



Bull-riding excitement at Thorhild Bullarama

By Brandie Majeau

The Thorhild Bullarama returned with a bang this year, showcasing the thrilling spectacle of Canadian rodeo as 25 of Canada's top cowboys faced off against fierce bulls from renowned providers such as Thompson Rodeo, Foley Bucking

Bulls, Rafter N Bucking Bulls, and S&M Bucking Bulls.

Tickets for the main event sold out two weeks in advance, an outpouring of support that demonstrated the community's excitement of the return of Thorhild Bullarama.

Despite the sell-out status for the main event, additional

18+ dance-only tickets were made available at the door, giving those who missed out on the bull riding a chance to still enjoy the evening.

The bull-riding competition was fierce, with a remarkable 39 entries vying for a coveted spot

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Picnic time for teddy bears...



By Brandie Majeau

Get ready for the Teddy Bears Picnics starting on May 3! The Smoky Lake Family and Community Support Services, along with the Family Resource Network, invites families to pack up their favorite teddy bears and join them at the Kinsmen Park Gazebo for a series of fun-filled adventures. The Teddy Bear Picnics will run on consecutive

Saturdays for the following six weeks, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and June 7, each offering a wonderful opportunity for storytelling, tasty snacks, and creating connections and understanding of big emotions for little people.

The Kimochi friends will be joining the picnics and are plush toys designed to represent a range of emotions such as happiness, sadness, fear, anger or love. This

variety of characters allows children to identify and articulate their feelings more effectively. Each one is designed with soothing colours and has distinct features that reflect their personality traits, and makes them and their Kimochi lessons appealing and reassuring to children.

The learning experience is unique to

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among the 20 original competitors. In response to the high demand of participants, organizers decided to expand the event by adding five additional spots, thus, boosting the total number of bull-riders to 25 contestants competing for an impressive \$5,000 jackpot. 2025 marked the second successful hosting of the Thorhild Bullarama after a

12- year hiatus, which was always a favourite but was canceled due to a decrease in the number of volunteers. This year, just like last showed amazing support and many hands quick to pitch in to make the Bullarama a success. “We have a really strong core group of volunteers with the Ag Society, and we were pleased that we filled all the volunteer spots within a few days of sending

out the call,” remarked Alex Torguson, President of the organizing committee. Local talents also shone through the competition, with Aidan Mazurenko and Brody Bandurka representing the community. Aidan made a commendable short go with a score of 79.5 points, ultimately securing a 5th place finish overall in the event average, despite being bucked off in the

championship round. The event concluded with Gilmar Santana from Brazil taking home the title, scoring an impressive 83.5 points in the championship round and winning \$3,475.00 as part of his victory. Aside from the exhilarating rodeo rides that had spectators cheering and gasping, the Bullarama also featured a table auction and a 50/50 draw, which raised funds to

assist in replacing a compressor for the local ice plant, scheduled for installation this fall. The night wrapped up with an adult dance featuring the Ryan Snow Band, where the dance floor was filled with energy, as everyone pulled up their boots and enjoyed a night of two-stepping, twirling toe-tapping enjoyment. In a show of community connection,

Thorhild Titans Soccer also lent their support by assisting with the Sunday cleanup, emphasizing the collaborative effort that made the Thorhild Bullarama an all-around community event. Thorhild Bullarama is a crowd favourite and a spring highlight that looks towards a continuing tradition of bringing bull-riders right to their small-town fans.

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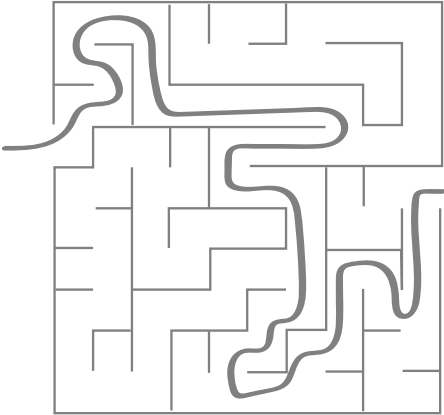
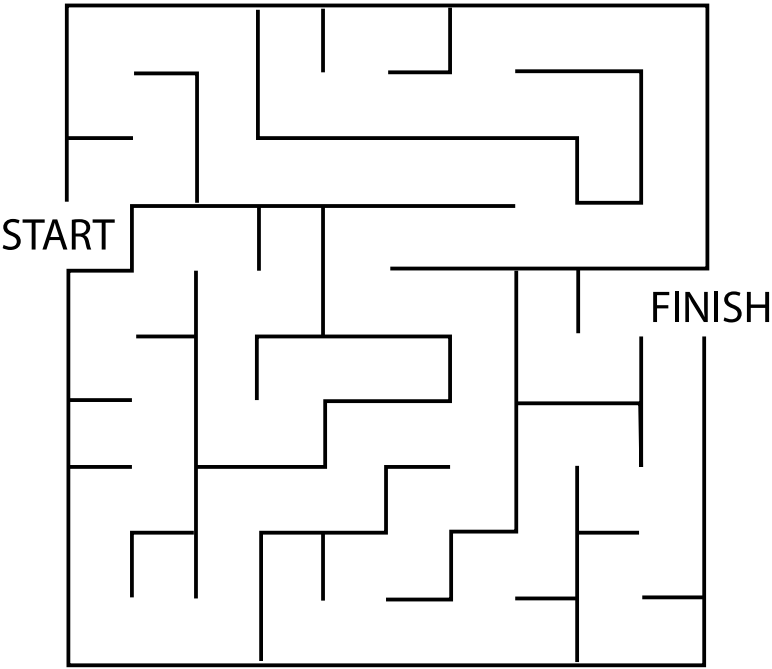
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HISTORY

