



Community volunteers help bring joy to Thorhild Senior's Home with pop-up carnival

By **Brandie Majeau**

Community volunteers and staff from Thorhild Senior's Home recently transformed the facility into a festive wonderland, hosting a pop-up carnival that filled the building with bursts of laughter, joy, excitement, and memories. The afternoon was full of chaotic and colourful activities, featuring an impressive lineup of interactive games that encouraged residents to engage, compete, and reconnect. Among the favourites were the beanbag tossing and ball-throwing contests, where eager participants

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Photos courtesy of **Wanda Johansen**



Alberta government shares startling statistics

By **Brandie Majeau**

During the rural media roundtable discussion regarding the 10-year strategy to eliminate gender-based violence with Minister Tanya Fay, Minister of Arts, Culture, and Status of Women, a dialogue was conducted focusing on the statistics concerning violence and abuse in Alberta. In a follow-up to this discussion, Press Secretary Julia Rodriguez, (Ministry of Arts, Culture, and Status of Women), presented the following information to share with Albertans.

"The true extent of gender-based violence in Alberta is difficult to measure because much of it goes unreported. According to Statistics Canada, only five per cent of serious sexual assaults and just 20 per cent of spousal violence are reported to police. The numbers are likely even lower when it comes to online abuse and harassment.

Despite these limitations, the statistics we do have are very troubling. In 2023, Statistics Canada reported 385 cases of intimate partner violence for every 100,000 people in Alberta—that's nearly 18,800 cases in a single year.

Roughly 1.8 million Albertans say they've experienced some form of sexual abuse in their lifetime.

Among post-secondary students, 50 per cent have reported experiencing sexual violence since arriving on campus.

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Severe thunderstorm struck region with damaging winds over 120 km/h

By **Haylee Winger**

Last week, a dangerous thunderstorm swept through parts of Alberta, prompting an urgent severe weather warning from Environment Canada and causing concern across the region. At 7:18 PM MDT, Environment Canada meteorologists began tracking the fast-moving storm system, which was capable of producing damaging wind gusts in excess of 120 km/h.

The storm, which developed rapidly in the early

evening hours, brought intense winds and raised immediate public safety concerns. Residents across the affected areas were urged to take shelter immediately, as the risk of flying debris, hail, and structural damage increased. Environment Canada warned of the potential for serious injury, particularly for those caught outside without protection.

Strong winds were reported across multiple communities, knocking down tree

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Alberta 

Urban bias blinds NDP to rural crime realities, MLA charges

By: **George Lee**, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

An NDP clouded by its big-city perspective fails rural Albertans when it opposes a provincial police agency, Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland MLA Shane Getson said recently.

In the aftermath of the spring sitting, Getson said opposition MLAs unfairly conflate police agency legislation with separatism. Comments from the NDP were “just dripping with condescension” during the Bill 49 debate, he said.

Crime and RCMP shortages in rural Alberta result in long response times, continual property loss and an erosion of families’ sense of security, said Getson.

The NDP is “talking down to anybody out in rural Alberta who would have concerns, basically saying they’re pro-sovereignty, fire-wall, Free Alberta wingnuts, simply because they want to have somebody there to help them out when a call is taken.”

But Getson is misrepresenting the NDP, one target of this anger said in a statement emailed to The Gazette. Samir Kayande called rural crime “a heartbreaking problem in Alberta, a problem for which this UCP government has no solution.”

Kayande, the member for Calgary-Elbow, said that the UCP “will say anything to try and

distract from the fact that they’re not listening to Albertans. Albertans have been clear: they don’t want a provincial police force. They want proven solutions to make communities safer.

“They want access to health care. They want help with the rising cost of living. They want real investment in education.”

Continued Kayande, the NDP’s chair of analytics: “But instead of tackling the issues people are facing, the UCP spent the spring session peddling separatism, cutting essential services and cramming through anti-democratic legislation.”

At least three surveys in recent years found that Albertans are mostly against a provincial police agency, especially as a replacement for the RCMP. One survey indicated that support of a new agency was just nine per cent.

Another, this one skewed towards rural Albertans, found that 23 per cent of online respondents in February 2023 favoured a provincial service. Sponsored by the Rural Municipalities of Alberta and the University of Lethbridge’s Prentice Institute, the survey also found that 54 per cent of respondents outright disagreed with the idea.

Margins of error are typically not provided for online surveys. A release from the

university said the survey intentionally oversampled rural Alberta and that participants numbered 1,470.

Bill 49, the Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act 2025, is one of a series of bills introduced in the current session that paves the way for a new police agency. The idea builds upon existing Alberta Sheriffs, whose roles have continued to expand to complement



the RCMP and other policing organizations.

The province wants rural communities to be able to choose the new agency over the RCMP, but there’s been no push to make the option mandatory.

A new Police Act regulation is needed to create an agency. A police review commission is expected to come into being in December.

The act amends four pieces of legislation, including the Police Act. It specifies that the agency be a Crown corporation operationally independent from the Alberta government, which would not

be allowed to give the corporation specific orders.

Police in Canada with mostly rural jurisdictions reported disproportionately higher crime rates than urban police in 2021, according to Statistics Canada. Although the jurisdictions served 15 per cent of the provinces’ populations, they reported 24 per cent of violent crimes, 18 per cent of property crimes, 30 per cent

of Criminal Code traffic offences and 23 per cent of other Criminal Code violations.

