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Redwater honours volunteers during appreciation event



By **Shelley Winger**

Residents gathered in Redwater on April 30 for an evening dedicated to recognizing the volunteers who help keep the

community connected, supported and thriving year-round. The Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, organized through a partnership between the Town of Redwater, Volunteer Alberta, North West Redwater Partnership and Family and

Community Support Services (FCSS), brought together local volunteers, organizations and residents for an evening focused on gratitude and recognition.

From helping organize local events and recreational programs

to supporting neighbours during difficult times, volunteers play an important role in communities like Redwater, where many services and activities rely heavily on residents willing to donate their time and energy.

The evening

celebration offered an opportunity to recognize those efforts while also highlighting the positive impact volunteerism continues to have throughout the community.

Guests enjoyed a shared meal beginning at 6 p.m., followed by

entertainment, prize giveaways and opportunities to connect with fellow residents in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

The event created space not only to celebrate volunteers, but

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Performance artist FloWarrior entertains guests during the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration held April 30 in Redwater. — **Town of Redwater photo**



Wren and Harper were all smiles as they served lemonade and coffee from their roadside stand in Sturgeon County recently. With youngsters setting up lemonade stands and enjoying the warmer weather, it's beginning to feel a lot like summer across the region. — **Christopher Lawrence photo**

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Keeping Alberta highways clean one orange bag at a time



By **Brandie Majeau**

Alberta's annual highway clean-up is a province-wide event that brings together communities in a shared mission to care for the province's roadways and environment.

Organized by the

Government of Alberta and typically held each spring, the event has grown steadily since its inception, drawing thousands of volunteers from across the province.

Participants include youth groups, schools, sports teams, and community organizations, all ready to pitch in and make a positive impact.

In exchange for their hard (and often dirty) work, these groups receive honorariums, which fund a variety of local projects, programs, and team activities.

This year's clean-up, held on May 2, 2026 and saw enthusiastic participation as the sunny morning unfolded into beautiful spring weather.

Volunteers were easily recognized in their brightly colored safety vests and worked diligently along the designated highway sections. They collected everything from food wrappers and beverage containers to larger debris like sheets of plywood, filling hundreds of bags with trash from ditches and shoulders. The event's main goals are to keep Alberta's highways clean and safe, protect the environment, build on being a part of and maintaining community and instill a sense of responsibility in younger generations.

Many participants expressed pride in contributing to the preservation of Alberta's natural beauty, however they often remark on how disrespectful people can be and what is thrown out of vehicle windows.

Beyond its environmental impact, the annual highway clean-up serves as a visible reminder of the



importance of not littering and respecting the province's landscapes. The provincial government supports the effort by supplying garbage bags, gloves, and safety gear, as well as providing detailed guidelines to ensure volunteer safety. Once the trash is collected, crews sort and properly dispose of it.

Over the years, the

initiative has resulted in the removal of hundreds of tonnes of litter, preserving wildlife habitats and improving the visual appeal of Alberta's highways. The program has become kind of a tradition, inspiring civic engagement and environmental stewardship in communities throughout the province.

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Alberta RCMP advise public on protecting personal information

The Alberta RCMP are advising residents to take proactive steps to protect their personal information and reduce the risk of identity theft and fraud. Protecting personal identification information is an important part of everyday safety.

Criminals may attempt to obtain personal details through a variety of methods, including phishing scams, data breaches, mail theft, or social engineering, and use that information to commit fraud.

The Alberta RCMP recommend the following steps to safeguard your personal information:

- Review bank and credit card statements for any unauthorized transactions and report suspicious activity immediately.
- Consider requesting a free credit report from recognized Canadian credit bureaus and review it for unfamiliar accounts or inquiries.

- Fraudsters may use stolen information to create convincing phishing emails, phone calls, or text messages. Do not provide personal or financial information unless you have verified the source.

- Use strong, unique passwords for online accounts and enable multi-factor authentication where available.

- Avoid sharing sensitive details such as your Social Insurance Number (SIN) unless necessary and ensure documents containing personal information are stored securely.

