



New Holy Family Catholic School reaches steel-raising milestone in Waskatenau

Holy Family Catholic School press release
Construction of the new Holy Family Catholic School has reached a major milestone with the completion of the project's steel raising, marking

visible progress on the K-12 school now under construction in Waskatenau. "Seeing this school take shape is an exciting milestone that took lots of teamwork between the province,

the school board, industry partners and the community. This step marks meaningful progress toward delivering the high-quality learning spaces Albertan students deserve." -Martin

Long, Minister of Infrastructure "The raising of the steel is an exciting milestone for Holy Family Catholic School and for families across the region," said MLA Glenn van Dijken.

"This project represents a strong investment in student success and community growth, and I'm pleased to support Lakeland Catholic School Division as this important work moves forward."

The steel raising marks the point at which the building's structural framework is fully in place, allowing construction to advance into the next phase of work.

Prior to the final beam being lifted into place, students, staff, trustees, and key stake holders were invited to add their signatures.

The beam-signing reinforced that this project stands not only on steel, but on the determination, collaboration, and shared belief in the importance of Catholic education in the region.

"This milestone reflects years of planning, collaboration, and advocacy," said Anna Brockhoff, chair of the Lakeland



Holy Family Catholic School photo

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Radway Fish Pond hosts annual family day ice-fishing

By Brandie Majeau



The Lions Club of Radway hosted another successful Family Day Ice Fishing and Wiener Roast on February 15 at the Radway Fish Pond.

The annual event has become an anticipated tradition in the community and welcomed families and individuals to enjoy a day of outdoor fun, free of charge.

Sponsored by the Lions Club, the day has become a way to feature one of Radway's hidden gems and build on the sense of community

spirit. Special thanks goes out to long-time Lions Club supporters Lorry and Christine, who took on the chilly task of pre-drilling the fishing holes and even brought a brimming pot of homemade baked beans for guests to enjoy.

The Family Day Ice Fishing event has been (weather permitting) a staple in Radway for over a decade.

It began as a modest initiative but soon grew into a cornerstone community gathering. A significant milestone in its history was the

partnership forged between the Lions Club and Thorhild County.

What started with a simple need for

restroom facilities soon blossomed into a multi-faceted collaboration.

The Lions Club of Radway took to the

task of applying for and securing grants that led to the construction of a permanent outhouse, a cook shack, firepits,

a dock, and eventually, a dock railing. These enhancements have all built

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Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Radway

From garden towers to dragons: Wade Hintz's 3D printing adventure

By Shelley Winger



Wade Hintz didn't plan on starting a business when he bought his first 3D printer.

In fact, it all began with a love of gardening and a desire to build his own hydroponic tower system.

"I wanted to build a DIY tower, but it required quite a few 3D printed parts. Instead of

ordering them, I bought my first printer," Wade explains.

The early days were full of trial and error.

"It was painfully slow, and I dealt with more failed prints than I care to admit. But I stuck with it and eventually completed my tower. When I upgraded to a better printer, everything changed. I found myself watching it

for hours, fascinated by the process, printing anything I could think of."

That curiosity quickly turned into a passion – and eventually, a small business.

Today, Wade runs three printers almost around the clock, creating a variety of items that range from practical to purely whimsical.

Dragons have become his "most popular creation".

"Dragons, without a doubt. They're a favourite for both kids and adults. A close second would be the tool holders I designed when I was first starting out – they're still incredibly useful for organising spaces."

Some projects, however, are far more challenging than printing a dragon.



Wade Hintz stands in his workshop surrounded by his 3D printers and colourful creations, including his popular articulated dragons.

"One of the most complicated items I created was custom ball tips for a young boy's long cane. His vision is extremely limited, but he's a huge sports fan. I designed cane tips featuring embossed logos of his favourite teams.

Technically, it tested my patience with one-shot prints and a mid-print bearing insertion – but seeing his joy made it all worthwhile. I get messages from his family full of excitement – it's incredible to see how a small 3D printed

object can make such a difference."

For Wade, the Redwater community has played a huge role in his growth.

"Every sale, every idea, every bit of feedback from the area inspires

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Wade Hintz photos

Two of Wade Hintz's detailed 3D printed dragons showcase the intricate designs and vibrant colours that have made them his most popular creations.

Smoky Lake RCMP Report

By Haylee Winger



The Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment responded to a number of calls for service during the week of February 9.

Police received a report that a cabin had been broken into sometime over the winter months, with several items stolen, including a propane tank, tools, an African Nyala mount and a trail camera.

Members also investigated reports of suspicious activity, including a suspicious vehicle in the Hamlet of Warspite and a white four-door car parked for more than an hour in the Esso parking lot. During the week, RCMP responded to multiple break and enter incidents. In one occurrence, a male suspect was located and arrested.

Officers also attended a break and enter at a business along Highway 36;

however, suspects had fled the scene in a vehicle prior to police arrival.

In a separate incident, suspects cut the locks to a business in the Town of Smoky Lake.

A local business reported that its prepaid and gift card system had been hacked online. Police responded to a dog complaint in the Village of Vilna and conducted a wellbeing check on a family, with members determining there were no concerns.

RCMP were also called to remove an unwanted person from a property.

Emergency crews attended the scene after a tanker truck loaded with crude oil caught fire at the intersection

of Highway 28 and Highway 855.

The fire was extinguished and the truck was later towed by the owner.

Smoky Lake RCMP also assisted the Chilliwack RCMP with an investigation.

Officers responded to a motor vehicle collision where no injuries were reported, with icy road conditions considered a factor.

