



Catching sunbeams and seniors' hearts

Photos courtesy of Thorhild County Family Centre



By **Brandie Majeau**

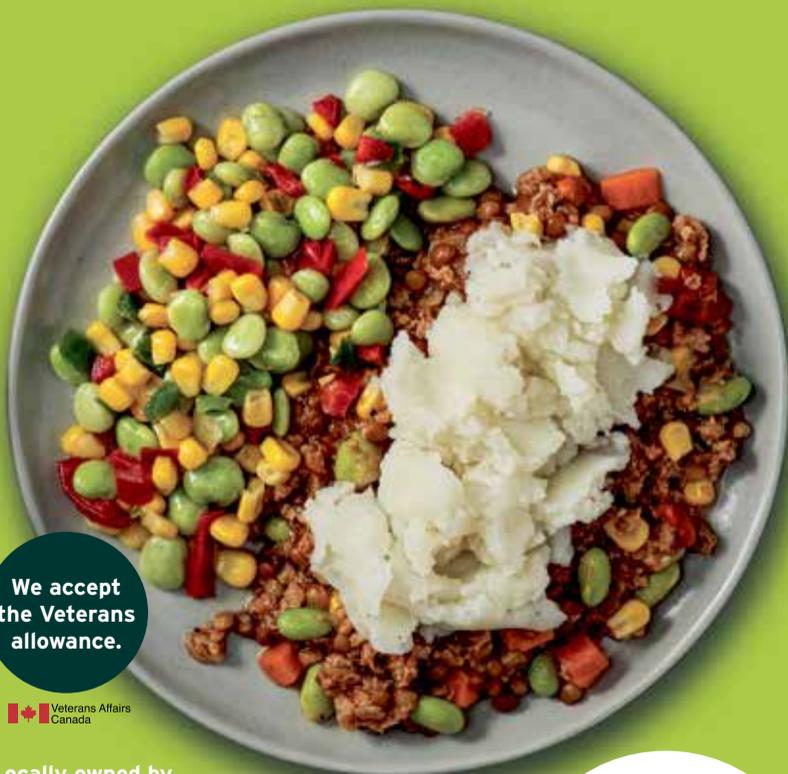
The Kindness Counts crew in Thorhild County was a flurry of creativity and energy at Thorhild Library as they participated in a heartfelt project in anticipation of the upcoming Seniors' Week. This special week is dedicated to honouring the remarkable contributions that seniors make to individual and collective lives and communities.

However, amidst the flurry of activity, one might say that the atmosphere was more playful than industrious. As the crafting bee unfolded, laughter

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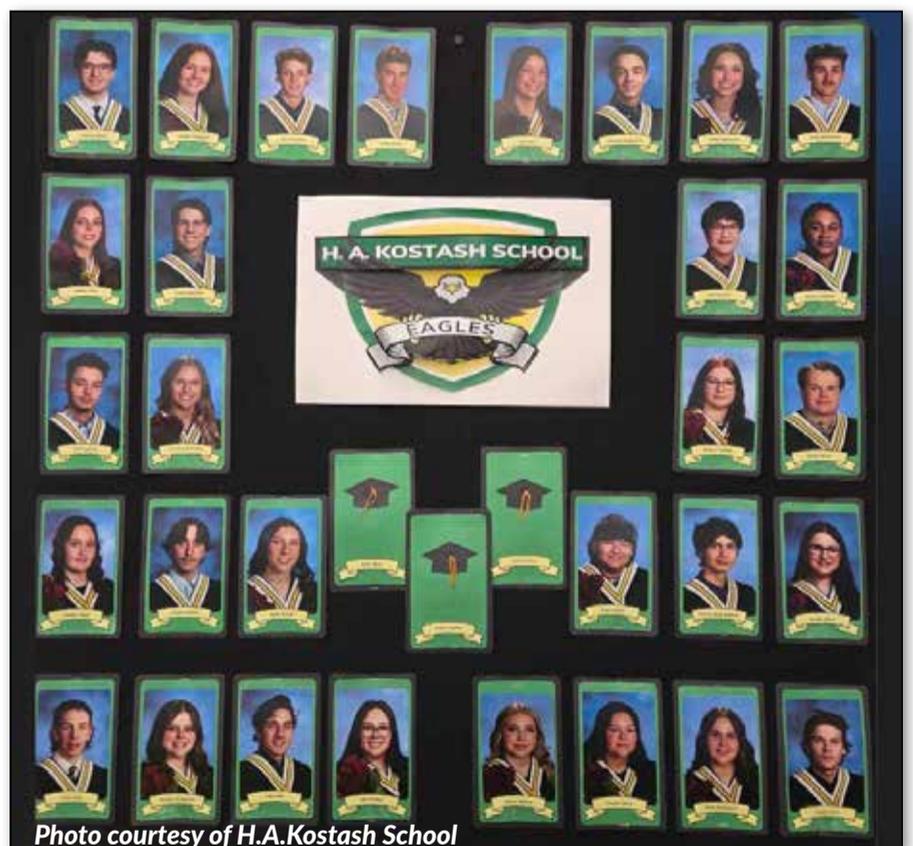


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By **Brandie Majeau**

This year marks a remarkable milestone in your lives, a celebration of determination, resilience, and hard work. As you stand on

the threshold of a new chapter, take a moment to reflect on the journey that has brought you to this point. You have faced challenges, overcome obstacles, and grown in ways you

may not have thought possible when you first started let go of your parent's hand, braced in that kindergarten doorway.

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Adding up: Population trends in Alberta

By Rob Roach, ATB ECONOMICS

As Alberta (and everywhere else) deals with the economic fallout from U.S. trade policy under President Trump, the activity spurred by its population growth will help it weather the storm. When you stop to add it up, it's an impressive demographic story in which Alberta leads the country.

At the same time, the province's recent growth spurt presents challenges as job creation, housing and

infrastructure try to catch up. Longer-term demographic forces include a growing proportion of seniors and ongoing urbanization.

To help get our heads around this, we've pulled together the key demographic stats into a handy new report that we will update as new data become available.

Key trends include:

- Canada's population star - Alberta's annual population growth has outpaced every other province and territory for two years in a row. Over

24 months ending July 1, 2024, Alberta added just shy of 378,000 new residents. According to Statistics Canada's real-time population clock, Alberta hit the 5-million mark on May 11.

