



In the early morning hours of Thursday, May 14, crews from TCES responded to a structure fire that had already fully engulfed a newly built structure by the time firefighters arrived on scene, approximately eight minutes after dispatch. Strong winds created difficult conditions for crews and contributed to the rapid spread of the fire, ultimately resulting in a total loss of the building. TCES is reminding residents of the importance of calling 911 as soon as a fire is discovered. As a paid-on-call volunteer fire service, firefighters require additional time to travel to their stations, don protective equipment, and deploy apparatus before arriving at an emergency scene. Officials noted that early notification can significantly improve the chances of containing a fire before it intensifies. The department also expressed appreciation to all responding personnel who attended the incident and worked under challenging overnight conditions. **Thorhild County Emergency Services photo**

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By **Brandie Majeau**

The Thorhild Agricultural Society is proud to announce the upcoming Annual Tradeshaw, Family Fair, and Dance, scheduled for June 13, 2026. This event has evolved far beyond the scope of a traditional tradeshaw, emerging as a celebration that strengthens community ties and promotes local engagement. Through the dedicated efforts of the Thorhild Agricultural Society, local organizations are provided with a valuable platform to connect, collaborate, and enhance their visibility within the region.

This initiative has built and promoted meaningful

partnerships, enabling a truly family-friendly experience that unites business owners, sellers, residents and visitors alike, while supporting diverse facets of rural community life.

In alignment with the success of the previous year, the Feledichuk Curran Thorhild Memorial Ball Tournament will once again coincide with the tradeshaw, running from June 12 to 14, 2026. Adding to the activities of the weekend, a community-wide garage sale will be held, allowing people to offer unique finds and opportunities to engage with neighbours and share their treasures. The celebrations will culminate in a family friendly perogy dinner and dance featuring Travis Dolter on June

13.

A new feature of this year's Thorhild Ag Society Tradeshaw is the expanded Kids Zone, designed to engage and entertain the youngest guests, will feature bouncy houses, a petting zoo, carnival games, and Seeds to Sprouts selling cotton candy and mini donuts for a fundraiser. This year, they are excited to introduce the Little Rodeo Pro experience, a unique, pint-sized rodeo adventure designed specifically for children. This is an addition that promises a memorable and interactive opportunity for kids to immerse themselves in the excitement of rodeo culture. Open to children ages 4 to 12, participants will

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Community comes together again to honour Larry Schesnuk's legacy



By Haylee Winger

The community will once again come together this summer for the Second Annual Larry Schesnuk Memorial Golf Tournament, Dinner, and Auction, taking place June 19, 2026, at Pembina Place in Redwater.

After a successful inaugural event last year that raised an impressive \$44,504.73 for pancreatic cancer research through the Canadian Cancer Society, organizers are hoping to make this year's fundraiser even bigger.

Held in memory of Larry Schesnuk, the event has quickly become a meaningful gathering for family, friends, local businesses, and community members looking to support an important cause while honouring someone remembered for his generosity and strong community spirit.

"The hope for this year is centered on bringing the community together again to honour Larry's legacy while raising significant funds for pancreatic cancer research," the organizing committee shared. "We want to continue turning grief into hope for other families affected by cancer and build on the overwhelming

community support already shown through sponsorships, donations, golf participation, and auction contributions."

The day will begin with the golf tournament, featuring shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Organizers note that golf spots are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Golf is filling up fast," organizers noted. "We still have dinner, auction, and silent auction tables and seats available for the event."

The evening portion of the fundraiser will include dinner, as well as both live and silent auctions, which were among the highlights of last year's event. Doors for the dinner event open at 5:30 p.m., with supper beginning at 7 p.m. before the live auction gets underway.

Event organizers say seeing the continued support from both businesses and residents has been deeply meaningful.

"It means so much to have the business community as well as individuals come to this event and help raise money for pancreatic cancer research," organizers said. "We are all affected by various forms of cancer, and this event helps raise meaningful funding for pancreatic cancer research and treatment

advancements."

While the fundraiser involves a high level of planning, organizers acknowledge that events of this size come with challenges.

"Developing a proper team, securing donations, and encouraging companies and individuals to contribute during these challenging times can be difficult," the committee explained. "Commitment from people attending the dinner and golf is important, and timely registrations always help."