During a separate traffic stop, a driver was pulled over after using high beams that were blinding other motorists.

Numerous violations were issued and the vehicle was towed due to invalid insurance.

Anyone with information about these or other incidents is asked to contact the Smoky Lake RCMP at 780-656-3550 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Another centenarian celebration at Thorhild Lodge

By Brandie Majeau



Anna Krug marked a remarkable milestone on February 22, 2026, as she celebrated her 101st birthday surrounded by friends, family, and well-wishers at Thorhild Lodge.

The centenarian held infectious chuckles and smiles as she was feted with banners, a tiara and a ceremonial sash. When the banner announcing her milestone was unfurled, Anna quipped, “Am I that young?” with a sparkling sense of humour.

Anna’s life began far from the Alberta countryside. Born in Yugoslavia in 1925, she immigrated to Canada at just eight

months old. Her father, a shoemaker, sought a better life for his family and, with the aid of a cousin’s sponsorship, brought them to Holdfast, Saskatchewan.

The family’s journey was marked by resilience as they homesteaded and farmed during the Great Depression, eventually settling in British Columbia and later in Alberta’s Peace River Country.

Growing up with three brothers, Anna recalls a childhood filled with mischief, particularly with her younger brother as they found creative ways to avoid chores, their silly singing, dancing, and shenanigans often found them

waylaid from their tasks at hand.

In 1948, Anna married Ted and went on to build a large family with three children, four grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, a step-grandchild, and a great-great-grandchild, an enduring legacy spanning five generations and a reminder of the lineage that comes from just two people.

Anna’s passions have always centered around family and community. She remembers fondly her days dancing with her husband, cross-country skiing, and spending time at their Mons Lake property.

Together, Anna and her husband became avid lawn bowlers, even



Brandie Majeau photos

Anna was always known as Ann until she moved to the lodge on May 1, 2014. There were already 3 other women named Ann there. Her legal name was Anna so she started going by that to avoid confusion. Her daughter Wendy said, “It took me a long time to get used to it, but she is Anna to me now too.”

claiming an Alberta championship that took them to Ottawa.

Despite witnessing a century of change, Anna’s youthful spirit remains unbroken.

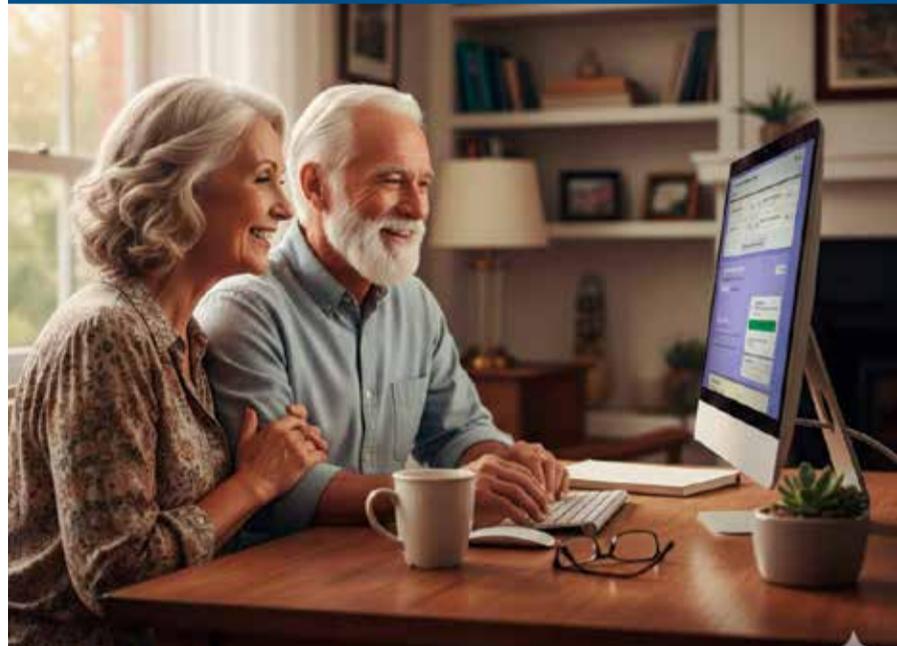
“I never grew up,” she says with a grin, a fitting motto for a woman whose genuine warmth and whimsical laughter continue to inspire those around her.

Surrounded by family, her story is a reflection of the power of resilience, family, and finding joy in every chapter of life.



While Anna celebrates her 101 year, she has five generations of family to be proud of. Pictured is Anna, Wendy, Kristy, Cally, and Ashton.

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Redwater Lion receives Melvin Jones Award

By Brandie Majeau



On February 11, the Redwater Lions held their monthly meeting.

This particular Wednesday included a special acknowledgement and celebration as part of the regular agenda.

The Redwater Lions proudly presented the Melvin Jones Award to Lion Gerald Whaley.

Lion Gerald began his service as a Lion 45 years ago, on June 11, 1980, in Peace River.

Over the past four decades, he has served as a Lions Club member in several communities, including Gibbons, Drayton Valley, Fort

Saskatchewan, and finally Redwater.

Lion Dave McRae, spoke genuinely to Gerald, expressing the honour and privilege it has been to serve the community alongside him.

He reflected that Gerald is part of an elite group, as only 475,000 people have received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the highest recognition from Lions Club International, honouring individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to humanitarian service.

The presentation of the award was a deeply emotional occasion, as each

Lion took a moment to honour Lion Gerald Whaley.

"It's difficult to acknowledge this award the way it should be," Gerald said, a sincere admission that words could not fully capture the depth of feeling accompanying such recognition. The atmosphere was both celebratory and solemn, as Lion Gerald had also announced his retirement from the Redwater Lions.

