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## New management brings fresh energy to Uptown Pizza & Donair



**By Shelley Winger**

A familiar Redwater restaurant is beginning a new chapter as Uptown Pizza & Donair, located at 4920-49 Street, is now operating under new management.

While the business itself is already a well-known part of the community, the change in leadership



brings fresh energy and a renewed focus on serving local residents.

Uptown Pizza & Donair continues to offer a wide variety of menu items, including pizza, donairs, pasta, wings, subs, salads, fries and appetizers. The restaurant says its dough is made fresh daily and its sauces

are homemade, offering customers a fresh and convenient dining option close to home.

The welcoming spirit of the new management team was evident from the start. After The Review staff requested approval to take a photo, the owners kindly offered complimentary pizza to office staff — a

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## Radway Easter Market draws crowd for a day of community, food and fun



Photos courtesy of Radway Agricultural Society

**By Brandie Majeau**

The annual Radway Easter Market once again proved to be a highlight of community fun and springtime traditions, drawing



an extensive crowd of shoppers, families, and local vendors for a day filled with easter excitement.

This year's market featured more than 55 vendor tables bringing

with them an impressive variety of goods, from freshly baked treats and handcrafted keychains to decorative items, plants, cozy socks, intricate wood carvings, and tables of

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Redwater Rush U15 celebrate their 2026 Iceberg Cup championship after a well-earned win at the tournament, held Friday, March 27, to Sunday, March 29. The event also raised \$11,000 for youth mental health through the online 50/50.

**Redwater Minor Hockey photo**

# Smoky Lake Lions Club hosts annual Walk for Dog Guides

By Haylee Winger



The Smoky Lake Lions Club will host its annual Walk for Dog Guides on Sunday, May 3, 2026, raising support for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG). Since 1983, LFCDG has partnered with

individuals, families, and communities across Canada, training specially matched dogs to assist children, youth, and adults with vision, hearing, medical, or physical challenges.

Dog Guides help people who are blind or partially sighted, Deaf or hard of hearing, or

living with conditions such as epilepsy, diabetes, autism, or those working in professional roles responding to trauma. Each Dog Guide undergoes personalized training to meet the needs of its future handler. All costs including training, travel, accommodation, and ongoing support are fully covered.

On average, raising and training one Dog Guide costs about \$35,000.

LFCDG depends on the generosity of donors, sponsors, and community events like the Walk for Dog Guides to continue its work. The Smoky Lake walk begins at the Lions Den, with registration at 11 a.m. and the walk starting at

noon. Participants can join in on foot (no dog required) or sponsor a walker. Pledge forms are available at local businesses, and donations can also be made online at [walkfordogguides.com](http://walkfordogguides.com). The walk concludes at the Lions Dog Park for its grand opening at 1:30 p.m., with refreshments provided. All residents are

welcome to celebrate the new community space while supporting a meaningful cause.

This annual event highlights the importance of community involvement and provides a chance for residents to come together to support independence, inclusion, and the life-changing work of Dog Guides.

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I'm 13, and I don't think the people who bully me actually know they're doing something that sticks. Like, they probably go home and eat dinner and watch TV and just forget. But I don't forget. I remember the exact words sometimes, even when I don't want to.

It's not like in movies where someone gets shoved into lockers every day. It's quieter than that. It's people not moving their backpacks so you can sit down. It's laughing when you say something normal, like you said it wrong somehow. It's group chats you find out about later that you weren't in.

There's this one thing that happens a lot where I'll be talking, and someone will look at their friend and make a face. Not even a big one. Just a quick look. But I

see it. And then I start thinking about it for the rest of the day, like what did I do wrong?

I've tried changing things. Like talking less. Or trying to be funnier. Or just agreeing with people so they don't get annoyed. It kind of works for a bit, but then I feel like I'm not even acting like myself anymore. It's weird, like you're there but also not really there.

Sometimes I count how long until the bell rings. Like actually count seconds in my head when it gets really bad. That probably sounds dumb, but it helps a little because at least time is moving, even if everything else feels stuck.

I don't tell a lot of people. Not because I want to keep it a secret, but because it's hard to explain without sound-

ing dramatic. If you say "they're just being mean," it doesn't sound like enough to explain why it messes with your head so much.

But it does.

There are still okay moments though. Like when I'm drawing in my notebook and I forget where I am for a bit. Or when someone actually talks to me like a normal person and I don't have to think so hard about every word I say. Those moments feel kind of important, like proof that things aren't always bad.

I don't really have advice or anything. I'm still figuring it out. I just wish people thought a little more before they said stuff or did those small things they think don't matter.

Because they do. Even if no one says anything, they do.





Photo courtesy of Radway Agricultural Society

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 raffle prizes.  
 For everyone who was there just casually browsing or hunting for something specific, the shoppers were spoiled with all the choice.

Spring fever was in full force as attendees moved through the bustling market, pausing to reconnect with neighbours and friends while discovering unique finds from the talented local vendors. The energy was warm and uplifting, capturing the spirit of a community eager to shake off the winter months and celebrate the (almost) end of a dreary season together.

The Radway Easter Market would not be complete without the luncheon dinner at the concession. Previous years served up traditional Ukrainian food but this year the kitchen served up generous plates

of ham and scalloped potatoes, with a slice of pie to finish. It was a hearty, home-cooked meal that had guests lining up to grab a plate at the kitchen window.

The day's undisputed special guest, however, was the Easter Bunny himself.

Making his way through the crowd with a basket of goodies in hand, he delighted children and adults, adding a touch of magic to an already memorable event. His appearance drew smiles from every corner of the market, reminding attendees that the Radway Easter Market is about far more than shopping. It has become a celebration of community, connection, and the joy of spring. Organizers and vendors expressed their continued gratitude for the support of the community that makes these annual events a success.

# Smoky Lake RCMP Report

By Haylee Winger



The Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment reported a variety of calls for service during the week of March 30, ranging from thefts and fraud to wellness checks and emergency response assistance.

Police conducted a wellness check on a local male following a request for assistance. In a separate incident, an individual reported that his bank account had been compromised through his phone. ATB Financial identified suspicious activity, froze the account, and has launched an investigation. The institution indicated that any lost funds are expected to be reimbursed.

Officers also responded to a report of an unknown suspect gaining access to a rural property. No damage was reported. In cooperation with the Edmonton Police

Service, members served a summons to a resident in the Smoky Lake area.

A stolen vehicle reported out of Slave Lake was located after a possible sighting in the region. Meanwhile, Fish and Wildlife officers attended after a deer was struck and required euthanasia.

