A log jam forms at the Myrtle Creek bridge on RR 202 north of Radway April 22. This is a seasonal weight restricted bridge. It is not maintained during the winter and is opened in spring when the road dries out. —photo by Richard Filipchuk

The Redwater River flows over RR 223 north of Twp 582 April 21. In the background the bridge can be seen at bottom of the hill. At one point last week Thorhild County had 53 road closures because of flooding. —photo by Richard Filipchuk

The Redwater School teacher Rebecca Redding embraced virtual teaching, but is looking forward to having her students back in the classroom. Students have been learning online since the province closed schools on March 15 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I see the impact and freedom some technology has brought to creative assessment,” Redding said. But she does not see switching to online instruction when the option of in-person teaching is again available.

“I really miss my kids, and I really want to be back in my classroom,” she said. “They miss us, too.”

Redding teaches Science nine, Science 10 and Biology 30 and provides support for in-reach students taking Science 10 and 24. With two of those being grade 12 diploma courses, she is pleased to see her students all keeping up with their course work.

The course instruction itself is different because it is delivered through different platforms.

Redding sends out Monday morning updates via YouTube to let students know what is coming up during the week. Course delivery is via Google Classroom and YouTube. She uses Google Meet for talking with groups or giving one-on-one instruction.

Students who did not have the technology to use those online programs were supplied with Chrome Books from the school. None are being used on campus.

“We have great participation from our students,” said Redding. “One reason is we’re always reaching out. We meet them where they’re at. We need to be flexible.”

She connects through email, Google Meet and phone calls.

“We’re a very tight-knit community. We’ve worked out ways to meet all our children’s needs. Students are keeping up.” She is on track to complete all the course work at the same time it would have been done if they were in classrooms. That is particularly important for the students in her two diploma courses.

“I’m very proud of my students,” added Redding. “They probably surprised themselves with how adaptable they are. I’ve been getting amazing and creative stuff back.” She said teachers are getting creative with assessments and assigning different projects.

Redding feels one of the reasons she had a “pretty seamless transition” to online teaching and her students rose to the challenge and stayed on track is relationships.

“Our school division is built on inter-connection of schools, families and communities,” said Redding. “I’m trying to infuse that connection into my relationships.”

She works from her home office and from school, as the staff at Redwater School rotate days onsite to halve the number of people there. Her typical work days continue to run from about 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They include learning new platforms and new programs.

“Fortunately, for all the programs we require, the central office technical staff made sure we have what we need,” she said. In addition to the learning programs, staff use Facebook, Twitter and videos to try and keep students engaged, uplifted and aware staff are always there for them.

“It challenges us as professionals to be creative,” she said, pointing out that fits with the Steurgeon Public School Division motto: dare to re-imagine learning.

Redding has been teaching for 11 years, with the last nine of them at Redwater School. She has seen her grade 12 students every school day for the last five years. “We’re a grade five to 12 school, and we have amazing relationships with the kids and their parents,” she said. “There’s a hole in my life for a lot of reasons. Staff are so involved with our kids.” The spring running club she usually organizes is not being held this year, but she is doing her best to keep kids motivated and wanting to be active at home.

“My colleagues and friends at other schools, we’re a crew of relationship builders. Our ultimate hope is to be back in the classrooms soon.”
Community Events Calendar
May 2020

An active town with a big heart, alive with history and civic pride where beauty and community thrive. www.redwater.ca

COVID-19 RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS

- Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services: Visit www.alberta.ca or www.albertahealthservices.ca, or call the Alberta Connects Contact Centre at 1-844-999-5555. Website information includes COVID-19 statistics, chief medical officer updates, public health restrictions, the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, mental health supports, family supports, emergency situation information, information on essential services, and much more.
- Government of Canada: Visit www.canada.ca or call 1-800-441-4411 for federal financial assistance for individuals, businesses, and industries. Individuals may be eligible for increased Canada Child Benefits or GST rebates, student loan suspensions, or the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).
- Town of Redwater: Visit www.redwater.ca or call 780-942-3519 for updates including information on utility and tax payments, programs, and support contacts.

GROW AN EXTRA ROW FOR THE FOOD BANK!

- With spring on its way, consider growing an extra row or two of produce for the Food Bank.
- If you are in need of a food hamper, call and leave a message at 780-942-2063.

