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Kinette Club of Smoky Lake wins first award



By **Brandie Majeau**

The Kinette Club of Smoky Lake recently played host to the “Zone C” Spring Zones, drawing enthusiastic participation from Kinettes representing Vegreville, Fort McMurray, and Lac La Biche, as well as Kinsmen from Fort McMurray and Smoky Lake.

The event, dedicated to fostering education and fellowship among members, also made a significant contribution to the local community by raising over \$1,000 for the Smoky Lake Food Bank. Organizers credited the generosity

and collaborative spirit of all clubs involved for making the fundraiser a resounding success.

A highlight of the gathering was the Kinette Club of Smoky Lake’s win of their very first Kin Award. The club was honoured with the Boake Award, a prestigious recognition bestowed by Kinette Clubs under the umbrella of Kin Canada, a national service organization. While the details and criteria for the Boake Award may vary by club, it is generally presented to a Kinette club who has demonstrated outstanding volunteerism, leadership, and commitment to the ideals of the organization. The award, often named in honour

of a significant figure within the Kinette community, serves to highlight and inspire service excellence among members.

The ceremony was attended by distinguished guests, including Hilary Derksen (Governor), Shandelle Gorestski (Vice Governor), and Theresa Potts (Deputy Governor), whose presence was warmly acknowledged by the hosts. Additional thanks were extended to local businesses and individuals, Old Fashioned Bread Bakery, Red Chimney, Smoky Lake Curling Club, Amy Cherniwichan and Eric Plumb, for their

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Redwater residents urged to use caution under Sturgeon County fire advisory



By **Shelley Winger**

Residents of Sturgeon County, including those in the Town of Redwater, are being urged to take extra precautions following the issuance of a fire advisory as dry conditions increase the risk of wildfire.

The advisory does

not prohibit outdoor burning or related activities, but officials emphasize that conditions are serious enough to require heightened awareness and responsible behaviour from all residents.

Under the current advisory, several activities remain permitted when conducted safely and in accordance with Sturgeon County’s Burning Bylaw 1476/20.

These include recreational backyard fire pits, propane and natural gas-powered appliances, charcoal barbecues, as well as yard and garden debris burning with a valid fire permit.

However, authorities warn that even routine activities can pose a risk under dry conditions. A stray spark,

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Less negative: Canadian consumer confidence in Q1

**By Rob Roach,
ATB ECONOMICS**

Less negative: Canadian consumer confidence in Q1

Canadians continue to feel rattled by the state of the economy and their finances.

The latest results from the Bank of Canada's Canadian Survey of Consumer Expectations* show that the combined level of pessimism consumers are feeling regarding their spending plans, personal finances, and the labour market improved marginally in the first quarter of 2026 (see the graph below). Despite the improvement, the index was in negative territory for the 18th quarter in a row.

The Bank of Canada attributes the improvement in sentiment to the easing of trade tensions with workers

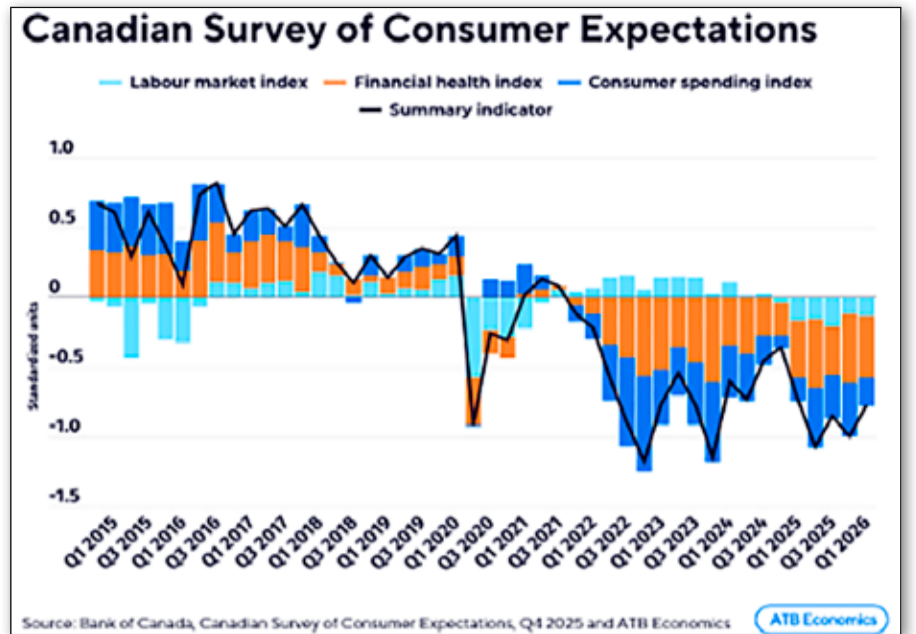
in trade-sensitive sectors being less negative about their spending plans than at the end of 2025. The survey was conducted before the Iran war began.