Local businesses were also targeted during the week. Unknown individuals entered an Esso location wearing face coverings and stole automotive items. In a separate incident, an employee with Inter Pipeline reported the theft of approximately 100 feet of copper wire from a valve site, with losses estimated in the thousands of dollars.

Emergency services responded to assist an elderly male who had fallen in his home, possibly due to a medical episode. RCMP members helped him back into bed before EMS

arrived to assess his condition.

Traffic complaints included a report of a gravel truck failing to stop at a stop sign at Highway 855 and Township Road 610. Police also received a complaint about a vehicle parked along Highway 855 near Victoria Trail, with the driver appearing to be asleep; however, the vehicle was gone upon police arrival.

Fraud-related incidents continued, with a report of a compromised credit card, possibly linked to a hacked website.

Members also provided assistance to a male seeking transportation to Cold Lake by directing him to Alberta Works.

RCMP attended a sudden death in the Village of Waskatenau, which has been deemed non-suspicious. Officers also responded to an assault complaint; however, no charges were laid following the investigation. A separate

domestic incident involving an alleged breach of conditions remains under investigation.

In the Village of Vilna, police received a report of uttering threats. Additionally, a break and enter at a seasonal property was reported, with copper stolen. Due to the delay in reporting, investigators were unable to locate evidence at the scene.

Suspicious activity was also noted, including a report of a black truck with chrome and a trailer on Range Road 135; however, officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

Finally, RCMP assisted the Smoky Lake Fire Department at a rural location involving a male trapped in a sinkhole.

The Smoky Lake RCMP encourage anyone with information regarding these or other incidents to contact the detachment at 780-656-3550 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

# Fatal collision on Highway 28 claims two lives near Redwater

By Haylee Winger



Two people were killed in a head-on collision on Highway 28 early Tuesday morning, according to Redwater RCMP.

The crash occurred around 5:41 a.m. on April 7, 2026, near Range Road 223,

west of Redwater. A 59-year-old woman from Edmonton and a 64-year-old man from Radway, both sole occupants of their vehicles, were pronounced dead at the scene. Preliminary investigation indicates that road and weather conditions likely contributed to the double-fatal

collision. Emergency responders from Redwater Emergency Medical Services, Redwater Fire Services, Sturgeon County Emergency Services, and the RCMP Collision Analyst team attended the scene.

Redwater RCMP extended condolences to the families and friends of

the deceased and reminded drivers to exercise caution on snowy and icy roads. Authorities urged the public to remain alert for emergency responders and to adjust driving to current road conditions. For the latest updates on road closures and travel advisories, motorists are encouraged to consult Alberta 511.




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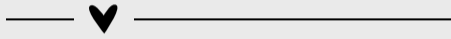
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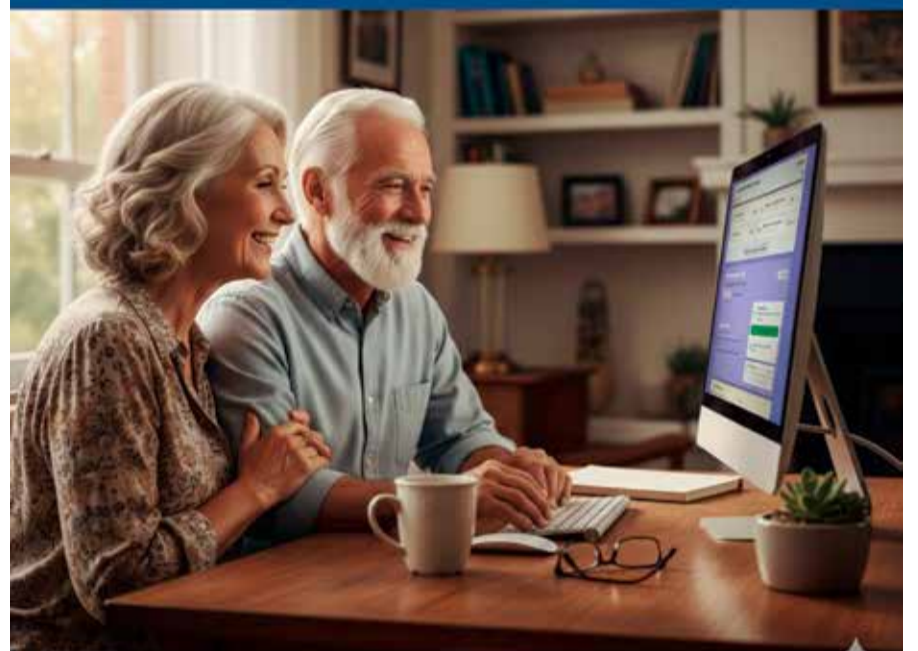


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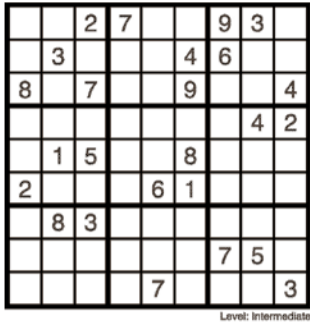


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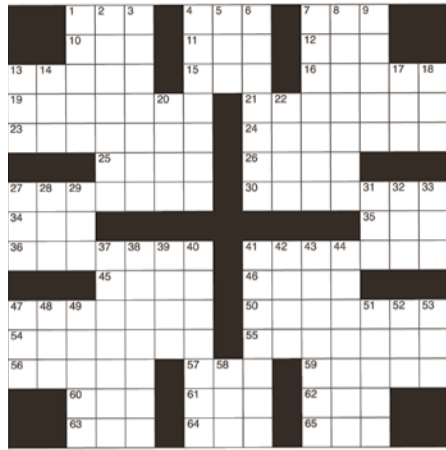
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- 1. Health care pros
- 4. A person inhabiting Benin
- 7. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 10. Split pulses
- 11. Frozen water
- 12. Small constellation
- 13. Perennial mountain rice
- 15. Pick up
- 16. Japanese historical period
- 19. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 21. Unattached
- 23. Fishing port in SE France
- 24. Products for dogs
- 25. One point south of southeast
- 26. Having the skill or resources to do something
- 27. Involve oneself deeply
- 30. Immobile
- 34. \_\_ pai dong: Hong Kong food stall
- 35. Move quickly on foot
- 36. Gathered
- 41. A way through
- 45. Another name for Thor
- 46. Sharp dueling sword
- 47. The supreme commander of a fleet

- 50. Seasoned sausages
- 54. Path
- 55. Christian hermit
- 56. Ancient region of Asia Minor
- 57. Where wrestlers go to work
- 59. Roman statesman
- 60. Explosive
- 61. Licensed for Wall Street
- 62. Where golfers start
- 63. Grow old
- 64. Autonomic nervous system
- 65. No seats available

