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## Redwater Quilters Guild celebrates 20 years of quilting and community

**By Shelley Winger**



Members of the Redwater Quilters Guild recently gathered with friends and visitors to celebrate a special milestone — the guild's 20th anniversary.

The celebration featured a shared meal, a beautifully decorated anniversary cake and a display of quilts created by guild members over the years. The colourful collection highlighted the talent, creativity and dedication of the group's quilters. Visitors were invited

to browse the display, visit with members and help recognize two decades of quilting, friendship and community service. Currently, the guild has 30 members, and with several honorary members and guests who attended the show, the total turnout was around 40 — a figure the group considered a great success.

The guild officially began on January 1, 2006, with founding members Vi Nelson, Carol Van Meter, Lois

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Redwater Quilters Guild photos

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## Get ready for the Splash!



**By Brandie Majeau**

As anticipation for the arrival of spring builds across the province, the Thorhild Agricultural Society is adding to the excitement with the launch of its annual "Splash & Crash" fundraiser, just five miles west of Thorhild. Preparation for the event began in late January, culminating in the iconic combine being positioned atop the dugout ice along Highway 18, signaling the official start of this now much-anticipated tradition.

The "Splash & Crash" event invites participants to predict when the combine will break through the ice and sink or "splash" into the water below. Entries are submitted via the official Splash & Crash website, where individuals purchase timeslots in hopes their

Photos courtesy of Thorhild Agricultural Society

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# RCGC executive takes a step back

By Brandie Majeau



In a humbling chapter of community dedication, Les Dorosh recently concluded more than 35 years of service on the Redwater Community Golf Club (RCGC) executive. The Dorosh family's legacy at the club runs deep, with Les's parents counted among the club's founders, and his father credited for securing the original green seed that helped shape the course. The club's formative years were marked by the leadership of Rudy Roloff, its first member, and a pioneering executive team that laid the groundwork for what would become

a cherished 9-hole community institution. Over the decades, the club faced its share of challenges, met by the tireless efforts of its membership. From tree cutting to sodding sessions, collective action and resilience defined the club's growth.

At the recent Annual General Meeting, Dorosh delivered what he described as his "swan song," offering heartfelt reflections on his decades of commitment and the enduring contributions of fellow members. He extended special recognition to local contractors Jay-Nart, LTD, and Connect Energy for their significant

support, underscoring the spirit of partnership that has propelled the club forward.

The passage of time has brought change to the RCGC, with many of its early contributors no longer present. The passing of all original founders, as well as more recent losses including Glen Baxter, Boyd Heyland, Lawrence Hrycun, Jerry Pinchuk, and Larry Schesnuk, is a poignant reminder of the club's storied history. Despite the sadness, Dorosh injected a note of warmth and camaraderie, remarking with a smile, "Skipper and Art would probably do a scotch toast to that!"

The legacy of the Redwater Community Golf Club is rich with

stories, many originating during the era fondly remembered as the Ross Kenny "dynasty." Today, a new generation of energetic and knowledgeable members brings fresh ideas and enthusiasm. The club's vitality is renewed as these members build upon the wisdom of the past, ensuring stability and progress. Ongoing efforts—from laying sod and draining water to tree management and landscaping—continue to enhance the course's beauty and playability.

Past presidents have borne significant responsibilities, and for that deserve to be acknowledged. "Forgive my old brain for not going back too far, but here are some I recall;

Dave Maskell, Rick Swan, Pat Niblett, Gord Harlow, George Cook and presently, Byron Gray." reflected Les.

In his closing remarks, Dorosh highlighted the skills and dedication of staff, executives, and volunteers, expressing deep gratitude for their recent contributions to the club's success. He acknowledged the innovations brought to office operations, equipment maintenance, event revitalization, and technological advancements. Praise was extended to those in management, financial stewardship, course transformation, and operational roles, as well as to student staff, summer students and supporters of



Pictured is Les Dorosh

league play and junior golf programs. Special appreciation was given for the infrastructure improvements and effective leadership that are ushering the club into a new era. As he announced his step back from active duties, Dorosh expressed pride in the collective achievements and encouraged continued dedication to preserving the RCGC's legacy for generations to come.

