

Aspen View grade 10 students experience land-based learning

By Brandie Majeau

Aspen View Public Schools is steadfast in its commitment to integrating Indigenous ways of knowing and being into its curriculum, exemplified by the recent 2025 Land-Based Learning camp held at the end of September at Camp Wright in Athabasca County. This immersive experience brought together

Grade 10 students from various schools within the division, allowing them to spend three enriching days and two nights deeply engaged in traditional learning led by Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and dedicated school staff members.

Camp Wright, located near Colinton in Athabasca County, offers a uniquely tranquil setting for educational programs. This

camp definitely provides a beautiful backdrop for outdoor activities but also to promote personal growth and a connection to nature. Facilities at Camp Wright include well-equipped cabins, communal spaces for gatherings, and open areas suitable for various outdoor instructional activities, making it an ideal location for experiential learning.

Throughout the camp,

students participated in a range of engaging sessions designed to share a genuine understanding of Indigenous culture. Activities included traditional hand games that encouraged teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking—a reflection of the cultural significance these games hold within

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Photo courtesy of the Bellis Board of Trade

Celebrating 70 years of community spirit

By Brandie Majeau

The Bellis Board of Trade (BBOT) marked a significant milestone with a Community BBQ held on September 14, 2025, at the Bellis ball diamonds. The event, attended by approximately 173 residents, was organized to recognize the hard work of BBOT members and volunteers while celebrating the organization's 70th anniversary.

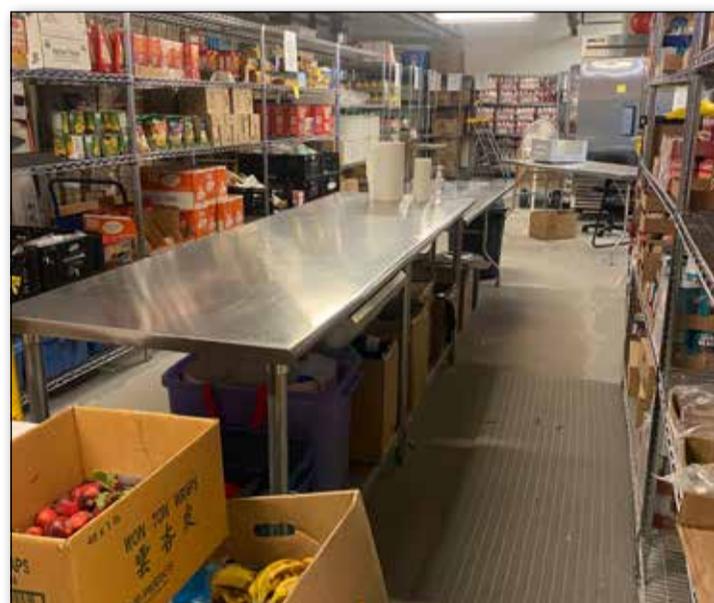
The BBQ received generous funding from the County of Smoky Lake through an FCSS Grant, allowing for a day filled with food, fun, and community connection. Mark Schoepgens, President of BBOT, welcomed dignitaries and guests, taking the opportunity to introduce current members and highlight various local projects that contribute to the vitality of the Bellis community.

"BBOT is at the heart of volunteerism in our region, and it's important to recognize the dedicated individuals who tirelessly support our efforts," Schoepgens stated during his opening

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Redwater Food Bank plays a pivotal role in food-sharing



By Brandie Majeau

In an annual check-in with the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank, numerous developments have happened over the previous year. Many of the changes adhere to a concerning trend marked by a persistent influx of new clients, averaging two new clients per week. This past year has witnessed a significant shift, as the clientele now includes not only families and seniors seeking assistance but also a growing number

of single, working-class individuals. The continuing rise in food and living costs has resulted in hunger affecting a wider demographic, with men, women, and working clients increasingly accessing food bank services. By the end of August 2024, the food bank had served 540 clients; by this point in the current year, the number had already increased to 550.

Despite the challenges posed by an expanding

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Redwater Legion celebrates 75 years of service

Submitted by
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As the Royal Canadian Legion turns 100, this year the Redwater Branch 251 is celebrating its 75th anniversary. The Royal Canadian Legion has a long history of proudly supporting veterans.

When the First World War came to an end, numerous veterans' groups and regimental associations representing former service members were created. Despite their shared goals, efforts were fragmented and unsuccessful.

An appeal for unity led to the formation of the Dominion Veterans Alliance and, in Winnipeg in 1925, the Legion was founded as "The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League."

It was incorporated by a special Act of Parliament, and the charter was issued in July 1926. On December 19, 1960, Queen Elizabeth II gave her consent to use the prefix "Royal," and the organization became known as "The Royal Canadian Legion."

The Legion's initial main objective was to provide a strong voice for First World War veterans.

However, the advent of the Second World War created a host of new demands. The Legion expanded to offer more dedicated support to veterans, as well as those serving abroad.

Today, the Legion continues to improve the lives of veterans, including serving Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP members, and

their families. This has been our principal objective since our inception, and we will continue to work for it today and every day forward.

Over the years, the Royal Canadian Legion has continued to grow, with approximately 270,000 members in its 1,350 branches throughout the country.

The following was written by Jim Evasiw:

"The Redwater Legion Branch #251 was organized in 1949 when Mr. Chuck Bell, leader of the Air Cadet Squadron, arranged a meeting with several war veterans living in the community. On November 11, six war veterans attended the meeting.

The first official meeting was held in January 1950 at the insurance office of Bernard Wise with seven war veterans. The application for a charter was made in 1951 and issued in 1952. The members present to sign the application for the charter were as follows:

Chuck Bell, President
Robert Rogers, Vice President

Tom Bruchal, Treasurer

Jack Haylock
James Evasiw
Charles Barnes
Adrian Miers
M. Hannington
H. Adams
Bernard Wise

Elsie Barnes organized the Ladies Auxiliary in 1950 when a group of ladies met at her home.

For the first two years, meetings were held in the Beaver Lumber building, which was located on the site of the present IGA store. In the latter part of 1951, the branch grew to a membership of 37, and

it was now time to look at providing a facility for the Legion. Early in 1952, negotiations started with Doug Archer, who operated a business in a building at the present site of the Legion Hall. On May 1, 1952, the sale of the building was finalized for the price of \$12,800.00, and the Legion had a building they could call home. A down payment of \$7,943.10 was made, and the remainder was paid at \$500 per year.

The members worked under some extreme conditions to raise money to pay for the building, as there was no running water until 1953. The hall was used for meetings, entertainment, and as a place to raise funds for the branch. The first year was a successful one, with a profit of \$2,100.73 and a mortgage of \$10,115.00. Being a progressive group of members, they undertook the project of renovating the building in three different stages. Under the guidance of B. Rogers, the members added what is now the bar area.

Next, under the leadership of V. Kerber, the game room was added, and the final stage saw the present lounge and kitchen added under the guidance of Lloyd Hanson.

The hall has been a focal point of the community, providing a place to hold weddings, parties, meetings, and funerals.

In 1987, the hall underwent another reconstruction project. As a result, we have the building that we enjoy today. This was achieved through the complete volunteer effort of individuals whose average age was 68. After months of labour by the Legion members, the Ladies Auxiliary, and even residents of the town, the project was completed.

A large number of dignitaries and residents of the area supported the grand opening. A memorial cairn, constructed by local residents to honour all veterans of the First World War, Second World War, Korean War, and the Canadian military, was erected in 1952. In 1976, it was moved to its present location courtesy of

Acme Construction.

This branch is part of Canada's largest veterans' organization and is one of the country's largest community service organizations, with programs touching the lives of ordinary citizens every year. The Redwater Legion continues, to this day, to be an integral part of the community."

Since my election as President in June 2024, the Legion has been actively fundraising for various projects we have undertaken throughout the year. The initial project involved raising funds for foundation repairs on the south side of the original building. We extend our sincere gratitude to Pembina Pipelines Redwater facility and Nutrien Redwater for their generous donations that enabled the completion of this project.

Additionally, we acquired three new 65-inch televisions, thanks to contributions from Baytex Energy and LTD Oilfield Services Ltd., significantly enhancing the viewing experience for our pa-

trons. Furthermore, we recently received notification from the provincial government regarding our approval for a Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) matching grant in the amount of \$35,612.00. This grant will be allocated towards various upgrades in the kitchen and other areas of the Legion.

We are currently considering various activities to host at the Legion to enhance the utilization of our facility. Our venue is ideal for company gatherings, family events, meetings, and wedding receptions, with catering services available through the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Legion has grown considerably over the years and now demonstrates an increased commitment to inclusivity. Membership is available to any Canadian citizen or Commonwealth subject who supports the goals and objectives of the Royal Canadian Legion. Many events hosted at the Redwater Legion are designed to be family-friendly and accommodate a broad audience. Attendance at our festivities does not require membership.

On September 13, we held an anniversary event that reached full capacity, welcoming 150 participants from the local community and neighbouring areas. We extend our sincere gratitude to Wolf Midstream, Conifer Energy, Connect Energy Services, MCS Net, and Ideal Signs for their generous support, which contributed significantly to the success of this event.