HEART TO HOME MEALS

Nutritious, frozen meals ideal for seniors are delivered to your door on the last Friday of the month. Call 780-666-2356 for menus and pricing.

TOWN WIDE CLEAN UP

Do your part for the community. Call 780-942-4101 for more information.

Seniors’ Centre Without Walls

Participate in free interactive telephone-based programs for those 55+. Socialize, learn new skills, and stay connected from the comfort of your home. To view the programs, visit www.edmontonsouthsidepension.ca or call the Town of Redwater Community Services Office at 780-942-4101 for more information. A wide variety of topics are presented!

Victoria Day

Town Office Closed

Victoria Day

Engage in mindful eating. Savour each bite before taking another.

Gaze outside or at a favorite photo for an extended amount of time.

Committee of the Whole Meeting at Town Council Chambers (6:00pm) Subject to Change

If you do not have a library card and wish to access eresources, you may complete the temporary library card form. Also check out www.tumblebooklibrary.com for read-along stories, children’s eBooks and other eResources. Visit www.hoopladigital.com to borrow music, eBooks, TV shows and audiobooks.

Celebrate what you have accomplished this month. Include projects, but also professional and personal successes in light of COVID-19 circumstances.

Update your resume and get advice on your job search with the MCG Career Consultant. Phoe 780-882-3855 to set up a phone appointment with a consultant.

Need information or assistance?

One call can connect you to community groups, resources & information.

Town of Redwater - Family & Community Support Services (FCCS) 780-942-4101.

TOWN WIDE CLEAN UP

Do your part for the community. Call 780-942-4101 for more information.

Public Health Clinic for Children and Adults

Redwater Health Centre

Thursdays: May 7, 14, 21, 28

Providing immunizations, communicable disease control, and healthy beginnings well-child clinic. Call 780-942-5654 to make an appointment.

Thank you to our public works professionals who contribute to our health, safety and quality of life by servicing our roads, public buildings, water supply and treatment systems, and other infrastructure essential to our community!
Connect Energy Services is based out of Redwater and has extensive experience in Industrial, Oil and Gas, Commercial and Residential services for Central Alberta.

Connect Energy Services

**Commercial**
- Residential electrical service upgrades
- LED lighting interior and exterior upgrades
- Design and new construction electrical services / installations.
- Office upgrades
- Data & communication wiring
- Security camera installation
- Safety and fire alarm systems
- Emergency backup power
- Tenant renovations
- Surge protection
- Process and control wiring for industrial equipment installations
- On-going electrical maintenance of any facility i.e. equipment relocation, energy efficient retrofits, sub services, receptacles, power drops transformers, or lighting
- Troubleshooting and repair of production machinery
- Bucket truck for all your elevated electrical needs

**Residential**
- Electrical efficiency upgrades
- LED lighting upgrades Interior and Exterior
- Automatic lighting for yard security
- Driveway gate automation
- Solar Panels,
- Water bowls
- New garage/shop electrical wiring
- Sump Pump installation and servicing
- Aluminum wiring upgrades
- Panel upgrades for insurance purposes
- Interconnected smoke alarm and CO Detectors
- UPS back up power for computer systems
- Generators and transfer switches for outages
- Home renovations
- New home wiring
- New arc fault protected dedicated circuits and wiring
- Water well electrical services and equipment
- Bucket truck for all your elevated electrical needs

**Payment options available:** Cash, Visa, Cheque

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Kelan Toronchuk is one of the 4H Newbrook members who are working with their 4-H projects. The Newbrook 4-H Beef Builders have 9 market steers and 4 market hogs for sale. The hogs are being sold by private sale as live animals through the club. The steers are all scheduled for butchering on June 10. Members are selling them two ways. 1. Private sale as live animals through the club, or, 2. Cut and wrapped beef. Cut and wrapped beef will be sold as quarters, halves or whole animals buyers preference. Cost will be $4.70 /pound (rail weight) plus $172 butcher fee per animal. For example: 4-H Beef - Quarter of beef approximately 179 pounds of meat before trimming. Cost would be $883.12. Cuts would be a mix of steaks, roasts, stew meat and hamburger or buyer preference. To purchase in a store the same weight of the quarter at 179 pounds of hamburger or round roast only, on sale is $4.99 /lb would cost you $891.96. This does not give you any choice cuts or steaks. Contact: Jocelyn Toronchuk 780-656-5813 for more information. The members are excited that they get to finish their projects even if it is being done remotely.
The Redwater Quilters Guild (RGQ) has found a way to continue its charity work during these unsettling times. COVID-19 has changed all of our lives and of course, the RGQ has cancelled their meetings for the year. However, what has not changed is the Guild’s commitment to the community.

