

Redwater adult slo-pitch wraps up another season



2026 Redwater adult slo-pitch league windup. - Tina Goulet photo



By **Shelley Winger**

Another season of adult slo-pitch in Redwater has come to a close, with players celebrating the end of the season with a Ball Olympics competition, pizza and prizes.

The Redwater adult slo-pitch league featured ten teams this year, with players from Redwater and surrounding communities, including Thorhild, Smoky Lake and Waskatenau.

League organizer Jess Pelletier not only runs the league, but also takes the field as

a player on one of the teams.

The season wrapped up August 12 with the league's Ball Olympics, giving players a chance to compete in a variety of skills competitions before gathering for a pizza supper and awards.

"This windup is a skills competition

before a pizza supper and prizes awarded," Pelletier said.

The skills competitions included distance throwing, base running, an accuracy relay, pitching and a home run derby.

Colton Mazurenko and Tayler Premak were the winners in the distance throw,

while Owan Cowan and Kelci Rose took the top spots in base running.

S a m m i e Richardson, Benjamin Kluttig, Jordan Mazurenko and Colton Mazurenko won the accuracy relay, while Sean Halun was named Redwater's ultimate pitcher.

Madison Wiselka won the women's home run derby, while Josh Spicer and Jordan Mazurenko were the men's champions.

The Ballbarians finished the season as the 2026 league champions following what Pelletier described as

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Redwater comes together for Discovery Days



By **Shelley Winger**

Redwater was a busy place on August 14 and 15 as residents came together to celebrate Discovery Days with a full weekend of activities, entertainment and community events.

The festivities got underway Friday with the bench show at Pembina Place, followed by the opening of the ball tournament and a movie in the park.

Saturday brought a full day of activities, beginning with the Lions' pancake breakfast before the Discovery Days parade made its

way through town at 11 a.m.

This year's parade theme, "Sweet Treats on Main Street," brought plenty of creativity to the floats, with candy, smiles and plenty of community spirit filling the morning.

Judges had a difficult time selecting winners in the five parade categories. Overtime Sports Lounge took home Best Theme, while the Redwater Public Library was named Most Creative.

Redwater Swimming Pool won Best Group Participation, Little Steps Daycare was awarded Best Overall and Theo's Pharmacy



Theo's Pharmacy was awarded the Judges' Choice prize for its "Sweet Treats on Main Street" parade entry during Redwater's Discovery Days celebration. - Town of Redwater photo

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Vilna Senior's Centre serves up pancakes and smiles



By **Brandie Majeau**

The Vilna Seniors Centre brought the community together once again for its highly anticipated annual pancake breakfast, held on August 15, 2026. More than 250 people of all ages gathered to kick off fair days, creating a wonderful and warm atmosphere suffused with the aroma of fresh pancakes and the sound of friendly conversation. The event, a longstanding tradition in Vilna, plays a vital role in supporting cross-generational connections and communal morale.

Guests arrived early to line up for a hearty breakfast, with volunteers from the Seniors Centre making sure that everyone was served quickly and with a smile. The gathering provided a delicious meal and an

opportunity for residents to reconnect, share stories, and celebrate the energy of Vilna's close-knit community. Children enjoyed running around together while older residents reminisced about the weather and previous years, bringing an air of continuity and shared history that mornings like this help maintain, it's a feeling that connects every pancake breakfast into a blur of belonging to something more.

An exciting addition to the morning, though, was a special presentation by Carl Tatarin, who appeared on behalf of the recently dissolved Will-Vil Fishing Club. Tatarin presented a generous cheque for \$2,250 to the Vilna Seniors Centre, marking the end of the club's activities with a sincere gesture of community support.

The donation was

accepted by Hank Keller, President of the Vilna Seniors Centre, who expressed gratitude for the club's contribution. The funds are expected to assist ongoing programs and activities for local seniors, helping to enhance services and ensure the Centre remains a hub of engagement for years to come.

As the breakfast ended, organizers reflected on another successful event and the continued importance of such gatherings.

The annual breakfast not only raises funds for the centre but also reminds residents of the impact of community action and generosity. With the boost from the Will-Vil Fishing Club's donation, the Vilna Seniors Centre looks forward to continuing its programs and keeping the feeling of togetherness alive in the heart of the village.



