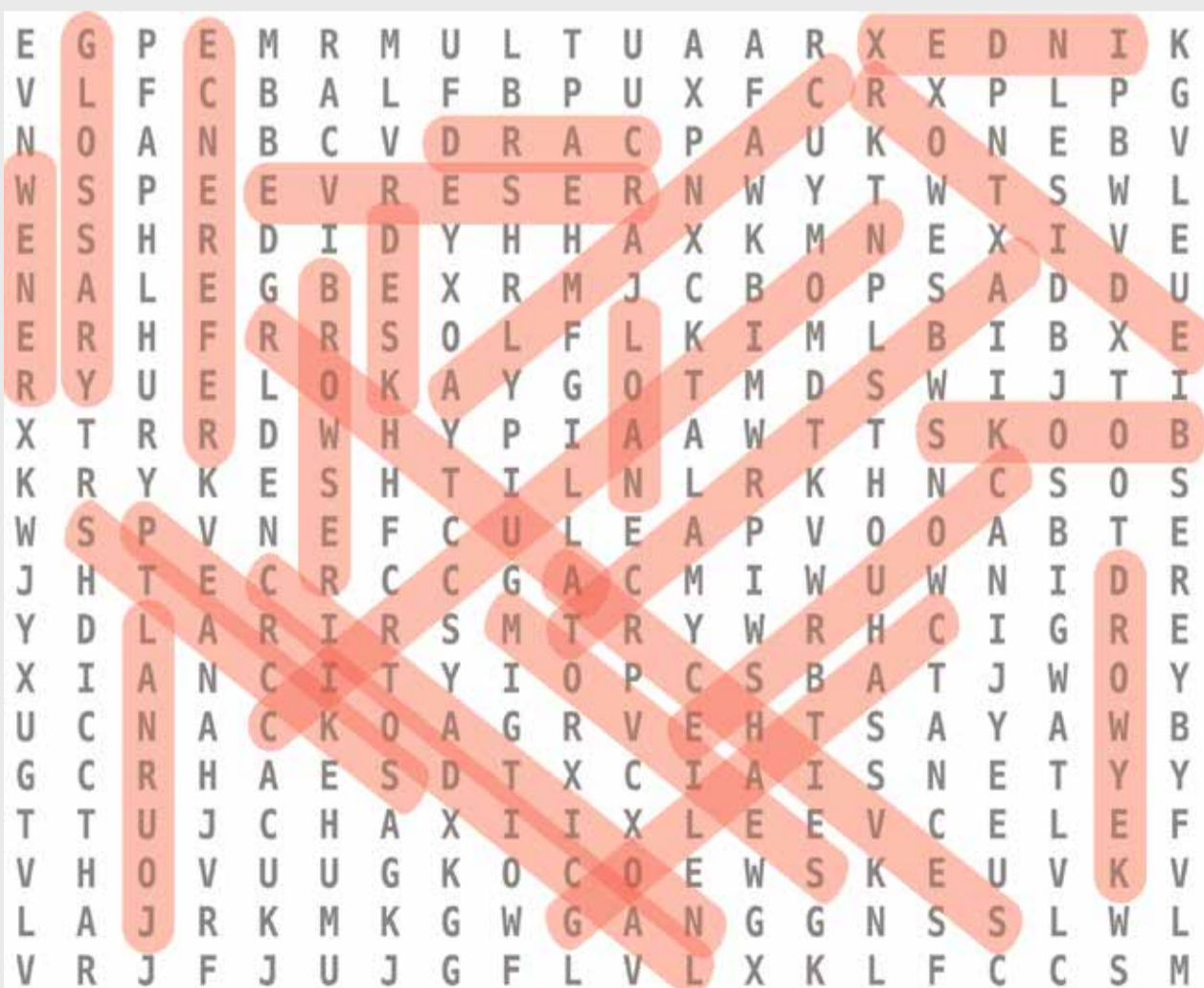
Whether you're saving for a wedding, a down payment on a home or retirement, developing a shared financial plan alongside a qualified professional can encourage more open and frequent conversations about money with your partner—and help you stay focused on your priorities.

For singles and couples alike, establishing financial goals and developing a clear understanding of your spending preferences is essential. Whether you're looking to build a budget or create a plan with your partner to reach your shared investment goals, it's always a good idea to consider taking advantage of financial advice and available tools.



## PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

### WORD SEARCH



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