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The Significance of the Harvest Moon

By **Brandie Majeau**

The Harvest Moon is a celestial event with profound cultural, agricultural, and astronomical importance. This full moon, which occurs closest to the autumnal equinox, is celebrated and acknowledged for various reasons that resonate across different

communities and fields.

Across the globe, the Harvest Moon is a time of gratitude and celebration. Many cultures utilize this lunar phase to give thanks for the bounty of the harvest season and to prepare for the upcoming winter months. Festivals and traditions surrounding the Harvest

Moon reflect its deep roots in various societies, where it symbolizes the culmination of hard work and the spirit of community.

From an agricultural perspective, the Harvest Moon serves a practical purpose. Its full brightness offers extended evening light, allowing farmers to work longer hours

during the critical harvest period. This natural illumination was especially beneficial in times before modern lighting, enabling successful crop gathering and making a significant impact on food production and sustainability.

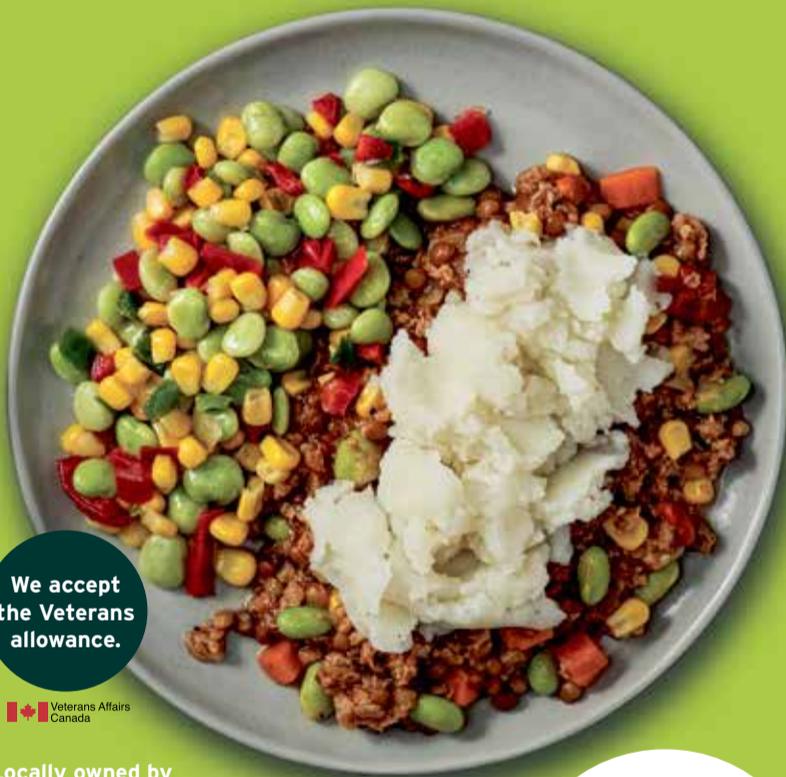
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By **Brandie Majeau**

The Vilna Pool Hall is a treasured landmark in Alberta and the oldest pool hall in Canada. It has had an extraordinary summer, solidifying its role as a community gathering place. This summer, the hall hosted a remarkable lineup of events that

entertained and cultivated a strong sense of community spirit.

One of the stand-out highlights was the Canadian Armed Forces motorcycle tour, which attracted veterans and motorcycle enthusiasts eager to celebrate their shared passion. The day created an atmosphere of camaraderie

and appreciation, uniting people from all different walks of life. They also held their annual snooker tournament, drawing competitors and spectators from near and far. Skill, precision, and a love for the game were on full display, making

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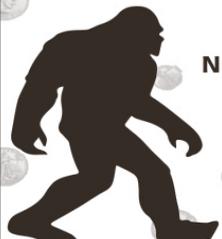
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Date
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 office set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2025
Date
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Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Councillors	3	

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DATED at the Village of Waskatenau, in the
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Bernice Macyk
 Returning Officer

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also represents a crucial transition in the seasonal cycle, marking the shift from summer to autumn. It symbolizes a time of reflection and abundance, inviting individuals to consider the past months while preparing for the colder days ahead. The moon's appearance serves as a reminder to appreciate the fruits of labor and to adapt to changing conditions. The lunar cycle plays a vital role in numerous natural phenomena, influencing both animal behaviors and plant growth. The Harvest Moon acts as a significant marker in the agricultural calendar, helping to regulate the rhythm of farming and the interactions within our ecosystems. But also, for astronomy enthusiasts and casual stargazers alike, the Harvest Moon presents a spectacular sight. When it rises near the horizon, it appears larger and more prominent, captivating observers with its beauty. This phenomenon is a result of atmospheric effects and the perspective from which we view it, making it a cherished moment for many. It embodies both practical and symbolic meanings that resonate through culture, agriculture, and astronomy. Its presence enhances the natural world all around and also connects individuals to their traditions and the cycle of life. The full moon that graces the night sky closest to the September equinox is what is known as the Harvest Moon. This phenomenon occurs when the moon rises at nearly the same time for several consecutive evenings. This year, the Harvest Moon will occur on October 6 and with the harvest season arriving a little earlier than usual, farmers might find themselves with a rare opportunity to pause and revel in the beauty of that night, soaking in that serene fall evening and the moon bathed autumn landscape.

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DATED at the VILLAGE OF VILNA , in the Province of Alberta,
this **17TH** day of **SEPTEMBER 2025**



RETURNING OFFICER

Alberta teachers set October 6 strike deadline amid stalled negotiations

By Haylee Winger

Teachers across Alberta have set a potential strike date of October 6 amid ongoing contract negotiations that have yet to reach a resolution. The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) says the decision was made to give families time to prepare for possible disruptions in the school schedule.

ATA President Jason Schilling emphasized the urgency of the situation at a recent press briefing, noting that educators are ready to proceed with job action unless progress is made at the bargaining table. He explained that while discussions are ongoing, the deadline for a decision is fast approaching.

Details regarding the structure or scale of the strike have not yet been confirmed, as developments continue to change daily. Teachers had already voted in favor of strike action back in June, and under provincial law, they can legally begin striking any time before or on October 7.

Negotiations between the ATA and the Teachers' Employer Bargaining



Association (TEBA) resumed in August but soon broke down again. Teachers are pushing for higher wages and increased support to help manage larger class sizes and increasingly complex classroom environments. In response, the provincial government has proposed a 12% wage increase spread over four years and committed to hiring 3,000 new teachers during that time.

Premier Danielle Smith has raised concerns about the financial impact of further wage increases, suggesting that it could limit the government's ability to hire additional educators or education assistants. The ATA has not made its specific wage request public, stating that they will not discuss figures in the media.

