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Aging gracefully comes with a positive attitude

By **Brandie Majeau**

Doris Sauchuk is a remarkable woman whose energetic spirit and unwavering optimism have touched everyone who knows her. Throughout her life, Doris dedicated herself to farming, raising a family, and generously volunteering with organizations such as the Victoria Trail Agricultural Society, local drop-in centres, and numerous community groups. On January 26, 2026, Doris celebrated her 102nd birthday.

Doris was born in 1924 to Wasyl and Wasylena Purych of Smoky Lake, the third eldest in a family of sixteen children. She attended school through grade nine, considered sufficient at the time, before marrying

Fred Sauchuk in 1942 and settling in the Weasel Creek area. Together, they farmed until 1978 and built a loving family, welcoming four children, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three step-granddaughters. Doris and Fred shared 64 devoted years of marriage before his passing.

When asked about the secret to their long and happy marriage, Doris laughed and shared that “time just went by so quickly”, and there was always something to do. She fondly recalled the countless bus tours (lots of bus tours!) her and Fred enjoyed, traveling across provinces and even venturing as far as Reno. Though she tried

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Doris Sauchuk turned 102 on January 26, 2026. She was third oldest in her family of 16 and her only sibling who she has not lost is her 81-year-old sister, the third youngest of all the siblings.

Why small businesses still matter in Redwater in 2026



By **Shelley Winger**

Even in 2026, small businesses remain the heartbeat of towns like Redwater, Alberta. While

big-box stores and online shopping dominate larger cities, it's the local shops, restaurants, and services that keep Redwater running smoothly and give the community its unique character.

Redwater Home Hardware is more than just a place to buy tools and supplies. Locals

rely on it for advice on home repairs and gardening, as well as for practical solutions to everyday

problems. The personal relationships built between staff and customers help make the town feel welcoming and connected.

IGA Redwater plays a similar role, providing fresh food and household essentials while also supporting local producers. By stocking products from nearby



farms and suppliers, the store strengthens ties within the community. Its friendly service

and convenient offerings make it an important part of daily life for residents.

Other small businesses, like Sue's Teas & Treasures, contribute to Redwater's unique character by offering gifts, specialty teas, and artisan products not found in larger

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SCHOOL NEWS



(top photo) Congratulations to all Vilna School Grade 3-4 students who participated in the Remembrance Day Poster Contest! First place- Zepher Zelasek. Congratulations! Self-discipline and hard work pay off!

(bottom photo) Zepher Zelase proudly holds his first-place award on January 20 after winning the Vilna School Grade 3-4 Remembrance Day Poster Contest. Congratulations to all participating students—self-discipline and hard work truly pay off. **Vilna School photos**



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 flying twice, Doris decided it was not for her and their true enjoyment was found on the road, exploring new places alongside her husband.

At age 95, Doris was still active and independent, baking bread and caring for her

home. But that year was when she decided it was time to leave the farm and, as she described, "become a woman of leisure" at Thorhild Senior's Home. Doris attributes her happiness to a positive mindset, determination, and focusing on her own journey in life. "It's all

about making up your mind and being positive...and mind your own business and all that." She continues to do her own laundry and values her independence deeply. Always striving to remain engaged and organized, Doris humorously suggests that perhaps there is

something special in the Weasel Creek area too, where four other people she has known have also reached the milestone of 100 years.

Whether her longevity is due to genetics, lifestyle, or a blend of both, Doris's stories of her family, gardening, and travels highlight the many

joys she has experienced. When asked what has brought her the greatest happiness after seeing 102 years pass by, Doris's eyes light up with unmistakable warmth and her face softens as she says, "grandchildren." A century of life, a reflection of hardships and struggles, and all

that fades away as she shared story after story about her children and their children and a fulfillment of love and connection that they all have brought her. Doris looks forward with hope and anticipation to celebrating her grandchildren's upcoming achievements next year.

Canadian Cancer Society encourages dry January and Ski 50 to raise funds and awareness



By Brandie Majeau

Annually, the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) invites Canadians to join two fundraising and awareness campaigns...Dry January and Ski 50. Both campaigns aim to promote healthier lifestyles while raising critical funds to support cancer research and services.

Dry January encourages individuals to go alcohol-free for the entire month. The campaign serves a dual purpose, raising awareness about the established link between alcohol consumption and increased cancer risk, and encouraging individuals to adopt healthier habits. Participants are invited to register on the CCS website, publicly commit to 31 days without alcohol,

and share their personal journeys online. By gathering donations or pledges from friends, family, and colleagues, they help fund CCS's vital research, advocacy, and support programs for Canadians affected by cancer.

For those who prefer hitting the slopes, Ski 50 offers a different kind of challenge. This winter-themed campaign invites participants to ski or snowboard a total of 50 kilometers (or an equivalent distance) over a set period. Like Dry January, Ski 50 combines personal achievement with philanthropy where those who sign up solicit sponsorships for their efforts, with all proceeds supporting the Canadian Cancer Society's mission. By inviting winter sports enthusiasts to take part,

Ski 50 also encourages and promotes physical activity in months when an individual's activity may become more stagnant. Funds raised through both campaigns help CCS invest in life-saving

research and provide vital support services to individuals and families affected by cancer across the country.

Both Dry January and Ski 50 illustrate the Canadian Cancer Society's commitment to combining personal health goals with collective action. By signing up (and completing the task), Canadians can challenge themselves, encourage conversation about cancer prevention, and contribute to a future of reduced cancer risks and more lives lived to the fullest.

