Some Hamnmore Lake cottage owners are repairing their homes, cutting blown-over trees into firewood, fishing overturned boats out of the lake and picking up debris scattered by the July 24 tornado. Many of the seven families affected have owned their properties for at least two generations. They are now getting over the shock and trying to be optimistic.

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Three of the large spruce trees remain standing beside an unschooled barbecue and picnic table. All around them trees crashed onto the sailboat, two sheds and the cabin. The boat and shed were destroyed, the cabin had part of its roof damaged.

"The cabin is surprisingly intact," Palamarek said. "We got lucky. It had five trees on it."

He said once they are cleaned up, the yard will get more sunshine. "We’ll have no lack of firewood," he added. "Though it’ll be long job to cut it all." A short distance away, Scott Thostenson was building a new roof on his cottage and figuring out how to rebuild the bathroom. The tornado ripped off the roof and siding and tossed his sister’s (Laura Couch) fifth wheel trailer into the side of the cabin.

"There used to be a bathroom on this side," he said, pointing to broken boards and debris. "It’s gone. We’re still trying to find part of the roof. I think it might be in the lake." He wants to locate it and pull it out. The lake is so clean and clear he feels the debris should be removed to help maintain the water quality.

His family had two boats in the water. Both are upside down. Their condition can’t be assessed until they get retrieved. This cabin and lot have been in Thostenson’s family for about 50 years. He will clean it up and start over.

Jamie and Jeremy Petrie had to cut their way through trees across the driveway to get to their cottage.

"The window went out," said Jamie. "The wind shot it out through the front window. There was glass everywhere."

The tornado took half the roof, dropped the shed and an axe in the water, and crushed trees onto the picnic table, put another into the motor home and dropped others onto the canoe and paddle boat. Jeremy estimated it will take a couple of years to get everything fixed or replaced.

"This has been my family’s cabin since long before I was born," said Jamie. "I was here as a kid and my kids are here."

Next door Stacey Calvert had a shed crumpled and her dock and trampoline tossed into the lake.

"We’re lucky," said Calvert. "We didn’t take much damage. We’re enjoying the sun today. You’ve got to make the best of it. We’ve got lots of firewood now." Environment Canada reported the tornado reached speeds between 90 and 130 km/hour. Toward its end, however, the wind slowed to 12 km/hour.

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Friends & Family are invited to an open house to celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Art & Sylvia Avery at Memorial Hall, Westlock on Saturday, August 10th, 2019 from 2 PM to 5 PM No Gifts Please

Tanker trailer fire quickly extinguished

No one was injured and no product spill occurred when the brakes of a tanker trailer caught fire west of Redwater July 31.

The front tank of two trailers caught fire mid morning on Highway 28 just west of Redwater. The semi driver unhooked them at the side of the pavement and drove his highway tractor east to the Redwater turnoff.

Sturgeon County Protective Services deputy fire chief of Operations & Fire Prevention Brad Reid advised the tankers were loaded with isopentane. Methylbutane or 2-methylbutane, is a branched-chain alkane with five carbon atoms. Isopentane is an extremely volatile and extremely flammable liquid at room temperature and pressure. It is used as a solvent in the manufacture of chlorinated derivatives and as a blowing agent for poly-styrene. It is dangerous to breathe.

Reid reported that emergency response units from Sturgeon County Emergency Services, District of Redwater, District of Bon Accord and Town of Gibbons with nine personnel responded to the fire.

“Crews quickly had the fire under control,” he said. “There was no release of product to the environment and no loss of integrity to the tank trailer. The owner of the tanker activated their ERP (Emergency Response Plan) and once the fire was extinguished care and custody of the scene was transferred over to the company to trans-load the product and recover the pup trailer.”

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SECTION D - FRUIT

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CLASS

Claymore (Island Beauty) 1
Minneapolis (Blenheim) 2
Mud-Gold (Golden Gate) 3
Almond (Kwanzan) 4

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SECTION E - HANDBRAIDED JUINOR DIVISION

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PIE PASTRIES

4. Any Other Fruit Not Listed 2
3. Pears 2
2. Apples 2
1. Grapes 2

SECTION A - HOME BAKING - GOLDEN AGE, ADULT & JR. DIVISION

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Pies Pastries:

3. Devils Food Cake 2
2. Honey Cake 2
1. White Cake 2

SECTION A - HOME BAKING - ADULT DIVISION

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PIES & PASTRIES

2. Festival Biscuits & Cookie 2
1. Chicken Pie 2

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COOKIES & BARS

2. Peanut Butter 2
1. Chocolate Chip 2

SECTION B - PRESERVES (GOLDEN AGE & ADULT DIVISION)

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SECTION C - VEGETABLE & FRUIT

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Beet - Sugar 1
Beet - Canning 2
Cabbage - Green 3
Cabbage - Head 4
Cauliflower Head 5
Cherry Tomatoes - Green 6
Tomatoes - Red 7
Zucchini - Head 8

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SECTION E - HANDBRAIDED JUNIOR DIVISION

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PIE PASTRIES

6. Apple Pie 2
5. Orange Marmalade 2
4. Pear Pie 2
3. Sour Cherries 2
2. Apricot 2
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**Friday, August 16th**
- Bench Show at Pembina Place Registration 9 am - noon, Show 7 - 8 pm
- Teen Swim (ages 13 - 17) 6 - 9 pm at Redwater Pool
- Ball Tournament Friday - Sunday
- Movie in the Park Dusk at Redwater School grounds (Bring your Lawn Chairs)