Photo courtesy of Vilna Senior's Centre

Berkleigh's giant rhubarb



By **Brandie Majeau**

There once was a little girl named Berkleigh who lived in a little grey house with a little perfect garden.

One spring, Berkleigh was gifted a tiny rhubarb plant from a friend and planted it with care. She watered it carefully and waited.

The next morning, a little stalk, the size of a pencil, had grown. Berkleigh praised the tiny rhubarb plant for growing so strong.

The morning after that, there were several stalks, and they were taller than her. By the end of the week, the plant was taller than the house. Nobody knew why.

Berkleigh had done nothing out of the ordinary.

She had watered it and cared for it like all the other plants, but as the sunshine beamed

down, Berkleigh also showered the plant with compliments and praise, this might have been why her rhubarb plant seemed to have enormous ambitions. Its leaves stretched across the yard like giant green umbrellas. Its stalks curled around the power poles and trees and climbed over the fence, eventually finding itself into the neighbours' barn.

Berkleigh loved it. She built a little wooden ladder beside it and spent her afternoons climbing into the giant plant.

From the tallest stalk and perched on the highest leaf, she could see her whole yard and beyond into the fields.

She could also see the neighbour's cat, who had become permanently lost and stuck in the rhubarb but seemed completely content about it.

As the summer continued, the rhubarb covered the shed,

swallowed a birdhouse, and lifted their vehicle several feet in the air.

One stalk even pushed through their kitchen window and

knocked over a bowl of potatoes. Something needed to be done. She gathered family and friends and they set about the biggest

rhubarb harvest anyone has ever seen.

They chopped and carried and chopped and carried and chopped some more...

there was enough for every person living in their town to bake something.

There were pies and muffins and jam and crumbles and sauces and all manner of rhubarb delights to share.

At last there was only one tiny stalk remaining.

Berkleigh planted it in a pot and set it in her bedroom. The next day it was still small. On the third day it was still small. On the fourth day, it had grown to her ceiling. Berkleigh stared at it and sighed.

The rhubarb stared back. She put on her red rubber boots and dragged the pot outside, it was going to be a very long summer.

This didn't actually happen, but with a gifted root, lots of sunshine and water, and protection from the house, Berkleigh did end up with a huge, abundant rhubarb plant. "It's taking over!" said her mom.



Photo courtesy of Kerrie Stanko

Redwater prepares for underground infrastructure work



By Haylee Winger

Redwater residents saw construction begin as the Town moves forward with a \$640,000 underground infrastructure renewal project.

The work is part of Redwater's 10-year capital plan and will focus on replacing underground water and wastewater infrastructure in several areas of the community. The project will be financed through

a 10-year borrowing strategy. Construction is planned for several locations, including Hwy 38 (48 St./49 St.), 49 St. (49/50 Ave.), 47 St. (50/52 Ave.) and the 50 St. alley (51/50 Ave.).

Crews will move between locations as the project progresses, meaning construction impacts may vary throughout the community.

Residents and businesses near the work areas may experience temporary road closures, construction noise, dust, traffic and parking disruptions,

as well as possible interruptions to water and wastewater services.

The Town said those affected by planned disruptions will be notified in advance.

The renewal program is part of the Town's longer-term capital planning and is intended to replace underground infrastructure related to water and wastewater services.

Residents with questions about the project can contact the Town of Redwater at 780-942-3519.



The map shows the locations identified for Redwater's Underground Infrastructure Renewal Program, which is scheduled to begin Aug. 24 as part of the Town's 10-year capital plan. - Town of Redwater photo

It's not yours, It's Meyn



By Brandie Majeau

It's Meyn Ukrainian Food is currently entering its eighth year of operations, a milestone that reflects the evolution and resilience of the business.

Owner, Darlene Adrusiak, began her journey working for her predecessor, gaining valuable experience before acquiring the business, then operating under a different name.

The transition brought significant learning opportunities for everyone involved, especially as the business modernized through the introduction of new equipment.

What was once a niche operation with perogies exclusively pinched by hand soon became more efficient and adaptable.

While the commercial kitchen remains based in Radway, AB, most products and sales take place at Bountiful Market in Edmonton, connecting the business to a broader customer base.

As Darlene adapted to these changes, she collaboratively developed new techniques and processes on her

own or alongside other associates, blending tradition with innovation.

