



## Redwater celebrates community spirit at Discovery Days



Town of Redwater photos

OK Tire Redwater rocked the parade with their energetic float, earning the Best Overall award at this year's Discovery Days.



Theo's Pharmacy won Most Creative Decade with their colourful float entry, "For Decades to Come," at the Discovery Days Parade.



Parade participants embraced the "decades" theme with a throwback float celebrating the 1990s during Redwater's Discovery Days Parade.

**By Shelley Winger**

Redwater was alive with music, laughter, and community spirit on August 15-16 as residents and visitors gathered for the town's annual Discovery Days. The two-day festival

once again proved to be one of the highlights of the summer, offering something for all ages — from pancake breakfasts and parades to live entertainment, fireworks, and plenty of family fun.

The celebration

kicked off Friday at Pembina Place with the bench show registration, showcasing everything from homegrown produce to hand-crafted creations. In the evening, families enjoyed an outdoor movie at Redwater School while

ball players began their weekend-long tournament, setting the stage for two days filled with tradition and festivity.

By Saturday morning, the smell of sizzling pancakes and sausages drifted through town as the Lions hosted their

ever-popular pancake breakfast, a Discovery Days tradition that fuels parade-goers for the day ahead. Excitement built as spectators lined Main Street, bundled against the morning chill, eagerly awaiting the 11 a.m. parade.

The Discovery Days Parade, organized by the Town of Redwater, was the highlight of the weekend. Colorful floats rolled by, many decked out in creative "decade" themes.

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## Doug Robb entertains at Diamond Spring Lodge

Doug Robb, formerly the frontman for Canadian recording artists Sins of Omission, .50 (Point Five Oh), and Ministry of Zen, made a name for himself across Canada with his powerful four-and-a-half octave vocal range. His voice drew frequent comparisons to Steve Perry (Journey),



Shauna Krankowsky photo

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## Taking a closer look at one of Alberta's noxious weeds

**By Brandie Majeau**

Burdock is an invasive weed that poses significant ecological and agricultural challenges in Alberta. Originally native to Europe and Asia, this biennial plant has established itself in various parts of North America, thriving



Burdock is a noxious weed in Alberta and spreads rapidly due to its production of thousands of seeds per plant and the seed pods "velcro" characteristics that cling to anything that brushes past it.

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# Smoky Lake parade celebrates farmers and ranchers

By Brandie Majeau

The Town of Smoky Lake's Heritage Days Parade on August 6th is an annual event that brings locals and visitors together to celebrate local culture and history. The day kicked off with excitement as spectators gathered along the parade route, adorned with colorful decorations proudly displaying the town's spirited atmosphere.

Participants from various local organizations, schools, and businesses were ready and eager to show off their creative floats that reflect the uniqueness of each entry and the heritage of the area. Families and friends lined the streets, waving and cheering as the parade kicked off, filled with music and light-hearted steps as the procession crept its way through town, the energy infectious and adding to the excitement of the heritage days upcoming events and activities.

As the parade wound through town, it

reminded people of local not-for-profits, historical landmarks, and traditions, reminding everyone of Smoky Lake's rich culture.

The Heritage Days Parade is more than just a celebration; it's a time for reflection, community bonding, and pride. It serves as a reminder of the values that unite a town and the importance of honouring its past while looking forward to the future. The weekend that followed was filled with the excitement of rodeo, mutton busting & wild ponies, steak supper and live music. It was simply a wonderful weekend, filled with joy and exhilaration!

A big congratulations goes out to all First and Second Place winners of the Heritage Days Parade - Celebrating Our Farmers & Ranchers! A special thanks for the amazing creativity and community spirit, which helped the Town of Smoky Lake honour the hardworking farmers and ranchers who are truly the heart of local

heritage. In the Antique Vehicles category, Del and Iris Huchuluk took first place, followed by DCC in second. For Clubs & Associations, the Nutrien Ag Centre (Smoky Lake Ag Society) secured first place, with the Smoky Lake Seniors Club coming in second. In the Horses/Riders category, the Smoky Lake Riding Club claimed the top spot. The Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County won first and second place, respectively, for Muni/Town/Village entries. The Shapka Family took the lead in Western Wagons/Teams, while the R.C.M.P. and Fish & Wildlife secured first and second in the Novelty category.