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Andrews, Sharon Yent, Gladys Anderson and Bev Saal. In the early days, the group met alongside the Redwater Art Society before eventually branching out to form their own guild.

Over the years, the guild has met in several locations throughout the community, including the Pentecostal Hall, Ocher Park School, Redwater High School and the United Church.

Today, members gather at the Alliance Church, where they continue to share ideas, techniques and encouragement with one another.

While quilting is their shared passion, the guild is also well known for its generosity and commitment to helping others. Each year, members donate between 50 and 100 quilts to organizations and individuals in need. Many of these quilts are carefully handmade and given to provide warmth, comfort and a reminder that

someone cares.

In 2011, the guild began making preemie blankets for the NICU at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton after one member had a grandchild receiving care in the unit. Since then, members have continued the project with dedication, also sewing preemie hats and bunny shirts for newborns and their families. To date, the guild has donated more than 400 preemie blankets.

Over the past 20 years, quilts created by guild members have been donated to many groups including Victim Services, RedwaterHospitalLong Term Care, Diamond Springs Lodge, Radway Long Term Care, Kids Cottage, families affected by fires and refugees from Ukraine. Quilts have also been donated to local organizations and community fundraisers, helping support many worthwhile causes.

In addition to their charitable work, the guild provides an opportunity for people

in the community to connect through a shared love of quilting. Members range from experienced quilters to those still learning the craft, and the group encourages creativity, skill-building and friendship.

For many members, the guild is about more than quilting. It is also a place to share stories, learn from one another and enjoy time together. Over the years, friendships have formed around sewing tables as members work on projects, exchange ideas and support each other both inside and outside the quilting room.

The guild continues to welcome visitors and new members. Meetings are held every second Saturday from September to December and again from January to May.

After 20 years, the Redwater Quilters Guild continues to stitch together creativity, friendship and compassion while making a difference in the lives of many throughout the community.

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## INTERMUNICIPAL SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD HEARING

An Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board hearing has been scheduled for:  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, 4612 – McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, AB or online:  
<https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/276813566>

The purpose of this hearing is to review an appeal received regarding the approval of Development Permit DP-015-2025 and DP-016-2025. The proposed development is two row housing (4 units each) located at Lot 13 & 14, Block 7, Plan 0721842. Any person who claims to be affected by the decision or the development may be present at the hearing. Written submissions will be received by the ISDAB Appeal Board Clerk, at Smoky Lake County, 4612 – McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, AB, T0A 3C0, prior to commencement of the hearing.



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**SCHOOL NEWS**



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 H.A Kostach School photo



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# Students enjoy Hockey Hooky trip to watch Oil Kings



Thorhild Central School photo

Students in Grades 1, 4 and 6 from Thorhild Central School had an exciting day at Hockey Hooky on Thursday as they travelled to watch the Edmonton Oil Kings in action.

The students attended the special daytime

game and were treated to an energetic atmosphere and a strong performance on the ice. The Oil Kings defeated their opponents 6-1, making the game especially exciting for the young fans in attendance.

School staff extended a big thank you to TEAM for helping make the trip possible. According to those who attended, the students had a great time and the outing was a memorable experience for everyone involved.

# Smoky Lake County honours retiring employees for years of service



Smoky Lake County photo

On March 6, several dedicated members of the Smoky Lake County team were honored as they begin their well-deserved retirements.

These individuals have collectively contributed over 66 years of service, sharing their

expertise, skills, and commitment with both the County and the community.