Finance Minister Nate Horner responded to the strike dead-

line announcement by noting that giving a month's notice could add stress and uncertainty for families. Meanwhile, TEBA has been authorized to implement a lockout if necessary.

ATA leadership criticized the possibility of a lockout, arguing it would contradict the government's stated support for public education.

The Alberta Teachers' Association currently represents around 51,000 teachers throughout the province. In preparation for a possible work stoppage, school divisions have begun notifying families that all classes, extracurriculars, and field trips may be suspended if a strike occurs.

One school district superintendent clarified that while school boards do not participate in bargaining, they are closely monitoring the situation and will continue to

communicate updates as needed.

Many parents have expressed concern about how a strike could affect child-care arrangements and daily schedules. Some have said they're unsure how they would manage if schools were to close. Students have also shared worries that missing instructional time could impact their academic performance.

Community organizations are already making contingency plans to assist families. A major child-care provider has announced it will offer full-day licensed care with extended hours in the event of school closures, giving priority to children already enrolled in part-time programs. Local science centres are also looking into offering day camps, with more information to be released soon.

Even without strike pay, ATA members have expressed strong determination to proceed if necessary, stating that more decisive action is needed. As of now, it is still uncertain whether the strike would involve a complete shutdown or begin in phases.

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23217 TWP RD 594 RURAL THORHILD COUNTY



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217 LABONTE DR, SKELETON LAKE



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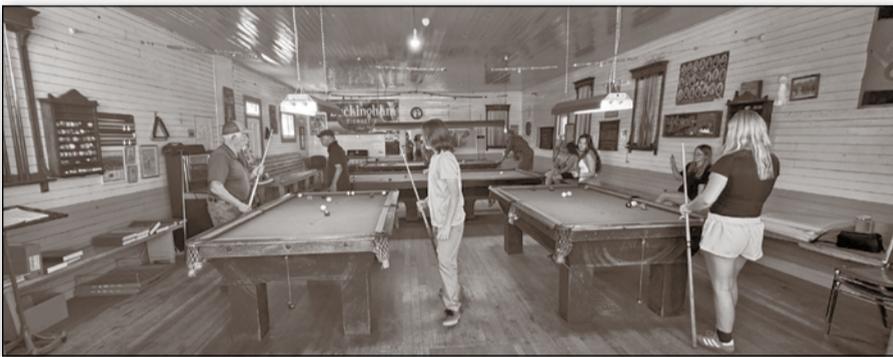
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it a thrilling experience for everyone who participated.

In addition to these events, the pool hall celebrated its heritage during the Boom Town Days Celebration, with various entertainment options that delighted everyone who took the time to stop by. The hall also dedicated itself to acknowledging and honouring the incredible volunteers and contributors who make the pool hall what it is. Their hard work and dedication were celebrated through togetherness and joy and gratitude.

Adding to the summer festivities, the Vilna Pool Hall could be used for events and

birthday rentals, allowing locals to celebrate in a unique and welcoming space. This summer also featured a captivating performance by a trick shooter entertainer, whose astonishing skills left audiences in awe. As the seasons change and summer comes to a close, the Vilna Pool Hall remains committed to serving the community. Local barber Josh will also continue to work his charm and skills and will be available Thursday through Saturday.

The historic society is dedicated to keeping the pool hall open year-round and every Saturday, patrons can look forward to complimentary coffee and

cookies. This weekly treat welcomes both regulars and newcomers alike. Local musician Jackson McKenzie will often grace the hall with his guitar and soothing voice, providing the perfect accompaniment for a cozy afternoon.

As winter approaches, excitement builds for the annual Christmas party that always promises festive cheer, community bonding, and an unforgettable celebration to close out the year at the Vilna Pool Hall. This iconic venue continues to be a cornerstone of Alberta's charming local culture, bringing people together through shared experiences and fond memories.

Soup's on the backburner for a minute

By Brandie Majeau

The Thorhild Lions Club and the Thorhild Drop-In Centre have temporarily pushed aside their soup pots to cook a special community dinner that might quickly become a regular go-to for residents of Thorhild County. This culinary endeavor was a collaborative effort of the two groups offering a more diverse selection for harvest meals and simply a different choice of eating options within the community.

The first "Supper at the Drop-In" featured a mouthwatering menu centered around succulent roast pork complemented by creamy, buttery potatoes and a selection of seasonal sides, the volunteer chefs ensuring a hearty meal for everyone who stopped by. The dinner proved to be an overwhelming success, with a total of 67 adult guests attending, 4 children, and 22 take-out orders for those who preferred to savour the delicious plates on the go.

While the soup lunches will continue to be held once a month, the introduction of these monthly

dinners adds a new layer of culinary options for the town. The next scheduled supper will take place on October 6th, followed by another opportunity to enjoy a meal on November 10th. The next soup lunches will be held on October 27th and November 24th.

At the heart of these community meals is the dynamic duo, Joanne Fedun and Joanna Rusinko (the Jo's), who have become invaluable to the Drop-In's kitchen. With their combined home-cooking expertise and passion for home-cooked meals, they make sure that each dish served is not only delicious but also made with care. However, the helping hands from members of the Thorhild Lions, the Drop-In Centre, and members of the community at large are ultimately what makes these meals a work. These volunteers take on various roles, from food preparation and serving to restaurant-style cleanup, displaying the power of teamwork and community engagement.

This series of upcoming meals is obviously about filling

bellies but also brings people together, it creates connections and sometimes reminds people why they live in small-town Alberta. The warmth of shared meals, laughter, and conversation creates a sense of belonging and unity, which is something often needed and valuable in today's fast-paced world.

The Thorhild Lions Club and the Drop-In Centre invite all community members and visitors to join them for a meal. This invitation is not just about food, it's an opportunity to eat, connect, and immerse oneself in an atmosphere reminiscent of sitting in mom's cozy kitchen. One group, who had called ahead to reserve their lunch, still smiles at the memory of their late arrival. The lovely ladies in the kitchen had packed their to-go meals, but upon their arrival, the diners requested to eat at the Drop-In Centre even though they were cleaning up. Not only did they say, "sit and eat!" they hovered nearby offering to refill their soup to ensure it was still hot while they ate it, just like mom tending to her own family.