During the past few weeks, the members have been busy sewing masks and scrub bags for our health workers. Scrub bags are cotton drawstring bags that health workers can put their scrubs in at the end of their shift, and then put the whole bag in the washing machine without contamination in their homes. The guild produced 140 face masks and 45 scrub bags. Members were indeed very busy!

Distribution of fabric kits and collection of finished masks and bags were done respecting social distancing guidelines. Bins and rubber gloves provided were on a member’s porch for pickup and delivery of the masks.

A founding member of the Guild requested masks for the Seniors Centre where she is now living with her ill husband. Of course, we were only too happy to help her out. These masks were delivered last week.

The Redwater Health Centre and Redwater Long Term Care Facility received the bags as well as some masks for the staff’s personal use.

Members of Redwater Quilters Guild continue to contribute how they can during this time, but are certainly looking forward to getting back together in the fall.

Neil grew up in Vanderhoof BC on the farm before making his home in Redwater AB. Neil was a lover of family, cars, camping, fishing, hunting and often meals of steak and potatoes or seafood. Neil’s quick wit often sounded infectious laughter with those he shared a conversation with. Neil’s presence and reputation will be missed in the oil field as a talented and skilled excavator operator. Neil passed away after a short battle with cancer at the age of 72. Neil will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 41 years Stephanie and three sons Richard (Amanda), Dwayne (Candace) and Lee (Cherie) and sister Lillian (Tom) and brother in law John. Neil also proudly leaves behind five grandchildren that he adores and many nieces and nephews. Neil was predeceased by his mother Doris and father George and father in law Peter. Cremation has taken place and no service will take place at this time due to COVID-19.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the CROSS CANCER INSTITUTE
11560 UNIVERSITY AVE,
EDMONTON, AB T6G 1Z2
Weekly FYI is digital at sturgeoncounty.ca

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Meetings are now electronic in accordance with section 199 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation. Council Chambers is closed to the public, watch the live stream at sturgeoncounty.ca

May 3-9 is Emergency Preparedness Week

While we are all very aware of COVID-19, other emergencies can still occur. This annual event offers a great reminder for families to think ahead by developing a household plan to deal with an emergency or disaster. Emergencies can strike without warning - flooding, fires, tornadoes or pandemics. Being prepared will help you through it.

A number of resources are available online, including “how to” guides for:
- developing an emergency contact list
- creating a 72 hour emergency kit to grab & go
- creating an emergency plan

Ensuring enough supplies are available in case shelter is needed for an extended time will keep you and your family warm, comfortable and safe.

Discussing the plan with your family will help your entire family, especially your little ones, feel prepared. It is important to know who to go to or where to find help if needed. For more information go to getprepared.ca

Test Carbon Monoxide Detectors Monthly

Emergency Preparedness week is also a great time to check your home’s safety features like smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms. Carbon monoxide is an invisible and odourless poisonous gas, and only a carbon monoxide alarm can detect this hazard and provide an early warning. If you don’t have one, it’s a good time to get one, and if you have one, test them monthly. Investing just a little bit of time can save lives.

Visit CarbonMonoxideAlberta.ca to download a monthly calendar reminder and for pro-tips on making it a family activity.

Springtime is Wildfire Season

The nice weather makes us want to be outside with a warm fire. While some areas have standing water due to snow melt conditions in spring can dry out very quickly.

Residents are encouraged to continue responsible burning practices. Conditions throughout the County relating to fire hazards are being monitored and if required, restrictions or bans will be implemented and communicated at sturgeoncounty.ca and on social media.

Please note: The OHV Ban put in place by the Alberta Government on April 15 that affected the Redwater Sandhills Natural Area was lifted on April 17. This area remains “No Open Fires” permitted. There are no other fire bans within Sturgeon County.

For more information and to purchase fire permits, residents can look online at sturgeononservices.ca

Is it Spring Fever or Cabin Fever?

Everyone wants to be outside - here are some reminders for a safe spring adventure.