"I'm over 80. I'm going to be more at home now." In his heartfelt reflections, Gerald shared that his many years of service began in Peace River. "It moved my heart."

He fondly recalled how the Peace River Lions initiated the safe grad program, cherishing memories of local RCMP officers finishing their shifts and then volunteering with the Lions to ensure safe grad was just that, a safe experience for all who were celebrating.

As the Redwater Lions Club becomes a chapter that comes to a close for Lion Gerald, it serves as a reminder that it may be the beginning of a new chapter for others.

The Lions Club of Redwater supports the Ochre Park Hot Lunch Program, Redwater Food Bank, Pioneer Club of Redwater, STARS Foundation,

and numerous other programs and organizations.

Members also volunteer at community events throughout the year and have often been spotted handing out free bags of popcorn.

With Gerald's retirement, the club is reflective of declining membership and the need for new members to maintain the viability and continuation of these

important programs and services.

Becoming a Lion is an excellent way to get involved in the community, contribute, and meet new people.

Current members have joined for various reasons: they were invited, have family members who were Lions before them, or simply found their calling.

The Redwater Lions welcome anyone interested in

joining to visit the Pioneer Club on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:15 p.m., when they host their monthly meetings.

Guests are encouraged to attend, learn about what it means to be a Lion, ask questions, and get to know the Redwater Lions. For more information, contact Redwater Community Services or Lion Larry Bucholz at 780-240-7826.



Lion Dave McRae presents Lion Gerald Whaley with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from Lions Club International. - Brandie Majeau photo



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Family Day of Fun draws crowd at Pembina Place

By Haylee Winger



Residents gathered at Pembina Place on February 16 as the Town of Redwater hosted their annual Family Day of Fun.

Held from noon to 3 p.m., the free

community event welcomed families of all ages for an afternoon packed with activities, entertainment, and treats. Designed to provide affordable family programming while strengthening

community connections, the celebration delivered on both fronts.

Children lined up for face painting, explored the craft table, and took turns in the photo booth, while others set off on a scavenger hunt throughout the

venue. Inflatables, mini golf, and jumbo games kept youngsters busy, and the fire safety station offered an interactive and educational stop for families.

Family bingo sessions ran throughout the afternoon, giving participants several chances to win prizes. Draw prizes were also handed out during the event.

Free hot dogs, popcorn, and sundaes were available while supplies lasted, adding to the festive atmosphere.

A concession was open for additional purchases, and attendees were encouraged to bring food bank donations in support of local families.

Outdoor activities included family skating, with helmets required for participants under 18.



The event was made possible through the support of numerous community sponsors and partners, reflecting the strong local spirit that continues to

define Redwater.

By the end of the afternoon, families left with full hands, warm smiles, and plenty of reasons to look forward to next year's celebration.



Photos by Shauna Krankowsky



PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1698/25 MORINVILLE COLONY REDISTRICTING APPLICATION

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1698/25.

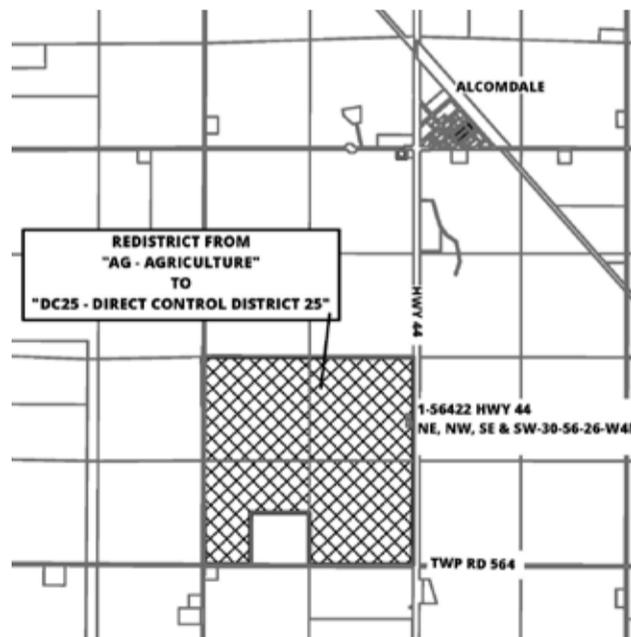
The applicant has requested that a section of land south of Alcomdale (at Highway 44 and Township Rd 564) be redistricted (rezoned) to bring the property into compliance with the County's Land Use Bylaw.

The proposed bylaw would redistrict a portion of Section 30-56-26-4:

- **Current land use district:** Agriculture (AG)
- **Proposed land use district:** DC25 – Direct Control District 25

A Direct Control (DC) District is a customized land-use designation within municipal zoning that allows for specific, site-unique rules. It offers detailed control over development where standard zones are inadequate. It is often used for unique sites or innovative projects needing precise regulation beyond typical zoning.

Learn more: sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1698-25



Questions? Contact us!

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Public Hearing details

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

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

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you must register by **March 9, 2026 at 1 p.m.** by contacting Legislative Services at **780-939-0620**. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Written submissions

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

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

Watching the Public Hearing

You can view the Public Hearing in person or online at sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings.

To view the livestream, click on the meeting date on the calendar, then click on the video link.