The Smoky Lake Museum won first place for Farm Antiques, and in the Business category, Metis Crossing was awarded first, with Smoky Lake Collision & Restoration following in second. A thanks again to everyone for making this celebration a memorable one!



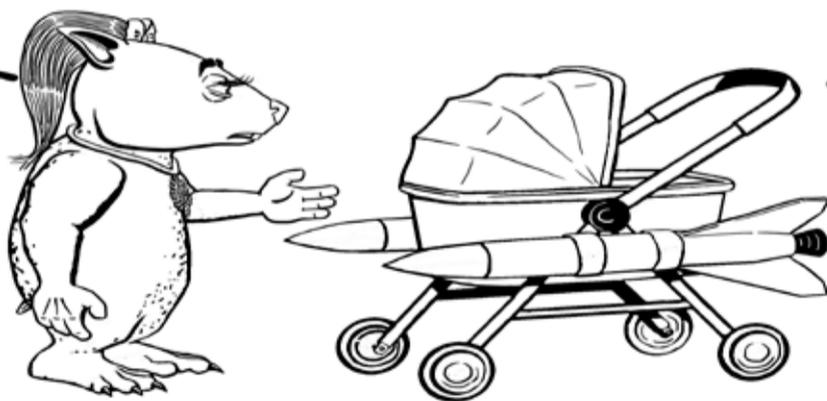
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Families waved from sidewalks, children scrambled for candy tossed from floats, and the sound of cheers, music, and laughter filled the air.

Parade judges had the tough task of picking winners from such a strong field of entries. Diamond Spring Lodge took home "Best Representation of a Decade," while Kicks Saloon earned "Judge's Choice." Theo's Pharmacy impressed with

the "Most Creative Decade" float, MDC Arts Association won "Best Group Participation," and OK Tire Redwater received the top honor of "Best Overall."

But the parade was only the beginning. Throughout the afternoon, activities popped up all over town. The Redwater Library hosted a book sale, while the Pioneer Club served homemade sandwiches and pies. At Pembina Place, the bench show opened its doors to the public, and nearby,

the Farmers' Market drew in crowds eager to browse local crafts, produce, and baked goods.

Families flocked to the petting zoo, bouncy rides, and inflatables, while kids lined up for games and laser tag at the iPlay Game Theatre. Rainbow the Clown kept young ones laughing, and live music from The Grease Band provided the perfect soundtrack for the day. Meanwhile, classic car enthusiasts admired polished chrome and vintage style at the

Show & Shine, adding a nostalgic touch to the festival.

As the sun began to set, the energy shifted from family fun to evening entertainment. The Legion filled with the smell of barbecue as volunteers served up hearty suppers. Later, the cabaret opened its doors, and the beer gardens — hosted by the Redwater Bike Track Club — became a lively meeting spot. Food trucks lined the arena grounds, keeping people well-fed as music

and laughter carried late into the night.

The grand finale came with fireworks at dusk over Redwater School. Families unfolded their lawn chairs and watched the night sky erupt in bursts of color, a fitting end to a day that brought the whole community together.

Though the skies were overcast and the air a little chilly, the warmth of community pride shone brightly. Organizers praised the volunteers, sponsors, and parade participants

whose efforts made the weekend a success. For residents, Discovery Days wasn't just about entertainment — it was about celebrating Redwater itself: a town that values tradition, togetherness, and the joy of gathering.

Discovery Days 2025 will be remembered not only for its fun-filled schedule but for the memories made on sidewalks, in ball fields, and under the fireworks — a true reminder that in Redwater, community spirit always shines.

# Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club keeps culture alive and invites you to join



**Laurie Hadden, TUDC President**

Since 1973, the Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club has been spinning, stomping, and twirling its way into the hearts of families across the region. What began as a small group of children learning traditional steps has grown into a proud non-profit society that has entertained at festivals, parades, and community events for more than five decades.

At its core, the club is about more than dance—it is about keeping culture alive. Ukrainian dance is known for its high-energy kicks, intricate footwork, and colorful

costuming. With an extensive costume inventory, dancers in Thorhild are able to perform in authentic attire that reflects the vibrant traditions of Ukraine. From the lively Hopak to graceful village dances, each routine tells a story that connects modern dancers with centuries of heritage.

The club is not only about tradition but also about fun. With affordable fees, a supportive atmosphere, and no classes during holiday breaks, the program is designed for busy families. Students practice weekly from September to early May, building skills and confidence along the way. Each season

culminates in a year-end concert, along with the opportunity to perform at two or three competitions per year—experiences that foster teamwork, resilience, and pride.

The club has earned recognition for its performances at festivals across Alberta and has become a source of pride for Thorhild and the surrounding area. Generations of dancers have taken to the stage, with many alumni now enrolling their own children to continue the tradition.

Instructor Jessie Balan, a TUDC alumnus and current dancer with the Volya Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, is known

for his ability to engage children. He makes classes enjoyable while also teaching discipline and respect for the art.

Whether families have Ukrainian roots or simply want their children to experience a lively art form, the Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club welcomes everyone. Boys and girls ages 4-18 are encouraged to join and discover what makes Ukrainian dance so unique—and so much fun.

More information and registration details can be found on the club's Facebook page and website at [www.thorhildukrainian-dance.com](http://www.thorhildukrainian-dance.com).



Shauna Krankowsky photo

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Sammy Hagar (Van Halen), and Bobby Kimball (Toto).

Over the years, Robb completed four successful cross-Canada tours in support of commercial radio releases, including

I Reign (2006), Fade Away (2006), Forever and a Day (2008), Another Ride (2010), Lift (2010), and Anthem (2011). He also appeared three times at the INIC Showcase during Canadian Music Week (2009, 2010, 2012).

Music had always been in Robb's blood, and in recent years he continued his journey as a singer-songwriter, performing original music alongside a variety of acoustic covers. His soaring vocals and engaging

stage presence consistently held audiences' attention.

Residents and staff at Diamond Spring Lodge were treated to his upbeat performance and expressed their appreciation for the lively show.

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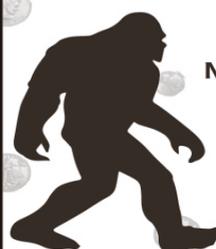
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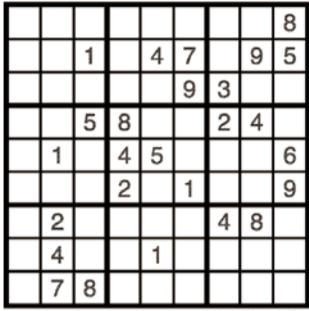
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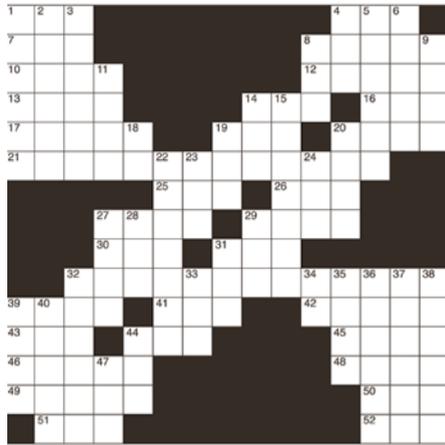


