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## Police Week barbecue brings community together in Redwater



By **Shelley Winger**

Residents gathered at the Redwater RCMP detachment earlier this month as Citizens on Patrol and local RCMP members hosted a community barbecue in celebration of

National Police Week.

Held May 13 at the detachment parking lot, the family-friendly event welcomed residents for an afternoon of food, conversation and community engagement. Guests were invited to enjoy free hot dogs, pop and chips while learning more about policing

initiatives, crime prevention and local volunteer programs operating within the community.

Visitors had the opportunity to meet local RCMP officers and speak with members of Redwater Citizens on Patrol during the afternoon event. A Citizens on Patrol information

display was set up on-site, and promotional material for the barbecue noted that police demonstrations and displays would also be part of the celebration.

One of the highlights for many families was the appearance of RCMP Safety Bear, who posed for photos with officers and guests

during the barbecue.

Members of Redwater Citizens on Patrol were present throughout the event, sharing information about the volunteer-based crime prevention program and its role within the community. Citizens on Patrol works in partnership with local RCMP detachments to

promote community awareness and assist with public safety initiatives.

The organization plays an active role in Redwater and surrounding area through patrols, public awareness efforts and participation in local events.

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## Annual spring tea draws a crowd



By **Brandie Majeau**

The Newbrook Public Library welcomed more than 65 guests to its always anticipated Spring Tea on May 22, 2026, making it over a decade since the tradition first began in the cozy confines of the old schoolhouse library.

The Spring Tea was an event rooted in a vision by librarian Tracy Woloyshyniuk and traces its origins to a simple desire, being able to offer library patrons a



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# Sturgeon County resident dealing with extensive damage following April earthquakes



By Haylee Winger

A homeowner in the Legal area says a series of earthquakes felt across Sturgeon County earlier this spring left his home with major structural damage and his family shaken by the experience.

The earthquakes were reportedly felt in several communities throughout the region, including Morinville, Redwater, Legal, Bon Accord, Gibbons, Edmonton and surrounding areas.

According to Earthquakes Canada, a 4.1-magnitude earthquake was recorded on April 18 approximately 18 kilometres northeast of Morinville and about 41 kilometres north of Edmonton at 3:56 p.m. The Alberta Geological Survey classified the event as a known induced earthquake. Officials believe the April 18 earthquake may have been an aftershock connected to the larger 4.5-magnitude earthquake that struck

near Gibbons on April 1. Several other earthquakes were also recorded in the region in April. A 3.7-magnitude earthquake was reported northwest of Gibbons on April 8, while a 3.2-magnitude quake was recorded north of the community on April 3.

Peter Pedgerachny remembers the first tremor hitting while he was sitting at his kitchen table.

"There was a loud noise, almost like an airplane was right on top of the roof," he said. "Then all of a sudden the dishes started rattling, the cupboards were shaking, and it even tipped one of the chairs beside my table."

A second quake followed roughly 30 seconds later, although he said it was less intense and did not appear to cause any visible damage at the time.

The stronger earthquake came on April 18 at around 4 p.m.

"I was standing in my washroom when it happened," Pedgerachny said. "There was another loud bang and it actually shuffled my feet sideways.

I honestly thought the hallway wall was going to come down."

He estimates the shaking lasted close to 20 seconds.

Afterward, he walked through the house and quickly realized something was wrong.

"There were cracks everywhere," he said. "I've got three-foot cracks in the walls, the drywall ceiling in my living room is sagging, and one wall between the living room and kitchen shifted about a quarter inch."

He said nearly every room in the home now has visible damage, with the exception of one upstairs bedroom. Outside, several cracks have also appeared in the cement foundation, some measuring more than a foot long. Pedgerachny contacted his insurance company soon after discovering the damage. An adjuster later inspected the property.

"He told me they were fresh cracks from the earthquake," he said.

According to Pedgerachny, the estimated repair costs are

around \$130,000, although that figure could increase depending on engineering assessments and possible asbestos removal.

He later learned his insurance policy does not include earthquake coverage.

The earthquakes in the area were reported as induced seismic events connected to industrial activity, something Pedgerachny says has been difficult to accept while dealing with the aftermath.

"I'm wondering how many other people out there have damage like this," he said. "This is something that's happening and causing a lot of damage to people."

He described the experience as frightening and unlike anything he has ever experienced before.

"I've never gone through something like this in my life," he said. "Just the noise alone was scary."

