

Redwater Dental brings dental care tips and support to lodge residents



Members of the Redwater Dental team speak with residents during a visit to Redwater Lodge on August 31. The team shared information about dental care, provided dental care packages and spent time with residents.



By Shelley
Winger

Redwater Dental recently brought more than chicken noodle soup, coffee and cookies to residents at the Redwater Lodge.

On August 31, the dental team visited the lodge to share information about dental care, oral health and options available to

seniors, while spending time with residents and providing dental care packages.

It was the clinic's first visit of this kind, but the team hopes to make it a more regular occurrence.

The visit began with a discussion about dental care at home and what seniors can expect as their dental health changes with age.

"We started by

explaining how to do dental care at home and what to expect with their dental health as they age," the clinic said.

Some residents told the team they did not regularly see a dentist because nothing was hurting or they did not consider dental care important.

However, the clinic emphasized that oral health can change significantly as people

age, particularly when certain medications are involved.

The team also addressed the common belief that losing teeth is simply a normal part of getting older.

The clinic said it met residents who have retained their natural teeth, noting that maintaining those teeth is not necessarily related to having more

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Members of the Redwater Dental team arrive at Redwater Lodge with treats and dental care packages for residents on August 31.

Redwater Town Office temporarily moves front-counter services



By Haylee
Winger

Residents who need to speak with Town of Redwater staff in person will have to visit a temporary location while repairs are underway at Town Hall.

The Town has moved its front-counter services to the Public Works Office. The temporary office is located in the same complex and parking lot as Town Hall, south of the current municipal office.

The change follows an incident on September 1, when a vehicle drove into the Town office at about 6 p.m. No injuries were reported, but the incident resulted in considerable damage to the building.

The building's age also meant asbestos was present, which restricted access to the Town Office for both employees and members of the public.

Work to address the asbestos began with initial abatement completed on Sunday, September 13. Town employees were given temporary access to the building the following day, September 14, before repair work got underway on September 15.

Despite the temporary change in location, Town services continue to be available. Residents can reach staff by phone and email, while online requests can also be submitted through the Town's e-Service Request system. Those requests are forwarded to the appropriate department for follow-up.

Contact information for individual Town employees is available through the Town's online Staff Directory and Contact Information page.

Residents with questions or concerns about the temporary arrangements can contact the Town of Redwater at 780-942-3519.

Thorhild FunTeam introduces Junior Development Program



By Brandie
Majeau

The Thorhild FunTeam PowerSkate Club is preparing to launch its new season next month, offering a range of skating programs for local youth. The club has been slowly evolving and growing in the Thorhild community, providing children and families with opportunities to stay

active, make friends, and develop skating skills in a supportive environment. With a strong emphasis on community values, the club welcomes skaters of all backgrounds and skill levels to make sure everyone has a chance to participate and grow.

FunTeam Alberta is dedicated to providing family-oriented, affordable, and less competitive sports

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Photo courtesy of
Thorhild FunTeam
PowerSkate Club

Alberta Government announces record investment in education



By Brandie
Majeau

In a sweeping move to address the evolving needs of its students, the Alberta government has announced a record \$10.8 billion investment in education funding for the 2026-27 school year. This represents a more than 7% increase from last year's budget, reflecting the province's

response to mounting classroom challenges linked to rising enrolment and diverse learning needs.

During a rural media roundtable on September 10, 2026, Minister Demetrios Nicolaides fielded questions surrounding the recent investment announcement. The substantial funding boost follows the largest classroom data

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Alberta RCMP shares information with youth on cyberbullying and sextortion

Throughout September, the Alberta RCMP is sharing online safety tips with youth. Youth today can be put in vulnerable circumstances due to the internet, at times becoming victims to cyberbullying or sextortion, but by learning safe online practices, youth can better protect themselves and others.