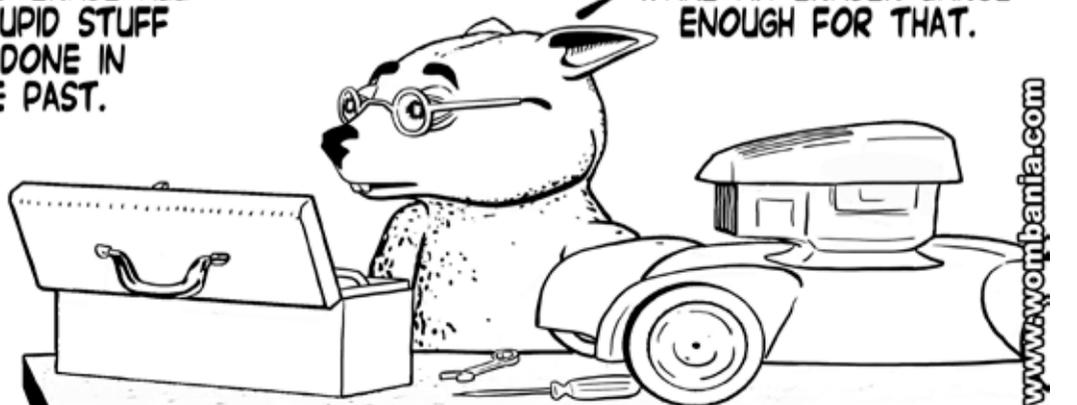
The Thorhild Lions and Thorhild Drop-In Centre hosted of 70 people to their first "Supper at the Drop-In" Photo courtesy of Thorhild Drop-In Centre

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I WISH I COULD GO BACK AND ERASE ALL THE STUPID STUFF I'VE DONE IN THE PAST.



I DON'T THINK THEY MAKE AN ERASER LARGE ENOUGH FOR THAT.

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Tiny tabs, big impact at Redwater Health Centre

By Shelley Winger

The Redwater Health Centre Auxiliary has marked an important milestone in its ongoing pop can tab collection initiative, gathering 547 pounds of aluminum tabs over the past two years. What may seem like a small item of household waste has proven to be a powerful fundraising tool, one that continues to provide comfort and care for patients and long-term care residents in the community.

The choice to collect tabs instead of whole cans has practical roots. Tabs are made of high-grade aluminum, which carries more value per pound than the rest of the can. They are also compact, easy to clean and store, and simple for people to gather at home, school, or work. This makes them an ideal option for long-term collection drives, especially when space and handling are concerns.

The funds generated from recycling tabs are directed into Auxiliary projects that directly benefit the Redwater Health Centre. Based on current aluminum

recycling rates, 547 pounds of tabs translates to between \$275 and \$380. While the total may appear modest, it is a meaningful contribution to projects such as purchasing specialized equipment, patient lifts, wheelchairs, or furnishings that make long-term care more comfortable and home-like.

What makes this initiative remarkable is not only the money raised but the community spirit behind it. Each pound of aluminum collected represents hundreds of small contributions from families, classrooms, and individuals who might not otherwise be able to donate financially but can still play a part in supporting local healthcare.

The Redwater Auxiliary has benefited greatly from the support of Redwater School and Gibbons School. By encouraging students and families to participate, the schools have helped make the program both a community effort and a learning experience. Children can see firsthand how even the smallest actions—saving a pop

can tab—add up when people work together.

The practice of collecting pop can tabs for charitable purposes is not unique to Redwater. For decades, schools, service clubs, and auxiliaries across Alberta and Canada have run similar programs. Many Albertans recall filling jars, milk jugs, or even garbage bags with tabs as part of local drives.

One of the most widely known examples in Canada has been the use of tabs to support wheelchair programs. Organizations such as Ronald McDonald House Charities and local Lions Clubs have accepted tabs, using the proceeds from aluminum recycling to purchase wheelchairs or medical equipment. In Alberta, auxiliaries connected to health centres have long recognized the value of these tiny aluminum pieces as a steady, grassroots fundraising source.

Though the financial return from tabs is relatively small compared to large-scale fundraisers, the success of these programs lies in accessibility and sustainability. Anyone, regardless

of age or income, can contribute. Collecting tabs requires no special effort—just the simple act of setting them aside instead of throwing them away. Over time, the collective result is impressive, as the Redwater Auxiliary's 547-pound milestone clearly demonstrates.

Donations of pop can

tabs remain welcome at the Redwater Health Centre. Contributions can be dropped off in the waiting room at the Auxiliary Showcase. With ongoing community support, the program will continue to provide a steady source of funding to enhance the comfort and care available to patients and residents.

The Redwater Health Centre Auxiliary's success is a reminder that meaningful change does not always require large gestures. Sometimes, it begins with something as small as a pop can tab—proof that when collected together, even the tiniest items can have a lasting impact.



Grace Hansen shines at the High School Rodeo in Ponoka, taking honours in the average for Poles. Riding her trusty horse "Mouse," Grace's skill and dedication are clear, and her success is a testament to the power of proper nutrition, fueled by the premium products at Neigh-Barks Sturgeon County.

Neigh-Barks Sturgeon County photo



Redwater Health Centre Auxiliary President, Florence Ludwig, stands beside a large container of pop can tabs collected over the past two years. Thanks to community support, including Redwater School and Gibbons School, the Auxiliary gathered 547 lbs of tabs. Proceeds from the program help purchase equipment and furnishings to enhance comfort and care for patients and Long Term Care residents. Can tab donations are accepted year-round at the Auxiliary Showcase in the Health Centre waiting room. Valerie Fox Holitski photo



Last week's second Redwater in Bloom winner. Town of Redwater photo



Notice of Nomination Day

Local Authorities Election Act
(Section 26)

The Sturgeon Public School Division

Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is Monday, September 22, 2025 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the offices listed in Table 1 will be received at Sturgeon Public School Division at 9820 - 104 St, Morinville, within the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending at 12:00 noon on September 22.

Sturgeon Public School Division
Frank Robinson Education Centre
9820 - 104 Street
Morinville, AB T8R 1L8
Telephone: 780-939-4341

DATED at Morinville in the Province of Alberta this 1st day of September 2025.

Sean Nicholson
corporate.services@sturgeon.ab.ca
Returning Officer

Office	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number
Trustee	One	One
Trustee	One	Two
Trustee	One	Three
Trustee	One	Four
Trustee	One	Five
Trustee	One	Six
Trustee	One	Seven

Table 1: Trustee Election Offices, Vacancies, and Corresponding Wards (2025)

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NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: **Smoky Lake County**, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