The rural-urban gap is more pronounced using another StatsCan measure, the Crime Severity Index. The CSI meshes seriousness with volume — the bigger the number, the worse the problem. The overall CSI number in rural areas was 91.9 in 2021, compared with 69.3 in urban areas.

For violent crime, virtually no rural-urban gap existed in 2011 — 84.8 rural, 84.9 urban. But by 2021 the CSI for violent crime was 124.1 rural, 85.2 urban.

Said Getson: “A lot of the folks in my constituency have these issues; it’s not the first time they’ve been broken into or had property stolen. It’s upwards of that, five or six times. So that’s why I’m speaking on this.”

The RCMP said in published reports in September that it had 1,772 police officer positions in Alberta under contract with the province. Of those, 306 or 17 per cent were va-

cant, and 124 of the vacancies were for leave or sickness.

Getson said that the RCMP vacancy rate can be upwards of 20 to 30 per cent, depending on the detachment.

“Everybody loves the RCMP. There’s no question,” he said. “They work as hard as they can, they do what they can.”

But the province has a responsibility to get rural residents out of harm’s way, regardless of RCMP recruitment issues. And a provincial agency will be an attractive choice for potential recruits, he maintained.

Calling a provincial agency “the lever that’s available to us,” Getson said recruits would get similar training to the RCMP but face no potential cross-country transfers and less bureaucracy. “That’s pretty appealing, I should say.”

Getson named drug addiction as a root cause of rural crime, along with what the UCP calls a “catch-and-release” judicial system at the federal level. Criminals reasonably gravitate to rural Alberta.

“They go fishing where the fish are at. There’s no question there. And for folks in rural Alberta, this isn’t new. They’re getting pretty tired of this. It’s been ongoing for the last five, six years at least, that I’ve been around, where it’s just getting worse and worse,” he said.

“So we’re trying to take steps and measures because of what we’ve heard from folks. And then to be pointed out with a bony finger and criticized for doing that — it was just a little egregious.”

But the NDP won’t be changing its approach anytime soon, comments from Kayande suggest.

“Alberta’s New Democrats will keep showing up, keep speaking out and keep fighting for everyday Albertans — no matter how much it gets under the UCP’s skin,” he said in his emailed statement.

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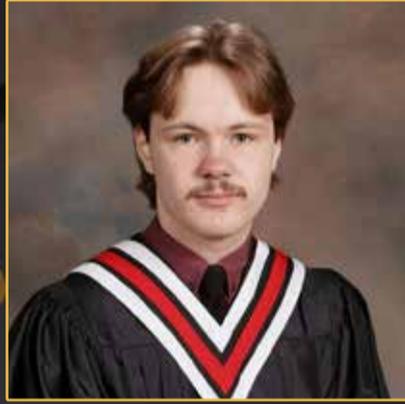
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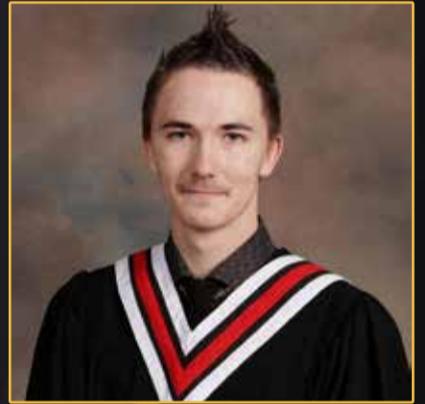
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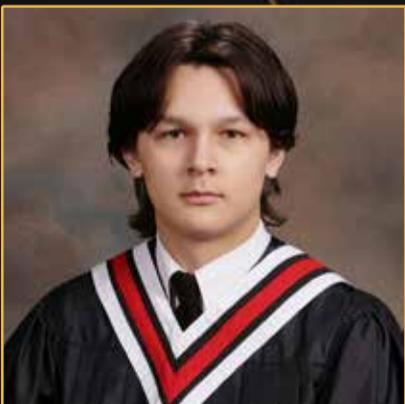
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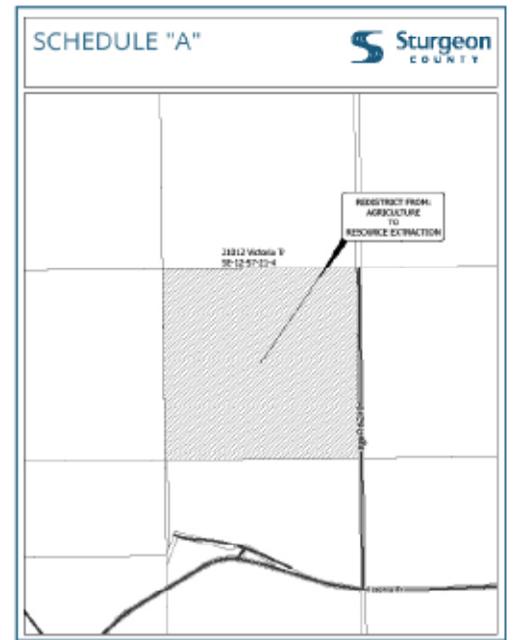
PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1675/25 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

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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Important information about Public Hearings

Requirements for speakers

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

Speaking in person

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

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

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you **must** register by **June 9 at 1:00 p.m.** by contacting Legislative Services at 780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Written submissions

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

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

Watching the Public Hearing

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

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Redwater School News



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Social 20 students at Redwater School have successfully completed their United Nations simulations.

