

Sturgeon County now recruiting paid on-call firefighters

Sturgeon County Emergency Services is expanding its team of paid on-call firefighters at its stations throughout the County.

"Our firefighters provide a critical service in the community. Their dedication means we are here to respond to emergency calls any time of day, every day of the year. While we already have a highly skilled team of paid on-call firefighters, regular recruitment helps ensure we can answer emergency calls and meet the needs of the community when they need us most." - **Pat Mahoney, Fire Chief**

Paid on-call firefighters receive professional firefighter training at no cost. This training is recognized across North America and can jumpstart a rewarding career in firefighting. Individuals living in or around Bon Accord, Calahoo, Legal, Namao or Redwater are encouraged to apply by September 6, 2023.

Paid on-call firefighters are paid hourly for responding to emergencies, attending weekly training, attending courses, and participating in approved public engagement activities; pay starts at \$21.47 per hour. All uniforms and equipment are provided, and no previous experience is needed.

Application requirements

To apply to become a paid on-call firefighter with Sturgeon County Emergency Services, you must:

- Live within 10 kilometres of the Bon Accord, Calahoo, Legal, Namao or Redwater fire stations.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a valid Class 5 driver's licence.
- Provide a vulnerable sector check and driver's abstract.

Applications are accepted online until September 6, 2023. Learn more at sturgeoncounty.ca/recruitment.



Hawk captures a crow, then lets him go. - Roger Winger Photo

Eat Well offers variety and value



Sobeys Morinville co-owner Shaun Thompson poses with some of the items that can make up one of the monthly Eat Well hampers, a cost-saving partnership between the local grocer and Morinville's Family and Community Support Services Department - **Stephen Dafoe Photo**

By **Stephen Dafoe**

Morinville residents can purchase fruits, vegetables, and meats at a value price through the Eat Well Program, a partnership between Sobeys Morinville and Morinville's Family and Community Support Services Department.

Morinville's Social Support Navigator, Kim Mills, said that the Eat Well program is similar to the We Can program out of Edmonton and with the help of Sobeys Morinville owners Shaun and Susie Thompson, they have been able to create a local program.

"With this help, we were able to create a program similar to We Can that would remain local," Mills said. "We could access all of our produce and all of our meats from Sobeys and be able to offer it to families in the community at a low cost."

Sobeys Morinville co-owner Shaun Thompson said he and Susie Thompson were approached by Mills a few years ago and were happy to assist.

"They (FCSS) just wanted to make sure they got a well-balanced offering," Thompson said. "It was just the right thing to do."

Mills said each \$30 monthly package has four different servings of three different

fruits, three different vegetables and three different meats.

"There's almost always bananas; there's almost always ground beef and potatoes," Mills explained, noting Sobeys takes what is available to them and adds variety at cost to help change things up month to month.

Thompson said that while there is usually one fruit, one vegetable and one meat consistent month to month, the timing of flyer specials has allowed them to offer extra value to the hampers.

"If we have a great flyer item that week, we can give them a great item," Thompson said. "There was one Eat Well basket where they got a warehouse package of boneless, skinless chicken breasts. It's a unique program, and we are super excited to be a part of it."

Although program numbers over the summer are typically down in the 50 to 60 hamper range, fall will see an increase to as high as 100 during the school year.

Mills points out that the program is for more than just those on limited or fixed incomes. It is available for anyone who wants to participate.

"We really want people to understand that it is

something that literally anyone in the community can access," Mills said. "There is zero stigma attached. Everyone in the community can access it."

However, there is help available for those in need. The Midstream Support Society purchases ten packages each month, allowing Mills to assist families in need through the non-profit's generosity.

"The nice thing about the fact this program is open to everyone is that I can identify and offer those hampers to families in need, but they can pick up with no stigma because nobody would know if it was donated or not," Mills said.

The Eat Well program has expanded beyond simply offering good food at a good cost. They have also begun offering workshops. The next one, taught by a Primary Care Network dietician, occurs at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on Monday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m. The Midstream Support Society is the sponsor of the event.

To sign up for September's Eat Well basket, visit <https://morinville.recdesk.com> or the front desk of Town Hall, the Morinville Cultural Centre, or Morinville Leisure Centre.



Carol Brewer received 1st place for her cake and 2nd in Brownies.



Stacy Bergheim received Best in Show for her strawberry rhubarb preserve and first place with the cinnamon buns.



Eleanor Stefner won for Most Unusual Theme Entries.

Lucie Roy Photos

Namao hosts Flower & Bench Show

By **Lucie Roy**

The Namao Flower & Bench Show was held on Saturday, August 12 at the Namao Community Hall.