Doug Kane, Director of Independent Fundraising at the Canadian Cancer Society

remarked on both campaigns, "Making a commitment to go alcohol-free for the month of January while raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society is a great way for you to support the cause and raise awareness about the long-term health risks associated with drinking alcohol among your friends and family. And increasingly, our supporters have told us they want more opportunities to take on meaningful challenges that encourage healthy living and build a sense of community throughout the year. That's why we continue to introduce

new and engaging ways for Canadians to get involved, like our 50km Ski Challenge starting in February, which brings people with a love for the winter sport together to stay active while raising money to advance cancer research and fund support programs. People can find all active social media fundraising challenges at cancer.ca."

For more information or to register for either campaign, visit the Canadian Cancer Society's website. And if anyone missed Dry January, nothing stops a person from trying out a Dry February or March.



Members of Redwater Minor Hockey's U9 team pose with coaches and volunteers at the arena following a successful home tournament held the January 17-18 weekend, made possible through generous community support. **Redwater Minor Hockey photo**



Stay Free Alberta petition signing held in Egremont

By Brandie Majeau

On January 17, 2026 Egremont Community Hall was one of several locations around Alberta where Alberta residents could sign the Stay Free Alberta-Alberta independence referendum petition in person. With approximately 500-600 people stopping by between 9am - 6pm the line moved quickly as individuals were eager to sign and show their support.

The two canvassers in Egremont worked steadily throughout the day until about 5pm when they ran out of Elections Alberta forms.

As January 2026 has progressed, the topic of an Alberta separation referendum remains a significant and contentious issue in Canadian politics. The idea of Alberta potentially separating from Canada, often referred to as "Albertan independence" or "Wexit," has periodically

gained traction, especially during periods of economic strain or political disagreement between Alberta and the federal government. Recent political developments at the federal level, particularly around resource management, environmental regulations, individual rights and fiscal equalization payments, have reignited debates about Alberta's place in Confederation. Some Albertans feel that federal policies do not adequately

reflect the province's economic interests, especially regarding the oil and gas sector.

While there have been ongoing calls over the years from some political groups and activists for a formal referendum on separation, the Alberta government had not officially set a date for such a vote. However, the topic remains prominent in provincial political discourse, therefore, groups such as Stay Free Alberta has been

heading the petition for the referendum question on whether Alberta should separate from Canada. Polls in late 2025 and early 2026 indicate that while frustration with Ottawa is high, support for outright separation is divided. Many Albertans express a desire for greater provincial autonomy rather than full independence. Economic uncertainty, concerns about international relations, and questions about the legal and logistical feasibility of separation temper support for a referendum.

A separation referendum would face significant legal hurdles. Under Canadian law, a province cannot unilaterally declare independence. The Supreme Court's Clarity Act outlines the need for a clear referendum question and a strong majority in favor before any negotiations could begin. The key points of debate would have to include economic implications, with supporters arguing that separation would give Alberta more control over its resources and finances, while opponents warn of potential economic instability and trade disruptions. The referendum debate is closely tied to broader dissatisfaction with federal policies and a push for more provincial powers. The discussion also has national implications, as it raises questions about the stability of Canadian Confederation and could influence similar sentiments in other provinces.

The issue remains a focal point of political discussion. The debate reflects deep-seated frustrations over federal-provincial relations, economic policy, and regional identity. Whether these discussions will result in an actual referendum depends on shifting political dynamics, public opinion, and the willingness of provincial leaders to pursue such a path.

There is a growing number of petition signing events scheduled throughout Alberta. Canvassers remind anyone coming out to sign to bring proper identification. Alberta residents are required to produce valid I.D such as a driver's license and documentation that proves Alberta residency. This can be a utility bill, rental agreement, mortgage paperwork, etc. A canvasser at the Egremont signing event explained, "Elections Alberta rules for signatures for this petition is very specific." So Albertans are urged to be prepared before arriving. Further information can be found at stay-freealberta.ca.

The long lineups at petition sites may speak louder than the signatures themselves. Many people calmly reported they didn't mind longer waiting times to sign, an unmistakable reflection of a demographic that feels unheard, is striving to be recognized, and is demanding change.



Photos by StayFreeAlberta.com



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW 09-2025

NOTICE THAT in accordance with sections 22 and 606 of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of Thorhild County is giving consideration to a Road Closure Bylaw.

This Bylaw will allow for the creation of 14 individual titled lots that currently contain the existing Long Lake Block Wells at the residential cul-de-sacs of the Hamlet of Long Lake in Thorhild County. These Block Well lots are described in Schedules "A" to "N" of Bylaw 09-2025. These proposed lot areas are currently within existing Road Plan 5818KS, Long Lake. The creation of these lots will not adversely affect vehicular traffic or the existing carriageway or use of the road right of way of Road Plan 5818KS.

Due to the number of Schedules being "A" to "N" – 14 in total, these schedules can be viewed in the County's website and specifically found under www.shorturl.at/aPeZ3 for reference. If you are unable to access these schedules through the website, you may reach Planning Clerk Jeannette Cholach for assistance at jeannette.cholach@thorhildcounty.com.