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. A legally binding command
- 2. General feeling of discomfort
- 3. Dribble
- 4. Soft touch
- 5. South American plant
- 6. Clouds of gas and dust in space
- 7. Warm-blooded vertebrates
- 8. Lines created by folding
- 9. Strong belief
- 13. Senior officer
- 14. Adult
- 17. Joint entrance examination in India
- 18. Passports and drivers' licenses are two
- 20. Those who go against an accepted authority
- 22. One point east of northeast
- 27. Journalist Tarbell
- 28. One's mother (British)
- 29. Nowhere to be found
- 31. A way to save for old age
- 32. Fall behind
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. The work of a sailor
- 38. Mark with striae
- 39. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 40. Sticky situation
- 41. Monetary units of Spain
- 42. Three-banded armadillo
- 43. Chooses
- 44. More disreputable
- 47. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 48. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
- 49. Livestock owners assn. in Spain
- 51. Duplicating machine (abbr.)
- 52. OJ trial judge
- 53. Politician
- 58. Airborne (abbr.)

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Screen Test is improving access to cancer screening for thousands of individuals in Alberta communities where mammograms are not readily available.

In addition to mobile mammography clinics, screening can also be performed at specific radiology clinics and some hospitals. Individuals aged 45 to 74 can discuss their breast cancer risk with their

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# Beyond energy: The Iran war will impact a multitude of costs

By Mark Parsons, ATB ECONOMICS

Sticker shock. That's how many people are describing their experience at the gas pumps following the war in Iran.

According to Gas Buddy.com, regular gasoline prices averaged over 167 cents per litre in Alberta yesterday—up from pre-war levels of about 125 cents. There's nowhere to hide in Canada, with gas prices up everywhere (at the national level, gas prices were averaging around 183 cents per litre yesterday).

Oil price forecasts are in flux given the ever-changing situation in the Middle East. Yesterday, the U.S. Energy Information Administration updated its monthly forecast, now expecting WTI to average US\$87.41/bbl

in 2026 and US\$72.43/bbl in 2027. But that was before news of the two-week ceasefire, which lowered prices from over US\$110/bbl to the mid-90s this morning. Even if the Strait of Hormuz opens permanently, it will take time for oil prices to move lower and we should expect a larger geopolitical risk premium to be embedded in prices.

Higher fuel prices are the most visible economic impact of the war so far. But the impacts are much broader than that. Food, for example, is effectively energy transformed—and not just via photosynthesis. Modern nitrogen fertilizers, which are by-products of natural gas, have shot up in price. Diesel, one of the largest input variables for food production and transportation,

has jumped by an even heftier amount than its gasoline counterpart.

Sorting out the implications of this for household budgets is an empirical exercise. University of Calgary economist Trevor Tombe crunched the numbers using detailed input-output accounts from Statistics Canada that trace the flow of goods and services in the economy.

Tombe finds that a 50% increase in oil and fertilizer prices raises the typical energy bill for Canadians by more than \$500 (if sustained for a year). The indirect effects are significant, with food, dining and alcohol costs up \$175. Even clothing and personal care products go up \$26. Tombe reckons these increases add 1.2 points to the Canadian inflation rate.

If anything, Tombe's inflation math may

understate things. One of the indirect casualties of higher energy-price-induced inflation is borrowing costs. Even though we see the Bank of Canada on hold this year, longer-term rates have already shifted higher. Five-year bond yields, the benchmark for the five-year mortgage rate, have risen by over 40 basis points (or 0.4 percentage points to 3.1%) since the start of the war. This should add some modest upward pressure to mortgage interest costs—a component of the CPI that has been trending lower.

That said, Tombe's numbers roughly check out with our macro math. Our March forecast assumed oil prices stayed elevated for three months before easing. We landed on a US\$75/bbl average WTI price for 2026 (similar