- An international affair - The annual number of immigrants arriving in Alberta reached a record high in 2024 at over 60,000. An even bigger story, however, has been the meteoric rise in the number

of net non-permanent residents (NPRs) added to Alberta's population. Alberta added 91,260 NPRs in 2024 compared to 11,497 two years earlier.

- Welcome neighbour - Alberta recorded a near-record net gain of 43,750 residents from other parts of Canada last year.
- Baby steps - Natural increase added over 15,000

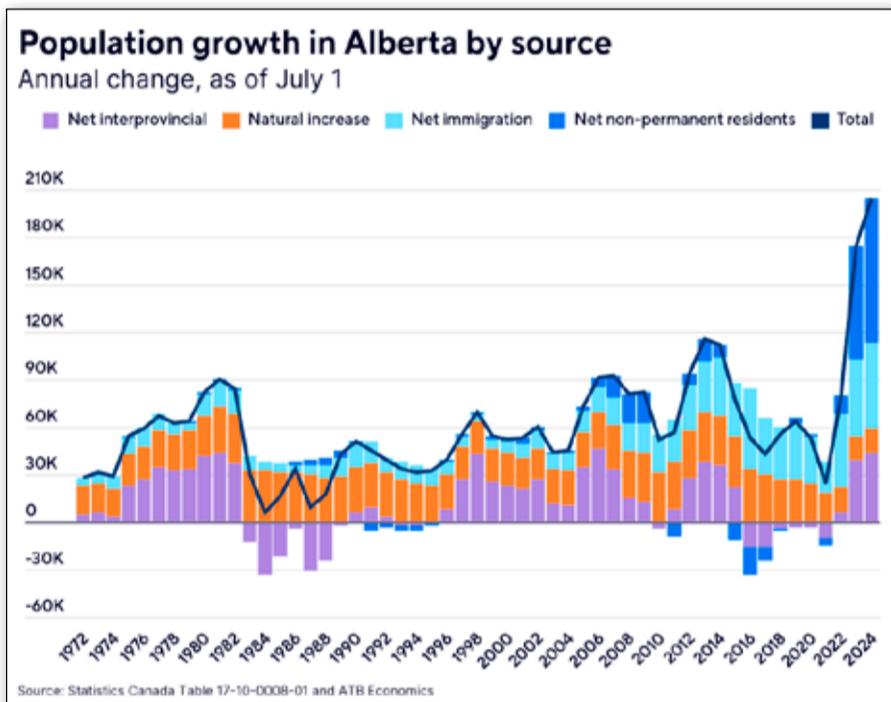
people to Alberta's population last year. The Atlantic provinces, Quebec and B.C. all experienced natural decrease last year.

Looking ahead at where the trends are pointing:

- Growth will continue - Alberta is on track to add more people in the years and decades ahead, but at a more moderate pace than we've seen in recent

years.

- The population will get older - The proportion of seniors in the population will increase, but will remain lower than in the country as a whole.
- Even more urban - Urban centers and the surrounding areas are projected to see the strongest population growth and account for the vast majority of overall population gains.



Retirement Farm Auction
Mike & Ardella Bryks, St. Michael, AB
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Viewing: Friday, June 6th, 10am-5pm. All items to be removed by 5pm, June 15th, 2025.

Tractor: * I.H.C. 856 Diesel w/ Cab, F.E.Loader & 5' Bucket, 18.4 X 34 Rubber SN-8081Y

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Yard (Brief & Partial Listing): * 2016 Green Yamaha Kodiak 700 w/ Winch, 4 X 4 SN-5Y4AMA1W3GA300855 * J.D. D170 Model R. Mower w/ 25 H.P. 54" Deck, Used 4 Seasons, 1 Owner * 10' X 24' Logic Brand Cavass Shed Shelter * Approx. 2 Cords of Split Spruce Wood * 14" x 44" Propane Char Broil Smoker * 2 Stihl Chain Saws 270 & 190 Models * Benchmate 21" Rototiller w/ 173 cc * 28" M.T.D. Yard Machine 277 cc Snow Blower w/ E. Start * Approx. 250 Gal Blue Livestock Water Tank w/ Drain Spout * Scaffolding Sections * Yard J./D. 7 P. Tilt Wagon for Grass & Dirt, Etc. * 2-23' Long Culverts; 3" X 33" Coleman 20 Gal. 3 H.P.A. Compressor * Biro Model 22" Elec. Meat Saw * Simonox 3200 P.S.I. Pressure Washer w/ Koehler Engine * Table Saw * Quad Ramps * Good Selection of Power & Hand Tools * Trailer Hitches * 3 Good Pressure Pumps * Garden Tools & Grass Whips * Brand New 250 H. Duty Batter Charger * 9 Ton Elec. Wood Splitter * Various 45 Gal Drums; Plastic & Gas * 36' Long Trailer Frame w/ Axles & Hitch Parts * Cement Mixer w/ Motor * Heat Bulbs * Roll 4' Wire * Etc.

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What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.



Answers: 1. Logo on girl's shirt 2. Dog on lawn 3. Mom has pigtails 4. Missing window on house

CANADA MONTH HISTORY

1991

The Allaire Committee releases its report on Canada's constitution. It recommends the transfer of many powers from the federal government to the provinces.

NEW WORD

CADENCE

the rate at which a cyclist pedals, measured in RPMs

Health FACT!

This activity is low-impact on the joints, but has a high impact on working the cardiovascular system.

Answer: Cycling

How they say that in...

English: To pedal
Spanish: Pedalear
Italian: Pedalare
French: Pédaler
German: Strampeln

Did You Know?

When cycling uphill, a person should use the lowest gear on the bike. This is sometimes called the "granny gear."