**Back Row** (L to R): Retiree Dwayne Jasinsky (13 years), Councillor David Kully, Councillor Ryan Barker, Councillor Jered Serben

**Front Row** (L to R): Deputy Reeve Lorne Halisky, Reeve Craig Lukinuk, Retiree Carole Dowhaniuk (25 years), Retiree Lonnie Shulko (23 years)

**Not pictured:** Retiree Debbie Hackman (5 years)



Shauna Knrankowsky photos

The diamond Spring Lodge held a Dip and Delight dinner for residents and their family and friends on March 6. They had beef dip loaded fries and bananas foster. Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal. There was entertainment from Paul Begoray who played the accordion. There was a 50/50 draw and cash bar.

# Alberta RCMP warn the public of spring scam season

The Alberta RCMP is advising that with the change of season comes an increase in certain scams. RCMP are already responding to reports of paving and distraction/gold scams.

Paving scams are very common. Contractors claim to have leftover materials from previous jobs and offer to pave driveways and parking lots at reduced pricing. Companies may use business names that suggest they are affiliated with a government road maintenance department and typically provide false addresses or contact information. After contractors collect payment and disappear from the area, customers discover the materials used are poor quality and

the work is unprofessional. Victims are sometimes left unable to contact the scammers and face expensive asphalt repairs or in other incidents, the contractors attempt to intimidate the customer into paying after the work is completed for poor product and services.

Keep the following tips in mind to avoid falling victim to a paving scam:

- Ask for names of previous customers and verify that they were satisfied with the work.
- Research the company through the Better Business Bureau in Alberta, the Consumer Investigations Unit, your local Rural Crime Watch, or on social media.
- Obtain a written

quote that includes the full business name, address, phone number, GST number, as well as provincial and municipal license numbers, if applicable.

- Quotes should specify the quantity and quality of materials being offered. Be skeptical if contractors decline to provide this information.
- Seek estimates from reputable companies to compare costs.
- Do not agree to a contract if you feel pressured or if the contractor refuses to take "no" for an answer.
- Be leery of unsolicited offers. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

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# Guiding sustainable agriculture through EFPs

By **Brandie Majeau**



Alberta's agricultural landscape is quietly transforming through the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (EFP). Across rural communities, workshops are being held to support completion of EFPs and enhance understanding of this program. This allows farmers and ranchers to assess the environmental risks and strengths of their operations, encouraging sustainable practices that benefit both their businesses and the wider ecosystem.

The EFP program, managed by the Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA), has grown steadily since its inception in 2003. Over 10,000 Alberta producers have participated, representing a broad cross-section of the province's farming community. The process begins with farmers completing a detailed workbook, which guides them through an evaluation of their farm's

environmental impact in areas such as soil management, water quality, energy use, and biodiversity.

After completing the self-assessment, producers collaborate with trained EFP technicians to develop an action plan. This plan outlines practical steps to reduce risks and strengthen environmental stewardship, such as improving manure storage, protecting riparian zones, or adopting precision agriculture technologies. The plan is reviewed and updated every ten years to ensure farms remain aligned with best management practices and new environmental challenges.

Participation in the EFP is voluntary, but many producers find it beneficial. It helps protect Alberta's natural resources and provides access to funding opportunities. Completing an EFP is often required for cost-share programs, such as those under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, which support investments in equipment and infrastructure to reduce environmental impact.

Lisa Nadeau, EFP Director

shared, "An Environmental Farm Plan helps Alberta producers showcase the stewardship they're already doing, spot practical ways to strengthen their operation, and stay ahead of emerging environmental expectations. It's confidential, free, and farmer led, giving producers a clear picture of their farm's environmental strengths while helping them plan improvements that support soil, water, and long term productivity. Many programs and grants also recognize the EFP as proof of responsible management, making it a smart, low barrier investment in the future of the farm."

Producers receive support from their assigned EFP technician, either through in-person or virtual workshops, or by completing the workbook independently. The Alberta Environmental Farm Plan is more than a checklist; it serves as a catalyst for ongoing improvement. By providing knowledge and support, it helps ensure Alberta's agricultural legacy remains productive and resilient for future generations.