Smoky Lake introduces grant program to support accessory dwelling units

By Brandie Majeau

The Town of Smoky Lake is excited to announce that it has been awarded a Housing Accelerator Fund grant from the federal government, marking a significant step forward in addressing housing needs within the community. This 5-year grant program will provide essential support for the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), with a focus on promoting affordable housing options.

As part of this initiative, the Town Council has approved the allocation of \$37,500 towards the Residential Development Grant. Under this program, residents looking to build or convert Accessory Dwelling Units, including basement suites, garage suites, in-law suites, and secondary suites, can apply for funding of up to \$7,500 per application.

The grants are aimed at encouraging the development of these versatile units, which not only help to create

rental income but also support multigenerational living and offer residents the ability to age in place with independence. To qualify for the grant, applicants must adhere to several requirements: - Work on approved projects must commence within three months of approval and be completed within one calendar year. - Builders and contractors must hold a valid Town of Smoky Lake business license and maintain good standing with the Town. - All properties must be located within Town limits and in a Residential Land Use District. - Necessary municipal and governmental approvals must be secured prior to the development commencement. - Applicants must be in good standing, free of arrears on taxes, utilities, fees, or other amounts owed to the Town.

Funding under this program will be provided as a one-time reimbursement after passing a final inspection, encouraging compliance with regulations and

quality construction. Pam Routhier, the town's new Development Officer, is available for inquiries about the program. Interested applicants are encouraged to reach out to her at 780-656-3674 or via email at development@smokylake.ca for more information.

This grant represents a unique opportunity for Smoky Lake residents to enhance their properties while contributing to the community's housing stock. Whether homeowners are looking to create a basement suite or a detached unit, it's not just adding space; it's building opportunities.

For those contemplating the development of an ADU, now is the time to explore how the Town of Smoky Lake's Residential Development Grant can assist in turning those plans into reality. Potential applicants are reminded that submission of an application does not guarantee receipt of grant funding, so early preparation and thorough understanding of the requirements are essential.

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And it's not just physical violence—online abuse is growing. In 2023, Alberta police received more than 400 reports of intimate images being shared without consent and Alberta's Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) handled 3,815 sextortion cases—a 27 per cent increase over six years.

For Indigenous people, the numbers are

even more alarming as 66 per cent report having experienced sexual violence over the course of their lives.

These are just a few of the statistics that underscore why Alberta's government has launched the most comprehensive strategy in Canada to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. It's a targeted, community-informed approach grounded in lived experiences and built through

engagement with survivors, service providers and advocates across the province.

To learn more about the strategy and the data that informs it, I encourage you to visit Alberta.ca/EndGenderBasedViolence and download a copy of the full plan. Under "Forms of gender-based violence" you'll find further context and statistics that highlight why action is not only necessary—it's urgent."

TIMED ONLINE AUCTIONS

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Den of antiquity: where the past finds new purpose

By Shelley Winger

On a bend of the Redwater River, tucked among trees and rustic barns, sits a one-room schoolhouse that's no longer filled with students—but with stories. Den of Antiquity isn't just an antique shop. It's a living patchwork of Alberta history, quirky charm, and offbeat treasures, curated by Sophie and Rob Swiderski, a couple whose shared love of craftsmanship and design quietly infuses every inch of the property.

Seventeen years ago, Sophie and Rob acquired the old Amelia schoolhouse, which had stood along Highway 38 near Victoria Trail. They had it moved to their riverfront property, where—almost like fate—it settled perfectly on an existing concrete pad. The size of the building, along with its vintage character, helped shape what the shop would become.

Before launching their antique venture, the Swiderskis owned and operated Down to Earth Landscaping Ltd. in Edmonton for over 30 years. Their work spanned outdoor design and interior carpentry. "Landscaping often included interior work too," Sophie explained. "And I'd always had an interest

in interior design. Eventually, everything started to fall into place."

What followed was never meant to be a conventional antique store. Den of Antiquity is rooted in the unexpected. Rather than specializing in rare or pristine collectibles, Sophie and Rob chose to highlight the decorative, the functional, and the downright unusual pieces with a sense of humour, history, or personality.

"We didn't want anything too precious," Sophie said. "Just quirky, useful, decorative items that spark conversation."

As interest grew, the couple expanded beyond the schoolhouse, adding barns across the property to house furniture and larger items. Visitors are encouraged to take their time, stroll between buildings, and even pause to visit the donkeys and horses that share the land. Many stay for a riverside picnic or wander the grounds with friends and family.

"We really wanted it to be a place where people could slow down," Sophie said. "To wander, to explore, to enjoy the setting—not just shop and leave." Inside the barns and schoolhouse, the offerings range from the rustic to the refined. Primitive farm

furnishings, retro 1950s fabrics, granite curling rocks, split cane fishing rods, sleighs, crocks, fine china, artwork—there's no telling what you might find on a given day. "It's diverse,"

Sophie said. "That's what keeps people coming back. They know it's never quite the same twice."

