Nine response groups prepare for wildfire exercise

A regional Wildland Urban Interface Fire exercise saw nine area emergency response organizations practice a joint response to a simulated major wildland fire Sept. 12-14.
The exercise was held near Half Moon Lake, which is where the county boundaries of Thorhild, Sturgeon and Westlock all meet. In and near this area is also where several major wildland fires burned during the past 10 years.

“Simulated exercise scenarios require a lot of assistance and a team effort,” said Thorhild Emergency and Enforcement Services manager Chyanne Sturrock. “This exercise was a practice for that occurrence.”

“We all came together to practice our response plans for a simulated wildfire in the area,” said Sturgeon deputy fire chief of Administration and Training Glenn Innis. “It was an excellent exercise with many lessons learned and a great opportunity for the various municipalities and agencies to come together and work as a cohesive team. These types of exercises are worth their weight in gold because we learn what each organization brings to the table and how and how we can best work together to accomplish the mission. We all learn from each other and find out what our strengths and weaknesses are and how we can improve in the future.”

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Otto Nendze will be 90 years young on October 7, 2019. His family invites you to celebrate this milestone at an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, October 6, 2019, from 1-4 pm at NEWBROOK HALL. No gifts please.

SMOKY LAKE FARMERS’ MARKET for the GREAT WHITE NORTH PUMPKIN FAIR OCT. 5th 10:00AM - 5:00PM 2 Locations: Kinsmen Gazebo & H.A.Kostash School Over 120 tables booked!!! DON’T MISS IT!!

Thorhild Central School grade 3 students Bubba Forester, Klay Trout and Maxx Yent work hard to get the soccer ball into their opponent’s end during the annual Soccer fun day in Boyle. Great game play and weather resulted in a fun day for all.

3rd Annual Early Childhood Education Parent Conference
November 1–2, 2019
Parents looking for better ways to handle disobedience, connect with their children, work on speech and more, are sure to benefit from this free, expert-led conference. With a theme focused on CONNECTION, this event will feature Danielle Reed, Keynote Speaker Friday evening. On Saturday, you can either choose from 15 different sessions, or spend the day with Dr. Jody Carrington, as she presents The (Re)Connection Revolution - All We Need is You. Snacks, lunch and childcare will be provided. The Conference is free and open to all division-wide parents and community members. However, priority will be given to families of Sturgeon Public Schools and approved affiliates.
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**Municipal Affairs minister meets with Thorhild County councillors**

Thorhild County council hosted Minister of Municipal Affairs Kaycee Madu, Athabasca-Beaumont Westlock MLA Glenn van Dijken, Madu’s Chief of Staff Bill Bewick and ministerial assistant Kayle Kent and councillors Wayne Richard and Richilpauc. Reeye Kvena Groten was absent.

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Sturgeon County offices will be closed on Monday, October 14, for Thanksgiving

Essential services will be maintained.

First responders hold joint training session

Smoke and heat from the flames of a fire during a training exercise are as realistic as one can experience, short of the real thing. Training first responders in a realistic scenario is vital: it hones their skills and best prepares the team to respond to a real industrial incident.

On September 3, first responders from North West Redwater Partnership (NWR) and Sturgeon County Emergency Services (District of Bon Accord and Redwater Fire Department) travelled to the Lakeland College Emergency Training Centre to conduct industrial live fire exercises. It’s a state-of-the-art training centre in Vermilion for firefighters and emergency personnel and one of the best facilities of its kind in North America.

“Joint training opportunities such as this are tremendously valuable for all members involved,” stated Mr. Chad Stacey, Emergency Response Specialist for NWR. “Training together and knowing each other greatly enhances team cohesion, a key factor in any successful emergency response.”

Members look forward to their next joint training opportunity so they can continue to enhance and improve on their emergency response capabilities.

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Starting this year, the "printed edition" will only be available bi-weekly in the Morinville Free Press and Redwater Review.

Next print edition: October 8, 2019

Unofficial Division 2 By-election Results

The following are the Unofficial Election Results of the Sturgeon County Division 2 By-election:

- Moffat, Lynda 207
- Tom, Kristin 381 declared elected
- van Woerkom, Rudy 64

652 Division 2 residents voted in the by-election. 84 residents took advantage of special ballot and advance voting opportunities and 568 residents voted on election day. Kristin Tom will be sworn in September 24.

One week left to apply for a Sturgeon County Board/Committee

the commitment is minimal, but the rewards are substantial

Share your great ideas, your experience, and your willingness to learn by joining one of Sturgeon County’s boards and committees. We have plenty to choose from - which one grabs your interest?