2017

A major blizzard affects most of western and northern Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan. Many schools are shut down for the first time in 30 years.

People FACT:



Eight to twelve is the average number of these that a person owns in a lifetime to help them get around.

Answer: Cars

NEW WORD

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a rod passing through the center of a wheel or a group of wheels

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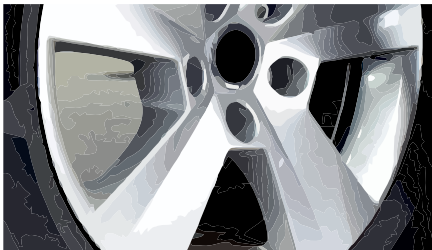
- English: Ignition
- Spanish: Encendido
- Italian: Accensione
- French: Allumage
- German: Zündung

Did You Know?

Tires that are not properly inflated or aligned can wear out more quickly than they should, which can affect fuel efficiency.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Car tire

Community Events Calendar

May 2025

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat

Summer Fun is Just Around the Corner! Get ready for the swimming pool, summer programs, and fieldhouse fun. Stay tuned for updates on the Town of Redwater Facebook page and website!		COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD Become a member! cmelnick@redwater.ca		1 Library - Toddler Time (10:00-11:00 AM) Primary Care Network - Virtual Drop in Exercise (1:30-2:00 PM)	2 Legion - Coffee (8:00-10:00 AM) Legion - Pub Night (5:30 PM-2:00 AM)	3 
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11 Need information or assistance?  Call Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) 780-942-4101	12 Legion - Coffee (8:00-10:00 AM) Primary Care Network - Virtual Drop in Exercise (1:30-2:00 PM)	13 Families First Society - Silly Sprouts (9:30-11:30 AM) Infrastructure Policy Committee (6:00-9:00 PM) Pioneer Club - Games Night (7:00-9:00 PM)	14 Legion - Coffee (8:00-10:00 AM) Legion - Whist (1:00-04:00 PM) Lions Club Monthly Meeting (7:15-8:30 PM)	15 Library - Toddler Time (10:00-11:00 AM), Monthly Homeschooler BYOBook Club (11:15 AM-12:30 PM) Primary Care Network - Virtual Drop in Exercise (1:30-2:00 PM) Library - Coffee & Cards with Liz (6:00-7:00 PM)	16 Legion - Coffee (8:00-10:00 AM) Library - Makerspace (3:00-4:00 PM) Legion - Pub Night (5:30 PM-2:00 AM)	17 
	19 Victoria Day  Town Offices Closed	20 Families First Society - Silly Sprouts (9:30-11:30 AM) Museum General Meeting (1:30-3:30 PM) Regular Council Meeting (6:30-9:00 PM) Pioneer Club - Games Night (7:00-9:00 PM)	21 Legion - Coffee (8:00-10:00 AM) Shopping Bus - Phone Sharon at 780-942-3838 (9:45 AM) Legion - Whist (1:00-4:00 PM) Library - Friends of the Library Meeting (5:00-6:00 PM) Citizens on Patrol AGM & Regular Meeting at the Legion (7:00-8:00 PM)	22 Library - Toddler Time (10:00-11:00 AM) Primary Care Network - Virtual Drop in Exercise (1:30-2:00 PM)	23 Legion - Coffee (8:00-10:00 AM) Legion - Pub Night (5:30 PM-2:00 AM)	24 The Lions Club Annual Town Wide Garage Sale (8:30 AM-5:00 PM) Bottle Drive - Yobukan Karate (10:00 AM-12:00 PM)
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Community PLANTING BEE
Come help Redwater bloom! Sign up to assist with planting our Town flowers.
Thursday, May 29

SAVE THE DATE
More Information to follow


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Sturgeon County launches first- ever Youth Emergency Services Academy

By Haylee Winger

Sturgeon County is set to host its first Youth Emergency Services (YES) Academy from July 21 to 23, 2025. This unique, immersive experience will bring together thirty youth, ages 14 to 17, for a three-day, two-night program designed to mirror the responsibilities and demands of emergency service professionals.

The academy is designed to engage youth in meaningful ways, enhance their understanding of emergency services, and spark interest in potential careers

within the field. Throughout the program, participants will engage in hands-on activities, physical training, and informative presentations that reflect the real-world experiences of first responders.