Two of Pedgerachny's neighbours also felt the tremors. One initially

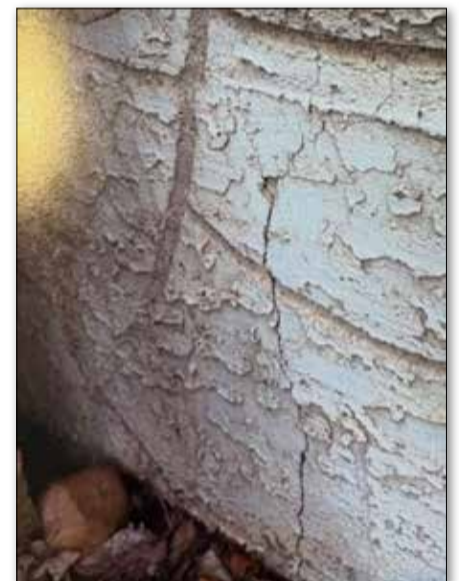
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Sagging drywall in the living room ceiling is among the damage Sturgeon County resident Peter Pedgerachny says was caused by a series of earthquakes felt throughout the region earlier this spring.



A large crack in the ceiling is one of several areas of damage found throughout the home after the earthquakes.



Cracks in the home's concrete foundation were among the damages discovered after the earthquakes.



Cracking in the drywall appeared throughout the home following the seismic activity in the area.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the following Development Permit has been approved on May 28, 2026 in accordance with **Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14** of Smoky Lake County:

**Permit Number: DP 014-26**

**Legal Land Description: PLAN 0120707, BLOCK 1, LOT 1**

**Area: WHITEFISH LAKE – HILLSIDE ACRES**

**Division: 1**

**Land Use District: MULTI-LOT COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL (R1) DISTRICT**

**Use Type: DISCRETIONARY USE**

**Proposed Development: SHIPPING CONTAINER (20'X8')**

For information or to view this Development Permit, please contact Jordan Ruegg, Development Authority Officer & Planning and Development Manager at 780-656-3730 to arrange an appointment.

Persons wishing to appeal the above decision must do so by filing a written "NOTICE OF APPEAL" along with the \$250.00 appeal fee, to the Clerk of the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB) 4612 McDougall Drive, Box 310, Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0, no later than **Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** The appeal letter should indicate the Development Permit number, contact name, phone number, mailing address, and reason(s) for appeal.

**Jordan Ruegg**  
Development Authority Officer/  
Director of Community Services

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Volunteers help serve as additional "eyes and ears" within the community while encouraging residents to remain informed and involved in neighbourhood safety.

National Police Week is observed annually across Canada and is designed to strengthen relationships between police services and the communities they serve. The week recognizes the work of police officers, civilian staff and volunteers while also highlighting the importance of crime prevention, education and community partnerships.

Communities across the country mark the week through open houses, school visits, educational demonstrations, barbecues and family-oriented events aimed at encouraging positive interaction between residents and law

enforcement agencies.

Events such as the Redwater barbecue help create opportunities for residents to connect with officers outside of emergency situations and everyday policing duties. Organizers say those informal conversations and community interactions are an important part of building trust, communication and public awareness.

The event also showcased the strong partnership between local RCMP members and community volunteers, emphasizing the role collaboration plays in maintaining safe and connected communities.

Judging by the turnout and positive response shared online following the event, this year's Police Week barbecue was a successful celebration of community spirit and local engagement.



Students from H.A. Kostash School in Smoky Lake recently had the opportunity to visit the RCMP K Division and explore several specialized policing units. During the tour, students took part in the Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA), visited the Post Garage where RCMP vehicles are prepared for service, toured the Real Time Operations Centre (RTOC), and met members of the Police Dog Service (PDS) unit. The trip was organized through the RCMP K Division Recruiting Unit with assistance from Sgt. Doktor, while transportation was provided by Lions member Ron Roschiuk. RCMP Alberta photo

**VILLAGE OF VILNA**

**MAILING OF COMBINED TAX AND ASSESSMENT NOTICES 2018**

Notice is hereby given that the combined tax and assessment notices have been mailed on May 29, 2026 to all property owners in the Village of Vilna, 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 tax and assessment notices as a result of this notice.

The assessment roll is open for inspection at the Village of Vilna Office, 5135-50 Street, from 9am to 4pm Monday to Thursday. Any person who desires to object to the assessed value placed upon any property must, **by August 5, 2026**, lodge your complaint(s) in writing to the **Assessment Review Board Clerk**,

**c/o Village of Vilna  
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A \$50 fee will be charged for each residential complaint and a \$100.00 fee for each non-residential complaint; refunded if the complaint is justified.

Assessment Appeal Forms are available at [www.crasc.ca](http://www.crasc.ca) or at the Village Office.

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

**Taxes are due and payable on or before June 30, 2026. 10% Penalty on outstanding current taxes will be added July 1, 2026.**

If you do not receive your tax notice, please contact the Village office at 780-636-3620.

**Loni Leslie, CAO**  
Village of Vilna

# Smoky Lake RCMP Report



By Haylee Winger

Members of the Smoky Lake RCMP detachment responded to a range of calls during the week of May 18, including break-ins, suspicious activity, traffic complaints and property-related incidents throughout the region.