**The Public Hearing will be held both in-person and via zoom (audio only) on:
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Thorhild County Council Chambers (801 – 1st Street, Thorhild)**

Important Information

- All speakers will be given a 10-minute time limit and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission in advance of the Public Hearing.
- If you intend on participating in person, you are encouraged to pre-register.
- If you wish to speak at the Public Hearing via Zoom, you are asked to register by Friday, February 6, 2026. This is to ensure that zoom participants receive instructions to access the hearing.
- If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, you may make a written submission. Your name, address, legal land location and the bylaw number must be included in your submission.
- To register, submit a written submission or have issues connecting to Teams Meeting, contact the Planning Clerk at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2823 or email: jeannette.cholach@thorhildcounty.com.
- The proposed Bylaw may be viewed at the County Office and is available on the Thorhild County website: <https://www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings>.
- Persons wishing to attend the Public Hearing are invited to attend in person or Teams Meeting through the County website at: <https://www.thorhildcounty.com/Government/Council/Council-Meetings>.
- If you have any questions or inquiries pertaining to this Public Hearing, contact David Blades, Manager of Planning and Development at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825 or e-mail David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com.

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



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 chain stores. These shops create experiences that encourage residents to explore the town and support its economy.

Kicks Saloon Bar & Restaurant adds another

layer to Redwater's community life. As a local gathering spot, it not only serves food and drinks but also acts as a place where residents connect, celebrate, and share experiences. Businesses like Kicks demonstrate

that small-town establishments often serve multiple roles, blending commerce with social and cultural life.

Small businesses in Redwater are also adapting to the modern world. Many use social media to

promote events and sales, while some offer flexible hours, curbside pickup, or collaboration with neighboring businesses for community events. These strategies help keep them relevant and accessible to residents.

Supporting Redwater's small businesses isn't just about shopping locally—it's about sustaining the town itself. Each purchase helps owners thrive, creates jobs, and encourages entrepreneurship in the community. Even in a digital era, the personal touch of these businesses remain irreplaceable.

By choosing to support them, residents ensure that Redwater stays more than just a place to live—it remains a vibrant, connected community with a strong sense of home.

**Smoky Lake County
 NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING
 on Proposed Bylaw #1496-26**



TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, the Council of Smoky Lake County is giving consideration of Bylaw #1496-26: A Bylaw to close and dispose of portions of Government Road Allowance.

A Statutory Public Hearing will be held in relation to Bylaw 1496-26, both in-person and via videoconference on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) at: Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0 or online: <https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/219324220> Meeting ID: 219324220 or via phone: 1-844-511-2074

In-person Speakers:

If you intend on participating in person, you are encouraged to pre-register for the Public Hearing by contacting Chyenne Shaw at 780-656-3730.

Speakers participating through Telus Business Connect videoconference:

If you wish to speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you are asked to register **24 hours prior** to the opening of the Public Hearing by contacting Chyenne Shaw at 780-656-3730. This is to ensure that virtual participants receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Requirements for all Speakers:

All speakers will be given a 10-minute time limit and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission in advance of the Public Hearing.

Written Submissions:

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a written submission to Legislative Services by email at cshaw@smokylakecounty.ab.ca.

Persons wishing to view the Bylaw and/or the Public Hearing are invited to attend in person or view the Meeting at the County website at <http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca> or view the Bylaw <https://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/notices>

Questions? Contact:

Jordan Ruegg Director of Planning and Community Services,
 Smoky Lake County at 780-650-5207 / jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the Public Hearing, or otherwise made public. This information is collected in line with section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions, please contact the Smoky Lake County Access and Privacy Officer at 4612 McDougall Drive Box 310, Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0, 780-656-3730, or county@smokylakecounty.ab.ca.



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- Traffic stop was conducted with a vehicle, driver could not provide valid insurance and registration, tickets issued and vehicle towed.
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Understanding robotics starts early



Photos courtesy of H.A.Kostash

By Brandie Majeau

Why did the student love the robotics educational program? Because it really helped them get their circuits together! But all jokes aside, the H.A.Kostash students are all geared up to explore the fascinating world of coding and robotics. Robotics

programs are becoming increasingly popular in schools, and for good reason. These programs provide students with invaluable hands-on learning experiences that encourage critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving abilities. Through participation in robotics, students

gain exposure to essential concepts in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), making these subjects more engaging and approachable.

At H.A.Kostash, students work collaboratively in teams to design, build, and

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Dinners to “flip” for

By Brandie Majeau

The Radway Agricultural Society, along with many other local community organizations, are set to host their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers, inviting residents from across the area to join in this tradition. Taking place on the eve of Ash Wednesday, the event

marks the beginning of Lent and celebrates a centuries-old custom observed by communities around the world. Shrove Tuesday, more commonly known as Pancake Day, has roots in the Old English word "shrive," which means to confess one's sins and receive absolution before the Lenten season of fasting and

reflection.

Lent, traditionally a 40-day period of fasting and self-discipline for Christians, involves abstaining from indulgent foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar. Shrove Tuesday offered an opportunity to use up these ingredients in a celebratory meal before the solemnity of Lent commenced.

Pancakes, with their simple recipe of eggs, milk, and flour, used up these ingredients and became the centerpiece of this feast, giving rise to the pancake supper tradition that continues to this day.

The tradition of hosting pancake suppers has been embraced by churches, service clubs, and community groups all over. These gatherings bring people together for a delicious meal and a collective

celebration within the community. For many organizations, Shrove Tuesday suppers are a valuable opportunity to raise funds for ongoing projects or to support local causes, ensuring that the spirit of generosity is as central to the event as the pancakes themselves.

With the coming of Shrove Tuesday, community halls and church basements will be filled with the aroma of fresh pancakes

and the sound of laughter and conversation. Whether you attend for religious customs, the food, the fellowship, or to support a good cause, the annual pancake supper is a special event that brings warmth to the final days of winter. Everyone is encouraged to consult local community calendars and social media pages to find a Shrove Tuesday supper and join in the celebration.