Throughout the camp, youth will eat, sleep, train, and learn in a structured environment that closely resembles the experience of attending a professional emergency services academy. Sessions will be led by experts from a range of organizations, including the RCMP (K-Division), Fire Services, Enforcement Services,

Canadian Armed Forces, Emergency Medical Services, and Corrections. These sessions will focus on emergency services skills and knowledge, while also promoting teamwork and personal growth.

The program is open to Sturgeon County residents between the ages of 14 and 17, who are currently enrolled in school, capable of moderate physical activity, and able to demonstrate responsibility and commitment. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 PM on Friday, May 16, 2025.

Participants will be

selected based on eligibility, a completed application form (including a waiver, agreements, and a reference letter), and demonstrated interest in emergency services. Strong teamwork, leadership abilities, and good disciplinary standing at school will also be considered.

Parents or guardians who wish to have their child participate in the camp are encouraged to submit an online application before the deadline. For full details and to access the application form, please visit www.sturgeoncounty.ca.

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A cheerful Easter Bunny brought smiles to kids and families during Redwater's town-wide Easter egg hunt on April 12.
Photo by: Susan Pruss

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Redwater School News



Redwater School recently hosted an open house and a badminton tournament, welcoming students, families, and the community.

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Henry Reinhold Friebe
June 29, 1955 ~ April 14, 2025



It is with great sadness that the family of Henry Reinhold Friebe announces his passing on Monday, April 14, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his close family. He will be lovingly remembered by his daughter, Ashley and her son, Mason; his daughter, Jodi (CJ) and their children, Jaxon and Hailey; as well as his 2 sisters and 1 brother. He was predeceased by his parents, Charles and Elizabeth Friebe. In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place, and no formal service is to be held.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Sturgeon Memorial Funeral Chapel (780) 921-3900

Springtime in Alberta comes with a noticeably dry start

By Brandie Majeau

As spring unfolds across central Alberta, the province is grappling with unusually dry conditions that raise concerns for agriculture, wildlife, and water resources. Typically spring brings with it the smell of rainfall and an explosion of varying shades of green as the world comes back to life. Instead, this spring so far has brought about a stark and worrying reality for residents and farmers alike. Several counties have already issued fire advisories for their communities and extending farther east,

there are outright fire bans already in place. Historically, Alberta springs have seen a mix of precipitation and mild temperatures, allowing for a gradual thaw and replenishment of soil moisture. However, this year, many regions are noticing lower than usual rainfall. There are also reports that several areas of the province are experiencing drought conditions due to low snowpack. There is always concern that this will lead to an impact on wildfire season, crops and natural ecosystems. Predominantly, farmers within rural areas discussing their

concern over the lack of moisture. They rely heavily on not only rainfall, but soil saturation as well for the success and germination of their crops. Another ongoing concern is over irrigation and the demands it places on already reduced water sources. These systems are at risk of increased pressure especially if the dry conditions follow into the summer months. The challenges and exploration of alternative strategies are crucial to avoid depletion of water that is there. Beyond agriculture, the dry weather is also affecting

Alberta's diverse ecosystems. Wildlife, which depends on healthy habitats supported by regular rainfall, is feeling the impact. Streams and rivers are running lower than usual, which affects fish populations and other aquatic life forms, altering the balance of local ecosystems. Dry conditions also bring with it the risk of wildfires. As everyone knows, dry springs have the potential to lead to destructive fire seasons and is always an opportunity for emergency services to prepare for potential wildfires and raise awareness about fire safety and emergency response. The drier conditions in Alberta this spring serve as a genuine reminder of the environmental challenges faced by the region. As residents, farmers, and wildlife look ahead at these challenging conditions, it brings up the importance of sustainable practices and collective action to safeguard Alberta's natural resources for the future. While the current situation is concerning, it also provides an opportunity for communities to come together and forge a path toward resilience in the face of adversity. It also serves as a serious reminder to be careful and diligent with everything from cigarettes to burn barrels to fire pits.



Spring home care: Protecting your home from floods and wildfires

(NC) While we all look forward to the arrival of spring, it also brings a higher risk of extreme weather that could impact your home. As snow melts and temperatures rise, it's important to stay aware of potential flooding and wildfire risks. Here are a few proactive steps you can take to protect your home and family this season:

Assess your flood risk. When it comes to potential water damage, there are many factors to consider, including where you live, the weather and the type of property you own. Co-operators offers a water damage risk assessment that offers a

helpful view into how high your risk of flood damage could be.

Keep water away from your home. Spring is the perfect time to clear your gutters and downspouts, which play an important role in directing water away from your foundation. Make sure your gutters are free of debris and extend at least six feet from your home to prevent water pooling. You may also want to consider installing a sump pump with a backup battery to protect your basement from flooding, especially during heavy spring rains.