Ready to put your agriculture experience to work on the Agricultural Service Board? Or does your volunteer background make you better suited for the Community Services Advisory Board? Perhaps your mind for business would benefit the Economic Development Board.

If environment is a passion, consider applying to be on the Cattail-Willow Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee. If you like to talk roads, put your name in for the Transportation Advisory Committee.

If you’re interested in learning about land use and property assessment guidelines, you should check out the Assessment Review Board or the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Whatever your passion, whatever your interest, we have a board or committee for that. You also get paid for serving on a board or committee!

Learn more at sturgeoncounty.ca and apply to be on a Sturgeon County board or committee. Application deadline is September 30, 2019.
Heartland Industry a driving force in Sturgeon County’s strength

by Grant Cree

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“Sturgeon County provides significant fund- ing via cost-sharing agreements with all the urban municipalities that exist within our boundaries,” said Mayor Hnatiw.

“We are working with our neighbours to revisit many those agreements and ensure they consider our fiscal responsibilities and reflect the levels of use by our residents.”

In terms of annexation with the City of St. Albert, the mayor noted the county acknowledged the importance of working together on sustainable growth for the region. “This means respecting the rights of the landowners, in means we are committed to the Capital Region Growth Plan, and more importantly, further consultations with the community and an update will be provided later this fall.”

Mayor Hnatiw described Villeneuve Airport as a “promising asset” owned by Edmonton Airports and located in Sturgeon County. “We have the potential as an economic driver for the region has long been recognized however, I believe it requires increased effort to create favourable conditions that support growth.”

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NOTICE TO ALL THORHILD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Water Restriction Demand B
September 23 -2019

All Thorhild County Regional Truck Fills (Thorhild, Newbrook, Egremont, Abee, Radway) will be OPEN for RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY during each planned shutdown.

Further information is available at www.thorhildcounty.com

If you have any questions, please call the Utilities Department at (780) 398-3741 or (780) 398-3939 after hours.

Thank you for your co-operation

THORHILD COUNTY FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

With the weather getting cooler, the days getting shorter already, fall is right around the corner. Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a condition in which a person feels depressed at a certain time each year. Most people experience SAD during the fall and winter months when days are shorter and there is less light.

If you are concerned about these symptoms, come in and discuss with the Nurse Practitioner.

Hours: Monday/Thursday/Friday 9am-3:30pm
Tuesday 11am-7pm
Wednesday 10am-3:30pm

Call 780-398-4MED (4633)
Located at the North entrance of the Thorhild County Administration Building

SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD MEMBERS

Thorhild County is inviting interested County residents to apply for the following:

Public Members to participate on the County’s Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Training is provided and mandatory.

Application forms along with Bylaw 06-2018 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board are available at:

Thorhild County Administration Office
801-1 Street, Thorhild, AB
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SDAB Clerk
Phone: 780-398-2808
Email: carol.revega@thorhildcounty.com

Applications will be accepted by drop off, mail or email. Deadline for applications: Friday, October 11, 2019 at 12 noon.

NOTEICE OF DECISION OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Municipal Planning Commission for Thorhild County has approved the following Development Application(s):

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One Meal Chef

This program allows participants to prepare and take-home individual meals to put in the freezer for a later meal. We will meal plan, budget, and make healthy, budget-friendly meals together.

Location: Newbrook Library Fee: $10/session
Time: 12:30-2pm Dates: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6
Instructor: Rebecca Hansen

Mother Goose in Newbrook

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Location: Newbrook Library Fee: $10 Time: 11am-12pm Dates: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6
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Non-Restricted Firearms Safety

This program is aimed at individuals wanting to apply for their Firearms Possession and Acquisition License or Possession License for minors. Course content includes the safe storage, handling, and transportation or firearms. You must be at least 14 years of age to take this course.

Location: Thorhild County Council Chambers Fee: $115 Time: 5-9pm Minimum: 6 participants
Instructor: Dwayne Rawson Dates: October 1 & 2

Senior’s Interest Book Club

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ATTENTION: ALL THORHILD COUNTY RESIDENTS

The last day in 2019 for all users of the Whitened Gravel Pit to haul gravel from the pit will be Wednesday, October 9, 2019 between 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Seasonal Employment

Long Lake Ski Area

Thorhild County is seeking suitable individuals for the following positions for the 2019/2020:

- Supervisor-Succession management for 2019/2020 Ski Season (This position is out of scope).
- Rental Shop (technicians & cashier)
- Lift Operators
- Cafeteria (Cooks & Cashier)
- Ski Instructors
- Snowboard Instructors

Locations included within the scope of the County’s unionized setting (IUOE Local 955) or stated otherwise. Hours of work will vary. Must be available to work weekends.