Physical Distancing - When outside, please remember to keep your distance. When going for walks with your family and pets, always keep 2 metres between you and others.

Use of Playgrounds Discouraged - A reminder that the use of play structures is discouraged at this time due to COVID-19. Please enjoy all parks and trails that remain open.

Sanitize when you can and wash your hands when you get home.

Share the Road

Spring is here, and farmers are back on the roads and in the fields. This means an increase in slow-moving equipment on rural roads, which can be hazardous. Please be aware of slow-moving farm machinery and be patient. Also, beware of driving in equipment blind spots where operators cannot see you.

All Sturgeon County offices will be closed
Monday, May 18 for Victoria Day.
Staff is unavailable. Essential services are maintained.

Go to AlbertaHealthServices.ca for the latest COVID-19 information, guidance and resources from the province.
INFORMATION ON THE COUNTY’S SPRING FLOODING OPERATIONS

Each spring, the County monitors culverts for blockages. Because of the quick thaw, crews have been working long shifts to clear culverts and drainage courses.

We have two steam units and 14 employees, signing the areas, fixing washouts and repairing road damage.

Though the County has been responding to runoff concerns as quickly as possible, due to a high number of requests, staff have been prioritizing work based on need and the severity of the situation.

The County will continue to monitor water levels and weather conditions and will keep residents informed of road closures. Please continue to use the 1-825-845-2020 to report flooding, road washouts, and plugged culverts.

Exercise caution when travelling areas in which flooding is occurring. Most importantly motorists must not drive across water-covered roadways as this is extremely dangerous.

ORDER BY THORHILD COUNTY ROAD ORDER 02-2020

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Minister of Alberta Transportation under the Traffic Safety Act T-6 RSA 2000 and the Act’s Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation, 315/2002 with amendments up to and including Alberta Regulation 18/2011, Thorkild County orders that effective Wednesday April 22 2020 percentage axle weight for the following Municipal Roads are:

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This order renotes Order number 01-2020 and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Paul Hanin, RPP, MCP, CMMI
County Administrator/Officer

NOTICE OF DECISION OF THORHILD COUNTY COUNCIL

Pursuant to Section 641(3) of the Municipal Government Act, Thorhild County Council has approved the following Development Application(s):

1) Legal Description: Plan 0424352 Block 1 Lot 2 (SE 23-58-23-W4)
   Land Use Designation: DC2 - Recreational Direct Control District
   Proposal: continuation of an off-road recreational vehicle park including organized events on the track
   Division: 2
   Permit #: DP2352
   Date of Decision(s): April 14, 2020

NOTE:

If a decision with respect to a development permit application in respect of a direct control district is made by a council, there is no appeal to the subdivision and development appeal board (Section 685(4)(a) of Municipal Government Act).

Kelly Patry, Development Clerk
Phone: 780-398-2802 E-mail: kelly.patry@thorhildcounty.com

THORHILD COUNTY FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC REMAINS OPEN TO SEE PATIENTS BY APPOINTMENT

Dealing with the uncertainty during COVID 19 can get to be very overwhelming.

If you are feeling stressed or anxious, please call the Nurse Practitioner to discuss over the phone or to make an appointment. The Clinic remains open by appointment, if you are not comfortable coming in that is okay you can call in for a phone consultation.

Hours: Monday/Thursday/Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
         Tuesday 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
         Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Clinic will be closed Friday May 8, 2020

Call 780-398-4MED (4633)

UTILITY BILL PAYMENT DEFERRAL PROGRAM

This is for utility bills received directly from Thorhild County. April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 - No penalties will be charged on all utility accounts.

- You will continue to receive a monthly utility bill. This is a deferral and not a forgiveness of utility bills. It is recommended that bills continue to be paid by the due date of each month.
- April 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020 - Disconnection of services will not proceed due to nonpayment at this time.
- September 30, 2020 - All balances owing will be due.
- October 1, 2020 - Penalties will be applied to unpaid balances.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DEFERRAL

- Property Tax deadline will be extended to October 1, 2020. This is a deferral and not a cancellation of your obligation to pay your property taxes. Those taxpayers who can pay their taxes before the deadline are encouraged to do so.
- Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) - If you are currently on TIPP, the payments will continue to be deducted from your bank account.