In the digital age, youth can protect themselves by learning more about the following:

- **Sextortion:** A form of online blackmail in which someone threatens to share a sexual image or video of you unless you pay money or provide more intimate content. Offenders often pretend to be someone your age and manipulate victims into sending explicit media. They may use fake or incomplete social media profiles, quickly express strong feelings, or pressure victims to move conversations to private platforms where they can request intimate content.
- **Cyberbullying:** The use of computers, smartphones, or other digital devices to embarrass, threaten, harass, exclude, or harm someone online.
- If you are a victim of sextortion:
 - Stop all communications with the offender.
 - Do not comply with any threats and do not send money, images, or additional content.
 - Save evidence, including screenshots of messages, usernames, profiles, and any images involved.
 - Deactivate, but do not delete, your social media account.
 - Do not accept new friend requests after disengaging – this could be the offender using a new profile.
- Reach out to a trusted adult, parent, guardian, Elder, or another support person.
- Report the incident:
 - **Cybertip.ca** allows you to report online child sexual exploitation incidents anonymously.
 - Get help removing pictures from the internet at NeedHelpNow.ca.
 - Report the incident to the platform where it occurred.
 - Contact your local police service.
- If you are a victim of cyberbullying:
 - Do not respond to bullying messages or posts.
 - Save messages, screenshots, or other evidence.
 - Block and report the individual responsible.
 - Talk to a trusted adult, parent, guardian, Elder, or another support person.
 - Report the behaviour to your school or the website/app where it occurred.
 - Contact the police if you feel threatened or believe a crime has been committed.

“If you are a victim of sextortion or cyberbullying, remember that you are not at fault, and help is available,” says Cst. Scott Sterling, ALERT Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit. “Youth can support one another by being active bystanders. If you witness cyberbullying or sextortion, speak up, offer support, and help connect victims with trusted adults and available resources.”

For more information on online safety, visit [Public Safety Canada's](http://PublicSafetyCanada.ca) Help for Youth, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta, Instagram @RCMPALBERTAGRC, X @RCMPAlberta, and on YouTube @RCMP-GRC Alberta.

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collection in Alberta's history. Government officials conducted a thorough survey of 108,000 classrooms across 1,549 schools. This unprecedented data-driven approach has allowed policymakers to pinpoint areas where support is most urgently needed and to devise a plan that directly addresses those needs.

A large undertaking The Alberta government will also establish up to 699 in-class complexity teams. These specialized teams will work alongside classroom teachers, providing targeted support to students with varied and unique learning challenges. The formation of these teams emphasizes the province's commitment to inclusive education and its recognition of the increasing complexity within today's classrooms. Enhanced training for educators is also part of the package, which should ensure teachers have the latest skills and strategies to support student success. Education officials have stressed that these measures are a direct response to the detailed classroom data and assure that new resources are deployed where they can have the greatest impact. The government has also pledged to maintain ongoing collaboration with education partners to monitor how these changes affect students and to continue refining its approach as needs evolve.

Alberta has experienced significant growth in its student population, with almost 90,000 new students enrolling over the past four years. This surge has added pressure on schools, teachers, and infrastructure. In response, the province is also investing \$8.6 billion through the Schools Now program to support school construction and modular classroom projects.

"I am quite excited for the start of this school year," stated Minister Nicolaides. While he admits there is still "more work to be done," the announcement is expected to usher in positive changes for Alberta's education system.

Vanessa's School Supply Drive sends students back to school prepared




By Brandie Majeau

The Lions Club of Radway is expressing profound gratitude to the residents of Thorhild County and surrounding areas following the incredible success of Vanessa's School Supply Drive this year. Thanks to the amazing generosity of the local community, 13 local students

are beginning their school year equipped with essential supplies, something that really shows a community that believes every student has a right to learn and no child should be without the basics.

This year's drive saw a mix of needs, with some students receiving full school supply kits and others collecting just a few items to complete their lists. Establishing a commitment to accessibility and convenience, the registration process moved online for the first time which was well received and made it easier for families to participate. The change was welcomed and proved to be a highly effective way to make sure that every child's needs were met smoothly and efficiently. The outpouring of support from individuals, businesses, and collection partners across Thorhild County was inspiring. Monetary contributions and countless donated supplies poured in, the deep-rooted care that neighbours have for one another when living in a small town, being able to see the smiles on children as they walk to and from school bus stops. Local organizations and businesses also stepped up, offering convenient drop-off locations so simplicity of donating.

The Lions Club of Radway is especially grateful to their collection partners throughout the county. Their willingness to host drop-off points and spread the word was crucial in making this year's drive a success. The club is overwhelmed by the community's willingness to come together for a common cause, making sure that every student starts the school year prepared and confident.