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**Saturday, August 17th**
- Pancake Breakfast 8 - 10 am
- Parade starts at 11 am
- **Ride the Vibe**
  - Motorcycle Stunt Shows 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 & 3:30 pm
- Farmer’s Market 12 - 4 pm
- Bench Show 12 - 4 pm
- Show & Shine 12 - 4 pm
- Petting Zoo, Laser Tag, Inflatables, Food Trucks 12 - 4 pm
- Rainbow Clown and Balloon Creations 12 - 4 pm
- Face Painting
- 50/50 Sales (up to $1000)
- Sandwiches & Pie 11:30 - 2 pm at Pioneer Club
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- Art Show 12 - 4 pm
- Ball Tournament
- Steak Supper 5 - 7 pm, Legion - (Cook your own steak)
- Under 18 Swim 6 - 9 pm Redwater Pool
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    - Grades: Pre K-9
    - Principal: Elizabeth Siemens
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    - Grades: Pre K-12
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    - Grades: Pre K-12
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Redwater residents frustrated with repeated incidents of basement flooding

Basement flooding continues to be a problem for some Redwater residents on 52 and 53 street north of Hwy 38 (48 Avenue).

Kelley Rinn lives on 53 Street across from the swimming pool. She knows that when the intersection of 49 Avenue and 53 Street fills with water (Rinn said it gets up to a meter deep after heavy rains), that water will come up the floor drains in her basement.

“Our family calls it the Redwater Lake,” said Rinn. “It happens every time it rains. It overfills the town drains and comes up in our basement floor drains. It’s pretty frustrating. Our weeping tile is just fine; it’s from the town’s drainage.”

It is happening this summer, and it happened four years ago and six years ago. She has lived there eight years.

Rinn is in the process of having her basement cleaned and dried and having a back flow prevention valve installed.

Her neighbor, John Lafond, has suffered from basement flooding occasionally during the 19 years he has lived there. This summer his basement flooded three times, and the water is still coming up a bit. He’s had the basement emptied and stripped down to concrete, but he hesitates to have it rebuilt until he is sure the water won’t rise again.

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Street flooding is not the cause of water in basements says town

The intersection of 49 Avenue and 53 Street in Redwater (by the swimming pool) fills with water after a heavy rain or fast spring thaw, but according to town officials that is not what causes area basements to flood.

Infrastructure manager Nawaz Panhwer said water drains from the street down a manhole with no connection to the town’s system (water just filters into the ground) and through a culvert at the east end of 49 Avenue and flows past the campground and into the main drainage ditch along 48 Avenue (Hwy 38).

“The main effect is coming from the weeping tiles,” said Smith. He added that council began negotiating with Sturgeon School Division for permission to put a storm sewer line across the school grounds about five years ago, when it looked like a housing development a few years ago, so no culvert was installed, so all the water from farms west of town now flows east into town and overflows the main drainage ditch along the south side of Hwy 38. He believes that is why the culverts in that ditch can no longer handle the water flow and it pours over the access roads to the hotels and condominium.

Usually within a day of a heavy rain the pooling from the intersection by the swimming pool and along that portion of 49 Avenue drains away through the culvert and manhole. Panhwer said the water rising in basement floor drains is caused by many homes draining their weeping tiles into the town’s sanitary sewer system combined with having no back flow prevention valves installed in some homes.

On July 30 Mayor Mel Smith said the town got nine inches of rain in the previous 10 days. He said town staff and council have been working on alleviating the road flooding for a number of years. It now has permission to put a storm sewer line under the Redwater School grounds, but has not received grant funding for the work. It is expected to be a $1.5 to $2 million project.

“While there has been a concern to us for literally dozens of years,” said Smith. He added that council began negotiating with Sturgeon School Division for permission to put a storm sewer line across the school grounds about five years ago, when it looked like some grant funding might be available in the near future. At the same time, the town began applying for federal and provincial grants for the project.

To qualify, projects need to be completely engineered and ready to begin. Redwater had that done and was one of the first communities to apply to the grant programs. It has not been approved for funding from the annual $5 million in grant money available.

“They’re far more interested in doing 30 projects at $150,000 each than one at $1.5 to $2 million,” said Smith.

Panhwer said, “When that project is done, it will make a huge difference.”

He said the road floods because it fills with water faster than the culvert drains it, basements flooded because when there is so much rain the barrels the manholes fill and the systems in that area overflow.

“The main effect is coming from the weeping tiles,” he said. “In this area all the weeping tiles go into the sanitary line and over fill it. They (residents) need to put in a sanitary back flow preventer.

He said if the construction of new hotels along Hwy 38 impacted the sewer drainage to contribute to its backing up, Panhwer said no, the development applications and designs were reviewed by the town’s engineers, and they determined the existing lines have enough capacity.

He said the only sewer line in the town that is at capacity is the one along 58 Street north of the hospital, and the town has applied for grants to help pay the $1.5 million to upgrade that line.
Jeremy Petrie is putting his chain saw to good use after a tornado uprooted trees around their Hanmore Lake cottage July 24. Behind him on the ground is a section of upside down roof. Tornado story on front page.

The canoe underneath the blown over tree is broken in half, but the paddle boat behind Hailey Petrie might be salvagable. Petrie’s cottage near Hanmore Lake was one of seven hit by a tornado July 24.
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