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## Small-town care, big-time experience at Marrvelous Mutts



By **Shelley Winger**

In a quiet grooming studio in Redwater, the steady hum of clippers sometimes gives way to an unexpected soundtrack—country ballads or the occasional 80s rock anthem.

At Marrvelous Mutts, dogs don't just get groomed—they get serenaded.

"One of our regulars completely stops wiggling the moment Dale starts singing," said co-owner Kristine Marr, referring to her



Kristine and Dale Marr, owners of Marrvelous Mutts, pose with their dogs outside their Thorhild County home. The couple brings more than 30 years of grooming experience to their Redwater-based business.

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A happy client poses after a grooming appointment at Marrvelous Mutts. Owners Kristine and Dale Marr say building trust with both pets and their owners is key to their business.

## Spring thaw and flooding



By **Brandie Majeau**

As winter recedes and spring emerges, agricultural regions face the annual challenge of springtime flooding. This natural progression of a change of seasons, driven by melting snow and seasonal rains, often causes rivers and streams to overflow, inundating fields and sometimes entire farms. The melting snow, (and this past

winter has brought with it an abundance) begins to melt and the resulting moisture is retained, pools, or runs into naturally lower areas. While flooding is a predictable aspect of the spring thaw, it sparks ongoing debate about responsibility, preparedness, and recovery within rural communities.

Farmers are among the first to feel the impact. Flooded fields can lead to crop loss and

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Nook in the Woods carries a variety of clothing items from baby to adult. The store always has items available on a 50% off rack and a \$10 rack.

## Nook in the Woods still a favourite stop after 30 years



Sonia Zellweger is the face behind Nook in the Woods. She always welcomes her guests with a large smile and welcoming demeanour. Both her and her husband Ernst radiate a genuine warmth.



By **Brandie Majeau**

Nook in the Woods commemorated its 30th anniversary in November 2025.

Nestled among the trees, this establishment is thoughtfully stocked with spices, specialty candies and teas, gourmet food products, giftware, puzzles, clothing, and much more. The gentle curve of the driveway leads guests through

the trees and guides them to a small store. The name itself, Nook in the Woods, conveys a sense of peace. It stands unremarkable as a building, but beyond the door is a distinctive gift shop set on the property of Sonia and Ernst Zellweger, just a few kilometers north of Highway 18 on Range Road 223.

From the outside, the building appears modest. However, the interior offers a distinctly

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# Thorhild volunteers celebrated



The Kindness Crew gave a thoughtful speech to the crowd at the Thorhild Volunteer Appreciation dinner and explained the touching meaning behind each guest receiving a hand-crafted keychain.

presentation highlighted that, beyond numbers, the willingness of individuals to give their time strengthens the fabric of the community and ensures its continued vitality.

Adding a personal touch to the announcements, Councillor Trevor Dafoe invited the oldest and youngest volunteers present to join him at the front of the hall. In a moving speech, Dafoe spoke of the importance of inter-generational engagement in volunteerism, praising the younger generation for stepping forward to eventually take the reins from those who have served for decades. His remarks resonated with the crowd, celebrating both the legacy and the future of community service in Thorhild County.

The evening recognized the hard work and selflessness of local volunteers and also served as a reminder of the profound impact that simple acts of kindness and commitment can have on a community. As the event came to a close (quickly because there was a hockey game to watch that evening), attendees left inspired, united in their shared purpose, and looking forward to another year of making a difference one volunteer at a time.



By **Brandie Majeau**

Thorhild County recently celebrated the spirit of community at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, drawing nearly 200 attendees for an evening of gratitude, recognition, and connection. Held at the Thorhild Community Hall and featuring a classic summer barbecue meal, the event honoured the tireless dedication of volunteers whose collective efforts form the

backbone of the county's many initiatives and public amenities.

A special touch added to the evening was a heartfelt presentation by the Kindness Counts Crew, who went above and beyond to make every volunteer feel special. In addition to expressing their gratitude, the Crew distributed thoughtfully crafted treat bags to each guest. Every bag included a hand-made keychain, meticulously created by the Kindness Counts Crew members themselves, serving as a lasting

token of appreciation for the volunteers' invaluable service.

Central to the evening's program was a presentation titled "The Power of Showing Up: A Celebration of Volunteer Impact for our Community." The talk underscored the immense economic and social value of volunteer work, emphasizing how the countless hours contributed by volunteers make community events possible and help maintain essential facilities such as the Thorhild Arena and Agriplex. The



A freshly groomed dog shows off its fall bandana at Marrvelous Mutts, where a calm, low-stress approach helps pets feel comfortable during the grooming process.