Darlene's decision to take over this business was unexpected, having no interest in it that all changed after the loss of her mother and several close friends.

This new venture became both a way to channel her focus and a meaningful step in her personal journey and healing.

The name "It's Meyn" is a tribute to her maiden name, grounding the business as hers.

As the business evolved, Darlene's son, Chance, joined her in the third year.

Together, through trial and error, as well as the occasional disagreement, they discovered innovative methods to increase efficiency, profitability, and success.

In discussing their food preparation systems, both Darlene and Chance agreed that their perogy-making machine, affectionately called Hercules, has become one of their greatest assets.

Once the filling and dough are prepared and ready for the machine, Darlene, Chance, and occasionally a hired



helper work together in somewhat of an assembly-line style.

With the flip of a switch, and by working in harmony, they are able to produce approximately 200 dozen perogies in approximately one hour. "Take that, Grandma," Chance teasingly says.

Darlene noted that they process about 5,000 lbs of potatoes annually.

Today, It's Meyn Ukrainian Food offers a wide selection of perogies - many still handmade, since certain fillings are unsuitable for the machine - as well as traditional dishes like cabbage

rolls, neleshnyky, and seasonal beet rolls.

Each item holds a piece of Darlene's heritage and the family's commitment to quality. Beyond their food, Darlene and Chance are dedicated to supporting their community, holding perogy sales fundraisers for local organizations or providing gift packages to raffles or silent auctions.

The impressive volume of ingredients, approximately 3,000 lbs of cabbage, flats of cottage cheese, and pallets of flour used each year, reflects both the scale of their operation and the loyalty of



Photos courtesy of It's Meyn Ukrainian Food



their customers.

Visitors to their booth at Bountiful Market can sample and purchase food, while others can place orders via email for

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YEAR ROUND LAKE LIVING

Step into your own piece of Paradise at Bonnie Lake Resorts. This all season 900 sq foot bungalow and double garage are nestled amongst

the trees in this 0.75 acre lot. Featuring a wrap around deck with wheelchair ramp that goes along the side and back of the house, 3 bedrooms, galley kitchen, and spacious living room. There is a fire pit and plenty of trees and privacy to enjoy your back yard in peace. Clean beaches, docks, a boat launch, playground, tennis courts, beach volleyball, walking trails and Vilna Golf Course are all within walking distance of your new home. Upgrades over the years include interior doors, flooring, furnace, hot water tanks and more. Bonnie Lake Resort is approximately 1 1/2 hours to Edmonton, just over a half hour to St Paul. **\$269,000. Call Janine to view.**



RADWAY COMMERCIAL LOTS

3 commercial lots on main street, all adjacent to each other. Middle one has services. Prices range from \$9,900 to \$13,900. One large

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Beautifully updated 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom bungalow on 8.95 acres in Thorhild County, less than one hour from Edmonton with only 1/2 mile of gravel road. Great hobby farm or horse set up with lovely hip roof barn with metal roof, chicken coop, 24'x20' metal clad shop, dug out, and plenty of room for future pasture land. This property has been almost completely remodelled in the past 6 months including all flooring, paint, bathrooms, kitchen cabinets, vinyl siding with styrofoam, complete basement development and new septic tank and discharge. Features open concept kitchen/living room, 5 pce bath and 2 bedrooms on main. Basement has two large bedrooms, family room, laundry room and 4 pce bathroom. Large back deck, patio doors to future front deck, beautiful white cabinets with black hardware, stainless steel appliances, vinyl plank flooring make this home show like new. **\$520,000. Call Heather to view.**



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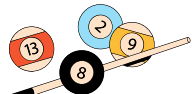