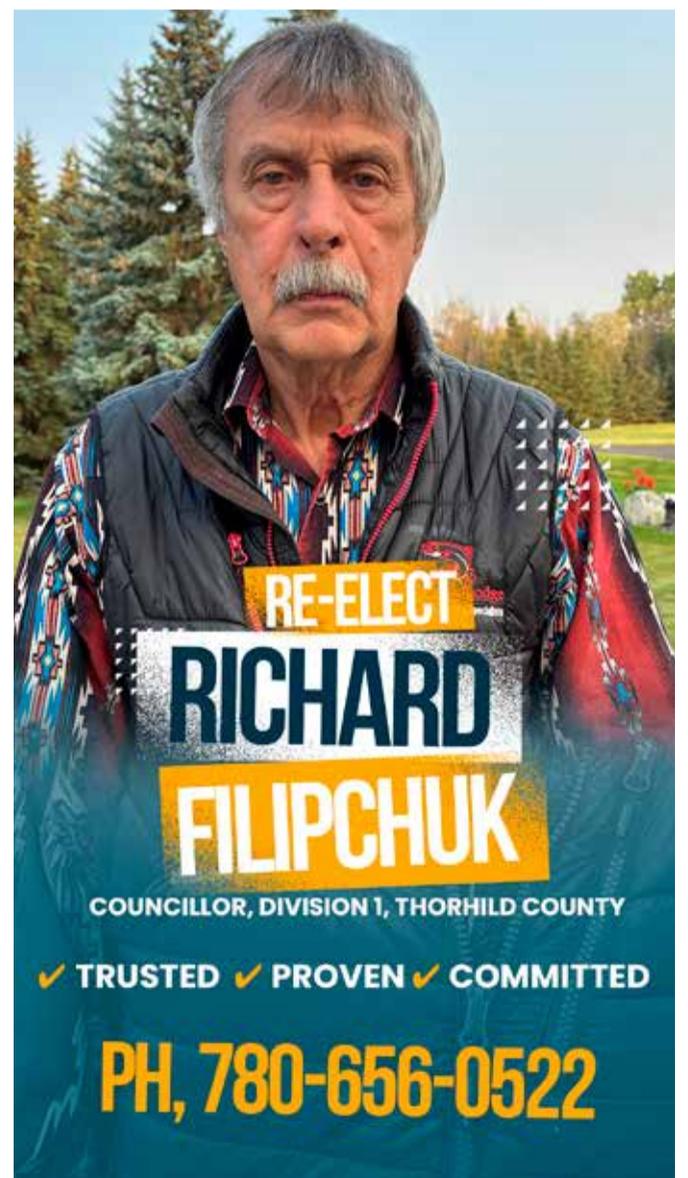
Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 22, 2025 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below with the period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Offices	No. of Vacancies	Electoral Division #
Councillor	1	Division 1
Councillor	1	Division 2
Councillor	1	Division 3
Councillor	1	Division 4
Councillor	1	Division 5

Location of Local Jurisdiction Office:
Smoky Lake County
4612 McDougall Drive
Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0

DATED in the Town of Smoky Lake in the Province of Alberta, this 28th day of August, 2025.

Stephanie Mahon, Returning Officer
Smoky Lake County





Division 1
Richard Filipchuk
Office: 780-656-0522
richard.filipchuk@thorhildcounty.com

Division 2
Angela Zilinski
Cell: 780-307-5846
angela.zilinski@thorhildcounty.com

Division 3
Joyce Pierce
Cell: 780-271-8458
joyce.pierce@thorhildcounty.com

Division 4
Reeve Janine Paly
Cell: 780-307-5978
janine.paly@thorhildcounty.com

Division 5
Deputy Reeve Trevor Dafoe
Office: 780-656-8165
trevor.dafoe@thorhildcounty.com

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS September 9, 2025

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the September 9, 2025, Regular Council meeting:

Delegation - Thorhild Minor Ball, Thorhild and District Agricultural Society and Feledichuk-Curran Memorial

Council accepted the presentation from Thorhild Minor Ball, Thorhild and District Agricultural Society and Feledichuk-Curran Memorial for information.

Further, Council authorized Administration to provide a letter of support for the construction of a new ball diamond on Thorhild County land Plan 835HW Block 9 Lot X in the Hamlet of Thorhild and provide a letter of intent to enter into a long-term lease with Thorhild Minor Ball upon acquisition of the funding for the construction of the diamond.

Unfinished Business - Assignment of Contents from the Radway Hotel to the Radway and Area Historical Archives Association

Council directed Administration to coordinate with the Radway and Area Historical Archives Association on the removal of contents that have been identified to be of interest from the Radway Hotel, located at 4804-50 Street in the Hamlet of Radway.

Unfinished Business - 2025 Public Auction Title Transfers

Council directed Administration to take no action at this time on the two unsold 2025 public auction properties: Lot A, Plan 7300 KS and Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 812 2833.

Long Lake Cottage Owners Association - Sea Can Request

Council approved the Long Lake Cottage Owners Association request to put a sea can storage container at the ball diamond area near Long Lake on NW-26-63-19-4 pending a development permit. Council also directed Administration to advise the Long Lake Cottage Owners Association that liability insurance will be required for the requested sea can storage container.

Draft Policy 1201 Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Camera Systems

Council approved draft Policy 1201 Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Camera Systems.

Correspondence for Action - Redwater RCMP

Council directed Administration to respond to Sgt. Dehaan advising that Council requests to meet with the RCMP Commanding Officer and other senior members at the RMA Convention in November with the following topics:

1. Rural Crime
2. Highway Safety

SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

Thorhild County is seeking public members to join the following County Boards. Please submit your application in writing, expressing your interest and relevant experience, by 12:00 PM on October 8, 2025.

Board	Frequency	Members Required	Contact
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB): The SDAB hears subdivision and development permit appeals and stop work order appeals. <i>Successful completion of mandatory training is required.</i>	When required	One	Carol Revega Email: Carol.Revega@thorhildcounty.com Ph: 780-398-3741 ext. 2808
Community Economic Development Advisory Board (CEDAB): The CEDAB acts in an advisory role by making recommendations and providing strategic advice to Council on economic and business development matters.	Quarterly	Two	Carol Revega Email: Carol.Revega@thorhildcounty.com Ph: 780-398-3741 ext. 2808
Thorhild County Library Board: The Library Board is a governing board with full management and control of the public libraries within Thorhild County.	Quarterly	One	Tracy Woloshyniuk Email: twoloshyniuk@newbrooklibrary.ab.ca Ph: 780-576-3772

NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

Local Authorities Election Act Section (26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: THORHILD COUNTY, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is Monday, September 22, 2025, and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending at 12 noon on Nomination Day.

Thorhild County Administration Building will be open between Nomination Hours 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Electoral Division Number
Councillor	1	Division 1
Councillor	1	Division 2
Councillor	1	Division 3
Councillor	1	Division 4
Councillor	1	Division 5

Location (address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

Thorhild County Administration Building
801-1 Street, Thorhild, Alberta, T0A 3J0

DATED at the Hamlet of Thorhild, in the Province of Alberta, this 27th day of August, 2025.

Carol Revega, Returning Officer

SEEKING ELECTION WORKERS 2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

You can be an Election Worker if you are:

- Eligible to work in Canada, and 18 years of age or older.