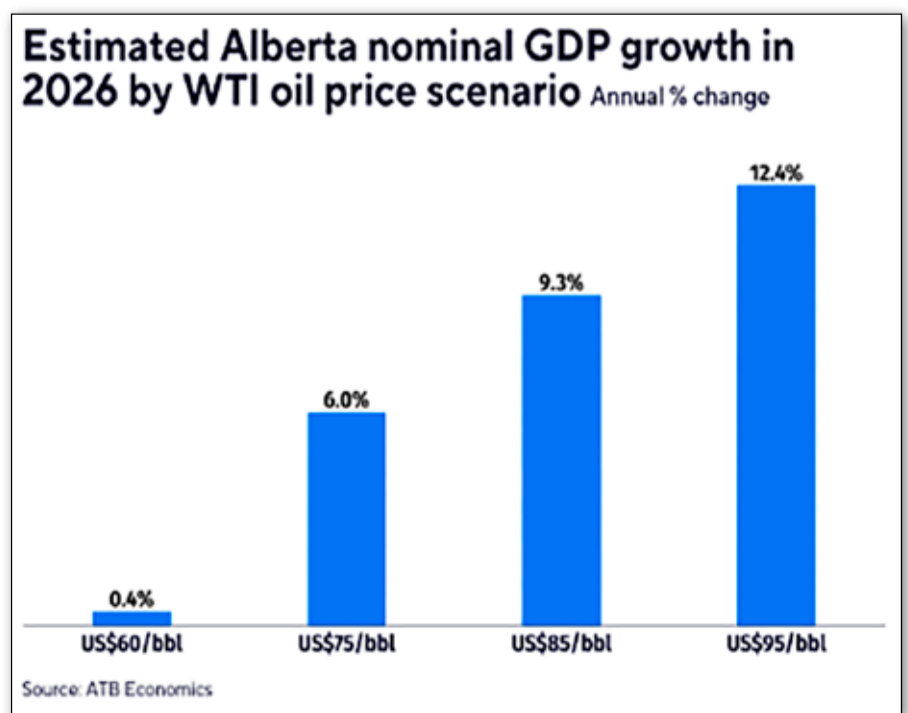
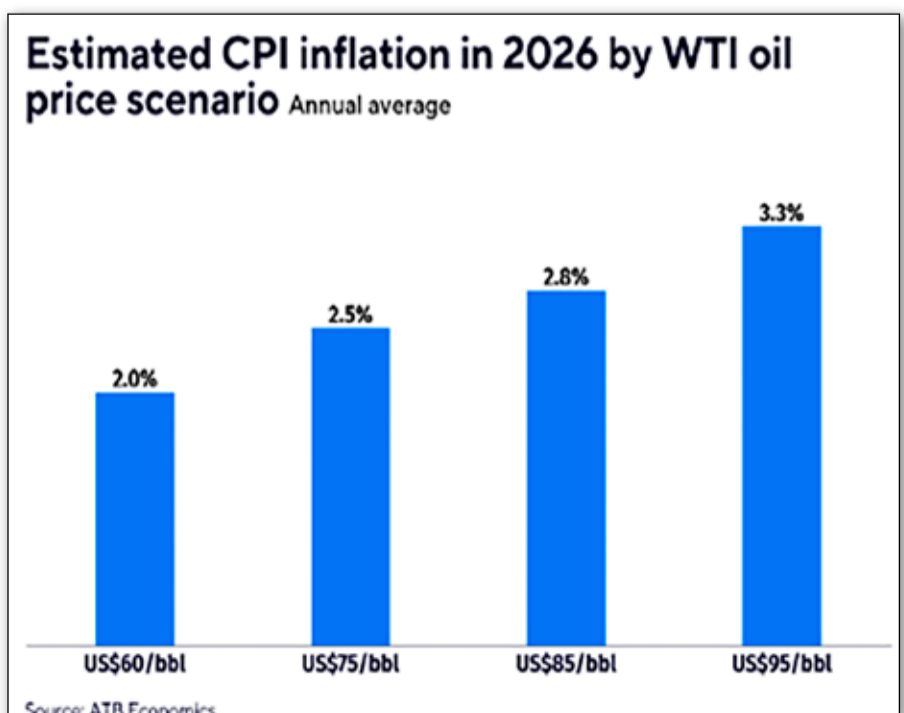
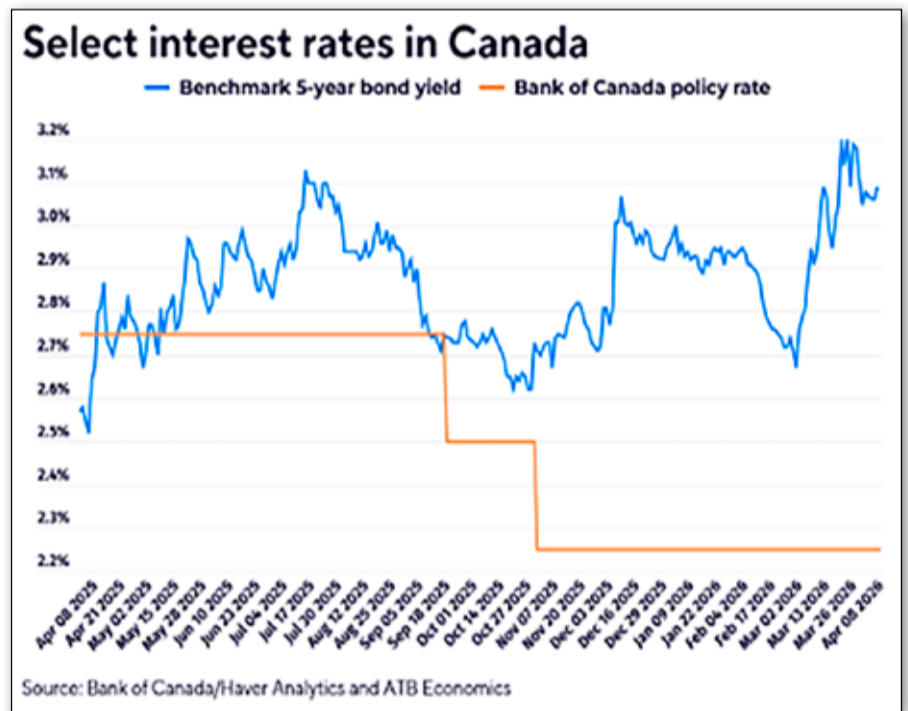
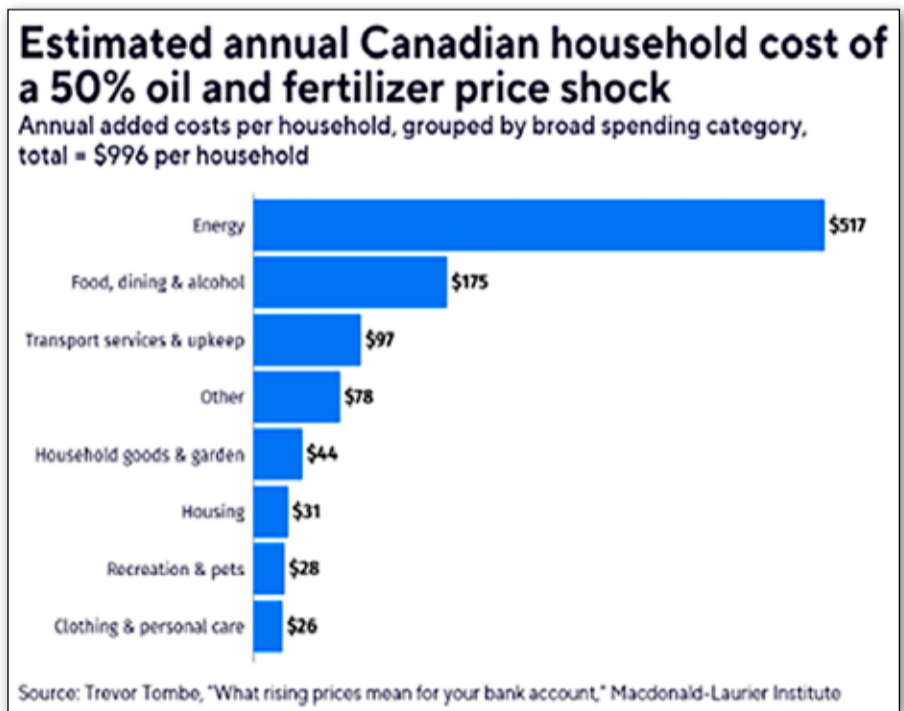
to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's March forecast), which added about 0.5 points to our previous CPI forecast. But if the conflict drags on, the average annual WTI price could come in higher. To give a sense of how sensitive our inflation forecast is to the WTI price, the following figure provides some rough estimates.

Of course, the economic implications are different in Alberta than elsewhere in the country. The province is by far the largest oil producer in Canada, and a massive net exporter. That means higher oil prices translate into gains in the value of Alberta's output, or nominal GDP, mainly in the form of corporate income and government revenue (royalties and taxes).

Nominal GDP is

forecast to rise by 6.0% (up from 0.7% in our December forecast) under the US\$75/bbl scenario for WTI, but the gain could be 12.4% if WTI averaged US\$95/bbl.