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## Crossword Clues

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Microgram
- 4. After B
- 7. Everything
- 8. An unfortunate development
- 10. Coat with sticky substance
- 12. Cylinder of tobacco for smoking
- 13. Minimum interval take off
- 14. Yuck!
- 16. NBA sensation Jeremy
- 17. Where some rockers work
- 19. Midway between northeast and east
- 20. Snake-like fishes
- 21. Groups of homes
- 25. Swiss river
- 26. Useful towel
- 27. "The Wire" character "Moreland"
- 29. Oafish creature
- 30. A major division of geological time
- 31. Bird-like Chinese

- dinosaur
- 32. Sporting events
- 39. Body part
- 41. Clerical vestment
- 42. Shows data
- 43. Some are "special"
- 44. Expression of disappointment
- 45. Students' rights document (abbr.)
- 46. Vacation locale Costa \_
- 48. Pop singer
- 49. Distract outside a city
- 50. Mark Wahlberg comedy
- 51. Coniferous tree
- 52. Midway between south and southeast

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Lunatic
- 2. Actress Danes
- 3. Buttock muscles
- 4. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 5. Popular 70s rockers
- 6. Electronic communication

- 8. Trigraph
- 9. Sea eagles
- 11. Low-pitched, resonant sound
- 14. Northeastern US university (abbr.)
- 15. Home of the Bulldogs
- 18. Exclamation of surprise
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Advantage
- 22. Monkeys love them
- 23. Wood
- 24. Paddle
- 27. Past participle of be
- 28. Tall, rounded vase
- 29. Device manufacturers
- 31. Financial institution (abbr.)
- 32. Paper product
- 33. A type
- 34. Atomic #43
- 35. Red Hot Chili Peppers' drummer
- 36. Behaviors
- 37. Decays
- 38. Walked confidently
- 39. Voice (Italian)
- 40. Class of adhesives
- 44. Bar bill
- 47. One-time aerospace firm



Sturgeon County's first-ever Youth Emergency Services (YES) Academy was a huge success! This action-packed three-day event gave 21 youths the chance to explore careers in Emergency Services through hands-on experiences with professionals from the RCMP, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Services, Stars Air Ambulance, Canadian Armed Forces, Enforcement Services, and more. From fire training and police dog drills to trying on military gear and learning real control tactics, participants built leadership, teamwork, and confidence while getting a real-life look at the demands and rewards of these vital roles. A heartfelt thank you to all the emergency services personnel and instructors who made this unforgettable experience possible. You've helped inspire the next generation of emergency service heroes! Plans are already underway for next year's academy. **Sturgeon County photos**

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

**WORDS**

- BANANA SPLIT
- BROWNIE
- CHERRY
- CHOCOLATE
- SYRUP
- COLD
- CONE
- COOKIE DOUGH
- CUP
- FROZEN YOGURT
- GELATO
- HOT FUDGE
- ICE CREAM
- ICE MILK
- ICES
- MIXED
- NUTS
- PEANUT BUTTER
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- SHERBET
- SORBET
- SPRINKLES
- SUNDAE
- WAFFLE
- WHIPPED CREAM



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Continued from page 1 particularly in disturbed areas such as fields, roadsides, and along waterways. With its large leaves that can reach up to 60 cm in diameter and a sprawling growth habit, burdock easily outcompetes native vegetation for sunlight, nutrients, and space.

One of the most concerning aspects of burdock is its rapid reproduction. The plant can produce thousands of seeds per plant, which are dispersed by wind, water, and animals. This prolific seeding, combined with its ability to thrive in diverse environments, allows burdock populations to expand quickly, making control efforts challenging. The seeds are notorious for their velcro-like hooks, often clinging to fur and clothing, which further facilitates their spread.

The ecological impacts of burdock are significant and multifaceted. As a non-native, invasive species, burdock disrupts local ecosystems by aggressively outcompeting native flora for resources such as sunlight, water, and nutrients. This competitive advantage can lead to a marked decline in

native plant diversity, which is crucial for maintaining balanced ecosystems. The loss of these plants not only impacts biodiversity but also has a cascading effect on the animal species that rely on native plants for food and shelter, leading to potential disruptions in local wildlife populations.

