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Newbrook Fair Days and rodeo shines with solstice and Scandinavian Heritage Celebration



Photos courtesy of Newbrook Recreational and Agricultural Society

By Brandie Majeau

This year, the annual Fair Days and Rodeo, organized by the Newbrook Recreational & Agricultural Society, offered up a delightful blend of fun, culture, and community spirit, marking it as one of the most notable events

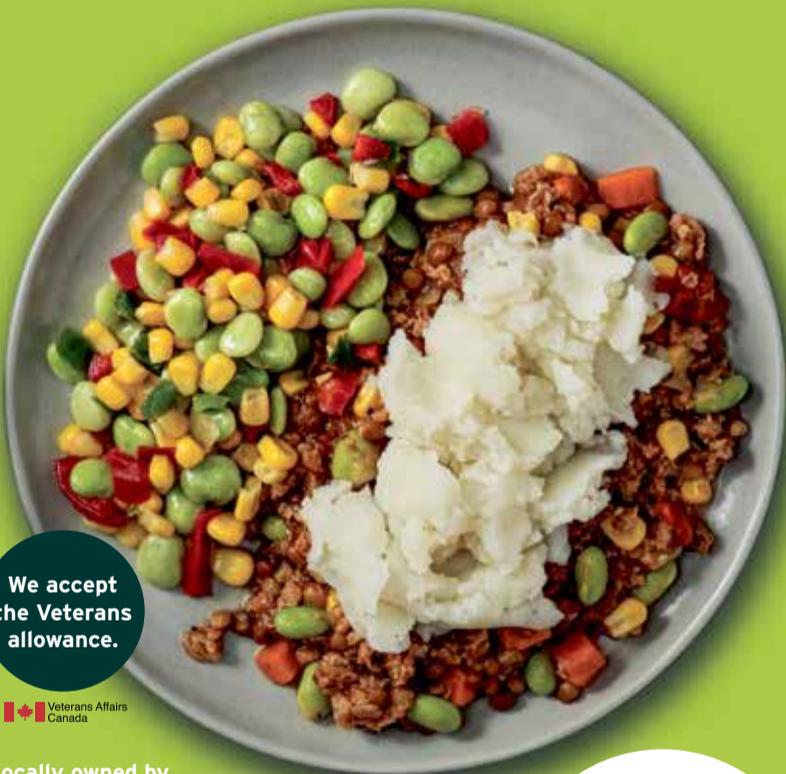
in Newbrook's recent history. The festivities were particularly special as they celebrated the summer solstice and also showcased the deep essence of Scandinavian heritage.

Visitors were captivated by a unique

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Smoky Lake: a great display of Canadian pride



Smoky Lake FCSS photos

By Brandie Majeau

The Town of Smoky Lake came alive with excitement and community spirit as residents gathered to celebrate Canada Day in their signature style. Emphasizing both

individuality and togetherness, the celebrations created an atmosphere of pride that resonated throughout the community. The Smoky Lake Fire Department even took a break from their heroic duties to

host a pancake breakfast fundraiser, showing the lighter side of their commitment to the community by trading in their fire-fighting tools for spatulas and tongs.

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Wrapped in kindness: Redwater Quilters Guild brings warmth, comfort, and connection—one stitch at a time

By Shelley Winger

In a world where fast-paced lives often leave little time for connection, the Redwater Quilters Guild stands as a quiet but powerful reminder of the beauty of giving, creating, and community.

Since January 1, 2006, this non-profit group of passionate quilters has been threading compassion into every stitch—donating handmade quilts, premie blankets, and more to individuals and organizations in need throughout the Redwater region and beyond. The guild was founded by six women: Vi Nelson, who served as the first president; Carol Van Meter, the original secretary/treasurer; instructor Lois Andrews; and members Sharon Yent, Gladys Anderson, and Bev Saal. What began as an extension of the local Art Society soon evolved into an independent group of crafters with a shared mission to create and give back.

In the early days, they gathered wherever space was available—first at the Pentecostal Hall, then Ocher Park School and Redwater High School, followed by many years at the United Church.

Today, they meet at the Alliance Church, where the spirit of service and creativity continues to thrive.

Though the group didn't set out with a charitable mission, that quickly changed in the most heartfelt way.

"The Minister of the United Church had asked about our quilts during a showing we were having with the Art Society," explained guild member Peggy Turner. "We told him to come by after the show and we'd give him some. He was very surprised and happy when the guild donated two garbage bags full of quilts. They were donated to Victim's Services. That's really where it all started."

From that moment on, the group found joy and purpose in giving their work to others. Today, the list of those who have received quilts and other handmade items is long and diverse: Victim's Services, Redwater Hospital Long-term Care, Diamond Spring Lodge, Radway Long-term Care, Kid's Cottage, and even families displaced by fires or fleeing war.

"We've also donated to the library, museum, hospital auxiliary, Legion, Pioneer Club, church camp, and events like Hang in the 30 for raffles or silent auctions," said Turner.

One of the guild's most cherished initiatives is their donation of premie blankets to the Royal Alexandra Hospital's NICU. That effort began in 2011, after a member's grandchild was born prematurely and spent time in neonatal intensive care.

"That experience touched all of us," said Turner. "We started making and donating premie blankets, and we've also made bunny shirts and premie hats. To date, we've donated well over 400 premie blankets."

Each item—whether a cozy lap quilt or a tiny blanket for a fragile newborn—is created with care, intention, and the belief that even

something small can make a big difference in someone's life.

On average, the Redwater Quilters Guild donates between 50 and 100 quilts every year. That's in addition to their personal projects and pieces created for fundraising events. It's a remarkable achievement, especially considering the time, effort, and resources required to produce each one.

But it's never been about the numbers. For this group, it's about love, connection, and the feeling of being able to offer warmth—literally and emotionally—to someone who might need it.

The guild operates purely on heart and community support. Members volunteer their time and skills, often using their own supplies or materials donated by others.

And the community is invited to take part.

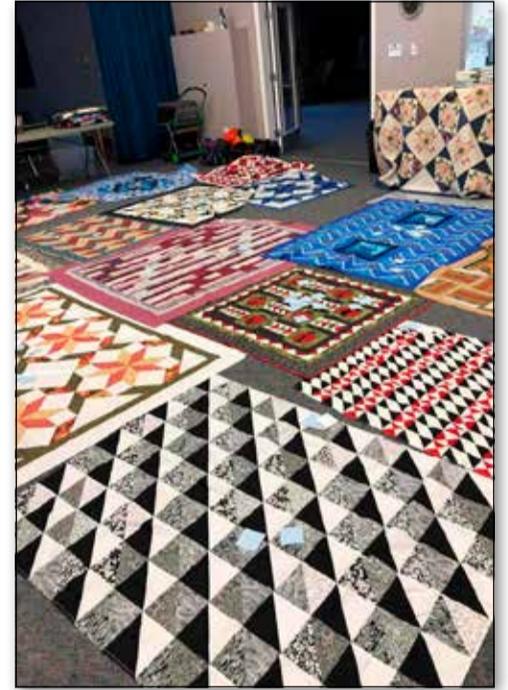
"We'd love for people to come out and see what we do," said Turner.

"Every February, we host an Open House where we display the quilts we've donated throughout the year, as well as some of our personal work. It's a great way to see the creativity in our community."

The guild meets every second Saturday from September to May, with just one meeting in December. "Everyone is welcome to stop by when we meet," Turner added. "You can ask questions, see what we're working on, and find out how to get involved."

In a time when handmade goods are rare and often replaced by mass production, the Redwater Quilters Guild continues to offer something more meaningful—pieces created by hand, given from the heart and stitched with purpose.

Their story is not just about quilts. It's about what happens when a few people come together, follow their passion, and choose to make a difference, one blanket—and one act of kindness—at a time.



Members of the Redwater Quilters Guild proudly display a stunning collection of handmade quilts, ready to be donated to individuals and organizations in need.

Photo by: Redwater Quilters Guild

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED – APPEAL BY July 15, 2025

Take notice that the Municipal Planning Commission for Thorhild County has approved the following Development Application:

i.	Legal Description:	Plan 168CL, Lot 12, Block 2, 101 – 6 Avenue, Hamlet of Thorhild
	Land Use Designation:	C1 – Central Hamlet Commercial (LUB 1194-2015)
	Proposal:	Application for a Liquor Store called Liquor Stop N Shop Thorhild (main building) with living quarters (second floor).
	Division:	3
	Permit #	DP25-2681

Date of Decision: June 24, 2025; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, July 15, 2025

Additional Information:

For additional information regarding these permits, please contact Manager of Planning and Development David Blades at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825 or email: David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com.