The generally pessimistic outlook of consumers is in keeping with other poll results. For example, 74% of respondents to a survey done in March said rising prices for essentials like food and gas were straining their finances and 67% of respondents to a survey done in December said the cost of living where they live is the worst they can remember it being.

Despite the high levels of consumer anxiety, retail spending has been resilient. After posting annual growth of 4% last year, retail sales in Canada were off to a good start in January. Wealthier households helping to

prop up overall spending, strong tourism numbers, and drawing on savings or credit to meet ongoing needs help explain the disconnect.

With the conflict in the Middle East already pushing up inflation and potentially more costs going up as higher energy and fertilizer prices pass through to other goods and services, there is more downward pressure on consumer confidence. At some point, this could translate into lower retail sales as more consumers delay major purchases or run out of savings and credit. A special survey conducted by the Bank after the conflict in the Middle East began indicates that most consumers expect the war to weaken the Canadian economy and increase inflation. While the risk that



consumers could start to pull back their spending is real, our base case still assumes that the impact of the war will be brief enough that the resiliency we've seen to date will continue. In this regard, Alberta—which faces a lower average tariff rate than other provinces

and is getting a nominal economic boost from higher oil prices—is expected to be a particularly strong performer with annual retail sales growing by over 4% this year.

*The Canadian Survey of Consumer Expectations was conducted through an online panel from

February 5 to 25, 2026, before the war in the Middle East began. This quarter's publication incorporates results from a special survey, conducted between March 26 and April 2, 2026, on how the war in the Middle East is affecting consumers' views and behaviours.



Players from various Redwater Minor Hockey teams receive awards during the RMHA 2025/2026 banquet, held April 19, celebrating a successful season and the contributions of athletes, coaches, and volunteers. **Redwater Minor Hockey photos**

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Thrilling non-stop action at annual bullarama



By Brandie Majeau

The small but lively town of Thorhild pulled on their cowboy boots and donned their hats and were filled with excitement as crowds flocked to the annual Thorhild Bullarama this past weekend. The event, which has returned for its third year after a lengthy hiatus and become a staple for the community and rodeo fans alike, delivering two days packed with adrenaline, family fun, and heart-stopping bull-riding action.

Festivities kicked off on April 17 with a fresh twist, the introduction of Junior Roughstock, a youth rodeo competition. This new segment offered aspiring young cowboys and cowgirls a

chance to display their grit and rodeo skills in front of a cheering audience. The arena was filled with laughter and applause as children competed in the popular boot scramble and, to the collective gasp and delight of the crowd, even the youngest pee-wee participants got their moment riding smaller, but still feisty, bulls. The family-friendly atmosphere set the tone for a weekend of community spirit and wholesome entertainment.

Saturday, April 18, saw the stands packed to capacity as spectators eagerly awaited the main event. The electric atmosphere was palpable as experienced bull riders faced off against some of the toughest bulls in the circuit. Each eight-second ride felt like an eternity, with the

crowd on the edge of their seats as cowboys battled to stay atop the bucking beasts. Cheers erupted for every successful ride, and there were plenty of nail-biting moments as the bulls did their best to throw off their challengers, even a collective breath held across the arena a one rider was thrown to the ground, appearing to be trampled.

It was Cody Coverchuk, a seasoned rider and crowd favorite, who stole the show. With nerves of steel and unmatched skill, Coverchuk clinched victory, taking home the coveted Thorhild Bullarama champion title and a \$2,725 prize. His consistent performance left fans in awe and cemented his status as a top contender in the rodeo circuit.

Behind the scenes,



the success of the Bullarama was made possible by the tireless efforts of volunteers and generous sponsors. From the muddy setup of bull pens

to ticket sales, food, and bar service, and the final clean-up, it was a community effort led by the Thorhild Agricultural Society. Their dedication

ensured another unforgettable year for this much-anticipated event, proving once again that when everyone comes together, anything is possible.

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contributions to the event's success.

The "Zone C" Spring Zones not only strengthened bonds

among Kinette and Kinsmen members across the region, but also reinforced the spirit of community service that lies at the heart of Kin Canada.

With fellowship, recognition, and generosity on full display, the Smoky Lake event set a positive example for service clubs throughout Alberta.

PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1710/26

2026 PINNACLE VILLAGE OUTLINE PLAN AND REDISTRICTING BYLAW

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1710/26. The property owner wants to build a **100-lot residential neighbourhood** on their land in Sturgeon Valley (Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 182 1685). This land is currently districted (zoned) as AG - Agriculture District, which does not allow this type of development.