Current employees of Thorhild County fulfilling the requirements essential to this position shall be considered for this position.

Further information www.thorhildcounty.com

Positions will remain open until suitable candidates are hired.
Please forward resumes to:
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We thank all applicants, however, only those individuals selected for interviews will be contacted.

We’re Still Recruiting for the Community Economic Development Advisory Board

We are looking for up to six positions for the 2019/2020 year beginning this fall.

Mandate:
• To assist in developing a vision for the economic development of the County;
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No templates are provided, please make yourself shine!

Email your application in confidence to John Andersen at john.andersen@thorhildcounty.com

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Any questions, please call John at 780.398.2828.

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Voters have plenty of choices in candidates in the upcoming Oct. 21 federal election.

As of last week there were six candidates in the Sturgeon River-Parkland riding (includes Sturgeon County) and four in Lakeland (includes Thorhild and Smoky Lake counties). The final day for nominating candidates is Sept. 30, so these lists may change by the end of the month. The Sturgeon River-Parkland is currently represented by Conservative MP Dane Lloyd.

In Lakeland incumbent MP Shannon Stubbs, representing the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC), was elected in 2015. She is running for a second term.

Challenging her for the Lakeland seat are three candidates: Green Party of Canada (Green) Elke Crosson, People’s Party of Canada (PPC) Alain Houle and Libertarian Party of Canada (Libertarian) Robert McFadzean.

In Sturgeon River-Parkland Conservative MP Dane Lloyd is the incumbent. Lloyd was elected in an October 2017 by-election after long-serving MP Rona Ambrose resigned. He is running against PPC Tyler Beauchamp, Green Cassandra Romyn, Liberal Party of Canada (LPC) Alain Houle and Libertarian Party of Canada (Libertarian) Robert McFadzean.

Helen Sylvia Kochan originally of Thorhild, currently of Westlock, AB, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on September 14, 2019 at the age of 84. Helen is survived by her daughters Linda Zaplotinsky and Lila Hayes (Del), and son Jerry Kochan (Margaret). Sisters Ida, Deb (Joe), brothers David (Jean), Richard (Heidi), Seven Grandchildren, Eight Great Grandchildren, as well as numerous friends and relatives.

Helen was predeceased by her husband Victor (2015), daughter Elizabeth (Betty) (2006), siblings Wesley, Randy, Dennis and her parents Mike and Mary Makarowski.

A Funeral Service was held on Saturday September 21, 2019, at 10:00 am at the Thorhild Community Hall with Pastor Marjorie Steele officiating.

Donations gratefully appreciated to STARS in c/o Westlock Funeral Home at 10004-105 St. Westlock, AB, T7P 1V2.
### Community Events Calendar
#### October 2019

**Town of Redwater Programs**
- **All Levels Yoga**: Wednesdays, 5:15-6:15pm
  - Purchase drop-in passes ($14 each or 3/54)
- **Community Connections**: Spend some recreational time together while creating fun projects! Ages 6-adult (children ages 6-11 must be accompanied by an adult).
  - Christmas Ornaments - Saturday, November 2, 1:00-3:30pm
  - Register by October 25
  - Gingerbread House - Saturday, November 16, 1:00-3:30pm
  - Register by November 8

For more information, visit our website at www.redwater.ca or phone the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101.

**Winter Wear Depot**
Through a partnership with the United Way and local FCSS departments, free warm winter wear is available to those in need within Sturgeon County. If you would like more information on this service, call the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101.

**Community Services Board**
Are you interested in being a part of the Town of Redwater’s Community Services Board? Call our department at 780-942-4101 for further information.

**Emergency Social Services (ESS) Volunteer Training**
If you are interested in volunteering to help evacuees at a Reception Centre in the event of a local disaster, and you were not able to attend the ESS Volunteer Info Night in September, please call the Community Services Office for further information on upcoming training on October 15.

### Monroe Community Church Services
- **780-942-4101**
- **www.monroecommunitychurch.com**

### Redwater Fellowship of Churches
- **Food Bank**: Volunteers are needed at the Food Bank! Please call 780-942-2651 for more information.