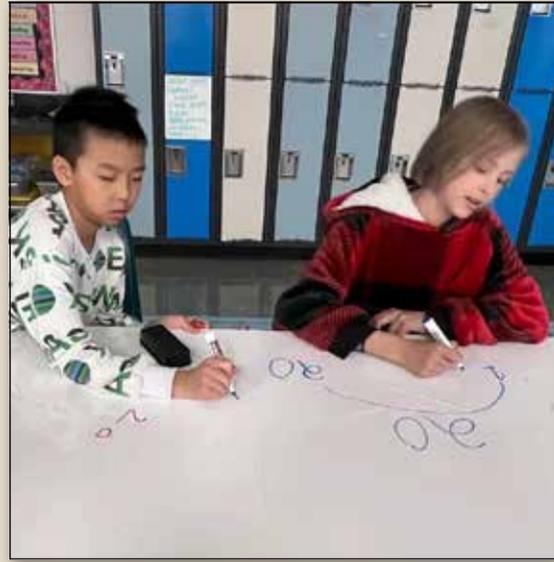
Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Bikes



Pictured are some of the winners from the Smile Cookie Week colouring contest, held during the week of April 28 to May 4. A big thanks goes out to the Town of Redwater for assisting with the prizes. **Photo by: Linda Hewitt**



Ochre Park School News

Ochre Park School students taking part in some learning activities.



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June Meetings and Important Dates

Meeting schedule is subject to change. Members of the public are welcome to observe or listen in. For teleconference details and links to the livestream, click on the meetings notice in the following locations:

- Council Meetings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/CouncilMeetings
- Board and Committee Meetings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards
- Public Hearings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/Notices

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	June 3	2:00 PM
Economic Development Advisory Board	June 4	9:00 AM
Youth Advisory Meeting	June 4	6:00 PM
Regular Council/Committee of the Whole	June 10	9:00 AM
Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee	June 16	9:00 AM
Community Services Advisory Board	June 16	6:00 PM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing	June 17	2:00 PM
Transportation Advisory Committee	June 19	6:00 PM
Regular Council/Committee of the Whole	June 24	9:00 AM
ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC)	June 25	10:30 AM
Agricultural Service Board	June 25	11:30 AM

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Retirement Auction For RJK Angus, Redwater, Bids Start to Close June 19th
 Large Amount of Cattle Equipment • Case 420CT Skidsteer • 2- JD Gators • Trailers • Creep Feeders • Panels • Feeders • 4- Seacans • Older Farm Equip. • Tools • Misc.

Estate of Lorne Lakusta, Andrew, Bids Start to Close June 25th
 2014 Peterbilt 367 • 2- JD 568 Balers c/w net wrap • JD 4890 Swather c/w 890 Hayheader • Buhler 2145 Tractor • JD 4440 • Case 2290 • Versatile 835 • JD 7720 Combine • Cattle Equip. • Tillage • Trucks

Large Acreage Sale, Sherwood Park, Bids Start to Close July 1st

Estate Sale, Smoky Lake Area, Bids Start to Close July 8th
 Case IH 535 Tractor 1600 Hrs • Case IH 9120 Combine • JD S680 Combine • Case 1203 30' Swather • Vertec VT 5600 8 tier Dryer • 2- 75 KVA Gen sets • Tillage • Grain Bins • 3- Tandem grain trucks • Augers

Farm Retirement Sale, Fort Saskatchewan, Bids Start to Close July 15th

Large Joint Farm Equipment Sale For M3 Farms & Tribend Ranch, Gibbons, Bids Start to Close July 22nd
 Selling 15- Tractors • 7- JD Combines • 4- Swathers • 14 Augers & Grain Vac's • Trucks • Tillage • Grain Bins • & More

Retirement Sale, Equipment, Large Amount of Horse Related Items, Very Clean Sale, Lamont, Bids Start to Close August 18th

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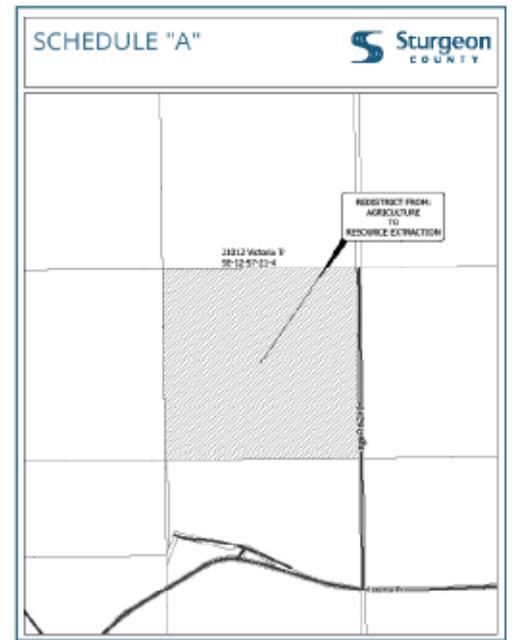
PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1675/25 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1675/25. This Bylaw would redistrict SE-12-57-21-4 from AG – Agriculture to RE – Resource Extraction.

The proponent (SIL Industrial Minerals) is seeking to develop a natural resource extraction operation, specifically silica sand extraction. As this land is currently designated as 'Agriculture' which does not allow this type of activity, redistricting is being proposed to accommodate or allow for the associated uses.

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

View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1675



Public Hearing details

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

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter)

Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)
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Questions? Contact us!

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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.

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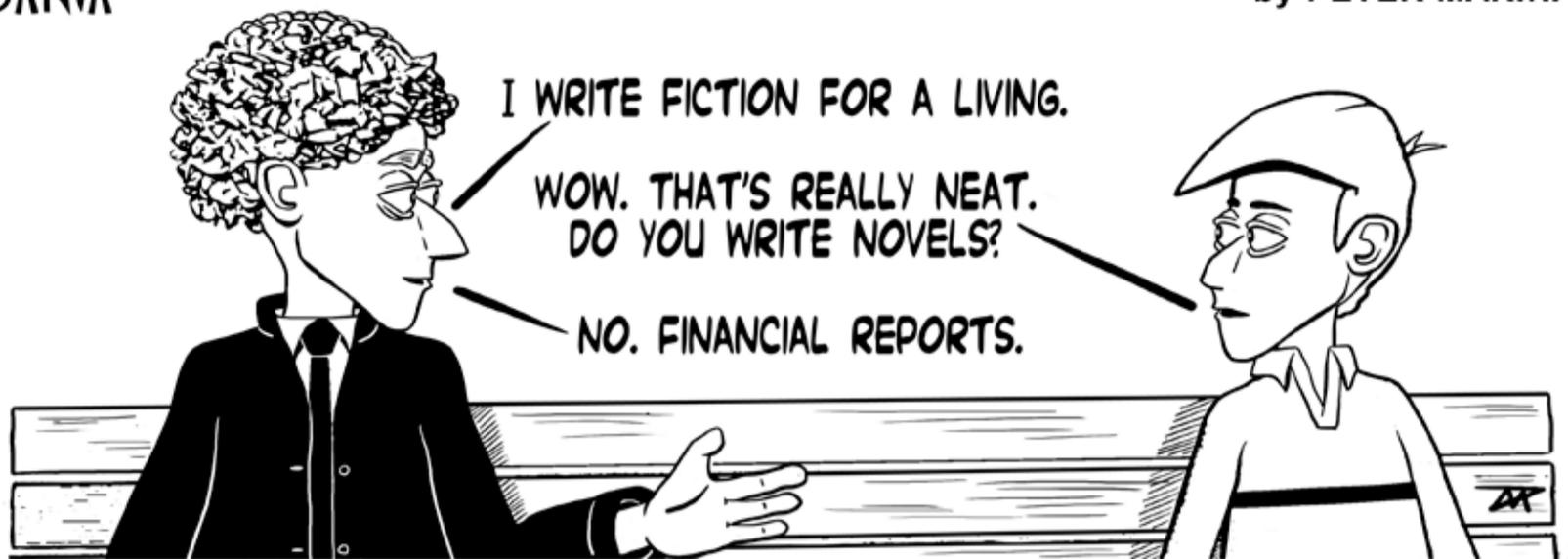
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By Brandie Majeau