An Outline Plan was submitted in support of the redistricting application. The land must be redistricted before a subdivision application can be submitted. The proposed bylaw would change the zoning to a mix of:

- R7 – Transitional Valley Residential District
- POS – Public/Private Open Space District
- PU – Public Utility District

This is the second Outline Plan submitted for Pinnacle Village and proposes a **reduction in the number of lots from 144 to 100**. Learn more at sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1710-26



Legend

- Plan Area Boundary
- Transition Valley Residential District
- Local Road
- Public Utility Lot (PU)
- Park and Greenway (MR)
- Stormwater Management Facility (PU)
- Mailbox Pull-out

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via video conference on: **Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) at Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St., Morinville)

Questions? Contact us!

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Important information about Public Hearings

Requirements for speakers

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To speak at the Public Hearing in person, contact Legislative Services at **780-939-8029** to register.

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Written submissions

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Seven week Junior Forest Ranger Program is a transformative experience



By **Brandie Majeau**

Every summer, high school students across the country have the opportunity to step into the boots of forestry professionals through the immersive 7-week Junior Forest Ranger (JFR) program. This unique initiative, run by government forestry agencies, offers teens a hands-on introduction to careers in

natural resource management, environmental stewardship, and outdoor leadership. The unique disciplines and education makes the program a valuable and memorable experience for young participants. The JFR program usually runs for seven consecutive weeks during the summer months. It is designed for high school students, often aged 15 to 18, who are interested in the environment, wildlife, and outdoor adventure. The core objectives are to foster

environmental awareness, develop practical field skills, and inspire the next generation of forest professionals.

Participants spend most days outdoors, engaged in activities such as trail maintenance, tree planting, wildlife monitoring, and invasive species control. Under the supervision of experienced forest rangers and educators, students learn to use specialized tools, read maps, and apply critical thinking to solve real-world conservation

challenges. Safety training, including first aid and wildfire prevention, is also a major component.

Beyond technical skills, the JFR program emphasizes leadership, teamwork, and communication. Students work in small crews, learning to rely on one another while tackling group projects. Team-building exercises and leadership workshops are woven throughout, helping participants build confidence and resilience. Many alumni note that the

friendships and networks formed during the program last long after summer ends.

A significant aspect of the JFR experience is its focus on environmental stewardship. Participants often take part in community outreach, educating others about the importance of forests and sustainable practices. This can involve leading nature walks, organizing educational events, or assisting with local conservation efforts. The program is also a stepping stone

for students considering careers in forestry, biology, environmental science, or outdoor recreation. Through mentorship and exposure to professionals in the field, participants gain insights into various career paths and the educational requirements to pursue them. This 7-week Junior Forest Ranger program provides high school students with an unparalleled opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to their communities. It instills a lifelong appreciation for nature and equips young people with skills that benefit them in any future endeavour.

More than a fundraiser, a conversation that could save lives



By **Haylee Winger**

On May 9, 2026, the Warriors For Hope will host its inaugural fundraising event, Break the Silence: A Night of Hope, at the Radway Agri-Centre. The evening is dedicated to raising awareness for mental health and suicide prevention while bringing a rural community together through conversation, connection, and compassion. The Warriors For Hope are a group of people from across the globe united by a common purpose: to make a positive difference in their communities and beyond. When choosing a cause to support, many members were influenced by their own experiences with suicide and mental health challenges affecting those close to them. Those personal connections have made this work especially meaningful to the entire team.

For event organizer and Community Service Project Captain, Denice Bury, the event is more than a fundraiser. It is the beginning of what she hopes will become an annual initiative. "Mental health is an ongoing crisis," she explains. "And the more we can bring awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage open

conversations, the more lives we can impact together."

The evening promises both heartfelt purpose and lively entertainment. Guests will enjoy cocktails beginning at 5 p.m., followed by dinner, a live auction, and a night of music and dancing featuring The Whiskey Boyz. Behind the music and celebration lies a deeper mission to create space for conversations many people still find difficult to have.

"Our long-term goal is to help break the silence around mental health and create a culture where people feel safe enough to speak honestly about how they are doing," says Bury. "That includes everyone. School-aged children, farmers, first responders, veterans, parents, and elders alike."

The cause is deeply personal. Bury shares the heartbreaking loss of her 18-year-old cousin in 2024, an experience that changed her perspective forever. "No one knew he was struggling," she says. "That loss made me ask, who else is suffering in silence? How many more families must experience heartbreak before we open these conversations more often?"

That question drives the core message of the event, prevention through connection. Bury emphasizes

that while professional services are essential, one of the biggest gaps in mental health support is human connection. "Many people don't need to be fixed. They need safe support, someone to talk to, and hope," she explains. "Sometimes all it takes is one caring conversation to release that pressure and offer hope."

Proceeds from the evening will be shared equally among three organizations working on the front lines of mental health support. The Do More Agriculture Foundation supports farmers and rural communities facing unique pressures. Boots on the Ground Alberta offers confidential peer support for first responders, military members, and veterans. Hope For The Day focuses on education, stigma reduction, and global awareness initiatives.