More than 60 entries awarded 1st and 2nd place were on display. These covered categories such as fresh flowers, preserves, baking, crafts, junior classes and most unique 2023 class.

The Ross McLay Memorial Award trophy for Best of Show Flower Category was presented to Bertha Lardner. She was also the winner in 2017.

The first place in needlework for her cross stitch was Theresa Stratton.

Carol Brewer received 1st place for her cake and 2nd in the Brownies she submitted.

Stacy Bergheim received

Best in Show for her strawberry rhubarb preserve and first place with the cinnamon buns. Bergheim said she came across her mother's recipe a few days ago for cinnamon buns and decided to enter.

For the Most Unusual Theme Entries those in attendance for the tea and snacks voted for their favourite anonymous

entry - the Dinner Plate dahlia was the favourite, the winner was Eleanor Stefner.

Later in the afternoon attendees were invited for a guided tour of the Namao Museum.



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Sturgeon COUNTY

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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:

- Council Meetings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/CouncilMeetings
- Board and Committee Meetings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards
- Public Hearings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/PublicNotices

Labour Day	Sept 4	Closed
Subdivision And Development Appeal Board	Sept 5	2:00 PM
Governance and Council Services Committee	Sept 7	10:00 AM
Youth Advisory Committee	Sept 11	6:00 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Sept 12	9:00 AM
Agricultural Service Board	Sept 13	9:00 AM
Economic Development Advisory Board	Sept 13	1:00 PM
Calahoo Villeneuve Sand & Gravel Advisory Committee	Sept 18	9:00 AM
Community Services Advisory Board	Sept 18	6:30 PM
Subdivision And Development Appeal Board	Sept 19	2:00 PM
State of the County	Sept 19	6:00 PM
Staff Event - Early Closure	Sept 20	12:30 PM
State of the County	Sept 21	6:00 PM
Transportation Advisory Committee	Sept 21	6:00 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Sept 26	9:00 PM

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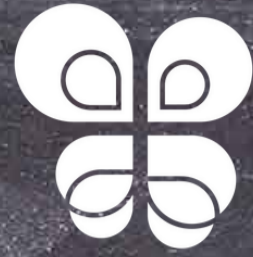
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Dated at Gibbons, Alberta, June 14, 2023.

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Canada's inflation rate back above 3%

By Mark Parsons,
ATB ECONOMICS

The national inflation rate edged up last month. Consumer prices rose 3.3% in July from the same month last year, an acceleration from June's 2-year low reading of 2.8%.

The main reason for the uptick: energy prices.

They fell again in July (-8.2% year-over-year), but just not as much as June's decrease of 14.6%.

The smaller decline can be attributed to gasoline prices and higher electricity prices.

Mortgage interest costs (+30.6%) continue to put pressure

on the index.

Without mortgage costs, the consumer price index rose 2.4%.

Food price inflation moderated, with the smallest annual increase in over a year for grocery prices.

However, at 8.5%, grocery price inflation remains stubbornly high.

The Bank of Canada has been watching for signs that 'core' inflation (i.e. inflation that strips out volatile components) readings are softening.

Two of the measures the Bank uses (trim and common) edged lower year-over-year in July, while the other (median) was flat.

In Alberta, the inflation rate remained

below the national average (see chart), but accelerated from 1.9% to 2.9% due primarily to slower declines in energy prices.

Gasoline prices fell 23% year-over-year (slightly smaller than the June decline), while electricity prices more than doubled from July 2022, which Statistics Canada attributes to high summer demand, base period effects, and the phasing out of policy interventions.

On a year-to-date basis, inflation in Alberta has averaged 3.4% compared to 4.2% nationally.

July's annual CPI reading for Canada was ahead of the Bloomberg consensus average of 3%.

However, the uptick in inflation is not overly surprising, given that base period effects for energy prices were coming off. The Bank of Canada's own forecast for headline inflation was 3.3% in the third quarter.

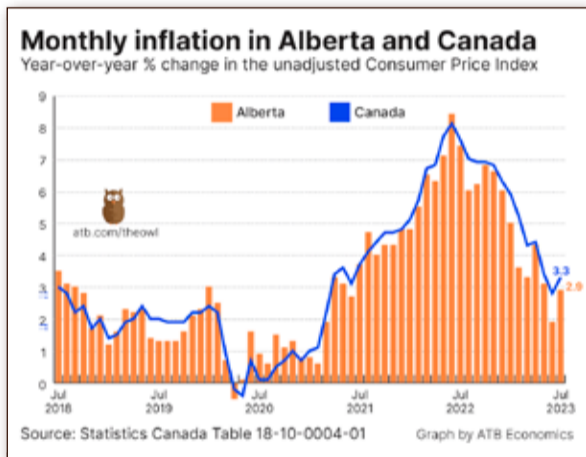
While not a great report, it's unclear

that this will be enough to sway the Bank of Canada to keep raising rates on September 6 instead

of waiting to see the impacts of past increases.