The atmosphere is homey, it feels cozy and content and invites visitors to sink into the cushions of the cozy purple couch, grab a colouring book or sketch pad and let the brain unwind. Maybe it's a stop for coffee, maybe it's to grab a bite to eat, whatever the reason for stopping in at The Blackberry Eatery in Smoky Lake, it is never to rush. It is a moment in the day that encourages guests to linger. While the outside world urges one to move quickly, the Blackberry Eatery invites guests to stay just a little bit longer.

Chris and Gaila Alexander, the team

behind Blackberry Eatery, opened their café in September 2024 with a clear vision. After years of cleaning houses and driving a bus, they decided to leverage a previous 15 years of restaurant experience to pursue their dream of owning a café. They aspire to draw people in. The meals alone make it worth a visit.

They serve daily breakfasts, mouth-watering burgers and handhelds, fresh salads made to order, and aromatic soups, all prepared from scratch using high-quality and organic ingredients. The menu always offers gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian options. On a side note, the kitchen does

not use white sugar; all baked goods and sweetened items are made with cane sugar. In addition, they are in the process of becoming 100% free of seed oil use.

And they have games everywhere! Not only can guests enjoy a delicious meal, but they also have access to a fantastic selection of board games lined up on the walls and shelves. For a small fee, you can grab a full-day game pass, allowing visitors to relax and connect with others for as long as they want! These game passes support the Warspite Community Flow Arts Association, which provides free community meals and even hosts a summer

camp for flow arts.

As Chris and Gaila chat, one can feel the humble pride they have in their work and their deep commitment to the community. Their contributions to the community are thoughtful and inspire connection, like sending a magician friend to the local school week to gift tokens for free cheeseburgers and game passes. They utilized a customer favourite of their own baking and organized scone sales to help fundraise for the local archery team send their top competitors to Namibia!

The warm, welcoming atmosphere shines as customers come in, greeted with smiles

and often by name. It's clear that the Blackberry Eatery is going beyond becoming a unique spot in Smoky Lake, it is also making a positive impact in the community.

It is the perfect space to "chill", where guests can feel safe and enjoy quality time with friends or some peaceful moments to themselves. They want everyone to come in, help themselves to the water bar and feel right at home. Whether someone is looking for a good conversation or some quiet time, The Blackberry Eatery opens its doors.

Visitors can settle into a cozy corner, take advantage of the free Wi-Fi, or enjoy the late-night vibes on Fridays

and Saturdays, making it a great alternative hangout spot.

The Blackberry Eatery needs to be experienced to fully appreciate what it can offer. "We are a community service group wrapped up in a business," stated Gaila.

Followed by Chris remarking, "That's what motivates us." It is an establishment that is meant to be enjoyed. It is dishes that leave one full and satisfied. It is the flavours and quality that showcases their pride in what they are doing and serving. Once seated, it is hard to convince oneself to leave, it lends itself to maybe having one more coffee or letting the conversation linger just a little longer.

Alberta announces 10-year strategy

By Brandie Majeau

The Alberta government has recognized the urgent need to address gender-based violence and has developed a comprehensive ten-year strategy aimed at effectively tackling this pervasive issue. In a rural media roundtable held on May 20, 225, Minister Tanya Fir (Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women) stated, "This is the most comprehensive strategy of its kind in all of Canada". More than 500 people in 11 jurisdictions across Alberta were involved in the initial engagement as they tried to establish a fair representation of communities across the province. Minister Fir stressed the importance of the voices and experiences of all Albertans being an essential part of this strategy.

The core components of the strategy include prevention, support, and accountability. The government emphasizes education and awareness campaigns designed to challenge societal norms that perpetuate violence and to promote healthy relationships. These initiatives target schools, communities, and workplaces to spread awareness about consent and respect. In a goal that revolves around the belief that everyone deserves to feel safe in their homes, relationships, and communities, the 10-year strategy looks ahead and answers why this is necessary.

As they work to identify the roots and causes of gender-based violence and explore methods to eradicate it, the strategy will also focus on identifying gaps and overlaps in existing programming. Additionally, it will coordinate efforts to improve support and access to resources. Isolation, especially in rural areas, can make it more

challenging for survivors to find the help they need due to privacy concerns or the distance to available services.

In addition to prevention efforts, the government plans to enhance support services for survivors of gender-based violence. This includes increasing funding for shelters and support programs, ensuring that survivors have access to comprehensive health care, legal assistance, and mental health services. The strategy aims to create a multi-faceted support system that addresses the diverse needs of those affected by violence.

Another critical aspect of the strategy is improving the data collection and

reporting on gender-based violence. By gathering accurate information, the government can better understand the scope of the problem and tailor responses effectively. This remains one of the key goals, to develop consistent definitions of abuse to be able to quantifiably measure and report it.

Collaboration is a key emphasis, as the Alberta government aims to work alongside various stakeholders, including non-profit organizations, law enforcement, and community groups, to create a united front against gender-based violence. Minister Tanya Fir recognized the importance of this factor, encouraging Albertans to come

forward and share what is working, what is being missed, and any feedback that will advance the success of the 10-year strategy.