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The Review

Indoor walking program returns to Pembina Place — a simple way for Redwater residents to stay healthy all season

By Shelley Winger

As autumn arrives and temperatures begin to drop, many people find it harder to stay active. Cold winds, icy sidewalks, and shorter days can make outdoor exercise less appealing, and in some cases, unsafe. But this fall, Redwater residents don't have to give up their daily steps. The Town of Redwater is once again offering its indoor walking program at Pembina Place, giving people of all ages a safe, welcoming, and weather-proof way to stay active throughout the season.

The program operates Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. between September 29 and December 19, 2025, and is designed to encourage regular movement and exercise regardless of fitness level. Participants can drop in whenever it suits their schedule or purchase a season pass for just \$20, which provides unlimited access for the entire fall session. Walkers are asked to check in at reception when they arrive and to

wear clean indoor shoes. The facility will be closed on statutory holidays.

Walking may seem simple, but health experts consistently rank it among the most beneficial forms of exercise. It's easy to start, requires no special equipment beyond a comfortable pair of shoes, and can be tailored to any pace or fitness level. Even a short daily walk can make a difference.

Research shows that regular walking improves cardiovascular health by strengthening the heart, improving circulation and lowering blood pressure. It can help regulate blood sugar levels and reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. It also supports healthy cholesterol levels and helps maintain a healthy weight, all of which lower the risk of chronic conditions such as heart disease and stroke.

Walking also builds and maintains muscle strength, particularly in the legs and core, and helps preserve bone density — an important consideration as we age. It improves balance and

coordination, reducing the risk of falls, and supports joint mobility while remaining low-impact and gentle on the body. That makes it an excellent choice for people recovering from injury or those who find high-impact exercise difficult.

The benefits of walking go beyond physical fitness. Regular activity is linked to better mental health, with studies showing that walking can reduce stress and anxiety, improve mood, and boost overall energy levels. The rhythmic nature of walking has a calming effect on the nervous system, and many people find it helps them think more clearly and sleep more soundly.

Programs like Redwater's also offer a social benefit. Walking indoors gives residents the chance to connect with others, meet new people, and build a sense of community. Many walkers enjoy forming small groups or pairing up with friends, offering each other motivation and accountability. This social interaction often makes exercise feel

less like a chore and more like an enjoyable part of the day — a factor that can lead to better long-term health outcomes.

Despite the known benefits of physical activity, many people struggle to maintain a routine once the weather changes. Autumn and winter bring shorter daylight hours, colder temperatures, icy sidewalks, and unpredictable conditions — all of which can discourage even the most committed walker. For older adults or people with mobility concerns, these challenges can pose safety risks that make outdoor exercise unrealistic.

The indoor walking program is designed to remove those barriers. Pembina Place offers a controlled, climate-friendly environment where participants can walk without worrying about weather, darkness, or uneven ground. The smooth, secure indoor surface is ideal for those who might be hesitant about outdoor conditions, while the set hours provide structure and routine — key factors for sticking with an exercise plan.

For those who are new to exercise, walking is an excellent starting point. Health organizations recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate activity per week, and walking at a brisk pace can easily help people meet that goal. Even shorter sessions, such as 10 to 15 minutes at a time, can add up to significant health improvements when done consistently.

Programs like this one make it easier for residents to incorporate activity into their lives. Whether the goal is to improve heart health, manage weight, strengthen bones, or simply feel more energized, walking is

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MOUNTIE MINUTE Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment



- Break and Enter into a worksite in the Village of Vilna.
- The Scout Camp near RR 123 was broken into.
- RCMP responded to a domestic assault in the County of Smoky Lake, individual was arrested and charged.
- Burnet vehicle on HWY 36, nothing suspicious.
- Alarm at the UFA at 2:00 am members responded FALSE ALARM.
- Received a call of an intoxicated male on the street next to Smoky Lake Inn, located male passed out, arrested and lodged until sober.
- Received a driving complaint in town, members conducted traffic stop not impaired.
- Tenant issues in the Hamlet of Spedden, members attended civil issue.
- Wellbeing Check on a female who was released from the hospital.
- Received a call of a Break and Enter to an ATCO substation near Vilna.
- RCMP is investigating threats to local officials.
- RCMP is currently investigating a historical sexual assault.
- RCMP was requested to locate a youth under a PCHAD order and transported them to Red Deer to a facility.
- Break and Enter to a rural property on RR 131 in progress, members attended and suspects were gone upon arrival.
- RCMP received numerous driving complaints.
- Wellbeing check on an elderly female in the Town of Smoky Lake.
- Numerous cows on Highway 36, RCMP attended.
- Another file where cows were loose on RR 150.

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Discussions on Alberta mandate letters

By Brandie Majeau

Alberta Premier Danielle Smith has issued mandate letters to the various ministries. During a rural media roundtable event held on September 26, Ministers Fir, Schow, Loewen, and Boitchenko addressed multiple media representatives regarding their current mandate letters. They engaged in discussions about immigration, emphasizing the need for policies to align with their intended objectives. Additionally, they explored topics related to trade missions and interprovincial trade, underscored the significance of rural Alberta, and examined a range of issues affecting the province's landscape, including the ongoing challenges posed by wildfires.

The mandate letters addressed in the roundtable discussion articulate a clear commitment to achieving significant outcomes that enhance the well-being of Albertans and strengthen communities. The Ministry of Arts, Culture, and Status of Women has made noteworthy progress, including the introduction of the 10-year Strategy to End Gender-Based Violence, which aims to establish comprehensive awareness, prevention, and support frameworks. The Minister is tasked with collaborating closely with Cabinet and Caucus members, as well as the public service, to fulfill commitments that promote Alberta's unique cultural identity, support victims of domestic violence, and engage with First Nations communities for repatriation efforts.

In the area of economic development, the Ministry of Jobs, Economy, Trade, and Immigration has achieved substantial milestones, such as the launch of the "Alberta is Calling" bonus, designed to attract skilled tradespeople to the province, and successful international trade missions that showcase Alberta's business potential. The Minister is expected to implement strategies that grant greater provincial control over immigration,

ensuring economic migrants are prioritized while Canadian citizens receive first access to job opportunities. Additionally, efforts to enhance Alberta's investment landscape, promote global trade, and address youth unemployment through specialized programs are of paramount importance in driving economic growth.

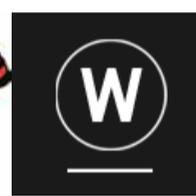
The Ministry of Forestry and Parks also play a crucial role in sustainable development, having modernized the Wildlife Act and shortened the timelines for public land disposition approvals. Key initiatives, such as advancing a new Recreation and Conservation Strategy and expanding the province's trail system, underscore the commitment to

responsible land management and conservation. The Minister is further encouraged to enhance wildfire mitigation strategies and engage with stakeholders to identify solutions that streamline regulations and support economic growth.

The Ministry of Tourism and Sport has made significant advancements, including the launch of the Active Communities Initiative, which supports the development of public-use sport and recreation facilities across Alberta. The release of a long-term Tourism Strategy aims to grow tourism revenues to \$25 billion by 2035, reinforcing

Tourism's position as Alberta's top service export. The establishment of the All-Season Resorts Act creates a regulatory framework for four-season commercial tourism, strengthening investor confidence and positioning Alberta as a premier destination for travelers.

The mandate letters as a whole underscore a shared vision among Alberta's ministries to collaborate effectively, ensuring that the commitments to promote prosperity, opportunity, and responsible governance are met. The full mandate letters can be read on the Alberta website.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment to Intermunicipal Development Plan

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Sections 216.4, 606 and 692, the Council of Smoky Lake County & the Council of the Village of Waskatenau, hereby give notice of their intention to consider adoption of Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1484-25 and Village of Waskatenau Bylaw No. 714-2025. The purpose of these Bylaws is to amend Section 3.4.2 of the Intermunicipal Development Plan between Smoky Lake County (Bylaw No. 1424-22) & the Village of Waskatenau (Bylaw 697-2022) as follows:

That Section 3.4.2 be amended by replacing the text with the following:

"Land designated as Serviced and Un-Serviced Commercial Use or Serviced Commercial Use Area may develop in a wide range of commercial uses. Land uses that may be suitable for the area are limited to the permitted and discretionary use listed in the Commercial Districts of the Village of Waskatenau and Smoky Lake County Land Use Bylaws. The Development Authority for each municipality may require that new commercial development within the Serviced Commercial Area be required to connect to municipal piped sanitary sewer and water services."

THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Sections 606 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act a joint Public Hearing to consider the proposed Bylaws will be held:

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Time: 9:00 am

**Place: Smoky Lake County Main Office
4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, AB
& Virtually via Telus Business Connect**

<https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/705570753>

Meeting ID: 705570753

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a verbal or written representation may do so at the Hearing, or by providing the representation to the County's Chief Administrative Officer or the Village's Chief Administrative Officer, before 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2025. It would be beneficial for individuals to provide advance notice to Smoky Lake County at (780) 656-3730 of their intention to make a presentation at the Hearing.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT a copy of the proposed Bylaws may be inspected at the Smoky Lake County office & the Village of Waskatenau office during normal business hours.