The couple sources many items from nearby residents who are downsizing or moving into care homes. "We're so lucky to have Redwater close by," Sophie said. "People are generous with what they pass on. And it's lovely bumping into them at the Post Office or around town, hearing the stories behind the pieces."

The town itself has been essential to keeping things running smoothly. From hardware and refinishing supplies to banking and tech support, the couple relies on Redwater businesses.

"Home Hardware has everything we could ever need for our projects," Sophie said. "And CIBC helps me sort out all the non-techie problems I tend to run into."

Den of Antiquity's roadside sign—marked by a vintage bicycle aloft—often draws in first-time visitors who stop out

of curiosity. Some come to browse, while others arrive with very specific requests. One older gentleman once came in hoping to find a 1932 calendar with April missing.

Others, inspired by Pinterest, come hunting for unique wedding décor or pieces to transform for personal projects. "We love when people come in with a vision," Sophie said. "They find something old, refinish it, and give it new life. It becomes part of their story now."

At its heart, Den of Antiquity is a creative space as much as it is a retail one. Sophie and Rob have turned their shared eye for design into a destination that's as much about experience as it is about what's for sale.

"It's not about antiques, really," Sophie said. "It's about giving things a second life—and maybe offering people a bit of an escape while they're at it."

For anyone with an appreciation for the unusual, the useful, or the beautifully imperfect, Den of Antiquity offers more than just a place to shop. It offers the chance to slow down, wander a little, and discover something with a story—just waiting for its next chapter.



Sophie Swiderski stands in front of Den of Antiquity, the former one-room schoolhouse she and her husband Rob transformed into a unique antique and vintage shop near Redwater.

Photo by Sophie Swiderski



Inside Den of Antiquity, vintage treasures like this bed frame and an eclectic mix of trinkets and rustic décor create a cozy, nostalgic atmosphere that invites visitors to explore.

Photo by Sophie Swiderski

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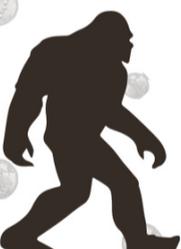


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The assessment roll is open for inspection at the Village of Vilna Office, 5135-50 Street, from 1:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday afternoons. Any person who desires to object to the assessed value placed upon any property must, **by August 6, 2025**, lodge your complaint(s) in writing to the **Assessment Review Board Clerk**,

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

Taxes are due and payable on or before June 30, 2025. A 10% Penalty on outstanding current taxes will be added July 1, 2025.

With the potential of a mail strike looming on the horizon, if you don't receive your Assessment & Tax Notice in the mail, contact the Village Office and a copy will be emailed to you.

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Village of Vilna

Ochre Park School News



Grade 4 students at Ochre Park School proudly represented their school at the Track and Field event held at Redwater School.



Pepper's Petro Canada



GORGEOUS TREED 70 ACRES WITH HOME

This cozy 1 bdrm walk out bungalow in Thorhild County offers a peaceful retreat with a beautifully landscaped yard and wide trails that wind through the mature trees, creating the perfect setting for outdoor enthusiasts. The main house features a finished basement, which could be used as second bedroom, with door to the attached woodshed and provides ample living space for family or guests. The 26'x26' double detached garage has in floor heating and offers plenty of room for vehicles and storage, while multiple outbuildings on the property provide additional space for hobbies, animals, workshops, or extra storage. There is also a charming guest house, which only requires water to complete it and make it a perfect space for visitors. Bring your animals or just use the land for recreation and hunting with moose and deer right on your land. Gardens, fruit trees and dugout complete the property. **\$524,900. Call Heather to view.**



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RENOVATED BUNGALOW NEAR BUSBY

COMPLETELY RENOVATED 3br2ba BUNGALOW on FOUR ACRES of treed and FENCED property! The main floor of this property features a large living room, open kitchen with CUSTOM BUILT CABINETS and SOFT CLOSE DRAWERS, two bedrooms with a four piece bath and a primary bedroom with a three piece ENSUITE and a WALK IN CLOSET. Downstairs is a partial unfinished basement for storage or potential development for a fourth bedroom. Newer furnace and water heater. Lovely yard set back from the highway with NEW WELL, mature trees and a FENCED DOG RUN. Pasture space at the front of the property offers great potential for a couple horses. ON PAVEMENT just off Hwy 651, close to Lake Nakamun and 12 km west of Busby with easy access to Westlock or Barrhead. MOVE IN READY - all it needs is you! **\$399,900. Call Glenn to view.**



NEW

THORHILD BUNGALOW

This well built 2+2 bedroom bungalow has all its original vintage decor from 1967 when it was built. It features original mahogany cabinets, doors and trim along with built in decorative shelving. There is a small pantry in the kitchen and a clothes chute from main floor to basement. Basement has a large family room, two bedrooms, cold room and laundry/furnace area. There is roughed in plumbing for a future bathroom in basement as well. Shingles around 10 years old and hot water tank is only a few years old. Newer vinyl plank flooring in kitchen. Large 50'x130' lot with lots of mature trees and perennial flowers, storage shed, and concrete block patio. Move in and upgrade the home to your own personal preferences when you choose to. Located in Thorhild, just under an hour to Edmonton. Thorhild has everything you need including a grocery store, hardware store, dental office, K-9 school, restaurants and even an outdoor swimming pool. **\$179,900. Call Heather to view.**