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victims. The scammers will sell what turns out to be fake jewelry or use distraction techniques to remove real jewellery from a victim.

Keep the following tips in mind to avoid falling victim to distraction/gold scams:

- Always remain vigilant
- Secure your valuables.
- Be cautious of strangers in your personal space or attempting to hug or touch you.
- Trust your instincts and don't be afraid to say no or yell for help if you feel uncomfortable.
- Walk away from any suspicious person or behaviour.

If you have been the victim of or have information regarding a scam in your area, call your local police or To contact the RCMP non-emergency line while in any Alberta RCMP jurisdiction, call 310-RCMP(7267). If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com) or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store. To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play.

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## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS March 10, 2026

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the March 10, 2026, Regular Council meeting:

### Unfinished Business - Policy 940 Winter Road Maintenance

Council directed Administration to bring back a draft Policy 940 - Winter Road Maintenance to a future Council meeting that includes identifying priority roads and communication protocols.

### Public Hearing - Bylaw 04-2026 to Redistrict 15 Acres of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 092 0797 within NW 10-60-23-W4M from AG - Agricultural to CR - Multi-lot Country Residential District under Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015 and Non-Requirement for an Outline Plan

Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing regarding proposed Bylaw 04-2026 to amend Land Use Bylaw 1194-2015 by changing a 15-acre portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 092 0797 within NW 10-60-23-W4M from AG - Agricultural District to CR - Multi-lot Country Residential, a motion to give Bylaw 04-2026 second reading was defeated.

### Unfinished Business - Swimming Pool Schedule

Council accepted the proposed swimming pool schedule for information.

### Unfinished Business - 2026 Swimming Pool Rate Review

Council directed Administration to define the family rate for the swimming pool, remove rates related to the Medical Clinic, and bring back to the next Regular Council Meeting.

### Amendments to Policy 306 - Purchasing

Council approved amended Policy 306 - Purchasing as presented.

### Procedure 215 - CAO Employment Policy

Council approved revisions to Procedure 215 - CAO Employment Policy Schedule "B".

### Correspondence for Action - Lacombe County

Council directed Administration to draft a letter, with the Reeve's signature, in support of Lacombe County's letter regarding concerns over the closure of the Lacombe Research and Development Centre and to forward the letter to the Honourable Heath MacDonald, and the respective MPs and MLAs.

### Correspondence for Action - Redwater RCMP

Council directed Administration to contact the Thorhild Citizens on Patrol to inquire if they are interested in arranging a town hall meeting to discuss the community priorities.

### Delegation - Northern Lights Library System

Council accepted the presentation from Northern Lights Library System for information.

### Delegation - STARS

Council accepted the presentation from STARS for information.

## DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED – APPEAL BY MARCH 31, 2026

Take notice that the Municipal Planning Commission for Thorhild County has approved the following Development Application:

- i. Legal Description: SE 10-59-20-W4 (Full Quarter)
- Land Use Designation: AG - Agricultural District (LUB 1194-2015)
- Proposal: Small-Scale Guest Accommodation with Five 20' x 20' Bunk Houses (Bunkies) supporting Agricultural use (Guest Ranch-Style/Farm Stay) with 40' x 100' Greenhouse, 20' Sea Can, Cut Flower Farm Field and Sales
- Division: 1
- Permit #: DP26-2731

**Date of Decision: March 10, 2026; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, March 31, 2026**

### Additional Information:

For additional information regarding these permits, please contact Manager of Planning and Development David Blades at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825 or email: [David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com).

### Appeal Information:

If you wish to appeal these decisions, you must appeal to the following appeal body (see below for details):

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Appeals must be filed with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board via email at [carol.revega@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:carol.revega@thorhildcounty.com) or via mail to Thorhild County, P. O. Box 10, 801 – 1st Street, Thorhild, AB, T0A 3J0. Telephone enquiries can also be made to the Planning & Development Department at 780-398-3741. Pursuant to Section 686 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, an appeal may be commenced by filing a notice of appeal within 21 days of the decision date. Please note that there is a \$200.00 fee for any appeal.