- You may contact a credit

bureau to place a fraud alert on your file, which can help prevent unauthorized accounts from being opened in your name.

- When possible, deal with your financial institution in-person should one or more of your bank accounts become compromised. Unfortunately, an internet search may provide a fake toll-free number to an individual who may victimize you further.

- If you believe you have been a victim of identity theft or fraud, report it to your local police service and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca. Early reporting can help limit potential damage and assist in ongoing investigations.

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NOTICE OF DECISION OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED – May 6, 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: DPR2026-007
Legal Description: Lot 25, Block 24, Plan 7820086
Civic Address: 5155 49 St.
Land Use: Residential Low Density District (R-LD)
Discretionary Use: Home Based Business, Major

Additional Conditions:

1. The business may operate Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 6:00 pm.
2. No employees other than residents of the dwelling.
3. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any applicable building, electrical, plumbing and gas permits from Superior Safety Codes— Safety Codes Officers for the Town of Redwater. 1-866-999-4777.
4. The Applicant is responsible for obtaining any other required approvals and permits, federal, provincial or otherwise.

Permit Number: DPR2026-008
Legal Description: Lot 23, Block 5, Plan 7621363
Civic Address: 6012 53 Ave
Land Use: Residential Low Density (R-LD)
Discretionary Use: Urban Hens

Additional Conditions:

1. Certification of completion of the Urban Hen 101 Workshop offered by Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) Course, or similar to be provided by the applicant.
2. An approved Premises Identification (PID) under the Alberta Health Act. The applicant must comply with any other requirements as outlined in Land Use Bylaw PD-01-2023. Copy of PID to be provided by the applicant.
3. Any activity related to the upkeep or daily operations of the Urban Hen Development that may cause abnormal noise levels must be conducted in an enclosed space, and appropriate sound insulating measures must be employed.
4. The Applicant is required to ensure that any outdoor lighting does not trespass on to adjacent properties or the adjacent lane.
5. The selling of eggs is not permitted.
6. The Applicant is responsible for obtaining any other required approvals and permits, federal, provincial or otherwise.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1712/26 MORINVILLE COLONY REDISTRICTING APPLICATION

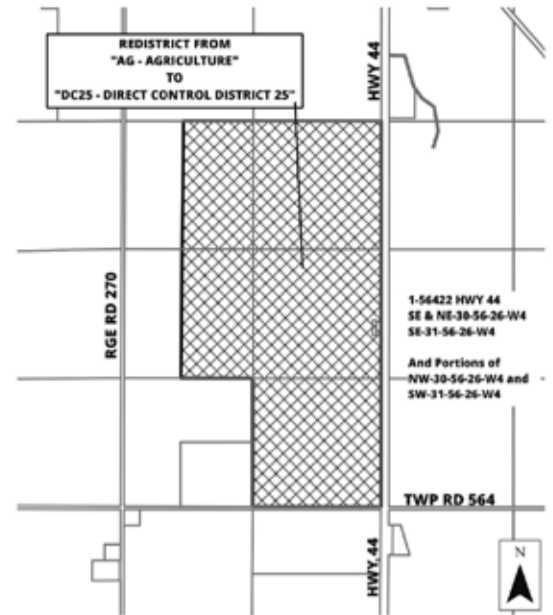
Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1712/26.

The applicant has requested that a section of land south of Alcomdale (at Highway 44 and Township Rd 564) be redistricted (rezoned) to bring the property into compliance with the County's Land Use Bylaw. The proposed bylaw would redistrict sections SE & SW 31-56-26-4, and NW, NE & SE 30-56-26-4:

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

A Direct Control (DC) District is a customized land-use designation within municipal zoning that allows for specific, site-unique rules. It offers detailed control over development where standard zones are inadequate. It is often used for unique sites or innovative projects needing precise regulation beyond typical zoning. **Learn more at sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1712-26**

Please note that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 1698/25 - which also considered the redistricting of the Morinville Colony land - was held on March 10, 2026. Bylaw 1698/25 is no longer being considered by Council. Members of the public who wish to provide input to Council must make new submissions specifically related to Bylaw 1712/26.



Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: **Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 1 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) at Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St., Morinville)

Questions? Contact us!

Rebecca Schapansky, RPP, MCIP
Planner, Current Planning
587-404-9866, rschapansky@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 register.

Speak via videoconference (phone or video call-in)

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you must register by **May 25, 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.

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



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Email: DustSuppression@sturgeoncounty.ca



CELEBRATION OF LIFE Irene Stromecky

You are warmly invited to celebrate the life of Irene Stromecky (May 5, 1970 – Dec 5, 2025).

Date: Saturday, May 16

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Redwater Legion

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157 ACRES MINUTES FROM PAVEMENT

This SUBDIVIDABLE, nearly full quarter, sits just outside of Riviere Qui Barre with quick access to Highway 44 and Highway 642. Good cultivated grain land. Features include a city water line running in front of the property as well as a dugout. **Asking \$942,000. Call Glenn for more information.**



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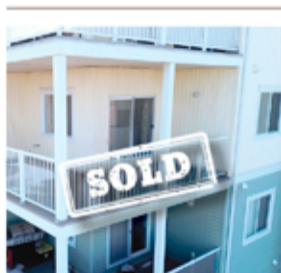
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FloWarrior invites a volunteer on stage during Redwater's Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on April 30. - **Town of Redwater photo**

The Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

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also to reflect on the countless hours of work that often happen quietly behind the scenes.

Entertainment throughout the evening featured performances by FloWarrior, a performance artist known for energetic and interactive routines, along with Olivia Flows Hula Hooping, whose performance added creativity and excitement to the celebration.

Organizers thanked everyone who attended the event and emphasized the importance of continuing to recognize volunteers throughout the year – not only during

special appreciation events.

Volunteerism remains a cornerstone of many small communities, helping support everything from local recreation and social programming to fundraising initiatives and emergency support efforts.

In Redwater, volunteers continue to play a key role in strengthening local connections and creating a welcoming environment for residents of all ages.

The event was held as part of National Volunteer Week 2026, an annual celebration recognizing the contributions of volunteers across Alberta and throughout Canada.

Walk for Dog Guides a success in Smoky Lake



By Haylee Winger

The Smoky Lake Lions Club held its annual Walk for Dog Guides on Sunday, May 3, 2026, bringing together local residents and neighbouring Lions clubs in support of a meaningful cause.

Thanks to strong community support, the event raised more than \$2,400 for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, helping fund the training of service dogs that assist individuals living with a range of medical and physical conditions.

Following the walk, participants gathered at the Smoky Lake Lions Dog Park for its official grand opening. Mayor Mary Anne Proskiw-Zarusky joined Lions Club President Dave Dalby for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, marking the occasion.

Attendees enjoyed cake and refreshments while their dogs explored the new space. The dog park, which has been open since fall 2025, was made possible through a grant from the Government of Alberta's Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP), along with support from the



Town of Smoky Lake and fundraising efforts by the Smoky Lake Lions Club.

The event served as both a successful

fundraiser and a celebration of a new community amenity, highlighting the continued impact of local involvement and support.



Photos by Lorrie Verspeelt and Karen Pedlar



Lemonade Day Returns to Northern Alberta on June 13



By Haylee Winger

Young entrepreneurs across Northern Alberta will once again have the opportunity to test their business skills as Lemonade Day returns on June 13, 2026.

The annual program, presented by Community Futures,

encourages children and youth to launch and operate their own lemonade stands while learning valuable lessons in entrepreneurship, financial literacy and customer service.

Since launching in Northern Alberta in 2018, participants have collectively earned more than \$187,000 in profit and donated over \$55,000 to local

charities.

Lemonade Day is open to students from kindergarten through high school. Registration for the 2026 program opened March 1 and closes May 22.

As part of the free program, participants attend "Lemmy University," where they receive a backpack and entrepreneur workbook designed to guide them through the process of starting and running a small business.