A recent observation along the banks of the North Saskatchewan River reveals a striking proliferation of burdock, where vast patches dominate the landscape. This overwhelming growth of burdock not only alters the natural habitat but also threatens the ecological integrity of the riverbanks, potentially leading to erosion and changing hydrology. The presence of



such dense burdock stands raises concerns for conservationists, as it poses challenges for the restoration of native plant communities that are essential for the health of the river ecosystem and the wildlife it supports.

Management of burdock in Alberta involves a combination of mechanical, cultural, and chemical methods. Mowing and hand-pulling can be effective for small infestations, particularly when done before the plant flowers and sets seed. However, due to the plant's deep taproot, which can grow over a meter deep, complete removal can be difficult, and repeat treatments are often necessary. Herbicides may also be used, but careful application is crucial

to protect surrounding native species and minimize environmental impact.

Public awareness and education are key components in managing its spread.

Engaging local communities and landowners in identification, reporting, and removal efforts can help curb the plant's spread. Addressing the issue of burdock is not only vital for preserving Alberta's native ecosystems but also for supporting agricultural livelihoods, noxious weeds are detrimental to agriculture and left unchecked, very quickly make their way into crops, tree lines, and ditches.

In Alberta, landowners and occupiers bear the responsibility of managing noxious weeds on their properties, which includes the task of eradicating any prohibited noxious weeds. This obligation is clearly stated in the Alberta Weed Control Act, a legislative measure designed to protect the province's agricultural integrity and natural ecosystems. Neglecting to control these invasive plant species can result in significant liability for damages, particularly if the weeds are allowed to spread to neighboring lands.

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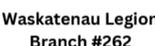

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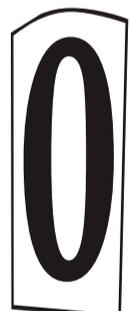
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# Vilna Pool Hall: a great road trip stop

By **Brandie Majeau**

Have you taken time this summer to stop by the Vilna Pool Hall and Barbershop?

The Vilna Pool Hall and Barbershop, a remarkable representation of Alberta's history, dates back

to 1921 and stands as a testament to the region's early twentieth-century architecture. Located on Vilna's Historic Main Street, it is Alberta's oldest operating pool hall and barbershop, designated as a Provincial Historic

Resource. This distinctive establishment features an impressive collection of four turn-of-the-century pool tables: two 12-foot Brunswick Balke Collender snooker tables and two 8-foot Samuel May billiard tables,

offering visitors a glimpse into the recreational past of the community.

Originally built as a two-story pool and dance hall by Steve Pawluk, the venue quickly became a local gathering spot. However, following

the challenges of prohibition, it saw its share of difficulties, including damage from fights and, ultimately, a fire.

Undeterred by this setback, Pawluk constructed a new pool hall in the same year, which still stands today. In the decades that followed, it changed hands several times, serving the community in various capacities. Throughout its history, the Vilna Pool Hall has retained much of its original charm.

Visitors can marvel at authentic elements such as the original cues, balls, and a Booker coal heater, along with benches, counters, and a barber's chair that harken back to a different era. The building

itself is an excellent representation of commercial boomtown architecture, reflecting the style used for small businesses in rural western communities.

The pool hall was more than just a recreational space; it served as a critical social hub for the surrounding agricultural district. From 1920 until 1996, it provided essential services, including a barbershop and even a confectionary store until the 1960s, making it a central fixture in the lives of local residents.