Among the calls received was a report of trespassers on a rural property, while another complaint involved a bylaw matter within the county. RCMP worked with a County Peace Officer in an effort to resolve the situation.

Police were also dispatched to a break and enter in

progress. Officers arrived shortly after the call was received, but the suspect or suspects had already left before members reached the scene.

Another rural property, located near Highway 855 and Township Road 611, was broken into sometime before being reported to police. RCMP said a child's ATV was taken during the incident.

Traffic concerns were also reported during the week. RCMP received complaints about an erratic driver traveling eastbound on Highway 28 in a black Audi. Patrols were conducted in the area, but the vehicle was not located.

In Smoky Lake, police received a

complaint about loud music and a daytime party at a residence.

A separate call initially reported as a possible theft was later believed to involve Alzheimer's-related confusion.

RCMP also dealt with a false alarm at a business after the alarm company confirmed the call with the keyholder.

An investigation remains ongoing after police received a complaint involving an alleged breach of court-ordered conditions.

On May 22, RCMP attended a break and enter at a CNRL facility where copper, electrical wiring and batteries were reported stolen. The value of the stolen items was estimated

at approximately \$6,000.

In Vilna, officers arrested a male after receiving a complaint that someone was attempting to uncover a ground well on private property. The individual was charged in connection with mischief and trespassing allegations, appeared for a Judicial Release Hearing and was later released on conditions. Police also received a report of a suspicious vehicle at Garner Lake during the reporting period.

Anyone with information related to crimes in the area is asked to contact Smoky Lake RCMP at 780-656-3550 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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— Management & Staff

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**\$299,900**

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.

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### 58201 RR 214 THORHILD COUNTY



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### June Meetings and Important Dates

Meeting schedule is subject to change. Members of the public are welcome to observe or listen in. For teleconference details and links to the livestream, click on the meetings notice in the following locations:

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- Board and Committee Meetings:** [SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards](http://SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards)
- Public Hearings:** [SturgeonCounty.ca/Notices](http://SturgeonCounty.ca/Notices)

Economic Development Advisory Board	June 3	9:00 AM
Youth Advisory Committee	June 3	6:00 PM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	June 9	2:00 PM
ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee	June 10	9:00 AM
Agricultural Service Board	June 10	10:30 AM
Community Services Advisory Board	June 15	6:00 PM
Subdivision Development Appeal Board	June 16	2:00 PM
Regular Council/Committee of the Whole	June 16	9:00 AM
Regular Council/Committee of the Whole	June 30	9:00 AM



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## NOTICE TO THORHILD COUNTY RATEPAYERS MAILING OF COMBINED ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Combined Assessment and Tax notices have been mailed to all property owners in Thorhild County on June 3, 2026. 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.

Taxes are due and payable on or before **July 15, 2026**.

### ASSESSMENT COMPLAINTS

The assessment roll is open for inspection at the Thorhild County Administration Office, 801 – 1 Street, Thorhild, Alberta, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday to Friday, by appointment. Any person who desires to object to the entry of their name or that of any other person upon the said roll or to the assessment value placed upon any property must, by August 10, 2026, lodge their complaint(s) in writing on the prescribed Assessment Complaint form together with a \$50.00 fee for residential/farmland property and \$200.00 for non-residential property per tax roll to Thorhild County.

Please contact the assessor before filing a complaint, as most concerns are resolved before complaints get to the Assessment Review Board. To speak to the County Assessor, Travis Horne, call 780-939-3310.

Dated this 28th day of May, 2026.

Ryan Maier  
Chief Administrative Officer

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## UNRESERVED TIMED ONLINE AUCTIONS

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# Smoky Lake youth event celebrates diversity and fun



**By Brandie Majeau**

On May 23, the Smoky Lake community had a quacking good time as more than 60 local youth gathered for the first ever “Get Your Ducks in a Row” event. The afternoon was packed with engaging activities, cultural celebrations, and opportunities for young people to connect and unwind.

The event was the result of months of planning and collaboration, with the Youth Council stepping up and taking a leading role in shaping the festivities. Drawing on conversations and feedback from their peers, they worked alongside local community services and curated a lineup

designed to entertain and inspire. Among the most popular attractions were laser tag, which quickly became a crowd favourite that saw no drop in full-on, enthusiastic participation throughout the day.

Cultural inclusivity was a key center for “Get Your Ducks in a Row”, reflecting the rich diversity of the Smoky Lake region. Attendees had the chance to experience Rangoli, a traditional Indian art form involving intricate patterns created with chalk and coloured sand. Henna tattoo stations also offered a creative outlet and a touch of tradition, while lanyard-making workshops encouraged hands-on engagement. The culinary offerings were equally

diverse, with Filipino Halo-Halo ice cream emerging as a delightful treat for everyone to try.