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### Taxes will be completed during April by appointments on the following dates:

- Monday, April 13, 2026 10 am-3 pm
- Friday, April 17 10 am-3 pm
- Tuesday, April 28 10 am-3 pm

To book an appointment or for information please call Kelly at 780-398-3741 ext. 2820.

## Bat House Building Workshop

Bats provide many valuable ecosystem services, not to mention they can eat thousands of mosquitos a night! Now is a great time to build & place a bat house for bats to find in the spring.

This workshop will include presentations on bats & bat houses, followed by a building session. Materials will be provided, but participants must bring a cordless drill and bits.



**Date:** March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
**Time:** 5:30 pm  
**Location:** ASB Shop 805 1st Street Thorhild  
**Cost:** \$25/kit

Open to Thorhild residents only. Please use this QR code to register:



Limited kits available. Participants must pre-register and pre-pay to secure a spot.

Limit of one kit per family (children welcome, accompanied by an adult).

## Bus EXCURSIONS



**APRIL 7**  
**Shopping trip to Redwater 1/2 day**  
Pickup Thorhild Lodge 8:30 am | Radway Seniors Centre 9:00 am  
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**APRIL 10**  
**St. Albert Orchid Fair**  
\$10 admission (fee not included)  
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Newbrook Hall 9:30 am

**APRIL 17**  
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For further details call the Tax Clerk at 780-398-3741 ext. 2822; [taxes@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:taxes@thorhildcounty.com) or visit [www.thorhildcounty.com](http://www.thorhildcounty.com), then click on the Services tab > Corporate Services > Assessment & Property Taxes > Tax Rates, then click on "2026 Non-Residential Small Business Sub Class Declaration"



# Spring planting prep: Timing and tip for Alberta fields

Alberta's spring can be unpredictable, but early prep pays off. Aim to seed when soil at depth hits 5-10°C (around early May in central/northern areas like Whitecourt). For cereals like wheat and barley, target May 1-31 for best yields and quality. Peas

thrive in cool conditions—plant as soon as soil is workable (they tolerate light frost). Follow peas with barley for nutrient benefits from their shallow roots. General tips: Test soil, inoculate pulses if needed, use optimal seeding rates

(e.g., 20-25 plants/ft<sup>2</sup> for malt barley), and avoid deep placement in cold soils. With forecasts showing potential shifts toward more canola or wheat, rotate wisely to manage diseases and build soil health. **Barley & Wheat Planting Pointers**

**for Prairie Success**  
**Optimal window:** Early to mid-May for highest yields and quality.  
**Seeding rate:** Target stands of 20-30 plants/ft<sup>2</sup>; adjust for variety and conditions.  
**Rotation wins:** Barley after peas

often yields best due to leftover moisture/nutrients.  
**Variety focus:** Prioritize lodging resistance and maturity for your zone.  
**Extra:** Seed treatments for disease protection; monitor for sawfly in drought-prone spots.

## Seed GUIDE

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# PUZZLES

SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 15

## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

### Fun By The Numbers

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### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Sometime this week you may discover a hidden talent you didn't know you have, Aries. Embrace this new aspect of your identity and put it to good use.

### TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



This is a time when you might feel grounded and secure, Taurus. Your inner strength will allow you to take a calculated risk that will pay off, either with your finances or relationships.

### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



You might find that this week a mental fog will lift, leaving you with a crystal-clear vision for the future, Gemini. Start moving toward your goals as soon as possible.

### CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Your emotional intelligence is your greatest asset right now, Cancer. You help a friend navigate a tricky situation with ease midweek, and by the weekend you're still going strong.

### LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Right now your confidence is unshakable, Leo. Use all of your energy to advocate for something you fully believe in. Chances are you will evoke some change as a result.

### VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, order brings you joy, which means you may want to tackle transforming your work space into a more detailed operation. This will boost your mood and your performance.

### LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Romance is a priority right now, Libra. Whether you are single or in a relationship, expect a moment this week when the spark is ignited once more.

### SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



A small change in your routine may lead to a big increase in energy, Scorpio. Try rearranging your schedule to see what works best for you, and then make it a habit.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, a dream you had is more attainable than you might think. Take the first step and quickly the path will open up for you.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Leadership comes naturally to you now, Capricorn. People will be looking to you for guidance this week. Try to deliver it with kindness and no sense of ego.

### AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Your "Eureka!" moment might come sooner than you would imagine, Aquarius. Pay attention to the details this week and tune your way of thinking toward innovation.

### PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Nature walks or creative hobbies may nourish your soul this week, Pisces. You might find yourself deeply attuned to the world around you and the beauty you discover.

## Crossword Clues

### CLUES ACROSS

- Inclined to do
- Sketches
- Book of Chronicles (abbr.)
- Atomic #58
- Dorm official
- Small Eurasian deer
- Southern constellation
- Workers' groups
- Former
- Excellent
- Romance language related to Spanish
- Reference
- Equally
- Dirty towels
- A cargo (abbr.)
- Ammunition
- You get one in

summer

- Slang for trucks with trailers
- Swiss river
- Exchange rate
- British School
- College teacher
- Foreign Service
- Horse gear
- Cost to fly
- A salt or ester of boric acid
- Mocking
- One who bird-watches
- Concluding passage
- A major division of geological time
- Sodium
- A way to produce
- Soak

59. Laughed loudly and harshly

### CLUES DOWN

- Moth species
- Quantum of energy
- Break the law
- Location of White House
- Official cancellation of a decision
- Where rockers work
- Cut of beef: \_\_ mignon
- Nocturnal burrowing reptile
- Atomic #62
- Genus of evergreen shrubs
- Flowering plant of the legume family
- Inches per minute (abbr.)

- Tropical fruit
- Hot fluid beneath the earth's crust
- James \_\_, painter
- Popular dessert
- Payment (abbr.)
- Cuisine style
- Genus of true flies
- City in western France
- Arrogance
- One holding a position of command
- Weekday
- An evening party
- Print errors
- Not good
- Egyptian Sun god
- East German town
- Olfactory property
- Atomic #37
- "Pollock" actor Harris

## HEALTHY HEART WORD SEARCH

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S E Q T H Y P E R T E N S I O N N R I I  
C M O C M C E C N A R U D N E L I N Q E  
L H H A I M H T Y H R R A K B K P U S S

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

### WORDS

AEROBIC  
ARRHYTHMIA  
ARTERIES

ATHEROSCLEROSIS  
BEATS  
BLOOD  
CARDIAC

CARDIOVASCULAR  
CHOLESTEROL  
CIRCULATION  
CORONARY

ENDURANCE  
EXERCISE  
HEALTHY  
HEART

HYPERTENSION  
INFLAMMATION  
MUSCLE  
PLAQUE

PULSE  
STRESS  
STROKE  
VALVES  
VEINS

# Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club shines at Kalyna Festival

By Brandie Majeau

The Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club delivered an amazing showcase of talent and passion at the recent Kalyna Festival in Smoky Lake on March 1. The energy and commitment displayed by the dancers when they first stepped on the stage followed them through the festival, earning the club a host of prestigious awards and the praise.

The club's students, representing various groups, took home an impressive collection of accolades. Group 1 Poltava was named Most Promising, while Group 2 claimed the Most Outstanding award. Group 3 Poltava dancers not only received Most Outstanding but also the Choreography Award, highlighting their creativity and unity.

Pollissian Group

3 and Hutsul Group 4 were each recognized as Most Promising, with Hutsul Group 4 also achieving High Gold. Group 5's Poltava performance dazzled judges and earned a High Gold distinction.