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husband and business partner, Dale Marr. "She just looks up at him with the most adoring expression."

It's a small moment, but one that captures the heart of the business: creating a calm, personal experience where dogs feel safe.

Marr brings more than 30 years of grooming experience to her work, with a background that spans both independent salons and large corporate operations. She previously owned and co-owned a busy grooming business in Fort Saskatchewan before deciding it was time for a change.

"About four years

ago, my husband and I knew we wanted something different," she said. "I sold the business, Dale stepped away from trucking after more than 30 years, and we started fresh."

That fresh start took shape near their acreage in Thorhild County, where the couple built Marrvelous Mutts with a clear goal in mind: a quieter, low-stress alternative to high-volume grooming shops.

Here, appointments are intentionally spaced out, allowing time for nervous or reactive dogs to settle in. For Marr, the emotional side of grooming is just as important as the final result.

"It's not just about making them look

better," she said. "It's about helping them feel comfortable enough to actually enjoy the process."

That approach has resonated with pet owners across the region. Clients travel from Redwater and surrounding communities, and many have stayed with Marr through different stages of her career.

For local residents, the service also fills an important gap—offering professional grooming closer to home without the need for a trip into the city.

"People appreciate having that here," Marr said. "And while they're in town, they often stop for lunch or visit other shops, so it benefits the

community too."

Still, Marr believes the real reason clients return is simpler than convenience.

"We listen, and we care," she said. "We take the time to build trust—with both the dogs and their people."

That can mean extra patience with an anxious pet, sharing advice with an owner, or even coming in on a day off when needed.

Back in the grooming space, as another song drifts through the room, a once-nervous dog stands a little more at ease.

At Marrvelous Mutts, it's not just about the haircut—it's about the moment a dog relaxes, leans in, and feels right at home.

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## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 [kvanbuul@redwater.ca](mailto:kvanbuul@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:

- is at least 18 years old,
- is a Canadian citizen, and
- 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:

- 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
- 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.)

DATE of the last publication of this notice is the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

#### 58211 RR 215 THORHILD COUNTY



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Affordable opportunity with plenty of potential! This 2-bedroom farmhouse sits on just over 10 acres, conveniently located minutes north of Redwater. The main floor offers a functional layout with a kitchen, living room, two bedrooms, and a 4-piece bathroom. The basement is undeveloped and includes the laundry area, providing additional storage or future development options. Some updates include a newer furnace and hot water tank. The property also features an older single detached garage and offers ample space to build a shop or new home, raise livestock, and establish a large vegetable garden.

#### 57312 RR 222 STURGEON COUNTY



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Calling all equestrian enthusiasts! This exceptional 13.56-acre property offers endless possibilities. The large two-story home features 5 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, with a well-established yard site and two separate driveway approaches—one serving the residence and one dedicated to the farmyard. Equestrian facilities include a 70' x 110' indoor riding arena with three entrances, indoor stables, and a 70' x 90' sales ring, surrounding bleachers, and an auctioneer stand. The main building includes a public foyer, office space, concession stand, and a three-bedroom living apartment. The barn is equipped with a horse wash bay, grooming area, and tack room. Ideal for livestock operations or those requiring substantial indoor storage, this property offers incredible potential for the right buyer. With some TLC, it could truly shine.

#### 5133 54 AVE REDWATER



\$469,000

Fully developed bi-level with no rear neighbors. This home currently offers 4 bedrooms, with the flexibility to easily convert back to 5 bedrooms by relocating the laundry to the basement. The main floor features a bright living room with a corner gas fireplace, a dining area, and a kitchen with great views and direct access to the deck. Also on the main level are a laundry room, a 4-piece bathroom, and one bedroom. The primary suite is located above the garage and includes a walk-in closet and a spacious 5-piece ensuite with a jetted tub and standalone shower. The fully finished basement offers two additional bedrooms, a large recreation room, a 3-piece bathroom, a generous utility room, and plenty of storage space. The heated attached garage is fully finished with durable industrial vinyl plank flooring and equipped with water taps. Recent upgrades include central air conditioning, select windows, and some appliances.

#### 20116 TWP RD 574A STURGEON COUNTY



\$799,900

One-of-a-kind 78-acre property offering approx. 50 acres of pasture, 2 dugouts, and a picture-perfect yard site. The custom-built 2-story home features a walkout basement and thoughtful design throughout. Enjoy 2 upper-level decks, including a private deck off the primary suite. The main floor includes laundry, a 2-pc bath, and a galley-style kitchen with high-end appliances, flowing into a spacious dining area, living room, and cozy sitting space. A stunning curved staircase leads to the upper level, where you'll find a bright family room with patio doors to the deck, along with the primary suite and a 4-pc main bathroom. The fully finished basement offers 2 additional bedrooms, a recreation room with a wood-burning stove, a 3-pc bathroom, and a cold room. Outside, the property is equally impressive with an 82' carport, a 16x21 workshop, a 12x14 bunkhouse, and a 25x40 vegetable garden. Beautifully landscaped with three rows of saskatoon bushes, along with mature trees, shrubs, and perennials.