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- One call can connect you to community groups, resources & information
- **Town of Redwater - Family & Community Support Services**
  - 780-942-4101
- **Sturgeon Community Resource Network**
  - 780-923-2374

**Public Health Clinic at Redwater Health Centre**
Well Child Clinic and Adult Immunizations:
- **Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 9:00am-4:00pm**
- **Phone 780-942-4101 for appointments**

**Diamond Spring Lodge**
- Bingo every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:30 pm
- Everyone welcome!
Minor decision over golf cart storage fees expands to issue of councillor financial interest legislation

Before setting new off-season golf cart storage fees Redwater council will get information on whether or not councillors who store golf carts should declare pecuniary interest and remove themselves from the discussion and vote.

If pecuniary interest applies, the topic needs to be addressed when all of council are present at the meeting in order to maintain quorum because three of the seven councillors use the golf cart storage service. That could cause a delay because councillor Rob Olsen was given permission to miss council meetings during the next couple of months because of the shift he is presently working.

When setting the off season golf cart storage fees came up on the Sept. 17 agenda, councillor Dave McRae declared pecuniary interest, stating he will store a golf cart at Pembina Place during the off season.

“I spoke with our former CAO, and she said we need to declare,” said McRae. “It is a contract between the town and a councillor, not between the town and the Golf Club.”

Mayor Mel Smith and councillor Les Donoth said the subject of pecuniary interest had been dealt with when council previously set the golf cart storage fees. At that time it had been determined affected councillors did not need to declare pecuniary interest.

“That would impact Les Donoth and myself,” said Smith. “It did I like it brought back to the next meeting.” His motion to table setting the fees carried unanimously.

Because councillors Olsen and Joanne Williams were absent, if McRae, Donoth and Smith declared pecuniary interest, only councillors Dwayne Spicer and Connie Butter would have been left at the table. Four councillors are needed to make quorum.

In a later interview McRae explained that last year he kept his golf cart in his garage, but he will not have room to park it there this year. Because he will be renting a space at Pembina Place, he feels he should declare pecuniary interest regarding setting the rental rate.

“I just think it needs to be done right,” he said. “We try to do the best job we can and not make a mistake.”

McRae also noted that abstaining from a vote regarding pecuniary interest, because of their employment interest, required to vote on all motions with the councillor as a whole can not decide. Because councillors have differing opinions on this issue, they are seeking legal advice.

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“In the past council annually considered the golf cart storage fees. During the off season the town rents out storage space at Pembina Place for privately owned golf carts. Last winter there were 30 privately owned golf carts stored there with owners paying $127 plus GST.

In the past council has considered an annual fee increase of 2.5 to five percent. Administration recommended this year’s fee increase be 2.5 percent, which is the amount other Pembina Place facility fees increased this year.

Administration also proposed the golf cart storage fees be included in the Pembina Place fee schedule, so they would receive the same annual increases applied to other facility fees.

In the past council annually considered the golf cart storage fees in August or early September. No change was made to the fee last year; the two previous years each had a five percent increase.

The Municipal Government Act states a councillor has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the matter could monetarily affect the councillor or an employer of the councillor, or if the councillor knows or should know that the matter could monetarily affect the councillor’s family.

46 Street south of 52 Avenue in Redwater was closed Sept. 17 as workers installed the tie-ins for water and sanitary sewer connections for the ongoing Diamond Spring Lodge expansion.
The Town of Redwater will continue to sponsor the Alberta Industrial Heartland Association (AIHA) annual stakeholder event.

In a split vote during its Sept. 17 meeting council approved purchasing a $3,000 bronze sponsorship for the January 2020 AIHA stakeholder event. Coun. Connie Butcher voted against the sponsorship; mayor Mel Smith and councillors Dave McRae, Les Dorosh, and Dwayne Spicer voted in favor. Councillors Joanne Williams and Rob Olsen were absent.

Before council passed McRae’s motion to purchase the bronze sponsorship it defeated Butcher’s motion to not sponsor the 2020 event. She was the only one to vote in favor of her motion.

“We have sponsored it for many years, and have we seen any direct benefit?” asked Butcher. She said town ratepayers pay for council to attend the event and questioned if the value of the $3,000 sponsorship would come back into the community.

Dorosh argued that sponsoring the event keeps the town visible because a large number of the representatives at the stakeholder event belong to businesses that help fund local organizations such as the hospital auxiliary. “I’d really hate to lose our positioning in this,” he said.

Smith said he asked the other two AIHA associate members (Bruderheim and Gibbons) if they were interested in partnering up to purchase a silver sponsorship, but they had already made contributions for the event.

“I think it’s good for us,” said Smith, noting it is an opportunity to network with 1,000 people in the oil industry. He added that as an associate member, the town is “expected to step up” and contribute.

According to Council discussion this is the only AIHA event the town contributes funding towards.