How this impacts real GDP (the volume of economic activity) and jobs is a trickier problem to solve. Much of it depends on how much of the additional oil revenue would be translated into new spending in the economy. We see oil producers remaining cautious regarding their capital spending due to uncertainty over the duration of the price spike and pipeline constraints. As a result, we are not forecasting an energy or employment boom, but we still expect real GDP growth to rise to 2.7% in 2026, up from our December forecast of 2.1%.







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**YOUR DREAM BUILD AWAITS!**


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**74 ACRES OF LAND**

74 Acres of land bordered by the Hamlet of Radway and Highway 28, less than an hour to Edmonton. Approx 25 acres of this land is high while the rest is wetland. May be able to have it rezoned to agricultural or country residential and use as pasture land or get a few acres of grain land with the possibility of building a house on the high land at south end. Creek runs through the property. Was pasture land at one time but old fence is in poor condition. Possibly use as a weekend getaway and go fishing at the Radway Fish Pond next door. Seller had trees cleared on some of it a few years ago but some have started to grow back. **\$120,000. Call Heather to view.**



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**LEGAL BUNGALOW WITH DOUBLE GARAGE**

Beautiful 1200 sq ft 3+2 bedroom, 3 bathroom bungalow in Legal (just a few minutes north of St Albert). Many upgrades over the years including new kitchen, paint, flooring, shingles and more. Features main floor laundry, fully finished basement and fenced back yard. Tandem garage with 8' overhead door on front and 10' overhead door on back for easy parking for your pickup truck. **\$349,900.00 Call Glenn Fisher for your private viewing.**



**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY**

This 119.23 acres is only minutes from Edmonton, SE of Spruce Grove. Great possibility of future acreage development. There is already an acreage subdivision on the north border of this property. Located on pavement. Currently being used as farmland with some treed areas and two dugouts. Build your dream home and develop the rest. Great holding property that you can rent out while you watch your investment grow. Currently zoned agricultural with low taxes. **Asking \$2,800,000. Call Glenn for more information.**



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**Notice of Statutory Public Hearing: Bylaw PD-01-2026**



**Statutory Public Hearing | PD-01-2026**

**Land Use Bylaw Amendments & Consolidation**

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 | 18:00 | Council Chambers 4924 47 St.

Any member of the public may attend to speak or hear comments.

**What is Bylaw PD-01-2026?**

Bylaw PD-01-2026 is a proposed amendment and consolidation of the Town of Redwater's Land Use Bylaw PD-01-2023. Over the past three months, the bylaw has undergone ongoing review and refinement, reflecting our approach of treating it as a living document. These continual updates ensure the bylaw can adapt to the community's evolving needs and respond effectively to emerging issues.

**What does this mean?**

Bylaw PD-01-2026 will amend Bylaw PD-01-2023 and consolidate its amendments. The amendments will provide greater flexibility and adaptability to the Town's land use regulations. These amendments will:

- **Land Use Districts:** Clarify that all districts must conform to section 4.2 on Accessory Developments, addition of Care Centre, Major as a permitted use in the Downtown Commercial District, removal of Storage, Recreational as a discretionary use from General Commercial District, addition of Manufacturing and Sales as a permitted use in the Designated Industrial Park and the addition of Intermodal Shipping container as a discretionary use in Recreational District.
- **General Uses:** Deletion of redundant/duplicate sections within regulations on Corner Lots, Double Fronting Sites and Site Line Protection Areas
- **Accessory Building:** clarify location requirements (setbacks) for Accessory Developments.
- **Definitions:** Addition of definition for Manufacturing and Sales
- **Rezoning:**
  - 4701 46 St rezoned from Residential High-Density to General Commercial District
  - 5020 50 St from Residential Medium Density to Residential Low Density



**How can I get more information?**

Any member of the public may review the proposed bylaw and ask questions. A copy of the proposed bylaw is available at [redwater.ca](http://redwater.ca) or you can visit the Town Office during office hours where staff can explain what is proposed, how it might impact you, and how the Public Hearing process works.

**Can I provide comments?**

Members of the public may address Council in person or virtually at the public hearing, with registered speakers called first. To register, email [redwater@redwater.ca](mailto:redwater@redwater.ca) or call 780-942-3519 ext. 250 by 18:00 on April 21, 2026. Written comments may also be submitted by email; to appear in the agenda, they must be received by the registration deadline. Late submissions will be read into the record but not included in the published agenda. Submissions will not be considered after the hearing closes. Each speaker has 10 minutes, and all names and comments become part of the public record.



Call Us:  
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**Speak or provide comments at the Public Hearing:**  
In person & Virtual: Registration not required; those registered to speak will speak first. Deadline to Register: 18:00 on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.  
Written submissions, visuals: 18:00 on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 to be included in the published agenda package.



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# ELECTED COWLEY

**Over 30 years experience as a business owner-operator in Redwater**

Redwater is a great town but is facing infrastructure and economic challenges. I would like to be part of finding solutions to street, sidewalk, sewer and water issues as well as emphasizing people services while controlling taxes. Communication was my career until retiring in 2023 and if elected I will be happy to meet with community groups and individuals throughout my term.

**Redwater town councillor  
JUNE 1  
by-election**

## Sturgeon County Dust Suppression



Sturgeon County offers three options for dust suppression to help reduce dust created by vehicle traffic on gravel roads. See our website for details on the three options.



**Early bird deadline is April 16, 2026**

TYPES OF DUST SUPPRESSION	OIL	MINERAL OIL	CALCIUM
First 100m	\$4,165	\$1,097	\$405
Each Additional 10m	\$494	\$187.20	\$118

A late fee of \$100 is applied to orders received after April 16, 2026. No orders will be accepted after May 17, 2026.

Download application forms:  
[sturgeoncounty.ca/dust-suppression](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/dust-suppression)

Questions?  
Call: 780-939-8252 | Toll Free: 1-866-939-9303  
Email: [DustSuppression@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto:DustSuppression@sturgeoncounty.ca)



# ROAD WORK AHEAD

**JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2026 AND OUR NEW SAFE MOBILITY STRATEGY**

All information sessions 7 - 9 p.m.  
Presentation begins at 7:15 p.m.