Lessons focus on goal setting, budgeting, planning and customer interaction.

Amanda Robinson, Lemonade Day Northern Alberta City Director with Community Futures North Central Alberta, said the initiative continues to expand throughout the region.

"Lemonade Day is coming to 63 towns this year and is the collaboration of 13 Community Futures offices," Robinson said.

"Our office,

Community Futures North Central Region, is offering the program in Athabasca, Boyle, Westlock, Clyde, Thorhild, Morinville, Legal, Bon Accord, Gibbons and Redwater."

Robinson said the experience provides youth with skills that extend far beyond running a lemonade stand.

"Lemonade Day is really about more than just running a lemonade stand," she said. "The kids learn business skills, but they also use skills for life. They learn financial literacy, public speaking, how to set a goal and work to achieve it."

She added that the program encourages participants to connect with their communities and local businesses while also giving back through charitable donations.

"The program encourages them to spend some, save some and share some," Robinson said. "They will spend

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Alberta RCMP investigating alleged misuse of Provincial Elector List

By Valerie Winger

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has confirmed it is investigating the alleged inappropriate dissemination of Alberta's provincial elector list.

In a statement released by Deputy Commissioner Trevor Daroux, the Alberta RCMP said the investigation concerns the apparent misuse of personal information contained in the voter list maintained by Elections Alberta.

Police say the RCMP has taken carriage of the investigation and is coordinating investigative resources at the local, provincial, national and international levels as needed.

Officials noted there has been significant public interest surrounding the matter, but said details remain limited in order to protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation.

"The apparent inappropriate release

of your personal information is of great concern to the public and to the RCMP," Daroux said in the statement, while encouraging Albertans to rely on official RCMP updates rather than public commentary or third-party statements.

The investigation was first confirmed April 30, 2026, after the RCMP received correspondence from an individual associated with the Alberta New Democratic Party raising concerns about the possible misuse of the provincial voter list.

The Alberta RCMP says investigators are working with other law enforcement partners to determine whether any offences were committed regarding the dissemination or handling of information contained in the elector list.

No further details have been released at this time.



Newbrook 4-H members prepare for Achievement Day

Members of the Newbrook 4-H Club spent May 3 getting ready for their upcoming achievement day with a full day of hands-on activities and practice. Throughout the day, members participated in judging exercises, practiced their showmanship skills, and took part in team grooming competitions.

The event gave members the opportunity to build confidence, improve their livestock handling abilities, and work together as a team while preparing for the upcoming event. The practice day also helped members gain valuable experience and fine-tune their skills ahead of achievement day activities and competitions.

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Newbrook 4-H photos

Redwater School Alumnus named Rookie of the year

Submission

At their recent awards ceremony in Camrose, Alberta, Augustana Campus named Luke Erdman as their Rookie of the Year.

Erdman, who plays middle on the inter-collegiate Vikings Volleyball Team, graduated from Redwater School in 2024. While

at Redwater School, Erdman started playing middle on the Renegades Volleyball Team. The Renegades later went on to win the banner for the North Central Zone and competed in the provincial championships. Erdman received several awards at graduation, including a Rutherford

Scholarship and was the class Valedictorian. Principal Kevin Dorosh commented that "We are quite proud of all our graduates. Luke has really applied himself to Volleyball and his studies - and it shows". Erdman also played middle for the Spruce Grove Ravens Volleyball Club, which won the Division II

championship and went on to compete at the national championships. He has competed twice at the US Open Volleyball Championships.

Erdman has been attending Augustana College since August 2024, where he is studying Mathematics and Computer Science. He maintains a 3.9 GPA. Although he has enjoyed working at RKS Canada for the past three summers, this year he will be working in a research position at Augustana.

The Rookie of the Year Award is presented annually to student athletes who utilise their first year of eligibility as a member



of a Vikings varsity team and exhibit tremendous athletic accomplishment in the current year, while also displaying leadership, great character and excel in athletics.