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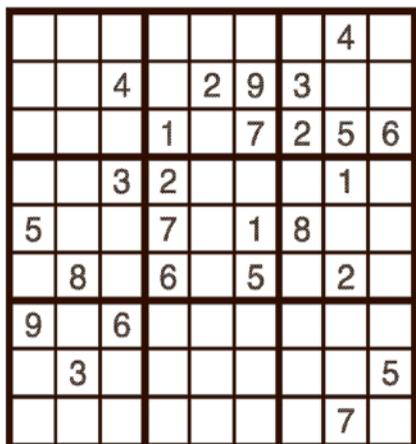




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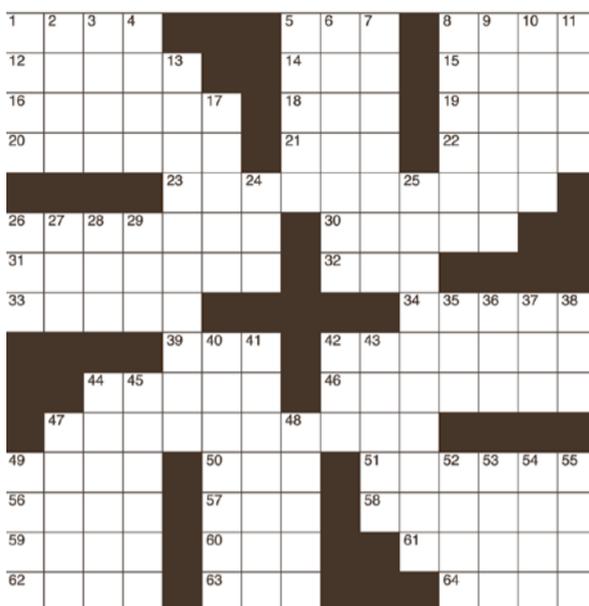


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(March 21 - April 20)



Unleash your inner architect, Aries. Your focus is laser sharp this week. Use this incredible mental clarity to map out a long-term goal that can lead to professional success.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, you might uncover a previously unnoticed talent or find a fantastic, easy way to increase your income stream. Your instincts about finances are particularly sharp.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



You are stepping into a week of elevated confidence and personal magnetism, Gemini. It's the perfect time to make a splash, meet new people or launch a personal project.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



This week brings soothing energy, allowing you to find deep comfort and resolution with any lingering personal matters. A moment of quiet reflection will bring a profound realization.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Your social connections are bringing incredible joy and opportunity, Leo. A friend or colleague has valuable information that can directly benefit your goals.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



All eyes are on your professional achievements, and recognition is due, Virgo. Expect positive feedback, a nod from an important figure or a chance to take on more responsibility.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



This week ignites your desire for learning and adventure, Libra. If you've been putting off a trip or a new course of study, the time to commit is now.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Complex issues feel manageable this week, Scorpio. You have the emotional intelligence to navigate and resolve long-standing challenges in shared resources or relationships.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, your one-on-one relationships, both personal and professional, are reaching a new peak of understanding and support.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



You feel a vibrant surge of energy and vitality this week, Capricorn. It's an ideal time to commit to a new health routine or simply enjoy the ease and flow of your daily tasks.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Dive into what sets your soul on fire, Aquarius. Your creative imagination is running wild, delivering innovative solutions and exciting ideas for self-expression.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



The cosmos is supporting your home and emotional life, Pisces. You feel a wonderful sense of security and belonging. It's a great time for connecting with your roots.

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. What travelers must do
- 5. Calendar month
- 8. Hopefully quickly
- 12. Once more
- 14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 15. "Cheers" actress Perlman
- 16. Astronomy unit
- 18. Savings vehicle
- 19. Get your ducks in this
- 20. Right away
- 21. Popular sports league
- 22. Containers
- 23. Entireties
- 26. One who wassails
- 30. Turned-up position
- 31. Extreme modesty
- 32. Writing utensil
- 33. Rewards (archaic)

- 34. Ancient capital
- 39. S. American wood sorrel
- 42. General discomfort
- 44. Philippine island
- 46. A witty saying
- 47. One who summarizes
- 49. Covered in
- 50. Mimic
- 51. Henry was a notable one
- 56. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
- 57. Retired NFLer Newton
- 58. Playground equipment
- 59. Concept
- 60. Satisfaction
- 61. Fishing net
- 62. Hammer end

- 63. A father's male child
- 64. Japanese drink

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Off-Broadway figure
- 2. Gelatinous substance
- 3. Concern
- 4. "Lick It Up" rockers
- 5. Serbian river
- 6. Part of a hat
- 7. Bowl-shaped drinking vessel
- 8. Semitic language
- 9. Utter a shrill cry
- 10. Long times
- 11. Animal parts
- 13. Causing annoyance
- 17. Amorous talker
- 24. Attempt
- 25. Harmonic effects
- 26. Cost per mile
- 27. They __
- 28. Bitterly regret
- 29. Not even
- 35. A way to drop

- 36. Title of respect
- 37. World leader
- 38. Georgia rockers
- 40. National capital
- 41. Great Plains people
- 42. Duck-sized dinosaur genus
- 43. Architectural recesses
- 44. Member of U.S. Navy
- 45. Mountainous
- 47. Kite bird
- 48. Sweetheart (archaic)
- 49. Popular snack made of potato
- 52. 70s songsters The Bee __
- 53. SE China port __-men
- 54. Something to fill up
- 55. League of Legends character

VALENTINE'S WORD SEARCH

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- AFFECTION
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- DEVOTION
- EMBRACE
- FLIRT
- HEART
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Catholic School Division board of trustees.

"It brings us closer to welcoming students into a space designed to support both academic success and faith-based learning."

The new school will include flexible classrooms, career and technology studies spaces, science and music rooms, a full-sized gymnasium, and a shared community library intended to serve both students and the broader community.