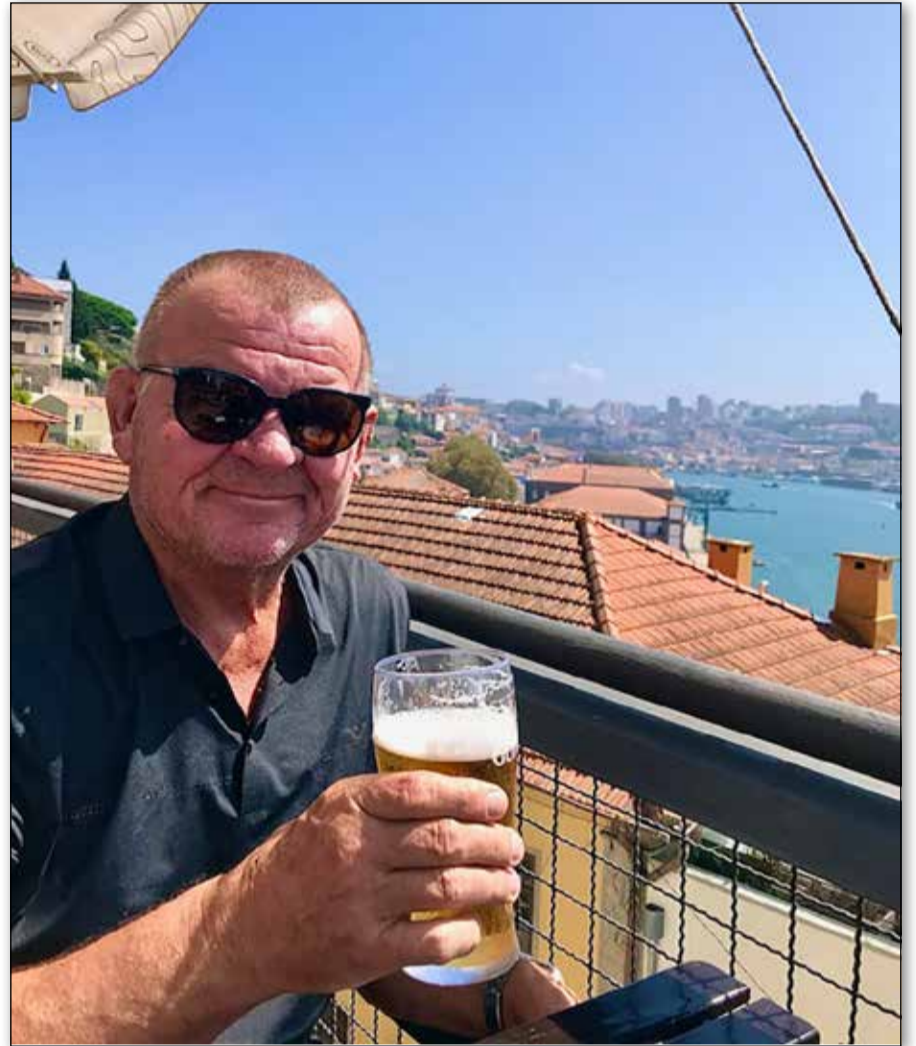
Despite the work involved, organizers say several moments from last year's fundraiser continue to stand out.

"The amount of money raised was incredible — more than \$44,504," organizers recalled. "The auction itself was fantastic, and Ray Hoetmer did an outstanding job. All the donations, whether platinum or silent auction items, were extremely well received, with many auctioning for double their value."

Another memorable moment came during the 50/50 draw, when winner Carman Cornelius donated half of her winnings back to the cause.

Organizers believe the event has resonated so strongly because of the impact Larry had on the community throughout his life.

"Because of Larry's



The second Larry Schesnuk Memorial Fundraiser will bring the community together June 19 in Redwater to honour Larry's legacy while raising funds for pancreatic cancer research.

impact on the Redwater community, this event keeps his spirit of generosity alive," the organizing committee said.

Funds raised this year will support several initiatives aimed at continuing Larry's legacy while advancing pancreatic cancer research. Organizers say proceeds will first go toward \$3,000 in scholarships for students entering the trades at Redwater High School, with remaining funds

donated to Pancreatic Cancer North America to support pancreatic cancer research in Larry's name.

"The family is hoping for the development of early detection screening procedures through donations to pancreatic cancer research," organizers said. "These contributions will help ensure Larry's legacy continues to make a positive difference."

Dinner tickets are \$65 each, and tables

of eight are available for purchase. Golf registration is \$150 per player and includes 18 holes of golf, a power cart, and an entry gift.

Anyone interested in attending or registering for golf is encouraged to contact Debbie From at 780-991-4225 or Amanda Schesnuk at 780-975-8075 for more information.

"Come celebrate Larry's legacy," organizers added. "Come honour a life and support a worthy cause."

How do your health risks change after 50?

(NC) It's often said that "age is just a number," though some of those numbers may matter more for our health than others. Keeping up physical activity and a positive outlook can make a real difference at any age, but the body goes through changes around the age of 50 that can affect your risk of several health issues. Here are a few to be aware of:

Bone health. They may be solid and mineralized, but bones are

still living tissue. Your body needs to replenish that tissue continually. As you age, the rate of replacement slows down. According to the Bone Health and Osteoporosis Foundation, one in two women and up to one in four men over the age of 50 will break a bone due to osteoporosis. There are things you can do to lower your risk and protect your bone health, including getting enough calcium and vitamin D, eating

a well-balanced diet and engaging in regular exercise.