Each of these organizations addresses critical gaps such as rural access, affordability, trauma-informed care, and crisis prevention. Bury believes the community itself plays an equally vital role. "Healing does not happen in isolation," she says. "A caring community can offer comfort, safety, and support when it is needed most. We truly are stronger together."

The event has already drawn strong local backing, with

support from businesses and community members who recognize the urgency of the cause. That support reflects a shared understanding. Mental health affects everyone, and no one is immune.

At its heart, Break the Silence: A Night of Hope is a call to action rooted in empathy and awareness. "The message I hope people take away is simple. No one

is alone," Bury says. "We all have mental health, just as we have physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Sometimes one area simply needs extra care, and that is okay."

Her advice is straightforward and powerful. "Please check in on the people around you. Ask the hard questions. Notice when something feels off. Listen without judgment. Break the silence and start the conversation. Offer hope."

May 9 is meant to be more than just a single evening. It is an opportunity to build

momentum around a larger movement, one focused on turning compassion into action and helping ensure fewer people struggle in silence.

Tickets are \$60 and available by contacting Denice at 780-206-5445 or via email at denicebury@gmail.com.

Admission is \$60 for ages 13 and over, \$30 for children aged 5 to 12, and free for children four and under.

"You never know when one moment of care might save a life."

Redwater youth mentors fellow amputees at The War Amps CHAMP Seminar



Redwater's Micheal Johnson, 22, embodies The War Amps philosophy of "amputees helping amputees." He recently attended the Child Amputee (CHAMP) Seminar in Edmonton as a Junior Counsellor, where he was a mentor to younger amputees from surrounding regions. Born with partial hand amputations, Micheal is eligible for financial assistance for artificial limbs and adaptive devices, as well as peer support through The War Amps CHAMP Program. **The War Amps photo**

Legacy of Hope exhibit coming to Sturgeon Composite High School



By Haylee Winger

Sturgeon Public Schools will host the Legacy of Hope exhibit, Generations Lost: Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools, at Sturgeon Composite High School, with a grand opening scheduled for May 4, 2026.

The exhibit, on loan from the Legacy of Hope Foundation, will be displayed throughout the month of May and will be open to

students, parents, and members of the broader community.

“The Legacy of Hope Foundation has generously agreed to loan us the exhibit for the whole month of May, and we are looking forward to students, parents, and community members coming in to view it,” said Maxine Hildebrandt, Indigenous Education Coordinator with Sturgeon Public Schools.

“The Legacy of Hope Foundation is a national Indigenous charitable organization based

in Ontario that has produced museum-quality exhibits and educational resources to increase awareness and knowledge of the residential school system, as well as other topics pertaining to Indigenous peoples in Canada,” Hildebrandt said.

The exhibit features a 25-foot curved installation that presents a visual timeline of key events related to Indian Residential Schools in Canada. It also includes freestanding cylindrical columns

that provide additional contextual information. The entire display is constructed using printed fabric graphics mounted on metal frame structures.

Hildebrandt said the exhibit draws on experiences from schools and survivors across the country. “The residential school system impacted Indigenous peoples, including First Nations (status and non-status), Métis, and Inuit peoples,” she said.

Special guests and dignitaries, including residential school

survivors and representatives from Indigenous and related organizations, have been invited to the grand opening. Some guests are local to Sturgeon County.

Sturgeon Public Schools says the exhibit supports its ongoing commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s 94 Calls to Action and broader Indigenous education initiatives.

“We believe that a starting point is to share information on the history of Indian Residential Schools with students and the public to gain a deeper understanding of

Canada’s relationship with Indigenous peoples,” Hildebrandt said. “This is an important step in doing the work of reconciliation.”

She added that the goal is to support meaningful learning and reflection across the division. “Our students will continue to deepen their sense of intercultural understanding and look toward a brighter future for all Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners.”

The grand opening will take place at 1:30 p.m. on May 4, 2026, at Sturgeon Composite High School, with the exhibit remaining on display throughout the month of May.

A hidden gem worth discovering in Redwater



By Shelley Winger

Tucked quietly into a small strip mall in Redwater, the local museum might be easy to miss—but stepping inside reveals a rich and fascinating journey through the area’s past.

Located between the public library and a nearby restaurant, the Redwater Museum doesn’t immediately stand out from the outside. Inside, however, it tells the story of a community shaped by resilience, hard work, and transformation. What appears modest at first glance quickly opens into a space filled with history, carefully preserved and thoughtfully displayed.

Visitors are taken back to the early days of the region, when homesteaders first settled the land and one-room schoolhouses dotted the rural landscape. Through photographs, artifacts, and displays, the museum paints a vivid picture of life in those early years and the challenges faced by the people who called the area home. From simple household tools to farming equipment, each piece helps tell the story of how a community was built from the ground up.