As the school year kicks off, the Lions Club of Radway extends a huge thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, or encouraged others to get involved. The club looks forward to building on this generosity and continuing to support local families in the years to come, making a difference one student at a time.

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Redwater ladies golf league wraps up another successful season



Members of the Redwater Golf Club Ladies League gather for a group photo during the league's 2026 season wind-up. **Jaydin Hood photo**



**By Shelley
Winger**

The Redwater Golf Club Ladies League has wrapped up its 2026 season, celebrating another year of friendship, competition and plenty of time on the course.

The league saw more than 60 women participate throughout the

Even a rainy summer couldn't keep the golfers away.

“Our highlight for the 2026 season was that even though with the rainy summer, we had record numbers week to week,” said Jaydin Hood, who helps organize the league. “Our ladies that come out are committed to showing

up and participating, even when it means we have to wear rubber boots.”

The league offers weekly games and competitions designed to make each round a little more fun, with prizes awarded to winners as well as those simply coming out and enjoying themselves.

“You don’t always

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Firefighter Johan Oele
Firefighter Nathan Waite

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Station 4 (Namao)
Captain Zachary DeVenz

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Firefighter Devon Morissette

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money, but rather to receiving regular dental care before problems become more serious.

Dentures were another topic of discussion.

“Some seniors also believe that wearing dentures is simply something that

happens with age, but that isn't the only option anymore,” the clinic said. The team explained that seniors who retain more of their natural teeth may also have an easier time eating a wider variety of foods as they age, while some people with dentures may choose softer foods because they

are easier to chew.

Cost was also an important part of the conversation.

Many seniors may assume dental care is financially out of reach once they are no longer working. The team provided information about options including the Alberta Blue Cross Seniors' Dental

Assistance Program and Canadian Dental Care Plan coverage through Sun Life, both of which are income-based programs for those who qualify.

For those who do not qualify for those programs and do not have other dental insurance, Redwater Dental also offers a membership

plan starting at \$35 per month. The clinic said one of the most meaningful parts of the visit was being able to bring information directly to residents who may not otherwise hear about the available options.

“A lot of this information simply doesn't reach residents inside the lodge,” the clinic

said. “Visiting them in person let us share these options and helped many of them realize there are ways to improve their quality of life that they didn't know existed.”

The dental team hopes to return to the lodge for similar visits more frequently than once a year.

Smoky Lake RCMP Report



By Haylee Winger

The Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment responded to a range of calls during the week of September 7, including domestic incidents, collisions, suspected fraud, property damage and theft-related matters.

At approximately 4:30 a.m. on September 7, RCMP members received a call regarding a domestic assault in the Village of Vilna. Members attended and investigated the incident. A subject

was arrested and held for a Judicial Release Hearing.

Members, along with the Regional Fire Department and EMS, attended a two-vehicle collision on Highway 28 and 50 Street in Vilna.

Smoky Lake Fire and RCMP are currently investigating an arson incident on Crown land near Range Road 164. The investigation is ongoing.

A local resident reported providing personal information along with \$60,000 to purchase bitcoin, which was fraudulent.

CNRL reported that two sites had been

damaged, with several aluminum cables cut. The cables were of no value, but the damage was extensive and high-cost.

A Village of Vilna resident reported that a breach of a court order had occurred. An investigation revealed that no breach had occurred.

RCMP received a report of a sick moose in the ditch on Highway 831 and 656 that had been there for several days. A member contacted Fish and Wildlife and provided the information.

A vehicle was keyed while parked on 52

Street in the Town of Smoky Lake.

RCMP received a call regarding a vehicle collision on Highway 855. The vehicle struck a fence while attempting to avoid a deer.

A person reported that their spouse had taken a vehicle that was parked at a rural property without permission and had been driving it around Edmonton. The matter was determined to be civil as the individuals are in a relationship.

RCMP responded to a vehicle fire. An investigation determined that the vehicle had been stolen from Edmonton. A female was arrested at the scene and charges were laid.

RCMP received a request to assist with obtaining personal belongings from a residence where the individual had previously lived for many years. The matter was determined not to be a police issue.