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 program robots, taking on challenges that require communication, perseverance, and innovation. This collaborative process builds technical knowledge and important life skills, such as teamwork and adaptability. As students strive to complete tasks and solve problems, they learn to overcome setbacks and celebrate their successes together.

Robotics education can also ignite a passion for technology

and engineering, encouraging students to consider future careers in these fields. Early exposure to robotics helps students understand the relevance of STEM in everyday life and prepares them for a world where technology plays a crucial role. Schools that integrate robotics into their curriculum recognize that the benefits go far beyond academic achievement—they are preparing students for the demands of a fast-changing, technology-driven society.

H.A.Kostash Grade 1 and Robotics teacher, Lisa Melnyk explains why robotics is offered even in elementary grades, “Early exposure to coding helps students build critical thinking, problem-solving, and logical and reasoning skills from a young age. Using play-based, hands-on activities, students gain confidence with technology and learn that trying, adjusting, and making mistakes are part of learning. This strong foundation prepares them for robotics and coding in

later grades and supports learning across all subjects. This early exposure is division wide in Aspen View.”
 By embracing robotics, H.A.Kostash is helping their students develop practical skills that will serve them throughout their lives, both inside and outside the classroom. The excitement and engagement generated by these programs demonstrate the value of innovative educational approaches that connect learning with real-world applications.



The Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club hosted a successful mid-year fundraiser on January 17, welcoming approximately 275 community members, dancers, and families for an evening celebrating Ukrainian culture and community spirit. The event featured a delicious perogy supper that was enjoyed by all in attendance, followed by an energetic performance by TUDC dancers that highlighted their dedication, skill, and pride in Ukrainian dance. The evening concluded with a family dance, inviting guests of all ages onto the dance floor and creating a warm, festive atmosphere. Funds raised through the event will support the club's ongoing programs and activities.



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Notice of application to be filed for approval to amend franchise fee for Town of Redwater and FortisAlberta Inc.

Application summary

FortisAlberta Inc. will file an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission, requesting acknowledgement of the new franchise fee of 12 per cent for the Town of Redwater.

The current franchise fee of 10 per cent will change to 12 per cent, effective **April 1, 2026**. The franchise fee percentage is applied to the distribution tariff, typically consisting of both distribution and transmission charges. Based on the typical monthly consumption of 625 kilowatt hours, the average monthly franchise fee paid by an average residential customer is expected to increase by \$1.18.

The franchise fee is charged in accordance with the franchise agreement between the Town of Redwater and FortisAlberta Inc., approved by the Commission in Decision 2013-183.

You may send your objections, concerns about, or support for the application in writing to FortisAlberta or the Town of Redwater on or before **February 4, 2026** at:

FortisAlberta Inc.

Ms. Jennifer MacGowan, Director, Stakeholder Engagement
 320 17 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2S 2V1
 email: stakeholderrelations@fortisalberta.com

Town of Redwater

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

For more information

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

For a paper copy of the franchise agreement, please contact either the applicant or the municipality at: FortisAlberta Inc.

Ms. Jennifer MacGowan, Director, Stakeholder Engagement

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Alx - Thorhild Central School



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Irene Stromecky will always be remembered and never forgotten. She will be deeply missed by her loving husband, Tony, and her best friends, Terry and Cyril. Irene was dearly loved by the town of Redwater, where her kindness and presence touched many lives.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring, with details to follow.




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Employment Opportunity – Public Works Working Foreman

The Town of Smoky Lake is seeking a hands-on and organized Public Works Working Foreman to lead daily operations of the Public Works Department. Reporting to the CAO, this role supervises staff, coordinates maintenance, and supports municipal services including roads, water and wastewater systems, gas systems, parks, fleet, and facilities. The ideal candidate will have strong leadership skills, experience operating heavy equipment, and a commitment to safety, teamwork, and service excellence. Municipal experience and utility certifications are considered assets.

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Homemade chicken soup is ideal for cold and flu season

Cold and flu season arrives each year. Though there might be little people can do to avoid catching a cold or coming down with the flu, certain approaches can make it easier to get through a bout with either illness. Flu vaccinations have been found to lessen the severity of infection with the influenza virus, while rest and plenty of fluids can help reduce the length of time a cold puts people out of commission.

Knowing what to eat when combatting a cold and the flu also can help people treat each virus. Chicken soup has long been a go-to when fighting a cold, and this recipe for "Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup" from Lines+Angles makes a worthy addition to anyone's cold- and flu-fighting culinary repertoire.

Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup Makes 8 servings

- 1 3 1/2-pound whole chicken
- 10 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 8 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 6 stalks celery, trimmed and sliced
- 3 onions, peeled and sliced
- 2 cloves of garlic, peeled and minced
- 8 sprigs fresh parsley
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly cracked black pepper, to taste
- 12 ounces wide egg noodles

For the chicken stock:

1. **Rinse the chicken inside and out under cold running water.** Place the chicken in a large pot, set over medium heat and add the chicken broth. Add 1/4 of the carrots, 1/3 of the celery and 1/3 of the onions. Add the garlic, 2 sprigs parsley, thyme, bay leaf and enough water to just cover the chicken. Bring broth to a boil, reduce heat and simmer

for about 1 1/4 hours, or until chicken is very tender, skimming any foam from the surface of the broth.