One of the most defining moments in Redwater’s history came in 1948, when oil was discovered near the community. What had been a quiet hamlet quickly transformed into a bustling boomtown. The museum captures this turning point, showing how the discovery reshaped both the economy and daily life in the area. Exhibits highlighting the oil industry offer a closer look at how quickly things changed and how the region adapted to rapid growth.

Beyond the major historical events, the museum also focuses on everyday life. Displays of household items, clothing, and preserved goods give visitors a sense of what day-to-day living looked like for families in earlier decades. These small details add a personal layer to the experience, making history feel more relatable and real.

The collection itself is extensive. With more than 4,000 enlarged photographs, along with archival records and books, the museum offers a valuable resource for anyone interested in local history or genealogy. Researchers and visitors alike can explore the stories of the people who lived and worked in the area, tracing connections that span generations.

The museum also



Town of Redwater photos

The museum’s military display honours local veterans, featuring uniforms and photographs from those who served in the Second World War.



Historic farming tools and displays reflect the hard work of early settlers who helped shape the Redwater area from wilderness into farmland.

serves as a place of remembrance. A dedicated military display honours local veterans of the Second World War, featuring uniforms, photographs, and ongoing efforts to preserve their stories. It stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by members of the community and the importance of keeping

those memories alive. Beyond its exhibits, the museum reflects the diverse backgrounds of the people who helped build Redwater. Their stories—captured through artifacts and images—highlight the cultural richness and determination of those early pioneers. It’s a place where history isn’t just displayed,



An exhibit at the Redwater Museum highlights the 1948 oil discovery that transformed the community from a quiet hamlet into a boomtown.



Artifacts from early homesteading life, including a wood-burning stove and household items, show how Redwater’s first settlers lived and worked.

but shared. The Redwater Museum operates on limited winter hours, opening Thursdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., but visits can also be arranged by appointment year-round. Volunteers help keep the museum running and are often available to answer questions and share

additional insight into the exhibits. For those who take the time to visit, this “hidden gem” lives up to its name. Whether you’re a longtime resident or just passing through, it offers a chance to slow down, look back, and gain a deeper appreciation for the people and events that shaped the community.



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| Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee | May 4 | 9:00 AM |
| Subdivision and Development Appeal Board | May 5 | 2:00 PM |
| Youth Advisory Committee | May 6 | 6:00 PM |
| Community Services Advisory Board | May 11 | 6:00 PM |
| Regular Council/Committee of the Whole | May 12 | 9:00 AM |
| <i>Holiday Closure - Victoria Day</i> | <i>May 18</i> | <i>Closed</i> |
| Subdivision Development Appeal Board | May 19 | 2:00 PM |
| Regular Council/Committee of the Whole | May 26 | 9:00 AM |
| Transportation Advisory Committee | May 28 | 6:00 PM |

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PUBLIC HEARING - BYLAW 1709/26

WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATION AMENDMENTS

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1709/26.

The County is looking to provide greater clarity on waste management facilities. To support this, the County is proposing amendments based on the following themes:

1. Modernize municipal land use definitions and align with provincial wording
2. Direct waste management facilities away from residential uses and agricultural operations
3. Regulate site level considerations such as setbacks, traffic, noise, dust, odour, etc.

Learn more at sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1709-26

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 1 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) at Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St., Morinville)

Questions? Contact us!

Jonathan Heemskerck
Planning and Development
780-939-1398
jheemskerck@sturgeoncounty.ca

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 pre-register.


Speak via videoconference
To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you must register by **May 11, 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.

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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Chodkowska, Sister Barbara

1953 - 2026

With sorrow and hope in the Resurrection, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Most Holy Name of Jesus announces the peaceful passing of Sister Barbara Chodkowska on April 12, 2026, at the age of 73, in the 49th year of her religious life. Born June 9, 1953, in Przedbórz, Poland, she was the youngest of ten children of Antoni and Julia. She entered the Congregation in 1975, professed first vows in 1977, and made her perpetual vows in 1983 in Warsaw. She served in Canada from 1984, ministering faithfully in Smoky Lake, Alberta. With gentle hands and a heart full of Christ's love, Sister Barbara dedicated herself to supporting the seniors in her community—accompanying them in their daily needs, offering comfort in times of loneliness and illness, and bringing the light of faith into their lives. After a prolonged illness, borne with courage and faith, she passed away on Divine Mercy Sunday, surrounded by prayer. Funeral rites will be held at Our Lady of Atonement Roman Catholic Church, Smoky Lake, Alberta: Prayer Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026; Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Bishop Gary Franken, Reverend Benjamin Belgica and Reverend Edmond Croteau concelebrating, with interment to follow in the Church Cemetery. To view a livestream of the Funeral Mass please visit www.parkmemorial.com and select "Webcasting" from Sister Barbara's Book of Memories. She will be lovingly remembered by her religious community, family, and friends.