Heart disease. Age can bring on changes in the heart and blood vessels that may increase the risk of heart disease and stroke. For instance, arterial plaque and cholesterol may build up over time, and heart valves can also become thicker and less flexible. There are things you can do to help keep your heart healthy, such as regular movement,

maintaining a healthy weight, managing stress and choosing foods that are low in saturated fats, added sugars and salt.

Shingles. If you're one of the 90 per cent of Canadians who've had chicken pox, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada, you're at risk of shingles. It typically shows up as a painful, blistering rash caused by the reactivation of the varicella-zoster virus, which lies dormant in the

nervous system after having chicken pox. Reactivation can happen years later, when the immune system weakens as a result of age, stress or certain health conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), diabetes or heart disease.

Age is an important risk factor for shingles, with the disease being most common in people aged 50 or older. According to the National Advisory Committee on

Immunization, up to 40 per cent of people who experience shingles report at least one complication, such as post-herpetic neuralgia, which is nerve pain that can persist for months or even years. The good news is shingles can be prevented and vaccination is broadly available.

If you're 50 or older, you can speak with your healthcare provider about reducing your risk of these and other health issues.

Alberta RCMP removes 122 impaired drivers from Alberta roadways over Victoria Day long weekend

Alberta RCMP Release

From May 15-18, 2026, over the Victoria Day long weekend, the Alberta RCMP conducted enhanced traffic enforcement to target impaired drivers and unsafe driving

practices. As a result, 122 total drivers were removed from the roads for being impaired due to drugs or alcohol.

The 122 total removed drivers included the following Immediate Roadside

Sanctions (IRS):

- Nine drivers received IRS 24-hour suspensions;
- 37 drivers received IRS WARNS;
- 71 drivers received IRS FAILS; and
- Five novice/commercial drivers

were removed for IRS ZEROS.

Additionally, 1,204 total tickets were issued, including 26 tickets for distracted driving, 1,142 speeding tickets, and 36 tickets for seatbelt infractions. Sadly, there

were 25 injury collisions and six fatalities.

“The Alberta RCMP will continue to have an enhanced presence on provincial roadways every long weekend,” says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic.

“Everyone has a role to play—choices like driving sober, staying focused, and buckling up can save lives.”

For more traffic safety information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta.

The Canadian Cancer Society’s 50km Run



By Brandie Majeau

This June, runners, volunteers, and supporters from across the country will lace up their sneakers for a cause that touches countless lives: the Canadian Cancer Society’s 50km Run. This annual movement strives to raise critical funds for cancer research and support services but also to bring with it a sense of hope and solidarity among those affected by cancer.

“Today, we know more than ever before about what causes cancer, how it develops, how best to prevent and treat it and how to improve the quality of life of people living with cancer. But there is still much to be done. Cancer is the leading cause of death in the country and nearly half of people in Canada are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime,” said Megan Stangl, Senior Manager, Fundraising Communications for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Stangl said the challenge is about participation and purpose rather than performance. “It is about showing up with purpose, staying consistent, and letting

every kilometre count for families facing cancer,” she said.

She added that a major part of the initiative’s impact comes from the sense of community it builds among participants. “What makes this challenge feel even more powerful is the community you join by making the commitment. Fundraisers encourage each other by sharing who they are running for and posting updates, including in the official Strava Club where you can track your kilometres, share your effort, and feel the momentum of a whole community moving with you through the month of June.”

Stangl also emphasized that the funds raised support both research and care systems across Canada, helping improve survival rates and quality of life for those affected by cancer.

The 50km run invites participants of varying abilities to challenge themselves physically and mentally. Whether running the entire distance solo, forming teams, or walking, everyone is encouraged to take part. The format ensures that as many people as possible can join in, emphasizing that the fight against cancer is a collective effort.

Funds raised during the event will help the Canadian Cancer

Society continue its vital work. This includes funding groundbreaking research projects to improve cancer prevention, detection, and treatment, as well as providing support programs for patients and their families. The Society’s initiatives (from transportation services to support networks) make a real and lasting difference for those facing a cancer diagnosis.

The event is more than just a physical challenge; it is a celebration of resilience and strength. Many participants run in memory of loved ones, in honour of survivors, or as a tribute to their own journeys with cancer. Their stories inspire others to get involved and underscore the importance of ongoing research and support. Registration for the run is open to individuals of all ages and fitness levels.

Participants can sign up online, set personal fundraising goals, and share their stories to encourage donations from friends, family, and colleagues. With every stride, runners are helping to build a future where no Canadian has to fear a cancer diagnosis.

As June approaches, the Canadian Cancer Society’s 50km run stands as a reminder that together, anyone can make a difference, one step at a time.

SCHOOL NEWS



Redwater School students enjoyed a fun-filled Track and Field Day on May 19. From races to field events, students gave it their all while cheering on their classmates. The day was full of teamwork, school spirit, and lots of smiles. **Redwater School photos**



Thorhild School kindergarten students recently enjoyed a field trip to the Tawatinaw Pine Valley Gymnastics Center. The group took part in a variety of activities including bouncing, climbing, balancing, and running, all focused on building gross motor skills. Students stayed active throughout the visit and many showed confidence as they tried new challenges and stepped outside their comfort zones. The outing provided a hands-on learning experience in a fun and energetic setting.