Holy Family Catholic School photo



For the school community, seeing the project take shape marks a significant step forward.

"Watching the structure take shape reinforces why this project matters," said

Farrah Ollikka, principal of Holy Family Catholic School.

"This building will soon allow us to offer students a learning environment that truly matches the care, attention, and

expectations we hold for them."

Once complete, the school will serve students and families from Waskatenau and surrounding communities, providing a local, faith-based learning environment designed to support students from kindergarten through Grade 12.

Construction remains on schedule, with work continuing in the months ahead as the project moves toward completion.



Wade Hintz

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me. Whether I'm creating custom medals, trophies, toys, décor, or functional items, I work hard to ensure each product is thoughtfully designed and printed with quality in mind. Seeing kids play with dragons I printed? That never gets old."

Looking forward, Wade hopes to take his business even further.

"I'd love to attend more local events and markets, connect with

people, and show them what 3D printing can do. My goal is to keep expanding, keep improving, and see just how far this adventure can go."

From garden towers to dragons and beyond, Wade Hintz has shown that with curiosity, patience, and a little imagination, a hobby can become something truly extraordinary.

In his world of 3D printing, the only limit is the next idea waiting to be brought to life.



Wade Hintz photo

A 3D printed Redwater oil derrick, designed by Wade Hintz, highlights his ability to create custom pieces inspired by the local community.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Amendment of Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015

On proposed Bylaw 04-2026 which would amend Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015 by changing 9.1 Land Use District Map of certain lands identified in Schedule A as attached to Bylaw 04-2026 as follows:

a) That 15 acres of Lot 1, Block 1 Plan 092 0797 within NW 10-60-23-W4M be redistricted from AG – Agricultural to CR – Multi-Lot Country Residential District.

NOTICE THAT in accordance with section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of Thorhild County is giving consideration to a Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

The Public Hearing will be held both in-person and via Teams Meeting (audio only) on:
Tuesday, March 10, 2026, that begins at 10:00 a.m. in 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 electronically by Teams Meeting, you are asked to register by noon on Friday, March 6, 2026. This is to ensure that 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.

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March 5, 2026 10:00am-3:00pm	April 15, 2026 10:00am-3:00pm
March 10, 2026 10:00am-2:00pm	April 16, 2026 11:30am-3:00pm
March 11, 2026 10:00am-2:00pm	April 28, 2026 10:00am-3:00pm

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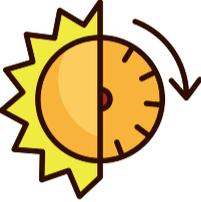
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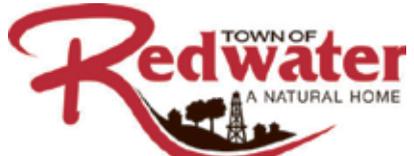
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Valentine's Day was something special at Vilna Pool Hall

By Brandie Majeau



A wave of sentimentality swept through downtown Vilna this Valentine's Day, as the Historic Pool Hall and Barbershop opened its doors for a heartwarming celebration reminiscent of days gone by.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the pool hall welcomed locals and visitors for a special drop-in Valentine's Day that captured the spirit of small-town connection and affection.

Stepping inside, guests were greeted by the comforting aroma of hot

chocolate and the sweet promise of Valentine's treats, both offered as a complimentary sweet, a gesture harking back to the generosity so often found in Vilna's past.

The gentle clack of billiard balls mingled with laughter, creating a soundtrack that evoked countless memories of friendly competition and shared joy.

For some, the simple pleasure of a traditional hot shave in the old-time barbershop chair was a reminder of cherished routines and familiar faces.

Throughout the day, visitors were invited to leave heartfelt notes on the wall board, expressing love for sweethearts, friends, parents, children, teachers, and the Village itself.

The board quickly filled with messages of gratitude, stories of lasting friendship, and tributes to the enduring charm of Vilna's historic gathering place.

The pool tables, dating back to WW2, bring back memories of historic small towns and growing up.

There is also the magic of live music echoing through the hall, simply celebrating the warmth

and welcome always found at the Pool Hall and Barbershop.

As the afternoon sun dipped lower and goodbyes were called out, the day was something more than just Valentine's Day.

It was a celebration of togetherness, of tradition, and of the ties that continue to bind the community.

For those who stopped by, the day was a poignant reminder of the simple joys and deep connections that define life in the Village of Vilna and the special place the Historic Pool Hall and Barbershop holds in so many hearts.



Photos courtesy of Vilna Historic Pool Hall and Barbershop

Three greener ways to manage snow removal

(NC) Snow-covered drive-ways and icy sidewalks are a fact of Canadian life, but the way we manage them can make a real difference to the environment.

According to polling, 54 per cent of Canadians clear snow at least once a day during snowfalls, with nearly one in four heading out multiple times a day to stay ahead of it.

This winter, try these three greener approaches to keep your property safe while reducing your

carbon footprint.

1. Use less salt, and smarter alternatives

While salt is an easy go-to solution, it can be tough on plants, pets and waterways.

Cut back where you can by mixing in sand or gravel with salt to boost traction or by switching to eco-friendly de-icers made with natural ingredients – they're gentler and just as effective in moderate conditions.

Heated mats are another smart swap for high-traffic

areas, melting snow without chemicals.

Tip: clear snow early and often to prevent ice from forming.

2. Switch to energy-efficient snow removal equipment

Traditional gas-powered tools get the job done, but newer options are both cleaner and quieter. Battery-powered snow blowers and shovels are now strong enough to handle most driveways while reducing emissions and fuel use. For larger properties,

choose models designed for efficiency to minimize both your carbon footprint and time outside in freezing weather.