Appeal Information:

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must appeal to one of the following appeal bodies: (see below for details)

Land and Property Rights Tribunal

This is the appropriate appeal body if the application is the subject of a licence, permit, approval, or other authorization granted by the Minister of Environment and Parks or granted under any act the minister is responsible for under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act*, or granted by the Natural Resources Conservation Board, Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board or Alberta Utilities Commission. You can file an appeal [via email](#) or by mail to 2nd floor, Summerside Business Centre, 1229 - 91 St. SW., Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9. Telephone enquiries can be made to 780-427-2444. **Land and Property Rights Tribunal | Alberta.ca**

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB).

All other appeals not subject to the above can be filed with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board via email at carol.revega@thorhildcounty.com or via mail to Thorhild County, P. O. Box 10, 801 – 1st Street, Thorhild, AB, T0A 3J0. Telephone enquiries can also be made to the Planning & Development Department at 780-398-3741. Pursuant to Section 686 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, an appeal may be commenced by filing a notice of appeal within 21 days of the decision date. Please note that there is a \$200.00 fee for any appeal.

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The event featured various activities that catered to all ages, including a foam pit and inflatable structures. The standout moment of the day, however, was the bicycle decorating station. Children flocked to the area, eager to adorn their bikes with Canada Day-themed decorations, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm. The excitement peaked during the bicycle parade, where a police escort and Monty the Safety Bear led the small procession on a joyful loop through the town. The sight of children proudly riding their embellished bicycles, full of patriotic spirit and wide smiles, brought happiness to every onlooker.

As the day continued, the group joined together for a heartfelt collection of voices singing "O Canada," uniting these voices in a celebration of

national pride. Free hot-dogs and cupcakes were passed around for everyone to indulge, the atmosphere festive and enveloping Smoky Lake in a warm hug of nationalism and pride.

As Smoky Lake's Great Canadian Get Together wound down, the sense of camaraderie and shared joy lingered in the air. The day was not just a celebration of Canada but a beautiful reminder of what it means to be part of a community that cherishes diversity while creating a welcoming environment for all. Smoky Lake's Canada Day festivities truly demonstrated the essence of being Canadian, bringing people together in celebration of their shared values and unique backgrounds. This year's event will undoubtedly be remembered as another successful chapter in the town's rich tradition of community celebration.



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As a result of an internal promotion, there is a vacancy in the Finance Manager position. Reporting to the General Manager of Corporate Services, the **Finance Manager** is responsible for financial management support of the municipality, acting as a key advisor to the Leadership Team and Council. The key responsibility areas are payroll, municipal taxation, utilities, accounts payable and Information Technology and provides support, analysis and advice for financial operations and controls. Specific responsibilities include:

- Key advisor to Senior Leadership and Council for human resources, legislation and policies
- Ensuring and maintaining the integrity and security of personnel and payroll systems
- Supervision of the accurate and timely maintenance of the tax and assessment roll
- Assisting with the preparation and presentation of tax rates
- Administering all tax recovery processes in accordance with the Municipal Government Act
- Supervision of the accurate and timely maintenance of the utility and accounts payable functions
- Completion of monthly bank reconciliations, GST and other remittances
- Assisting with annual budget preparation, year-end working papers and annual audit
- Liaison with IT consultants, including computer maintenance, including installation of software upgrades and basic troubleshooting

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Post-secondary education in Business or Public Administration
- Experience with payroll, accounts payable and receivable and Information Technology
- Comprehensive knowledge and proficiency with computer systems, hardware and software
- Comprehensive experience with accounting software, experience with Microsoft Dynamics GP and Diamond is an asset
- Minimum 3 years supervisory experience
- Chartered Professional Accounting Designation or significant progress in CPA PEP program an asset, but not required
- Local Government experience is an asset

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 Town of Redwater, Box 397, Redwater, AB, T0A 2W0
 Email: atingley@redwater.ca Fax: (780)942-4321 Ph: (780) 942-3519 ext 280

Deadline for submissions of resumes is noon July 14, 2025.

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Viking mock village that provided an immersive experience into the lives of these historical figures. This cultural display effectively merged traditional elements of Scandinavian life with the excitement inherent in rodeo events, creating an unforgettable day that appealed to a diverse audience. The Viking village also brought the chance to learn traditional skills and for guests to try their hand at tapping into their own inner Viking and throwing an axe or two.

Newbrook Fair Days, as always, featured an impressive range of engaging activities tailored for children, including a variety of inflatables and interactive options designed to keep the younger crowd entertained. Alongside the fun-filled activities, a summer market provided attendees with the opportunity to explore local crafts and enjoy delicious treats. One of the day's highlights was the thrilling rodeo competitions, where talented cowboys demonstrated their skills, leaving



Photo courtesy of Newbrook Recreational and Agricultural Society

spectators on the edge of their seats. As the day came to a close, attendees gathered for the much-anticipated pig roast supper, a culinary delight that received glowing reviews. The communal aspect of sharing a meal further reinforced a sense

of togetherness and celebration. This year's Fair Days saw record attendance, its success the result of the hard work of the organizers and volunteers. The organizers extended their heartfelt gratitude to all who participated, from vendors and

volunteers to attendees, for making this year's celebration such a success. As the sun set on this year's festivities, the feeling of togetherness, the excitement, and a little Viking spirit lingered in the air, echoing the hopes for many more successful events to come.

Violet Marguerite Turner (nee Marage)

December 29, 1939 ~ June 30, 2025

Violet Marguerite Turner (nee Marage), of Thorhild, AB, passed away peacefully June 30, 2025, at the age of 85.

Violet will be sadly missed by her sons, Raymond (Tammy), Terry (Sheryl); daughters, Liz (Blair) and Linda (Silvio); grandchildren, Kristy, Ashley (Justin), Liana (John), Victoria, Kaylee (Marcos) and Kian (Holly); great-grandchildren Emma, Logan, Cohen, Kinsley and Aiden; siblings Joan, Fern, Faye, Jack, Roy and Myles.

Violet was predeceased by her husband Jack; her parents, Peter and Eileen Marage; brother, Bruce; sisters, Louise, Myrna, Lana, and Shelly, and many more extended family and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at Westlock



Continuing Care Centre and Dr. Coulson for all their care and compassion towards Violet.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Thorhild Legion.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 10:00 am, at the Thorhild Community Hall. A private family interment will be held at a later date at the Moose Hill Cemetery.

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PUBLIC HEARING - Bylaw 1665/24 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council is asking for public feedback on proposed Bylaw 1665/24. A property owner would like to continue to operate an existing natural resource extraction operation (Pit 45) on their land at 54309 Hwy 44 (legal land description: NE, NW, SE, SW-20-54-26-W4, NE-19-54-26-W4, SW-21-54-26-W4, and NE-17-54-26-W4).

This application does not propose expanding existing boundaries for aggregate extraction. To issue a new development permit in line with updated Land Use Bylaw regulations, subject lands must be rezoned. The applicant is requesting the land be rezoned to RE-DC2 - Resource Extraction Direct Control 2 District - which allows Sturgeon County Council to establish site-specific criteria and regulations that the operator must follow.

Each time land is rezoned, a bylaw is needed to amend the Land Use Bylaw, and a public hearing must be held. Learn more about the proposed bylaw and how to get involved at SturgeonCounty.ca/hearing-1665/

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: July 15, 2025, at 1 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter)

Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville); sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings

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 July 14 at 1 p.m. by contacting Legislative Services at 780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

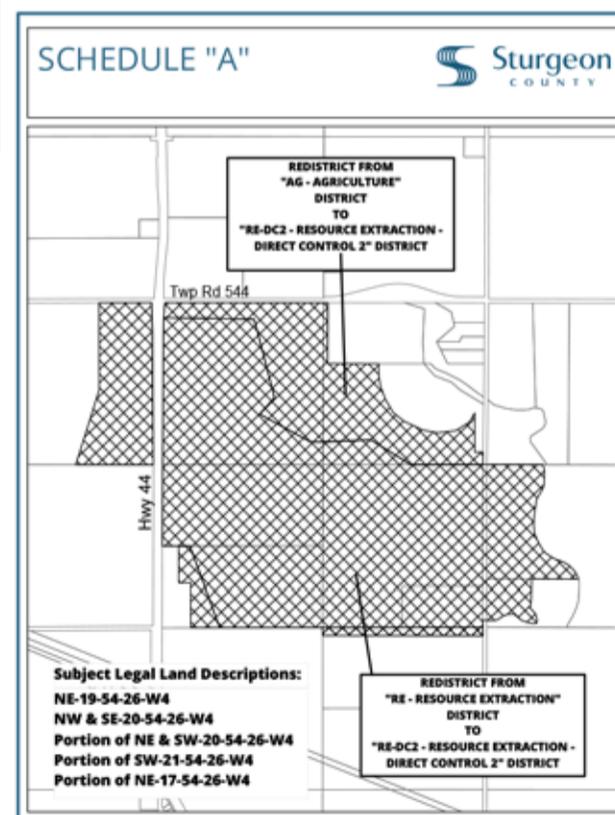
Written submissions

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.