Thorhild Central School photos

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RCMP warned residents following attempted rural break-ins

By Valerie Winger

On May 20, Smoky Lake RCMP issued a public alert after reports of suspicious

activity south of Bellis involving an attempted break-and-enter at rural properties.

Police advised residents to watch for a white Honda SUV believed to be connected to the

incidents. According to RCMP, the vehicle was occupied by two male suspects. Residents in the area were asked to remain alert and report any suspicious activity to police.

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have the chance to race, rope, and ride in a safe and supervised environment. The specially designed kid-friendly arena offers a variety of engaging events from barrel racing and roping dummies to holding on for an exciting eight-second (mechanical bull) ride. Each activity has been created to nurture confidence, celebrate skill, and encourage sportsmanship that steep itself in true rural Alberta rodeo culture.

Every child will be recognized for their efforts, leaving the arena with winners sporting a commemorative buckle and memories to last a lifetime. The Thorhild Ag Society invites families and friends to come cheer on these aspiring rodeo stars and be part of all this youthful enthusiasm. The success of the Thorhild Agricultural Society's Annual Tradeshow, Family Fair, and Dance would not

be possible without the dedication and commitment of their volunteers. These individuals are already hard at work behind the scenes, investing their time and energy to make sure every aspect of the event runs smoothly and creates a seamless experience for all attendees and visitors. While their efforts are a testament to the strong sense of community that defines Thorhild, anyone wishing to lend a hand is encouraged to reach out to the Thorhild Ag Society and donate a couple of hours of their time to make sure every position is filled so events like this can continue.



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The assessment roll is open for inspection at the Town Office; we are located at 56 Wheatland Ave and are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you have a question regarding your combined assessment, please contact Tanmar Consulting at 780-417-5191. The assessment complaint form must be filled out and sent into the Town of Smoky Lake, plus a \$50.00 deposit fee is required. The final date of appeal is July 22, 2026.

If you did not receive your tax notice, please contact the Town Office at (780) 656-3674.

DATED this 15th day of May, 2026
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One year later: Sturgeon County reflects on wildfire response, emergency preparedness improvements



Emergency officials and responders review maps during the response to the May 2025 wildfire near the Redwater Recreation Area. Sturgeon County has since implemented several preparedness improvements following the fire.



Sturgeon County photos

An aerial view shows part of the area impacted by the May 2025 wildfire near Redwater. One year later, Sturgeon County says lessons learned from the fire have helped strengthen emergency preparedness and response efforts.



By Shelley Winger

It has been one year since the May 2025 wildfire near the Redwater Recreation Area, a stressful time many residents in the area still remember clearly.

Following the wildfire, Sturgeon County completed a third-party after-action review examining how emergency crews, municipal staff and regional partners responded during the event and identifying areas where improvements

could be made.

According to information released by the County, the review was intended to help strengthen emergency response efforts moving forward.

“We are proud of our swift and efficient response to the Redwater Recreation Area fire, and of the tireless efforts that went towards protecting lives and homes,” Mayor Alanna Hnatiw stated in information released by the County. “The County is committed to continuous improvement, so we took the time to really dig into the emergency response to see

what lessons could be learned to be even more prepared if and when an event occurs in the future.”

Since the wildfire, the County has increased patrols in higher-risk areas and added drone surveillance to help spot flare-ups or possible wildfire threats earlier.

The region is also now using smoke-detection camera technology designed to provide earlier warning of possible fires.

Additional Community Safety staff have been brought in to support emergency planning, public

education and preparedness initiatives, while staff and partner agencies have also completed additional incident management and emergency communications training.

County officials say the importance of those partnerships has already been highlighted during responses to more recent wildfire activity in the Sandy

Beach area.

Residents may also soon notice changes in how emergency information is delivered.

Sturgeon County Council has approved a new localized public notification system expected to launch later in 2026. The system will allow residents to receive emergency notifications directly through text message,

email or phone call while complementing the province-wide Alberta Emergency Alert system.

“We hope we never see another wildfire like we did last spring,” Hnatiw stated in the County release. “But we know we’re more prepared, better informed and stronger because of the steps we’re taking together.”

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H.A. Kostash students attend dinner theatre performance



H.A. Kostash school photo

By **Valerie Winger**

On May 21, students from the ELA 20 and 30-1 classes at H.A. Kostash School recently travelled to the Mayfield Dinner Theatre to attend a performance of Footloose. The group

enjoyed both the dinner and the show during the outing. The school also thanked CASA for covering the cost of the student tickets. Staff noted the support helped make the trip possible for students attending the performance.

Fire ban lifted, fire restriction now in effect



By **Haylee Winger**

Sturgeon County has lifted its fire ban as of 9:00 a.m. on May 20, 2026, moving to a fire restriction that also includes the Town of Redwater.