To obtain more information regarding the proposed Bylaws, please contact:

Jordan Ruegg, Planning & Development Manager, Smoky Lake County –

Phone (780) 656-3730 or jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

OR

Bernice Macyk, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Waskatenau –

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By Haylee Winger

Smoky Lake embraced the spirit of the season with its annual Fall Decorating Contest, held in conjunction with the 35th Annual Pumpkin Fair. The contest invited residents and local businesses to showcase their creativity by transforming their homes, yards, porches, and storefronts with festive autumn-themed decorations. Open to both residential and commercial properties, the event aimed to bring seasonal charm to every corner of the town while celebrating the long-standing

Pumpkin Fair tradition. Participants registered at the Town Office and had their displays judged on October 1. The contest not only encouraged community pride but also made the fall season in Smoky Lake vibrant and welcoming. In the Residential Category, first place was awarded to Therese Taschuk, second place went to Les Cherniwchan, and third place was earned by Jake Cherniwchan. In the Commercial Category, Pumpkin Patch Daycare took first place, followed by Old Fashioned Bread Bakery in second, and the RCMP in third.

Thorhild County

SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS NOTIFICATION

Take notice that the Subdivision Approving Authority Officer for Thorhild County has received the following Subdivision Applications (Proposed uses are "Country Residential" and "Agricultural"):

1. SW 17-58-21-W4
Application File no.: 25-010
Size of Parcels to be Created: 4.24 ha/10.47 acres and 59.6 ha/147.3 acres (Remnant)
2. SW 17-60-21-W4
Application File no. 25-011
Size of Parcels to be Created: 3.24 ha/8.0 acres and 60.71 ha/150.02 acres (Remnant)
3. NE 06-60-22-W4
Application File no.: 25-012
Size of Parcels to be Created: 8.23 ha/20.3 acres and 139.7 ha/56.47 (Remnant)

Additional Information

A copy of the subdivision application and map showing the location of the proposed subdivisions may be obtained by contacting the Planning and Development Clerk at 801-1st Street, Thorhild, Alberta T0A 3J0; in person or by phone (780) 398-37 41 Ext. 2823; fax (780) 398-37 48 or email: Jeannette.Cholach@thorhildcounty.com.

As an adjacent landowner, if you wish to make a submission, you may provide a written submission within fourteen (14) days of this notice. Your submission should contain the following information:

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3. Your comments

and your comments may be made verbally or in writing by contacting the Planning and Development Clerk as listed above.

If you have questions or require further clarification regarding any of the above subdivision applications, contact Manager of Planning and Development David Blades at 780-398-3741 Extension 2825 or email: David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com.

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Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 12, 35, 46, 53, 73, 74, 75)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that an Advance Vote and Election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Offices	Numbers of Vacancies
MAYOR	1
COUNCILLOR	4

Election Day – October 20, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Ortona Drop-in Centre
124 White Earth Street, Smoky Lake, AB, T0A 3C0

Advanced Polls – October 18, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Town of Smoky Lake Administration Building
56 Wheatland Ave, Smoky Lake, AB, T0A 3C0

In order to vote you must produce for inspection one or more of the acceptable forms of identification required by section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*:

- One piece of identification issued by a Canadian Government, whether federal, provincial or local, or an agency of that government, that contains a photograph of the person, for example your Alberta's Drivers License,
- One piece of identification authorized under the *Election Act* (s. 100(2)(b)) that establishes your name and current address of residence, for example a Utility Bill, a Bank Statement, a Property Tax Assessment, showing you full name and full physical address.

DATED at the TOWN of SMOKY LAKE, in the Province of Alberta, this 23rd day of SEPTEMBER 2025.

Molly Fyten, Returning Officer



For more election information visit www.smokylake.ca

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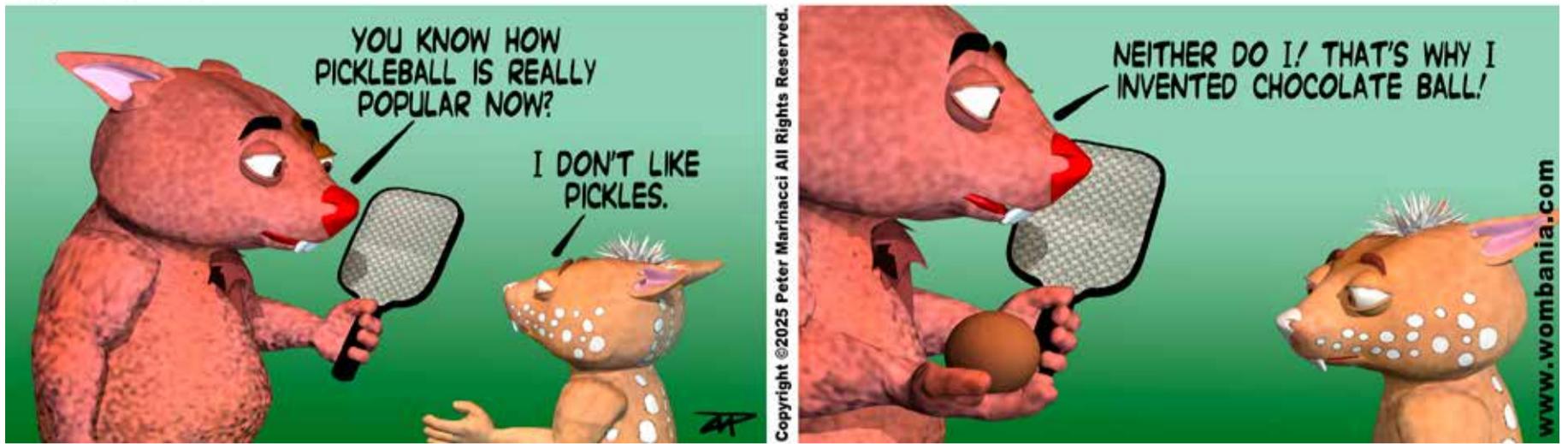
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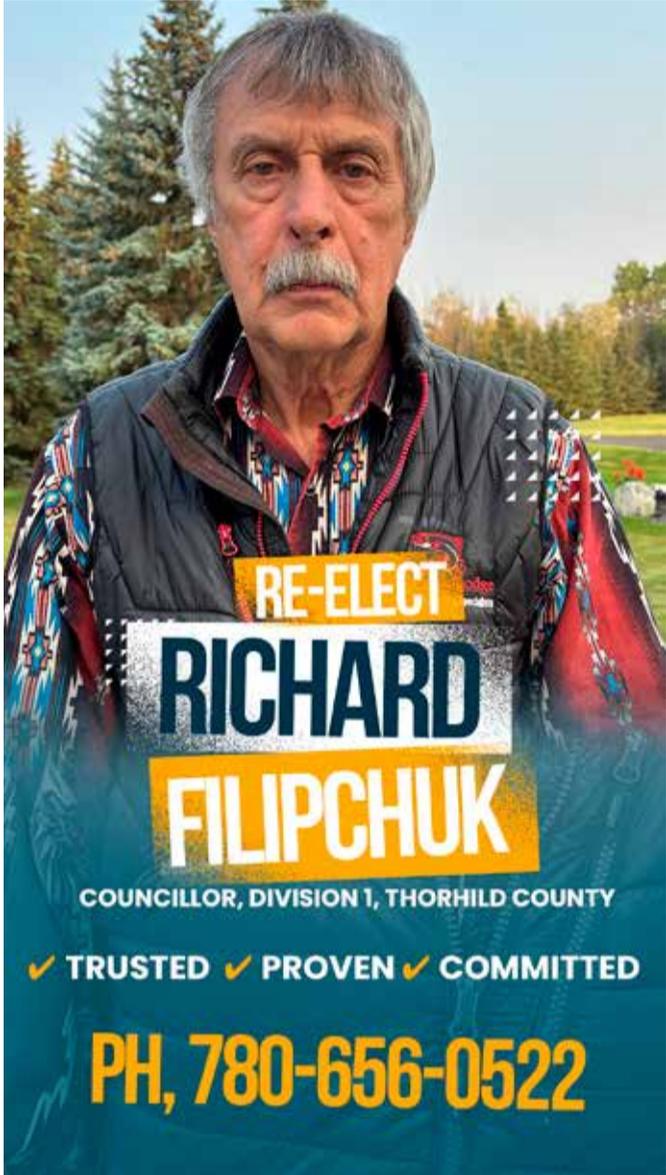
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Aspen View PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOTICE OF ADVANCE VOTE
 LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT (SECTION 74)
 FOR THE ASPEN VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Advance Voting will be held for the filling of the following office:

Office	Number of Vacancies	Electoral Subdivision
Aspen View South Central Trustee	1	Ward 5

For electors resident of Aspen View South Central within the Town of Smoky Lake:
 Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 in Town Council Chambers, 56 Wheatland Avenue, Smoky Lake, Alberta

For electors resident of Aspen View South Central within Smoky Lake County:
 Thursday, October 9, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 at the Smoky Lake County Council Chambers,
 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, Alberta

For electors resident of Aspen View South Central within Thorhild County:
 Friday, October 10, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, October 15, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday, October 17, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 at the Thorhild & District Community Hall, 11 - 7th Avenue, Thorhild, Alberta

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If an Elector is not listed on the Permanent Elector Register, they must complete a statement in the prescribed Form 13 - Elector Register to confirm their eligibility to vote.

Dated at the Town of Athabasca in the Province of Alberta, this 24th day of September, 2025.