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September 2026

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Virtual Drop-in Exercise Classes Mondays & Thursdays 1:30-2:00 PM Visit www.sherwoodparkpcn.com/programs-classes/programs/ Click virtual drop-in exercise class		1 Coffee with the Cops 10:00-11:00 AM Ag Society - Farmer's Market 4:30-7:00 PM Regular Council Meeting 6:30-10:00 PM	2 Legion - Whist 1:00-4:00 PM Art Society - Artful Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 PM 	3 Pioneer Club - Coffee & Pool 9:00-10:30 AM Redwater Museum 1:00-3:30 PM	4 Legion - Pub Night 5:30 PM-2:00 AM  	5 Redwater Museum 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
6 Pioneer Club - Pancake Breakfast 9:00-10:30 AM 	7  Town Offices Closed	8 Library - Idea Zone 3:15-4:00 PM Ag Society - Farmer's Market 4:30-7:00 PM Community Services Policy Committee 6:00-9:00 PM	9 Legion - Whist 1:00-4:00 PM Art Society - Artful Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 PM Pioneer Club - Community Supper Book: 780-942-3772 5:00-8:00 PM	10 Pioneer Club - Coffee & Pool 9:00-10:30 AM Redwater Museum 1:00-3:30 PM Meet the Community & Registration Night 5:30-7:00 PM	11 Legion - Pub Night 5:30 PM-2:00 AM Library - Movie Night 6:00-8:00 PM 	12 Redwater Museum 11:00 AM-3:00 PM 
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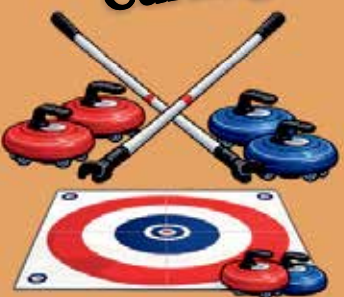
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Tuesday, September 8
Pioneer Club Monthly Meeting
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Wednesday, September 16
Redwater Citizens on Patrol Meeting
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Legion Executive Meeting
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Mental Wellness resources are there



By **Brandie Majeau**

Smoky Lake FCSS and the Family Resource Network have recently shared a social media post highlighting free resources for mental wellness available to both adults and youth. Their message is a simple, but direct reminder that support is always there for anyone, or any age, experiencing challenges.

Mental health is a crucial aspect of overall well-being, and yet

it is often overlooked or stigmatized. Access to mental health resources can make a significant difference in the lives of individuals experiencing stress, anxiety, depression, or other mental health challenges. These resources include counseling services, crisis hotlines, support groups, and online mental wellness platforms, that can provide essential support, guidance, and intervention.

Having mental health resources available is important because they offer

immediate assistance to those in crisis. The hotlines and emergency services can be lifesaving, connecting people to trained professionals who can offer support and direct them to further help. Ongoing support through counseling or therapy can also help individuals manage their mental health over the long term, teaching coping skills and strategies to deal with life's challenges.

It is also important to have the sense of community and understanding that support groups can provide.

Sharing experiences with others facing similar issues can reduce feelings of isolation and help individuals realize they are not alone. This peer support/group setting can encourage people to seek help earlier rather than waiting until problems get worse.

Accessible mental health resources can also play a key role in prevention. The resources that are available can provide education about mental wellness and healthy coping mechanisms. These resources empower individuals to

seek help proactively and reduce stigma. Early intervention and ongoing support can prevent minor issues from developing into more serious mental health conditions.

In rural or remote communities, such as Smoky Lake, access to mental health resources can be limited. This makes the availability of free and easily accessible services even more critical. Organizations like Smoky Lake FCSS and the Family Resource Network help bridge the gap by sharing information and

connecting people to local and online resources no matter the age.

Ensuring mental health resources are widely available benefits individuals and the entire community. When people have access to the support they need, they are more prone to thrive, contribute positively to society, and build stronger, healthier relationships. Making mental wellness support visible and accessible isn't simply a matter of personal health, it is an investment in society as a whole.

Back to school: A reminder to put safety first



By **Haylee Winger**

As summer winds down and another school year approaches, families across Alberta are getting ready for the return to busy mornings, school buses, classrooms and after-school activities.

While backpacks are being packed and school supplies are being checked off the list, safety is another important part of preparing for the first day.

The roads around schools can become especially busy during drop-off and pick-up times.

Drivers should slow down, put away distractions and pay close attention to children who may be walking, biking or crossing the road.

Children can sometimes move unexpectedly, so drivers should be prepared to stop and give pedestrians plenty of room.

School bus safety is also an important reminder for students and motorists.

Children should wait for their bus in a safe location away from traffic and should never run into the road to

catch it. They should wait until the bus has stopped completely before getting on or off and should follow the driver's instructions while travelling.

Motorists need to be especially careful when approaching a stopped school bus.