Reduce fire hazards around property. Wildfires are becoming more

common, especially in dry regions. Spring is a great opportunity to do yard work to ensure your property is protected from this risk. Keep your landscaping well-maintained by trimming your lawn, pruning trees and using rock or gravel mulch. Make sure to remove flammable debris like dry leaves and dead branches from your property.

Use fire-resistant materials. If you're in the process of building or renovating, consider using fire-resistant roofing and siding to reduce fire risk. Triple-paned windows and fire-rated exterior doors can also help prevent fire



from entering your home through vulnerable areas.

Stay prepared for emergencies. If something does happen, you should

always have an emergency bag prepared with essentials. Some key items to pack include cash, passports, insurance information, important

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All open fires requiring a fire permit under Bylaw 12-2023 are canceled, and no new permits will be issued. Property owners are strongly urged to inspect all previous burn sites to ensure that they are completely extinguished to mitigate any wildfire risk.

Prohibited Activities:


- All open fires necessitating a permit under Bylaw 12-2023
- Wood campfires on public lands
- Discharge of fireworks
- Use of exploding targets

Approved Activities:

- Backyard fire pits in compliance with Bylaw 12-2023, Subsection 14(b)
- Wood campfires in designated public campgrounds
- Burn barrels and incinerators adhering to Bylaw 12-2023, Subsection 14(c)
- Use of CSA-approved propane and charcoal-fueled devices
- Open flame oil devices (e.g., tiki torches, deep fryers)
- CSA-approved electrical cooking and heating devices
- Operation of off-highway vehicles on public lands equipped with spark arresters

Thorhild County strongly advises all residents to exercise extreme caution when conducting any hot work (such as gas torch operations, grinding, cutting, etc.) or driving in grassy areas. Be alert to hot exhaust and maintain vehicles in a clean condition to prevent smoldering debris from causing fires. Ensure a suitable means of extinguishment (e.g., water, fire extinguisher, fire blanket) is readily accessible.

Please note that approved activities or devices do not exempt users from fines if they inadvertently start a wildfire.

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Advance polling met with record number of voters

By Brandie Majeau

Although the 2025 Canadian Federal Election is now complete, as the election approached, advanced polling became a focal point for both voters and political analysts interested in gauging the electorate's mood ahead of the official voting day.

The advanced polling results, which are never published until all polls have closed, revealed significant trends that could shape the outcome of the election.

The week following advanced polls had each political leader hitting the ground running as participation in advanced polling saw a notable increase in record-breaking numbers compared to previous elections, reflecting a growing

awareness and acceptance of early voting among Canadians. Many voters took advantage of the flexibility offered by advanced polling, resulting in higher turnout in key demographics, including younger voters and first-time voters.

In analyzing the results, several noteworthy trends emerged. For instance, regions with strong community engagement initiatives and extensive outreach efforts by local candidates tended to experience higher advanced voter turnout. These efforts included informational campaigns that emphasized the importance of participating in the democratic process and provided clear instructions on how to vote early. Additionally, certain issues dominated discussions

during the advanced polling period, such as healthcare, housing, tax rates, immigration, grocery prices, tariffs and more. Voter sentiment surrounding these topics significantly influenced the strategies employed by political parties as they geared up for the main election. The advanced polling data indicated that parties focusing heavily on these issues were more likely to appeal to the electorate.

The advanced polling serves as an upfront demonstration of potential shifts in each voters' allegiance. They highlight the differences in support between candidates and offer parties a stepping to double their efforts and engage voters before the official election date, all of course,




with the hopes that they will swing the vote in favour of their own party.

The conclusion of the advanced polling dates shone a light on an engaged and

proactive electorate, raising expectations for a competitive and closely watched election. The final push leading up to election day is often fought with the insights


individual parties gain from monitoring trends across the country. This pushes them to refine and often pivot their campaign strategies as the final day approaches.




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The 2026 Budget Survey is open until May 13.

Shape the 2026 Budget and inform future strategic planning in the County.

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MOUNTIE MINUTE

Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment

- 911 pocket dial.
 - Hamlet of Bellis- intoxicated person.
 - Report received, they noticed that there is child sexual abuse and illegal sales of drugs on all types of social media platforms.
 - 911 call from Bar V Nook
 - Single vehicle MVC. Tanker hauling crude oil went off roadway and rolled over, spilling an estimated 3,000 litres in the ditch. Possibly ran off road due to a mechanical issue. Driver uninjured. Company and Alberta transportation officials dispatched to manage spill and vehicle recovery.
 - Single Vehicle collision on Highway 28 near Bellis, vehicle driver was charged with being suspended.
 - Received a call of a
- deer collision.
 - Numerous driving complaints on Highway 28.
 - Shop was broken into on Highway 855 near TWP 605.
 - Theft from a seismic sensor site. 2 solar panels, 6 batteries, and electronics stolen, ~ \$9500
 - Assisted in serving a Restraining Order.
 - Reporting that a cheque was fraudulently deposited at the ATB Bank in the amount of \$1257.00.
 - 03:00 am on April 11 Collision on Highway 28 near RR 132.
 - RCMP received a call of a mental health situation, members attended and transported the individual to St. Paul Health Center for an assessment.
 - Royal Alex called to advise of a GSW victim at the Hospital
- in Edmonton.
 - Apparently was dropped off at the SmokyLakeHospital prior to heading to Edmonton.
 - Occurrence occurred in the LLB area. Domestic Dispute members attended other health issues happening in the residence, no criminal charges.
 - Range Road 180- reporting a suspicious vehicle near his neighbour's property, 4 subjects walking around it. They got in and fled after he tried to speak with them. Grey F150, no LP available. A member patrolled the area extensively but was unable to locate them.
 - Smoky Lake attended a family dispute, non -criminal.
 - Received a call from the Smoky Lake Hospital of a