Questions? Contact:

Tyler McNab, Development and Safety Codes
780-939-8342, tmcnab@sturgeoncounty.ca



Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the public hearing, or otherwise made public. This information is collected in line with section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have questions, contact the Access and Privacy Officer at foip@sturgeoncounty.ca or 780-939-4321.



JULY 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
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

Regular Budget Meeting
September 4, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council Highlights provide a snapshot of Council decision making and the progress made on Smoky Lake County programs and initiatives. For more details visit www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/highlights

- Approved the proposed material change to services suspending the current services of tourism development and requested repayment of funds invested by Smoky Lake County.
- Adopted Policy 15-07: Employee Participation in Municipal Election Campaigns.
- Amended Policy 08-10: Special Tax Cancellation.
- Adopted Policy HR-08: Vacation and Time Off Request.
- Amended Policy 01-49: Delegations to County Council.
- Amended Policy 62-28: Mowing Program.
- Amended Policy 62-10: Agricultural Service Board Business Plan 2025.

Donations

- \$500 donation to the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops 19th Annual Charity Golf Tournament in support of STARS Air Ambulance and HALO Air Ambulances.
- \$1,500 to the Warspite Revitalization Foundation in support of the 1st Annual Warspite Country Fair.
- \$1,500 towards sponsorship of a children's activity at the Vilna & District Agricultural Society Boomtown Days Fair being held on August 16, 2025.
- Maximum of 2 belly-dump loads of gravel to the Victoria Trail Agricultural Society.



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

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Monday, August 4, 2025 for Heritage Days

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View Smoky Lake County Councils Proclamations for the month of July www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/proclamations

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Study shows Virtual MD service effective for patient care

A Primary Care Alberta (PCA) service effectively triages patients, routes patients to appropriate forms of care and keeps Albertans out of emergency departments, according to a new research study.

The study - published in the Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine - reviewed Virtual MD, a service that refers callers to Health Link 811 to physicians for virtual assessment. The study concludes the Virtual MD service enables patients to access more appropriate levels of care for their healthcare needs.

Since the service

launched in 2022, more than half of patients who were assessed by Virtual MD physicians followed through on recommendations to seek primary care, visit an emergency department (ED) or manage their care at home, according to the study. Patients who were referred to primary care but chose to visit an ED were more likely to present with conditions best addressed by a family physician, demonstrating the appropriateness of the initial primary care advice.

"This research illustrates what our Health Link nurses

and physicians see every day: Virtual MD is effectively meeting its primary goal of giving patients an alternative to visiting an emergency department," says Patricia Chambers, Executive Lead of Patient Navigation and System Integration with PCA. "Ensuring Albertans access the right care is good for patients and reduces strain on the healthcare system."

Virtual MD is designed to reduce unnecessary emergency department visits. When Albertans contact Health Link 811, a registered nurse or clinical staff member

provides an assessment to determine whether they're in need of further assessment from a physician. On average,

125 Health Link callers are referred to a physician daily through the Virtual MD program.

Of the first 100,000 patients assessed by a program physician, about half were able to manage their condition at home with self-care. Other patients were referred to other forms of in-person care or follow up that best suited their needs, such as urgent care centres, family medicine

practitioners, other community-based programs and emergency departments.

The service - available seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. - involves 90 physicians.

"The virtual option to meet with patients enables us to connect with pockets of Albertans who may struggle to access these services: those with mobility or transportation issues, individuals in rural areas or those who have limited access to care," says Dr. Genelle Dingeldein, a Virtual MD physician. "We can provide immediate advice in real-time

and help patients navigate how to self-manage their symptoms or when to seek higher levels of care when appropriate."

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Historic moment for Canadian energy: First LNG Canada shipment departs to Asia

By Mark Parsons,
ATB ECONOMICS

On June 30, a tanker named GasLog Glasgow left Kitimat, B.C. for Asia carrying the first cargo of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Canada's West Coast.

This is a major milestone for the energy sector and the Canadian economy. Canada is the fifth largest natural gas producer in the world, but has not been exporting to markets outside the U.S. and Canada.

The shipment comes 15 years after the application to export LNG from B.C. was submitted to the federal government.

LNG Canada made a final investment decision to build Canada's first large-scale LNG export facility in October 2018. Fed by the new

Coastal GasLink pipeline, the facility has a 40-year export license and a total capacity of 14 million tonnes per year. A second phase of the project that would double its capacity is under consideration.

The Haisla Nation was a key joint venture participant in the project, highlighting the importance of strong Indigenous partnerships to energy sector development in Canada.

The U.S. quickly emerged as the world's largest exporter of LNG, followed by Australia and Qatar.

The importance of Canadian gas making its way to Asia is three-fold:

1. It diversifies Canada's natural gas industry's customer base away from what was

once essential - just the United States.

2. It will help balance the oversupplied North American natural gas market. This, combined with growing demand for gas-powered electricity generation, will support stronger prices for Alberta natural gas and bodes well for the sector going forward.

3. It will increase Canadian exports and help Asia reduce its dependency on higher-emitting coal.

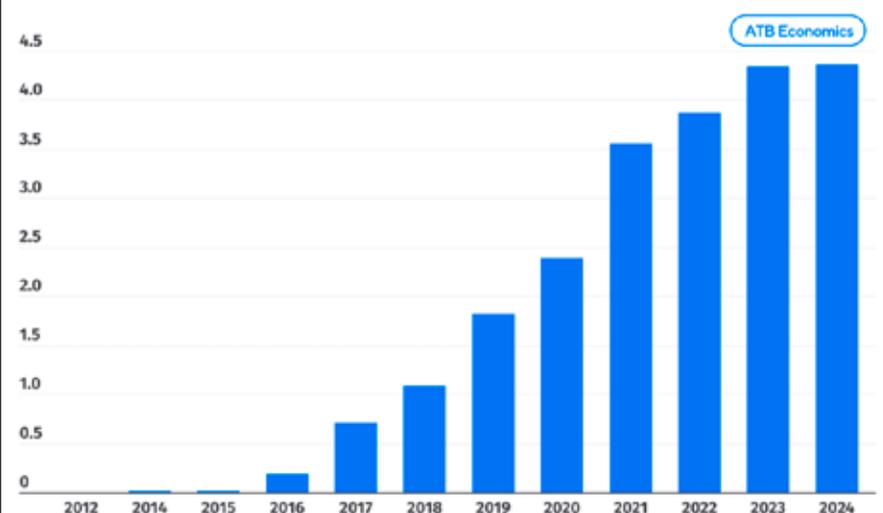
In addition to LNG Canada, Cedar LNG is constructing a US\$3.4 billion floating LNG facility with operations to begin as early as 2028; Woodfibre LNG is constructing a natural gas

liquefaction and export facility near Squamish; and Rockies LNG Partners is collaborating with the Nisga'a Nation and Western LNG to develop the Ksi Lisims LNG floating liquefaction project north of Prince Rupert.

While the Canadian energy sector remains heavily dependent on the U.S. market, the latest news on LNG is part of a recent shift towards Asia that we have been tracking closely. Oil exports to Asia have jumped

following the completion of the Trans Mountain Expansion project. Since 2019, propane shipments to Japan and South Korea have surged following the completion of export infrastructure at Ridley Island.