Amber Oko
 Amber Oko
 Returning Officer

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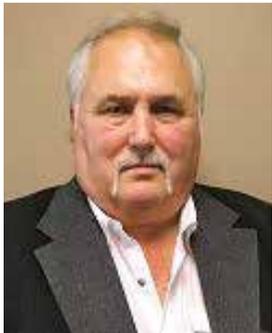
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 Division One

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Bellis Board of Trade Members celebrate 70 years with a community volunteer bbq. Photos courtesy of the Bellis Board of Trade

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remarks. Lorne Halisky, Smoky Lake Counsellor, also shared a captivating history of the BBOT, outlining its successes over the past 70 years and emphasizing the role the organization plays as the voice for the rural community on critical local issues.

Before the meal was served, Sharron Gibb offered a sincere blessing, and as the prayer concluded, the gathering rejoiced and sat down together to enjoy a delicious full-course BBQ. The day included various activities for all ages, such as children’s games, adult activities and treat bags for the kids. Participants also received SWAG in the form of BBOT pens and a new brochure spotlighting businesses and services in the Bellis area. Kevin Keller donated music, photos, and drone pictures, adding to the day’s festivities.

Draws were held for eight custom-made birdhouses, further enhancing the celebration atmosphere. Attendees expressed their satisfaction through feedback surveys, with comments such as “Well done! This was so awesome,” and “Great teamwork to revitalize the community.”

Additionally, the BBOT expressed gratitude to Smoky Lake County Council for their FCSS funding, the public works staff for preparing the picnic grounds, and Smoky Lake Counsellor Danny Gawalko for donating the venue. As the celebration concluded, the Bellis Board of Trade executive thanked all members, volunteers, and contributors for their hard work in planning and executing the event. “You are true volunteers who love your community, and your efforts are greatly appreciated,” they affirmed.

The Community BBQ was a celebration of 70 years of the BBOT and a lasting impression of the enduring spirit of volunteerism that thrives in Bellis. The BBOT encourages all local residents to join their efforts and contribute to the strength of the community. The next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bellis Curling Rink.

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For further information, please contact:
Christine Hominiuk, Executive Program Coordinator at 780-636-2024; 780-656-8277 or
 Email coordinator@slcountyclc.ca

www.slcountyclc.ca
 Box 631
 Smoky Lake, Alberta
 T0A 3C0

NOTICE

CLC was unable to mail it's Fall 2025 Program Guide through Canada Post due to ongoing labour negotiations.

The Guide has been distributed to local businesses and organizations. If you have not been able to obtain a copy, please let us know and we'll ensure you receive one.

Information is also available on the CLC Website and Facebook.



MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2025 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
ELECTION INFORMATION

• Eligibility to Vote • Rules of Residence • Voting Hours and Stations
 Visit www.thorhildcounty.com



NOTICE OF ADVANCE ELECTION VOTE and REQUIREMENTS for VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)

FORM 7

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Thorhild County, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

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

Advance Voting

All dates are at the Thorhild Community Hall located at 11 - 7 Avenue, Thorhild, Alberta.

Friday, October 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 17, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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DATED at the Hamlet of Thorhild, in the Province of Alberta, this 23 day of September, 2025.

Carol Revega, Returning Officer

NOTICE OF ELECTION and REQUIREMENTS for VOTER IDENTIFICATION

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Voting will take place on the 20th day of October 2025, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 pm. Voting Stations will be located at:

Division 1 Radway Agri-Centre 5108-51 Street, Radway	Division 2 Egremont Community Hall 4904-50 Street, Egremont
Division 3 Thorhild Community Hall 11-7 Avenue, Thorhild	Division 5 Newbrook Community Hall 4801-50 Street, Newbrook

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Carol Revega
Returning Officer

VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS – 2025

Proof of identity and current residence is required to be able to vote in the municipal election.

Electors must produce one piece of identification issued by a Canadian government, whether federal, provincial or local, or an agency of that government, that contains a photograph of the person and, the person's name and the address of the person's residence.

OR

Any of the following documents that has the person's name and address on it will be accepted as valid proof:

- Bank or credit card statement or personal cheque.
- Correspondence issued by a school, college or university.
- Government cheque or cheque stub.
- Income tax or property tax assessment notice.
- Insurance policy certificate or statement.
- Letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee.
- Pension plan benefits statement, contributions or participation.
- Residential lease or mortgage statement.
- Statement of government benefits (for example, employment insurance, old-age security, social assistance, disability support or child tax benefit).
- Utility bill (telephone, internet, power, gas, water, television).
- Vehicle ownership, registration or insurance certificate.

A letter or form (attestation) confirming that the person lives at the stated address will also be accepted as valid proof. The letter can be signed prior to the vote by any of the following:

- Authorized representative of a commercial property management company.
- Authorized representative of a correctional institution.
- Authorized representative of a First Nations band or reserve.
- Authorized representative of a post-secondary institution.
- Authorized representative of a facility that provides services to the homeless.
- Authorized representative of a supportive living facility or treatment centre.

OR

If an Elector does not have acceptable identification, but is accompanied by another Elector who is entitled to vote at the same Voting Station, has appropriate identification and is listed on the Permanent Elector Register, the Elector can vouch for that individual.



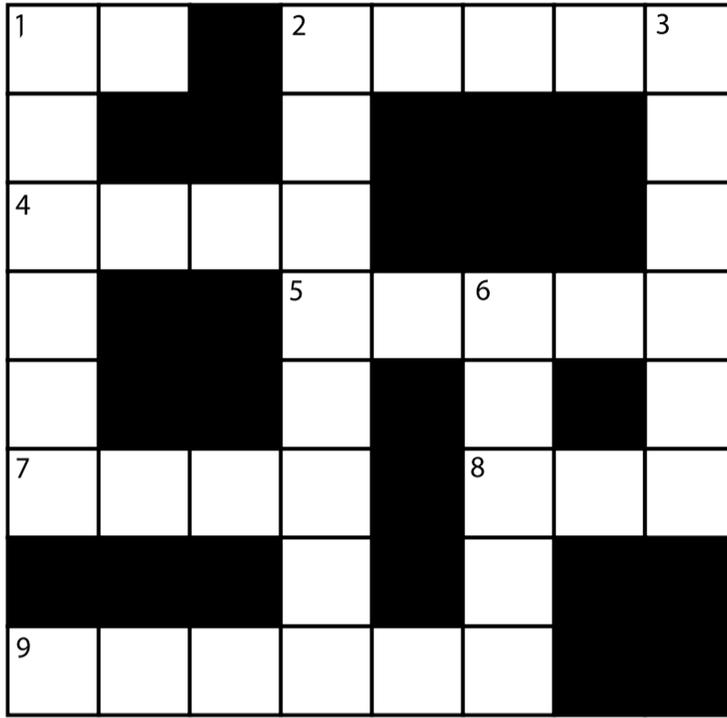


CANADIAN

Kids Corner



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. California city (abbr.)
2. Sudden fear
4. Dull pain
5. Rest on knees
7. One who feels superior to others
8. We breathe it
9. Place for learning

DOWN

1. They grow on trees
2. Game played with a baby
3. Not as hot
6. Digital message

Answers:
 Across
 1. LA 2. Panic 4. Ache 5. Kneel 7. Snob 8. Air
 9. School
 Down
 1. Leaves 2. Peekaboo 3. Cooler 6. Email

CANADA



HISTORY

1928

Frank Morse Robb of Ontario obtains a patent for the first Electronic Organ, the Robb Wave Organ.

Nature FACT:

Leaves change color in the fall due to the breakdown of this substance.

Answer: Chlorophyll

NEW WORD

HIBERNATE

remain in an inactive state, typically during winter

How they say that in...

- English:** Cool
- Spanish:** Fresco
- Italian:** Fresco
- French:** Frais
- German:** Kalt

Did You Know?

Raking leaves by hand is a great form of exercise that enables people to enjoy the fresh air and does not contribute to noise pollution caused by leaf blowers.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Pumpkin



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Indigenous communities. In addition, students learned the fundamentals of archery, an important skill historically associated with Indigenous hunting practices, further gaining insights into resource management and sustainability.

The camp also featured hands-on demonstrations of fish smoking, a time-honoured process that teaches students about food preservation techniques and the cultural importance of fishing. Canoeing activities provided students with practical lessons on water navigation while promoting teamwork and trust

among peers. While foraging for medicinal plants allowed students to explore the rich botanical knowledge of Indigenous peoples, emphasizing the relationship between natural resources and traditional healing practices.

Creative expression was also a vital part of the curriculum, with sessions focused on beading, where students crafted intricate designs while learning about the stories and meanings embedded in this traditional art form. Furthermore, teachings surrounding hunting practices emphasized the ethical considerations and respect required in utilizing the land's

resources.

