Sixteen people were injured on Monday when a school bus was struck by a truck while being transported by the Smoky Lake Dec. 2. Three youths with life-threatening injuries were flown by STARS air ambulance to Edmonton’s H.A. Kostash School (HAK) in Smoky Lake. Smoky Lake is providing support, with the assistance of Redwater Victim Services, to students and staff.

Several students who attend H.A. Kostash School in Smoky Lake were seriously injured when this crane truck and school bus crashed on Hwy 28 at RR180 the morning of Dec. 2.

Town of Smoky Lake Mayor Holowaychuk, who is a long time volunteer firefighter, was among the first responders who attended the crash. All three local district (a part of Smoky Lake, Vilna and Waskatenau) responded.

"We’re there to help people," Holowaychuk said. "It was an amazing, amazing response. A lot of people stopped on the highway to offer aid. I call them highway heroes." Travelers with first-aid training stopped to assist, others stopped to give their first aid kits and help with whatever they could.

"EMS was amazing," added Holowaychuk. "The ambulances just kept coming." Sixteen of the 17 people involved in the crash were injured. STARS air ambulance took one patient directly to Edmonton, 14 were transported by ground ambulance to Smoky Lake and one to Redwater. Holowaychuk said hospital staff in Smoky Lake did an incredible job of coping with the mass influx of emergency patients.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families," said Holowaychuk. "I know they’re in good hands." Smoky Lake County Reeve Craig Lukinuk said, "On behalf of Smoky Lake County and the Smoky Lake Regional Fire & Rescue Committee, we extend our deepest gratitude to all the first responders, doctors, nurses, Health Care Centre staff, and community members for responding to the horrific school bus incident that occurred on Monday. Thank you. From the bottom of our hearts. "We are proud of our community’s overwhelming response to support those who were involved and are affected by this traumatic event. It is extremely important that we continue to make every effort to lend our emotional support in the days ahead and pray for the recovery of the injured students and drivers, and all their families," Alberta Health Services reported a total of 16 patients were assessed at the crash site. The passenger in the crane was not injured. One critically injured teenage girl was flown from the scene by STARS to the Stollery Children’s Hospital at the University of Alberta. The George McDougall Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre assessed and treated 14 patients. Staff there were assisted by a STARS Transport Physician who flew to the hospital to help with triage. The helicopter that brought that doctor flew an adolescent male in critical condition to the Stollery. The first STARS helicopter returned to Smoky Lake and took a male child in critical condition from the hospital to the Stollery. Two youths in critical condition were transported by ground ambulance to Edmonton. Two patients (one adult, one pediatric) in serious but stable condition were transported by ground ambulance to Edmonton. One patient in stable condition was transported from Smoky Lake by ground ambulance to Edmonton.

Holowaychuk said the entire community is being supportive to everyone involved. A candle-light vigil was held at Pumpkin Park. An online Go Fund Me page was started to help families with bills arising from the crash such as being with their children while they are in hospital in Edmonton. Other fundraisers are also being planned. The ramifications of that incident will be felt for years to come," Holowaychuk said. "I’m so thankful everyone will recover." RCMP media relations officer Cpl. Ronald Bumbry advised the crash occurred shortly before 8:30 a.m. when a crane drove into the side of a school bus transporting 14 students to HAK. The front of the crane impacted the right side (the loading side) of the bus just in front of the rear tires. At the time of the crash the bus was northbound, crossing Hwy 28 on RR180, and the crane was westbound on Hwy 28. The impact carried both vehicles into a livestock pen on the north side of Hwy 28 and west of RR180. Traffic was detoured off the highway, which did not re-open until just after 1:00 p.m. The collision continues to be investigated by Smoky Lake RCMP and an RCMP Collision Analyst.

"Our thoughts are with the students and bus driver involved in the collision this morning and their families," said AVPS superintendent Neil O’Shea Dec. 2. "We are very grateful for the first responders who attended to those involved and quickly directed them to appropriate medical care. We are working closely with the RCMP and Alberta Health Services to obtain accurate information and provide assistance to everyone affected. Support is in place to assist the H.A. Kostash School community, and we are committed to providing whatever assistance is needed, for as long as necessary while the outcomes from this incident become known.”