stabbing victim, victim travelled from Edmonton for treatment, member dealt with victim and information forwarded to Edmonton Police Service.

was belligerent and did not have a complaint, ticket issued for public intoxication.

• Complaint of suicidal heavily intoxicated female in Vilna not dressed for the weather. Members attended and located a female in a field heavily intoxicated with an injured left arm, possibly broken or dislocated. Denied any sort of assault. Non-cooperative with police. EMS dispatched to assist due to injuries.

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

Self-inflicted: IMF sees trade war hurting U.S. economy the most

By ATB Economic team

The prospects for the U.S. economy keep getting worse.

In its March outlook, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development downgraded its forecast for U.S. GDP growth in 2025 from 2.4% (as of its December outlook) to 2.2%.

Yesterday, another international organization—the International Monetary Fund (IMF)—also downgraded its forecast for U.S. economic growth this year, dropping it 0.9 points from 2.7% (as of its January forecast) to just 1.8%. This is the largest downgrade among advanced economies.

The IMF is not forecasting a U.S. recession, but the odds of this happening have increased from 25% (as of the IMF's October outlook) to 37%.* (J.P. Morgan is more pessimistic, pegging the odds of a U.S. recession at 60%.)

The IMF forecast is based on information available as of April 4, 2025 (including the April 2 tariffs and initial responses), so it does not reflect the 90-day pause on the reciprocal tariffs announced by the U.S. on April 9 or the escalation of the U.S.-China trade war that has seen both countries impose tariffs on each other of over 100%. (See the tariff timeline prepared by The Peterson Institute for International Economics for information on the evolving trade war.)

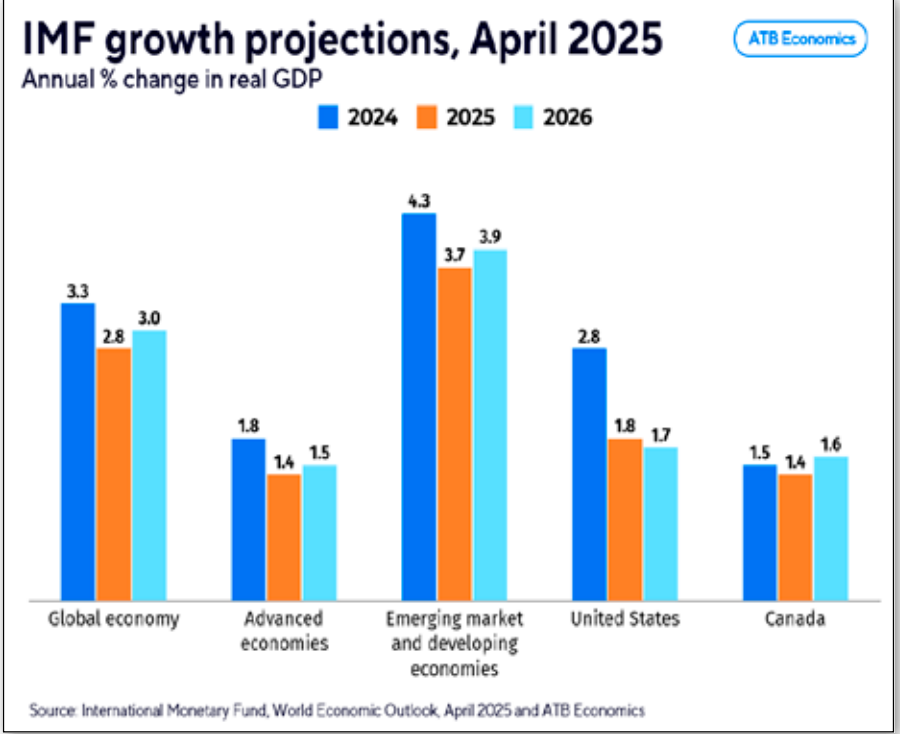
The global outlook has also darkened with the IMF pegging real GDP growth this year at 2.8%, down from 3.3% in its January forecast.

As for Canada, the IMF shaved 0.6 percentage points off its previous forecast with growth now expected to come in this year at just 1.4%.

The reasons given for the downgrades are not surprising: tariffs and the associated uncertainty surrounding them.