Today, the Vilna Pool Hall and Barbershop stands as the oldest building in town, inviting visitors to step

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## NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

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## September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1  <b>LABOUR DAY</b> Town Office & Pembina Place Closed	2 Regular Council Meeting 6:30-9:00 PM	3 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Legion - Whist 1:00-4:00 PM Meet the Community Night 5:00-7:00 PM	4 Pioneer Club - Coffee 9:00-10:30 AM Library - Toddler Time 10:15-11:00 AM 	5 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Diamond Spring Lodge - Lasagna Night 4:00-8:00 PM Legion - Pub Night 5:00 PM-2:00 AM Library - Movie Night 6:00-8:00 PM 	6 Legion - Fall Fling Crib Tournament 9:30 AM-5:00 PM 
7 Pioneer Club - Pancake Breakfast 9:00-10:30 AM 	8 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Pioneer Club - Coffee 9:00-10:30 AM PCN - Virtual Drop in Exercise 1:30-2:00 PM	9	10 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Legion - Whist 1:00-4:00 PM Pioneer Club - Community Supper 5:00-7:30 PM	11 Pioneer Club - Coffee 9:00-10:30 AM PCN - Virtual Drop in Exercise 1:30-2:00 PM Library - Snack Attack 3:15-4:00 PM	12 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Legion - Pub Night 5:00 PM-2:00 AM 	13 Redwater Legion 75th Anniversary 5:00 PM-2:00 AM 
14	15 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Pioneer Club - Coffee 9:00-10:30 AM 	16 Library - Imagination Station 12:15-1:00 PM Diamond Spring Lodge - Personal Touch Fashions 1:00-3:00 PM Regular Council Meeting 6:30-9:00 PM	17 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Legion - Whist 1:00-4:00 PM	18 Pioneer Club - Coffee 9:00-10:30 AM	19 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Legion - Pub Night 5:00 PM-2:00 AM 	20 Art Society - Watercolour with Willie Wong 10:00 AM-4:00 PM 
21 	22 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Pioneer Club - Coffee 9:00-10:30 AM	23 Diamond Spring Lodge - Soapstone Class 1:00-3:30 PM Committee of the Whole 6:00-9:00 PM	24 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Legion - Whist 1:00-4:00 PM Library - Whimsical Wednesday 3:15-4:00 PM Community Services Board Mtg 6:00-7:30 PM	25 Pioneer Club - Coffee 9:00-10:30 AM	26 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Legion - Pub Night 5:00 PM-2:00 AM 	27 
28 Redwater Reset 2025 9:00 AM-6:00 PM 	29 Legion - Coffee 8:00-10:00 AM Pioneer Club - Coffee 9:00-10:30 AM	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 	<p><b>Redwater Farmer's Market</b> Hosted by the Redwater + District Ag Society Every Tuesday from 4:30-7:00 PM at the Redwater Legion (last market is September 30!)</p>			

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**September 8**  
Pioneer Club Monthly Meeting  
1:00-3:00 PM

Legion Ladies Auxiliary Meeting  
7:00-8:30 PM

**September 10**  
Legion General Meeting  
7:00-9:00 PM

Lions Club Monthly Meeting  
7:15-8:30 PM

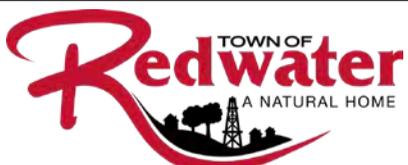
**September 15**  
Health Centre Auxiliary General Meeting  
1:00-3:00 PM

**September 16**  
Museum General Meeting  
1:00-3:30 PM

**September 17**  
Friends of the Library Meeting  
5:30-6:30 PM

Citizens on Patrol Monthly Meeting  
7:00-8:30 PM

**September 24**  
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# Bringing comfort home: SASHA expands palliative care support to Redwater



Grief Walks at the St. Albert Botanic Park **Heidi Evans photo**



Accordion player Helen Clark, and her friend volunteer to play at Foyer Lacombe Hospice. **Heidi Evans photo**

## By Shelley Winger

For many families, facing a life-limiting illness is overwhelming. It can mean endless appointments, difficult decisions, and the heavy emotional toll of balancing caregiving with everyday responsibilities. While healthcare professionals provide critical medical care, there is another side to the journey that often goes unseen—the need for companionship, emotional support, and reassurance that no one is walking the road alone. That is where the St. Albert Sturgeon Hospice Association (SASHA) steps in.