Annual liquefied U.S. natural gas exports
Trillion cubic feet



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration and ATB Economics

Live Different, engaging teens this summer



By Brandie Majeau

As summer approaches, many local communities gear up for children's summer programs. The Town of Smoky Lake and the Smoky Lake Family Resource Centre recognized the need for initiatives tailored specifically for teens. This summer, they are excited to introduce the "Live Different" program, designed for young people aged 13 to 18. The program runs for six weeks, with sessions scheduled on July 8, July 15, July 29, and August 5, August 12, and August 19, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the Family Resource Network Centre.

The "Live Different" program provides a unique opportunity for teens to come together in a supportive environment during the summer months. While many adolescents may gravitate towards familiar social circles, this program encourages participants to step outside their comfort zones and connect with peers they may not typically meet. This is particularly beneficial for building new friendships and expanding social horizons.

Each session will focus on vital themes such as authenticity, empathy, growth, resilience, altruism, and values. These topics have been

carefully chosen to foster personal development and enhance communication skills among participants. In a world where young individuals often navigate complex social dynamics, learning to express themselves authentically and understand differing perspectives is crucial.

Throughout the program, teens will engage in activities that promote real conversations, allowing them to openly share their thoughts and experiences. By facilitating discussions that challenge preconceived notions and foster mutual understanding, the "Live Different" program aims to create a safe space for young people to learn and grow together.

Moreover, participants will leave the program with enhanced self-confidence and improved interpersonal skills, which are essential for navigating both personal and academic situations. The supportive atmosphere created by the facilitators will ensure that teens feel comfortable and encouraged to express their individuality while also learning the importance of empathy towards others.

With the "Live Different" program, the Town of Smoky Lake and the Smoky Lake Family Resource Centre are not only addressing the summer programming gap for teens but also investing in the future generations. This initiative underlines the importance of connection, understanding, and growth, helping to shape well-rounded individuals who value relationships and community engagement.

For any teens looking to spend their summer enriching their lives and making new friends, the "Live Different" program promises to be an impactful experience that will resonate long after the sessions conclude. Contact 780-656-3674 or frn@smokylake.ca.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the following Development Permits have been approved on June 25, 2025 in accordance with **Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14** of Smoky Lake County:

Permit Number: DP 025-25

Legal Land Description: PLAN 7821750, BLOCK 1, LOT 7

Area: MONS LAKE

Division: 4

Land Use District: MULTI-LOT COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL (R1) DISTRICT

Use Type: DISCRETIONARY USE

Proposed Development: GARDEN SUITE

For information or to view this Development Permit, please contact Jordan Ruegg, Development Authority & Planning and Development Manager at 780-656-3730 to arrange an appointment.

Persons wishing to appeal the above decision must do so by filing a written "NOTICE OF APPEAL" along with the \$250.00 appeal fee, to the Clerk of the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB) 4612 McDougall Drive, Box 310, Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0, no later than **Monday, July 21st, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.** The appeal letter should indicate the Development Permit number, contact name, phone number, mailing address, and reason(s) for appeal.

Jordan Ruegg
**Development Authority Officer/
 Planning and Development Manager**

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Please be advised that **The Review** will not be publishing on **August 6** and **August 13**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding. Thank you for your continued support.

Residents encouraged to report road concerns in Sturgeon County

Sturgeon County crews are continually working to maintain, repair, and improve roads throughout the area. While regular inspections and maintenance are ongoing, the County relies on residents to help identify new or emerging issues. To make reporting easy, Sturgeon County offers an online portal where residents can submit road concerns quickly and without the need for an account. The portal can be accessed at: <https://transfeedback.sturgeoncounty.ca>. It's important to note that all numbered highways are managed by the Government of Alberta. For information or to report issues on those roads, residents should visit: <https://511.alberta.ca/#:Alerts>. By working together, the community and County can help keep roads safe and in good condition.

UNRESERVED **TIMED ONLINE AUCTIONS**

Bidding Starts to Close July 22nd 10am Retirement Auction for M3 Farms. Ph Bob McEwen (780) 264-0821 OR Dean (780) 264-0752
 Located 1-Mile South of Gibbons on Hwy 28A to Twp Rd 560 & 1 1/2 Miles East & Realignment Auction for Tribend Ranch PH Todd Clark (780) 499-5060



JD 9300 4WD Tractor, 6,077 hrs, 24 spd ▪ N.Holland Versatile 9682 Tractor, 5 hyds, motor replaced from a 9862 450 Hp ▪ 1982 VERSATILE 950 Tractor ▪ 1980 VERSATILE 950 ▪ 1983 VERSATILE TRACTOR 955 ▪ 1991 VERSATILE TRACTOR 846 ▪ 1976 VERSATILE TRACTOR 700 ▪ WHITE 105 TRACTOR ▪ JD 'A' ▪ JD 'M' ▪ JD 70 ▪ JD 830 ▪ 1947 JD 'A' ▪ JD 60 ▪ 2- JD Model 'D' Tractors ▪ International 1066 ▪ Ford Golden Jubilee ▪ 2006 WESTERN STAR Detroit 60, 15 spd, 515 Hp, 781,978 km ▪ 2000 Western Star N14, 18 spd ▪ 1989 White IHC 9300, 20' SWS box, Cat 3406, 13 spd ▪ 2016 Emerald Grain Trailer 45' Tandem ▪ 2005 LODE KING Super B grain trailers ▪ Featherlite Tandem Axle Alum. Trailer ▪ 2004 GMC Reg cab, 4x4 ▪ 2008 GMC, Ext. cab, 4x4 ▪ 1985 IH Fuel truck, 2" pump, 12, 000 litre tank ▪ 2006 Honda Ridgeline, needs repairs ▪ MORRIS RANGER II HARROW PACKER, 70ft ▪ JD High Clearance D.Till, 41' ▪ FLEXICOIL Harrows 70' ▪ Wilrich 39' D.Tillage ▪ FLEXICOIL PACKER, 60 ft ▪ KELLO-BILT 225 - 25 FOOT DISC ▪ SCHULTE HYD. DRIVE ROCK PICKER ▪ EZZE-ON, 40 FT AIR SEEDER, c/w 3210 tank, 8" spg, single shoot ▪ JD 9450 HOE DRILLS, 40 ft ▪ JD 610 40' AIR SEEDER ▪ JD 1830, 40' double shoot air seeder ▪ JD 8350 14' Double disc drill ▪ Simonsen fert. spreader ▪ 2- 2002 Premier 2940- 21' Swathers ▪ 2- Westward 21' Swathers ▪ 3- KOENDERS SWATH ROLLERS ▪ 2007 JD 9760STS Combine, 2311 eng. Hrs ▪ 2000 JD 9650 COMBINE, 4339 eng. Hrs ▪ John Deere 9610 Combine, 2418 eng. Hrs ▪ 1999-9610 COMBINE, 3288 eng. Hrs ▪ 1997 JD 9600 COMBINE, 3996 eng. Hrs ▪ JD 925 Header ▪ JD 24' 224 Header ▪ 1995 JD 925 25 ft Rigid Header ▪ JD 922 Straight cut header ▪ JD 625R Straight cut header ▪ 9- Various Grain Augers & Brandt 7500 Grain Vac ▪ 1993 Ford F350 RHS EAGLE II TRUCK SPRAYER, showing 39,773 km, 3,578 hrs, 60 ft, orig. owner, 550 gal, triple nozzle ▪ F.King 6', Mower 3pt ▪ Fuel tanks ▪ 2- Polaris Trail-Skidoo's ▪ Older Trucks ▪ Older Augers ▪ Qty of Parts, Tires Etc.