Under the restriction, residents are still allowed to use backyard fire pits for cooking or warming, along with propane, wood pellet, and charcoal barbecues. Portable propane heaters and propane fire features are also permitted.

Even with the change, officials are asking people to remain cautious when using any type of open

flame, as dry conditions can still increase the risk of fire spreading.

The restriction does not affect the use of off-highway vehicles in Sturgeon County. Riders are encouraged to check their machines for dry grass or other debris near hot engine parts and to carry fire safety equipment while out.

For updates on OHV rules in Alberta Parks, riders can check Alberta Parks advisories online. Fire restriction updates are also available through the Alberta Fire Bans website and the Sturgeon County website, with questions directed to 780-939-8400.



Four reasons to work in industries contributing to sustainability

(NC) Canada is committed to working towards net-zero emissions, and there's action underway across the country. Many industries are shifting to become more sustainable and offering new opportunities for building a rewarding career while making a positive impact on the environment. Here are some reasons to dedicate your skills to Canada's low-carbon transition:

1. Your skills are in demand.

It's an exciting time to be looking for jobs in Canada's natural resource and low-carbon industries, which are some of the country's emerging and fastest-growing sectors. That's creating a demand for skilled workers in a wide variety of fields. There are jobs available in nuclear and renewable energy, forestry, mining and critical minerals, electric vehicle design and energy storage, green buildings and carbon management,

to list just a few.

2. There are high-quality jobs available.

One thing you may not know about working in the energy and natural resource sector is that it often pays well. Many of those jobs also offer protection and support that help employees stay secure and succeed at work – such as transportation support, mental health services, health benefits, pension plans and more.

3. Many of the jobs are within reach.

Many of the job and career opportunities in Canada's low-carbon energy, natural resource, construction, manufacturing and transportation sectors require only light upskilling or retraining from your current credentials. Many roles don't demand extensive technical expertise, and let you leverage many transferable skills, such as project and logistics management, digital literacy and problem-solving.

There are also numerous opportunities for those with a trades background. For example, HVAC technicians can shift to working with heat pumps through short, targeted training that builds on the skills they already use daily.

4. You can make a difference.

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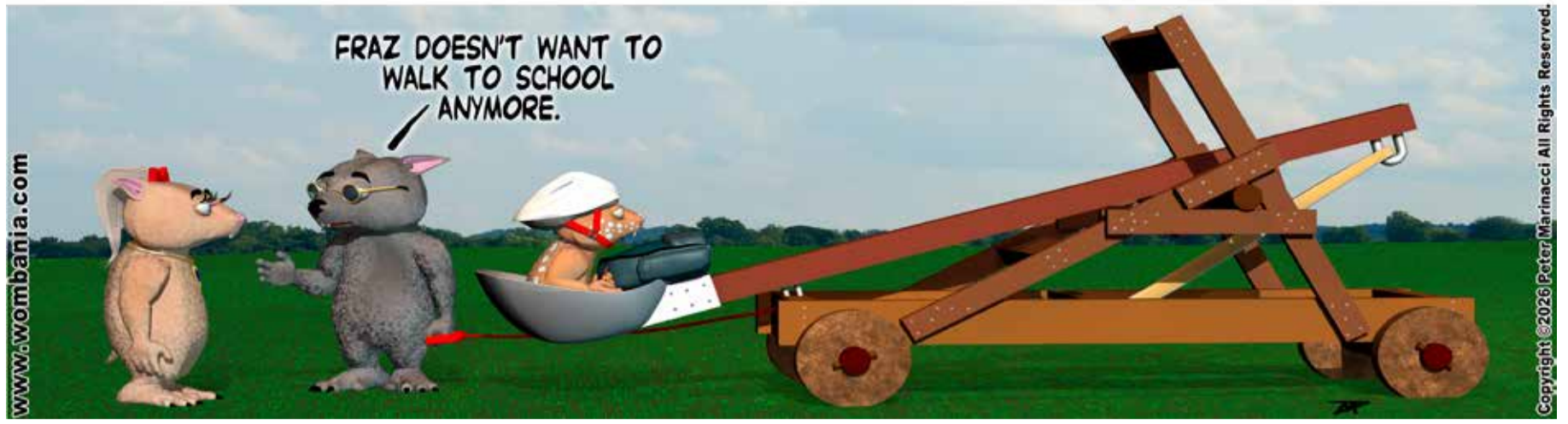
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Spring conditions continue to impact road maintenance

By Valerie Winger

Spring road maintenance in Smoky Lake County has been more difficult than usual this year due to repeated freeze-thaw conditions and heavy moisture levels that have affected both road surfaces and the ground underneath.

According to crews, early-season grading work has focused mainly on restoring road shape and improving drainage while avoiding areas where frost may still be present below the

surface. Disturbing those sections too early can lead to further damage.

Snow removal over the winter also pushed gravel toward road edges, meaning initial grading efforts have been aimed at rebuilding the road crown and allowing water to drain properly. Some roads may require more than one pass before conditions fully improve.