**Thursday, April 16**      **DIVISIONS 3 & 4:**  
Calahoo Community Hall  
#9, 54500 Rge Rd 275, Calahoo

**Thursday, April 30**      **DIVISIONS 5 & 6:**  
Gibbons Community Cultural Centre  
5115 - 51 Street, Gibbons

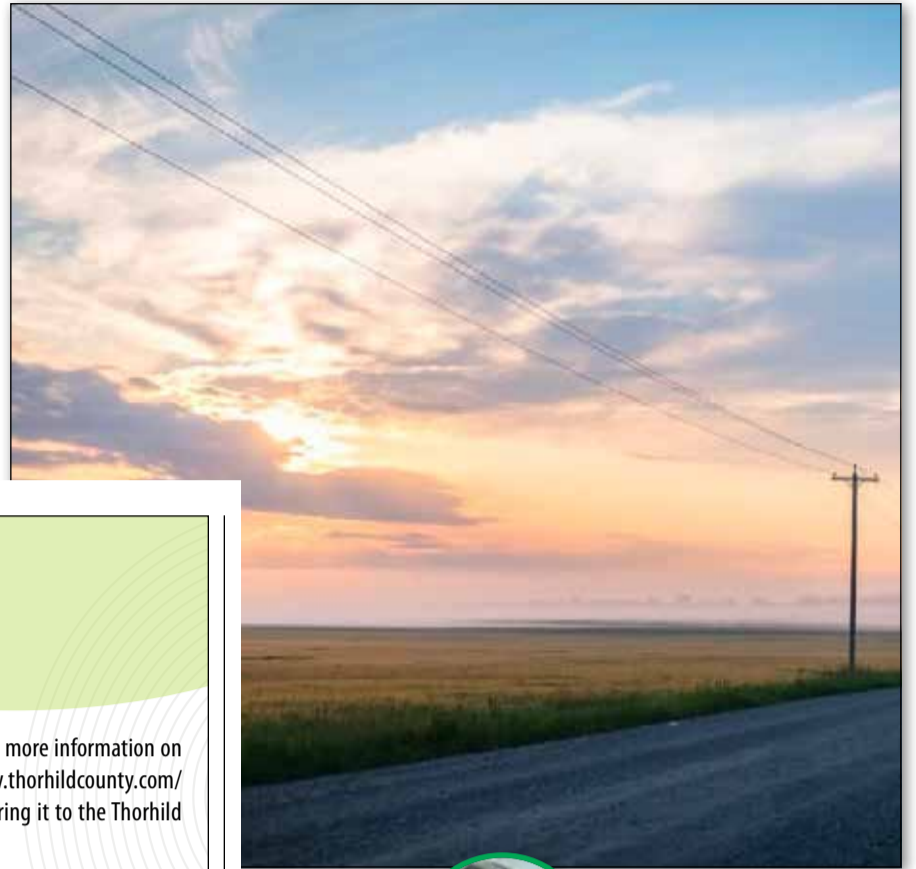
**Thursday, May 7**      **DIVISIONS 1 & 2:**  
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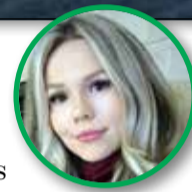
For a full list of projects view  
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# April quakes near Morinville felt in Redwater and surrounding areas



**By Haylee Winger**



Residents of Sturgeon County have experienced two earthquakes recently, both of which geologists believe are induced seismic events likely linked to human activity.

The first incident occurred on Wednesday, April 1, at 5:27 p.m. local time, approximately 18 kilometres northeast of Morinville. The tremor, measured at a magnitude of 4.5, was strong enough to be felt in surrounding communities, including Edmonton, Legal, Bon Accord, Redwater and Gibbons.

According to Earthquakes Canada, the event is believed to have been caused by industrial activity rather than natural geological processes. Such induced earthquakes can be triggered by activities including oil and gas production, mining, or the underground injection of fluids.

Just one week later, on Wednesday, April 8, a magnitude 3.8

earthquake struck 22 kilometres from Morinville at 9:00 p.m. local time. This quake was particularly noticeable due to its shallow depth of only 1 kilometre (0.6 miles), which amplified the shaking felt near the epicenter.

Sturgeon County officials stress that the municipality does not regulate subsurface industrial operations: oversight is managed by the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). Residents with questions about the earthquakes' causes or potential impacts are encouraged to contact the AER directly at <https://www.aer.ca/about-aer/contact-us>.

While induced seismicity remains uncommon, experts emphasize the importance of monitoring these events to understand how human activity interacts with natural geological processes.

Geologists also recommend continued responsible practices by industry operators to reduce potential risks to local communities.



## 2026 DUST SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

Thorhild County's Dust suppression program can help reduce nuisance dust on residential properties. For more information on our dust suppression program, please contact us at 780-398-3977 or view the application form at [www.thorhildcounty.com/Services/Infrastructure/Dust-Suppression-Program](http://www.thorhildcounty.com/Services/Infrastructure/Dust-Suppression-Program) for details. Please fill out the application form and bring it to the Thorhild County Administration Office or Public Works Office with your payment.

Thorhild County has approved the 2026 dust control program for residents residing adjacent to a gravel County Road. Residents may apply to have a minimum of 100 metres of:

- Dust suppressant is either Mg30 or Calcium Chloride infused with a rust inhibitor, it is at County's discretion as to which agent is applied on the County gravel road adjacent to them for the cost of:
  - \$460.00/100 METRES PLUS GST (same fee applies to each)

**Deadline May 1st, 2026**

We are expecting to start the dust suppression program in early June or earlier weather permitting.

No guarantee regarding the dust suppression is implied and the County reserves the right to grade the road if surface conditions so require.

If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Mackin at 780-398-3977 ext. 3973.



## FREE TAX CLINICS Get your benefits and credits

If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, volunteers can do your tax return for you!



**For Thorhild County residents that have modest income and very basic tax returns.**

Income limits for the 2025 tax year are as follows:

- Singles up to \$35,000
- Couples combined income up to \$45,000
- Families with a combined income up to \$52,500

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

- 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.**

## ARE YOU A SMALL BUSINESS IN THORHILD COUNTY?

**Then you may qualify for the Non-Residential Small Business Property Sub-Class**

The Owner of the Non-Residential Property must apply by the **April 30, 2026** deadline to receive the Small Business Property Sub-Class Tax Rate for your 2026 property taxes.

Obtain your application online at [www.thorhildcounty.com](http://www.thorhildcounty.com) or in person at the County office (801-1st Street, Thorhild, AB).

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."

## SEEKING BOARD MEMBER

Thorhild County is seeking a public member to join the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). Please submit your application in writing, expressing your interest and relevant experience, by 12:00 PM on April 22, 2026.

Board	Frequency	Members Required	Contact
<b>Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)</b> The SDAB hears subdivision and development permit appeals and stop work order appeals. <b>Successful completion of mandatory training is required.</b>	When required	One	Carol Revega Email: <a href="mailto:Carol.Revega@thorhildcounty.com">Carol.Revega@thorhildcounty.com</a> Ph: 780-398-3741 ext. 2808

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Grade 8 students explore eye anatomy through cow eyeball dissection



On April 8, the Grade 8 students at Redwater School had the opportunity to dissect cow eyeballs during their science class. The hands-on activity allowed students to carefully examine each part of the eye, as they worked step by step through the dissection process. With guidance, they explored the different layers and structures, taking time to observe how each component contributed to the function of the eye. The experience provided an engaging way for students to deepen their understanding through detailed dissection and close observation.