Individual and duet achievements added even more excitement. Annalee Hawrelko and Kayden Crosswell were awarded Most Promising for their Poltava, while Taylor and Leah Barto's Poltava duet was singled out for the Adjudicator's Choice Award. Paley Hay's Hutsul performance and Kaylee Kuzyk's Transcarpathian dance each garnered special recognition for excellence and artistry. Hay was awarded most promising and Kuzyk took home Adjudicator's Choice.

The success of

the Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club is due to the diligence, the dedication, hard work, and passion of each dancer. Coaches and families are filled with pride as these young performers continue to hone their skills, embrace their cultural heritage, and inspire those around them.

With upcoming competitions in Vermillion on March 14 and Lloydminster starting March 26, the momentum is strong. The group looks forward to cheering on their dancers as they represent Thorhild with pride and grace. Congratulations to every member of the club...the future looks bright, and their achievements are a shining example of what can be accomplished through perseverance and a love for dance.



Photos courtesy of Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club

Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club Group 5.



Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club Group 2.



Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club Group 3.



Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club Group 4.



Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club Group 1.

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# PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1694/25 TO CLOSE AND DISPOSE OF PORTIONS OF RANGE ROAD 222

## Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1694/25.

This bylaw would close and dispose of a portion of Range Road 222, beginning 800 meters south of Highway 643, and north of Township Road 560. The subject area is within the Industrial Heartland, and alternate routes are available.

Learn more: [sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1694-25](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1694-25)

### Public Hearing details

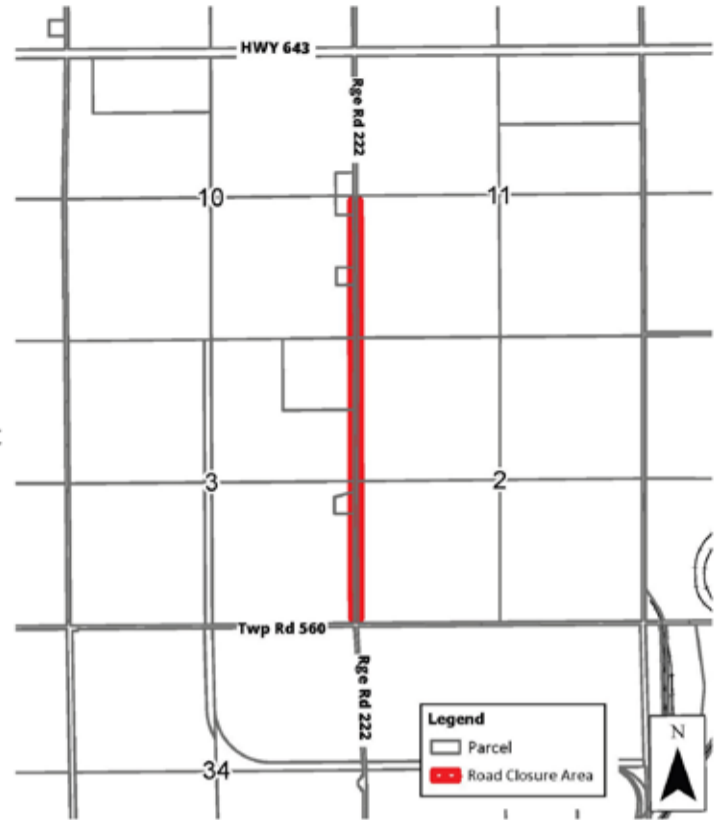
The Public Hearing will be held in person and via video conference on:

**Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 1 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) at Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)

### Questions? Contact us!

**Kyle Schole**  
Senior Planner, Land Management  
780-939-1397  
[kschole@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto:kschole@sturgeoncounty.ca)

**Legal Land Description:** All that portion of original government road allowance adjacent to the west boundary of the west half of Section 2 and west boundary of the southwest quarter of Section 11 and portion of Road Plan 252 0361 within southeast quarter of Section 3 Township 56 Range 22 west of the Fourth Meridian. Excepting thereout all mines and minerals.