The successful execution of the Land-Based Learning camp underscores Aspen View Public Schools' dedication to honouring Indigenous heritage and knowledge systems. By offering students these rich, hands-on experiences, the school division not only promotes cultural awareness but also nurtures a sense of environmental stewardship and community connection. As students left Camp Wright, they carried within them a newfound appreciation for Indigenous traditions and a deeper understanding of their place within the cycle of life and nature.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THORHILD COUNTY DIVISION 4 RESIDENTS

TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION JOIN JANINE PALY FOR CAKE & REFRESHMENTS ALL ARE WELCOME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2025

Abee Community Hall
Time: 2 -4 pm

**LIVE ON SITE AUCTION
W/ WEBCAST BIDDING**

**WESTCOVE EXCAVATING (RICK & KIM SEYMOUR RETIREMENT)
(WEBCAST ITEMS STARTING AT APPROX 2:30 PM)
LOCATED: FROM ONOWAY: 11.5MI W ON HWY 43 TO RGE RD 42A
(GLENEVIS TURN OFF), THEN 1/4 MI S**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18 @ 1PM LIVE ONSITE



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DIRECTIONAL DRILLING PIPE (Quantity of) * Single Use 20" American Auger 2 7/8 IF * 2.06 Firestick 2 * 4.25" OD

ATTACHMENTS * 88" Bobcat Land Leveler * Skid Steer & Excavator Buckets (2 @ 96" Snow, 72" Grapple, 72" High Volume, 72" Tooth, 38" & 45" Clean up, 12" HD) * Custom Built Spinning Power Pole Grapple/ Setter * 48" Pallet Forks * Trailer Hitch Plate * Excavator (Hyd Tilt Bucket * Auger Power Head, 12" & 15" Bits, 4' Extension, Compaction Plate, Rake, Ripper Tooth, Stanley Breaker)

TRAILERS * 15 Load Trail 24' BP Tridem Hydraulic Tilt Deck * 16 SWS 26' GN w/ Rear Stabilizer Jacks * 09 Load Trail BP 7'x16' Equip Trailer * 03 Express 35' Tridem Low Profile * 82 Fruehauf 26' Van * 12 SWS 30' GN Tridem Dually w/ Beavertails * 14 Asi Tandem Dually Deck Over Equip w/ Beavertails, 16,000lbs axles

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SEA CANS, SAWMILL & YARD * 3 @ 40' Containers * TMG 26" Band Saw on HD Steel Skid, 14hp Kohler * Lift of Mill Logs * Gas Wood Splitter on Wheels * Husqvarna 25hp Lawn Tractor * Rain Barrels * Etc.

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PUZZLES

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SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

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

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CLUES DOWN

- Engine additive
- Amounts of time
- Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
- Color properties
- One who hands over
- Thieves of the sea
- Put in
- Nocturnal rodents
- Pouches
- Systems, doctrines, theories
- Greek alphabet letter
- Greek goddess of youth
- Satisfy
- Partly digested food
- Dictator
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- A major division of geological time
- Angry
- St. Francis of __
- Romanian monetary unit
- Stale
- Go quickly
- Commercials
- Canadian city
- One who slices
- Perform perfectly
- Nest of pheasants
- Tactile sensations
- Sword
- Climactic
- Adrenocorticotrophin
- Fisherman's tool
- Swiss river
- Plant that makes gum
- A French abbot
- One point east of northeast
- Get free of

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



This week is all about fresh starts, Aries. The stars are aligning to give you the green light on a new project or personal goal. Don't hesitate to jump on the first step.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Focus on building a solid foundation this week, Taurus. Whether it's in your career or personal life, your hard work and persistence will pay off in a big way.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Your social calendar is buzzing, Gemini. This week you could be a magnet for interesting conversations and new ideas. Don't be afraid to network and share your thoughts.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Expect a breakthrough in your personal life, Cancer. You'll gain a new sense of clarity and emotional understanding, allowing you to move forward with confidence.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Your leadership skills are on full display, Leo. This week you'll be called upon to inspire and guide others. Don't be shy about stepping into the spotlight at work or in a group setting.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



This is a week for practical improvements, Virgo. Take a look at your daily routines and find small ways that you can be more efficient. Organize your space or adopt a new health habit.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Harmony in your relationships is a prominent theme this week, Libra. Your diplomatic nature will help you resolve any lingering conflicts and form deeper connections.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



A powerful transformation might be underway, Scorpio. You might feel an urge to dig deeper and uncover hidden truths, both in yourself and in your life.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Expand your horizons this week, Sagittarius. You'll feel a strong pull to learn something new, whether it is a skill or a different language. Your optimistic outlook is contagious.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Your hard work is about to pay off, Capricorn. This week you may see progress on a long-term professional goal. Some well-deserved recognition may be on the horizon.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



This week you could find joy and inspiration by connecting with like-minded people, Aquarius. A collaborative project or a group event will be particularly successful.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, dedicate some time this week to new pursuits. You may be itching to try something new and this is the time to sign up for a class or get out and meet new people.

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Comedic actor Rogen
- Bits per inch
- Tire pressure measurement
- Angels great Mike
- Own (Scottish)
- Notable F1 racing team
- Upper bract of grass
- Tax collector
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Informal loan clubs
- Skeletal muscle
- Popular fish type
- Salts of acetic acid
- Arriving early
- Worded
- Single Lens Reflex
- Amphibians
- Warm greeting

- Belonging to a thing
- Segmented worm
- Concerns
- Audacious
- Wings
- Type of drug
- Wind chill formula scientist Charles
- Island close to the U.S.
- "To the __ degree"
- Daniel __, French composer
- A way to march
- Where golfers begin
- Spiritual leader
- Of she
- Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- Tall, slender-leaved plant

ADOPT A DOG WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

- ADOPTION
- ADULT

- APPLICATION BEHAVIOR BOND COMMITMENT

- COMPANION DONATION FOREVER HOME FOSTER

- KENNEL LOVING MICROCHIP NEUTER

- PUPPY RESCUE SCREENING SENIOR

- SHELTER SPAY TRAINING TRANSPORT VOLUNTEER



OCTOBER 2025

GRAPEVINE

ELECTION EDITION

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.

October 9, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
Regular County Council Meeting

October 23, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
County Council Workshop

October 27, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
Newly Elected Officials Orientation

October 30, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
Organizational Meeting followed by Regular County Council Meeting

**Smoky Lake County
Main and Public Works
Offices will be**

CLOSED

**October 13, 2025
for Thanksgiving**

For more Election information visit: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/election2025

Form 7 **Notice of Election and Requirements and Voter Identification**
Local Authorities Election Act
(Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: SMOKY LAKE COUNTY, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

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

Voting will take place on the 20th, day of October, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

Voting stations will be located at:

Division 1

Residents west of Range Road 130 Vilna Cultural Center 5431 - 50th Street, Vilna, AB	Residents east of Range Road 130 Spedden National Hall 5002 - 49th Street, Spedden, AB
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Division 2

Residents west of Range Road 142 Dickiebush Hall 58444 Range Rd 152, Smoky Lake County, AB	Residents east of Range Road 142 Stry 75th Anniversary Hall 13304 TWP RD 584, Smoky Lake County, AB
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Division 3

Residents west of Range Road 182 Warspite Community Hall 4913 - 51 Avenue, Warspite, AB	Residents east of Range Road 182 Ukrainian National Hall 107 Willow Creek Street, Smoky Lake, AB
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Division 4

Residents west of Range Road 160 Ukrainian National Hall 107 Willow Creek Street, Smoky Lake, AB	Residents east of Range Road 160 Bellis Ukrainian Recreational & Cultural Centre 4956 - 50th Street, Bellis, AB
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Division 5

Residents west of Range Road 190 Waskatenau Community Hall 5104 - 50th Street, Waskatenau, AB	Residents east of Range Road 190 Ukrainian National Hall 107 Willow Creek Street, Smoky Lake, AB
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In order to vote, you must produce for inspection one or more of the acceptable forms of identification required by section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act.

DATED at the County of Smoky Lake, in the Province of Alberta, this 23rd day of September, 2025.

Stephanie Mahon, Returning Officer

ADVANCE VOTE INFORMATION

For those who are unable to vote on Monday, October 20, 2025 an Advance Vote will be held:

Thursday, October 9, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Advance voting will be held at: Smoky Lake County Council Chambers (at the Smoky Lake County Administration Office)
4612 McDougall Drive
Smoky Lake, AB

Advance voting is open to all eligible voters in Smoky Lake County. Eligible voters are able to attend either advance voting station to cast their vote, no matter which division they live in.

This is different than Election day (October 20) where voters must attend a designated voting station based on the division that they live in.

Voter eligibility and identification requirements for the advance vote are the same as the requirements on Election day.

Main Office
Box 310
4612 McDougall Drive
Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

Public Works Shop
Box 310
5004-50 Street
Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

Toll Free 888-656-3730
Main Office 780-656-3730
Public Works Shop 780-656-3755



www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Thorhild County residents invited to Candidate Q&A Sessions

By Brandie Majeau

In attending and anticipation of the electoral question and answer events in Thorhild County, this notice serves as a reminder that the events scheduled for October 2, 6, 8, and 9 are organized by residents and various groups within the county.

Nominated candidates have been invited to participate; however, attendance by all candidates is not guaranteed. Due to scheduling conflicts or personal reasons, candidates may not be available to attend. This platform has been established as an open invitation for nominees and constituents to convene, creating connections and a better understanding of the individual campaigns of the nominees. However, these Q&A Events are not organized as a collective by the candidates themselves.

Residents of Thorhild County, as well as individuals from any municipality, are encouraged to stay informed about local engagements, both public and private, held by each candidate. Constituents are also invited to reach out to candidates to ask questions, share ideas, or voice concerns. It is crucial that voters are well-informed and actively engage with the nominated candidates in their respective divisions to ensure a comprehensive understanding of whom and what they are supporting during the election process. As a further reminder, the upcoming municipal election is on Monday, October 20, 2025.