RCMP is investigating a possible fraud scam on the internet involving the purchase of firearms.

Mischief was reported at a gas site south of Smoky Lake.

A shed was broken into on Victoria Trail.

RCMP received a call regarding a female who fled from a vehicle and requested help from a farmyard. An investigation revealed that she had been assaulted

by a family member. The subject was located with the vehicle and was impaired by alcohol. A Provincial Sanction was issued.

Anyone with information on a crime is asked to contact the Smoky Lake RCMP at 780-656-3550 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



Redwater School hosted its Meet the Teacher Night on Sept. 15, welcoming families back for an evening of connection and information. Families enjoyed “Taco in a Bag” while learning more about off-campus opportunities and upcoming activities. The evening also included a Parent Council meeting, giving parents and guardians an opportunity to get involved and share ideas for the school year.

Redwater School photos

Community members came together for Culture Days on Sept. 12, exploring local history, heritage and the beautiful surroundings of the area. The day included visits to the Namao Museum and historic Notre Dame de Lourdes Church, along with time spent along the Athabasca Landing Trail and a delicious Ukrainian lunch. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for residents to explore, connect and celebrate what makes the community special.

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have to be a good golfer to win,” Hood said. “We welcome all skill levels.” The season champion is determined through an 18-hole stroke-play tournament held on

the second weekend of September. After completing 18 holes, the player with the lowest score takes home the championship trophy. The season officially wrapped up with a wind-up event, where 24

ladies braved the chilly temperatures to participate and celebrate another successful year together. Hood encourages women who may be interested in joining the league next season not to worry if they are

new to golf. “You don’t have to be an experienced golfer — we welcome all skill levels,” she said. “Whether you’re an experienced golfer or new to the sport, it’s a great way to get out,

meet new people, improve your game and have some fun along the fairway.” She also said women shouldn’t be nervous about joining on their own. “You’ll find a welcoming group of

women who are there to enjoy the game and make connections,” Hood said. The Redwater Golf Club Ladies League runs Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m. during the golf season.

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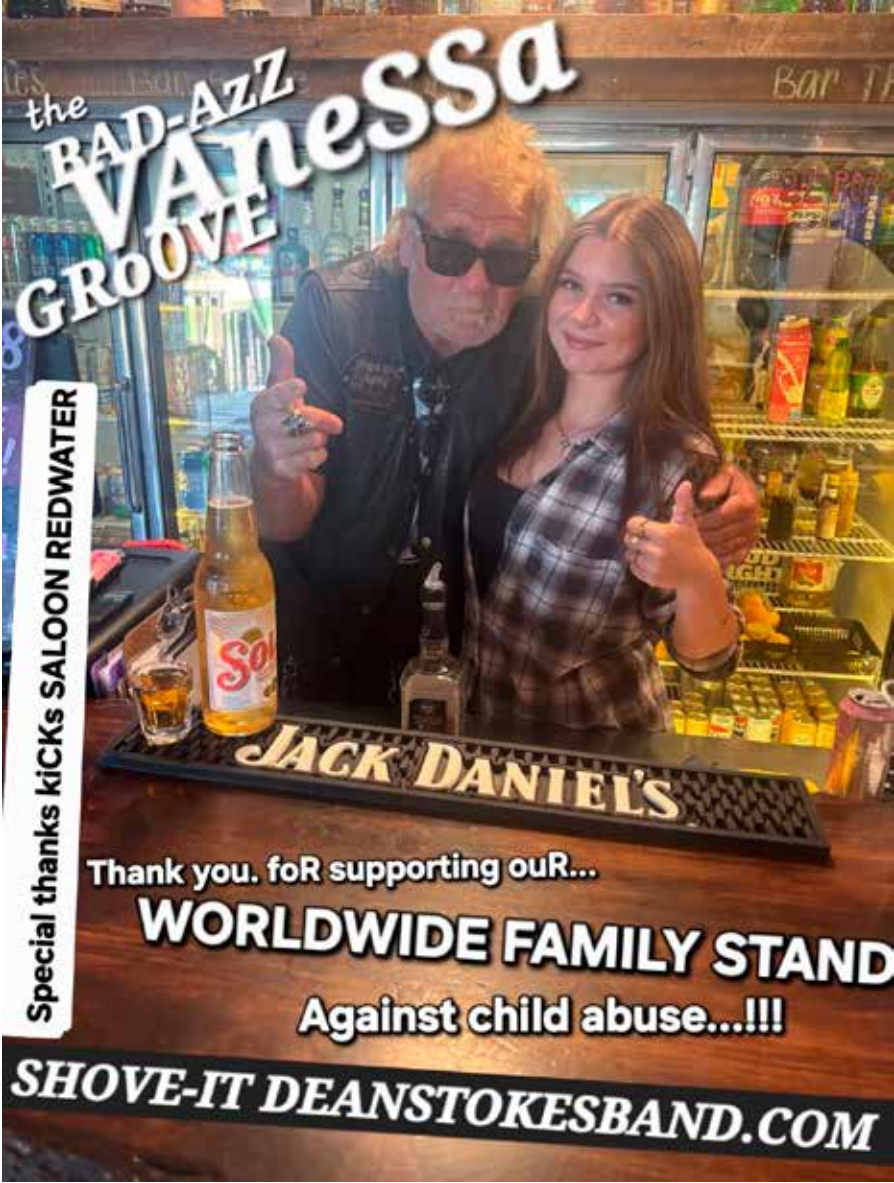