Realignment for Tribend Ranch. Selling c/w M3 Farms, Address: 23012 Twp Rd 560. Ph Todd Clark (780)499-5060



Selling for Tribend Ranch. PH Tod Clark (780) 499-5060 ▪ 2009 JD 9770STS Combine, fully loaded, 2055 sep hrs ▪ 2009 JD 615 PU Header ▪ 2005 JD 9760STS Combine, 2421 sep hrs ▪ 2005 Precision PU Header ▪ 2010 JD 630F Hydra Flex Header ▪ 2010 5200EX Brandt Grain Vac ▪ 2012 12x72 Sakundiak Auger ▪ 13x70 Farm King Auger ▪ 8x40 Auger ▪ Grain Cleaner ▪ MacDon C.A. Adapter for NH/IH combine ▪ Plus Various Augers, Fuel Tanks & Misc. ▪ 1988 S1954 IH Truck 466 Turbo, 10 spd, 14' fert box ▪ 1981 IH Truck 15 spd, 18 ft box ▪ 2009 Ford F150 Pickup, 189,169 km, Orig. owner ▪ White 272 28' Disc ▪ 14' Cultivator ▪ 7' 3pt Cultivator ▪ Plus 30 Grain Bins at 2 Locations ▪ View Full Listing on Live Auction World by July 15th

Bids Start to Close July 15th for the Estate of Andrew Klak Farm, 691062 RR 214, Athabasca, PH Jovi (780) 689-6130. Directions: From the town of Athabasca go approx 29 Kms north on Hiway 813 to TWP RD 692 and 10 km east to RR 214 to 691062 RR 214 ALL EQUIP. TO BE REMOVED BY JULY 17th. View on Global Auction Guide. Preview July 12, 13, 14th, 1-7pm or by Appointment



Steiger Cougar 8547 hrs. ▪ Case 2870, 7606 hrs ▪ 1997 Kenworth T800 N14-15 spd ▪ 2006 Dakota Tridem Grain Trailer ▪ Case 2188 & 1688 Combines ▪ 2- Gleaner N-7 Combines & 2- Straight Cut Headers ▪ Versatile 4700 Swather ▪ Case 1015 Straight Cut Header ▪ Spray Coupe 4660 Sprayer, 718 orig. hrs. ▪ IBEC 1210 Dryer ▪ Older Pup start D7 Cat ▪ Brush rake ▪ 36' Concord Air Drill ▪ JD 28' Disc ▪ Wilrich 40' Cultivator ▪ 8' H. Duty Rototiller ▪ JD 32' Deep Tillage ▪ Westfield 10x51 swing away Auger ▪ Westfield 10x36 Auger c/w hyd. mover, V.G. ▪ Older 40' Grain Trailer ▪ Header Transport ▪ New Ag Parts ▪ Grain Leg ▪ 10 Grain Bins Various Sizes & More ▪ Well Looked After Line Up

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 24, 2025

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the June 24, 2025, Regular Council meeting:

Unfinished Business - Beaver Dam Removal

Council directed Administration to bring back Beaver Dam Removal to the 2025 budget discussions with a detailed breakdown of what is required to remove a beaver dam on private property.

Delegation - Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Services

Council accepted the presentation from Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Services for information.

Unfinished Business - Municipal Grant Information for Community Halls

Council directed Administration to bring Community Halls Policy discussion to the 2025 budget meetings.

Unfinished Business - Policy 525 Exit Interview

Council directed Administration to amend Policy 525 Exit Interview to read "To ensure that exit interviews are offered to employees and volunteer fire fighters who are leaving the employment of the Thorhild County due to resignation, retirement, or layoff. Participation in the exit interviews is to identify factors contributing to an employee's decision to leave employment."

Unfinished Business - First Reading for Proposed Bylaw 08-2025 for Draft Municipal Development Plan

Council approved First Reading to proposed Bylaw 08-2025 being the draft Municipal Development Plan, dated June 24, 2025.

Furthermore, Council moved that upon approving First Reading of Bylaw 08-2025, set the Public Hearing for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2025, in the County Council Chambers at the County Administration Building.

Council also directed Administration to bring back the Planning and Development Schedule of Fees Policy to a future Council meeting.

Community Economic Development Advisory Board Recommendation to Council

Council directed Administration to research municipal business improvement funding programs to be brought back to a future meeting.

2025 Public Auction Date

Council established the 2025 Public Auction date as Tuesday, August 26, 2025, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Proposed Amendments to Policy 203 Councillor Remuneration

Council approved the proposed amended Policy 203 Councillor Remuneration.

Draft Policy 1001 Thorhild Swimming Pool

Council approved draft Policy 1001 Thorhild Swimming Pool.

Correspondence for Action - Hamlet of Long Lake Water Co-operative

Council directed Administration to create a draft letter in response to the Hamlet of Long Lake Water Co-operative and to provide that draft letter to Council for review, and to add the Hamlet of Long Lake Water Co-operative letter to the Regular Council Meeting on July 8, 2025.

Correspondence for Action - Thorhild Minor Ball

Council approved Thorhild Minor Ball to use the \$300 donation that was previously received from Thorhild County towards their year end event.

Correspondence for Information - Thorhild Landfill Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Council directed Administration to contact the Thorhild Landfill Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to clarify the meaning of an independent representative and what information they want from the independent representative.

Lochaven Meeting

Council directed Administration to schedule a meeting with Lochaven consultants with the proposed dates July 21, 2025, or July 23, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. or later and to be confirmed by Administration.

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www.thorhildcounty.com for details.

THORHILD COUNTY MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2025 NOMINATION PERIOD

The next municipal general election will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025.

Elections will be held for the five (5), Councillor positions, one from each of the five (5) electoral divisions.

Nominations for the general election are open with Notice of Intent, Nomination Paper and Candidates Acceptance, and Criminal Record Checks being accepted until 12:00 noon on September 22, 2025. (Thorhild County Administration Building will be open for Nominations.)

Every nomination must be accompanied by a deposit in the amount \$100.00 paid in cash, by certified cheque, by money order, by e-transfer or by debit card or credit card.

Candidates will be required to provide a criminal record check conducted, within the calendar year of the election, by RCMP, at the sole expense of the candidate. Criminal record check must be submitted with the Candidate's nomination.

Nomination packages pertaining to the 2025 Municipal Election are available at:
Thorhild County Administration Building
801 -1 Street, Thorhild, AB

<https://www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Election/2025-Municipal-Election>
<https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-elections.aspx>

Carol Revega, Returning Officer
Email: election@thorhildcounty.com
Dated: July 9, 2025

NO SPRAY AGREEMENTS

Landowners wanting "No Spraying" conducted along their properties are requested to contact the Agricultural Services office or go online to www.thorhildcounty.com to sign a **No Spray Agreement**.

County issued "DO NOT SPRAY SIGNS", must be visibly posted on your property."

- You must sign a new agreement every 3 years.
- All Agreements signed in 2022 are now due for update.
- If land ownership changes, please advise Agricultural Services staff.

Landowners who sign an agreement are responsible for controlling the weeds and brush along the No Spray Zones. If no weed control is completed, herbicide will be applied. Agreements MUST be signed prior to **July 19, 2025**.

The Agricultural Services office is available Tuesday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., please call 780-398-3977 ext. 3974 for information.

SUMMER PROGRAMS
Check out all the fun events happening this summer

Register early to secure a spot!

Scan the QR code to register & view the available programs or visit www.thorhildcounty.com/Online-Registrations/programs

PROPERTY TAXES DUE BY JULY 15, 2025

A friendly reminder that payments for the 2025 property taxes are due by July 15.



We welcome in-person payments; however, please note our County Administration building is closed on Mondays.

If you're mailing your tax payment, be sure to allow ample time for delivery. To learn about tax payment options, please visit www.thorhildcounty.com and click on Services, then "Assessment and Property Taxes."



PUZZLES

SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 15 *Review*

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

1. 50 percent
5. Records electric currents
8. Charlize Theron flick "___ Flux"
12. More frosty
14. Disfigure
15. Sky color
16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
18. Actress de Armas
19. Spend time in a relaxed way
20. California peak
21. Lodging option
22. Small amount of a thing
23. Expresses sorrow
26. Keeps an ear warm
30. Babies (Spanish)
31. A conceited and self-centered person

32. No seats available
33. Pouches
34. Hip joints
39. A place to bathe
42. Evading
44. Minute, one-celled unit
46. Losing one's hair
47. A country in W Africa
49. One point north of northeast
50. Pointed end of a pen
51. Extreme
56. Norse personification of old age
57. Doctors' group
58. Member of U.S. Navy
59. Mens' fashion accessories
60. A way to allow
61. Gloomy
62. Grads wear one

63. Between south and southeast

64. Jaguarundi cat

CLUES DOWN

1. Snakes do it
2. Hormone
3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
4. Fixed charges
5. Electronic communication
6. Artilleries
7. "Strangers on a Train" actor Farley
8. Burning
9. Makes ecstatically happy
10. Greek liqueurs
11. Tropical Old World tree
13. Someone who takes vengeance
17. Style of cuisine
24. Select
25. Immunized against disease

26. Old world, new

27. Honorable title

(Turkish)