Congratulations to Odyn Thorpe, named Black Belt of the Week in the Yobukan Karate Club's Junior Champions Class on September 23! Odyn showed excellent focus and dedication – keep up the great work!
Yobukan Karate Club photo

Notice of Election and Requirements for Voter Identification

Local Authorities Election Act
(Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: THE VILLAGE OF VILNA IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office	Number of Vacancies
COUNCILLOR	3

Advance Voting will take place on the **14th day of October, 2025**, between the hours of **1:00pm and 7:00pm** at:
Vilna Lodge – 5404 50 Street, Vilna AB

AND

Election Day voting will take place on the **20th day of October, 2025** between the hours of **10:00am and 8:00pm** at:
Village of Vilna Municipal Office – 5135 50 Street, Vilna AB

To vote, you must produce identification for inspection. The identification must be one or more of:

- one piece of Government-issued photo ID, including your full name, current address, and photo;
- one piece of identification authorized under the Election Act (s. 100(2)(b)) that establishes your name and current address of residence.
- other acceptable forms of identification as required by section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*

DATED at the Village of Vilna, in the Province of Alberta, this 10th day of October, 2025

Returning Officer: Loni Leslie, Village of Vilna



PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Permit Number: DP 040-25

Legal Land Description: PLAN 2153MC, LOT A (PT. NW 24-59-15-W4M)

Area: HIGHWAY 28 (SOUTHEAST OF BELLIS)

Division: 2

Land Use District: HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (C1) DISTRICT

Use Type: DISCRETIONARY USE

Proposed Development: LIQUOR SALES/DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

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 **Friday, October 17th, 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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(WEBCAST ITEMS STARTING AT APPROX 2:30 PM)

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 @ 2 PM LIVE ONSITE



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Election Day Polling Stations

OCTOBER 20
9:00AM to 8:00PM

<p>Division 1: Cattail Crossing Golf Course - 24427 Township Rd 542, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Fort-in-View Golf Course - 55028 Range Rd 230, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Namao Hall - 24400 AB-37, Namao</p> <p>Sturgeon Valley Golf Course - 25114 Sturgeon Rd, Sturgeon County</p>	<p>Division 2: Cardiff Hall - 55320 Range Rd 251, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Namao Hall - 24400 AB-37, Namao</p> <p>Sturgeon Valley Golf Course - 25114 Sturgeon Rd, Sturgeon County</p>
<p>Division 3: Calahoo Community Hall - #9, 54500 Range Rd 275, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Rivière Qui Barre Arena - #145A, 26500 Hwy 44, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Villeneuve Community Hall - 54200 Range Rd 265 #61, Sturgeon County</p>	<p>Division 4: Alcomdale Community Hall - 400 Union Avenue, Alcomdale</p> <p>Legal Club 60 Roses - 5215 46 Street, Legal</p> <p>Rivière Qui Barre Arena - #145A, 26500 Hwy 44, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Edmonton Garrison Curling Club - 298 Falaise Avenue, Lancaster Park</p>
<p>Division 5: Jewel Box - 4916 52 Street, Bon Accord</p> <p>Legal Club 60 Roses - 5215 46 Street, Legal</p>	<p>Division 6: Coronado Hall - 23108 Township Rd 570, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Edmonton Garrison Curling Club - 298 Falaise Avenue, Lancaster Park</p> <p>Gibbons Legion - 5027 50 Street, Gibbons</p> <p>Redwater & District Pioneer Club - 4916 50 Street, Redwater</p>

For more information visit
www.sturgeoncounty.ca/election

Or scan the QR code with
your mobile device.



NOTICE OF ELECTION and Requirements for Voter Identification

FORM 7 Local Authorities Election Act (Section 12, 35, 46, 53)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Sturgeon County, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

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

The Election will take place on the 20th day of October, 2025, between the hours of 9:00AM and 8:00PM. Voting stations will be located at:

<p>Division 1: Cattail Crossing Golf Course Fort-in-View Golf Course Namao Hall Sturgeon Valley Golf Course</p>	<p>Division 2: Cardiff Hall Namao Hall Sturgeon Valley Golf Course</p>
<p>Division 3: Calahoo Community Hall Rivière Qui Barre Arena Villeneuve Community Hall</p>	<p>Division 4: Alcomdale Community Hall Legal Club 60 Roses Rivière Qui Barre Arena Edmonton Garrison Curling Club</p>
<p>Division 5: Jewel Box Legal Club 60 Roses</p>	<p>Division 6: Coronado Hall Edmonton Garrison Curling Club Gibbons Legion Redwater & District Pioneer Club</p>

Requirements for Voter Identification (ID)

Proof of identity and current residence is required to vote in Municipal and School elections. Acceptable ID includes Canadian Government issued photo ID with name and address (Federal, Provincial or local). e.g. Operator/Driver's Licence or Govt. photo ID card (for non-drivers) as required by the Local Authorities Election Act. A complete list of voter requirements, acceptable identification and rules of residence are listed at sturgeoncounty.ca/election.

DATED at the Town of Morinville, in the Province of Alberta, this 24 day of September, 2025.

(Returning Officer, Melodie Steele)

sturgeoncounty.ca/Election



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client base, the Redwater Food Bank has much to be grateful for. New volunteers have begun to contribute on a regular basis, with Susan Krochter, the chairperson, highlighting the exceptional efforts of her lovingly dubbed "Susan's Elves," a team that assembles any-time the need arises but is also highly efficient on delivery days. This dedicated group can unload a commercial truck and have the items stocked within two hours. Over the past year, Alberta Food Banks based in Leduc has introduced a delivery program geared at enhancing product availability and improving warehouse efficiency for multiple local food banks. By establishing a monthly delivery route, the food banks can share delivery costs and access a broader array of products, reducing reliance on volunteers' time and personal vehicles for food item pickups.

The visual change in the Redwater Food Bank's environment is not just a shift in layout but includes better-stocked shelves. When inquired if this observation was a result of a temporary increase in donations, Susan and the accompanying volunteers explained that efforts to reduce waste and optimize inventory have led to inter-food bank trading. For instance, if the Redwater area has no newborn clients but Morinville does, they may exchange newborn diapers for more suitable sizes. This system ensures excess items are redistributed to meet varying community needs. Collaboration has also begun with the Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank, which, despite having a larger client base, occasionally offers surplus food from local grocery stores. Furthermore, the Redwater Food Bank has initiated contributions of surplus goods to the Veteran Food Banks in Edmonton. This cooperative approach emphasizes resource sharing and aims to meet the diverse needs of clients across different areas, promoting a more sustainable and efficient system, this method also reduces waste as near expired items can find a home before having to be tossed. None of these changes happened overnight but now that they are in place, the momentum continues to grow.

In light of the positive developments, discussions also addressed the challenges presented by individuals who may abuse the food bank system. Efforts are consistently in place to identify and mitigate such occurrences. Nevertheless, there are compelling narratives that motivate the Redwater Food Bank's dedication to serving the community. Susan recounted a story of a family of eight that utilized food bank services for several years; this family has since achieved stability and now returns monthly to donate the equivalent monthly value to what they received. Another individual now contributes \$75 per month in gratitude for everything Redwater Food Bank has done for him.

As the holiday season approaches, volunteers express their

appreciation for the "weird and wonderful" donations that generously emerge during this time, such as shrimp and seafood sauce, sardines, chocolates, specialty teas, and much more. While staple items like peanut butter, fruit, and individually portioned instant oatmeal for senior clients are always in demand, Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank values all thoughtfully donated items. When considering items for donation, it would be highly beneficial for the food bank to receive a diverse array of meat products. Currently, the typical meat products available include hamburger, chicken, and hot dogs, the addition of alternative meat options would be greatly appreciated.

Registration for the Christmas Hamper Campaign will run November 17 – December 5 with no exceptions outside of this timeframe. The food bank is also preparing for

an upcoming fundraising raffle, providing an opportunity to win a smoker, charcoal grill, or countertop oven. These prizes have been generously donated, and tickets will be available

at local businesses as well as during the annual Kris Kringle Mingle in Redwater. For additional information, please follow their Facebook page.



Redwater School's winners of the PE 10 "Salad Bowl" Flag Football Tournament proudly pose for the championship photos.

Redwater School photo

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Gold rush? A look into what's driving gold's relentless rally

Carol Kamel,
ATB ECONOMICS

Gold rush? A look into what's driving gold's relentless rally

Gold prices have surged to new heights, currently trading near US\$3,825 per ounce, up ~40% this year. Gold's current rally makes it one of the strongest-performing assets of the year, far outpacing equities like the S&P 500, which has gained about 14% over the same period. With such a remarkable run, the natural question - and the topic of today's Twenty-Four - is what's fueling this rally and what does it tell us about the broader state of the global economy?

Gold has always played a unique role in financial markets. It pays no interest, but is trusted in a way few assets are. Historically, its rallies have coincided with times of economic fragility or uncertainty: the inflation shock of the 1970s, the global financial crisis of 2007-2009, and the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. In those and similar moments, gold has functioned less as a commodity and more as a barometer of confidence in the global financial system.

The role gold plays today

While today's

backdrop bears similarities to past gold price rallies, today's prices reflect a convergence of forces: rising global debt levels, a weaker U.S. dollar, trade policy uncertainty, questions about the sustainability of fiscal policy, and an unusual dynamic where gold prices continue to rise despite higher Treasury yields. These factors together have encouraged both private investors and central banks to lean more heavily towards gold as a strategic reserve.