Another way to lower your environmental impact is by opting for durable, long-lasting manual tools instead of disposable or short-lived options.

Some Canadian manufacturers, such as Garant, offer ergonomic shovels, pushers and snowblowers designed to last for years – helping reduce waste while keeping winter

work efficient.

3. Make it a community effort

Greener snow removal doesn't have to be a solo job. Consider teaming up with neighbours to clear common areas or take turns maintaining sidewalks.

It helps save energy, fosters connection, and can reduce overall emissions by avoiding multiple homes each running machines at once.

Some communities even organize shared snow blower programs or coordinate local plow

services to make cleanup more efficient and affordable.

It's a simple way to lighten the workload, shrink your environmental impact and build stronger neighbourhood connections along the way.

Learn more about eco-friendly snow removal at garant.com



Ukrainian bookstore... a novel reflection

By Brandie Majeau



Life in Smoky Lake, Alberta, in the 1920's was shaped by a bustling and determined community of Ukrainian settlers whose influence can still be felt today.

Arriving in waves from the late 19th century through the early part of the 20th century, these immigrants brought hope for a better life, a rich cultural heritage, and a strong sense of purpose.

By 1925, Smoky Lake was a dynamic town in rural

Alberta, with Ukrainian families making up a significant portion of the population.

Many had come from Western Ukraine, seeking land, opportunity, and freedom from political unrest.

The prairies offered both challenges and possibilities.

Settlers cleared land for farming, built homes and barns, and gathered together to construct churches that quickly became the heart of community life.

One of the most remarkable achievements of the Ukrainian settlers was the establishment of their own book store in the heart of Smoky Lake.

The book store was a beacon of culture, education, and connection for the Ukrainian-Canadian community. Run by a local family, it carried an array of Ukrainian-language books, newspapers, prayer books, and school textbooks, items that were often scarce in western Canada.

For many in Smoky

Lake, the book store became a meeting place.

Children would crowd in to browse colourful folk tales and poetry, while adults caught up on news from the old country, reading the latest Ukrainian newspapers or discussing world events.

The store often stocked religious icons and stationery, and sometimes even hosted small gatherings or readings, drawing people from miles around.

The existence of the book store reflected the settlers'

deep commitment to preserving their language, faith, and traditions. It was a vital link to their heritage and to the broader Ukrainian dispersion in Canada.

At a time when assimilation pressures were strong, the store offered a sense of belonging and pride, helping newcomers adjust while staying connected to their roots.

Beyond its shelves, the book store symbolized the resilience and aspirations of Smoky Lake's Ukrainian community.

Through hard work, mutual support, and an unwavering dedication to education and knowledge, these settlers transformed a small prairie town into a cultural center.

Their legacy endures in Smoky Lake today, not only in its landmarks and institutions but in the stories, photos and spirit passed down through generations.

Photos of the Ukrainian bookstore and other heritage sites and family can be found in the Alberta Provincial Archives/HeRMIS.



Sturgeon County Emergency Services recently received \$20,000 from the Enbridge Safe Community Grant. The funding helped purchase two new portable pumps as part of a project to update the structural protection trailer and enhance community safety. - Sturgeon County photos



How to recognize a controlling relationship

(NC) For many teens, figuring out what a healthy relationship looks like isn't easy, especially when they're just starting to explore dating and friendships. Without much experience to draw from, it can be hard to tell the difference

between care and control, respect and pressure.

Parents, guardians, and trusted adults all need to know how to recognize the signs of a controlling relationship, and how to intervene safely when it's needed.

Identifying coercive and controlling behaviours

Coercive control can show up in many ways and is a form of gender-based violence (GBV) that youth and young adults can face in intimate relationships.

It's a type of abuse rooted in controlling, manipulative and fear-instilling behaviours.

There are four common types of coercive controlling behaviours which include possessive behaviours, psychological abuse,

sexual jealousy and stalking. This may look like a partner making threats, breaking personal belongings, isolating someone from family and friends or monitoring where they go and who they talk to. They may even threaten

self-harm to pressure victims or survivors to comply and maintain power over them.

The dangers of gaslighting

One particularly harmful tactic of

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Radway Fish Pond

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a better experience for those that stop to visit the fish pond.

While this year's attendance was slightly lower than previous years, the Lions Club was pleased to see many

new faces among the crowd.

The event continues to be a spotlight on Radway's community calendar,

bringing together young and old, visitors and residents for a day of fishing, food, bonfires and friendship.

As another Family Day at the Radway Fish Pond drew to a close, organizers expressed gratitude for the enduring support

and that make events like these possible, and hopefully ensuring the tradition will continue for years to come.



Photos courtesy of Lions Club of Radway

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Maysy and Myles Kidd share a hug with a mascot during Family Day festivities in Redwater. The community gathered to enjoy activities and celebrations throughout the day. - Melissa Kidd photo

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Elementary classes at Thorhild Central School enjoyed a fun-filled skating outing at the Thorhild Agriplex. The school extends a big thank you to TEAM for generously sponsoring this memorable activity for the students. - Thorhild Central School photo

Controlling relationship

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coercive control and frequent type of GBV is gaslighting.

Gaslighting makes someone doubt their own memory, perception or sense of reality.

For example, a partner might deny their abusive actions, blame the victim for things they didn't do or twist

events so the victim questions their own judgement.

Over time, gaslighting erodes confidence, instills doubt and makes it harder to leave relationships.

What you can do to help

It's important to be able to recognize when something isn't right.