The IMF, however, doesn't stop there and stresses that things could easily get worse: "Intensifying downside risks dominate the outlook.... Divergent and swiftly changing policy positions or deteriorating sentiment could lead to even tighter global financial conditions. Ratcheting up a trade war and heightened trade policy uncertainty may further hinder both short-term and long-term growth prospects."

*The recession risk for 2025 is defined by the IMF as the probability that 2025 annual growth in the U.S. will be below 1.2%, consistent with a shallow recession starting in the third quarter.



Sturgeon County Dust Suppression

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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.

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\$279,900

Enjoy the best of both worlds with this incredible .46-acre gated lot in the Summer Village of Bondiss at Skeleton Lake—backing onto the 5th tee box of Skeleton Lake Golf Course and offering lake views! Included in the sale is a spacious 2014 Bighorn Silverado 5th wheel (42 ft) featuring quad bunks, 2 bathrooms, an outdoor kitchen and outdoor shower, 4 slide-outs, an Onan 5500 onboard generator, and oversized water tanks. The trailer sits on a 12x36 deck, perfect for relaxing or entertaining outdoors. The lot is fully equipped with a 2000-gallon septic tank, 50A power hook-up for the RV, two additional 30A receptacles, and power to the 12x20 shed. You'll also find a 16x16 wood/storage shed combo, a fenced dog run, and a secure gate at the entrance for added privacy and peace of mind. Located just 30 seconds from the boat launch and public playground, with paved roads right out front. Under 2 hours from Edmonton and less than 3 hours from Fort McMurray—this is your ideal lake retreat!

62209 RR 201 THORHILD COUNTY



\$649,900

This Nelson Homes-built RTM bungalow sits on a ICF basement and offers the perfect blend of comfort and functionality. Located on 10 acres, the property features a double attached garage and a 36x48 drive-through shop—ideal for hobbyists, mechanics, or those that just need more storage. The home's layout is thoughtfully designed, starting with a spacious mudroom complete with a sink and stove—perfect for canning, prepping, or cleaning up after outdoor work. The main floor boasts an open-concept kitchen, dining area, and walk-through pantry, creating a seamless flow for everyday living. You'll also find main floor laundry, a 2-piece bath, a 4-piece main bath, and 3 bedrooms including the primary suite with a walk-in closet and private 4-piece ensuite. The basement with in floor heat is nearly complete—just flooring and drop ceiling remain. It includes a 4th bedroom, 4-piece bath, family room, den and wet bar area. Step outside onto the deck off the kitchen and take in your own private paradise.

19408 TWP RD 622 THORHILD COUNTY



\$369,900

135 acres of productive farmland. Approximately 80 acres cultivated for the last 20 years and the remainder has been brush piled and being turned into farmable acres.

57425 RR 222 STURGEON COUNTY



\$799,900


Discover this 1600 sq. ft. bungalow on 80 acres in Sturgeon County, just minutes from Redwater. Approx. 50 acres are cultivated, 20 acres are pasture, and 10 acres make up the yard site. The home has had many updates over the years, including a kitchen reno, some new flooring, main floor windows, shingles, and a newer boiler, just to name a few. The main floor features a 2-piece bath, laundry room, and a kitchen with a functional layout perfect for entertaining, opening to a dining area and cozy living room. There are also 3 bedrooms and a 4-piece bath on the main floor. The basement includes 2 more bedrooms, a family room with a wood-burning stove, a work-out area, and lots of storage. Outside, you'll find a large deck with a pergola and an oversized double heated detached garage. The property also includes a 55' x 95' metal agro building, 20' x 90' pole shed, and 12' x 20' cattle shelter with some fencing and corrals in place for livestock. A must-see!

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Kimochi program, the Kimochi friends come with accompanying stories and interactive activities that encourage children to express their emotions through imaginative play and to be aware of what they are feeling and how to process or deal with it. Parents and caregivers can use these tools they learn to encourage discussions about feelings, helping kids to navigate their emotional landscapes when they are often overwhelmed with them.

Primarily, the Kimochi friends are there to provide a fun, nurturing way for children to build emotional intelligence, giving them the ability to communicate their feelings and develop empathy for themselves and others.

The Teddy Bear Picnics are tailored for families with children aged 3 to 6, and is excited to host local families and their own teddy friends. To register or for further information, please feel free to call or email Susannah at 780-218-2298 or frn@smokylake.ca. The Teddy Bear Picnic is waiting to share this magical experience with caregivers and their little ones!




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Simple spare ribs to satisfy your craving for barbecue

The aroma of barbecue is hard to resist and the flavor is even better. Barbecue is an art form, as that enticing aroma and undeniable flavor is truly a labor of love. But even novices can try their hands at barbecue and end up with delicious results. For those who want to craft their own barbecue concoctions, this recipe for "Barbecue Spare Ribs" from Lines+Angles is easily followed, and the finished product is undeniably flavorful.