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Bellis Board of Trade hosts successful scavenger hunt to support highway sign restoration



1st Prize Winners



BBOT member Brandy Gollinger



2nd Prize Winners

Submission

A lively crowd gathered at the Bellis ball diamond on Saturday for a day of riddles, teamwork, and community pride as the Bellis Board of Trade hosted its fundraising Scavenger Hunt in support of refurbishing the longstanding Bellis highway sign. The event drew residents from across Smoky Lake County and beyond, all eager to explore the hamlet, solve clues, and compete for prizes donated by generous local businesses.

The Scavenger Hunt was built around a challenging set of riddles crafted by Board of Trade members Brandy and Vince, who also placed trinkets throughout Bellis for participants to locate, as well as donated the kid friendly door prizes. Teams earned points both for finding landmarks and for photographing the matching trinkets — a format that encouraged creativity, collaboration, and plenty of laughter.

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3rd Prize Winners



Jelly Bean Contest Winner



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Buryn, Nestor

On September 11, 2026, Mr. Nestor Buryn of Radway, AB passed away at the age of 84 years. He is survived by his loving children, Daniel, Bernadine “Dena”, Doug (Lori), Brian (Denice) & Rick (Ashlynn); 3 grandchildren, Amber (Jenya), Dustin & Taylor; great-granddaughter, Camille; sister-in-law, Doris; numerous nieces & nephews. Nestor was predeceased by his parents, William & Domka Buryn; twin brother, Bohdan in infancy; siblings, Mike,



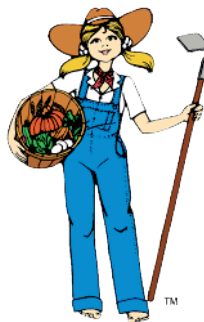
John, Myroslaw in infancy, Peter, Grace, Walter, Andrew in infancy & Bohdan. Funeral Service was held on Friday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Radway. Reverend Father Andrij Nykyforuk officiated with interment in the church cemetery. If desired, donations may be made to the church or Haying in the 30s (Cancer Support Society) c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1.

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Terry Fredrick Yarosh

Terry Fredrick Yarosh of Fort Saskatchewan passed away on August 8, 2026 at the age of 79. Terry will be deeply missed by his wife Linda Moffatt; children Sarah Bechard (Che), Erin Yarosh, Kirby Yarosh (Candice 1984-2025), Jodi Syvenky (Rod) and grandchildren Cole, Nora, Easton, Jimmy, Deanne (Jeff), Shayla and Lilly. Terry was predeceased by his parents Olga and John Yarosh and brother Jimmy Yarosh.



Terry loved a good story (telling and listening), friendly pranks on loved ones, making homemade dog cookies for the family's pets and car shows with Ollie, his beloved

1970 Ford Cougar (previously owned by his mother). He was generous, kind and always ready to lend a helping hand. He had a heart of gold and the world feels emptier without him. At Terry's request, no service will be held.