One of the most striking developments is that for the first time since 1996, gold represents a larger share of central banks' reserves than U.S. Treasuries*. Data from the International Monetary Fund's COFER database and the World Gold Council show that Treasuries, as a share of reserves, have steadily declined in recent years. Several forces are at play. Central banks in emerging markets, particularly China and Russia, have been motivated to diversify away from Treasuries in response to sanctions risk and geopolitical fragmentation. For others, it's about insulation: in a world where fiscal trajectories look more uncer-

tain, holding gold is a way to hedge against a myriad of possibilities. This shift does not signal an abandonment of the U.S. dollar, which remains the dominant reserve currency, but it does mark a subtle rebalancing in how countries manage their financial security.

A softer dollar and bond market jitters

Another catalyst supporting gold is the U.S. dollar. The Dollar Index, which tracks the currency against its major peers, is down around 10% this year. A weaker U.S. dollar tends to support gold, which is priced in U.S. dollars and becomes more affordable for international buyers. Today the U.S. faces a persistent deficit, rising interest payments now exceeding a trillion dollars annually, and uncertainty surrounding trade and tariff policy.

Bond markets add another dimension. Yields on longer-dated Treasuries remain elevated, a level that would normally deter gold buying since as a non-interest bearing asset, investors could earn higher returns by buying Treasuries. Yet, the demand for gold keeps rising. Recent treasury auctions have shown softer demand, with yields

clearing slightly higher than anticipated (higher rates at auctions signal softer demand, as the Treasury has to entice investors to buy U.S. debt). While not alarming in isolation, the pattern suggests investors may be more cautious about absorbing recent issuances, especially at a time when fiscal deficits show no signs of narrowing.

The takeaway is not that the U.S. dollar is in imminent decline or that Treasuries have lost their place at the core of the financial system. Both remain dominant. But gold's ascent highlights a subtle recalibration: confidence in these traditional pillars is being re-examined. With global debt sitting at 235% of global GDP, fiscal paths increasingly uncertain, and central banks diversifying their reserves, gold's role has seemingly shifted from a cyclical hedge to structural safeguard. Its rally is less about the metal itself and more about what it reflects.

*Central banks hold reserves - a mix of foreign currencies, government bonds (primarily U.S. Treasuries and dollars), and sometimes gold, as insurance to stabilize their currencies and economies.

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NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

**For a 90' Self-Support Communication Tower
Constructed at: Supernet POP at the back of the land
on 5103 50th Street, Wasketanau, AB**

There will be a Town Hall meeting held on September 29, 2025, from 6:00PM to 7:00 PM, at The Wasketanau Seniors Centre, located at 5152-50St, Wasketanau, AB, TOA 3P0 where any interested residents are invited to learn more about the proposed construction and ask any questions they may have. Residents will also have a 30-day period, beginning on September 17, 2025, and ending on October 17, 2025, during which any questions or concerns can be sent to jay@3cis.com. All inquiries will be responded to within 2 business days.

AVIS DE CONSTRUCTION

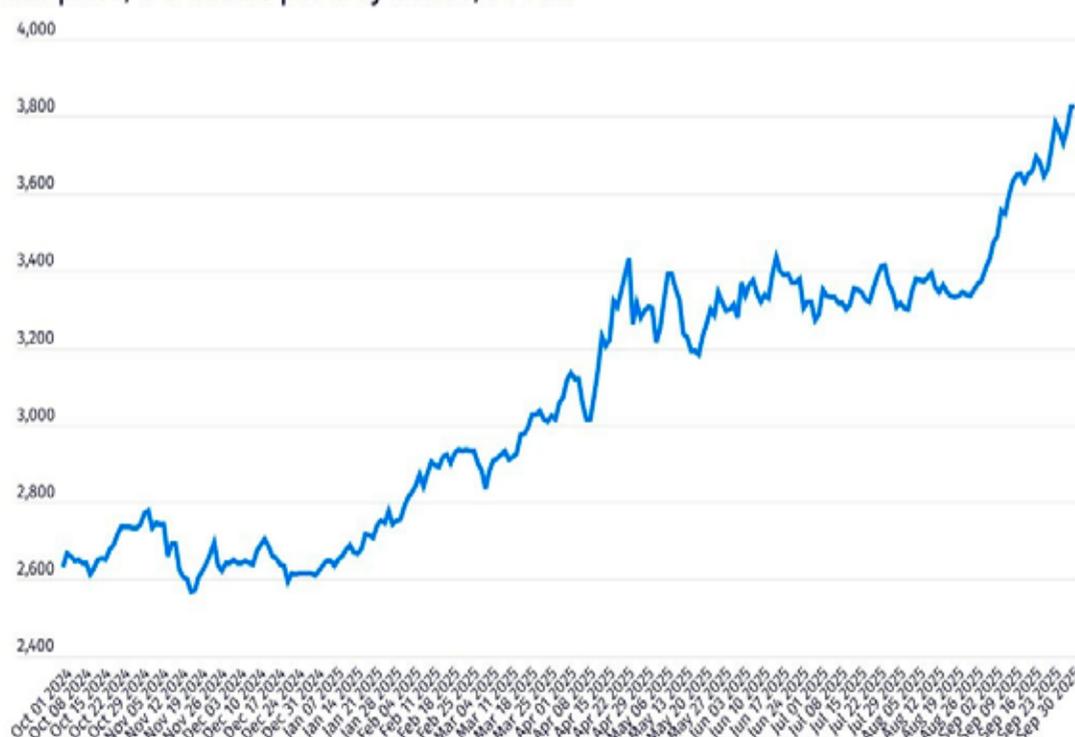
**De tour de communication autoportante de 90 pieds
Construite à: Supernet POP à l'arrière du terrain situé
au 5103, 50e Rue, Wasketanau (AB)**

Une assemblée publique aura lieu le 29 septembre 2025, de 18 h 00 à 19 h 00, au Centre des aînés de Wasketanau, situé au 5152, 50e Rue, Wasketanau (AB), TOA 3P0. Tous les résidents intéressés sont invités à venir en apprendre davantage sur le projet de construction proposé et à poser leurs questions. Les résidents disposeront également d'une période de 30 jours, débutant le 17 septembre 2025 et se terminant le 17 octobre 2025, pour transmettre toute question ou préoccupation à l'adresse suivante: jay@3cis.com. Toutes les demandes recevront une réponse dans un délai de deux jours ouvrables.

London gold bullion

Cash price, US dollars per troy ounce, PM fix

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Source: Wall Street Journal/Haver Analytics and ATB Economics

Can you access affordable dental care without dental insurance?

(NC) Dental insurance is often seen as an important perk of a “good” job, but not everyone has access, even if they’re working hard.

But just because you don’t have dental insurance doesn’t mean you can’t get access to affordable dental care. There are options available, like the Canadian Dental Care Plan, which is now available for all eligible Canadian residents with an adjusted family net income below \$90,000, and no access to dental insurance.

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- You’re a Canadian resident for tax purposes.
- You filed your tax returns in Canada for the previous year. If you have a spouse or common-law partner, they also need to have filed their tax return.

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- You and your oral health provider agree to services that aren’t covered by the plan.

How long does the plan last? You can get coverage for as long as you’re eligible, but you do have to renew every year, online or by phone, by calling 1-833-537-4342. If your adjusted family net income changes, you may see a change in your co-payment.

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Aspen View

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
 LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT (SECTIONS 12,35,46,53)
 FOR THE ASPEN VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following office:

Office	Number of Vacancies	Electoral Subdivision
Aspen View South Central Trustee	1	Ward 5

Voting will take place on the 20th day of October, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Voting stations will be located at:

- For electors resident of Aspen View South Central within Smoky Lake County:**
 - Ukrainian National Hall, 107 Willow Creek Street, Smoky Lake, Alberta, OR
 - Warspite Community Hall, 4913 51st Avenue, Warspite, Alberta OR
 - Waskatenau Community Hall, 5104 50th Street, Waskatenau, Alberta
- For electors resident of Aspen View South Central within the Town of Smoky Lake:**
 - Ortona Drop-In Centre, 124 White Earth Street, Smoky Lake, Alberta
- For electors resident of Aspen View South Central within Thorhild County:**
 - Newbrook Community Hall, 4801 50th Street, Newbrook, Alberta OR
 - Radway Agri Centre, 5108 51st Street, Radway, Alberta OR
 - Thorhild & District Community Hall, 11 - 7th Avenue, Thorhild, Alberta

In order to vote, electors must produce for inspection one or more of the acceptable forms of identification required by section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act.

Electors must complete a statement in the prescribed Form 13 - Elector Register to confirm their eligibility to vote.

Dated at the Town of Athabasca in the Province of Alberta, this 25th day of September, 2025.

Amber Oko
Returning Officer

Engage Learning. Ignite Potential. Inspire Success.



Notice of Election

Local Authorities Elections Act Notice of Election 35, 46, 53, 74

The Sturgeon Public School Division

Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the following wards: 1,2,4,5 and 7. There is one vacancy in each ward and voting will take place on **October 20, 2025**.