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Auction Service
Phone: 780-350-8666


**Chamber gets 21 nominations for business awards**

Voting is now underway for winners of the Redwater & District Chamber of Commerce awards. The Chamber received 21 nominations for five awards to be given during its first Annual Local Business Awards event Oct. 23 at Pembina Place in Redwater.

Public voting takes place from Sept. 16 to 30. Ballots and ballot boxes are located at a variety of businesses. A ballot box is also located at Redwater School to engage youths to vote for the Youth Empowerment Award.

"Many of our members gave us ideas on how to recognize businesses in our district and an awards night is very fitting," said Chamber president Nicole Krill. "We’ve been planning for this since April, and things are coming together very nicely. It’s very important to us to listen to our members as they have a vested interest in our Chamber. It’s also great to have the public get involved as well with something like this. They are the ones who support our businesses. Without them supporting local, there would be no businesses."

Nominations for the 2019 Business of the Year Award could be any Chamber business member that shows outstanding qualities of customer service, community support and volunteerism. The nominees are Scotiabank Thorhild, Northstar Kennels in Thorhild County, Redwater Home Hardware, Redwater IGA and Redwater Red Apple Store.

For the 2019 Customer Service Award the following business members were nominated: Hester & Hester Professional Accounting, Northstar Kennels, Redwater Dodge, Redwater IGA and Redwater Red Apple Store.

Redwater IGA was the only nominee for the 2019 Youth Employer of the Year, a Chamber Business Member that enriches youth and gives them an opportunity to learn valuable skills for today’s workforce.

After demonstrating community support for youth or non-profit organizations, Northstar Kennels, Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank, Redwater IGA and Redwater Red Apple Store were nominated for the 2019 Community Spirit Award.

Nominated for the 2019 Youth Empowerment Award were the following youth who showed leadership, volunteerism or entrepreneurial spirit: Adrianna Letwin, Alexa Gordy, Brandon Fehr, Marc Beckett, Matthew Mills and Rachel Cole.

Chamber Business Members eligible for these awards are members located within the Redwater area, including Thorhild County and Sturgeon County, that are in good standing as of March 31, 2019.

Tickets for the awards event are available through the Chamber. There are a few sponsorship opportunities remaining.
Smoky Lake RCMP responded to a break and enter at a gas station in Spedden. The gas station was broken into and sustained extensive damage to its exterior. Further investigation revealed two men gained entry by smashing through the front windows of the business with a GMC Sierra. The suspects then proceeded to steal various items and an undisclosed amount of money. Both were wearing black Crooks and Castles sweatshirts, while bandanas over their faces. Smoky Lake RCMP are asking the public's assistance for any information in relation to this incident and identifying those responsible. Contact Smoky Lake RCMP at 780-656-3550 or your local police. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the “P3 Tips” app.
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DIVISIONS WILL REMAIN PUBLIC IN OPERATION

Alberta’s provincial government removed the word ‘public’ from the official names of local school divisions, but both boards chose to keep that designation in their operating names: Aspen View Public Schools and Sturgeon Public Schools.

“As a board, we believe it’s imperative to continue to identify Aspen View as a Public School Division,” explained trustee April Bauer, “Public School Divisions are unique in their obligation to provide education to all students of all backgrounds, and it is essential that we be able to clearly communicate that. The impact of changing our legal name in contracts and financial documents will, thankfully, be minor. We are relieved that a full rebranding is not required, as not only would it be extremely costly and time-consuming, but we feel strongly that changing our operational name would misrepresent the important role Aspen View Public Schools fills within our communities.”

The Aug. 15 ministerial order by Minister of Education Adriana LaGrange, which came into effect Sept. 1, changed Aspen View Public School Division No. 78 to Aspen View School Division. On Sept. 12 the Aspen View board voted to take advantage of the flexibility school divisions have regarding their operational name (used on letterhead, signage and other branding) and unanimously passed a motion to maintain Aspen View Public Schools as the division’s operating name for as long as possible.

Similarly, Sturgeon Public School Division’s name was formally changed to Sturgeon School Division.

Board chair Terry Jewell said the division will keep Sturgeon Public Schools as its operating name. “In effect, that’s our trade name,” he said. Jewell said public school division boards are requesting that the government put the word ‘public’ in their names. “Why did the minister leave ‘Catholic’ in separate school division names?” Jewell asked. “If Catholic matters, why not public? We’re working on explaining that to the minister.”

When LaGrange made the name changes to remove the word public from the names of school divisions no changes were made to the names of any of the province’s Catholic school boards. Eight of the province’s 61 school boards were affected. No press release or public statement advised of the changes or explained the reasons for them.

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