Redwater School photos

### Redwater's ice season ends in a splash of colour and creativity



The Town of Redwater marked the end of the ice season with a colourful event, as children came out to paint the ice. The season officially concluded on a bright note, with participants showcasing their creativity through a variety of artwork across the rink. The town also extended its appreciation to Pembina Pipeline for sponsoring free public skating and shinny throughout the 2025-2026 season, which allowed many residents to enjoy the ice at no cost. **Town of Redwater photos**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE - BYLAW 1708/26

In accordance with section 648 of the *Municipal Government Act*, notice is hereby given of **Sturgeon County Council's intent of passing Bylaw 1708/26, which would repeal Bylaw 1259/11**, the Sierra Ridge and Riverside Springs Development Area Off-Site Levy Bylaw.

Details of the Bylaw can be found online at or by contacting Development Engineering and Land Services using the information below.

[sturgeoncounty.ca/public-notice-bylaw-1708-26](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/public-notice-bylaw-1708-26)

#### SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

For questions, or to provide input on Bylaw 1708/26, please contact Chris Krath by phone or email by **April 30, 2026**

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Chris Krath**, Senior Development Engineer  
780-939-1318, [ckrath@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto:ckrath@sturgeoncounty.ca)



By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the bylaw readings 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](mailto:accessandprivacy@sturgeoncounty.ca).

### More cultural art making sessions coming

**By Brandie Majeau**

The Town of Smoky Lake is inviting residents to take part in a new series of Cultural Art Making Sessions, offered in partnership with Studio 28 Artists & Crafters Guild. The sessions are designed to bring community members together through the power of creativity, offering a welcoming and inclusive environment for people of all backgrounds and skill levels.

Organized through the Town's Newcomer Program, the initiative aims to build on connection and cultural exchange among long-time residents and newcomers alike.

Participants are



invited to attend sessions that involve collages, drawing, gelli printing, and outdoor sketching.

The Cultural Art Making Sessions will be held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month from April through July, giving participants a regular opportunity to gather and create together. The sessions and workshops will be held in the basement of the United Church with the exception of outdoor sketching which is planned to be held at Pumpkin Park.

Each session requires a minimum number of participants, so anyone interested is encouraged to register at least one week in advance by contacting the

Newcomer Program directly at [Newcomer-program@smokylake.ca](mailto:Newcomer-program@smokylake.ca).

"We're excited to invite you to the next series of our Cultural Art Making Sessions," reads the announcement from the Town of Smoky Lake, describing it as "a welcoming space to explore creativity, share experiences, and connect."

Community members looking to meet new people, express themselves through art, and celebrate the diverse cultures that make up Smoky Lake are encouraged to get involved. For more information and upcoming session dates, residents can visit the Town of Smoky Lake's official website at [smokylake.ca](http://smokylake.ca) or stay connected through the town's news and events updates.



**SPEDDEN FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION**

**Thank You**

The Spedden Fish & Game Club would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the following people and businesses for their contributions of prizes, donations and support of the fundraising supper that was held on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Events like this are only possible because of the generosity of local sponsors and volunteers who believe in supporting the programs, conservation efforts, and community gatherings hosted by the Spedden Fish & Game Club. We would like to thank the organizational committee, those who helped set up and decorate, the bar staff, COPS volunteers who worked security and all those who came out to help make this event a success.

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- Fishapalooza Ice Hut Rentals
- Flash Fit Canada
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- Hillside Acres
- Home Hardware – Smoky Lake
- Home Hardware – St. Paul
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- Marigold & Moonflower
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- Nicole Tchir
- Calvin Gushta
- Pita Pit St. Paul
- Redn3ck Solutions
- Sinful Suds – Smoky Lake
- Smoky Lake County
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As this is a safety sensitive position, pre-employment & random Drug and Alcohol testing, and medical testing will be required.

**Requirements/Qualifications**

- Experience with Super B Decks.
- Experience with pneumatic tankers is considered an asset, though we are willing to train the right candidate.
- Be fit to work, and available on weekends (rotational weekend work).
- Willingness to drive long hauls (AB, BC & SK) however most are day runs so you'll be home most nights! Up to 2-3 overnight runs per week.
- A people person; comfortable interacting with customers.
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- Experience with Samsara logs and cameras is preferred.
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Email: **Morinville.order@quikrete.ca**

We thank all applicants. However, only those individuals under consideration will be contacted.

**Landowners/occupiers**

If your oil leases are being reclaimed attend a surface rights meeting at Redwater Dairy Queen on **April 17 2026**. From **6:30 to 7:30**.



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**ELECTIONS TO BE HELD FOR 3 POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Nominations for directors is now closed

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## 2026 Property Re-inspection Notice

As part of Sturgeon County's regular property assessment process, County assessors will be visiting properties in the area shown on the map below. These visits will take place between April and August 2026.

Property inspections help the County collect and verify your property information. This helps ensure property assessments are correct, fair and that they follow provincial rules and professional standards. When assessors visit your property, they will be carrying County identification and driving marked County vehicles.

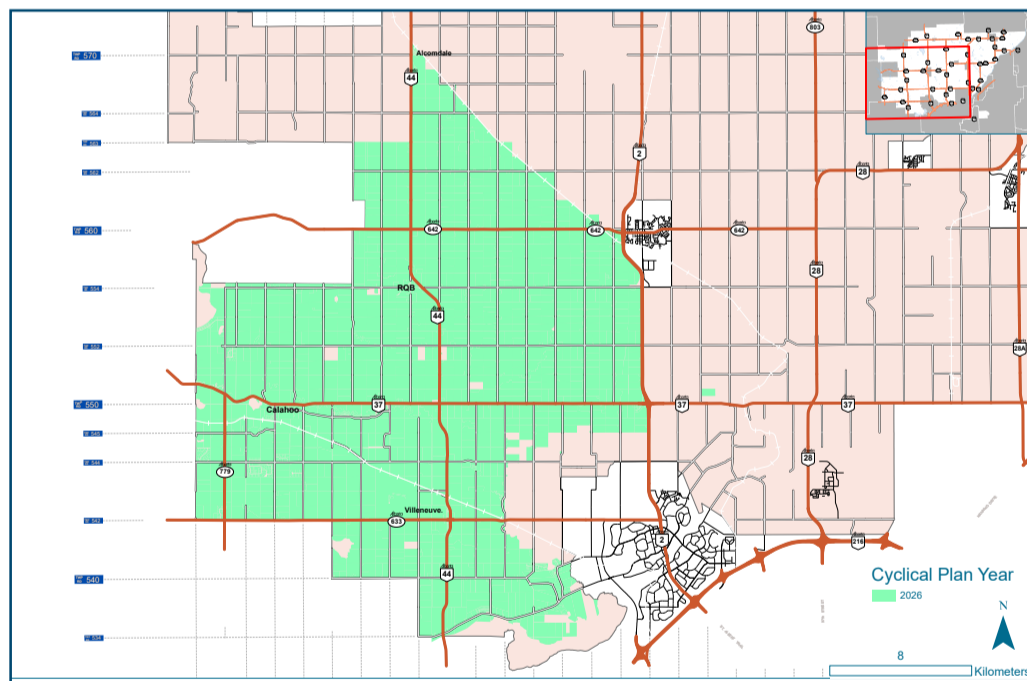
Please note that assessors will not enter your home unless you ask them to do so.