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## 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

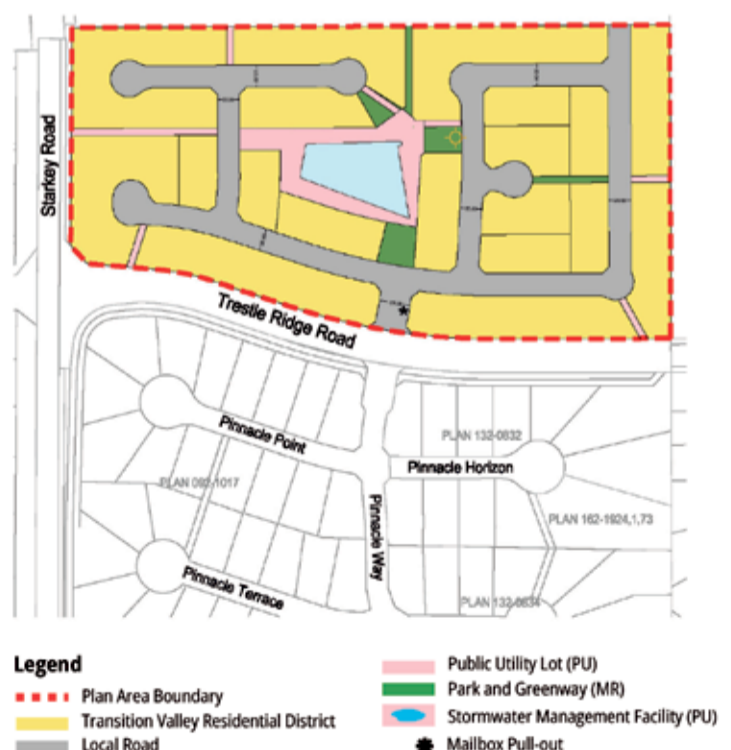
This is the second Outline Plan submitted for Pinnacle Village and proposes a **reduction in the number of lots from 144 to 100**. Learn more at [sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1710-26](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1710-26)

#### 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!

**Rebecca Schapansky**  
 Planning and Development  
 587-404-9866  
[rschapansky@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto: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 11, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.** by contacting Legislative Services at 780-939-8029. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

#### Written submissions

Email your written submission to Legislative Services at [legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto:legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca).  
 Written submissions are accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing. If making a written submission, you must include your name, state your interest in the matter (such as a County resident directly impacted by the proposed bylaw), and indicate if you are in favour of or opposed to the proposed bylaw.

#### Watching the Public Hearing

You can view the Public Hearing in person or online at [sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings).  
 To view the livestream, click on the meeting date on the calendar, then click on the video link.

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](mailto:accessandprivacy@sturgeoncounty.ca).





The Friends of the Redwater Public Library Society recently held their annual Budding Authors Evening. There were 16 participants. This event is held to promote young children to feel confident and comfortable reading stories, poems, research or acrostics which they have written, to an audience. The event has been held for 20 years at the Redwater Public Library. The Friends of the Redwater Public Library Society are a group of volunteers who support and promote the library as much as possible. If anyone is interested in joining the Society please contact the library for further information. **Library Manager, Alicea Paszek**  
Norwood photo

# Country Star Corb Lund coming to Smoky Lake



By Brandie Majeau

Country music fans in Smoky Lake and beyond are in for a treat this summer as singer-songwriter Corb Lund is set to perform in town on Saturday, August 1, 2026. The much-anticipated show, presented by the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society, promises to be a highlight of the local entertainment calendar, drawing music lovers from across the region.

Lund, known for his distinctive blend of country, folk, and western music, has built a loyal following with hits such as "Hurting Albertan," "Five Dollar Bill," and "The Truck Got Stuck." With multiple Canadian Country Music Association awards, Juno awards, and several other awards to his name,

Lund's live performances are renowned for their energy, storytelling, and authentic Alberta spirit.

Anticipation is mounting as Smoky Lake prepares to welcome an artist of Corb Lund's stature. The community's strong appreciation for heritage and country music ensures that this event will unite residents and visitors alike for an unforgettable evening. The concert is scheduled to take place at the Nutrien Ag Centre, with doors opening at 7:00 p.m.