The Bank of Canada will be weighing other

data points, including the soft July labour report and signs that consumer spending is slowing.



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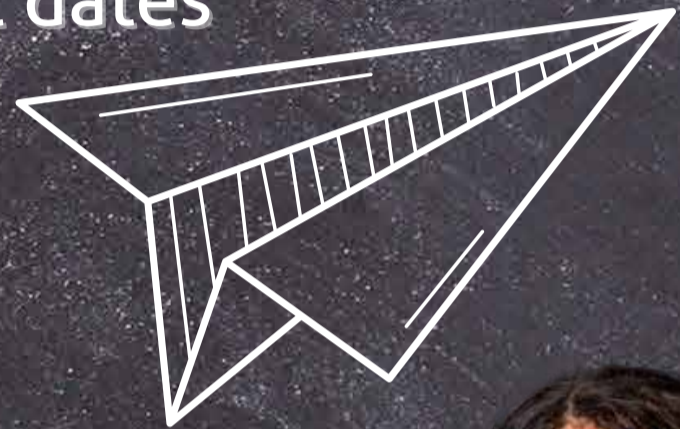
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Morinville Summer Camp participant Palmer is assisted in putting on the bunker gear by Morinville Firefighter Bryant Sandercock. Palmer got to compete against Morinville student firefighter Abbey Winsor in a race to rescue a toy bunny.

Stephen Dafoe Photos



Morinville Firefighter Bryant Sandercock helps Summer Camp participant Palmer on with the bunker gear.



Palmer emerges victorious at the end of the competition, having rescued the bunny from the top of the gym equipment.

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NEW LISTING
GORGEOUS 10 ACRES

This idyllic property offers a well-maintained 4 bedroom almost 1300 square feet home, surrounded by lush greenery, mature trees, landscaped grounds, and a garden plot big enough to grow vegetables for your whole family. With a host of additional features including a double garage, shop with 10 ft door, quonset, chicken coop, and sheds, it is perfect for anyone looking for an acreage. This home is a perfect mixture of character and new. Gorgeous original mahogany cabinets with upgrades including fresh paint on main floor, vinyl tile flooring in kitchen and new furnace in 2021. Add a newer well drilled in 2012, and recently installed septic tank and discharge. Located less than a mile off pavement, just a few minutes north of Waskatenau. About an hour to Edmonton. **\$425,000. Call Janine to view.**

REDUCED TO \$679,900
GORGEOUS ACREAGE CLOSE TO EDMONTON

A rural hillside gem! Walk into the foyer and see the living room to the left, flowing into a bright dining area right off a kitchen with GRANITE counter tops and updated appliances! The open concept kitchen has a casual dining space and den with HARDWOOD floors and a gas fireplace. The den opens to a large back deck with a beautiful gazebo and hot tub. The highlight of the main floor is the giant family room with a WET BAR! 2pc bath across the hall. Upstairs is a WHOLE WING for the primary bedroom - the bedroom itself with french doors, a bonus room, and a massive 4pc ensuite. Finishing up the upstairs are three additional bedrooms and a 4pc bathroom. Attached is a double oversized garage. If all of this still isn't enough space for you, there's a full basement for development opportunity! Situated on 1.54 acres this property is a green haven with beautiful gardens and a treed lot. Central AIR CONDITIONING, storage sheds and room for your RV. Easy access to Hwy 28 and Edmonton. Don't miss this treasure! **\$679,000. Call Glenn to view.**

REDUCED TO \$484,900
4.99 ACRES BY BUSBY

Room for everything on this 4.99 acres with a 2400 sq ft 1 1/2 storey home that has 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a full unfinished basement that is framed in for an additional 2 bedrooms. House was originally built in 2009 on a crawlspace but was lifted and had a full basement installed in 2013. Bsmt has roughed in plumbing for another bathroom and a wet bar. This home was built for energy efficiency with walls built from structural insulated panels (30-50% more efficient). It has in floor hot water heating system powered by 2 electric boilers that were installed in 2013. Features 2 sided wood burning fireplace, large kitchen/dining room, moveable island, double oven, gleaming wood ceilings, main floor laundry, chair lift to 2nd floor and more. Master suite has 2 w/i closets, gorgeous ensuite, and private loft area with door to future balcony. Double det'd garage with loft space above. Lots of fruit trees, firepit, trails throughout the trees. A few minutes SW of Busby, just over a half hour to Edmonton. **\$484,900. Call Heather to view.**