Look for signs like

isolation, emotional manipulation and controlling acts, such as a victim has being made to give up autonomy over their phone, money or social life.

If a young person confides in you, the best things you can do is listen, believe them, label the behaviour for what it is and remind them that it's not their

fault.

This can help them connect with resources to support their safety and well-being.

Everyone deserves healthy relationships without abuse or control.

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On the right track: Inflation edged down in January

By Rob Roach,
ATB ECONOMICS

The year-over-year (y/y) inflation rate in Canada was 2.3% in January, down slightly from December's reading of 2.4%.

Lower y/y gasoline prices (-16.7%), due in part to the removal of the consumer carbon tax in April 2025, kept the overall inflation rate in check.

Excluding gasoline, national inflation was running at 3.0% in January.

Some of this was due to the statistical noise created by the temporary GST/HST exemption on, among other things, restaurant meals, alcohol, and children's clothing and toys

that was in effect in January 2025 but not in January 2026.

The y/y rates of price growth of food purchased from stores and rented accommodation, while down from earlier highs, were still more than double the 2% target at 4.8% and 4.3%, respectively.

Interest rate implications: Putting all this together, there is nothing in the January numbers that is likely to spook the Bank of Canada one way or the other.

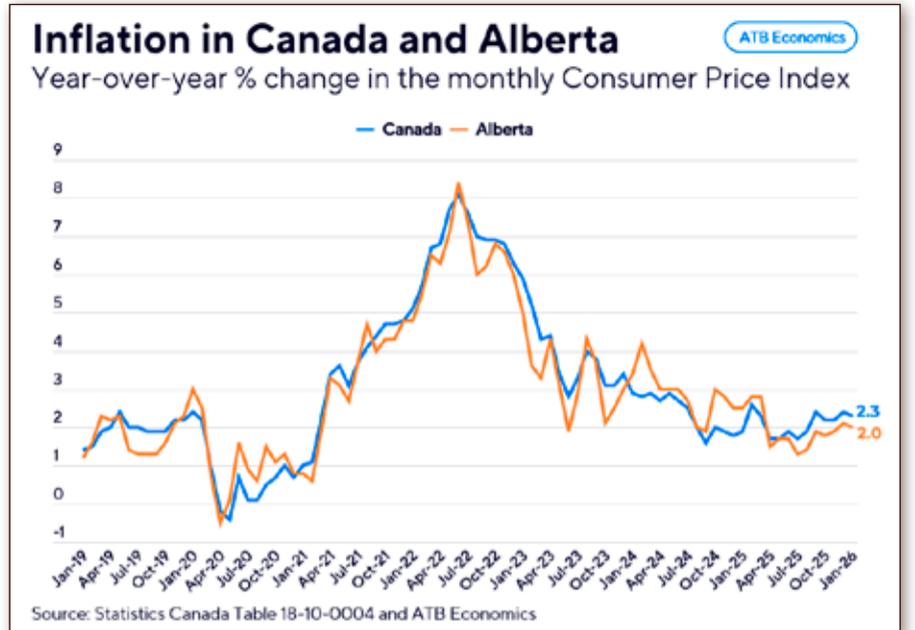
Although still above target, two key measures of underlying, or core, inflation (CPI-trim and CPI-median) both fell in January.

From that perspective, it's an encouraging inflation

report. As the Bank of Canada reminded us last week, its stance on interest rate remains dependent on the incoming data. As such, our call remains that the Bank will keep its trend-setting policy interest rate at its current 2.25% for the remainder of the year.

In Alberta, y/y inflation came in at 2%. The somewhat lower rate in Alberta was due in part to a smaller impact from the GST/HST exemption.

Because Alberta does not have a provincial sales tax, it was not removed in January 2025. As a result, the price increase this January from the



reinstatement of the provincial sales tax on restaurant meals and other items was not a factor in Alberta.

The price of food purchased from restaurants in Alberta was 6.9%

higher y/y in January with the GST back in place, but this was much lower than the 12.3% rise nationally with both GST and the provincial tax once again in effect.

A larger decrease in the price of natural

gas and gasoline also contributed to the lower overall inflation rate in Alberta.

A larger price bump in categories such as electricity, rent and clothing worked in the opposite direction.



Redwater School delivered an impressive performance at the Curling Zones competition held on February 12 and 13.

The boys' team finished in fourth place, while the mixed team earned an outstanding third-place finish.

Their hard work and dedication were clearly reflected in their strong results. - Redwater School photos





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On January 30, Vilna Grade 3-4 students had a memorable learning experience when Constable K. Chauhan visited their classroom. He answered students' questions and shared his journey - from studying at NAIT and flying school, to traveling abroad, joining the army, and finally becoming an RCMP member in the community. Students were inspired to see how hard work and perseverance can open many doors in life. - Vilna School photo

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On February 14, members of the Thorhild Lodge celebrated Valentine's Day with an afternoon of drinks, cupcakes, candy and trivia, sharing conversation with friends and family who joined them for the festivities. - Brandie Majeau photo