Alberta's ten-year strategy to end gender-based violence takes a sweeping approach to this critical issue, aiming for long-term change and the promotion of a culture that respects and values all individuals. The message is clear: safety should not depend on where one lives. Through ongoing efforts and collaboration, the government is committed to making significant progress toward creating a safer province for everyone. Ultimately, everyone deserves to feel safe in their homes, relationships, and communities.



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Find Government of Alberta resources and services relevant to women.

Use the optional drop down topics and/or keyword search to help refine the search results, or feel free to look through the entire list.

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS May 13, 2025

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the May 13, 2025, Regular Council meeting:

Unfinished Business - Council Meet and Greet with Business

Council approved \$2,000 from Accumulated Surplus for a Council Meet and Greet with Business to be held in June 2025, as discussed.

Egremont Funding Request

Council directed Administration to provide \$2,000 to the Egremont Community Club with funds coming from Community Support (Policy 1405).

Further, Council directed Administration to bring back information about surrounding municipalities hall grants.

Delegation - Mr. Michael Botros, Regional Director North Central Region

Council accepted the report from Mr. Michael Botros, Regional Director North Central Region for information, and further directed Administration to follow up with Mr. Botros on the 50-50 cost share of snow removal on Highway 827 in the hamlet of Thorhild, whose responsibility is the road off of Highway 831 leading into the Long Lake Provincial Park, and updates on the bridge on Highway 827 south of Highway 18.

Thorhild Minor Ball Funding Request

Council approved the funding request from Thorhild Minor Ball in the amount of \$300 for their year-end tournament as per Policy 1405.

Waskatenau Pryveet Dance Club Funding Request

Council directed Administration to request the following information from Waskatenau Pryveet Dance Club:

1. How many registrants are from Thorhild County;
2. Have they requested funding from any other municipality; and
3. Is the Club's intention to stay in Thorhild County.

Delegation - Long Lake Cottage Owners Association

Council accepted the presentation from the Long Lake Cottage Owners Association for information. Further, Council directed Administration to follow up with the Long Lake Cottage Owners Association regarding their progress on developing a water co-op at the hamlet of Long Lake.

Correspondence for Action - Friends of the Thorhild Swimming Pool Association

Council directed Administration to work with the Friends of the Thorhild Swimming Pool Association (FOTSPA) on features compatible for the Thorhild Swimming Pool Facility.

2025 Hamlet Paving and Sidewalk Program

Council directed Administration to include the paving and reconstruction of 50 Street in the hamlet of Newbrook to be included in the 2025 tendering process for Council consideration.

Review of Amended Policy 939 Back Sloping

Council approved amended Policy 939 Back Sloping with the change discussed that compensation is set at \$5.25/meter.

Correspondence for Action - Newbrook Recreational and Agricultural Society

Council approved a \$500 sponsorship to the Newbrook Recreational and Agricultural Society for their community fair with the funds to come from Community Grant Policy 1405.

Rules of Residency 2025 Municipal Election

Council accepted the report on Rules of Residency 2025 Municipal Election for information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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POTENTIAL MAIL STRIKE & BILL PAYMENTS

Canada Post may strike or disrupt services, which will affect the delivery of invoices and payments for County **property tax notices** and **utility bills**.

Please note that a potential postal disruption does not change due dates or extend payment deadlines. Account holders are responsible for ensuring payments are made on time.

Payment & Delivery Alternatives

We encourage residents to utilize the following options to prevent any payment delays:

- Internet banking
- Your local financial institution
- Pre-authorized payments
- Option Pay, (find the link at the bottom of each page at www.thorhildcounty.com)
- In person at 801 - 1st Street, Thorhild, AB
- Thorhild County drop box at 801 - 1st Street, Thorhild, AB

Go Paperless: Receive your utility bills directly by email. Call the Utilities Clerk, at 780-398-3741 ext. 2811 or to sign up.



In partnership with local libraries and drop-in centres.

Join us for a presentation by **Julie Matthews** on scams and fraud, followed by an introduction to chair yoga.

Cake will be served after the presentations in celebration of Seniors Week.



Monday, June 2, 2025

1 - 4 pm

Thorhild Golden Age Drop in Centre, 210-7th Ave, Thorhild



Transportation is available from Newbrook Silver Horizons Drop-in Centre, Thorhild Lodge and Radway New Horizons Drop-in Centre, but you must register by **May 28** for transportation services. Please register with Diana Berry at 780-398-3741 ext. 2810.



2025 Pool Schedule: Opening Day – June 28th

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00-10:00							
10:00-11:00							
11:00-12:00	Rental	School Swimming Lessons					Rental
12:00-1:00							
1:00-2:00							
2:00-3:00							
3:00-4:00	Public Swim	Maintenance					Public Swim
4:00-5:00		Lifesaving Society Swimming Lessons					
5:00-6:00							
6:00-7:00		Public Swim	Toonie Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	
7:00-8:00	Rental				Aquafit		Rental

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5026 50 AVE WARSPITE



\$89,900

Why rent when you can own? This cozy one-bedroom mobile in the quiet hamlet of Warspite, conveniently located just off Highway 28, offers an affordable start or easy-care retirement option with the bonus of municipal water and sewer. Recent upgrades bring peace of mind: a new furnace (2024), newer washer and dryer, a 2024 refrigerator, a brand-new stainless steel gas range, and freshly installed 50-year shingles. Natural light fills the bright sunroom, whose patio doors lead to a private deck, and a spacious shed provides plenty of extra storage. Move in and enjoy worry-free small-town living.

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.

6517 53 AVE REDWATER



\$420,000

Beautifully finished 3+2 bedroom bi-level located in a quiet neighborhood. The main floor features a spacious living room with a cozy corner gas fireplace, a bright kitchen with patio doors leading to the back deck, a 4-piece main bathroom, and three bedrooms—including a primary suite with a walk-in closet and a private 3-piece ensuite. This home is carpet-free throughout for easy maintenance. The fully developed basement offers two additional bedrooms, including one with its own 3-piece ensuite, a large rec room, and plenty of storage space. The fully fenced yard includes a storage shed and a double attached heated garage. Recent upgrades include a high-efficiency furnace with central A/C, a washer/dryer combo, and a garage heater—adding comfort and value to this move-in-ready home.