NEW LISTING
LEGAL BI-LEVEL WITH DOUBLE GARAGE

This bi-level backs onto an open field and BRIGHT is the word! Enter the upper level to hardwood floors and lots of light in the living room. The kitchen has a large island with a countertop stove, built in oven, beautiful cabinets and dining space. Down the hall is a 4pc bath and three bedrooms with a 3pc ensuite off of the primary bedroom. Downstairs is a great room with wood burning stove and wet bar, a carpeted family room, and a sizeable laundry with an attached cold room. The dining room upstairs has access to the backyard with a raised deck overlooking the field, large vegetable garden, and double detached garage with back lane access. Fully chain link fenced with 2022 shingles, this home is a perfect starter home for a growing family or those looking to downsize without sacrificing too much space. Close to Morinville with paved access to Highway 2 and Edmonton. **\$329,900. Call Glenn to view.**

AIR CONDITIONED HOME, HUGE LOT AND HEATED DOUBLE GARAGE

This property offers almost 1200 sq feet of living space in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1996 Winalta home. It features central air, a huge .4 acre fenced lot, and a 24'x24' double detached heated garage. Upgrades in the past 4 years include new central air, shingles, skylight, garage heater, most flooring and all new interior paint. Inside you will find new vinyl plank flooring and an abundance of modern white cabinets in the kitchen, along with built in china cabinet. The master bedroom boasts a big walk in closet and a 4 piece ensuite, while two other bedrooms provide ample space for all your needs. Stepping outside, you'll discover a private retreat with deck, storage shed and beautiful trees along the property line and fence. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to own this well-maintained home in Thorhill within walking distance to all amenities. **\$169,900. Call Janine to view.**

BUNGALOW WITH DOUBLE ATTACHED GARAGE IN THORHILD

1434 sq ft home with full basement features a large kitchen with lots of cabinets and corner pantry, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, main floor laundry room, 3 pce main bath and 4 pce ensuite. Upgrades over the years include windows, metal roof, new drywall, and flooring. The main bath has a newer corner shower and the ensuite has a newer soaker tub. Furnace and hot water tank installed in the last few years. There is laundry hookups both upstairs and in the basement. The basement also has a chimney for a wood burning stove. The basement exterior walls are insulated and it is waiting for your future development. The 24'x24' attached garage is insulated and finished inside and has one overhead door. The framing is in for a second overhead door. **149,900. Call Heather to view.**

NEW LISTING
15 ACRES WITH BUNGALOW AND GARAGE BETWEEN THORHILD AND CLYDE

Welcome to your serene escape in the countryside! This 15 acre parcel boasts a spacious double wide mobile home on a full unfinished basement with numerous upgrades over the years, including a metal roof, siding, windows, soffits, fascia, furnace, and hot water tank. Three really large bedrooms, upgraded 2 pce ensuite and a full 4 pce bath. Nice back porch for your chore clothes or hockey gear. 24'x24' double detached garage with power and several storage sheds. There is a fenced enclosure that would work great for dogs, sheep or goats. Two driveways give great access for RV's, large vehicles or horse trailer. The property provides ample space to explore and appreciate nature. Whether you're looking to start a small hobby farm, establish a garden, or simply enjoy the tranquility of open space this property offers endless possibilities. Located about 50 km north of Edmonton, near Thorhill. **\$284,900. Call Heather to view.**

10 ACRES OF HEAVY INDUSTRIAL LAND NEAR REDWATER

Welcome to an exceptional investment opportunity in the heart of the thriving Industrial Heartland by Redwater. This 10.03-acre parcel of land is strategically zoned as Heavy Industrial, offering endless potential for businesses seeking a prime location to establish their operations. Located near highway 38 and the Town of Redwater, there is already power and gas on the property. There is also an old 42'x280' barn that could still be useable for storage. **\$350,000. Call Heather for more info.**

THORHILD ACREAGE

Spacious, well kept, 1470 sq ft 3 bdrm, 3 bath modular home on full partially finished basement with separate entrance to basement from outside. 40'x24' metal clad garage with 220 power. Upgrades in the past few years include septic tank (2021), shingles (2016), vinyl windows, bathroom renos and all new flooring. Lots of cabinets (and island) in the large eat in country kitchen with garden doors to back deck, main floor family room, formal living room with corner wood burning stove, large master bedroom with walk through his and hers closets and 4 pce ensuite. Two additional bedrooms and 4 pce bath complete the main floor. Basement has a 3 pce bathroom, is framed and partially drywalled and ready for buyer to finish. Lots of planted trees, flower beds and shrubs and plenty of room for a future garden. Located right on pavement, but set well back from the highway for privacy. Less than an hour to Edmonton, just about 15 min NE of Redwater. **\$285,000. Call Heather to view.**

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