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Smoky Lake RCMP Report

By Haylee Winger

The Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment responded to a variety of calls for service during the week of April 13, ranging from suspicious activity and thefts to public safety concerns and wellbeing checks.

Police received a report at approximately 5:20 a.m. of an individual at a local Esso requesting a ride. The person was believed to be intoxicated, and a vehicle was observed parked along Highway 855 in connection with the incident.

In a separate occurrence, a resident at Garner Lake reported observing suspicious vehicles entering their lake property at approximately 3:00 a.m., prompting concern. Members also attended a rural location to assist with a crime prevention matter. Meanwhile, in Vilna, the book bin located outside the local library was reported stolen.

Officers responded to a call from an individual whose vehicle had broken down; however, the matter was determined to be non-police related, and the caller was advised to contact a tow service.

Animal-related calls included a report of a horse on Highways 656 and 831. Patrols were conducted, but the animal was not located. In another instance, members assisted in dispatching a deer on Highway 28.

Smoky Lake RCMP also assisted the St. Paul Crown's Office by serving a subpoena to an individual residing in the area.

A more serious incident involved a report that two unknown individuals entered a residence with a weapon, stealing a wallet, vehicle keys, and a GMC truck, which remains outstanding.

In the Town of Smoky Lake, police addressed a complaint regarding an

abandoned trailer on 51 Street that had been there since December. The trailer was determined not to be stolen and was subsequently towed.

Emergency services responded to a report of a male found sleeping on the ground. The individual was located and assessed by paramedics. Police database checks were negative, and the male was transported to St. Paul Hospital as a precaution.

A vehicle theft was also reported after a running 2007 Honda Civic was stolen from in front of the Golden Valley Villa in Smoky Lake.

Police received a call from a male seeking assistance with family and possible mental health concerns. A referral was made to the Regional Police and Crisis Team (RPACT), and the individual was provided with appropriate resource information.

At the request of St. Paul RCMP, members attempted to execute an arrest warrant on an individual believed to be in the area, but it was confirmed the subject no longer resided there.

Traffic-related concerns included a report of a semi-truck driving erratically on Highway 36. Members were unable to intercept the vehicle, and the information was relayed to Lac La Biche RCMP.

Officers also responded to a call regarding two dogs found at a rest stop along Highway 36. Police attended and were able to locate a possible owner.

In another incident, a report of a male requesting fuel on Range Road 123 led officers to a damaged vehicle believed to be connected to an incident from the St. Paul Detachment.

Finally, RCMP conducted a wellbeing check in the area, with members confirming that all was in order.



Representatives from Sturgeon County present a \$2,500 donation to the Edmonton Humane Society earlier this week, supporting the organization's ongoing work to care for lost and stray animals and connect pets with families across the region. **Sturgeon County photo**



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NOTICE OF DECISION OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED – April 16, 2026

Take notice that the following permit(s) for a proposed development as described below have been approved in accordance with the Town of Redwater Land Use Bylaw PD-01-2023 as amended from time to time:

Permit Number: DPR2026-006
Legal Description: Lot 28, Block 5, Plan 7621363
Civic Address: 5323 61 Street
Land Use: Residential Low Density District (R-LD)
Discretionary Use: Home Based Business, Major

Additional Conditions:

1. That parking be restricted to on-site parking only.
2. That the business will only operate Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm from April 1st to September 30th annually.

Permit Number: Amendment to DPR2017-003
Legal Description: Lot 28, Block 5, Plan 7621363
Civic Address: 5323 61 Street
Land Use: General Commercial District (C-GEN)
Discretionary Use: Mixed Use

Additional Conditions:

1. Applicant to enter into a suitable development agreement with the Town.
2. The Applicant is responsible for obtaining any other required approvals and permits, federal, provincial or otherwise. All Safety Codes permits (including building, electrical, plumbing, and gas) shall be obtained through Superior Safety Codes.
3. The applicant must comply with any other requirements as outlined in Land Use Bylaw PD-01-2023 as amended.
4. Notwithstanding the approved conversion of a portion of the commercial floor area to residential use, all remaining commercial floor area shall be preserved and shall not be converted to residential use, including dwelling units or apartments, without prior approval of the Development Authority.

Additional Information: For additional information regarding these permit(s), please contact the Development Officer at (780) 942-3519, devofficer@redwater.ca.

Appeal: The following information is provided as required by Section 685(1.1) of the Municipal Government Act. Any appeal of this decision shall be filed with the Clerk of the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB), 4924 47th Street-Box 397, Redwater, Alberta T0A 2W0 (780-942-3519 ext. 250), within twenty-one (21) days after the date of notice.