149 ACRES IN THORHILD COUNTY

Beautiful 149 Acres of rolling land in Thorhild County with many great building sites for a walkout home. Approximately 100 acres is cleared and planted to hay with the rest large, mature forest. There is both a dugout and a natural pond on the land. Lots of wildlife in the area. Use as your weekend getaway, build your dream home and start your farm, or rent the hay land out and use for hunting. Power line runs along both sides of this quarter. Good possibility of subdividing into a few smaller parcels with County approval. Located just under an hour to north Edmonton. **\$295,000 plus gst. Call Heather for more info.**



2,78 ACRES NEAR BON ACCORD

2.78 acres of treed land on pavement 30 minutes north of Edmonton, in a beautiful setting close to Lily Lake. The property has two outbuildings – a 87x24 ft pole shed and a 30x12.5 ft storage shed. Close to power and gas, with the trees offering privacy from the road, this land is great for a new home or private storage. Easy access to Bon Accord and Gibbons for shopping and schools. **\$110,000. Call Glenn for more info.**



5 BEDROOM 3 BATH BUNGALOW NEAR WESTLOCK

Beautiful 3 acres with 1770 sq ft 2+3 bdrm, 3 bath bungalow with fully finished bsmt and 30'x28' attached heated garage just a few minutes NW of Westlock, about a half hour to St Albert. Home has had substantial upgrades over the past 20 years including siding, soffits, paint, HOT WATER ON DEMAND, high efficiency furnace, wood stove, and back deck. In 2018 CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING was added along with a GENSET SYSTEM which automatically turns on if the power goes out and powers the whole house and at that time new flooring and a maintenance free front deck were also added. Other features are in floor heating in basement, pantry, 3 pce ensuite with soaker tub, main floor laundry, main floor office, back up sump pump system. Heated garage built in 2016 has 2 floor drains and a handy back porch area for boots and coats. Main floor also has a large flex room and office space. Garden area and raised garden beds, storage sheds, mature trees and view from front deck of a small lake complete this great property. **\$559,000. Call Heather to view.**



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Important contact update

The Review will be phasing out the phone number **780-942-2023** over the next couple of months. Moving forward, please contact us at our new number: **780-222-2016**. We appreciate your understanding as we make this transition and thank you for your continued support.



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 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.

5144 53 ST REDWATER



SOLD

\$189,900

Charming 2-bedroom bungalow on a massive lot with nearly everything updated! Recent improvements include all new windows, new front and rear decks, upgraded vinyl siding with added insulation, a new 100A electrical panel, updated plumbing, and new exterior doors. The main floor features two bedrooms, a 4-piece bathroom, a cozy living room, and a kitchen with access to the back deck. The basement includes a laundry area, storage space, a small rec room with a wet bar, and a 3-piece bathroom. The spacious backyard offers plenty of room to build a garage or enjoy as is, complete with three powered storage sheds—one with a 50-amp hookup, perfect for your RV. Move-in ready and full of potential!

#46 GOLDEN HEIGHTS, STURGEON COUNTY



SOLD

\$254,900

Located just 10 minutes north of Gibbons and 30 minutes from Edmonton, this 3-bedroom mobile home sits on a spacious 3-acre lot in the quiet subdivision of Golden Heights. The home features a functional layout with a kitchen and living room at the center. The primary bedroom includes a 4-piece ensuite, while the two additional bedrooms and another 4-piece bath are located at the opposite end—perfect for added privacy. While the home could use some updates and TLC, there's great potential to make it your own. The property also includes a double detached garage that is insulated and heated, though it will need new shingles. With plenty of space for a large garden, outdoor projects, or simply enjoying the peace and quiet, this is a great opportunity to escape the city and enjoy country living at an affordable price.

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



This bus at H.A Kostash was ready for the big Oilers game last week! Go Oilers!



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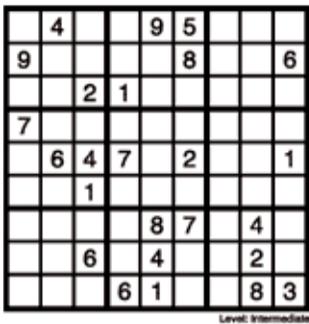
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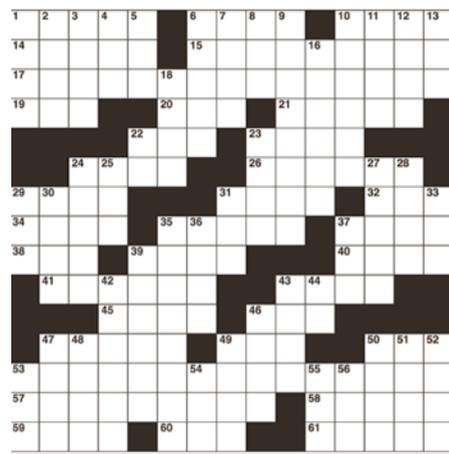
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Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Marsh plant
- 6. Southern constellation ("The Peacock")
- 10. Fogginess
- 14. Home to Fools' Day
- 15. Absence of the sense of pain
- 17. Popular November holiday
- 19. Consume food
- 20. Buddy
- 21. Long-haired goat-antelope
- 22. Japanese honorific
- 23. Actor Malek
- 24. One point south of southeast
- 26. Illegal acts
- 29. As fast as can be done
- 31. Prevents harm to young
- 32. Exclamation of satisfaction
- 34. African nation
- 35. Slow-moving animal
- 37. Oh, goodness!
- 38. A team's best pitcher
- 39. Cleanser
- 40. Radioactivity units
- 41. Expectorated matter
- 43. Cover a wide range
- 45. The central area of a church
- 46. California capital (abbr.)
- 47. Dutch painter Klaver