The evening will include a special opening performance by Karley Bilski, showcasing her distinctive talents and unique sound. This all-ages event offers tickets for purchase online, but the demand has been high given Corb Lund's popularity and the growing excitement surrounding the show. In

addition to delivering exceptional entertainment, events such as this are instrumental in supporting organizations like the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society, enabling them to maintain facilities and offer outstanding programming for the community.

Everyone is encouraged to mark their calendars for August 1. With Corb Lund's star power and the enthusiastic support of the locals, the evening is poised to be a celebration of music, community, and Alberta's rich country heritage.



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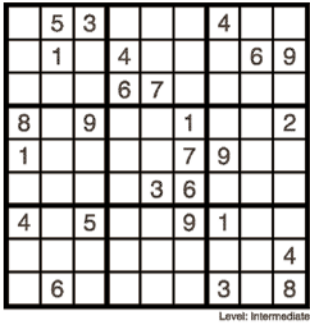
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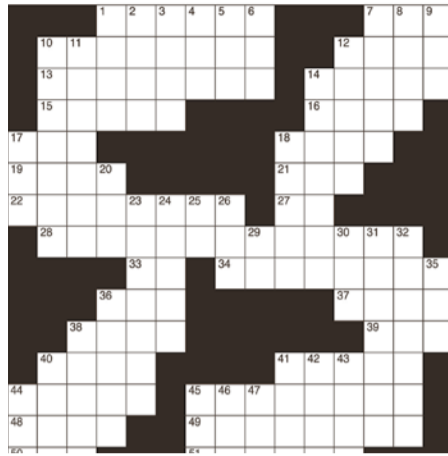
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## Crossword Clues

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Large dung beetle
- 7. Gambling game \_\_-lo
- 10. Further along
- 12. Type of tobacco
- 13. Looked for
- 14. Silk fabric
- 15. Computer method to solve equations
- 16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- 17. Tear
- 18. Brews
- 19. "Famous" cookie baker
- 21. Women's Army Corps
- 22. Front parts of an animal
- 27. It's causing quite a stir
- 28. Beloved March holiday
- 33. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 34. More impudent
- 36. Indicates center
- 37. Young woman (French)

- 38. A cause of distress
- 39. Santa's helper
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Many wombs
- 44. Is afraid of
- 45. Popular baked goods ingredient
- 48. Popular computers
- 49. Conceiving of
- 50. Google certification (abbr.)
- 51. Sturdy

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Peruse quickly
- 2. Automobiles
- 3. Razorbill genus
- 4. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 5. Consumed
- 6. A place to sleep
- 7. Small seeds
- 8. Legendary law man Wyatt
- 9. Female sheep
- 10. Indigenous peoples of eastern Siberia
- 11. A place ships dock
- 12. Reciprocal of sine
- 14. Discomfort
- 17. British Air Aces
- 18. Exit sleep
- 20. Solar energetic particle
- 23. Plagues characterized by starvation
- 24. Short musical composition
- 25. Trauma center
- 26. Habitual twitching
- 29. A place where checks are exchanged (abbr.)
- 30. Decameter
- 31. Hinged surface in a wing
- 32. Shouting
- 35. Sports official
- 36. Volcanic craters
- 38. Supportive device
- 40. It's part of a rosary
- 41. Two-toed sloth
- 42. Body art
- 43. Let out
- 44. Foreign medical graduate
- 45. Nonprofit journalism organization (abbr.)
- 46. Couples say it
- 47. Bird's beak

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# GRAPEVINE

## SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Visit our 'Agendas & Minutes' web page for Council meeting information and the 'Calendar' web page for the complete list of other scheduled meeting dates and community events.

**Departmental Operations Meeting**  
May 14, 2026 at 1:00 PM

**Regular County Council Meeting**  
May 28, 2026 at 9:00 AM  
June 25, 2026 at 9:00 AM  
July 23, 2026 at 9:00 AM

*A Public Q & A Period is held during each Council Meeting 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM*

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**May 18, 2026**  
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## OPEN HOUSE & BBQ

**June 11, 2026**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**@ County Public Works Shop**

Join us as we celebrate our local farmers and ranchers, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Natural Gas Department, and Smoky Lake County's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

## Council Highlights

Council Highlights provide a snapshot of Council decision making and the progress made on County programs and initiatives. For more details visit [www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/highlights](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/highlights)

- Third and final reading to Bylaw 1503-26: Bellis Sewer Tax Bylaw.
- Amended Policy 01-11: Municipal Office Policy.
- Appointed Sebastien Dutriscac and Briann Eden as Agricultural Fieldmen for Smoky Lake County.