2. **Remove chicken from broth and place in a colander to drain and cool.** Strain the broth through a very fine mesh strainer into a large, clean soup pot. Discard the vegetables used to flavor the stock.

For the soup:

1. **Skim any fat off the top of the strained broth.**
2. **Remove and discard the skin and bones from the chicken and cut the meat into bite-sized pieces; set aside.**
3. **Melt the butter in a large Dutch oven set over medium heat.** Add the remaining carrots, celery and onions and cook for about 7 minutes or until the onions are translucent. Add the chicken pieces and chicken stock, season with salt and pepper. Bring soup to a simmer and cook for about 30 minutes or until the vegetables are tender.
4. **Chop the remaining parsley; add the parsley and egg noodles, stirring frequently.** Cook for 8 to 10 additional minutes or until the noodles are tender.
5. **Ladle into soup bowls and serve hot.**



Slow cooking is a go-to option for busy home cooks

Slow cooking is appealing for a number of reasons. Busy home cooks know that slow cooking ensures a homecooked meal is ready and waiting when arriving home from work. And cooks accustomed to slow cooking know the aromas emanating from slow cookers throughout the day can make anyone look forward to dinnertime.

Winter is an especially popular time to utilize a slow cooker, which are widely associated with hot and hearty meals. Such is the case with this Lines+Angles recipe for "Beef Stew," which makes a great dinner on busy, cold nights.

Beef Stew Makes 6 servings

- 2 pounds boneless stew beef
- 1 teaspoon coarse salt



- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 onions, peeled and diced
- 1 clove of garlic, peeled and finely chopped
- 3 carrots, peeled, trimmed and thickly sliced
- 3 ribs of celery, rinsed, trimmed and diced
- 6 medium new or red bliss potatoes, rinsed and quartered
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 2 cups vegetable or beef broth

1. **Rinse the beef under cold running water and pat completely dry with paper towels.** Using a sharp knife, cut the beef into generous bite-size pieces.
2. **Combine the salt, pepper and flour.** Place the cubed beef in a large resealable plastic storage bag. Add the seasoned flour and shake to thoroughly coat the beef with flour.
3. **Heat the oil in a heavy bottomed skillet over medium heat.** Add the flour-coated beef and brown on all sides.
4. **Place browned beef in the crock pot.** Add onions, garlic, carrots, celery, potatoes, bay leaves, paprika, Worcestershire sauce, wine, and broth.
5. **Cover and cook for 1 hour on high and reduce heat to low and continue cooking for 6 hours,** or until meat is tender and vegetables are cooked through.
6. **Remove bay leaves and discard.** Ladle stew into individual serving bowls and serve.

Note: Cooking time may vary depending on age and size of the slow cooker.

Cherry pie makes for a flavorful finishing touch



Dessert can be the crowning touch to a delicious meal. Pie is a popular dessert that undoubtedly benefits from versatility. It comes in so many flavors that it's possible to eat a slice of pie each day for a month and never have the same one twice. For those with a predilection for "Cherry Pie," this recipe from Lines+Angles is sure to please.

Cherry Pie For 8 servings

Pie dough:

- 2 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 teaspoon table salt
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup unsalted butter, cut into 1/4-inch cubes
- 7 tablespoons vegetable shortening; chilled
- 1/3 cup iced water

Cherry filling:

- 6 cups sweet cherries (pitted), or 6 cups pitted frozen cherries
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 small lemon, zested to yield 1 teaspoon zest and juiced to yield 2 teaspoons juice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 tablespoon brandy
- 3 to 4 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into small pieces

1. **Mix flour, salt and sugar in a food processor fitted with steel blade.** Scatter butter pieces over flour mixture, tossing to coat butter with a little flour. Cut butter into flour with five 1-second pulses. Add shortening and continue to cut it

in until flour is pale yellow and resembles coarse cornmeal with butter bits no larger than small peas, about four more 1-second pulses. Turn mixture into medium bowl.

2. **Sprinkle all but 1 tablespoon of the ice water over mixture.** With blade of rubber spatula, use folding motion to mix. Press down on dough with broad side of spatula until dough sticks together, adding up to 1 tablespoon of remaining ice water if dough does not come together. Divide dough into two balls, one slightly larger than the other. Flatten each into 4-inch-wide disk. Dust lightly with flour, wrap separately in plastic, and refrigerate at least 30 minutes.

3. **Remove dough from refrigerator; let stand at room temperature to soften slightly, about 10 minutes.** Heat oven to 400 F. Toss fruit with sugar, lemon juice and zest, spices, almond extract, brandy, and tapioca; let stand for 15 minutes.

4. **Roll larger dough disk on lightly floured surface into 12-inch circle, about 1/8-inch thick.** Transfer and fit dough into 9-inch glass pie pan, leaving dough that overhangs the lip in place. Turn fruit mixture, including juices, into pie shell. Scatter butter pieces over fruit. Refrigerate until ready to top with remaining dough.

5. **Roll smaller disk on lightly floured surface into 10-inch circle.** Lay over fruit. Trim top and bottom dough edges to 1/2-inch beyond pan lip. Tuck this rim of dough underneath itself so that folded edge is flush with pan lip. Flute dough in your own fashion, or press with fork tines to seal. Cut four slits at right angles on dough top to allow steam to escape. If pie dough is very soft, place in freezer for 10 minutes before baking.

6. **Place pie on baking sheet; bake until top crust is golden, 20 to 25 minutes.** Reduce oven temperature to 350 F and continue to bake until juices bubble and crust is golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes longer.