- 49. 007's creator
- 50. Impression of dishonesty
- 53. Northeastern sports rivalry
- 57. Cloths
- 58. Stalin's police chief
- 59. Hostelries
- 60. Bitterly regret
- 61. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Satisfy
- 2. European health advocate
- 3. Expression of annoyance
- 4. Strong liquor
- 5. Large red deer
- 6. Holder of less common religious beliefs
- 7. West Indian shrub
- 8. Family of proteins
- 9. Wealthy, influential business leader
- 10. Low spirits
- 11. Approves food
- 12. Monetary unit of Iran and Oman
- 13. Mary __, cosmetics
- 16. Expressed in pithy maxims
- 18. Relaxing spaces
- 22. The NFL's big game
- 23. Proof of payment (abbr.)
- 24. Starchy preparation of dried orchid tubers
- 25. Indicates near
- 27. Minneapolis suburb
- 28. Herring-like fish
- 29. Doctors' group
- 30. Pouches
- 31. Bread dipping in sauce
- 33. Commercials
- 35. A reminder of past events
- 36. Affected by injury
- 37. Geological time
- 39. Stationary part of a motor
- 42. Brings together
- 43. Of sound mind
- 44. Personal computer
- 46. Without (French)
- 47. A bank might give you one
- 48. Agricultural testing organization
- 49. A small island
- 50. Type of gene
- 51. Murres
- 52. Card game
- 53. A measure of human health
- 54. Australian airline (abbr.)
- 55. One point south of due west
- 56. Affirmative



Ball of confusion: Canadian businesses and the trade war

By Rob Roach, ATB ECONOMICS

Conducted from April 1 to May 5, 2025, the latest results from the Canadian Survey on Business Conditions show that over 4 in 10 respondents see the Trump administration creating greater uncertainty for their businesses over the next 12 months with about 3 in 10 not sure what the impact will be (which is, arguably, another form of uncertainty). Accompanying this is the expectation that the actions of the Trump administration will increase the cost of material inputs for 40% of Canadian businesses with 34% expecting they will have to increase the

prices they charge their customers.

Standing at the centre of this is the chaotic path of recent U.S. trade policy with nearly one-fifth (18%) of respondents saying the imposition of U.S. tariffs would have a high level of impact on their businesses with another 34% citing at least some impact.

Not surprisingly, businesses involved in foreign trade are the most likely to cite the potential impact of tariffs with almost 60% of businesses that export goods saying U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods would have a high or medium impact on them and almost 50% of businesses that import goods saying the imposition of Canadian tariffs on

U.S. goods would have a high or medium impact on them.