For all positions, prior election experience will be considered a definite asset.

- All positions are paid
- Training is mandatory, September 29, 2025 (time to be determined)
- Positions will be filled after the job posting closing date - September 19, 2025 at 12 noon.

Applicants are asked to fill out the application form and return to:

Thorhild County, 801 – 1 Street, Thorhild

Carol Revega, Returning Officer

Or email election@thorhildcounty.com

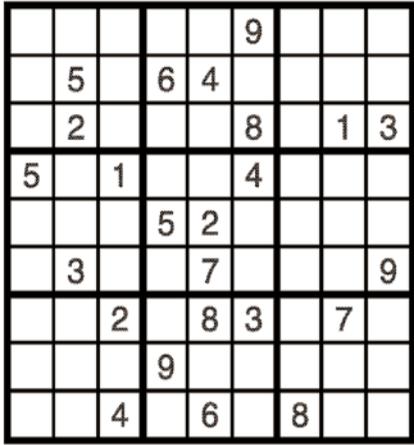
Application form and additional information is available at www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Election/Municipal-Election-2025 (click on "Election Workers") or call 780-398-3741 ext 2808. Thorhild County thanks all applicants for their interest, however, only those chosen will be contacted.



PUZZLES

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SUDOKU

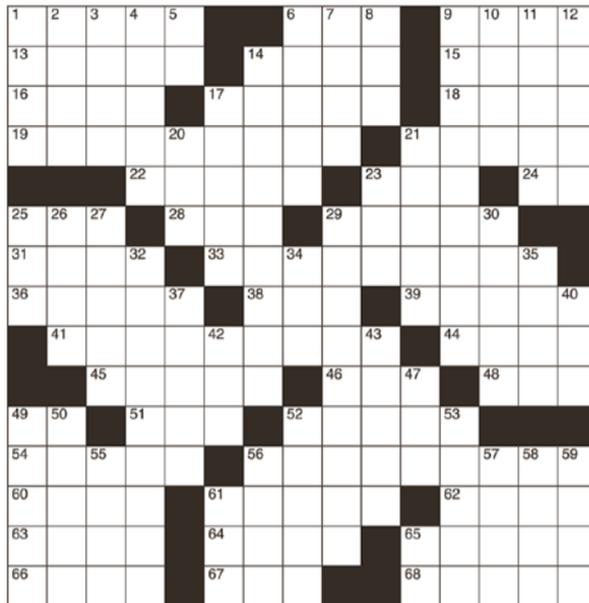


Level: Intermediate

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!

CROSSWORDS



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. Fairly large
6. Barrels per day (abbr.)
9. Cover the entirety of
13. Leafy appetizer
14. Showy ornament
15. Norse personification of old age
16. Athletes
17. Closes tightly
18. Attack via hurling items
19. Where the reserves stand
21. Sword
22. Begat
23. Damage another's reputation
24. Northeast
25. Turf
28. For each
29. Hours (Spanish)
31. Western state
33. One who offers help
36. Flanks

CLUES DOWN

38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
39. Free from drink or drugs
41. Tunnels
44. Mature
45. More dried-up
46. News organization
48. Steal something
49. Forms one's public persona (abbr.)
51. Female fish eggs
52. Small petrel of southern seas
54. Edible starches
56. Historical
60. In a place to sleep
61. Horse grooms
62. Off-Broadway theater award
63. Chinese dynasty
64. Resembling a wing
65. Small projection on a bird's wing

66. Of the Isle of Man
67. Derived unit of force (abbr.)
68. Plate for Eucharist
29. Popular grilled food
30. Vaccine developer
32. Not conforming
34. Polite address for women
35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
37. Astronomical period of 18 years
40. One who fights the government
42. Center for Excellence in Education
43. Watches discreetly
47. An electrically charged atom
49. Hymn
50. Arabic given name
52. Popular pie nut
53. City in Zambia
55. Species of cherry
56. John __, British writer
57. Be next to
58. Make angry
59. Give birth to a lamb or kid
61. Unhappy

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



This week sharpens your focus with daily routines and well-being, Aries. It's an excellent time to streamline your schedule, tackle neglected tasks and prioritize self-care.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Creativity and joy are themes for you this week, Taurus. Engage in hobbies, spend time with loved ones and embrace fun pursuits. Your artistic side may be especially inspired.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Your home and family life take center stage right now, Gemini. You might be focused on domestic projects, redecorating or spending quality time with the people you love.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Communication is key this week, Cancer. Expect a busy social calendar. Important conversations and new learning opportunities also may pop up. Your words carry weight.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, financial matters are center stage this week. This is a good time to review your budget, look for new income or make sensible investments. Your practical instincts are strong.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



This week is all about you, Virgo, especially if your birthday falls during these days. Focus on personal goals and self-improvement. Set strong intentions for the year ahead.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



It is time for rest and introspection, Libra. You might feel a need to retreat and recharge your batteries in the days to come. Pay attention to what your body is telling you.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Social connections and networking are driving you right now, Scorpio. Spend time with friends or host a party so others can stop by and mingle. You also can join group events.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, your career and public image are in focus this week. Opportunities for advancement or recognition could arise. Be professional and show off your leadership.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Expand your horizons, Capricorn. This is a great week for learning, planning travel or exploring new hobbies. Try to step outside of your comfort zone as much as possible.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Aquarius, someone is bound to say something meaningful to you if you keep an open ear to all conversation around you. Speak less and listen more for the time being.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Personal and professional relationships are your priority this week, Pisces. It's important to compromise and seek harmony in all you do.

FALL IS HERE

WORD SEARCH

K Z U D B C W I M K P U O O T H V Y E L
 T Z W G O U R D S E G A I L O F B L D R
 C H L R B O M W S R D A G E N G H Y N A
 H O E A A E F P U E Y R Y E Z A M E P K
 N O R A U T U M N B W T A N P Z O Y L E
 W T A N C I N N A M O N H H B R Z P L N
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 Z F V V R D E T M W E H O E E L G A I A
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 P P S V R N I K P M U P C A E R V O K K
 M E C I P S F A W F L H T S D C D Z S F
 O S U N S E T S P R B Y U T S E V R A H

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

WORDS

ACORNS
APPLE
AUTUMN

BONFIRE
CHILLY
CIDER
CINNAMON

CORNUCOPIA
CRISP
FESTIVAL
FOLIAGE

GOURDS
HARVEST
LEAVES
MAPLE

MAZE
ORCHARD
PUMPKIN
RAKE

SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER
SPICE
SUNSET
SWEATER

Final Household Hazardous Waste Roundup scheduled for October 4 in Gibbons



Residents line up to safely dispose of hazardous household waste and unwanted electronics at a previous Recycling Roundup event in Morinville.