1114 OLD TIMER'S DR, SKELETON LAKE



\$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!

5347 61 ST REDWATER



\$329,900

Beautifully updated 3-level split located at the end of a quiet street with only one neighbor—offering added privacy with a town easement behind and open farmland to the north. Nearly every upgrade has been completed in this 3-bedroom home, with new bedroom flooring already purchased and ready for installation. The main floor offers a bright, open-concept layout ideal for entertaining, featuring the kitchen, dining area, and living room all on one level. Upstairs you'll find three bedrooms, including a spacious primary suite with a 2-piece ensuite, along with a 4-piece main bath. The lower level includes a cozy family room with a wood-burning fireplace, utility room, and ample storage space. The fully fenced yard includes a double detached garage and side driveway—perfect for RV parking.

5148 52 ST REDWATER



\$179,900

2+1 bedroom bungalow situated on a massive corner lot, directly across from Centennial Park and just one block from Redwater School, the outdoor pool, golf course, and Pembina Place. The main floor features two bedrooms, a 4-piece bathroom, a functional kitchen, and a back door that opens onto a spacious deck—perfect for outdoor enjoyment. The basement includes a third bedroom, laundry area, and a storage room. Recent upgrades include new shingles on the house, a new hot water tank, as well as updated soffits and gutters. The fully fenced yard offers privacy and includes a single detached garage for added convenience.

H.A. Kostash School News



Graduating students at H.A. Kostash School were reunited with time capsules they created in kindergarten, thanks to their former teacher Mrs. Mykytiuk, who carefully kept them safe all these years and returned them as a special graduation surprise.





Notice of Statutory Public Hearing: Bylaw PD-01-2024



Statutory Public Hearing | PD-01-2025
Miscellaneous Land Use Bylaw Amendments (2)
 Tuesday, June 3, 2025 | 18:30 | Council Chambers 4924 47 St.
 This hearing is being held under S. 692 of the Municipal Government Act and any member of the public may attend to hear comments.



What is Bylaw PD-01-2024?
 Bylaw PD-01-2023 proposes a series of miscellaneous amendments to the Town's current Land Use Bylaw. These changes aim to improve clarity, update terminology, enhance accessibility standards, and introduce or revise land use categories to better reflect modern development needs. The amendments include changes to definitions, the addition of new uses in various districts (such as Dwelling, Temporary, Office, Temporary, and Vehicle Autobody Repair), updated parking standards for accessibility, and administrative adjustments for permit processes and referrals.

What does this mean?
 If adopted, these amendments will allow for more flexible and responsive land use management within the Town of Redwater. The changes ensure that the Land Use Bylaw continues to support development that meets the needs of the community, improves accessibility and equity in site design, and provides clearer administrative procedures. The updates also introduce new discretionary and permitted uses to support a broader range of residential, commercial, and industrial activity.

How can I get more information?
 Any member of the public may review the proposed bylaw and ask questions. A copy of the proposed bylaw is available at redwater.ca or you can visit the Town Office during office hours where staff can explain what is proposed, how it might impact you, and how the Public Hearing process works.

How Can I provide comments?



Members of the public are welcome to provide comments on the proposed bylaw. You can participate in the public hearing in the following ways:

- Registering in advance to speak either in person or virtually (advance registration is encouraged but not required)
- Submitting written comments at any time up to the close of the public hearing
- Speaking at the meeting, either in person or by joining virtually using the link below

To register or submit written comments, please contact us at 780.942.3519 ext. 250 or email redwater@redwater.ca.

Written comments received by 16:00 on the Tuesday before the hearing will be included in the published agenda. Comments received after that time will still be accepted and read into the record but will not appear in the agenda package.

To attend virtually, use the following link at the time of the hearing:
 The Microsoft Teams link for virtual attendance is available in the agenda package at: www.redwater.ca/p/minutes-agendas.

Each presenter will be allotted up to 10 minutes to speak. Please note that the names of individuals providing comments will become part of the public record.

Call Us: 780.942.3519 ext. 250

Speak or provide comments at the Public Hearing: In person: Registration not required, those registered to speak will speak first. Virtual: Register by 10 am on Friday September 13, 2024. Written submissions, visuals: submit by 10 am on Friday September 13, 2024.

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PUZZLES

SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 15 *Review*

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Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

CROSSWORDS

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Bring up
- Child
- Formal written defense
- Bangladeshi currency
- Burial site
- In the lead
- Large recesses in a church
- Count on
- Defunct phone company
- Golf scores
- Afflicts
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Prominence
- "The Great Lakes

State"

- SoCal ballplayer
- Location of White House
- Magnificence
- Hip hop songstress
- Capital of Yemen
- _ Blyton, children's author
- Bomb
- Pancake made of buckwheat flour
- Pinkish-violet color
- A way to make right
- Monument to one buried elsewhere
- Region south of Dead Sea
- Acts out against

- Harsh cry of a crow
- Formal title for a woman

CLUES DOWN

- Kitchen devices
- Wings
- Mythological birds
- Everyone has one
- Matchstick game
- Bar bill
- Weights
- Satisfactorily
- Small amount
- Tree types
- Small protuberances
- Equivalent of 100K BTU
- Type of horse
- More (Spanish)
- Argentinian province
- A bad act
- Moving in a circular

- way
- Battery type
- Atomic #58
- Popular breakfast food
- An alternative
- Tooth caregiver
- A way to conform
- Disfigured men
- Cool!
- Genus of mosses
- Body part
- Kashmiri people
- Round water pot
- Something to purchase
- Emit coherent radiation
- Indicates 10
- Advertising metric
- Pitching stat
- Head movement

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Aries, this week your dreams might be a tool for gaining insight on what you want to accomplish. Although dreams can't predict the future, they may reveal some of your subconscious desires.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Follow your instincts this week, Taurus, even if you're more prone to reason than whimsy. Let the chips fall where they may and go with the flow.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