28. Court case: ___ v. Wade

29. Supervises interstate

commerce

35. Not divisible by two

36. Twelve

37. Commentator Coulter

38. Encourage

40. Plumbing fixtures

41. Early

42. One point north of due east

43. King of Thebes

44. Short-tailed martens

45. Impose a penalty on

47. Consort of Poseidon

48. A way to lessen

49. Brooklyn hoops team

52. Female of a horse

53. Do as one is told

54. A way to prepare meat

55. Unit of measurement

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Fill your mind with positive and motivational thoughts and you'll be much happier in the long run, Aries. It's easy to focus on negatives, but a change of perspective is liberating.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



It is possible that a lack of energy is affecting your ability to do the things that you normally enjoy, Taurus. Figure out ways to get more rest so you will not lack energy.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



It seems your social skills have been less consistent than in the past, Gemini. Do you have a reason why you have been pulling away from others lately? Get back on track.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, someone might recommend you for a leadership position and you could be inclined to take it. This is something that is out of your wheelhouse, but you'll make the most of it.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, trusting someone else right now is something you might find challenging. It could be because you don't trust your instincts. You'll have to find a way around these feelings.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, you haven't been available for some key people, and you'll find they've pulled away. You may miss their presence, but you can mend fences if you hope to.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, you have been making excuses for someone in your life in the hopes that the relationship could be salvaged. But the other person must make an effort as well.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, you have been putting your goals aside due to overwhelming circumstances and general procrastination. Now is the time to get things back on schedule.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



It's time to engage with the activities that you are passionate about, Sagittarius. There is never a "right" opportunity to get things started; you just need to take that first step.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Someone who understands you may enter your life, Capricorn. It may feel like you already know and understand this person, even though you have just met.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



It's possible that you might feel stuck with someone in a situation that is not to your liking, Aquarius. You can be a catalyst for change if you start taking action.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



You are about to have a eureka moment, Pisces. Everything you have been fretting about will then fall into place. It will be some smooth sailing afterwards.

BEACH TIME WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

- BACKSTROKE
- BREASTSTROKE
- BUTTERFLY

CAP

- COURSE
- DECK
- DISTANCE

DIVING

- DRILL
- FLIP
- FLOAT

FREESTYLE

- GOGGLES
- KICK
- LANE

LAP

- PACE
- PADDLE
- POOL

SWIMMING

- TEAM
- TIMED
- TURN
- WADE



Cozy up to some country cooking

Grillmasters are always looking to push the eCountry cooking means different things to different people. For many, it is the comfort foods they grew up with. From fried chicken to mac and cheese to meatloaf, there are plenty of dishes that fall under the country cooking umbrella. But a pot of chicken and dumplings may be one of the most popular and recognizable country cooking staples.

Chicken and dumplings is flavorful, feeds a crowd and appeals to everyone from adults to children. This recipe for "Quick Chicken and Dumplings" from "Lord Honey Traditional Southern Recipes with a Country Bling Twist" (Pelican Publishing) by Chef Jason Smith speeds up the process of making traditional chicken and dumplings with the use of rotisserie chicken.

Quick Chicken and Dumplin's

Serves 4

- 1 rotisserie chicken
- 1 32-ounce box chicken broth
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup butter

- 1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 2 1/2 cups biscuit mix
- 4 tablespoons, butter, melted
- 1/3 cup whole milk
- 1/3 cup chicken broth
- Chopped fresh parsley

1. Pull the chicken off the bone and cut into cubes.
2. In a large Dutch oven, add the chicken broth, cream of chicken soup, and butter. Turn to medium heat, and bring to a slow boil. Then add the pepper and chicken. Bring to a full boil.



3. In a mixing bowl, stir the dumplin's ingredients until combined; the dough should be the texture of drop biscuits.
4. When broth is boiling, drop dough into broth using a teaspoon. Make sure to use all the dough; you may have to push the dough around to find spots.
5. Once all of the dough is in, put on lid and reduce heat to low. Cook for 5 to 10 minutes. Transfer chicken and dumplin's to a serving dish, and sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Tip: Never stir dumplings. Always push them; this keeps them from breaking up.

Chicken-fried finger foods

Country-fried or chicken-fried are terms given to breaded and deep-fried poultry and meat. In fact, chicken-fried steak is an institution in the American south, where thinly sliced cuts of cubed steak are prepared in this way and served with country gravy and biscuits. There's not much room for improvement in this classic... or is there?

In "Best-Ever Steak Fingers," chicken-fried steak gets a makeover into easily picked up finger foods tailor made for dipping in a savory sauce. They are perfect for picnics and meals on the go. Dig in, courtesy of "Lord Honey Traditional Southern Recipes with a Country Bling Twist" (Pelican Publishing) by Chef Jason Smith.

Best-Ever Steak Fingers

Serves 6

- Veggie oil for frying
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose steak seasoning, divided
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg

- 4 pounds beef cube steak
 - 1 cup mayo
 - 1/2 cup sour cream
 - 2 tablespoons yellow mustard
 - 1 package dry Italian salad dressing
 - 2 tablespoons dried dill
1. Preheat oven to lowest temperature.
 2. Pour 1 inch oil into a large cast-iron or



other thick-bottomed skillet. Turn heat to medium low. Place the flour in a shallow pan. Sprinkle half the steak seasoning over flour, and mix together.

3. Cut steak into 1-inch strips. Add the rest of the steak seasoning, rubbing into each piece. Turn heat to medium on skillet. Place each strip in the flour mix, then into the milk and egg mix, then back into the flour. Shake off excess and place each strip on a plate. Repeat until all strips are coated.
4. Sprinkle a few drops flour over oil. If it sizzles, it's ready to fry. Using tongs or a fork, place strips side by side in hot oil. Don't crowd the pan, or it will cool the oil.
5. After about 2 to 3 minutes, when strips start to brown on bottom, turn over. When second side is brown, remove and place on a cooling rack that has been set on a cookie sheet. Set the sheet in the preheated oven. Repeat until all fingers are cooked.
6. In a bowl, whisk together all dipping sauce ingredients.

Banana-filled breakfast for school days

When a new school year is on the horizon, that means families once again must adjust to getting out of the house to the school bus or carpool on time. It is important to begin busy days with a breakfast that will facilitate learning, but parents know convenience is important as well. Parents may want to incorporate some new breakfast options into the mix, particularly ones kids will enjoy.

This tasty recipe for "Banana and Pecan Granola Bowl with Caramelized Bananas" from "Rainbow Bowls" (Sourcebooks) by Niki Webster relies on bananas in two different ways to impart a sweet taste that is hard to beat. The granola makes about four to six portions, so there will be leftovers to enjoy as a snack later in the day or stored away for another time.

Banana and Pecan Granola Bowl with Caramelized Bananas

Serves 2

- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 4 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 very ripe medium bananas
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 100 grams (3.5 ounces) oats of your

- choice
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened shredded coconut
- 2 tablespoons ground almonds
- 3 tablespoons sunflower seeds
- 3 tablespoons chopped nuts, such as hazelnuts or almonds
- 40 grams (1.4 ounces) pecans
- Pinch of sea salt

For the caramelized bananas

- 2 unpeeled bananas
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil

To serve

- Coconut yogurt
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup (optional)
- Pinch of thyme (optional)

1. Preheat the oven to 180 C (350 F).
2. Blend the coconut oil, maple syrup,



bananas, and almond extract in a blender until smooth.

3. Add all the dry ingredients to a large bowl and mix well. Add the wet mixture to the bowl and stir well to combine.
4. Line a large baking tray with baking paper and then tip the granola mix on to the tray and flatten out. Bake for 25 minutes, until starting to brown. Carefully flip over on the tray, then return to the oven and bake for a further 15 minutes (until you get a nice brown color).
5. Leave to cool before breaking into smaller chunks, then store in an airtight container for up to 1 week (if not eating straight away).
6. To make the caramelized bananas, chop off the top end of each of the bananas, then carefully slice through the middle lengthways. Now, peel the bananas.
7. Melt the coconut oil in a pan on medium heat. Add the banana slices and fry in the oil on one side for 1 to 2 minutes until browned, then flip over to caramelize the other side for another 1 to 2 minutes.
8. Serve the granola with yogurt, caramelized bananas, a drizzle of maple syrup, and a pinch of thyme if you fancy.

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.



NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of Shirley Kapyt, who died on **January 10, 2025**.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by August 09, 2025

with **Amy Abbott**
Emery Jamieson LLP
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Debenture Bylaw 1691/25 Vista Road and Range Road 230 to Casa Vista Subdivision

Section 251 – The Municipal Government Act

Take notice that the Council of Sturgeon County, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw 1691/25 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said County to borrow monies from Province of Alberta, or another authorized Financial Institution, to pay for the cost of the rehabilitation of Vista Road and Range Road 230 to Casa Vista Subdivision.