Got household hazardous waste piling up in your shed or garage? On Saturday, October 4, Roseridge Waste Management Services Commission — in partnership with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) — is giving residents one last chance in 2025 to safely dispose of it at the Recycling Roundup in Gibbons.

The event, running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gibbons Cultural Centre, gives Sturgeon

County area residents a free and environmentally responsible way to dispose of hazardous household waste (HHW) and unwanted electronics.

“These events give people a safe, free, and easy way to dispose of hazardous materials that should never go in their household garbage,” said Roseridge Executive Director Susan Berry. “It’s about keeping harmful chemicals out of our environment and properly handling

them.”

What’s Accepted

Residents can bring a wide range of items, including:

- Hazardous household waste with WHMIS or TDG symbols (red diamonds or circular labels)
- Down-the-drain cleaners and products not in original containers
- Computers, laptops, televisions, printers, and other electronics — “anything with a

plug”

- Oil, oil containers, and filters
- Paint and paint-related products
- Propane tanks and canisters

Household waste and blue bag recycling are not accepted at this event.

Year-Round Drop-Offs

This past April, Roseridge began accepting Hazardous Special Products (HSP) year-round at both the Roseridge Waste Management

Center and Roseridge Transfer Station. These are products with Consumer Chemicals and Containers Regulations (CCCR) symbols, such as household pesticides, flammable liquids, and corrosive cleaners.

“If it has a CCCR symbol, we can accept it anytime,” Berry noted. “That makes it more convenient for residents who don’t have to wait for an event.”

Why Participate

Berry said residents are encouraged

to bring their items, even if they only have one or two, to keep those items out of the landfill. “This October event is the last chance this year to safely dispose of hazardous household waste,” she said. “Proper disposal helps prevent contamination of soil and water, keeping our environment safe for future generations.”

For a full list of accepted materials and year-round disposal options, visit rosieridge.org/HHW.



Minor hockey volunteers assist with electronic waste collection at last year’s Recycling Roundup in Gibbons. The 2025 event returns to the Gibbons Cultural Centre on October 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Collected hazardous household waste at a previous Recycling Roundup event, including chemicals, sealants, and flammable liquids.



2025 Municipal General Election

Notice of Nomination Day
Local Authorities Election Act
(Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is **SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**, and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on **JANUARY 1, 2025**, and ending at **12:00 noon** on **Nomination Day**.

Offices	Numbers of Vacancies
MAYOR	1
COUNCILLOR	4

Location (address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:
56 WHEATLAND AVENUE, SMOKY LAKE, ALBERTA, T0A 3C0

DATED at the TOWN of SMOKY LAKE, in the Province of Alberta, this 21st day of AUGUST 2025.

Molly Fyten, Returning Officer



For more information visit www.smokylake.ca



FORM 3 Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Sturgeon County, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is **September 22, 2025** and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on **January 1, 2025** and ending at **12:00 noon** on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Division Number
Mayor	1	At Large
Councillor	1	1
Councillor	1	2
Councillor	1	3
Councillor	1	4
Councillor	1	5
Councillor	1	6

Location of Local Jurisdiction Office: Sturgeon County Centre
9613-100 Street
Morinville, Alberta, T8R 1L9

DATED at the Town of Morinville, in the Province of Alberta, this 22 day of August, 2025.

(Returning Officer, Melodie Steele)

sturgeoncounty.ca/Election



STURGEON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES Long-Term Service Awards



On September 4, 2025, we recognized the following Sturgeon County Emergency Services firefighters for their years of service and achievements. **Congratulations and thank you for your service to the community!**

5 YEAR RECIPIENTS

Station 1 (Calahoo)
Firefighter Natasha Kennedy

Station 4 (Namao)
Firefighter Curtis Peck

Gibbons Fire Department
Firefighter Jordan Baron
Firefighter Jason Barrett
Firefighter Jamie Geneau
Firefighter Kris Meyers

Morinville Fire Department
Firefighter Benjamin Carrol

10 YEAR RECIPIENTS

Gibbons Fire Department
Dylan Wells

Morinville Fire Department
Captain Miles Moser

SCES
Firefighter Linda Swallow

15 YEAR RECIPIENTS

Station 1 (Calahoo)
District Chief Mario Lamothe
Captain Nico Lozinski

25 YEAR RECIPIENTS

Gibbons Fire Department
Captain Will Benson

NFPA 1001 LEVEL I RECOGNITION AWARDS

Station 3 (Legal)
Firefighter Ryan DeChamplain
Firefighter Lance Friesen
Firefighter Christopher Fuellert

Station 4 (Namao)
Firefighter Braydon Spaans

Station 5 (Bon Accord)
Firefighter Graham Mater

Station 7 (Redwater)
Firefighter Chad Baerwinkel
Firefighter Blair Melnick
Firefighter Samantha Nicol

Gibbons Fire Department
Firefighter Abigail Rice

NFPA 1001 LEVEL II RECOGNITION AWARDS

Station 1 (Calahoo)
Firefighter Cameron Deleeuw
Firefighter Devin McKnight
Firefighter Dana Pedersen
Firefighter Seth Pritchett

Station 3 (Legal)
Firefighter Aiden Cornell
Firefighter Jordan House
Firefighter Aaron MacIntyre
Firefighter Jamie Mahood
Firefighter Brandon Spilsbury

Station 4 (Namao)
Firefighter Danielle Sargent
Firefighter Samantha Watts

Station 5 (Bon Accord)
Firefighter Andrew Bergen
Firefighter Nicholas Gilmer
Firefighter Samantha Mahoney

Station 7 (Redwater)
Firefighter Geoff James
Firefighter Allegra Tingley

ALBERTA EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL (AESM)

22 Year Bar
Deputy Chief Brad Reid

FEDERAL SERVICES EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL

20 Year Medal
Firefighter Kurt Richter
Captain Lorne Witter
Deputy Chief Brad Reid

40 Year Medal
Firefighter Robert Proulx





Caregivers Alberta's award-winning COMPASS for the Caregiver four-week program helps caregivers balance their own well-being with the challenges of caregiving.

This series of the COMPASS for the Caregiver program is proudly sponsored by SASHA.