METHODS OF PAYMENTS

- Online or telephone banking; mail a cheque, drop off box at the Administration Building.
- Is now available to pay utilities and taxes by credit card. You will be responsible for the fee charged by Option Pay. You can access this service through www.thorhildcounty.com.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

It’s not too late we can still help you to file your taxes!

New deadline to file income taxes is June 1, 2020

For Thorhild County residents that have
- low income and very basic tax returns.
- Income Limits for the 2019 tax year are as follows:
  - Singles up to $35,000
  - Couples combined income up to $52,500
- For more information or to make arrangements to have your taxes done please call Carolyn at 780-398-2810 or 780-656-6260

Phone: 780-398-3741 www.thorhildcounty.com
NOW ISSUING PERMITS FOR CROP BURNING

Please call Dave Fiddler, Fire Chief
(780) 720-9640 or (780) 576-2000
John Erdman, Captain
(780) 717-4216

Please visit Thorhild County website or Thorhild County Facebook page for regulations and requirements.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2020 @ 4:00 PM.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A LATE FEE OF $100.00 PER APPLICATION.

OPTION 2: CALCIUM

County Residents:
Calcium - $355.00 per 100 lineal meters
Please note: Calcium is less expensive yet, life expectancy of this product is only one (1) season.

Please call Public Works if you are unsure whether or not you qualify.

The County Council has approved a Dust Control Program for the residents along gravel roads. County residents may apply for dust control by calling Public Works Office at 780-398-3977 and register to have a request form emailed or mailed out. Payments can be made by mail, credit card, drop box at County Administration Building, call 780-398-3741 to notify of drop box usage.

PLEASE KNOW YOUR LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION WHEN CALLING!
APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020 @ 4:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE:
- LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A LATE FEE OF $100.00 PER APPLICATION, EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020.
- NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2020 @ 4:00 PM.
- WE WILL NOT BE INVOICING FOR THESE PRODUCTS.

The County reserves the right to choose the type of product, method of application and timing of application.
First come will generally be the first served (by area). County does not guarantee the effectiveness of the application as many factors affect how it performs.

County Council reserves the right to run the Dust Control Program for 2020.

Please Contact: Rick Nielupski
Public Works Manager
(780) 398-3977

Per 100 lineal meters

Newbrook Beef Builders

2020 SALE
Newbrook 4-H Beef Builders have 9 market steers and 4 market hogs for sale. The steers are all scheduled for butchering on June 10. We are selling them two ways. 1. Private sale as live animals through the club and 2. Cut and wrapped beef. Cut and wrapped beef will be sold as quarters, halves, or whole animals buyers' preference. Cost will be $4.70/pound (tail weight) + $172 butcher fee per animal.

Example: 4-H – Quarter of beef approximately 179 pounds of meat before trimming. Cost would be $893.12. cuts would be a mix of steaks, roasts, stew meat and hamburger or buyer preference. To purchase in a store – quarter at 179 pounds of hamburger or round roast only, on sale is $4.99/pound would cost you $891.96. This does not give you and choice cuts or steaks.

Please contact Jocelyn Toronchuk 780-656-5813 for more information.

APPLY NOW FOR 2020 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

THORHILD CENTRAL SCHOOL WELLNESS LINE
Phone: 825-845-2022
Text to 686868
Email: TCSWellness@asperview.org

Covid-19 has had a major impact on all aspects of everyday life. A Wellness Line system has been implemented by Aspen View Schools to assist students and parents experiencing challenges. Wellness phone lines and dedicated Wellness email addresses provide more opportunities for students and families to reach out for connection and support. Calls and emails will be received by a staff member prepared to engage and support the student or parent. They are not crisis lines but offer enhanced communication and could serve as a vital point of contact. Wellness staff will assess levels of concern, consult and make referrals as appropriate.

The Wellness Lines (and emails) are available for students and parents between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on school days. Should calls or emails be sent after hours, or over the weekend, options for 24-hour access will be provided.

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868
Mental Health Helpline 1-877-303-2642

Tired of Reseeding your Alfalfa?
For Sale Certified Algonquin Alfalfa Seed
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Now Selling Brome, orchard & Wheat Grasses

RAMP VALLEY FORAGE SEEDS
Call 403-359-9190
realivette@vz.net

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$4.5 million lawsuit against county dropped

JLG Ball Enterprises dropped the $4.5 million lawsuit in which Thorhild County was one of the parties being sued.