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Generous Community Support

Local businesses stepped up in a big way, donating an impressive array of door prizes as well as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Contributors included:

Bellis Auto Body • Betsy's Burger • Chomay Dental • Grant Miller Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd • Heritage Corner/Juanita's Eatery • Home Hardware Smoky Lake • Mehta Fuels Corp.

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Their support helped make the event one of the most prize filled community gatherings Bellis has seen in recent years.

Winners Announced

After an afternoon of clues solving and

hamlet wide exploring, three teams rose to the top:

1st Place — Dawn Kozak, Tina Senetza & Tanya Tkachuk Prize: Two \$100 gift certificates donated by Mehta Fuels Corp. in Bellis and Norma Rezewski.

2nd Place — Cody Kozak, Sabrina Maloney & Wyatt Brown Prize: \$75 oil change certificate from Bellis Auto Body and a \$70 round of golf at Vilna Golf Course.

3rd Place — Janet Lavoie, Sylvia Rossbach, Beth Pederson &

Marc Lavoie Prize: Golf tees and a round of golf at Smoky Lake Golf Course, donated by Smoky Lake Collision.

More Fun Around the Diamond

The Vilna-Bellis Citizens on Patrol were on site selling tickets for their Meat Raffle fundraiser, adding to the community spirit. Meanwhile, a massive jar of jellybeans — donated by Gloria Dombowsky — drew plenty of guesses. Darian Rebsomen won the contest, coming within just five

jellybeans of the correct number.

The Bellis Board of Trade also proudly unveiled their newly minted "Bellis" blueberry country pins, celebrating the hamlet's identity. The pins are available for \$5 each at Heritage Corner/Juanita's, with proceeds supporting the same highway sign restoration project.

Preserving a Piece of Bellis History

The iconic Bellis highway sign, hand painted and installed by Board of Trade

members many decades ago, has visibly deteriorated over time. Funds raised from the Scavenger Hunt and pin sales will help restore or replace the sign, ensuring that Bellis continues to welcome visitors with the charm and pride it has long been known for.

The Board of Trade expressed heartfelt thanks to all participants, volunteers, and sponsors for making the event a success — and for demonstrating once again that community spirit in Bellis remains strong.

Community gathers at Pembina Place for Registration Night


By Haylee Winger

Residents gathered at Pembina Place on September 10 for Redwater's Meet the Community & Registration Night, an evening focused on local programs, community organizations and fall activities. The event brought families, local

organizations and program coordinators together, giving residents an opportunity to learn more about programs and activities available in the community and register for fall programming.

Throughout the evening, residents had a chance to connect with representatives from local groups, ask questions and learn more about what is

happening in Redwater.

Food was also part of the evening, with complimentary burgers and treats available to attendees. The event also provided local organizations with an opportunity to introduce their programs and services to residents and highlight ways people can participate in community activities.

For residents, the evening offered a

convenient opportunity to gather information, make connections and find out what is available locally as the fall season gets underway.

The September 10 event was part of Redwater's annual community registration activities, bringing residents and local organizations together at the start of another season of community programming.



Town of Redwater photos

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opportunities for participants of all skill levels. The organization emphasizes inclusivity and encourages all activities to be enjoyable for skaters, parents, coaches, volunteers, and the broader community.

This season, the club will offer several skating options to the young Thorhild athletes, including Learn to Skate Level 1 for children

aged three and older who are just beginning to skate, and Learn to Skate Level 2 for skaters aged five and up who can already skate forward. The Level 2 program builds on foundational skills, focusing on turns, backward skating, and stopping. For those looking to further enhance their abilities, Power Skating 1 is aimed at strengthening skating technique to improve agility, speed, and

hockey skills, emphasizing edge quality, control, body alignment, and balance through a variety of drills and techniques. Skaters who have completed two sessions of Power Skating 1 can progress to Power Skating 2, an advanced course introducing more complex skating techniques and continuing to develop agility, speed, and hockey skills.