This notice of inspection is provided in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act (MGA), Section 294(1)*.

**Submit your property details:**

**ONLINE** [sturgeoncounty.ca/PropertySurvey](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/PropertySurvey) \* **MAIL:** 9613-100 Street Morinville, AB T8R 1L9  
**EMAIL:** [assessment@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto:assessment@sturgeoncounty.ca) **PHONE:** 790-939-0601 Or Toll free: 1-866-939-9303

\*requires the unique code at the top of your Request for Information form



Areas in green are scheduled for re-inspection along with the following multi-lot subdivisions:

- |                     |                   |                    |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alcomdale           | Mearns            | Terrault estate    |
| Calahoo             | Pine Sands        | Turfside           |
| Dover               | Reyda Vista       | Villeneuve         |
| Fairhaven           | Riviere qui Barre | Villeneuve airport |
| Ferland             | Rol-ana           | West Fairhaven     |
| Glory Hills         | Rosal             | Westwood           |
| Hansen's            | Shil Shol         |                    |
| Heritage Industrial | Silver Chief      |                    |

**QUESTIONS?**  
Assessment Services  
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thoughtful gesture that reflected both their generosity and their enthusiasm for being part of the Redwater community.

In small towns, businesses such as Uptown Pizza & Donair play an important role in everyday life. Local restaurants provide more than just meals; they help support the local economy, create jobs and contribute to the vibrancy of the downtown core. A familiar business continuing under new management is an encouraging sign for the community and a reminder of the importance of supporting local enterprises.

Community support is especially meaningful during times of transition. Choosing to shop and dine locally helps businesses continue to grow and ensures residents can enjoy convenient services without needing to travel outside of town.

In addition to its menu offerings, Uptown Pizza & Donair provides take-out and delivery services

throughout Redwater. The restaurant also offers catering and large group delivery orders with advance notice, making it a convenient option for community events, family gatherings and workplace functions.

As Uptown Pizza & Donair begins this new chapter, the new management team hopes to continue building strong connections within the community while serving the familiar favourites residents have come to enjoy.



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# Thorhild Arena wraps Up winter season with colourful finale



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**By Brandie Majeau**



The Thorhild Arena brought its winter season to a joyful close recently, hosting its much-anticipated annual Paint the Ice Day that sends young skaters' home with bright smiles and colourful memories. The event marked the end of a busy and successful season at the arena, which played host to a wide range of activities throughout the winter months. From competitive hockey tournaments that drew crowds of cheering parents and fans, to public

skating sessions that welcomed all community members, the arena proved itself to be a winter cornerstone of local recreation. Learning-to-skate programs also drew strong participation, helping a new generation of children find their footing on the ice. But it was Paint the Ice Day that gave the season its send-off. Armed with bottles of brightly coloured water, children took to the ice and transformed the rink into a sprawling canvas of swirls, splashes, and

splattered designs. Laughter echoed throughout the arena as kids embraced the rare opportunity to make a glorious mess...all in the name of fun. The day drew an excited group of young participants who were each eager to leave their mark on the ice before the season came to a close. For several, it was a chance to let loose and celebrate the friendships and skills built over months of skating. And of course, grab a free cup of hot chocolate and a hot dog. For the staff and volunteers who keep

the Thorhild Arena running, Paint the Ice day serves as a fitting tribute to a winter well spent. The smiles on the children's faces make every early morning Zamboni run and late-night hockey game worth it. As the ice was cleared away and the arena settles into its off-season activities, the memories made this winter will carry everyone through the warmer months ahead. And if the excitement surrounding Paint the Ice Day is any indication, anticipation for next season is already beginning to build.

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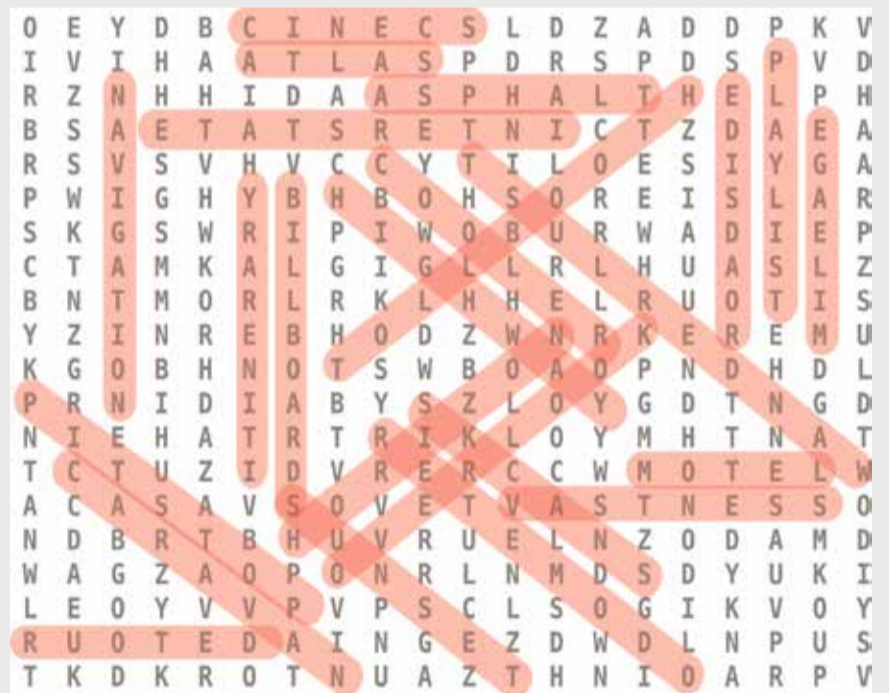
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