PROUDLY HOSTED BY:



SASHA
ST. ALBERT STURGEON
HOSPICE ASSOCIATION

Details:
In-Person
October 8, 15, 22 & 29
1:00 pm- 3:30 pm
9608 100 Street
Morinville
\$30 per person

Topics:
 Week 1: Being a Caregiver
 Week 2: Managing Your Stress
 Week 3: Balancing Relationships
 Week 4: Navigating the Journey

Register online:


For more information, contact:
Alisha Coyston
SASHA Program Coordinator
(587) 921-1345
alisha.coyston@sasha-cares.com



YES, if you do even one of the following:

- Attend medical appointments with a loved one
- Prepare meals for a family member or friend
- Help with finances or personal/medical care
- Provide transportation or home-living support



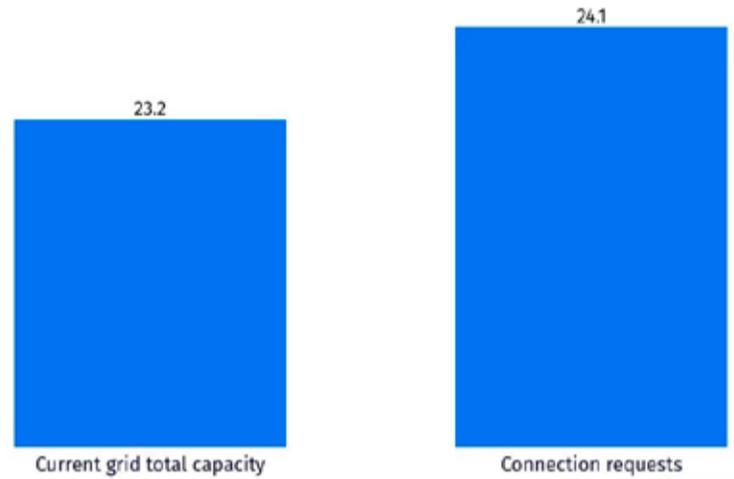
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1.877.453.5088 (toll-free)

Keeping pace: How natural gas infrastructure shapes Alberta's next chapter

New requests for electricity in Alberta exceed the current grid's total capacity

Gigawatts (GW), as of September 10, 2025



Source: Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) and ATB Economics

ATB Economics

By Carol Kamel, ATB ECONOMICS

From AI data centres to aviation, Alberta is experiencing a diverse wave of growth.

But great growth necessitates great planning. Without careful attention to the accompanying energy infrastructure necessary to support this expansion, Alberta risks bottlenecks in its own potential. Which leads to today's Twenty-Four topic: the Yellowhead Pipeline Project.

For readers unfamiliar with the project, the proposed \$2.8 billion Yellowhead Pipeline is

a 230-km natural gas transmission pipeline from the Peers region in west-central Alberta to Fort Saskatchewan.

Expected to be operational by the fourth quarter of 2027, the pipeline will have a capacity of over one billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d). ATCO Energy Systems estimates that building the pipeline will support around 2,000 jobs during construction and enable over \$20 billion in downstream investment.

The project's purpose is straightforward: add capacity to Alberta's natural gas

system and address the growing need for reliable energy. As of August 2025, the project has completed the first of two major regulatory steps required by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

While that answers what the Yellowhead pipeline is, it's time to dig into what "problem" this project is attempting to solve.

It comes down to the growing demand for natural gas, especially for generating electricity. As we've noted before, the amount of electricity being

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NOTICE:
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Smoky Lake County is seeking public input of proposed **Bylaw No. 1483-25: A bylaw to repeal Bylaw 1413-22: A Bylaw authorizing the lending of money to a Municipal Controlled Non-Profit Organization.**

The amendment or repeal must be made in the same way as the original bylaw and is subject to the same consents or conditions or advertising requirements that apply to the passing of the original bylaw.

Anyone who is interested in providing formal comments or feedback on the proposed Bylaw is encouraged to submit a written submission to Smoky Lake County prior to **12:00 p.m. (noon) on September 30, 2025** to badamson@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

The proposed bylaw can be obtained at www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca

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How to start the money talk with your kids

(NC) Raising money-savvy kids is an important life skill, but not every parent feels up to the task. According to a recent survey, one third of parents aren't confident they're setting a healthy financial example for their children.

"A lot of parents don't know where to start," acknowledges Shawnnette Fraser, an associate VP at TD Wealth. "But talking openly about money with their kids can provide a foundation

for healthy financial habits, responsibility and long-term success."

The reality is you don't have to be a financial expert to instill good money habits in your kids—you just need to start the conversation.

It can start as soon as they begin school. The trick is to make it fun by weaving lessons into everyday life. Here are two approaches you can try with kids ages 3-9:

- Teach kids how

money works in a tangible way by giving them three piggy banks: one for saving, one for spending and one for charity. Let them choose which piggy bank gets their gift money from holidays and birthdays, which can help them learn to make decisions.

- Use gift cards to teach kids how to make thoughtful spending choices. When you're in the store and they want to buy something, they'll have to

see if they have enough money for it. This can help teach the concept of budgeting and help them start to understand that different items cost different amounts. Encourage kids to find age-appropriate ways to make money, like starting a lemonade stand or doing extra chores beyond their regular responsibilities.

As your child enters middle school, keeping the lines of communication open is critical—but make sure to

skip the lectures and avoid finger-wagging.

"By the time these kids are 12 or 13, they think parents don't know anything anymore," says Gary Rabbior, president of the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education. "The key thing is to keep it natural. Don't sit them down at the dining room table and say, 'Now we're going to learn about money.'"

Involving kids in real-life family decisions can give them a deeper understanding of the world around

them and foster a sense of responsibility for household finances. For instance, you could invite your kids to help plan for a big family expense, like an upcoming vacation.

The key to teaching financial literacy to middle schoolers is to keep money discussions relevant to your kids' interests. "Kids this age are generally focused on their world and things that are impacting them," says Rabbior. "They want to learn about money in relation to those things."

MOUNTIE MINUTE Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment

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- HWY 857 resident had approx. 200 gallons of fuel stolen
- Alarm at the Vilna Fire Hall- FALSE ALARM
- Town of Smoky Lake- ongoing civil issue
- RCMP received a scam call from a company pretending to be FINTRAC
- Received a call of a theft from a rural property-suspect identified
- RCMP received a call of

motorcycle collision on HWY 857 at Dickie Bush Church curves, male taken to hospital with injuries

- Break and Enter to a property near RR 133
- Erratic Semi truck driver-member unable to attend
- Members received a call of a well being check in the Village of Waskatenau, members attended, and it turned out to be a non-suspicious sudden death
- Received a call from Telus

998 Emergency line of a suicidal female, members were able to locate person and transport them to St. Paul Health Center

- Suspicious Vehicle near RR 155 Dually Truck entering onto yards
- Blue Chevrolet Avalanche entering onto rural properties in Bellis stealing fuel
- RCMP received numerous calls of catalytic converters being stolen from vehicles in the Town of

Smoky Lake

- Reports of items stolen at a property near Spedden, suspects ID's
- Wellbeing check on a female in the Town of Smoky Lake
- Wellbeing check on a male in the County of Smoky Lake
- Received a call of an erratic driver on HWY 28, members located read "MAS" demand, provided a reading of "0", no signs of impairment

- RCMP received a call to Hanmore Lake for a theft/disturbance, investigation revealed family dispute, charges laid for disobeying court order and additional charges
- RCMP received a call of trespassing on property near RR 131, suspects gained access via ATV
- Received a call of an animal well being check
- RCMP received a call to put down a deer which was involved in a collision
- RCMP received numerous complaints of erratic drivers

NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION:

Lakeland Roman Catholic Separate School Division
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is Monday, September 22, 2025, and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Offices	Number of Vacancies	Ward
School Board Trustee	3	#1
School Board Trustee	3	#2
School Board Trustee	1	#3

(WARD 1 – ALL those lands within the Lakeland Roman Catholic Separate School Division and within the MD of Bonnyville No. 87 lying West of Range 3, West of 4th Meridian.)