### Donations

- \$6,000 annually to support STARS Air Ambulance. In 2026, the County marks 25 years as a Region Leader, celebrating a long-standing partnership ensuring access to critical care when it matters most.
- \$100 to Community Futures for sponsorship of Lemonade Day, a free program that empowers youth to become entrepreneurs by teaching them to create and run their own business.
- \$3,000 in annual funding to the Vilna/Bellis Citizens on Patrol to support community patrols and crime prevention initiatives.
- \$5,277 of FCSS funding to Smoky Lake Regional Fire Rescue Services for the Junior Firefighter Camp.
- \$1,500 of FCSS funding to the Vilna Curling Club for their volunteer appreciation event.
- \$1,400 sponsorship towards the Bellis 4-H Beef Club Achievement Day trophy belt buckles.

## NOTICE: Road Bans In Effect

Effective March 28, 2026 at 12:00 PM (NOON)

### Posted Oil and Paved Roads:

- Restricted to 75% axle weight unless special permission has been granted.

### Gravel Roads:

- Loaded trucks must follow designated routes based on road conditions.
- Time restrictions will apply.
- No hauling permitted when road conditions are excessively wet.

Due to rising daytime temperatures, limited heavy haul travel on gravel roads may be accommodated, subject to time restrictions.

Any hauling activity on gravel roads MUST be reported to Public Works:

Bob Novosiwsky, Public Works Foreman/ Road Liaison 780-650-5100  
 Kyle Winterbottom, Public Works Manager 780-656-3730 ext:134

*Smoky Lake County appreciates your help in protecting our roads during the spring thaw.*



## Spring Clean Up Promotion

May 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Smoky Lake County is offering free disposal of appliances containing Freon at Smoky Lake County Landfill sites for all residents of the Smoky Lake Region.

For more information call 780-650-1800

Hay permits must be renewed annually by land-owners planning to cut hay in County ditches adjacent to their property. Applications must be submitted prior to June 1. Contact Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services at 780-656-3730.  
[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/vegetation](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/vegetation)

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2025 Audited Smoky Lake County Consolidated Financial Statement and the 2025 Natural Gas Utility Financial Statement are available at the Smoky Lake County Main Office or on-line at:

[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/financedocs](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/financedocs)

## Dust Control/Suppression Applications

**Policy No. 03-39** Application forms can be found at: [www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/dustcontrol](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/dustcontrol)

Public Works is accepting applications for blade mix oil or magnesium chloride dust control/suppression on rural roads adjacent to residences within the County.

**Deadline to apply is prior to 4:00 PM on May 31, 2026.**

Main Office  
Box 310  
4612 McDougall Drive  
Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

Public Works Shop  
Box 310  
5004-50 Street  
Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

Toll Free 888-656-3730  
Main Office 780-656-3730  
Public Works Shop 780-656-3755



[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca)



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delayed planting, raising concerns about reduced yields and financial strain.

The saturated ground not only hinders machinery and planting schedules but also poses risks to livestock, prompting ranchers to move animals to higher ground or secure clean water sources.

Soil health and erosion emerge as critical issues after the waters recede.

Floodwaters can strip away topsoil, deposit debris, and alter

the long-term productivity of farmland. Discussions among farmers and agricultural experts often focus on how to restore soil health and reinforce fields against future erosion.

Beyond the fields, infrastructure damage is a common consequence. Rural roads, bridges, culverts, and drainage systems may be damaged or destroyed, disrupting daily life and access to farms. This leads to conversations about funding for repairs and the need to

improve infrastructure resilience in the face of increasingly unpredictable weather patterns.

Financial relief and insurance are also central topics. While some losses may be covered, many farmers express frustration over paperwork, delays, or inadequate coverage. Government disaster relief programs are available, but navigating them can add stress during an already challenging time.

Spring flooding has the potential to both unite and divide

communities.

Neighbours frequently support one another, sharing resources and assistance during challenging times. However, the stress and emotional toll of severe flooding can lead to disputes over watercourses and whether water is following its natural path. Such disagreements may escalate, with neighbours and adjacent farms sometimes accusing one another of redirecting floodwaters onto each other's land.

Environmental concerns are also not

overlooked. Floodwaters can carry fertilizers, pesticides, and animal waste into local waterways, impacting water quality and prompting debates about best management practices and environmental regulations. Looking forward, some in the agricultural sector question whether spring floods are becoming more frequent or severe, potentially linked to climate change. This has fueled discussions about long-term adaptation, such as improving

drainage, restoring wetlands, and altering planting practices, to increase resilience.

Ultimately, spring flooding in agricultural areas is a shared challenge requiring collective responsibility. Farmers, local governments, and communities all play a role in managing risk, responding to crises, and planning for the future. The annual thaw is a reminder not only of nature's unpredictability but also of the need for ongoing cooperation and adaptation in rural life.