The afternoon’s entertainment reached its peak with a mesmerizing performance by the Running Thunder Dancers. Their beautiful display of Indigenous dance captivated the audience and cemented the importance of cultural celebration. “We were also grateful to include an Indigenous cultural element through the Chicken Dance as part of the closing ceremony, which participants greatly enjoyed and actively joined in,” remarked Newcomer Navigator, Sukhan Bajaj.

Prizes, raffle giveaways, and an array of freebies added

extra excitement making sure that everyone left with fond memories and perhaps a special keepsake. Organizers extended heartfelt thanks to all who contributed, from volunteers to sponsors. Special recognition was given to the Rural Mental Health Animator Program, whose funding and support made the event possible.

As the day came to a close, the positive energy and sense of community were palpable. The “Get Your Ducks in a Row” event offered the local youth a space for fun and celebrated the diverse cultures and varying backgrounds that make Smoky Lake unique... this afternoon may have set the bar high for future gatherings.



Photos courtesy of Smoky Lake FCSS

# Vilna student receives Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award



By Shelley Winger

A Vilna School student has been recognized for his leadership, perseverance and dedication both inside and outside the classroom.

Greg Ward, a Grade 11 student at Vilna School, was recently awarded the 2026 Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award during a ceremony held May 11 at Government House in Edmonton. Ward was one of just nine students from across the province selected to receive the honour.

The award recognizes Alberta students who have demonstrated determination, personal growth and a commitment to

achieving success while overcoming challenges. Recipients are also recognized for leadership qualities, positive attitudes and the ability to inspire others within their schools and communities.

Ward was nominated for the award based on his strong character, resilience and involvement within the school community. Despite balancing additional responsibilities at home, he has continued to maintain strong attendance and academic success while remaining actively involved in extracurricular activities.

At Vilna School, Ward participates in robotics and STEM-related programs and has taken on a mentorship role with younger students during divisional

events. Staff described him as a thoughtful and inclusive student who leads by example and is always willing to lend a hand to classmates, teachers and community members.

The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award is presented through a partnership between the Alberta School Boards Association and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. Along with provincial recognition, recipients receive a medal, certificate, congratulatory letter and a \$500 bursary.

Ward's recognition highlights not only his academic achievements, but also the positive impact he continues to have within the Vilna School community.



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**Vilna School photo**



A painted door by Smoky Lake artist Trevor Bowen reflects his memory of "Table Mountain" near Fraser Lake, B.C., where he grew up. The artwork now hangs on a wall in his daughter's home. Bowen, 73, has worked as a sign painter since taking a sign painting course in 1970 and later studied fine art at Grant MacEwan in Edmonton in 1985-86, where he developed a love for impressionism.

**Submitted photo**



Redwater Public Library managers Chris Giles (left) and Alicea Paszek Norwood (right) accept a donation cheque from Sharon O'Brien during a gathering at the Royal Canadian Legion in Redwater on May 28. The library was one of several local organizations to receive funding made possible through proceeds from the sale of the Moose Hill Pastoral Charge / Moore Memorial United Church property.

**Photo by Linda Kuzik.**

# M&M Lemonade coming to a ball diamond near you



By **Brandie Majeau**

With recent heat wave bringing the arrival of (much) warmer weather, Lemonade Day is fast approaching, and young entrepreneurs across the region are preparing to showcase their business skills and refreshing recipes. In Thorhild, siblings Myles and Maisy are leading the charge with their M&M Lemonade stand, set to serve up delicious, cold drinks at the Thorhild Ball diamonds on June 13.

Lemonade Day is an annual event designed to teach children the fundamentals of business ownership, from budgeting to marketing, all while having fun and engaging with their communities. This year, as of the end of May, Myles and Maisy's M&M Lemonade is the only officially registered stand in Thorhild. The siblings have been hard at work perfecting their "secret thirst-quenching recipe," and they are eager to welcome customers during the upcoming ball tournament.

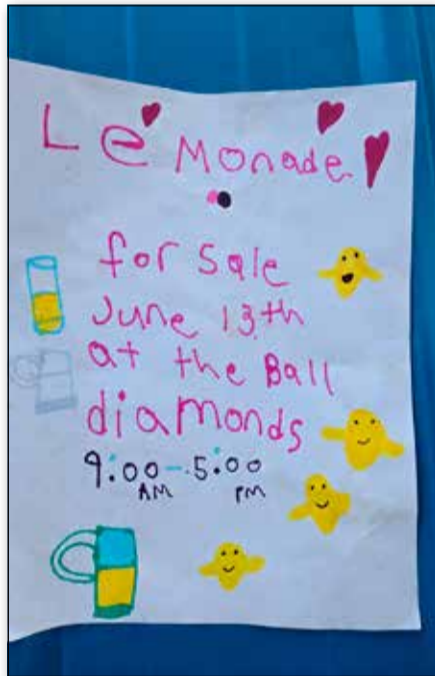
They are so excited to be back! The pair last hosted a lemonade stand two years ago and have spent

this spring preparing for this year's event. Their stand will be located at 302-7 Avenue, situated for both local residents and visitors attending the games at the ball diamonds.