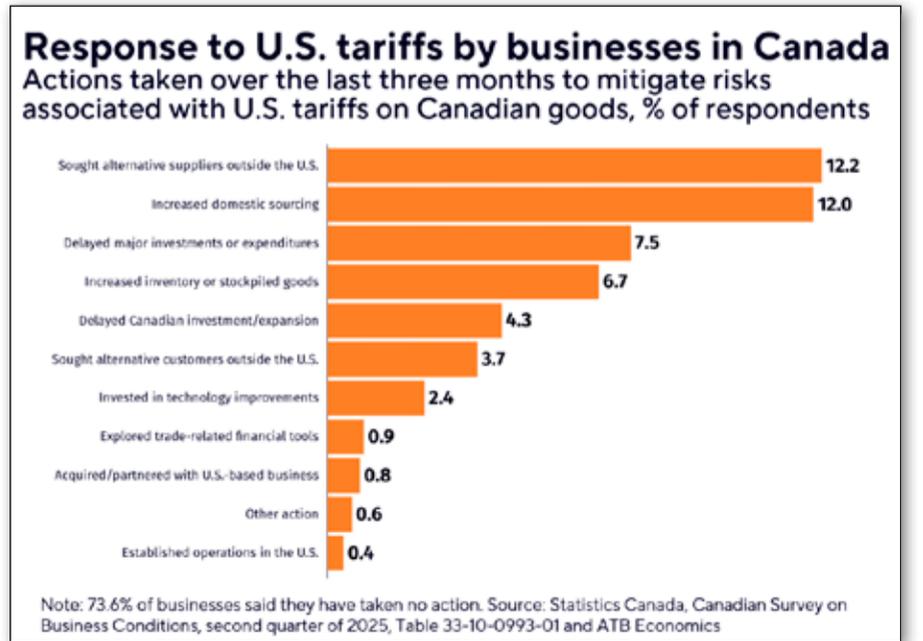
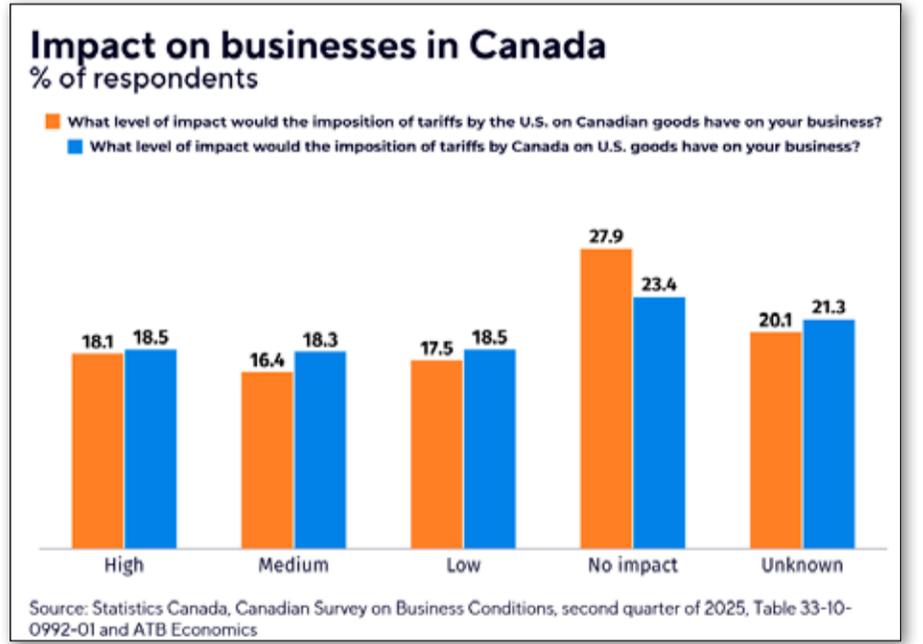
Looking at the actions taken in response to U.S. tariffs so far (keeping in mind that only a fraction of the threatened U.S. tariffs on Canada have been implemented), the two most common are seeking alternative suppliers outside the U.S. and increasing sourcing from Canadian suppliers (see the chart below). Finding non-U.S. customers has, so far at least, only been tried by 4% of businesses. Also concerning, given Canada's already sluggish levels of business investment, some businesses are saying they are delaying investment or expansion plans.

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

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BREWERS GRAINS	GRASS	MILKING
BROWN SWISS	GUERNSEY	PARLOR
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CUD	HOLSTEIN	RATION
EAR TAG	HOMINY	RUMEN
	HOOVES	SILAGE
		UDDER



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limbs, damaging fences, and creating dangerous driving conditions. The storm was accompanied by frequent lightning and heavy rain, which led to minor flooding in some low-lying areas.

Environment Canada had issued a severe thunderstorm warning, a designation reserved for storms that are either imminent or occurring and are expected to produce damaging hail, wind, or rainfall. These warnings are part of Canada's national Alert Ready system, which is designed to quickly notify the public of life-threatening

weather events.

During the height of the storm, the public was advised to stay indoors, away from windows, and to secure outdoor objects that could become airborne. Those driving were encouraged to find a safe location and pull over until conditions improved.

Environment Canada also encouraged residents to report severe weather sightings to help meteorologists track and assess the storm's impact. Reports were submitted by email, by phone, and on social media using the hashtag #ABStorm, allowing officials to gather timely, localized data during the event.

The storm served as a powerful reminder of how quickly conditions can change. Officials emphasized the importance of preparedness, urging households to maintain emergency kits, know safe shelter locations, and monitor forecasts during storm season.

The storm marked one of the season's first major severe weather episodes and underscored the value of Environment Canada's alert system. Residents are reminded to continue monitoring official weather channels, especially during the spring and summer months when thunderstorms are most frequent across Alberta.

Congratulations, Thorhild Central School Class of 2025!



Wishing each of you success, joy, and fulfillment in all your future endeavours.

From all of us at The Review





JUNE 2025

GRAPEVINE

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Visit our 'Agendas & Minutes' web page for Council meeting information and the 'Calendar' web page for the complete list of other scheduled meeting dates and community events.

- Regular County Council Meeting**
 June 12, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
 June 25, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
 August 28, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
 September 11, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
 September 25, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

A Public Q & A Period is held during each Council Meeting 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

FARMERS & RANCHERS APPRECIATION DAY BBQ

June 13, 2025
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Smoky Lake Complex
 Join us for free hot dogs & hamburgers

Everyone Welcome!

Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works Offices will be

CLOSED

TUESDAY,
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 for
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved the \$5,700 capital purchase of a 30 gallon water pump to be installed at the Smoky Lake Truckfill Station.
- Held a Public Hearing for the Notice of Proposed Material Change to the Smoky Lake Development Corporation.
- Deferred consideration on Bylaw 1432-23: Recreational Vehicles (RV) Bylaw to the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for June 12, 2025.
- Appointed 2 seasonal Agricultural Services Department staff as Weed Inspectors under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* and as Pest Inspectors under the *Agricultural Pest Act*.

Donations

- Three tandem loads of gravel to the Smoky Lake Town and County Golf Club.
- \$500, promotional materials and grass cutting for the Quiet Nook Community Hall for their upcoming Farmer's Day event held on June 14, 2025.



Mailing of 2025 Combined Assessment & Tax Notices

Mailing of the 2025 Assessment and Property Tax notices has taken place on May 30, 2025. Any ratepayer who has not received a tax notice by the end of June is advised to contact the County Office.