Founded as a grassroots, volunteer-driven organization, SASHA has spent years serving St. Albert with free, compassionate programs for people living with serious illness, their caregivers, and those grieving a loss. Over time, the association has grown into a trusted name in community palliative support, offering everything from one-on-one visits to group programs designed to reduce isolation and provide comfort. While most programming has taken place in St. Albert in recent years, SASHA recognizes that rural residents face even greater gaps in palliative care.

With added staff hours, the association is expanding outreach and connections in Redwater and other rural parts of Sturgeon County.

SASHA's work is guided by a simple but powerful philosophy: walk alongside people through every stage of the journey. From the early days after a diagnosis, when uncertainty weighs heavily, to the middle stages when caregivers need more hands-on support, and finally to end-of-life, SASHA volunteers provide the kind of presence that eases the burden and reminds families that they are not alone.

“Our volunteers don't replace medical professionals—they complement them,” explains the association. “They are there to listen, to sit with people, to hold a hand, to share a story. Those small acts of kindness mean more than most people realize.”

At the Foyer Lacombe Hospice in St. Albert, SASHA provides volunteers, music programs, equipment, and furniture to create a welcoming, home-like environment. Families who have walked through the hospice often say it was these human touches that brought them peace during a deeply difficult time.

Living in rural Alberta brings its own set of challenges for those facing illness. Distances to services are greater, professional supports are fewer, and caregivers often feel they must shoulder everything on their own. SASHA has recognized this gap and is taking steps to bridge it. A key part of this effort is their partnership with Caregivers Alberta, an organization dedicated to supporting those who provide unpaid care to loved ones. Together, the two groups are building a stronger network of resources and connections. “SASHA works in close partnership with Caregivers Alberta, combining their strengths to create a robust network of support. Our partnership is a fantastic complementary one, as Caregivers Alberta offers services and support that SASHA does not, and vice versa,” says SASHA Executive Director Heidi Evans. This collaboration means families in Redwater and surrounding areas will have greater access to both practical resources and emotional supports, ensuring no caregiver feels abandoned.

In 2024, SASHA re-introduced Caregiver Peer Support Groups

and launched Grief Walks, both designed to help people cope with the stress of caregiving and the pain of loss. These programs were met with heartfelt appreciation, with participants saying they provided a rare chance to connect with others who truly understood their struggles. Other free programs include companionship visits in the home, offering conversation and presence; respite for caregivers, giving them much-needed breaks; Connect Cafés, which provide casual gatherings for community and conversation; and educational sessions where caregivers and families can learn practical tips and find encouragement. Every one of these initiatives is made possible through trained volunteers who bring warmth, empathy, and stability to families in need.

Volunteers are the backbone of SASHA. Each one receives Canadian Hospice Palliative Volunteer Training and ongoing education to ensure they are well-prepared for the emotional challenges of the role. But beyond training, what matters most is their willingness to simply show up and be present. “Something as simple as a weekly volunteer visit can truly change

someone's life and create a ripple effect that impacts the entire family,” Evans says. Families often echo this, sharing how a volunteer's presence gave them peace of mind, time to rest, or just someone to talk to during long days of caregiving.

Heidi shared one story that has stayed with her: a caregiver who felt overwhelmed and isolated while caring for her spouse at home. After being connected with a Compassionate Care volunteer, she found not only practical rest time, but also the reassurance that someone cared for both her and her loved one. “Those visits brought her peace and strength,” Evans said. “They reminded her she wasn't alone on this journey.”