Organizers of Lemonade Day encourage everyone to support young business owners by visiting local stands, whether in Thorhild or neighbouring communities. While M&M Lemonade is currently the only stand in town, event coordinators remind would-be customers to consult the Lemonade Day map online to discover other participating stands in the area or in other local communities.

For Myles and Maisy, Lemonade Day is a little bit more than selling drinks. It's a lot of fun and this

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Myles and Maisy received their business license from Thorhild County and will run their lemonade stand, M&M Lemonade, on June 13 at the Thorhild Ball Diamonds.



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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](http://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](http://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.

If you do not receive your tax notice, please contact the Town Office at 780-942-3519.

Ken Van Buul  
Chief Administrative Officer



## Redwater Citizens On Patrol Association Student Scholarship Application Form

Information provided with this application is confidential. The Redwater Citizens on Patrol Selection Committee in conjunction with the School Counsellor, shall use this information solely for the purpose of awarding the scholarship. The decision of the Selection Committee is final.

**Applications and other required information must be submitted to the Redwater Citizens on Patrol by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to:**

Henry Goeckel, President - Redwater Citizens on Patrol Association  
P.O. Box 377, Redwater, AB T0A 2W0

The Scholarship would be in the amount of **\$500.00** available for **First Responders (Police, Fire, Paramedics, Social Services)**.

**To qualify, applicants must:**

- Satisfy entrance requirements at a post-secondary institution
- Demonstrate leadership qualities
- Be recognized as an individual of honesty and integrity, and
- Display a commitment to his/her community through service work for youth groups, senior citizens, or non-profit organizations

Date of Application: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Education Institution last attended: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following materials need to be submitted with this application:**

1. A transcript of most recent Grade 12 marks from the educational institution
2. Confirmation of acceptance from a post-secondary institution (e.g. tuition receipt) and indicate the specific field, school or faculty into which they are enrolling
3. Letters of reference (maximum of four) with a detailed summary of your
  - a. Character
  - b. Leadership roles within the school
  - c. Involvement in extra-curricular activities at school
  - d. Involvement in organizations in the community at large
  - e. Work experience
  - f. Special interests and hobbies
4. A one-page, self-written letter expressing why you should receive the scholarship.



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## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS May 26, 2026

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the May 26, 2026, Regular Council meeting:

**Unfinished Business - Proposed Bylaw 05-2026 the 2026 Mill Rates Bylaw**  
Council gave second and third readings to Proposed Bylaw 05-2026, the 2026 Mill Rates Bylaw.

**Unfinished Business - Fire Services Review**  
Council endorsed the identified priority recommendations and directed Administration to proceed with further review, implementation planning, timelines, and budget analysis for those items; and further that Administration return to Council with future recommendations, beginning with the review of the Emergency Services Bylaw and Level of Service framework.

**Unfinished Business - Integrity Solutions Fire Response Bill**  
Council directed Administration to invoice the Government of Alberta for the Integrity truck fire.

**Unfinished Business - Long Lake Cottage Owners Association - Sports Court**  
Council approved the proposed location of the multi-sports court from the Long Lake Cottage Owners Association, and directed Administration to meet with the Association representatives to determine next steps.

**Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw**  
Council directed Administration to proceed with a Draft Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw for Council to review.

**Policy 1405 Community Grants**  
Council directed Administration to bring back Policy 1405 to a future Council meeting with amendments based on Council's discussion and direction.

**Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors Maintenance**  
Council directed Administration to proceed with the pavement repairs along Highway 827 within the Hamlet of Thorhild.

## THORHILD SWIMMING POOL OPEN FOR THE SEASON!

POOL SCHEDULE: JUNE 1 - 28, 2026

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00-9:30		School Swimming Lessons					
9:30-10:00		School Swimming Lessons					
10:00-10:30		School Swimming Lessons					
10:30-11:00		School Swimming Lessons					
11:00-11:30		School Swimming Lessons					
11:30-12:00		School Swimming Lessons					
12:00-12:30	Rental / Lane Swim	School Swimming Lessons					Rental / program
12:30-1:00		School Swimming Lessons					
1:00-1:30		School Swimming Lessons					
1:30-2:00		School Swimming Lessons					
2:00-2:30		School Swimming Lessons					
2:30-3:00		School Swimming Lessons					
3:00-3:30		Maintenance					
3:30-4:00	Public Swim	Maintenance					Public Swim
4:00-4:30		Life Saving Swim Lessons					Rental / Staff Meeting
4:30-5:00		Life Saving Swim Lessons (8 day sessions)					
5:00-5:30		Life Saving Swim Lessons (8 day sessions)					Public Swim
5:30-6:00		Life Saving Swim Lessons (8 day sessions)					
6:00-6:30		Public Swim	Toonie Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Water Fitness	Rental (If none - Public Swim)
6:30-7:00		Public Swim	Toonie Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Water Fitness	Rental (If none - Public Swim)
7:00-7:30	Rental (If none - Public Swim)	Public Swim	Toonie Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Water Fitness	Rental (If none - Public Swim)
7:30-8:00		Public Swim	Toonie Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Water Fitness	Rental (If none - Public Swim)