Taxes are due by 4:00 PM on **Friday, October 31, 2025**. Penalties will be applied on all outstanding taxes after this date.

Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP): Smoky Lake County offers a convenient monthly payment plan for property taxes. Learn more at: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/tipp

For questions or to book an appointment to view the assessment roll, call the Main Office at 780-656-3730

Property Assessment Questions or Concerns?

Accurate Assessment Services will be available at the Smoky Lake County Office, *by appointment only* on June 25 & July 2, 2025.

To schedule an appointment contact the County Office at 780-656-3730



Weed Inspections on Private Land

Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services will begin weed inspections of private land beginning **June 1st**. Weed Inspectors will carry valid ID and travel in a marked Smoky Lake County vehicle. Weed inspectors will be looking for noxious and prohibited noxious weeds as regulated under the *Alberta Weed Control Act*.

Spraying for brush and noxious weeds in County right-of-ways will also begin June 1st.

For more information on weed resources visit www.abinvasives.ca

For more information or questions contact the Agricultural Fieldman at 780-656-3730



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Volunteers are pictured sorting through donations during Redwater Minor Soccer's successful bottle drop on May 22. The community came together to raise an impressive \$764.00 to support the local soccer program. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to everyone who donated, and to Larrissa Renée and the Redwater Bottle Depot for their incredible help with counting and sorting. It was a true team effort that will make a lasting difference for young athletes in our community.

Photo by: Redwater Minor Soccer

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Notice of application to be filed for approval to renew the franchise agreement between Village of Waskatenau and Apex Utilities Inc.

Application summary

Apex Utilities Inc. will file an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission, requesting approval to renew its franchise agreement with Village of Waskatenau.

The franchise agreement will continue to grant Apex Utilities Inc. the right to deliver natural gas to residents of the Village of Waskatenau. The franchise agreement is proposed to be effective on August 1, 2025, expires on August 1, 2035, and includes an option for renewal. The existing franchise agreement was previously approved by the Commission in Decision 21221-D01-2016.

The franchise agreement renewal includes a franchise fee to be collected by Apex Utilities Inc. and remitted to Village of Waskatenau. The proposed franchise fee is 8 per cent, which is the same as the existing franchise fee of 8 per cent. The franchise fee percentage is applied to the distribution tariff, typically consisting of both distribution and transmission charges. Based on the typical monthly consumption of 11.25 gigajoules, the average monthly franchise fee paid by an average residential customer is expected to remain the same at \$7.84.

You may send your objections, concerns about, or support for the application in writing to Apex Utilities Inc. or Village of Waskatenau on or before **June 18, 2025**, at:

Apex Utilities Inc., Irv Richelhoff, 5509-45th Street, Leduc, AB, T9E 6T6, phone: 780-980-7305; email: businessdevelopment@apexutilities.ca.
Village of Waskatenau, Bernice Macyk, 5008-51 Street, Waskatenau, AB, T0A 3P0, phone: 780-358-2208; email: waskvillage@mcsnet.ca.

Except for information designated confidential by the Commission, any information or materials, including personal information, that are provided as part of a Commission proceeding will become part of the public record.

If no submissions are received, or if submissions are received from a party not directly affected, or if submissions are frivolous, vexatious or of little merit, the Commission may render a decision on the application without further notice or without a public hearing.

For more information

For more information on how to file a submission, please contact the Commission directly at 310-4282 (in Alberta) or 1-833-511-4282 (outside Alberta), or by email at info@auc.ab.ca. An information package, providing an explanation of the process and assistance on how to participate in the proceeding, will be immediately provided to any person who inquires with the Commission.

For a paper copy of the franchise agreement, please contact either the applicant or the municipality at:
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Continued from **page 1** showcased their skills with gleeful determination. The excitement reached a crescendo at the "Plinko style" disc drop, a game that had everyone cheering with delight as the discs cascaded down. The showstopper of the day, however, was the captivating

live-action human slot machine. With the push of a button, the machine sprang to life, complete with rolling arms that mimicked the spinning wheels of a traditional slot game. The drumroll sound (kind of a drumroll sound) resonated through the air, heightening the suspense. As the arms paused and deftly

chose their random icons; residents erupted in cheers as fruits appeared, unveiling the game's fortunate winners. It was a spectacle that not only filled eyes with tearful merriment but also created a symphony of laughter that echoed throughout the home. As chuckles continued to cascade like confetti, volunteers

and guests alike found themselves swept up in the mirth, sharing in the heartfelt moments. One volunteer remarked, "Everyone had loads of fun, volunteers and seniors." Her eyes crinkled as she discussed the atmosphere of the afternoon. She continued to reflect on how the joyful festivities awakened fond memories

of childhood. The complete and innocent enjoyment of the carnival pulled out the inner child in everyone, as seniors and volunteers alike engaged in games and relished the delightful treats, their faces lit up with pure happiness. The simple pleasures created a heartwarming sense of connection and guiltless pleasure.

The success of the pop-up carnival has left residents and staff at Thorhild Senior's Home eagerly anticipating future events. Such activities not only entertain but also create deeper bonds within the community, reminding everyone of the importance of coming together to uplift and celebrate across all generations.

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