Advanced Voting Station Information

Residents of a Town:

WARD	ADVANCED VOTING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION	
WARD 1 (REDWATER)	October 15 – 4:00PM - 8:00PM	Pembina Place, Redwater
WARD 2 (BON ACCORD /LEGAL)	Town of Legal: October 8 – 5:30PM - 9:00PM	Legal Town Office
	Town of Bon Accord: October 11 – 9:00AM - 3:00PM October 16 – 4:00PM - 8:00PM October 18 – 9:00AM - 3:00PM	Morinville Community Cultural Centre (Hall B)
	October 11 – 9:00AM - 3:00PM October 16 – 4:00PM - 8:00PM October 18 – 9:00AM - 3:00PM	Morinville Community Cultural Centre
WARD 5 (MORINVILLE)	October 11 – 9:00AM - 3:00PM October 16 – 4:00PM - 8:00PM October 18 – 9:00AM - 3:00PM	Morinville Community Cultural Centre
WARD 7 (GIBBONS)	October 11 – 9:00AM - 1:00PM October 16 – 3:00PM - 8:00PM October 18 – 9:00AM - 3:00PM	Gibbons Town Office

Residents of Sturgeon County:

WARD	ADVANCED VOTING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION	
WARD 1, 2, 4, 7	October 11 – 9:00AM - 3:00PM October 16 – 4:00PM - 8:00PM October 18 – 9:00AM - 3:00PM	Morinville Community Cultural Centre

Requirements for Voter Identification

In order to vote, you must present one or more of the acceptable forms of identification outlined in section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act.

For details on ID requirements, please visit your Town's or County's website.

Additional information about the 2025 Trustee Elections is available on the Sturgeon Public School Division website: (<https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/board/trustee-elections-2025>).



Election Day Voting Station Information

Residents of a Town:

WARD	ELECTION DAY NOTICE, TIME AND LOCATION	
WARD 1 (REDWATER)	10:00AM - 8:00PM	Pembina Place, Redwater
WARD 2 (BON ACCORD/LEGAL)	Town of Legal: 9:00AM - 8:00PM	Legal Club 60 Roses
	Town of Bon Accord: 9:00AM - 8:00PM	Jewel Box, Bon Accord
WARD 5 (MORINVILLE)	8:00AM - 8:00PM	Morinville Community Cultural Centre
WARD 7 (GIBBONS)	10:00AM - 8:00PM	Gibbons Cultural Centre

Residents of Sturgeon County:

You must attend the voting station where you reside within Sturgeon County's Divisions, the applicable School Division Ward ballot will be provided. Scan the QR Code to view Sturgeon County's Division Map.



COUNTY DIVISION	ELECTION DAY NOTICE, TIME AND LOCATION	
DIVISION 1	9:00AM - 8:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cattail Crossing Golf Course • Namao Hall • Fort-in-View Golf Course • Sturgeon Valley Golf Course
DIVISION 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiff Hall • Namao Hall • Sturgeon Valley Golf Course
DIVISION 3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calahoo Community Hall • Rivière Qui Barre Arena • Villeneuve Community Hall
DIVISION 5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewel Box, Bon Accord • Legal Club 60 Roses
DIVISION 6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronado Hall • Gibbons Legion • Redwater Pioneer Club • Edmonton Garrison Curling Club

Stay safe at home with these fire prevention tips

(NC) As temperatures drop and we spend more time indoors, it's a good time to give your home a fire safety check. Fall and winter bring added risks like candles, cooking and twinkling holiday lights. But with a few simple precautions, you can help protect your home and the people in it.

Fire safety starts with prevention

- Keep a close eye when you're cooking. Most house fires start in the kitchen, so don't leave the stove unattended, and keep anything flammable, like tea towels or packaging, away from heat.
- Clean out the dryer lint trap every time you use it.
- If you use a fireplace or a wood stove, book a chimney cleaning and inspection every fall before heating season. Stick to safe-burning materials like seasoned wood and never toss in cardboard or household garbage.
- Tidy up the space around your home: keep firewood and dry leaves away from the house, and ensure your barbecue is clean and grease-free, even the in the off season.
- Replace any damaged strings of holiday lights before decorating and be sure to turn them off before leaving the house or going to bed.

Make sure your alarms and tools are ready

- Test your smoke alarms once a month to make sure they're working properly. You should have one in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.

- Once a year, be sure to replace batteries in smoke alarms not wired into the home and check the expiration date on the alarm. Expired units should be replaced.
- If you have gas appliances or a wood-burning fireplace, consider adding a carbon monoxide detector too. It's an extra layer of safety you'll be glad to have.
- Read your fire extinguisher's instructions carefully and keep it in a place that's easy to reach and close to an exit.
- Plan and practise your escape
- If the worst happens and you experience a fire in your home, make sure you have a plan in place for a safe escape. Your home escape plan should meet the needs of everyone in your household, including young kids, older adults and anyone with mobility or sensory needs.
- Know two ways out of every room if possible, and make sure doors and windows open easily. Consider a window

ladder for second floor bedrooms—they're portable and can be easily stored in case of emergencies.

- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
 - Practise your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household. Make sure any guests are aware of your fire plan.
- A few small steps now can make a big difference in an emergency. For more fire safety tips, visit cooperators.ca.



LIMITED INVITATION TO TENDER

Lease of Municipally-Owned Properties

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY extends an invitation to tender for lease the following Municipally-Owned Properties in accordance with Policy Statement No. 13-01:

Tender #	Legal Description of Property	Size of Property
1	PT. NE-30-59-14-W4M	+/- 55 acres (22.25 hectares)

Sealed bids for the leasing of Municipal Owned Lands are to be submitted to:

Smoky Lake County

ATTN: Planning and Development Department

P.O. Box 310

4612 McDougall Drive

Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0

by to 4:00:00 P.M. on OCTOBER 10, 2025.

Bids will not be accepted after this time.

Bids are to be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Surface Lease Tender" with the tender number clearly indicated on the outside of the tender bid envelope.

Municipal Land Surface Lease Agreement: The successful bidder shall enter into a Surface Lease Agreement with the County pursuant to Policy No. 13-01.

Terms of Lease: The term of the Municipal Land Surface Lease shall be for a twenty-five (25) year term:

Taxes: The Leaseholder will be issued an annual tax notice for the municipally-owned property leased and will be responsible to pay the taxes directly to the Smoky Lake County.

Smoky Lake County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. The County reserves the right to accept a bid other than the highest with stated reasons. By the act of submitting its bid, the bidder waives any right to contest in any proceedings or action, the right of the County to award a lease to any party in its sole discretion.

ALL BIDS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Legal name, address and contact information (phone number and email whenever possible) of the bidder;
- Legal land description of municipally-owned property the bidder wishes to lease;
- Bid amount;
- Purpose of intended use(s) or activity relating to the municipally-owned property;
- Date and authorized signature of the bidder.

Canada Post presents new contract offer to postal workers amid second strike in a year

In a bid to resolve the ongoing labor dispute, Canada Post has tabled a fresh contract proposal to the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) on October 3, marking a potential turning point in the escalating standoff that has disrupted mail and parcel services across the country.

The new offer, details of which were not immediately disclosed, comes as CUPW members enter the second nationwide strike within the past 12 months. The current action, which began earlier this week, follows a similar walkout last fall that lasted several weeks and cost the postal service millions in lost revenue while delaying critical deliveries for businesses and households.

CUPW, representing over 50,000 letter carriers, mail handlers, and other employees, has cited unresolved issues around wages, working conditions, and job security as the primary drivers of the dispute.

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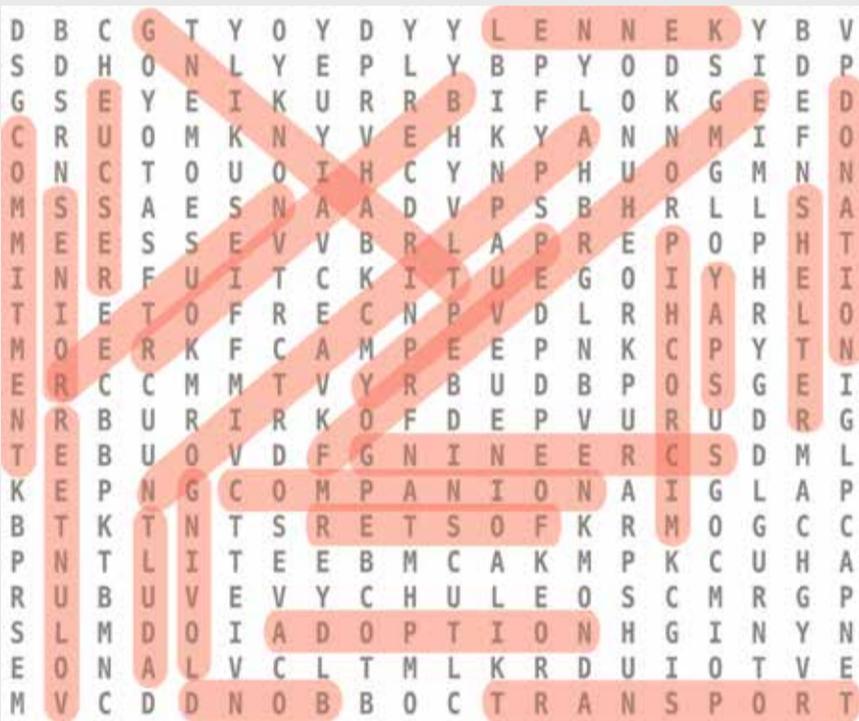
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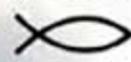
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