Barbecue Spare Ribs

Makes 6 servings

- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black peppercorns
- 6 lbs. spare ribs, racks cleaned and trimmed
- 13 ounces barbecue sauce, low sugar, if possible
- 1 ounce flat-leaf parsley, torn

1. Stir together the paprika, cayenne, garlic powder, salt, and pepper in a mixing bowl.
2. Thoroughly rub the spice mix into the rib racks. Place in a shallow dish, cover and chill for at least 8 hours.
3. After chilling, remove the ribs from the fridge. Preheat a gas or charcoal grill to about 300 F.
4. Cook the ribs on the grill, covered with a lid, until the meat is tender and pulls away from the bone, about 2 hours.
5. As the ribs cook, periodically brush them with some barbecue sauce, reserving any unused sauce.
6. When ready, remove the ribs from the grill and let them rest under aluminum foil for at least 10 minutes.
7. After resting, brush the ribs with any reserved barbecue sauce before cutting and serving with a garnish of parsley.



A French standard offers a unique way to prepare beef

Beef is a versatile ingredient that's popular in countries across the globe. There's no shortage of ways to prepare this favorite protein source. French chefs utilize beef in various recipes, and one popular dish is Beef Bourguignon. This stew works well as a comfort food, and has become a standard of French cuisines over the last century and a half and made widely popular in the United States when Julia Child first adapted the recipe.

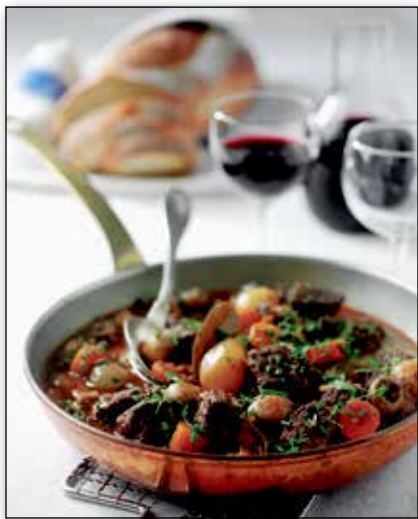
Those who want try their hand at cooking beef in the French fashion can look to this recipe for "Beef Bourguignon" from Lines+Angles.

Beef Bourguignon

Makes 6 servings

- 1 1/2 tablespoons sunflower oil
- 7 ounces diced smoked bacon
- 2 1/4 lbs. beef steak, chuck, cut into 2 1/2-centimeter cubes
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 onion
- 3 carrots, peeled
- 14 ounces button onions, or small round

- shallots, peeled
- 2 finely chopped garlic cloves
- 1 tablespoon tomato passata
- 3 cups good quality red wine (e.g., from Burgundy)



- 12/3 cups beef stock
- 3 bay leaves
- 4 to 5 sprigs young thyme, plus extra for garnishing
- 1 small bunch chives, snipped
- Salt
- Freshly ground black peppercorns

1. Preheat the oven to 275 F.
2. Heat the sunflower oil in a large, wide saute pan or casserole dish set over a moderate heat until hot. Add the bacon and fry until golden and crisp, 7 to 8 minutes. Remove from the pan to a plate lined with paper towels.
3. Dust the chuck steak with the flour, shaking off the excess. Season with salt and pepper before browning in the pan, in batches, over a moderately high heat. Remove from the pan to a bowl.
4. Return the pan to a medium heat. Add the butter, let it melt, and then stir in the onion, carrot, pearl onions, and a pinch of salt.
5. Sauté for 8 to 10 minutes until colored. Add the garlic and tomato passata, and cook for a further minute.
6. Return the beef to the pan and deglaze with the wine, scraping the base to release any stuck-on bits.
7. Stir in the stock, bay leaves and thyme sprigs, and bring to a boil. Once boiling, transfer to the oven.
8. Braise for about 90 minutes to 2 hours, stirring occasionally, until the beef is tender and easy to pull apart.
9. Remove from the oven and season to taste with plenty of salt and pepper. Serve from the pan with a garnish of snipped chives and some thyme sprigs.

Serve up springtime flavor with beetroot soup

Certain foods tend to hit the spot a little more convincingly during particular times of year. For instance, it's hard to resist a hearty comfort food when the weather outside is cold and the winter winds are howling.

Come springtime, lighter fare regains its place in the spotlight. As spring blooms return, foodies looking for something that won't bust their belts can try this recipe for "Beetroot Soup with Mixed Seeds" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Beetroot Soup with Mixed Seeds

Makes 4 servings

For the soup:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion
- 1 finely chopped garlic clove
- 3 chopped celeries
- 1 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1/2 teaspoon dried dill
- 5 cups vegetable stock, plus extra as needed
- 1 1/4 lb. pickled beets, cubed, juice reserved
- 2 tablespoons plain yogurt
- Salt

- Freshly ground black peppercorns

To serve:

- 4 tablespoons plain yogurt
- 2 tablespoons chopped pistachio nuts, shelled
- 2 tablespoons black chia seeds
- 2 tablespoons pumpkin seeds
- 2 tablespoons golden linseeds or linseeds
- 1 handful mint leaves