Appeal Fee - \$ 300.00

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

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Smoky Lake shines the spotlight on volunteers



By Brandie Majeau

The impact of volunteerism was on full display this past weekend as Smoky Lake FCSS and the Family Resource Network joined forces to kick off National Volunteer Week with an enthusiastic karaoke celebration. The event, held on April 20, served as a genuine thank-you to the town's tireless volunteers and as a reminder of the power of giving back.

The evening was alive with laughter, music, and camaraderie, as volunteers were treated to delicious wings and pizza,

generously provided by Red Chimney Restaurant.

From singing favorite tunes to dancing and sharing stories, everyone relished the chance to connect and celebrate the vital role volunteers play in the community.

The event's organizers were effusive in their gratitude. The message was simply, you can't thank our volunteers enough. Their time, kindness, and dedication build the very foundation of each community. Volunteers, often working quietly behind the scenes, are the heartbeat of Smoky Lake. Whether organizing local events, supporting families

in need, or lending a hand at community gatherings, every act of service leaves a lasting impact. The evening's festivities were a fitting tribute to these unsung heroes, whose contributions often ripple far beyond what the eye can see.

As the night drew to a close, the message was clear...Volunteers are appreciated more than words can express. Their selfless efforts not only strengthen Smoky Lake but also serve as a beacon of inspiration for others to get involved.

National Volunteer Week is a time to reflect on the difference one person can make, and in Smoky Lake, the difference is




Photo courtesy of Smoky Lake FCSS

extraordinary.

As communities across Canada mark National Volunteer Week, Smoky Lake

stands as a shining example of what can be achieved when people come together in service and gratitude. To

every volunteer, thank you for making Smoky Lake not just a town, but a true community.



NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY
Local Authorities Election Act (S. 26)


LOCAL JURISDICTION: TOWN OF REDWATER, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination day is **May 4, 2026** and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on **April 8, 2026** and ending at **12:00 noon** on Nomination Day


| Offices | Numbers of Vacancies |
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Community Events Calendar

May 2026

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat

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| <p>Coffee at the Legion Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 7:30-9:30 AM</p> | <p>Coffee & Pool at the Pioneer Club Monday & Thursday 9:00-10:30 AM</p> | <p>Families First Society Silly Sprouts Play at Pembina Place Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM Ages 0 to 6 years. Free!</p> | <p>1 Legion - Pub Night 5:30 PM-2:00 AM Youth Night at Redwater Alliance Church 6:30-8:30 PM</p> | <p>2 Library - Free Comic Book Day 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Pioneer Club - Spring Tea & Bake Sale 1:00-3:00 PM</p> | |
| <p>3 Pioneer Club - Pancake Breakfast 9:00-10:30 AM</p> | <p>4 Redwater Nomination Day Candidate Nominations may be accepted until 12 noon on May 4, 2026.</p> | <p>5 Pioneer Club - Curling & Coffee 1:00-3:30 PM Regular Council Meeting 6:30-10:00 PM</p> | <p>6 Legion - Whist 1:00-4:00 PM Art Society - Artful Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 PM</p> | <p>7 Library - Toddler Time 10:00-11:00 AM Pioneer Club - Curling & Coffee 1:00-3:30 PM</p> | |
| <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12 Library - Idea Zone 12:15-1:00 PM Pioneer Club - Curling & Coffee 1:00-3:30 PM Infrastructure Policy Committee 6:00-9:00 PM</p> | <p>13 Legion - Whist 1:00-4:00 PM Art Society - Artful Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 PM</p> | <p>14 Library - Toddler Time 10:00-11:00 AM Pioneer Club - Curling & Coffee 1:00-3:30 PM</p> | |
| <p>17</p> | <p>18 VICTORIA DAY Town Office Closed</p> | <p>19 Pioneer Club - Curling & Coffee 1:00-3:30 PM Regular Council Meeting 6:30-10:00 PM</p> | <p>20 Legion - Whist 1:00-4:00 PM Art Society - Artful Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 PM CS Board Meeting at Pembina Place 6:00-7:30 PM</p> | <p>21 Library - Toddler Time 10:00-11:00 AM Pioneer Club - Curling & Coffee 1:00-3:30 PM Library - Snack Attack 3:15-4:00 PM</p> | |
| <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26 Curbside Roundup Start 8:00 AM Pioneer Club - Curling & Coffee 1:00-3:30 PM Committee of the Whole 6:00-9:30 PM</p> | <p>27 Legion - Whist 1:00-4:00 PM Art Society - Artful Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 PM Library - Whimsical Wednesday 3:15-4:00 PM</p> | <p>28 Community Planting Bee 11:00 AM Library - Toddler Time 10:00-11:00 AM Pioneer Club - Curling & Coffee 1:00-3:30 PM</p> | |
| | | | | <p>29 Legion - Pub Night 5:30 PM-2:00 AM Youth Night at Redwater Alliance Church 6:30-8:30 PM</p> | <p>30</p> |