When a bus is displaying flashing red lights, drivers must stop and remain stopped until the lights have stopped flashing and the bus has resumed movement.

Passing a school bus while its red lights are flashing can put children in serious danger.

For students walking or riding their bikes to school, parents can help by going over the route with them before classes begin.

Walking the route together gives children an opportunity to learn where they should cross the road and where they need to be particularly cautious.

Students should use crosswalks when available, pay attention to traffic and avoid distractions such as looking at a phone while crossing.

Children riding bicycles or other wheeled equipment should wear a properly fitted

helmet and make sure their equipment is in good condition.

A quick check before school starts can help identify loose parts, worn tires or other problems before they become an issue.

Back-to-school preparation also involves looking after a child's overall health.

Getting back into a regular sleep schedule, eating healthy meals and staying active can help children adjust to their school routine.

Parents should also make sure the school has current emergency contact information and is aware of important health information, allergies or medications their child may need during the day.

A backpack is another simple thing families can check before school begins. It should fit comfortably and should not be filled with unnecessary heavy items.

Taking a few minutes to organize school supplies and remove things that are not needed can make carrying the backpack easier throughout the day.

Safety doesn't stop once students arrive

at school. Children should be reminded to pay attention to their surroundings, follow school rules and speak up when they notice something that could be unsafe.

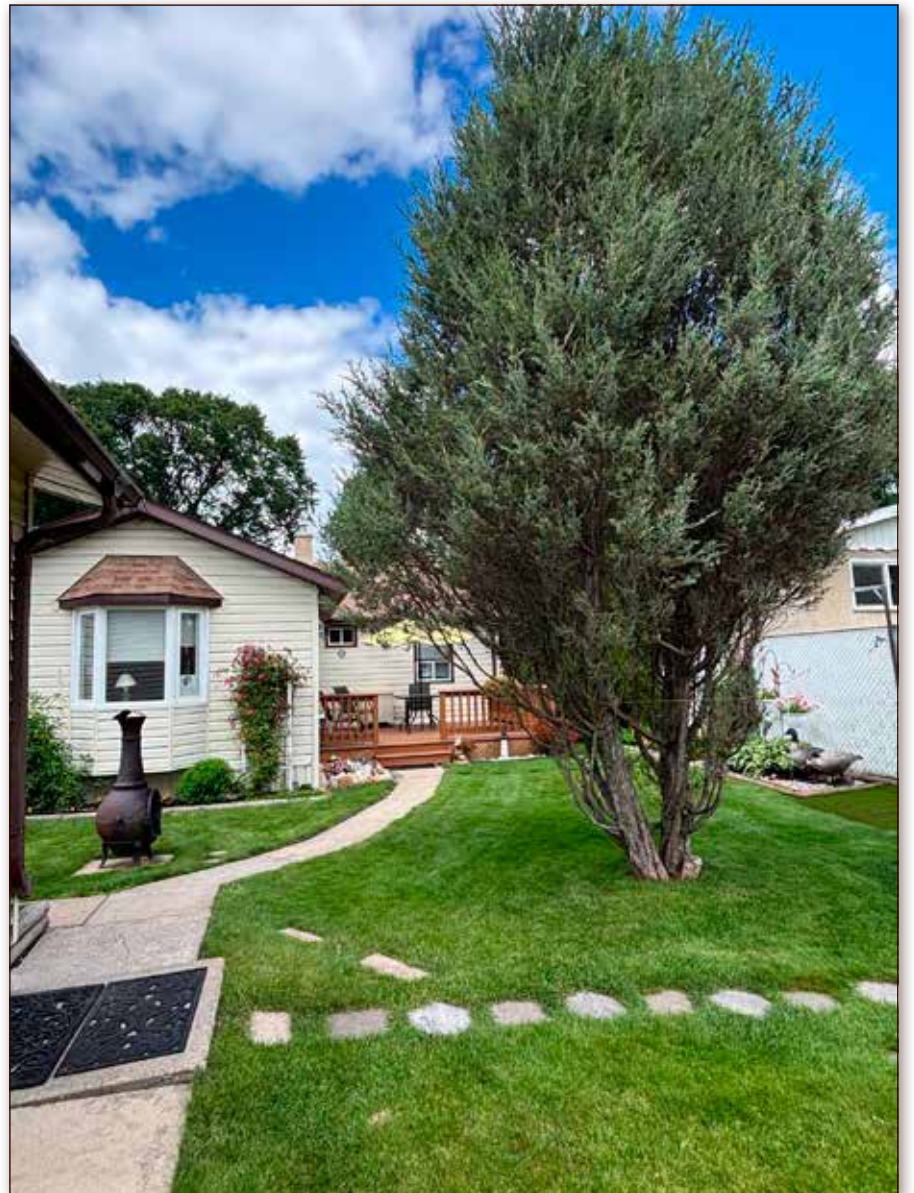
Parents, teachers and students all have a role in creating a safer environment.