Lemonade Day

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some of their earnings on a reward for their hard work, save some for a future goal and share some with a charity of their choice."

On June 13, stands will be set up across more than 60 communities

throughout Northern Alberta, bringing the program to both large and small towns across the region.

Organizers say the program's goal is to inspire entrepreneurship while encouraging communities to invest in local youth and

future business leaders.

More information and registration details are available at www.lemonadeday.org/northern-alberta.

Updates can also be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LemonadeDay-NorthernAlberta.

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at the park, but now I feel scared that they'll be there. It's hard because you want to tell someone, but sometimes you're embarrassed or afraid they'll make it worse.

I'm writing this because I want other kids to know they're not alone. Bullying isn't okay, no matter where it happens. If you're being bullied too, please

tell an adult! A parent, teacher, or neighbor. And if you see someone being bullied, try to help. Even just asking if they're okay can make a difference.

I hope that someday our neighborhood can be a place where everyone can play and have fun without feeling scared. Until then, I'll keep trying to be brave, even when it's hard.

If you or someone you know has been affected by bullying, your voice can make a difference. We are looking to hear your story and raise awareness about the impact of bullying in our community. By sharing your experience, you can help others understand they are not alone in their struggles, and together, we can take a stand against bullying.

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Grad class gives back during community cleanup

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H.A. Kostash school photos



Members of the Newbrook 4-H Club spent Saturday cleaning ditches along Highway 63 near Newbrook, collecting bags of garbage – and a few unexpected treasures – while sharing stories from the day's work. – Newbrook 4-H Club photo



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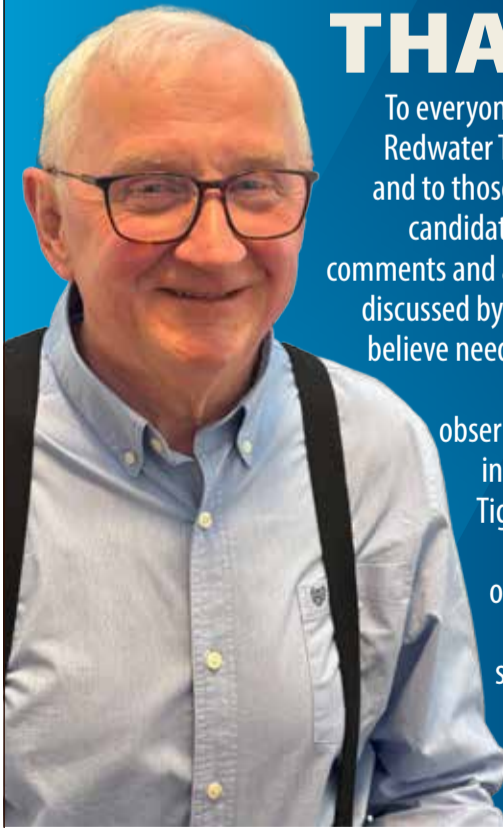
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It's an honour to serve the community and trading area as a Redwater town councillor.



PUBLIC NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF REDWATER, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

SECTION 251 – THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of the Town of Redwater, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to Town of 2026 Water and Wastewater Renewal Program No. FIN-01-2026, which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Town to borrow monies from an authorized financial institution by way of bank loan or debentures for the purpose of sanitary spot rehabilitation as outlined in the Water and Wastewater Renewal Program.

The total cost of the aforesaid project amounts to an estimated \$640,000. The net amount to be reallocated on the credit and security of the municipality at large by the reallocation of debentures is \$640,000. The debentures are to be repayable to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority in twenty (20) equal consecutive semi-annual instalments of combined principal and interest, the semi-annual interest estimated at a maximum interest rate of 7%, or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Redwater that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw FIN-01-2026 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly.

DATED at the Town of Redwater, in the Province of Alberta, this 30th day of April, 2026.

Ken Van Buul
Chief Administrative Officer

A copy of the proposed bylaw and related documents may be inspected on the Town website www.redwater.ca or contact the Town Office at 780 942 3519 for a copy to be sent via email, mail or facsimile. Any comments or questions can be forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer at kvambuul@redwater.ca.

INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS

Pursuant to Section 1(i) of the Municipal Government Act an "elector" means: A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councillor under the *Local Authorities Election Act*. Pursuant to section 47(1) of the *Local Authorities Election Act* a person is eligible to vote in an election if the person:

- a. is at least 18 years old,
- b. is a Canadian citizen, and
- c. resides in Alberta and the person's place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day.

A poll may be demanded in the Town of Redwater by electors equal in number to at least:

- a. in the case of a municipality other than a summer village, by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10% of the population, and
- b. in the case of a summer village, by a number of the electors of the summer village equal to at least 20% of the number of summer village residences in the summer village.

in accordance with the provisions of section 223 of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with the provisions of section 251 of the Municipal Government Act.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition". (Further requirements of the petition are provided in section 224 of the Municipal Government Act.)

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Last year, in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction, there were 288 reported collisions involving motorcycles.

As a result of these collisions, there were 259 injuries and 16 fatalities.

Help stay safe this riding season by following the below tips:

- Complete a pre-ride check. Take time before getting on your bike to check fluids, tires, lights/signals, chains and the overall condition of the motorcycle. Refer to Alberta Transportation's

Rider Guide for a checklist.

- Gear up. Riders and passengers must wear helmets that meet safety requirements and state the date of manufacture. A proper coat, pants, boots that cover the ankles, gloves and shatter-proof eyewear can reduce the risk of injury in the event of a collision. Avoid buying used helmets as they could have defects.

- Be bright and in sight. Stay in sight of larger vehicles and avoid blind spots. Wear a high visibility jacket and helmet, in colours such as orange, yellow or white to be noticeable on the road.

- Maintain a safe following distance. Stay clear of loose gravel or rocks thrown by other vehicles on roadways and be cautious as excess debris and sand may affect tire

traction and overall handling.

- Avoid speeding and weaving. Speeding in and out of traffic on a motorcycle is illegal and dangerous. Safe handling, and sharing the road responsibly, reduces the risk of collision.

- Don't show off. Just because your bike can do it, doesn't mean your bike should do it. Slow down on unfamiliar roadways and don't feel pressure to keep up with more experienced riders.

"We can all work together for a safe riding season," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic.

"Last May saw 45 motorcycle collisions, making up approximately 16% of the total for last year. Look out for each other on the roads. If you're in a vehicle, make sure to complete a full check before changing lanes to ensure motorcycles and smaller vehicles aren't in your path."

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May flowers... bring a smile



By Brandie Majeau

As the chill of winter fades and the days grow warmer,

May flowers burst onto the scene in a vibrant celebration of spring. These blooms have long been cherished as a symbol of renewal, marking the end of dormancy and the promise of new

beginnings.

Across gardens, parks, and wild meadows, the sudden appearance of tulips, daffodils, and lilacs transforms landscapes with color and life.

The significance of May flowers extends beyond their beauty.

After months of bare trees and frosty mornings, their arrival signals nature's revival. Communities often mark this seasonal turning point with festivals and outdoor events, gathering to admire the blossoms and embrace the spirit of hope that comes with them.

In literature and art, May flowers have served as enduring metaphors for resilience and optimism,