**COFFEE WITH COUNCIL**

Thursday, June 25, 2026  
Radway New Horizons Seniors Centre  
5108 - 49th Avenue, Radway  
Drop in anytime between 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM

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

These lessons will follow recommendations of the Life Saving Society, which guides our swim programs. Call the Pool for details at 780-398-3730 or email pool@thorhildcounty.com.

## DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT ISSUED – APPEAL BY JUNE 16, 2026

Take notice that the Municipal Planning Commission for Thorhild County has approved the following Development Application:

- i. Legal Description: Lot 4 Block 1 Plan 172 0428 within NW 20-61-22-W4M
- Land Use Designation: CR – Multi-Lot Country Residential District
- Proposal: Requesting Approval for a 40 ft. x 60 ft. Shop Built for Personal Storage with Water and Sewer Installed in the Shop to allow for Full Bathroom Including Washer and Dryer.
- Division: 4
- Permit #: DP26-2742

**Date of Decision: May 26, 2026; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, June 16, 2026**

**Additional Information:**  
For additional information regarding this permit, please contact Manager of Planning and Development David Blades at 780-398-3741 ext. 2825 or email: David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com.

**Appeal Information:**  
If you wish to appeal this decision, you must appeal to the following appeal body (see below for details):

**Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)**  
Appeals must be filed with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board via email at [shawn.mckerry@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:shawn.mckerry@thorhildcounty.com) via mail to Thorhild County, P. O. Box 10, 801 – 1st Street, Thorhild, AB, T0A 3J0. Telephone enquiries can also be made to the Planning & Development Department at 780-398-3741. Pursuant to Section 686 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, an appeal may be commenced by filing a notice of appeal within 21 days of the decision date. Please note that there is a \$200.00 fee for any appeal.

**Seniors' Week**  
June 1 to 7, 2026

Thorhild County Family and Community Support Services

**Bus EXCURSIONS**

**JUNE 5**  
**Seniors Conference - Newbrook Silver Horizon Drop In**  
9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Free transportation available from Radway or Thorhild. Registration required.

**JUNE 16**  
**Kingsway / Casino**  
Pick up at Newbrook Hall at 9:00 am. | Thorhild Lodge 9:30 am.

**JUNE 26**  
**Bountiful Farmer's Market (Edmonton)**  
Pick up at Newbrook Hall at 9:00 am | Thorhild Lodge 9:30 am | Egremont 9:45 am. Leave Edmonton at 3:30 pm.

**ALL ADULTS OVER 18 WELCOME!**  
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# From the Mayor's Desk Building Redwater together

**Dave McRae, Mayor**

Many thanks to Valerie and the Review for the opportunity to provide updates on how Redwater is doing. First off let me say that thanks to a great staff we have a solid financial foundation and have a strong plan for updating our infrastructure. Not just pavement and sidewalks, but underground infrastructure that in some cases has been in the ground for 75 years and is well past its service life. Over the last two years we have removed and replaced three town blocks of steel water line. These lines, and the connectors, were replaced with modern services designed to last another 100 years. Of significant importance was our ability to use directional drilling which saved dollars in project costs and also saved the integrity of

our pavement. The total cost of the two projects was just over \$1,000,000.00 and was paid for by debenture borrowing.

Every year our organization gears up for summer programs, swimming pool activities and parks and recreation maintenance. Our opportunities for summer employment go out in early February and include many positions. By department gets applications for summer programs, including the program directors and leaders in training. Parks and Recreation seek employees for grass cutting garbage collection and general maintenance of diamonds, soccer pitches, skateboard park and curling rink.

Public Utilities need support as equipment operators, pothole repairs and water/sewer

services Recreation needs workers for the pool as lifeguards, junior lifeguards and guards in training as well as supervision for the mini field house. Each year we need 8 to 10 youth to assist in these jobs. Thankfully some of wages are offset by the Canada Summer Jobs grant program supported by the Federal Government. Last year the Town Netted \$22,000.00 through this program.. Each of these students receives a safety orientation and any necessary equipment. Next time you see some of these employees out and about, give them a honk and a wave as they will soon be our leaders.