The first few weeks

of school can be hectic as everyone adjusts to new schedules and routines.

Giving yourself a little extra time in the morning, slowing down around school zones and paying attention to children and other pedestrians can help prevent accidents.

Back-to-school safety is a community effort. Drivers, parents, teachers and students all play a part in keeping children safe. A few simple precautions and reminders can go a long way toward making the return to school a safe and successful one for Alberta families.



Kathy and Carl's beautifully maintained yard features mature trees, colourful gardens and a neatly manicured lawn. Their property was selected as a Redwater in Bloom Yard of the Week. – **Town of Redwater photo**



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- **Require a signature for deliveries.** If expecting a package, choose a shipping

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- **Secure your mailbox.** Ensure your mailbox is securely attached to your property and not easily accessible to thieves.
- **Advise neighbours.** Let your neighbours know when you are going away. Have a trusted neighbour collect your mail or have your mail delivery suspended for that period.
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- **Do not send cash in the mail.** Cash may not be recoverable when stolen in the mail.
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Discovery Days

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received the Judges' Choice award.

The celebrations continued throughout the afternoon with the sandwich and pie sale at the Pioneer Club, Rainbow the Clown and Friends, a car wash and shine, the

bench show, farmers' market, petting zoo, iPlay Game Theatre and inflatables.

The ball tournament also continued throughout the day, while food trucks and the arena concession provided plenty of options for hungry festival-goers.

The weekend

wrapped up with fireworks at 9:45 p.m., giving the community one final opportunity to gather and celebrate.

Discovery Days once again offered something for all ages, bringing residents together for a weekend filled with local activities, entertainment and community pride.



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What you should consider when your parents need extra support

(NC) As their grown child, having your parents reach a stage when they need your help can be a big change for the whole family. Like with any major change, discussing and preparing in advance can make all the difference. When planning for a conversation around your parents' independence here are two important things to consider:

Everyone needs help sometimes. As your parents age, some things may start to become more difficult or time-consuming. A task like going for groceries or to the bank may become an all-day project. As you step in to help more, it's possible to step into the role of caregiver without you or your parent realizing. It can be useful for you and

your parents to regularly touch base on what they enjoy doing as well as what feels difficult. Retirement living is one option that can help by taking care of those tasks that are becoming harder. This can help your parent stay independent and focused on what they find meaningful to them.

What are your parents' goals? If a decision requires a senior to move to a more supportive environment, such as a retirement community, it's possible to lose sight of what your parents value and want to accomplish. That's why it's important to check to make sure that what makes them happiest is at the centre of any plans your family makes.

"Whether it's independence, having a sense of

community, enjoying privacy or keeping a beloved pet, understanding what matters most to the person should guide every decision," explains Charlene Dawes, director, clinical services at Aspira Retirement Living. "Moving to a retirement community isn't about giving up the life you enjoy, but rather gaining the support that helps you continue living it."

One way to continue the conversation productively is to help your parents experience the possibilities firsthand. You can tour a retirement community together, stay for a meal, attend an event or consider a short stay. Seeing daily life in action can help relieve uncertainty and show that having the right support can help them continue living life on their own terms. Learn more about retirement living options at aspiralife.ca.

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The Redwater adult slo-pitch

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“very very close competition this year.”

For Pelletier, the league is about more than just

the games. As both organizer and player, she gets to experience the season from both sides.

“I run the league and one of the teams in the league,” she said.

With another season

in the books, players will get one more chance to take the field together this weekend when they compete in the Discovery Days tournament.

After a summer of close competition, the Ball

Olympics provided a fitting way for Redwater’s adult slo-pitch players to finish the season – with a little friendly competition, some well-earned prizes and plenty of time together off the field.