7. **Transfer pie to wire rack; let cool to almost room temperature so juices have time to thicken, from 1 to 2 hours.**

Tips:

If you prefer a less sweet pie or if the fruit is very sweet, use a lower sugar amount to your taste. If you like your pie juices fairly thick, or if the fruit is really juicy, then opt for the higher amount of tapioca. If you are using frozen fruit, measure it frozen, but let it thaw before filling the pie. If not, you run the risk of partially cooked fruit and undissolved tapioca.

A hot breakfast for relaxed weekend mornings

A hot breakfast can be just what the doctor ordered on weekends. Weekday mornings might be too hectic to whip up a hot breakfast, but that's often not the case come Saturday and Sunday. For those with time to cook breakfast over the weekend, this recipe for a "Peasant Omelet" from Lines+Angles is delicious and simple to prepare.

Peasant Omelet Makes 1 serving

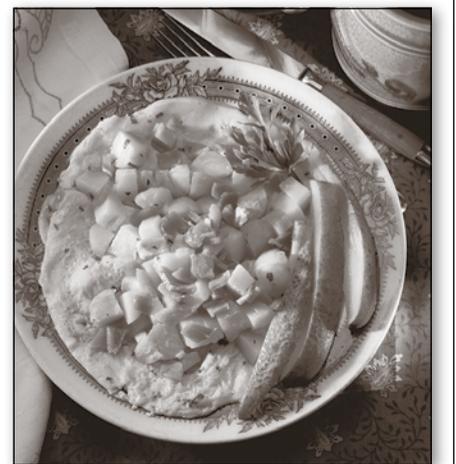
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small potato, peeled and chopped into small pieces
- 1 clove minced garlic, peeled and minced
- 2 slices cooked ham, cut into bite-size pieces
- 2 teaspoons fresh parsley, finely chopped, plus extra for garnish
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 3 fresh eggs
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 pickle, sliced lengthwise (optional)

1. **Heat the oil in a skillet set over medium-high heat.** Add the chopped potatoes and saute until almost fork tender. Add the garlic and continue cooking until the potatoes are tender. Add ham and fresh parsley, stirring until heated through.

Remove from heat and cover to keep warm.

2. **Melt butter in an omelet pan or saute pan.** Beat milk and eggs together. Pour egg mixture into the omelet pan. Cook over medium heat, gently move the eggs by sliding a spatula under the eggs, to promote even cooking. Cook until eggs are set.

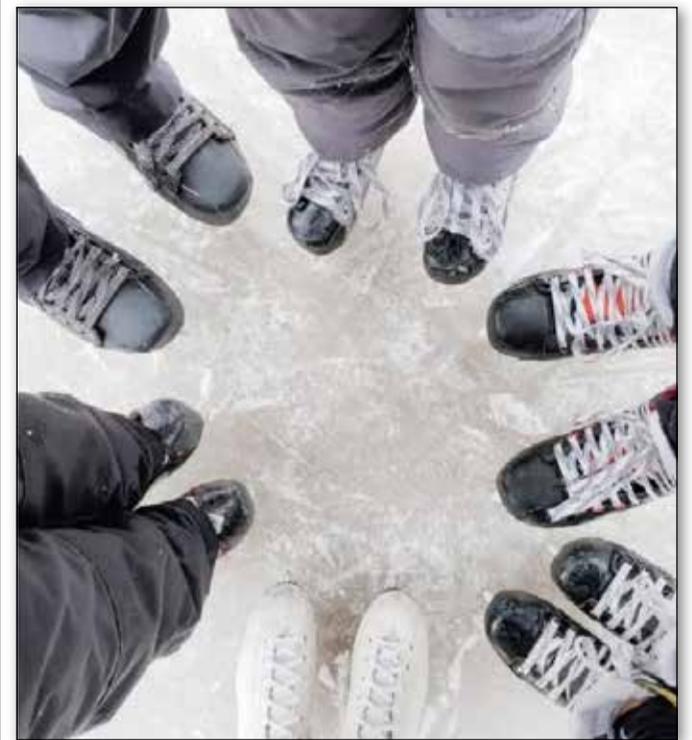
3. **Slide cooked omelet onto plate.** Season with freshly ground black pepper and top with potato and ham mixture. Garnish with fresh parsley and sliced pickle. Serve immediately.





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The Outdoor Rink is now open to the public



Redwater's outdoor skating rink at Pembina Place reopened last week at 3 p.m. after being temporarily closed due to unseasonably warm temperatures. Above-average warmth earlier in the month caused ice conditions to deteriorate, leading the town to close the rink to protect the surface and ensure safe use. With cooler weather returning, the ice has stabilized, allowing residents to once again enjoy skating at the outdoor rink.



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**PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1693/25
CLOSURE OF UNUSED PORTIONS OF BOYSDALE RD. LAMOUREUX DR.**

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1693/25.

This bylaw would close and legally align three separate portions of Township Road 553A (known as Boysdale Road) and Range Road 222 (known as Lamoureux Drive) within the NE & SE 22-55-22-W4. **The roads as constructed encroach across private lands, and the road right-of-way area to be closed are not used for public travel.** A proposed land swap would resolve the encroachments.