“There’s no point in stressing us and them,” said JLG owner Lisa Ball. “What’s the purpose of spending more money ourselves corporately and more taxpayer money? She explained that after 30 years in the gravel operations business, JLG sold all its gravel pits in March of 2019. She is now retired.

The lawsuit arose from a development permit issued by Thorhild County in December 2009 to JLG to extract and stockpile gravel on a surface materials lease north of the hamlet of Long Lake. Following stop orders and restriction of operational hours at the gravel pit in 2012, the county terminated the permit in September 2014.

“We couldn’t do anything in our pit for a full year,” said Ball. In March 2015 the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench ruled the county’s termination of the JLG development permit was invalid and declared that then county CAO Betty Kolewaski acted in bad faith in terminating it.

JLG filed the $4.5 million lawsuit in May 2016. Defendants named in the lawsuit were Thorhild County, councillor Wayne Croswell, Kathleen Bruce, Betty Kolewaski, the Long Lake Coveage Owners Association, the concerned Citizens of Thorhild County Society, John Doe #1, John Doe #2, Jane Doe #1 and Jane Doe #2.

When contacted regarding the stopped lawsuit, reeve Kevin Grumetza declined to comment until after he sees formal documentation of that action.

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Dennett compares COVID-19 to SARS and other infectious diseases

Former long-time Redwater councillor and hospital board member Jack Dennett is now retired and watching the COVID-19 pandemic from the comfort of his home.

“Jack Dennett feels people were no more prepared for COVID-19 this year than they were for the SARS pandemic in 2003.

April is National Dig Safe month

Why take the risk?

You’re probably pretty sure where the underground utilities are, but what if you’re not? The underground utilities are there, whether you know it or not. Let the utilities be there when they need to be there.

Before you dig....

April 6-10, 2020, Redwater, Alberta, 780-942-2043, email: redwater@shaw.ca, www.cowleynewspapers.com, Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Dennett’s 47 years as town councillor included serving on a hospital board during the 2003 SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) pandemic (also caused by a coronavirus). He described SARS as the worst disease outbreak before COVID-19.

“We built up a testing and quarantine center at the Royal Alex (Royal Alexandra hospital in Edmonton),” he said. “People came in for testing, and if they had it, they never got out of there. They stayed at the quarantine tents. After that pandemic board members debated what to do with the tents and cots and eventually put them in storage.

“I remember doing evaluations on how the health system reacted to SARS,” said Dennett. “I feel people weren’t any more ready to deal with COVID than SARS. We never learn. It’s just the way people react.”

The panic buying many people did when COVID struck showed him another first.

“My never saw bare shelves in Walmart and other big stores,” said Dennett. “I don’t know how you get people to react constructively to this kind of thing.”

When he was a child families were concerned about infectious diseases such as mumps, measles, polio and Scarlet Fever. Catching one of those meant time away from school.

Dennett had measles when he was about eight. Not only did he stay home from school, he got to sleep in his parent’s big bed. Their’s was the only bedroom on the main floor (the children’s bedrooms were upstairs), and he was tucked into the main floor bed so his mother could better keep an eye on him.

In the 1950s communities had a telephone fan-out system for letting families know about events such as disease outbreaks. Not only did people have a list of others to notify, there were always some neighbors who listened in on the party lines to learn what was going on. Television at the time did not cover events others to notify, there were always some neighbors who listened in on the party lines to learn what was going on. Television at the time did not cover events.

“Television in the 1950s covered events that were going on. Television at the time did not cover events as it does now, there was not the access to the information we have today.

Although disease outbreaks did not confine people to their homes, sometimes completely covered the bathroom window.

“It’s definitely a different time at home. The COVID-19 restrictions to not go places is not a hardship for him.”

“I’m in a home-body now,” he said. “It’s definitely a different pace. It took me seven or eight months to slow down.”

Dennett retired in 2017 and is now accustomed to spending time at home. The COVID-19 restrictions to not go places is not a hardship for him.

“For the two years he worked overseas, he served continuously until 2017. During that time he was part of five different hospital boards as their service boundaries were re-drawn. He was also employed by Imperial Oil, later Esso Chemical, and feels very fortunate the company co-operated in allowing him to serve politically.”