Road crews are also dealing with washouts and other priority repairs, which has delayed some regular grading schedules. Each operator

is responsible for approximately 143 miles of road.

Crews say they are now beginning to move back toward more

regular maintenance rotations as conditions improve.

Residents are being thanked for their patience while work

continues across the region, with crews working daily and putting in extra hours when needed to restore road conditions safely.



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June 2026

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<p>7 Pioneer Club - Pancake Breakfast 9:00-10:30 AM</p> 	<p>8 Pioneer Club - Coffee & Pool 9:00-10:30 AM Primary Care Network - Virtual Drop In Exercise 1:30-2:00 PM</p>	<p>9 Silly Sprouts @ Pembina 9:30-11:30 AM Community Services Policy Committee 6:00-9:00 PM</p>	<p>10 Art Society - Artful Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 PM Pioneer Club - Community Supper (To book: 780-942-3772) 5:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p>11 Pioneer Club - Coffee & Pool 9:00-10:30 AM Library - Toddler Time 10:00-11:00 AM Primary Care Network - Virtual Drop In Exercise 1:30-2:00 PM</p>	<p>12 Legion - Pub Night 5:30 PM-2:00 AM Youth Night at Redwater Alliance Church 6:30-8:30 PM</p> 	<p>13</p> 
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HOME ALONE AND BABYSITTER SAFETY

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Do you want your child to learn how to stay safe while home alone? Through interactive lessons, role playing and hands-on training, your child will enhance their decision-making skills, and confidence while learning valuable skills to keep them safe and learn how to respond in emergencies. Bring a lunch, running shoes, and a water bottle.

Monday, June 29, 2026
9:00am - 1:00 pm
Pembina Place Cultural Centre
Ages 9 and up
Cost: \$45.00
Registration deadline is June 22th
Minimum Registration: 8
Maximum Registration: 12

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Tuesday, June 30, 2026
8:00am - 5:00pm
Pembina Place Cultural Centre
Ages 11 and up
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Registration deadline is June 23rd
Minimum Registration: 8
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Community Group Monthly Meetings

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Pioneer Club Monthly Meeting 1:30-2:30 PM

Wednesday, June 3
Legion General Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM

Wednesday, June 17
Redwater Citizens on Patrol Meeting 7:00-8:00 PM
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Winners of the Redwater Family Recreation Association's Smile Cookie colouring contest pose with their prizes following the annual campaign in support of local community initiatives. The contest was sponsored by Giant Tiger in partnership with the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign. **Redwater Family Recreation Association photo**

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Jun14 **Sewing & Foods**
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Renewing your mortgage? Shop around

(NC) Is the term on your mortgage ending? If you still have a balance to pay, it is time to renew. Your bank will remind you by sending a mortgage renewal statement. They are required to do so at least 21 days before your term ends. This statement includes all the important details about your mortgage, including its new interest rate. The rate will probably be higher than it used to be. Here are some tips to

minimize the impact of this hike in your costs:

Explore your options. You don't have to stick with the same lender. Do your research and compare rates with different ones. There may be better deals out there, but keep in mind that there could be charges or you may need to pay off other debts when switching lenders if, for instance, you have a home equity line of credit tied to the mortgage. Also be aware of potential

new insurance premiums when switching lenders.

Use your knowledge to your advantage

Use the insights you gained by shopping around to negotiate with your current lender for a potentially lower interest rate. By talking to your lender, you may learn that you qualify for a lower rate. In any case, you will want to take some action because doing nothing leads to an automatic renewal as

outlined in the renewal statement.

Take stock of where you are

The time before a mortgage renewal is a good occasion to assess your financial situation and mortgage requirements. Does your budget allow for increased payments? Can you increase the payment frequency? This will allow you to pay your mortgage off sooner.

If you find yourself in a difficult situation, know that you are not

alone and that there are some mortgage relief options available to you. Talk to your bank and consider these options before you turn to an alternative lender

who may not be federally regulated and may charge higher interest rates.

Learn more about mortgage renewal at canada.ca/housing.



Alberta RCMP gives tips to curb auto-related theft

In 2025, there were 7,214 motor vehicles stolen in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction, and 5,134 thefts from vehicles. Half-ton trucks were the most stolen type of vehicle.

Help avoid becoming a victim of this type of crime by following these basic habits and routines:

- Never leave your

vehicle unattended if the keys are in it.

- Always lock your vehicle, even if you are just stepping out for a moment.
- Never leave keys, garage door openers, or important documents with personal identifying information in your vehicle. Garage door openers or keys can

be stolen, along with personal identifying documents, to enter your home.

- When leaving your vehicle, always close the windows, even when it's hot outside.
- Park your vehicle in a locked garage. If unable to do so, try parking within sight and in a

well-lit area. This may mean leaving outdoor lights on.

- Ensure personal belongings, loose change, and valuables are not stored in your vehicle. These items can entice opportunistic thieves.