This week can be all about feeding your mind, Gemini. Walk around a bookstore and pick up the first book that catches your eye, regardless of its subject matter.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Something may be worrying you lately, Cancer, but you can't exactly put your finger on it. Talk about your feelings with others as another person may have a different perspective.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, seize an opportunity to pursue the things that you want most of all. Use this week to map out a plan and then get started on all of the steps before you reach your goal.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Check out ways that you can advance your career or education this week. The energy around you is favoring growth, so now is the time to take advantage and learn a new skill.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Others trust your opinions because your intuition tends to be spot on, Libra. When a friend comes to you this week asking for some advice, you will not hesitate.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Use your creativity to make things happen this week, Scorpio. This may not produce a finished product, but it could be about an innovative way to approach a task or problem.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Figure out some new ways to expand your horizons this week, Sagittarius. Identify means to personal growth, including educational opportunities.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Capricorn, it is important to step out of your routine every so often to increase your knowledge and expand your horizons. This is one of those weeks to do so.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Are you satisfied with your career, Aquarius? If you have been mulling a career change, this could be the week to start moving your chess pieces around.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, don't worry too much about the changes that lie ahead this week. You have a more adaptable nature than you might realize. As changes come your way, embrace them.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG WORD SEARCH

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

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| AWAKENING | BUDDING | FLOWERS | INSECTS | SAPLING | SUNSHINE |
| | BUNNY | GARDEN | NEST | SHOWERS | TREES |

Redwater Recreation Area wildfire now under control

By Haylee Winger

After more than two intense weeks of firefighting, the wildfire at the Redwater Recreation Area has officially been classified as under control, thanks to the coordinated efforts of Sturgeon County, the Sturgeon Regional Emergency Management Partnership, and Alberta Wildfire crews.

The wildfire, which scorched 3,230 hectares, is no longer spreading. Over 200 emergency personnel worked tirelessly on the ground and in the air to contain the fire.

Thanks to their commitment and rapid response, there was no loss of life, and property loss was limited to three dwellings: one house, a recreational cabin, and an RV trailer.

Fire crews continue to monitor and extinguish hot spots deep within the fire zone, with helicopter support on standby should flare-ups occur. While the situation has stabilized, authorities stress that the Redwater Recreation Area remains closed under Alberta Parks jurisdiction, and all road closures must still be

respected to ensure the safety of personnel and the public.

As of 9:00 a.m. on May 21, Sturgeon County has officially lifted its State of Local Emergency. The off-highway vehicle (OHV) and ATV ban has also been removed, and the full fire ban has been reduced to a fire restriction.

Residents are reminded to always know their location and call 911 in case of emergency. For continued updates, visit sturgeoncounty.ca/fire-bans and alberta-firebans.ca, or contact Protective Services at 780-939-8400.



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echoed in the room, with the children sharing jokes, swapping silly faces and engaging in light-hearted banter. Tables were strewn with colourful dishes

filled with shining beads and shimmering crystal charms, transforming into dazzling suncatchers that would soon adorn windows throughout the community. The Kindness Counts kids

successfully crafted sixty beautiful suncatchers, each one destined to be lovingly gifted to senior residents, bringing a ray of sunshine into their homes. Beyond the goofiness, the children's

dedication was truly inspiring. They poured not only their creativity but also their hearts into each unique project, infusing them with the warmth of their friendship and laughter. These suncatchers

serve as a beautiful reflection for both children and the seniors, reminding them of the significant impact their stories and experiences have had in shaping the world around them. They symbolize

the connections between generations, celebrating the intricate weave of community throughout Thorhild County and encouraging a deeper appreciation of shared histories and legacies.

Community Events Calendar

June 2025

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat

1 Pioneer Club - Pancake Breakfast 9:00-10:30 AM 	2 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM PCN - Virtual Drop in Exercise 1:30-2:00 PM Pioneer Club - Members Meeting 1:30-3:00 PM Legion Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM	3 Families First Society - Silly Sprouts 9:30-11:30 AM Library: LEGO Club 3:30-4:30 PM Regular Council Meeting 6:30-09:00 PM	4 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Seniors' Celebration 12:00-3:00 PM  Legion General Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM	5 PCN - Virtual Drop in Exercise 1:30-2:00 PM 	6 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM PCN - Managing Menopause (Virtual) 1:30-3:30 PM Legion - Pub Night 5:00 PM-2:00 AM 	7 Creative Wellness Retreat - Redwater Legion 9:30 AM-4:00 PM 	
8 Legion - Family Bingo 12:00-4:30 PM 	9 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM PCN - Virtual Drop in Exercise 1:30-2:00 PM	10 Families First Society - Silly Sprouts 9:30-11:30 AM Community Services Policy Committee 6:00-9:00 PM	11 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Pioneer Club - Community Supper 5:00-7:30 PM Lions Club of Redwater Monthly Meeting 7:15-8:30 PM	12 PCN - Virtual Drop in Exercise 1:30-2:00 PM	13 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Legion - Pub Night 5:00 PM-2:00 AM 	14  It's almost that time of year - Pool Time! Beat the heat and cool off in the water! Check our Facebook page and the Town website for the pool schedule and hours. Call: 780-942-3682	
15 Need information or assistance?  Call Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) 780-942-4101	16 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Redwater Health Centre Auxiliary 1:00-3:00 PM PCN - Virtual Drop in Exercise 1:30-2:00 PM	17 Museum - General Meeting 1:00-3:30 PM Regular Council Meeting 6:30-9:00 PM	18 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Collaboration Meeting at Pembina Place 6:00-9:00 PM Citizens on Patrol AGM & Regular Meeting at the Legion 7:00-8:00 PM	19 PCN - Virtual Drop in Exercise 1:30-2:00 PM	20 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Legion - Pub Night 5:00 PM-2:00 AM 	21 	
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29 	30 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM	 Our 2025 Summer Programs Guide will be available soon, featuring exciting programs for kids. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for updates and details!					



HOME ALONE AND BABYSITTER SAFETY

Stay Safe (Home Alone)
Do you want your child to learn how to stay safe while home alone? Through interactive lessons, role playing and hands-on training, your child will enhance their decision-making skills, and confidence while learning valuable skills to keep them safe and learn how to respond in emergencies. Bring a lunch, running shoes, and a water bottle.

Wednesday, July 2, 2025
9:00am - 1:00 pm
Pembina Place Cultural Centre
Ages 9 and up
Cost: \$30.00
Registration deadline is June 26th
Minimum Registration: 8
Maximum Registration: 16
Registration opens May 20th
Non refundable after June 26th

Babysitter Safety
Help youth build confidence in themselves and prepare them for the responsibility of babysitting. Participants will learn the rights and roles of the babysitter, child and parent, developmental and behavioral characteristics of children, basic first aid, fire safety, and more.
Bring a lunch, running shoes, water bottle and a doll /stuffy that is big enough to diaper.