## 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](https://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 Heemskerk**  
 Planning and Development  
 780-939-1398  
[jheemskerk@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto:jheemskerk@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](mailto:legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca).

Written submissions are accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing. If making a written submission, you must include your name, state your interest in the matter (such as a County resident directly impacted by the proposed bylaw), and indicate if you are in favour of or opposed to the proposed bylaw.

**Watching the Public Hearing**

You can view the Public Hearing in person or online at [sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings](https://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](mailto:accessandprivacy@sturgeoncounty.ca).



## Sturgeon County Dust Suppression



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



### Time is running out!

## Order before May 17, 2026

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

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

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

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







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## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS April 28, 2026

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the April 28, 2026, Regular Council meeting:

### Delegation - Homeland Housing-Newthorad

Council accepted the presentation from Homeland Housing - Newthorad for information.

### Delegation - MNP LLP, Chris Cholak, CA, CPA, Partner

Council accepted the presentation from MNP LLP, Chris Cholak, CA, CPA, Partner, for information, and further adopted the 2025 audited financial statements as presented.

### Council Discussion Items with MLA van Dijken on May 26

Council directed Administration to forward the following topics to discuss with MLA Glenn van Dijken at the Regular Council Meeting on May 26, 2026:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Police Funding Model
3. Bridges
4. The Constituency Boundaries
5. Air Conditioning at the Newthorad Lodge in the hamlet of Thorhild
6. Casino Funding

### Funding Request for Denice Bury (Warriors for Hope)

Council directed Administration to contact Denice Bury regarding the Warriors for Hope event, requesting additional information regarding clarity of funding allocation within the community and how this event will benefit our community members.

### Bylaw 07-2022 - Council and Committee Procedural Bylaw

Council directed Administration to make amendments to the Council and Committee Procedural Bylaw, as discussed, and bring it back to a future Council meeting for consideration.

### Correspondence for Action - Newbrook Library

Council directed Administration to bring back the invitation from the Newbrook Library to a meeting in August.

### Correspondence for Action - Fortis Alberta

Council directed Administration to RSVP to the Fortis Alberta's event on May 20, 2026, that three Council members will attend.

## 2026 FIRELINE EQUIPMENT CONTRACT

Contractors are invited to register their equipment with Thorhild County Emergency Services for the 2026 Fire Season to assist Thorhild County Emergency Services with wildfires. A contract must be in place prior to any commencement of work.

For further information, please contact Diana Berry at 780-398-3741 ext. 2810 or [diana.berry@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:diana.berry@thorhildcounty.com).

## GRAVEL HAULERS & EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION

To ensure that Thorhild County has an adequate number of trucks and equipment for the 2026 road maintenance program, residents who own gravel trucks or heavy equipment and are interested in offering their services are invited to register their equipment.

For more detailed information or to request a registration package, please contact Thorhild County Public Works at 780-398-3977 ext. 3973.

## ROAD BAN IN EFFECT

Road Order 03-2026 came into effect on April 30, 2026, defining 75% axle weight restrictions on all municipal gravel roads. These restrictions are necessary to preserve the integrity and lifespan of municipal roadways.

Visit [www.thorhildcounty.com/Services/Infrastructure/Road-Bans](http://www.thorhildcounty.com/Services/Infrastructure/Road-Bans) to find Road Order 03-2026 and related weight restriction details.

## DUST SUPPRESSION APPLICATIONS

The regular dust suppression application period ended on May 1.

**Applications submitted from May 2 to June 1 will incur a \$100 late fee.**

Please note: Applications will not be accepted after June 1st, 2026.

## HALFMOON LAKE CAMPGROUND OPENS SOON



**Halfmoon Lake Campground is open from May 15 to September 30 each year.**

Day Use and Boat Launch open daily from 8 am-10 pm during the operational season, fees apply.

Questions? Call 780-398-3741.

Phone: 780-398-3741 | [www.thorhildcounty.com](http://www.thorhildcounty.com) | 801 - 1st Street, Box 10, Thorhild AB T0A 3J0

## Emergency Preparedness Week May 3-9, 2026

Before, during and after an emergency—we are **In It Together**.

#BePrepared and learn more about the importance of making community connections to help you build resiliency for disruptions, big or small.



Learn more at [alberta.ca/beprepared](http://alberta.ca/beprepared)



## Try Our 8-Day Swim Lessons June & July Only!



In June and July, we are piloting an 8-day swim lesson format as a trial period at same price as our standard 5-day sessions

*With more time in the pool swimmers can practice skills and build confidence!*

These lessons will follow recommendations of the Life Saving Society, which guides our swim programs.