While auto-related theft continues to be prevalent, by

following auto theft safety, you can help avoid becoming a victim.

For more information on preventing theft of, and from, vehicles, please follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta, X @RCMPAlberta, and on YouTube @RCMP-GRC Alberta.

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Oneday Dreams helps bring loved ones together for Redwater patient



By Shelley Winger

For many people facing the end of life, the chance to spend meaningful time with loved ones can matter more than anything else.

That is the mission behind Oneday Dreams, a volunteer-run Canadian charity that helps fulfill final wishes for adults living with terminal illnesses.

Last fall, the organization worked alongside staff at the Redwater Health Centre and Assisted Living Alberta to help grant one final wish for palliative care patient Amanda Flynn — bringing family members from Newfoundland to Alberta for one final gathering.

According to information shared publicly by Alberta Health Services and Assisted Living Alberta, Amanda's wish was simple: she wanted to spend time surrounded by the people she

loved most.

Once Amanda shared her wish, staff with the North Zone Palliative Care Consultation Team began working with Redwater Health Centre staff and Oneday Dreams to help make it happen.

"Once Amanda shared her wish to gather with her loved ones, the North Zone Palliative Care Consultation Team collaborated with the Redwater Health Centre to make it happen," said Shannen Sinclair, Manager of Specialty Programs (Palliative and Complex Care Support Teams), Assisted Living Alberta, North Zone.

"Our Palliative Care Recreation Therapists coordinated the event planning and connected with Oneday Dreams to arrange travel for family members coming from Newfoundland."

Sinclair said nursing staff supported Amanda's care needs throughout the process, while maintenance and food services

staff also helped prepare the space and assist with event logistics. Businesses and community members also stepped forward with donations and support.

"It was such a collaborative effort as businesses and community members also stepped up with donations and support," Sinclair said. "This was a beautiful example of what can happen when community partners work together."

The gathering, held in August 2025, brought together approximately 20 family members and friends, including some Amanda had not seen in years. Staff helped organize a backyard-style barbecue celebration where loved ones could reconnect and create lasting memories.

According to Oneday Dreams, the organization works to provide meaningful experiences, moments of connection and opportunities for families to spend precious time together during some of life's most difficult

moments.

For staff involved in Amanda's celebration, Sinclair said the experience was deeply meaningful. "Experiences like this are very meaningful for staff and I know our team felt very honoured to be part of such a special experience for Amanda and her family," she said.

"In palliative care, our focus is always on quality of life, dignity, and supporting patients in ways that are meaningful to them."

Sinclair said helping Amanda spend time with loved ones reinforced that palliative care extends far beyond medical treatment alone.

"Being able to help Amanda spend time with the people she loved most, in a way that brought her joy and comfort, reinforced that palliative care goes beyond medical care — it's about emotional connection, compassion, and helping create moments that matter," she said.

She added that the experience highlighted the power of kindness, compassion and

teamwork within both healthcare and the community.

"There was so much compassion and collaboration involved, and I am so thankful for every individual who adjusted schedules, contributed ideas, donated resources, or simply showed up to support Amanda and her family," Sinclair said.

"Moments like this show that even during end-of-life care, there can still be joy, celebration, connection, and peace."

Amanda passed away peacefully on Oct. 10, 2025, at the Redwater Health Centre.



Palliative care patient Amanda Flynn is pictured with members of her care team at the Redwater Health Centre. Staff worked alongside Oneday Dreams, Assisted Living Alberta and community supporters to help fulfill Amanda's final wish of gathering with loved ones one last time. **Assisted Living Alberta photo**

Canadian inflation: Spike but no (rate) hike...yet

By Mark Parsons, ATB ECONOMICS

The cost-of-living jumped last month, as the War in Iran and blockade of the Strait of Hormuz caused gasoline prices to spike.

The national consumer price index (CPI) rose 2.8% in April on a year-over-year (y/y) basis. That's the largest gain in nearly two years. Gasoline prices leaped 29% over April 2025, pushing headline inflation higher. *

The good news? So far, the energy price spike has not been accompanied by broader increases in the CPI basket of goods and services. Excluding gasoline prices, the CPI rose 2% y/y, a deceleration from the 2.2% pace set in March.

Further, the core inflation metrics used by the Bank of Canada to gauge underlying inflation are (so far) cooperating. Both the median (2.1% y/y) and

trim (2.0% y/y) eased to their lowest levels since 2021. * Even the old-fashioned core metric - CPI excluding food and energy - rose 1.5% y/y for its smallest annual gain since March 2021. **

So, what's been keeping inflation (excluding gasoline) at bay? Here are a few key examples:

- Food inflation, while stubbornly high, eased to 3.5% y/y from 4% in March.
- Rents for accommodation have been another inflation culprit, but its rate also came down last month to a four-year low of 3.5% y/y. We expect this downward trend to continue, as it takes time for the declines in asking rents to show up in average rents paid.
- Mortgage interest costs were a massive inflation driver during the rate hiking cycle but fell (-0.1% y/y) for the

first time since 2022.