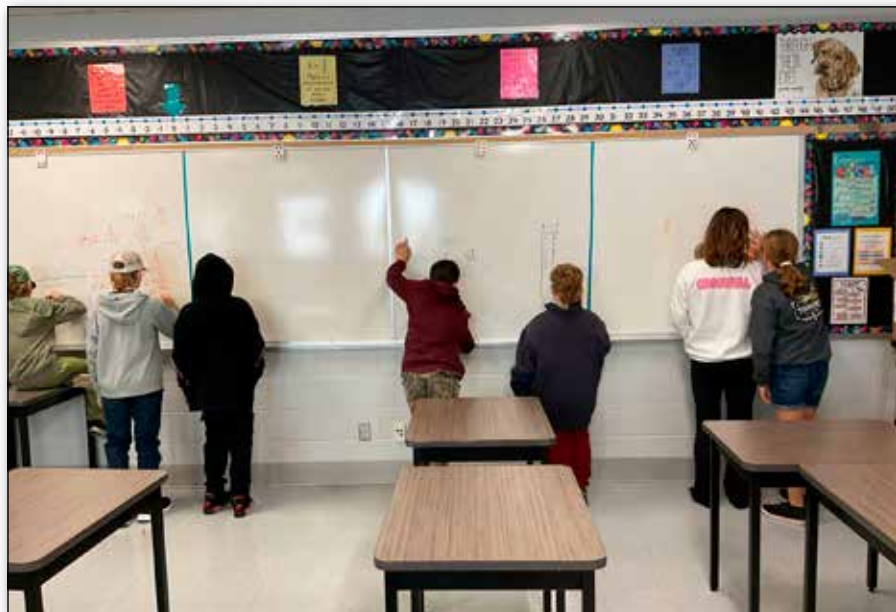
This year also marks the introduction of a

Junior Development Program, which is to teach youth skaters the fundamentals of figure skating. The program is designed for those who have completed Learn to Skate Level 2 or have basic skating skills and wish to explore figure skating further. Participants will learn essential techniques such as turns, edges, jumps, spins, and field movements, providing a bridge between Learn to Skate and the

StarSkate program offered by the Thorhild Skating Club.

The club also places a high value on building confidence and a sense of teamwork among the skaters. Coaches and volunteers are trained to create a positive atmosphere where encouragement and personal growth are prioritized over competition. Parents are also encouraged to get involved, either as volunteers or by cheering on

their children from the stands. The programs are structured to allow participants to progress at their own pace. Each level offers both group and individual instruction, the skaters receive personalized feedback while enjoying the company of their peers. Registration for all programs is now open. Additional information is available at register.funteamalberta.com or on the club's Facebook page.



Thorhild Central School Grade six students took part in a hands-on math challenge, assigning dollar values to letters of the alphabet and working out words worth exactly \$50. **Thorhild Central School photos**



Upgraded EHS-Alberta station completed in Redwater

Release

A new Emergency Health Services Alberta (EHS-Alberta) station in Redwater is now complete, providing paramedics with a modern, purpose-built facility to support timely emergency care for patients in Redwater and the surrounding area. The new station strengthens local emergency response while giving paramedics the space and resources they need to provide high quality care to the community.

"This new station is great news for Redwater and the surrounding area," said Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Hospital and Surgical Health Services. "By replacing an aging facility with a modern new station, we are improving emergency services so that patients get the help they need when it matters most."

"I've heard from residents about the importance of maintaining strong emergency services close to home,"

said Dale Nally, MLA for Morinville-St. Albert. "This new station delivers modern infrastructure for our front-line teams and helps ensure Redwater and surrounding communities are well served for years to come."

The single-story station features a two-bay ambulance garage, training room, storage areas, locker room, washroom and shower facilities, and crew quarters with six quiet rooms, a kitchen and shared living space. The new building replaces the small trailer previously used by EHS-Alberta staff, providing improved operational space and modern accommodation for crews.

"The completion of this new station provides paramedics with a new, custom-built space designed to support both their operational needs and their well-being," said Les Fisher, Managing Director and Chief, EHS-Alberta. "This facility gives our teams the resources they need to respond

efficiently while providing a comfortable and functional environment between calls. It's an investment in the people who deliver emergency care every day and in the communities they serve."

Planning for the project began in August 2023, with design starting in April 2024 and construction beginning in September 2025. The approximately \$3.6-million project was funded through the Government of Alberta's Rural Health Facilities Revitalization Program. The new station is now fully operational and supports emergency response services in Redwater and the surrounding area.

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