One of the dangers, when giving an event speech, is listing all the people you want to thank. Invariably you forget someone or someone feels

they should have been mentioned when they weren't. That idea holds true when you talk about the not-for-profits and the services they provide. You are going to miss someone. Redwater is extremely lucky in the groups we have and the betterment to our community that we receive at little or no cost. It can be simple things like financial and personal resource support that the Friends of the Library give. Perhaps maybe it is the paintings and murals that the Art Society creates. Maybe it is the crib tournament or steak supper from the Legion. Maybe floor curling or morning tea at the Pioneer Club or the beautiful quilts from the Quilters

Guild. Obviously, the equipment and supplies provided by the Hospital Auxiliary are a tremendous asset to our health care system. What about things like the income tax program, the senior's bussing, the Citizens on Patrol or the Lions Club. Or maybe the group has yet to be formed! The one thing that all of these organizations have in common is YOU! They need your support for their fund raising events but more importantly they need you to volunteer with them so they can continue to support the service levels they provide to our community.

One of the regular events carried out by Town staff is the annual "sidewalk walk." This event is needed so a

schedule can be made for sidewalk repairs and replacements.

Repairs and replacements are the two service levels we subscribe to for safe pedestrian travel. To this end we have established specific guidelines for when corrective action must be taken. The guidelines are strict to reduce our liability but offer some remedy without huge costs. Each year we budget around \$70,000.00 for sidewalk grinding or replacement to reduce trip hazards, to maintain infrastructure levels and to assist in snow removal. Next time you are out walking, take a look at the various repairs and replacements that have been made to make that journey enjoyable.



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brother and sister duo also get to learn a lot about running a business and working together. The siblings have divided up responsibilities, from designing eye-catching signage to managing their finances and mixing and serving up their signature citrusy beverage. This year

they will be donating 75% of their proceeds to the Thorhild Field of Dreams project with the other 25% going toward themselves to buy something special after all their hard work.

With their enthusiasm and entrepreneurial spirit, Myles and Maisy are an inspiration for other kids in Thorhild to participate in Lemonade Day in

the future. As the community gears up for one of Thorhild's first big summer events, all thirsty taste buds will be welcome at M&M Lemonade.

Be sure to stop by the Thorhild Ball diamonds on June 13 to sample what may just be the best lemonade in town and support the next generation of local business leaders.

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special experience. Why not host a tea right where the patrons were? With fine China, scones served with clotted cream, and sandwiches with their crusts trimmed, the gathering quickly became a fixture in the rural community of Newbrook and gave folks a taste of classic high tea. As the event grew in popularity, the original library could no longer accommodate the increasing number of guests. The tradition soon found a new home at the Silver Horizon Drop-In Centre, allowing more space for attendees

and connections. The flip side of the Spring Tea was that it was also used as an intimate way to honour local seniors during Seniors Week, but has since evolved into a broader celebration of all who contribute to the library's vitality.

Now sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the Spring Tea is a genuine thank-you to the network of volunteers, patrons, and supporters who keep the library thriving. The event recognizes the essential roles played by those who cook for fundraisers, attend library lunches, lend helping

hands for programs, and bring joy to the library's daily operations.

This year's event even had attendees visiting from Texas, a senior couple who spend their summers near Radway. Their presence underscored the library's reputation as a welcoming epicenter that brings together people from all over.

As the Newbrook Public Library looks forward to future Spring Teas, the afternoon remains a tribute and gracious thank you to the power and spirit of community, volunteerism, and that small-town, rural hospitality.



**Currently Hiring Equipment Operators for Reclamation / Abandonment Projects**

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Wages depending on experience.

Safety tickets required: CSO, First Aid, H2S, Ground Disturbance Level II, TDG, Chainsaw Safety, WHMIS, D & A testing prior to employment. Work is related to oilfield reclamation and maintenance work. Must be able to pass D & A testing prior to employment.

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## FAMILY FAIR & DANCE

### June 13



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11AM TO 4PM



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### Family Dance

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9pm Travis Dolter

### Fireworks

Approx 11pm



## 11am to 4pm

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believed a vehicle had crashed into his home because of the force and noise of the shaking, although neither neighbour reported any visible damage.

however, the aftermath has brought ongoing uncertainty about the condition of his home and what steps come next.

“My insurance company told me if I think the house isn’t safe, I should find

somewhere else to stay,” he said. “But how do you just get up and leave your home?”

He said the experience has also made him realize how important it is for homeowners to fully understand their insurance

coverage before a disaster occurs.

Pedgerachny is encouraging residents throughout the area to review their insurance policies carefully and confirm whether earthquake-related damage is included in

their coverage.

He also hopes others who may have experienced cracks, shifting, or other damage following the earthquakes will come forward and share their experiences.

Residents wishing to

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Holy Family Catholic School badminton players pose with their racquets following the conclusion of the school’s badminton season in May. The team celebrated the year with snacks and fun awards to recognize players and thank coach Miss Metro for her support throughout the season.