This new schedule also opens a few Friday morning spots for other programs, such as a morning water fitness class.



Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for the latest updates!

## Bus EXCURSIONS



### MAY 8

#### Greenhouse Tour

First to Zachoda's Greenhouse in Lamont, then to Thiels Greenhouse and Naked Greens in Bruderheim, followed by Glow Garden Centre in Mundare.

We will stop along the way for lunch (at own expense) and make a quick visit to Stawnychy's Mundare Sausage.

Leave Thorhild Lodge at 8:30 am. Pick up at Radway Seniors Centre at 9:00 am.

### MAY 14

#### Londonderry Mall/Fort Road Casino

Pickup Newbrook Hall at 9:00 am | Thorhild Lodge 9:30 am | Egremont Hall 9:45 am

Leave Edmonton at 3:30 pm

### MAY 19

#### 2nd Greenhouse Tour

Erdmann's Gardens & Greenhouses and Debs Greenhouse at Morinville.

Stop in Redwater for lunch (at own expense), then Country Clay & Garden Works.

Pick up at Newbrook Hall at 9:00 am. | Thorhild Lodge 9:30 am.

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All trips require pre-registration no later than the day before the excursion date. To register, please contact Kelly at 780-307-4436 or [kelly.patry@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:kelly.patry@thorhildcounty.com)



## SENIOR'S Conference

Friday, June 5, 2026

Newbrook Silver Horizon Drop In  
5029 - 50th Street, Newbrook

9:00 am to 3:30 pm - Presentations start at 9:30 am

- ▶ Presentation from Barbara Phillips on Enduring Powers of Attorneys and Personal Directives
- ▶ Learn a Line Dance with Kerri Wiegand
- ▶ Presentation from PFSL Investments – Budgeting on a Pension
- ▶ Green Thumb – Garden Activity

FREE EVENT!

- ▶ Soup & Sandwich Lunch
- ▶ Cake
- ▶ Transportation is available from Radway or Thorhild
- ▶ Registration required



RSVP to Kelly at [kelly.patry@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:kelly.patry@thorhildcounty.com) or 780-398-3741 Ext. 2820 to ensure we have enough supplies



# SCHOOL NEWS



On April 28, students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 at Holy Family Catholic School enjoyed a magic show by Steve Harmer of Motivational Magic, who shared his six “secrets” to becoming an “Amazing Kid.”



Holy Family Catholic School photos

## Stolen peacock and peahen safely recovered near duffield



Royal Canadian Mounted Police photo



By Haylee Winger

Parkland and Smoky Lake RCMP are celebrating a positive outcome after two stolen birds were safely recovered with help from the public. On April 26, 2026, two individuals discovered a peacock and a peahen—later identified as Pete and Hilda—inside a crate along Highway 16 near Duffield, Alberta. The pair took the birds into their care, unaware at first that they had been reported stolen.

After seeing media coverage about the missing animals, the individuals contacted Smoky Lake RCMP, who facilitated the safe return of Pete

and Hilda to their owners. Police credited the quick thinking and initiative of the public for helping resolve the situation without harm to the animals. Authorities noted that the vehicle connected to the incident—a white 2005 Ford F-350 bearing British Columbia licence plate SY7996—has not yet been recovered and remains under investigation. In a statement, Sergeant Anita Doktor of the Smoky Lake RCMP expressed appreciation for the community’s assistance, describing the case as a “happy ending” and an example of effective cooperation between the public and law enforcement. RCMP continue to seek information related to the outstanding vehicle.



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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**

If you submit comments, either orally or in writing, the information you provide may be recorded, or otherwise made public, subject to the provisions of the Access to Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act.



Nook in the Woods carries an impressive selection of food and giftware. The store always has monthly specials and regular sales. For the month of May, all jewelry will be 20% off. The next full store sale will run over the May long weekend.



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different experience. Sonia has carefully filled the space floor to ceiling, with a customized selection of products, many of which are local, artisanal, and exceptionally unique. As Sonia walks through the store, she gestures to shelves brimming with items ranging from jewelry to dip mixes. Between these shelves are crafting materials, mushroom food products, spices, and an impressive array of teas, hot chocolates, and accessories, among many other offerings. The more she highlights, the more remarkable items emerge among the abundant shelves: spices and salts from vendors in St. Albert and Okotoks, a premium patio pet swing chair, natural treatments for arthritis, crystals and stones, as well as exquisite shawls and dresses. Sonia began creating gift baskets long before the store itself existed. As she carefully sourced high-quality products to fill these baskets, their home quickly became overrun with inventory, resembling a warehouse.