1. For the soup: Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan set over medium heat until hot.
2. Add the onion, garlic, celery, and a generous pinch of salt, cooking for 6 to 7 minutes until softened.
3. Stir in the dried herbs and vegetable stock. Bring to a simmer before stirring in the beets.
4. Simmer gently for 20 to 25 minutes until the beetroot is very tender to the tip of a knife.
5. Purée with an immersion blender, adding in some of the reserved beetroot juice to thin out the consistency to your liking; you can also thin it out with more stock or some water.
6. Return the soup to a simmer and stir in the yogurt and some salt and pepper to taste. Keep warm



- over a very low heat, making sure the soup does not boil.
- 7. To serve: When ready to serve, ladle into warm bowls and top with some yogurt.
- 8. Garnish with a scattering of chopped pistachios, mixed seeds and some mint leaves before serving.

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Level: Intermediate

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!

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

1. Narrow piece of wood
5. African desert
11. Waxy covering on birds' beaks
12. Sour
16. Infrequent
17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
18. Policemen wear one
19. Out of the question
24. Used to chop
25. Symptoms
26. Not moving
27. Folk singer DiFranco
28. Comedian Armisen
29. Quantitative fact
30. Incline from vertical
31. Scottish musician
33. Rooney and Kate are two
34. Positioned
38. A very short time
39. Tropical American

- shrubs
40. Yemen capital
43. Spanish municipality
44. Medical professionals
45. Fibrous material
49. Confined condition (abbr.)
50. Without covering
51. "Mad Men" honcho Don
53. Hockey position
54. Taste property
56. Fertile spots in a desert
58. They precede C
59. "Requiem for a Dream" actor Jared
60. Try a criminal case
63. Liberal rights organization
64. Spoke
65. Insect repellent
- CLUES DOWN
1. Unshaven facial hair

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2. More thin
3. Show up
4. Seethed
5. Ancient Greek city
6. Poisonous plant
7. Hello
8. College sports official
9. Monetary unit of Russia
10. Wings
13. Take too much of a substance
14. A citizen of Uganda
15. Most appealing
20. Atomic #18
21. Global investment bank (abbr.)
22. Jewish calendar month
23. Popular sandwich
27. Swiss river
29. Incorrect letters
30. Popular entree
31. Foot (Latin)
32. A driver's license is one form
33. Extinct flightless bird
34. Appetizer
35. After battles
36. It neutralizes alkalis
37. Beverage container
38. Partner to "Pa"
40. Gray American rail
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. Canadian province
44. Dish made with lentils
45. Narrative poem of popular origin
46. For each one
47. Come to terms
48. Test
50. More dishonorable
51. Unit of loudness
52. The Ocean State
54. Monetary unit in Mexico
55. Lying down
57. Thus
61. Where LA is located
62. Western State

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Aries, there's a secret that you have been holding on to and you are ready to let it go. It won't weigh you down anymore and you can finally focus fully on the future instead of the past.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, certain ground is tough for people to travel, but you have conviction and grit to get things done. You have a history of thriving when faced with adversity, and that's an asset.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, keep an eye open for a challenge. When you are given an opportunity that will require for fullest and best effort, embrace it as an opportunity to fulfill your potential.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, keeping things pleasant and light-hearted is a talent of yours, but this week you might need to take a new approach. Work with others and listen to suggestions.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, you often are the life of the party, always ready to find something to do and be with other people. This week you might need to slow down and enjoy some alone time.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, you could be especially energized this week and feel the need to get as much done as possible. Try not to race through tasks without focusing on doing things right.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



The news that comes your way isn't what you had hoped, Libra. Roll with the punches and embrace the challenge. Soon there will be blue skies again and everything will settle.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, you will meet up with someone you haven't seen in a while and it will be like no time has passed whatsoever. Be prepared for a coincidental situation to bring you together.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



The universe will put you in touch with someone who is reputable and diligent, Sagittarius. This way you can both tackle what you need to get done reap the rewards.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Capricorn, a little competition never hurt anyone. Embrace an upcoming chance to see how you stack up. Give your best effort, as always.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



This is a good week to play things safe and keep your cards close to the vest, Aquarius. Consider each situation carefully before engaging.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, you are a sociable person and ready and willing to chat up others. This week you might not be up for any social interaction and prefer a few days of solitary time spent.

HOME DECOR

WORD SEARCH

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

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Redwater School students engage in Civix Federal Election



Redwater School Photos

Students at Redwater School recently participated in the Civix Student Vote Canada program, an educational initiative that allows young Canadians to experience the democratic process firsthand. Held in conjunction with the 2025 federal election, the simulation gave students the opportunity to research political parties, discuss key issues, and cast a ballot for the official candidates running in their local riding. The Civix program, which has been running since 2003, is designed to build civic literacy and foster active citizenship among youth. Thousands of schools across the country took part in this year's simulation, giving students a realistic experience of how elections are conducted in Canada.



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H.A. Kostash School News



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