(WARD 2 – ALL those lands within the Lakeland Roman Catholic Separate School Division and within the MD of Bonnyville No. 87 lying East of Range 4, West of 4th Meridian.)

(WARD 3 – ALL those lands within the Lakeland Roman Catholic Separate School Division and within the County of Thorhild No. 7, the County of Smoky Lake No. 13, and the Lac La Biche County No. 12.)

Location of Local Jurisdiction Office:

Lakeland Roman Catholic Separate School Division
4810 – 46 Street, Bonnyville, AB, T9N 2R2

Dated at the Town of Bonnyville in the Province of Alberta, this 25 day of August, 2025.

Tessa Hetu, CPA, CA, CSBO
Returning Officer



2025 Municipal General Election

LOCAL JURISDICTION: TOWN OF REDWATER, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is **SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**, and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on **JANUARY 1, 2025** and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Offices	Numbers of Vacancies
MAYOR	1
COUNCILLOR	6

Location (address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

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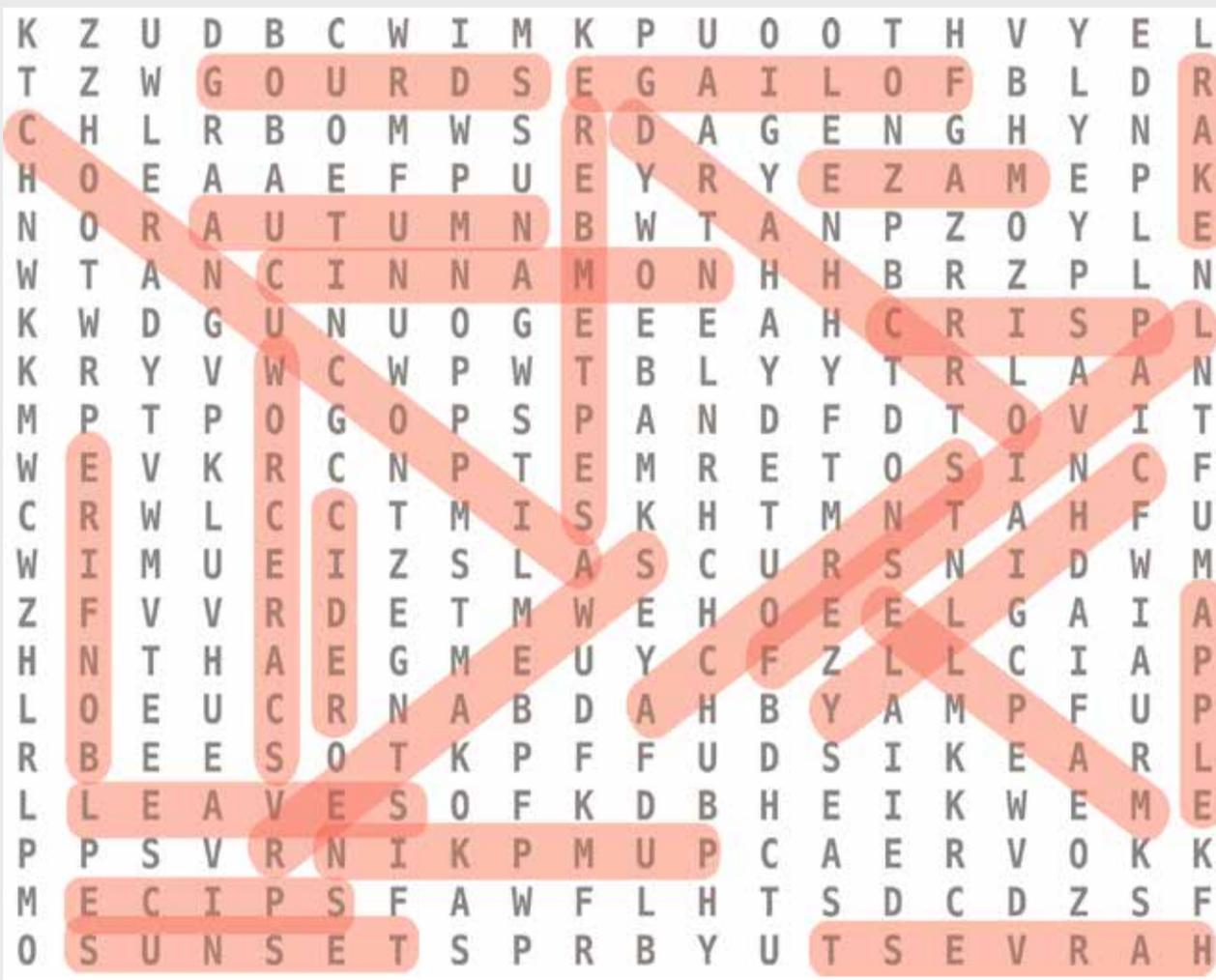
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(GW), more than the province's grid capacity of 23.2 GW. Much of the interest is tied to AI data centres, which require massive amounts of reliable power. This translates into a need for more natural gas and reliable transmission to fuel electricity production. The story doesn't stop at digital

infrastructure. As seen in our most recent outlook, there are several major projects proposed or underway that rely on secure, high-volume natural gas supply to operate reliably. Most notably, Dow's Path2Zero (currently paused), Air Product's net-zero hydrogen complex, and multiple carbon

capture projects. Without added pipeline capacity, these developments could find themselves competing for limited supply and unable to achieve their goals. The Yellowhead Project also speaks to Alberta's ongoing natural gas price volatility. AECO, the province's natural gas price benchmark, often

trades at a discount to the United States' benchmark, Henry Hub. Yellowhead potentially provides some upside in this regard with additional capacity alongside LNG soaking up supply and ramping up exports. Alberta's growth potential is real. But without projects to expand

Alberta's energy infrastructure, such as Yellowhead, the risk of bottlenecks are just as real.



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