Dennett compares COVID-19 to SARS and other infectious diseases
Sturgeon COVID-19 cases up to 11; still 0 for Thorhild, Smoky Lake regions

For the second consecutive week another case of COVID-19 was reported in the Sturgeon region, raising the total to 11. As of April 24 the Sturgeon County region had 11 reported cases of COVID-19. Nine of the people have already recovered. There were two active cases and zero deaths reported.

Sturgeon County is the only one in The Review and The Free Press circulation areas with reported cases of COVID-19. Both the Thorhild and Smoky Lake county regions had zero reported cases.

For reporting purposes, each county includes the urban communities within it. The above data were taken from the Government of Alberta website April 24.

Food bank gets $1,000 after town Volunteer Appreciation cancelled

Redwater is donating $1,000 to the food bank in lieu of its annual volunteer appreciation event, which has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The Town of Redwater, staff and Council, wish to recognize the tremendous contributions of all volunteers. We appreciate the commitment of their time and energy into the many groups and organizations that make our community a great place to live,” states the town in a media release.

“We recognize that the circumstances brought on by the COVID 19 pandemic has impacted many of us as individuals and organizations. Unfortunately, due to measures put into place by the government we will not be able to celebrate Volunteer Week the same way we have in the past.

“However, we feel it is vital in a time like this to show our volunteers and groups, how they are truly ‘The Magic That Lifts Our Community’ and enables us to thrive during these difficult times. In recognition of all our local volunteers and to honour Volunteer Week, Redwater Town Council, would like to provide a $1,000 donation to the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank in lieu of a Volunteer Appreciation Event,” states the release.

Lexi and Kenley Nendze visit with a set of triplets. The two wanted to show everyone their grandparents -- Dennis and Connie Kassian -- rare triplet calves born March 21st on the Thorhild County area farm.
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- AREAS OF INTEREST: Infrastructure
- Land Use Planning
- Water Resource Planning
- Environmental Services
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- Laurie Andrukhovsky
- Payroll & Personnel Manager
- Thorhild County
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- T0A 3A0
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CAREERS
- The Director of Infrastructure Services position oversees Public Works, Utility operations and Agricultural Services. The suitable individual will carry out the following duties under the direction and supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer:
  - Coordinate, plan, design, engineering, construction and project management of the Public Works, Water/Waste/Water Natural Gas Utilities, Waste Services, Recycling and Transfer Stations, and Agricultural Services
  - Plan and coordinate the day-to-day operation of the various divisions within the department to achieve the department mission and goals.
  - Develop and implement a planned program of maintenance and upgrade or replacement of infrastructure and equipment to minimize loss of service situations and minimize replacement costs.
  - Responsible for budget management and implementation of the municipal strategic plan and administration of all capital projects.
  - Responsible for maintenance and inspections of all County owned facilities.

Qualifications required:
  - The ideal candidate will have a Civil Engineering Technology Diploma from a recognized post secondary institution.
  - A minimum of five years’ experience in road construction/ maintenance, ideally in a rural municipal setting.
  - Excellent organizational and time management skills.
  - Knowledge of Microsoft office is essential. Knowledge of Workforce asset management programs would be beneficial.
  - Possess a valid Class 5 driver’s license.
  - Excellent written and verbal communication skills as required to provide a Criminal Records Check and Driver’s Abstract.
  - Proven leadership, strategic management, project coaching, supervisory and people skills necessary to positively communicate with the general public, staff, and elected officials.
  - Basic knowledge of Human Resources Policies.

The County offers a comprehensive benefit program. Salary will be determined based on applicant’s requirements and location.

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PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Bylaw No. 1477/20

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The Public Hearing shall be held on May 12, 2020 at 1300 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) via teleconference. The hearing will be livestreamed at sturgeoncounty.ca

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a submission, either in favour or in opposition to the Bylaw. You can provide a written submission to Legislative Services by email at legislative.services@sturgeoncounty.ca

Written submissions will be accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing. If you would like to speak at the Public Hearing, please contact Legislative Services by email or at 780-939-8279 or 780-939-8277 to register. Speakers will be given a 5 minute time limit. Any inquiries regarding the proposed Bylaw should be directed to Natasha De Sandi in Planning and Regional Services at ndevsand@sturgeoncounty.ca

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PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Bylaw No. 1478/20

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PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Bylaw No. 1480/20

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