Friday, July 4, 2025
9:00am - 5:00pm
Pembina Place Cultural Centre
Ages 11 and up
Cost: \$40.00
Registration deadline is June 26th
Minimum Registration: 8
Maximum Registration: 12

Questions? Phone 780-942-4101
Register by scanning the QR code below:



<https://townofredwater.perfectmint.com/>



Redwater in Bloom Campaign

From July 13-19, volunteers will be out spotting Redwater's most beautiful yards!

Want to help? Sign up to volunteer by emailing spruss@redwater.ca



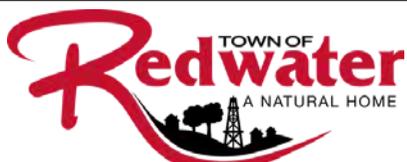


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Thorhild Central School

Expressions of Interest are being accepted for the provision of food services at **Thorhild Central School** for the 2025-2026 school year. The ideal applicant will demonstrate an ability to rotate healthy menu items on a regular basis, cater for small groups, and work collaboratively with school administration.

The Expression of Interest must include: name, contact information and a brief bio outlining experience and any pertinent courses such as Food Handling, OHS training or First Aid; proposed hours of operation; and a sample menu including a price list. Breakfast choice must be ready to go at 8:30 am, lunch available, and must remain open till after the last break of the day.

Interested parties must be aware of Aspen View Public Schools Administrative Procedure 312 *Health and Wellness*, Section 5.

For additional information please contact Lenore Lamouche, Principal, Thorhild Central School. Expressions of Interest can be submitted electronically to purchasing@aspenschools.org or in person at the school office.

Deadline for Expressions of Interest is 4 p.m., Friday, June 6, 2025.

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Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll for 2025

Notice is hereby given that the combined tax and assessment notices have been mailed on May 14, 2025 to all property owners in the Town of Smoky Lake. In accordance with Section 311 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 all persons are deemed to have received their combined tax and assessment notice as a result of this notice. Taxes are due on or before August 31, 2025.

The assessment roll is open for inspection at the Town Office; we are located at 56 Wheatland Ave and are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you have a question regarding your combined assessment, please contact Tanmar Consulting at 780-417-5191. The assessment complaint form must be filled out and sent into the Town of Smoky Lake, plus a \$50.00 deposit fee is required. The final date of appeal is July 21, 2025.

If you did not receive your tax notice, please contact the Town Office at (780) 656-3674.

DATED this 14th day of May, 2025
Crystal Bryks
Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Smoky Lake
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MAILING OF COMBINED ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the combined Assessment and Tax Notices have been mailed on May 22, 2025, to all property owners in the Town of Redwater. In accordance with Section 311 of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26.1 R.S.A., 2000, all persons are deemed to have received their Combined Assessment and Tax Notices as a result of this notice.

The assessment roll is open for inspection at the Town of Redwater Office by appointment, 4924 – 47 Street from 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Monday to Thursday and 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Friday and on our website at www.redwater.ca. Any person who desires to object to the entry of his name or that of any other person upon the said roll or the assessed value placed upon any property must, **by 4:30 p.m. on July 29, 2025**, lodge their complaint(s) in writing to the Assessment Review Board Clerk, c/o Town of Redwater. Complaint forms are available at the Town Office or by download at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca and must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee (as detailed on the reverse side of all Assessment and Tax Notice forms) at the time of filing.

Please note: Making a complaint against your assessment does not make you exempt from paying your taxes by June 30, 2025. A penalty will be applied if taxes are not paid in full by the due date.

Your Property Assessment and Tax Notice terms and conditions are included in your Notice.
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CUPW begins legal strike action with nationwide overtime ban—Canada Post continues operations, but delivery delays expected

By Shelley Winger

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) officially launched a nationwide overtime ban today, marking the start of legal strike action by employees in both its Urban and Rural and Suburban Mail Carrier (RSMC) bargaining units.

Starting at midnight local time on May 23, CUPW members have refused to work any overtime hours. While unionized postal workers will continue their regular duties, the refusal to work overtime is expected to reduce operational flexibility at Canada Post, potentially causing delays in mail and parcel deliveries. Despite this disruption, Canada Post confirms it remains fully operational for now, with no full work stoppages or rotating strikes reported.

The union describes the overtime ban as a necessary and measured step after months of stalled negotiations. CUPW representatives say workers face increasing workloads, especially in parcel delivery, without adequate compensation or improved working conditions. Rising parcel volumes in recent years have added pressure to postal workers, who argue they are being asked to do more

while their wages and support have not kept pace.

By imposing an overtime ban, CUPW aims to pressure Canada Post to address these issues while still maintaining essential postal services. The strike action is fully legal under the current labor laws and is intended to escalate negotiations without completely halting mail delivery.

On May 21, Canada Post presented CUPW with “global offers” designed to address union concerns while balancing the corporation’s financial realities. These offers include proposed wage increases, the removal of some contentious contract items, and adjustments aimed at helping Canada Post remain competitive, particularly in the increasingly important parcel delivery business.

Canada Post has made the full details of these offers publicly available at canadapost.ca/offers and has expressed willingness to resume negotiations with the help of mediators at any time.

The overtime ban has already coincided with a noticeable drop in parcel and mail volumes as businesses and individuals prepare for possible disruptions. Both CUPW and Canada Post acknowledge that

the situation remains fluid. There are currently no plans for rotating strikes or full work stoppages, but if talks continue to stall, further escalation in strike activities could occur.

Canada Post warns that a full labor disruption would have serious consequences not only for the company’s financial stability but also for millions of Canadians and businesses that rely on timely postal services. The union, meanwhile, insists that stronger action may be needed to achieve fair treatment and sustainable working conditions.

Postal services are vital to everyday life across Canada—from delivering bills and government communications to supporting e-commerce and small businesses with parcel shipments. A prolonged labor dispute risks significant delays, increased costs, and disruptions to Canadians’ daily routines.

Both CUPW and Canada Post say they remain committed to resolving their differences through negotiation, but significant gaps persist. The coming days and weeks will be critical as the two sides work to find common ground before the dispute escalates further.

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world offers endless possibilities, and you have infinite opportunities to choose a direction and set your feet on that path.

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