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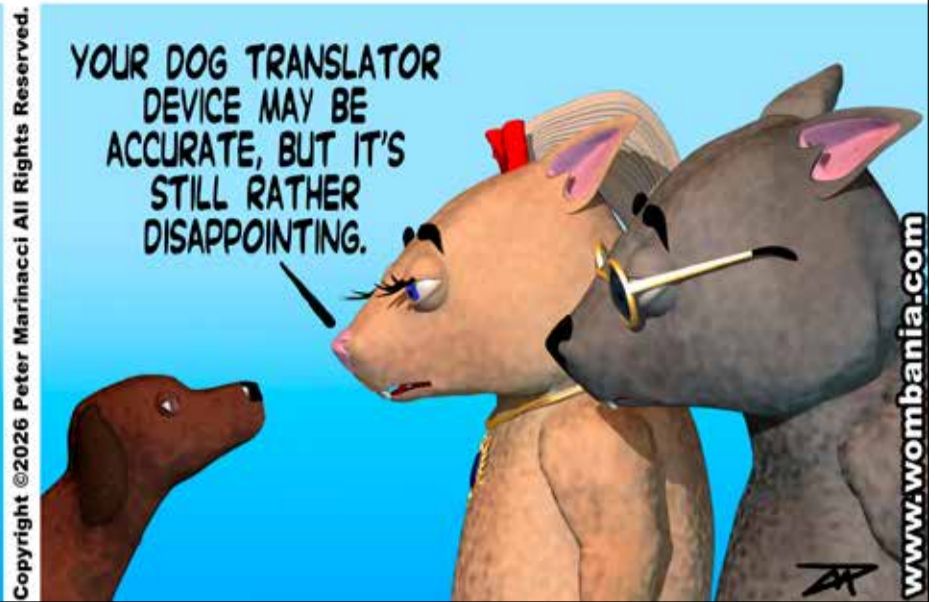
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Residents are strongly encouraged to monitor all fires closely, ensure they are fully extinguished after use, and keep water or firefighting tools readily available. Burning should never be left unattended, and conditions such as wind speed and direction should always be considered before lighting any fire.

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with any activities that could create unintended ignition sources. This includes welding, grinding, and the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). Mechanical equipment can produce sparks capable of igniting dry grass or brush.

Officials are stressing that ATV riders should carry a fire extinguisher at all times while riding. This precaution can make a critical difference in stopping a small ignition before it becomes a larger wildfire.

The advisory also serves as a timely

reminder for residents to take proactive steps to protect their homes and properties. FireSmart Alberta recommends maintaining a defensible space around buildings by clearing away dry vegetation, debris, and other combustible materials—particularly within the immediate zone surrounding a home.

Homeowners are encouraged to check roofs, gutters, vents, and decks for debris buildup, as embers carried by wind can ignite these areas even if a wildfire is not immediately nearby.

Local officials will continue to monitor weather and environmental conditions closely. Should conditions worsen, further restrictions or a potential fire ban may be implemented.

Residents are advised to stay informed through Sturgeon County's official website and communications channels for the latest updates.

As the region moves into the warmer months, cooperation and vigilance across the community will play a key role in reducing wildfire risk and keeping residents safe.

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Updates from the Newbrook 4-H Club

Kenley Nendze, Club Reporter

From early morning chores to evening meetings, members of the Newbrook 4H Club have been hard at work building skills that will last them a lifetime.

In February members participated in our club level communications day, with many moving to the districts to participate as well. Congrats to all the winners!

The club has many busy projects this year such as Beef. Beef

members will be meeting for a check up and workshop with their animal on May 3rd.

Foods members have been meeting monthly, cooking up delicious meals and having fun doing it.

Swine and poultry members are working hard to get their market pigs and chickens ready for show day.

Sewing members are making articles of clothing this year.

Lastly, horse members have been meeting a few times a month in Waskatenau to build

on their skills also.

The club will be participating in high-way clean up this year again on May 2. Keep an eye out for us!

SAVE THE DATE:

Newbrook 4H club will be holding its yearly livestock show and sale on Friday June 5th at the VTSA Arena. Show starts at 12:30 with the sale to follow at 5:30.

For sale are 29 steers, 7 Swine, and 6 pens of 3 butcher chickens.

We are excited to see everyone there!!!



Newbrook 4-H Foods members show off the parfait cups they made during their meeting on April 17.

SCHOOL NEWS

Great Beginnings students learn through play and hands-on activities



Students in the Great Beginnings at H.A. Kostash School in Smoky Lake spent last week engaged in a variety of fun, hands-on learning activities. The students were introduced to different community jobs in a simple and age-appropriate way, sparking curiosity and conversation. They also practiced their cutting skills, helping to build fine motor development. In addition, students enjoyed plenty of time building and creating, using their imaginations while developing teamwork and problem-solving skills. The activities provided a playful and supportive environment for learning and growth. **H.A. Kostash School photo**

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