Every province excluding B.C. (smaller rent increases) saw its inflation rate accelerate last month. Alberta's inflation rate came in at 3.2% y/y—its first reading above the national rate since March 2025.

The Bank of Canada will not be surprised by today's report, which was anticipated in the last Monetary Policy Report (indeed, they forecast that inflation "peaks at roughly 3% in April"). If anything, they will take comfort in the milder core inflation readings, which reinforces our view that inflation was cooperating pre-war.

The key line from the last rate announcement is this: "Governing Council is looking through the war's immediate impact on inflation but will not let higher energy prices become persistent inflation".

In other words, it's

all about duration. If oil prices fall back, as expected in the futures market, the Bank of Canada will likely stay on hold as it balances a weak economy with the new inflation pressures. But if oil prices remain high, and more importantly spill into the broader inflation basket (or in the words of the Bank, inflation be-

comes "generalized"), the Bank has been clear they will need to raise rates.

The bottom line is the Bank will stay in 'wait-and-see' mode. This report on its own should not raise any alarms and, combined with a sluggish labour market, should keep them on hold at the next meeting scheduled for June

10.

*The carbon tax removal (starting April 2025) of 17.6 cents per litre is out of the base period and no longer influencing the annual inflation rate. The federal gasoline tax temporary removal of 10 cents per litre (April 20 until Labour Day) will provide a partial offset in the months ahead.



Thorhild's Field of Dreams Project builds momentum for new ball diamond



By **Brandie Majeau**

Excitement is building around the Thorhild Field of Dreams Project as dedicated volunteers and supporters come together to build a third ball diamond at the former elementary school grounds. This volunteer-led effort hopes to breathe new life into the area and offer even more ways for residents and youth to enjoy more sports and recreation close to home.

The estimated price tag for the project was assessed at \$260,000, with \$70,000 just for the shale alone. The current back-stop on location is still in good shape and usable, but raising enough money for the entire project has been a big undertaking.

Local organizations such as the Thorhild and Radway Lions Clubs, along with generous individuals and businesses, have pitched in and built an impressive start to the fundraising endeavours. Local volunteers have also created events like the "Fill the Stands" fundraiser displayed at the Thorhild Bullarama have also helped to expand the

budget.

The Field of Dreams Project got another big boost when it was chosen as the beneficiary of the 10th annual Feledichuk Curran Thorhild Memorial Ball Tournament.

This always-anticipated tournament is known for its passion and generous support of organizations like the Thorhild Golden Age Drop-In Centre and the Thorhild Royal Canadian Legion Branch #234 in the past. This year, the funds raised will bring the new ball diamond another step closer to reality.

Community leaders say that all these joint efforts are creating a close-knit network among local groups, with many volunteers lending a hand in more than one project. "It's actually quite lovely," shared a Field of Dreams Project representative, thinking about the partnerships and the excitement ahead for the events planned on the June 13 weekend.

While the group's recent application for the Blue Jay Grant didn't work out, organizers aren't discouraged. They've been encouraged to try again and are looking into other grants to help cover the remaining costs.



The Thorhild Field of Dreams Project is well underway. Recently the project has received donations from the Radway Lions Club, Thorhild Lions Club, Rettman Family, Wolf Midstream, and Redwater Men's Hockey. However, these are just a few of the individuals and organizations that have contributed to the project. The Field of Dreams representatives thank each and every person who contributed to make this dream a reality and are overwhelmed by the support of the community. The Fill the Stands Campaign is an ongoing effort to continue to raise funds and will be at the upcoming Feledichuk Curran Memorial Tournament and Thorhild Trade Show Family Dance.

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MAILING OF COMBINED ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the combined Assessment and Tax Notices have been mailed on May 21, 2026, to all property owners in the Town of Redwater. In accordance with Section 311 of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26.1 R.S.A., 2000, all persons are deemed to have received their Combined Assessment and Tax Notices as a result of this notice.

The assessment roll is open for inspection at the Town of Redwater Office by appointment, 4924 - 47 Street from 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Monday to Thursday and 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Friday and on our website at www.redwater.ca. Any person who desires to object to the entry of his name or that of any other person upon the said roll or the assessed value placed upon any property must, **by 4:30 p.m. on July 28, 2026**, lodge their complaint(s) in writing to the Assessment Review Board Clerk, c/o Town of Redwater. Complaint forms are available at the Town Office or by download at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca and must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee (as detailed on the reverse side of all Assessment and Tax Notice forms) at the time of filing.

Please note: Making a complaint against your assessment does not make you exempt from paying your taxes by June 30, 2026. A penalty will be applied if taxes are not paid in full by the due date.

Your Property Assessment and Tax Notice terms and conditions are included in your Notice. **Taxes are due and payable on or before June 30, 2026.**

If you are on the monthly payment plan, please continue to pay monthly. You will be notified by the Town Office of your new monthly payment.

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