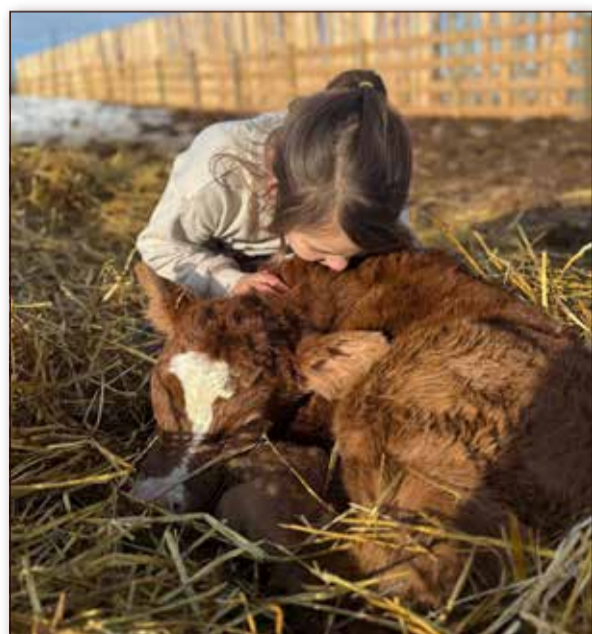


reminding us that periods of hardship (like winter) give way to growth and possibility.

It is also important to remember that the progression from winter to spring is not just visually uplifting but essential for ecosystems.

The blooming of May flowers supports pollinators such as bees and butterflies, which in turn help crops and wild plants thrive. This cycle of renewal underscores the interconnectedness of life, with each bloom playing a role in the broader scope of the natural world.

As excitement builds with the witness of the annual return of May flowers, it is a reminder of the power of patience and the certainty of change. Their presence encourages one to look forward with hope, embracing the opportunities that come with each new season. In this way, May flowers are much more than a seasonal spectacle, they are nature's way of telling that renewal is always within reach.



A young ranch helper shares a quiet moment with a newborn calf during calving season at Redwater River Ranch earlier this spring. The ranch recently shared photos from the busy season as new calves continue arriving on the family operation. - Redwater River Ranch photo

Smoky Lake RCMP Report



By Haylee Winger

The RCMP detachment in Smoky Lake reported a diverse set of incidents during the week of April 27, ranging from property crimes and disputes to wellbeing checks and traffic complaints.

Police received a report of an abandoned trailer along Range Road 154, which was subsequently towed.

In the Village of Waskatenau, officers handled a complaint involving a former employee at a local business, which was determined to be a civil matter.

Several neighbour disputes were reported throughout the region. One in the Town of Smoky Lake is being treated as a potentially criminal matter and remains under investigation, while another in the county was deemed non-criminal but ongoing. Officers also responded to multiple family and domestic disputes, including incidents in Warspite and the Village of Vilna. In the Vilna case, a suspect was arrested and held for a judicial release hearing.

Wellbeing checks accounted for a number of calls, including

one involving a male in Smoky Lake that resulted in no concerns, and another near Waskatenau where a vehicle was found stuck in a field. Police also responded after a local business reported an employee missing from work for a week.

Officers dealt with several disturbances, including a male causing a disruption at a public function in Smoky Lake who left before police arrived, and a late-night disturbance at a residence in Vilna that required no further action. A loud party was also reported in Warspite.

Property-related incidents included damage to equipment at the Smoky Lake gravel pit and a cut lock at a rural gate near Range Road 193, though nothing was reported stolen. In Spedden, a male attempting to enter a residence broke a window but was located, arrested, and charged.

Traffic and suspicious activity calls were also noted. A complaint was received about a speeding Honda two-door vehicle passing on solid lines; however, patrols were unable to locate the vehicle due to lack of a licence plate.

Officers investigated multiple reports

of suspicious vehicles on Range Roads 151 and 153, both of which were found not to be involved in criminal activity. Additionally, police were notified of a vehicle that failed to stop for a traffic stop by a local peace officer.

Other calls included an intoxicated female in Vilna reporting threats, a female walking along the highway who was safely located, and a male seen entering Smoky Lake Public Works who was later determined to be using the area as a shortcut.

Officers also attended the Smoky Lake Health Care Centre to assist with a family-related issue.

In a more unusual occurrence, stolen peacocks originally reported missing from Stony Plain were recovered and returned to their owner at a Smoky Lake gas station after being found along a highway.

Police also responded to a possible ongoing fraud investigation, which remains under review as officers work to determine the details of the situation.

Residents with information about any crimes are encouraged to contact the Smoky Lake RCMP at 780-656-3550 or reach out anonymously to Crime Stoppers.





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