**Holy Family Catholic School photo**



Volunteers kept students hydrated and fed during the Junior High Track and Field event held last week at Redwater School. Community volunteers continue to be a huge asset to the town, helping make local events successful for everyone involved. **Redwater School photos**

## Wirun, Peter Joseph

July 24, 1951 – April 20, 2026

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Peter Joseph Wirun of Waskatenau, AB on April 20, 2026, at the age of 74.

Pete will be lovingly remembered by his sister, Pat; brothers, Greg and Ernie; brother-in-law, Ron; nephew, Cameron; nieces, Amber and Lee Ann; great-nieces, Alara, Aeva, Amelia and Brooklyn; along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



He was predeceased by his daughter, Sheri; father, Paul; mother, Pearl; paternal grandparents, Hnat and Alice; maternal grandparents, William and

Sophie; and niece, Jacqueline.

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 24, 2026, as per Peter’s wishes he is interred in St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery, Waskatenau, Alberta.

Photos, memories, and condolences may be shared through [www.parkmemorial.com](http://www.parkmemorial.com)



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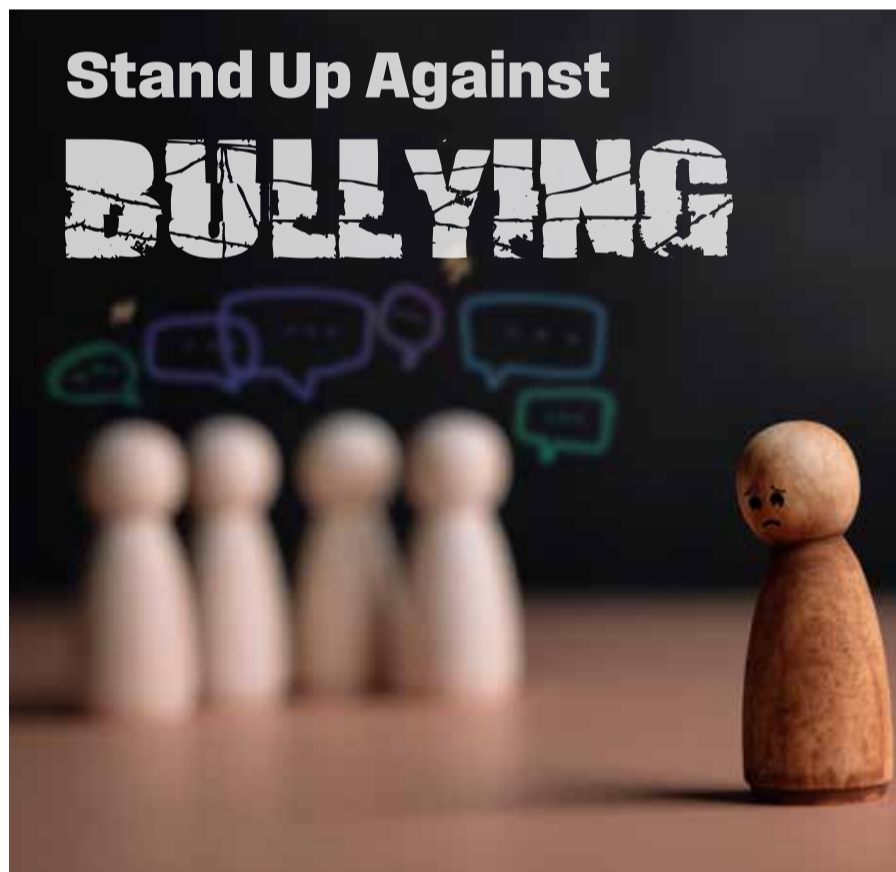
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**Dear Editor,**  
As a mother, one of the hardest things to experience is watching your children hurt emotionally and feeling powerless to stop it. I am writing this because bullying is something people often associate with schools, but sometimes it happens much closer to home. In our case, both of my children have been bullied by a certain group of kids in our neighbourhood. Thankfully, they have not experienced

bullying at school, and I truly hope they never do, but it has still affected them deeply. What hurts the most is that children should feel safe in their own neighbourhood. They should be able to ride their bikes, walk down the street, play outside and enjoy being kids without worrying about being mocked, excluded or targeted. As a parent, it is heartbreaking to watch your children lose confidence because of the behaviour of others.

You try to encourage them, support them and remind them of their worth, but words and actions can leave devastating effects, especially on young children. I am incredibly thankful that my children feel safe and supported at school. Their teachers and school environment have been positive experiences for them, and I hope that continues. No child should ever have to feel unsafe. Anywhere. I also hope this

serves as a reminder to parents that kindness starts at home. Conversations about respect, empathy and inclusion matter. Children learn how to treat others by

watching the examples around them. At the end of the day, every child deserves kindness. Every child deserves to feel accepted. And every child deserves to feel safe not

only at school, but in their own neighbourhood too. I beg of you, please talk to your children. If you do, thank you. Sincerely,  
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