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WORD SEARCH

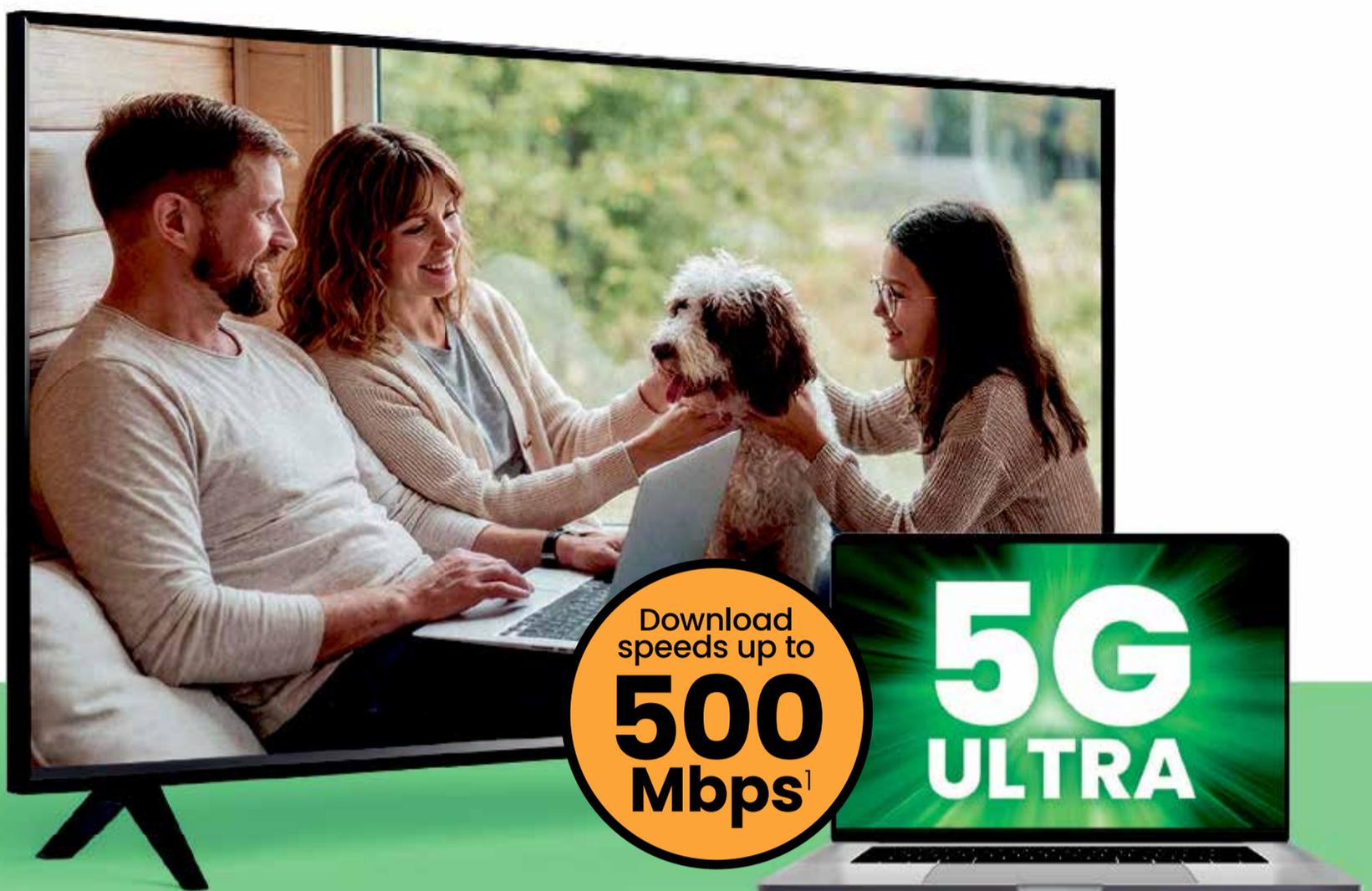
Word search grid with words highlighted in orange. Words include: CHERISH, URBAN, ADORATION, QUEEN, AWFW, DRAC, WASH, SOF, VELVET, PS, G, WBUR, ROOP, HIF, DIPUCE, INT, MBOL, CF, QNL, NWAM, VK, L, PGM, SHOA, S, AFFECTION, EN, PEEEB, LOAL, MD, GVL, MQ, GLN, AS, IHL, MALL, T, TIL, VFL, V, B, D, T, STRAETH, TEES, RP, NW, OR, UNE, KEOP, MTE, TEN, EMIT, NES, CS, A, MAK, RAW, MC, MTA, UF, NM, KH, OC, R, SS, FAV, SB, QU, MN, OIT, OVED, TO, COKL, SHS, GF, TRIL, FO, AV, UP, M, EAU, OHP, WIL, STRAETH, VLP, VA, GOEL, HTE, FOB, MH, ADM, IRE, RN, OHP, UM, IDE, MN, WF, AHG, EVO, LC, GEN, RT, AC, VK, IB, NG, WB, GN, WP, E, NOEM, HG, TIM, Q, TN, DH, CE, GT, OK, LETT, ERS, SE, IGH, UW, WI, TW, VW, W

CROSSWORDS

Crossword grid with letters filled in. Words include: PACK, AGAIN, PARSEC, PRESTO, CAROLER, PRUDERY, MEEDS, OCA, SAMAR, GENERALIST, CLAD, HEBE, IDEA, PEEEN, DEC, ASAP, RAH, RHEA, IRA, AROW, NFL, BINS, TOTALITIES, COCK, PEN, ASSUR, MALAISE, EPIGRAM, APE, EIGHTH, CAM, SEESA, AHA, SEINE, SON, SAKI

SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers. Grid content: 2 5 7 3 6 8 9 4 1; 6 1 4 5 2 9 3 8 7; 3 9 8 1 4 7 2 5 6; 7 6 3 2 8 4 5 1 9; 5 2 9 7 3 1 8 6 4; 4 8 1 6 9 5 7 2 3; 9 7 6 4 5 2 1 3 8; 1 3 2 8 7 6 4 9 5; 8 4 5 9 1 3 6 7 2



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