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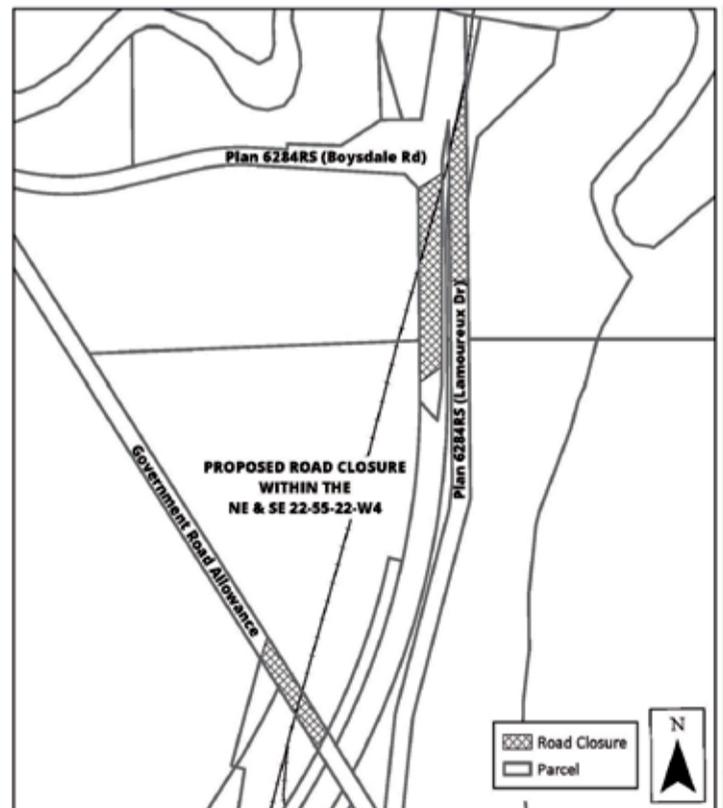
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Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:
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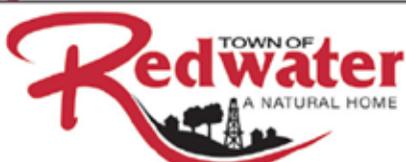
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Tuesday, February 17
Redwater Museum General Meeting, 1:30-3:00 PM

Wednesday, February 18
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Resilience under the surface: 2026 global market outlook with ATB Investment Management

By Siddhartha Bhattacharya, ATB ECONOMICS

Resilience under the surface: 2026 global market outlook with ATB Investment Management

While it is often said that "the market is not the economy," the two are certainly related. 2025 was a year dominated by U.S. tariff news and trade turmoil, and many Canadians are now looking ahead with a sense of unease—especially if they're following the news.

Our latest Quarterly Alberta Economic Outlook highlights significant crosscurrents for 2026, where the momentum from lower interest rates and easing inflation is

being countered by ongoing trade uncertainty and lower oil prices. Despite these factors, the positive alignment that propelled financial markets in 2025 is expected to persist.

The result is a disconnect between unsettling geopolitical headlines and the steady resilience shown by global equity markets. To help make sense of this environment, I recently sat down with Steve Xu, Senior Portfolio Manager at ATB Investment Management (ATBIM). We discussed the key takeaways from the inaugural ATBIM Global Market Outlook and why, despite a world that feels increasingly volatile, his team is maintaining a bullish outlook.

The U.S. "earnings machine" vs. the noise

Even amidst the constant drumbeat of trade policy shifts, corporate earnings remain the most powerful driver for investors. Steve notes that the U.S. is still the "earnings capital of the world," with double-digit gains fueled by the artificial intelligence (AI) and data centre boom.

"At the end of the day, the one indicator we focus on above all else is earnings," Steve explained. He said that this "earnings machine" is enabling investors to look past the news cycle, even with persistent uncertainty over tariff policy. ATBIM's base case expects this multi-year rally to be sustained for the foreseeable future.

Policy pressures

A significant factor for the U.S. market is the anticipated impact of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). This legislation will inject hundreds of billions in fiscal stimulus through tax refunds, stimulus cheques, and tariff-revenue dividends.

Steve views this as a powerful consumer tailwind, though cautioned that too much stimulus too quickly could risk overheating the economy.

When asked about global instability, Steve suggested that, while headlines are jarring, they often reflect strategic shifts rather than imminent market collapse.

The emerging market wake-up call

Perhaps the most significant shift in ATBIM's strategy looking at 2026 is increased optimism toward emerging markets (EM). After more than a decade in a slumber relative to the U.S., Steve sees EM nations as the key drivers of sustained global growth, beginning to compete with developed markets.

"Emerging markets are finally waking up," Steve said, noting that improved governance and a burgeoning middle class are creating levers for global growth. Leading EM nations are moving away from producing low-value goods for the West and pivoting inward to serve

their own domestic consumers, creating more opportunities for investors.

Sluggish sentiment in Canada

The outlook for Canadian equities remains neutral. While the S&P/TSX Composite posted strong gains in 2025, those returns were largely fueled by global factors—such as soaring gold prices—rather than internal domestic strength.

Steve highlighted the productivity emergency facing Canada, where a decade of lagging investment and difficulty in attracting capital has created a significant gap compared to the United States. While positive signals have been sent to improve Canada's performance, including the nation-building projects, progress depends on execution. Until changes are implemented in favour of Canada's growth, investor sentiment will likely remain subdued.

The bottom line for 2026

The underlying economic story for this year is one of structural transition. As Canada moves beyond

headline volatility, economic resilience will depend on the tangible execution of major projects, the narrowing of the productivity gap, and the diversification of export markets.

Recent market volatility serves as a reminder that momentum has been led by an AI-driven productivity surge. To navigate this, the ATBIM team advises a disciplined approach where active asset allocation and a diversified portfolio serve as the cornerstones for managing the risks of an evolving global market. By remaining risk-aware, long-term growth opportunities can continue to be captured while protecting capital against short-term headline pressures.