Sean Halun — Redwater’s Ultimate Pitcher.



Madison Wiselka, Josh Spicer and Jordan Mazurenko – Home Run Derby champions.

Smoky Lake RCMP Report



By Haylee Winger

The Smoky Lake RCMP responded to a variety of calls during the week of August 10, including reports involving traffic, disturbances, suspicious activity, animals, property and several requests for assistance.

Members of the Smoky Lake RCMP, along with the Fire Department and EMS, attended a call involving a male in medical distress. Life-saving measures were attempted, but the male died. The death was determined to be non-suspicious.

RCMP received several reports involving court orders. In one case, a male was reported to be breaching his court order, but an investigation determined that no breach had occurred. A separate report of a court-order breach also resulted in an investigation that found no breach.

Members responded to a report of a person lying on the side of the highway near Range Road 135 and

Highway 28, but no person was located. Police also received a report of a male walking on the Iron Horse Trail carrying many bags. A Peace Officer attended and found that the male was picking bottles.

A female attended the RCMP front counter to report a suspicious vehicle that had driven past her residence and that the male driver had waved at her. Police also received a report of unknown persons entering a rural property and gaining access to an old house, shed and bumper travel trailer.

Several calls involved vehicles and traffic concerns. A possible impaired driver operating a white cube van was reported, and Redwater Traffic Services intercepted the vehicle. No impairment was detected.

A separate report involved a possible impaired driver on Highway 28 and a brown Mitsubishi, resulting in a B.O.L.O. being issued to the Redwater Detachment.

A burgundy truck was reported to be driving dangerously

on Highway 28. A member was unable to attend because they were assisting a neighbouring detachment. Another call involved a vehicle with a flat tire and no visible plate on Highway 855 south of Smoky Lake.

The member who attended determined that the plate was dirty and that the vehicle registration was valid. The vehicle owner was contacted and planned to have the vehicle towed later that day.

An abandoned RV was reported on Highway 28 near Range Road 141. The member spoke with the registered owner, who advised that the vehicle had broken down and would be towed. The RV was not considered a traffic hazard.

Police also received a report from a caller following a transport truck believed to be leaking hazardous material. The truck displayed a placard indicating butane. The member was unable to locate the vehicle, and the transport company was contacted and advised that it would follow up with the driver.

Animal-related calls included reports of loose dogs and cattle. Police received a call regarding brown-and-white dogs wearing collars that were loose on Highway 28. There were also ongoing reports of cows near Highway 28. In one instance, the Smoky Lake Peace Officer was advised of cows out on Highway 28. In another, an EMCON employee reported cows near Highway 28 and Range Road 145. A member attended and found the cows at the fence and not near the highway. The issue with the cows remains ongoing.

Several calls involved disturbances. RCMP responded to a disturbance at the Shell gas station, where a member arrested one suspect on outstanding warrants. No further action was taken.

At Mon's Lake, police responded to a report of a couple arguing at a campsite. A female was located highly intoxicated and causing a disturbance. She was arrested and lodged in cells. A separate disturbance was reported at Mon's Lake on

Saturday night, where members attended, arrested an individual and lodged the person in cells.

RCMP also responded to a disturbance at Hillside Acres. In another incident, a family dispute involving mental health and assault resulted in a male being arrested and held for a Judicial Interim Release Hearing.

In the Village of Waskatenau, a male reported that a known female was at his residence and making threats. Members attended and arrested the female without incident. No charges were laid.

Other calls included a report of a male urinating on the sidewalk in the Village of Vilna. The male was identified and a provincial ticket is to be issued. Police also received a front-counter complaint involving uttering threats by a neighbour. The individuals wanted the incident documented.

RCMP received a report of personal items allegedly stolen from a hotel room. A member attended and determined that no theft had occurred.

The caller was experiencing mental health issues.

EMS requested police assistance with entering a dwelling for a medical issue. The Fire Department was called and gained entry to the residence before the member arrived.

Members also conducted a wellbeing check on an elderly female in the Village of Vilna.

The Smoky Lake Fire Department requested RCMP support after a power line was reported across a road.

A member attended and ensured there were no immediate public safety concerns and no personal or property damage. ATCO secured the line.

Members also received a report from a member of the public that an unknown person was dumping trees on their property.

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