“It just got totally out of hand,” remarked Sonia, recalling how one day Ernst told her, “You either get out of it, or I build you a store.” So, he built her a store. In the early days, they operated only during evenings and weekends while both worked full time, with the original motto: “If we’re home, we’re open.” After leaving her fast-paced, high-stress job in the city, Sonia promoted Nook in the Woods at markets and trade shows, traveling regularly as far as Edmonton and St. Albert.

The store looks much different than when Sonia first began. Watkins and Avon products have always been a staple, but like all businesses, Nook in the Woods has evolved significantly through various transitions over the years. There have been both positive and challenging times that prompted reflection on whether it was worthwhile to keep the doors open. Through it all, Sonia and Ernst have remained passionate in their generosity, always eager to give back to the community. As Sonia said, “We are still in business

because our community supports us.”

As Sonia continued to share their journey, their story served as a reminder that people sometimes overlook extraordinary local treasures. While Thorhild may not have a Walmart, it boasts a remarkable shop filled with last-minute gift ideas, treats for oneself, thoughtful tokens of appreciation for teachers or coaches, or accessories such as a necklace to complement a graduation outfit. As summer arrives, Nook in the Woods has also become a go-to destination for patio furniture sets. There is always something new to discover on their shelves, and Sonia herself is often surprised by customer requests. Recently, a woman asked if she could assemble a basket of spices and gourmet food items as a wedding gift.

Nook in the Woods is open Monday to Sunday from 10am-6pm, closed on Tuesdays. Further information can be found on their website at [nookinthewoods.ca](http://nookinthewoods.ca).

Ernest also runs his own shop on-site and provides upholstery services to the area.



Nook in the Woods now has patio furniture, planters, and accessories available to purchase!

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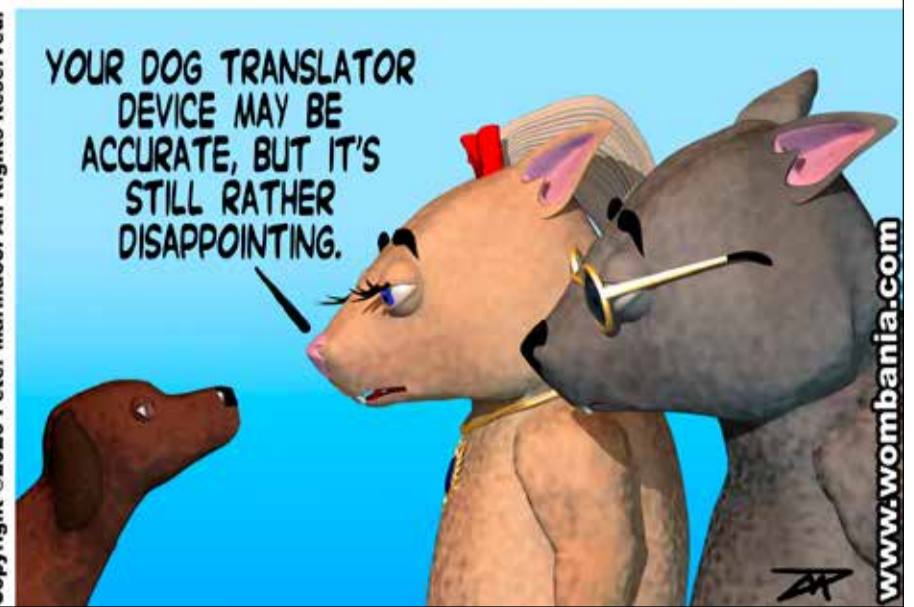
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by PETER MARINACCI



Sturgeon County Protective Services Team Leader Susie Pestana and Animal Control Officer Kim Guckert joined students and families at Teal Up Day at Guthrie School, celebrating the resilience of military children. From helicopter fly-bys to hands-on activities, the day brought connection, appreciation, and a whole lot of heart—reminding us that supporting military families strengthens the entire community. **Sturgeon County photo**

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# Smile Cookie Campaign at Tim Hortons raises funds for Redwater Pump Park



**By Haylee Winger**

A recent Smile Cookie campaign held April 27 to May

3 at the Redwater Tim Hortons raised funds in support of the Redwater Family Recreation Association's all-wheel pump park project.

Community members were encouraged to purchase Smile Cookies, with proceeds directed toward the development of the proposed inclusive recreation

space. The planned pump park is intended to provide an accessible area for residents of all ages and abilities to enjoy activities such as biking and scootering.



Sweet support for a great cause—staff at Theo's Pharmacy dish out smile cookies in support of Redwater's new bike park. **Theo's Pharmacy photo**

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