Looking ahead, the global bull market appears supported by robust profit generation. While trade and geopolitical uncertainty remains a drag on headline GDP growth, under the surface, the global landscape is supported by accelerating U.S. earnings and the structural catch-up in emerging markets.



How protein can give your year a healthier start

(NC) For many of us, the new year is a time to set new wellness goals. Adding activity into your routine is a great way to meet those goals, but your body needs support if you're going to stick to it and enjoy the benefits. A lifestyle that includes plenty of protein helps those starting a new active routine, as well as other everyday athletes. Here's how:

Protein gives you energy. One key to creating a healthy routine you can stick to is maintaining your energy level. It keeps you motivated to stay active and helps power that

activity. As a fuel, protein actually isn't your body's first choice. It prioritizes carbs, including sugars, but can burn through them quickly. Protein is a sustainable fuel, providing a backup source of energy, which can help keep you alert and active throughout the day.

Protein supports muscle growth. This is the most commonly known benefit of protein. A diet with plenty of protein helps your body make the most of an active, healthy routine that puts your muscles to work regularly. Increased



physical activity sends signals to your body to grow those muscles, and they use the amino acids from the protein in your diet to do so. In turn, that makes you better able to keep up with your routine,

or push yourself to do even more.

Protein helps keep you satisfied. One sometimes-overlooked health benefit of protein-forward meals and snacks is that they're filling. There are two

reasons for this:

- Protein lowers a hormone called ghrelin, one of your two "hunger hormones." Ghrelin is the hormone that tells your body it's time to eat—the other, leptin, tells your body it's full.
- It takes more time and energy to digest protein than it does with fats or carbs. This means that the feeling of fullness from eating protein lasts longer.

By keeping you satisfied longer while reducing your impulse to keep eating, protein can help you eat less without hunger pangs

or a crash in energy. That also allows for more flexibility around when and how protein fits into your meal and snack schedule, letting you fit it in on the go. There are options like the new Fresh Fit menu at Subway restaurants in Canada, which has a variety of high-protein, better-for-you sandwiches that are also full of veggies.

Surveys have found that as many as 71 per cent of Canadians are actively trying to get more protein. Given how well it can support a healthy, active lifestyle, it's easy to see why.

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First Canadian Paper Mill is built in Quebec. It is established by Walter Ware and Benjamin Wales, and is considered to be the beginning of Canada's pulp and paper industry.

People FACT:



This term for restaurant workers typically refers to those who wait on tables.

Answer: Servers

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

KMEA A SERVRENOTAI

Answer: Make a reservation

NEW WORD

GRATUITY

a tip given for service

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PUBLIC HEARING - BYLAW 1674/25 TO CLOSE A PORTION OF RANGE ROAD 230

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1674/25.

This bylaw proposes to close a portion of Road Plan 1408CL that is within the SW-7-56-22-W4. The Sturgeon River has migrated into the road allowance, and now the existing road as constructed encroaches across private land.

This portion of the road effectively serves as a private driveway to the residential parcel on the SE-12-56-23-W4.

Learn more: sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1674-25/

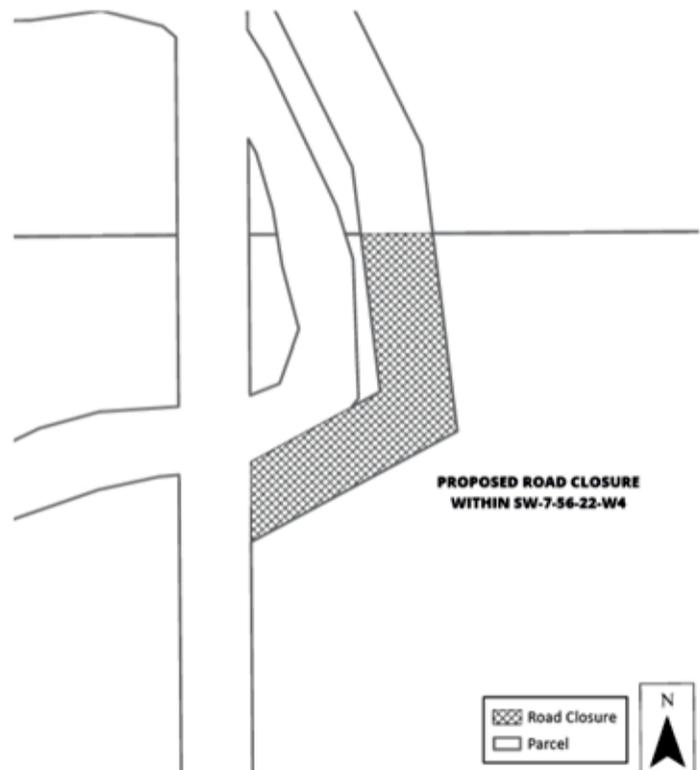
Questions? Contact us!

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Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 1 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter)

Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)



Important information about Public Hearings

Requirements for speakers

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

Speaking in person

To speak at the Public Hearing in person, contact Legislative Services at **780-939-0620** to pre-register.

By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the public hearing or otherwise made public. This information is collected under section 4(c) of the Protection of Privacy Act (POPA). If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information, please contact the Sturgeon County Access and Privacy Advisor at 780-939-1306 or accessandprivacy@sturgeoncounty.ca.

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

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Written submissions

Email your written submission to Legislative Services at legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca.

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

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