SASHA's vision is to bring these kinds of supports more consistently into Redwater and across Sturgeon County. The organization believes that hospice and palliative care is about far more than the final days of life—it is about ensuring dignity, companionship, and quality of life for as long as possible. “We want to offer comfort and support, whether that's with a weekly volunteer visit, sharing resources over a cup of coffee, or simply giving a hug when it's needed most,” says Evans.

“The impact is profound. We have had the privilege of bringing joy and light into people's lives, sometimes for several months to over a year, through consistent companionship, respite, and trusted relationships. I have seen firsthand how we can truly make life better when it matters most.”

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SASHA is also inviting new volunteers to join their team. With training, ongoing education, and continued support, volunteers become the heart of the association's work. For those looking to give back in a meaningful way, it is an opportunity to bring comfort, dignity, and companionship into the lives of others.

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back in time and experience the unique heritage of this charming establishment. With its rich history and enduring legacy, it continues to be a symbol of community and resilience in the heart of Alberta. The back rooms are a remarkable example of time travel, serving as a living museum for

guests to feel the heart of an era that once was.

The Vilna Pool Hall and Barbershop has had a busy summer and was excited to welcome an actual barber into the building. When he arrived, charmingly dubbed Josh the Barber, he was cutting hair on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, but with the birth of his new baby, Josh is

currently working on Saturdays. He will expand his hours as family commitments allow. Josh the Barber has been an amazing addition to keep the historical barbershop alive and flourishing.

To contact someone for further information on the Vilna Pool Hall and Barbershop, please contact the Village of Vilna office.



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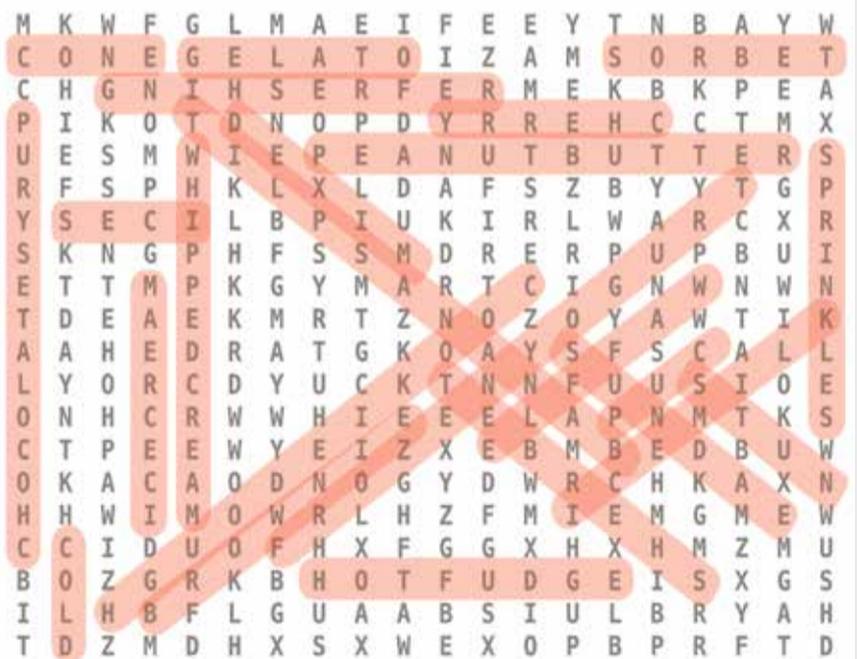
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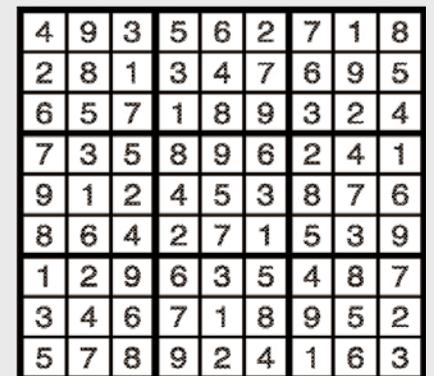
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