### 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 **780-939-8029** to register.

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

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you must register by **March 23, 2026 at 1 p.m.** by contacting Legislative Services at **780-939-8029**. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

#### Written submissions

Email your written submission to Legislative Services at [legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto: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](http://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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# Smoky Lake's Medieval Fun Day stepped back in time



**By Brandie Majeau**

The Smoky Lake Ag building was transformed into an animated medieval village on March 7, as families and history enthusiasts gathered for the first Smoky Lake Medieval Fun Day. The event, which offered a unique opportunity to experience living history, drew crowds eager to immerse themselves in the sights, sounds, and traditions of centuries past.

The event was organized and hosted by Janet Abramic with over twenty years of experience in medieval and Viking reenactments, the afternoon showcased her dedication to historical education. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, her and her husband participated in shows as part of several historical groups across Canada, from British Columbia to Saskatchewan and even as far as Gimley, Manitoba, and brought that history to life.

Attendees at the Smoky Lake Medieval Fun Day browsed medieval-themed vendor booths, tried their



hand at traditional crafts, and took part in a variety of hands-on activities. One popular station allowed guests to create their own leather-stamped bookmarks, while others tested their skills in the beloved Hunker Down game. The SCA group from Cold Lake captivated visitors with martial demonstrations and historical displays, offering a glimpse into the martial traditions of the era.

Photo opportunities were also a huge feature with three themed backdrops set up for participants to capture their medieval memories. Guests were invited to take part in a recreation of the classic Little John and Robin Hood battle on the bridge.

A special sword class led by Jonathan, the Martial at Arms, offered both junior and advanced participants a chance to learn theatrical sword techniques. The day would not have been complete without the animated performances by the acclaimed storytellers "Wizard and Raven," as well as the ever-entertaining

"Jester," making sure that the spirit of the Middle Ages came alive for everyone who stopped by.

Organizers are pleased to announce that Medieval Day will return next year, once again featuring the popular Medieval feast in the evening. Special thanks go to Galia of the Blackbeary Eatery for sponsoring this year's event. Looking ahead, there may be fundraising activities throughout the summer to help bring professional entertainers to next year's festival. To stay informed about upcoming activities and exciting updates, follow Smoky Lake Medieval Family Fun Day on Facebook.



Photos courtesy of Smoky Lake Medieval Family Fun Day

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**Community submission**

Our local U9 Rush Hockey team with Redwater Minor Hockey traded their hockey sticks for icing bags on March 1st.

The team had a

blast decorating Smile Cookies for a special team-building event. But the best part? They delivered every single cookie to the wonderful residents of Diamond Spring Lodge, along with hot chocolate to warm their day.

So many smiles, sweet treats, and special moments shared. What an amazing group of kids for showing that being part of Redwater RUSH is about more than hockey — it's about community.



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chosen moment aligns with the unpredictable outcome. This unique fundraiser has become a signature event for the Thorhild Agricultural Society, combining community engagement with the thrill of chance, and has kind of come to mark the beginning of the spring thaw.

This year's edition comes amid

fluctuating winter weather. While cold and snowy conditions have persisted, upcoming temperature swings could increase the unpredictability of ice stability. While it adds to the anticipation of the Splash & Crash fundraiser, it's a reminder of caution that what appears to be solid ice can quickly become hazardous, with the potential for rapid flooding and cracking...and "splashing."

Demonstrating a strong commitment to safety and community partnership, the Thorhild Agricultural Society invited Thorhild Emergency Services to assist with the event's preparation. Emergency personnel leveraged the occasion to conduct a water rescue drill, utilizing the setup for training and ensuring qualified staff were present in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

The annual fundraiser is a fun way for participants to support community initiatives that the Thorhild Agricultural Society is always building upon. As the community awaits the combine's dramatic plunge, the Thorhild Agricultural Society encourages everyone to join in the fun and support their annual Splash & Crash fundraiser while celebrating the changing of the seasons.



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