The total cost of the aforesaid project amounts to **\$5,400,000**. A total of **\$4,860,000** is to be borrowed on the credit and security of the municipality at large by a fixed term debenture. The debenture is to be repayable to the Province of Alberta, or another authorized financial institution, in installment payments with an annual interest not to exceed ten per cent (10%), or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Province of Alberta or other authorized financial institution.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of Sturgeon County that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on **Bylaw 1691/25** is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw.

The proposed bylaw may be examined between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the office of the Legislative Services Officer, Sturgeon County, 9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta.

Questions?

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5812 49 AVE REDWATER



\$334,900

Spacious bi-level home in a fantastic Redwater location! This home has seen many upgrades over the years, including plenty of new flooring, fresh paint, a metal roof, vinyl siding, most windows, and a beautifully renovated kitchen. The main floor features an open layout with three bedrooms—including a primary with 2-piece ensuite—a 4-piece main bath, bright living room, and a stylish kitchen with garden doors leading to a massive deck and large fenced yard. The finished basement offers a rec room, additional bedroom with walk-in closet, a den, laundry room, and lots of storage. Central air conditioning tops it off—move in and enjoy summer in comfort!

62209 RR 201 THORHILD COUNTY



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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.

57425 RR 222 STURGEON COUNTY



\$799,900

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

56203 RR 230 STURGEON COUNTY



\$1,050,000

Stunning hillside bungalow on 2.35 acres with pavement right to your driveway, just 5 minutes to Gibbons and 15 minutes to Fort Saskatchewan, all outside of a subdivision! This beautifully maintained home offers 5 bedrooms in total, with 3 on the main floor including a spacious primary suite featuring a walk-in closet and luxurious 5-piece ensuite. The bright and open main level includes a large front foyer, seamless flow from the kitchen to the living room with gas fireplace, a dining area with access to the covered balcony, a huge walk-in pantry, main floor laundry, central A/C, and a 4-piece bath. A wide staircase leads to the fully finished walkout basement with 2 more bedrooms, a 4-piece bath, large rec room, and abundant storage. Enjoy incredible parking and workspace with a heated double attached garage plus a massive 30x42 heated shop. Everything is done, just move in and enjoy peaceful country living!

433 5TH STREET THORHILD



\$149,900

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Sylvia Zukowsky

December 15, 1942 ~ June 29, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved Mother and Baba.

Sylvia Zukowsky (nee Bobowski) peacefully passed away June 29, 2025, at the age of 82.

Sylvia is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Brenda Campbell, Georgina Zukowsky (Tom Dixon); grandson, Shawn Kochan; granddaughters, Jaime (Denzil) MackRory, Kimberly (Shawn) Shewchuk, Brittany (Richard) Ellenthorpe, Candace (Cory) Fisher, Alexander (Aneesh) Paul, Shayleen Kiss; great-grandchildren Phoenix, and India MackRory, Jensen and Kyla Ellenthorpe, Marcus Shewchuk, Maisie Fisher; great-great-grandchildren, Sebastian and Oliver Paul, and Aiden Kiss, and numerous family and friends.

Sylvia was born in Lindbergh, AB. Her parents moved to Warspite, AB. She met George Zukowsky and they married in 1961. Sylvia loved



to garden and travel with Dad.

Sylvia is predeceased by husband, George, son, Micheal, daughter, Cecile, son-in-law, Floyd Campbell, and her parents, Mike and Jenny Bobowski.

The family would like to thank the staff at Westlock Continuing Care and Dr. Chan for all their care and compassion towards Sylvia. A Memorial Service will be held at the Smoky Lake Complex, Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 11:30 am. Sylvia will be laid to rest at the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Cemetery in Smoky Lake, AB.

Condolences may be shared at westlockfuneralhome.com



Little Lemons Lemonade Stand brightens up Redwater IGA's parking lot on June 14 for Lemonade Day. With cheerful yellow balloons, fresh lemonade, and smiling young entrepreneurs, the stand offered drinks, candy, berry plants, and a chance to win a draw prize—all in support of local community spirit.

Redwater IGA photo



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR BYLAW 08-2025

Thorhild County is giving consideration to adopting the following Bylaw:
BYLAW 08-2025: To adopt Bylaw 08-2025 for Draft Municipal Development Plan.

The following Public Hearing will be held both in-person and via Microsoft Teams (audio only) and will be presented on:
Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., Thorhild County Council Chambers (801 – 1st Street, Thorhild)

The proposed Bylaw may be viewed at: www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings/Public-Hearings

Important Information:

- All speakers will be given a 10-minute time limit and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission in advance of the Public Hearing.
- If you intend on participating in person, you are encouraged to pre-register.
- If you wish to speak at the Public Hearing via Microsoft Teams, you are asked to register by Thursday, July 17, 2025. This is to ensure that Teams participants receive instructions to access the hearing.
- If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, you may make a written submission. Your name, address, legal land location and the bylaw number must be included in your submission.
- To register, submit a written submission or have issues connecting to Teams Meeting, contact the Planning Clerk at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2823 or email: jeannette.cholach@thorhildcounty.com.
- The proposed Bylaw may be viewed at the County Office and is available on the Thorhild County Website: www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Public-Hearings.
- Persons wishing to attend the Public Hearing are invited to attend in person or via Teams Meeting through the County website at: www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings.
- If you have any questions or inquiries pertaining to this Public Hearing, contact David Blades, Manager of Planning and Development at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825 or e-mail David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com.

Access to Information Act: By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the Public Hearing or otherwise made public. This information is collected under the Protection of Privacy Act Section 4 (c). If you have any questions, please contact the Protection of Privacy Coordinator at 780-398-3741.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BYLAW NO. 14-2025

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of Town of Smoky Lake is proposing to pass a bylaw pursuant to Section 692 of the Municipal Government Act and a public hearing will be held to obtain public input on proposed Bylaw 14-2025.

The purpose of Bylaw No. 14-2025 is to amend Town of Smoky Lake's Land Use Bylaw 007-018 by rezoning:

- Lot 19, Block 6, Plan 0721842
- Lot 20, Block 6, Plan 0721842
- Lot 12, Block 7, Plan 0721842
- Lot 15, Block 7, Plan 0721842

from R3 Residential High Density District to R1 Residential Low Density District.

Date: Monday, July 14, 2025

Time: 1:45 pm

Location: Town of Smoky Lake Council Chambers, 56 Wheatland Ave, Smoky Lake, AB or online: <https://zoom.us/j/3287551220?omn=94039622430>

TO SPEAK OR PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Email legislative@smokylake.ca for participation information.

QUESTIONS CONTACT:

Pam Routhier, Development Officer

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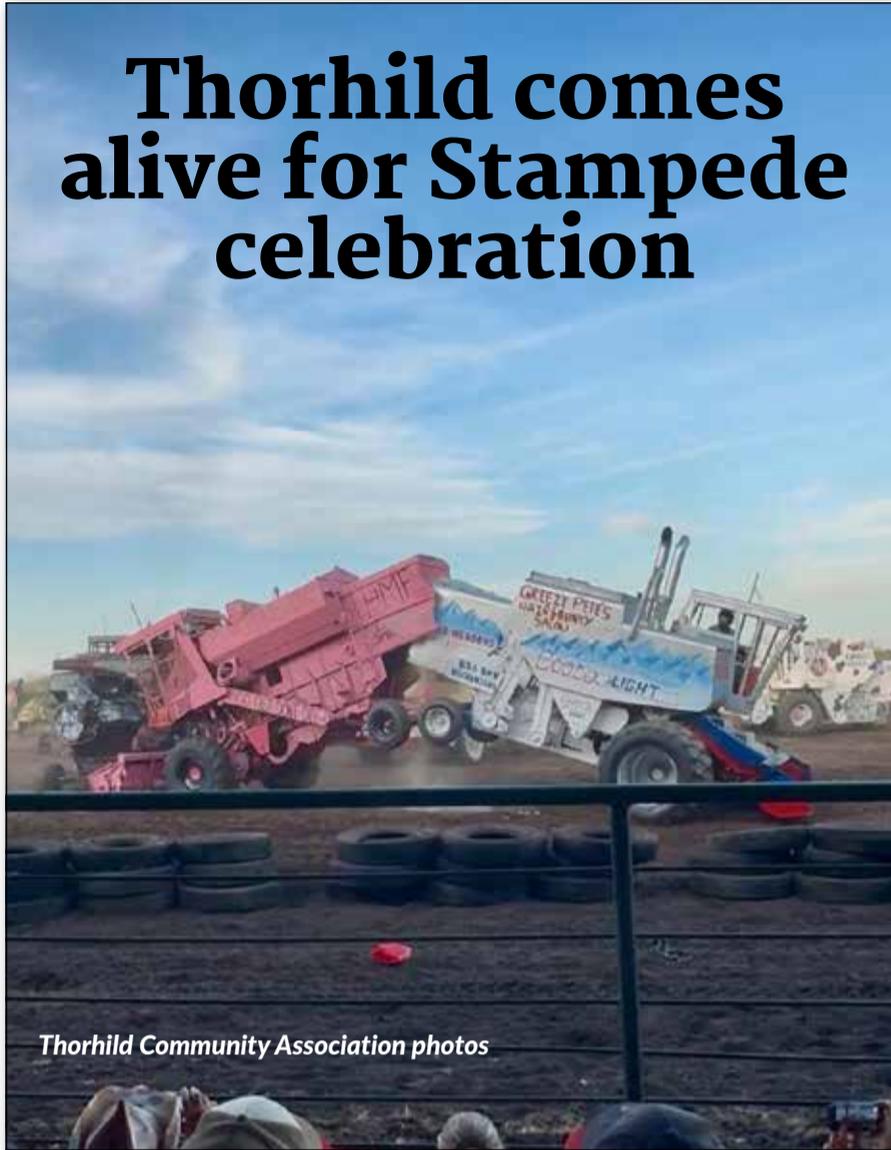
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Thorhild comes alive for Stampede celebration



Thorhild Community Association photos



By Brandie Majeau

As the sun rose on July 1, Thorhild was filled with an energy that promised a day full of excitement. The annual Thorhild Stampede kicked off with the Roman Catholic Church hosting its traditional pancake breakfast before any of the festivities began. On the opposite side of town, this year's western-themed procession was set to take shape as vibrant floats lined up, ready to parade down the streets.

The Thorhild Community Association was hard at work, ensuring every detail was in place for a thrilling day ahead. From the

parade to the rodeo and fairground activities, the schedule was packed with fun. The culmination of the day was set to be the demo derby and combine crunch, two events that have become cornerstones of the celebrations. On a side note, the Thorhild demo derby holds the title of the longest-running event of its kind in Alberta, drawing participants and spectators alike who eagerly anticipate the spectacular displays of driving skill and daring challenge.

The kick-off to Canada Day began the night before, as the atmosphere was filled with music and laughter during

the Mad Jacks musical entertainment and the 18+ dance. During the July 1 activities, the Thorhild Ag Society hosted its annual Indoor Car Show in conjunction with the celebrations, offering a chance for automotive enthusiasts to show off their prized vehicles. The Ag Society was also pleased to announce the winner of the "crash" portion of the Ag Society's "splash and crash" fundraiser. Jim Thompson from New Serepta claimed the honour, opting for a cash prize rather than competing in the much-anticipated demolition derby.

As the demo derby commenced, the

excitement in the air was palpable. Spectators cheered as engines roared and the heart-pounding sounds of metal crunching against metal resonated throughout the stands. The atmosphere built to a crescendo, culminating in a celebration of the bravest and most fearless drivers.

Awards were distributed to these skilled participants, the best of the best stepping up to take their titles. The Overall Mad Dog title was captured by Joe Johnston, while Evan Hiemer took home the award for Best Dressed. In the car category, the first, second, and third places were claimed by Cathy

Johnston, Colin Bilski, and Joe Johnston, respectively. For the trucks, Jesse Ross and Val Leifso secured first place, followed closely by Eric Prairie in second and David Knoller in third. The combine drivers also had their moment in the spotlight, with Avery Ozirney, Josh Langlais, and Lane Hardman rounding out the top three. Mini competitors showcased their skills as well, with Devon Levesque emerging victorious, followed by Kale Risdale in second place and Charlotte Cressman in third.

The Thorhild Community Association and the Thorhild Ag Society expressed

their heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who made this amazing event possible. Their tireless efforts helped to create a sense of unity and celebration that an entire town and guests from near and far could enjoy. As attendees reveled in the wonderful chaos of the Stampede, it was clear that the atmosphere of celebration and fun was alive and well in Thorhild. As the event wrapped up, one couldn't help but feel eager anticipation for next year's celebration, which promises to be just as thrilling. And maybe top the almost 400 steaks that were served up at the annual steak supper.

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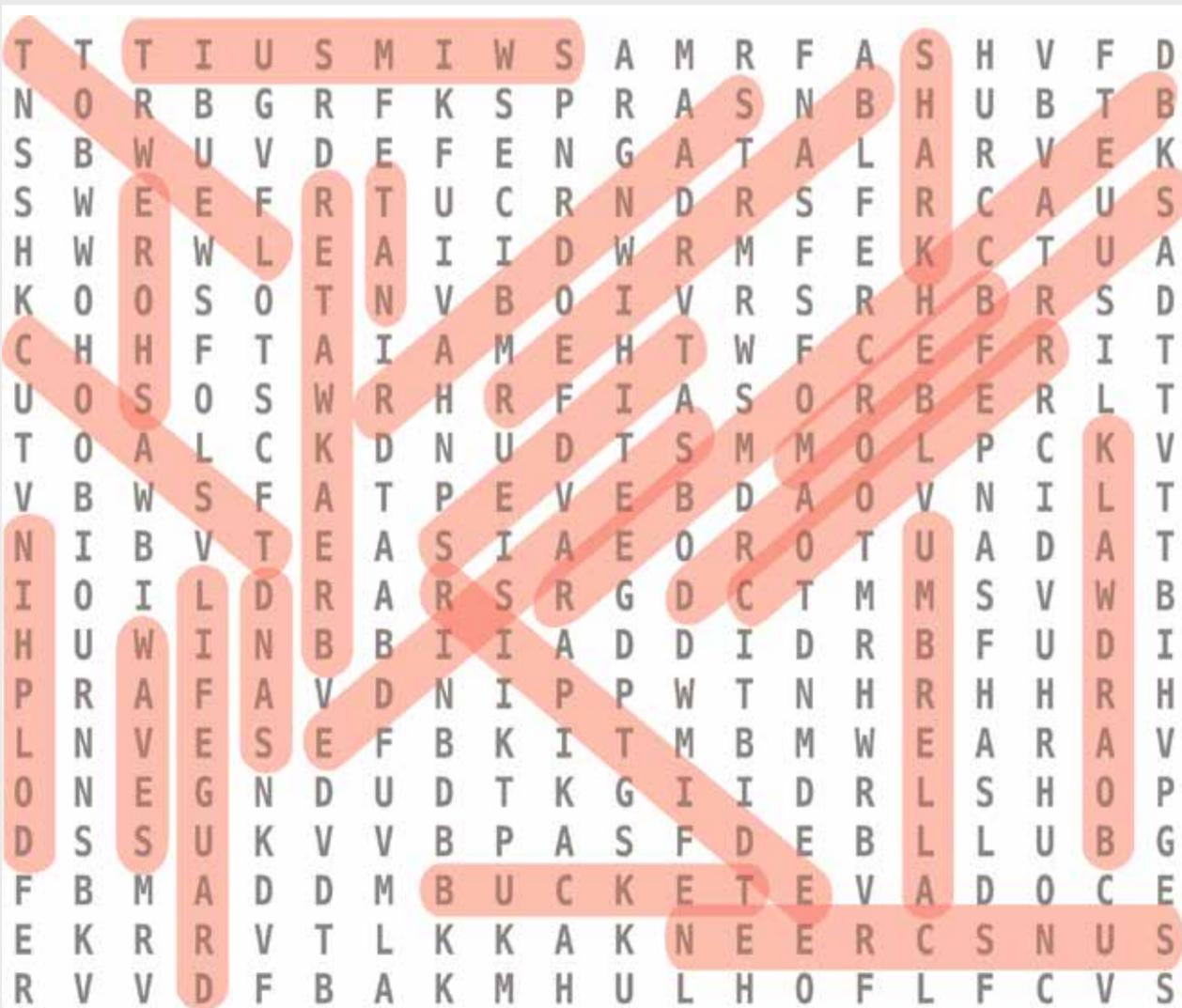
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