O’Shea described those thoughts in an interview Dec. 5. "The Smoky Lake community is a tight knit community that will work together to overcome this crisis, and Aspen View will be with them every step of the way as they recover," he said. "We are committed to providing trauma based support to students and families affected by this trauma as long as they need it." He described the atmosphere of the days following the crash as "heartbreaking to the community." He said support levels at the school are high, as students’ levels of anxiety decrease, the heaviness gets a little bit lighter.

This is the second serious crash involving a school bus within AVPS in less than two years. In March 2018 a Thorhild area student died after a bus was hit by a semi truck in the fog. The investigation into that incident determined there was no fault of the bus driver and no mechanical or safety issues with the school bus. AVPS Communications officer Ross Hunter reported that following the 2018 school bus crash Aspen View engaged an independent contractor to review its transportation processes and procedures to ensure compliance with safety regulations, and AVPS is in best practices. Hunter said Aspen View is co-operating fully with the RCMP investigation into the Dec. 2 collision. "Our primary concern at present is the well-being of the students and others involved in the collision and providing support to our school families and the community," he added.

Having been out of two of these incidents, O’Shea said the worst part in any crisis “is just not knowing the status of our students, the worry and concern we have for our kids. Because the investigation is ongoing, O’Shea declined to answer questions relating to school bus seat belts, bus driver shortages and if AVPS will again review its policies. “I think we’re always striving to ensure that our policies and procedures keep student safety as paramount,” he said.
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CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019 Our Lady of the Angels, Fort Sask.: 5:00pm, 9:00pm, 12:00midnight Our Lady of Lourdes, Lamont: 7:00pm Our Lady of Good Counsel, Skaro: 5:00pm Sacred Heart, Gibbons: 12midnight St. Clare, Redwater: 7:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019 Our Lady of the Angels, Fort Sask.: 10:00am Lamont Aux. Hosp. Chapel: 9:00am St. Michael the Archangel, St. Michael 11:00am

Bella Beckett (L-R), Shawna Beckett and Kyla Graham decorate the MBM Photography tree for the Redwater Festival of Trees Dec. 6.

Rosy MacDonald and Saydee Wiebe enjoy a warm morning of sledging fun during Thorhild Central School’s Kindergarten gym class on December 4th.

Kalia Corlett wasn’t interested in treat bags or wish lists, she just wanted to get back to Mom at the Dec. 6 Kris Kringle event in Redwater.
New wing of Redwater lodge coming in on time and on budget ... and impressive

The new two-storey wing of Diamond Spring Lodge in Redwater is nearly complete, and it is on schedule and within budget. It should be ready for residents to move into near the end of February or in early March.

"Considering how limited the budget was, we've done some great things," said Homeland Housing CEO Raymond Cormie. "It turned out well."

The new wing, which was built onto the south side of the existing lodge, contains 20 standard rooms, four one-bedroom suites, a chapel and, on each floor, common areas. Program of the project is shared with lodge residents during monthly meetings.

"The residents are excited," said Celeste Smith of Homeland Resident Services. "They're looking forward to this."

The rooms feature sliding pocket doors for easy use with walkers and wheelchairs, windows placed low so residents in wheelchairs can see outside, walk-in showers and kitchenettes.

"This is the gold standard in lodges," said Cormie. "Homeland has been very pleased with the work completed by Krawford Construction. They know Seniors housing. We have an exceptional relationship."

Krawford site superintendent Aaron Peters, who is working on site commissioning, said the remaining work is mostly paint touch-ups and fixing architectural deficiencies. Peters recently took over from Brad Howes, who was site superintendent during construction and has now moved on to another job.

On the outside, landscaping was done and young trees planted. As many existing mature trees as possible were kept on the grounds. Cormie noted that there is an area where fencing can be installed to create an enclosed courtyard for a secured living area.

Partial occupancy of the new wing is expected to be granted by the end of this month. At that time some common areas such as the assisted bath will start being used while a partial renovation of the existing lodge building is done. A $320,000 provincial grant was received for installation of fire suppression sprinkler systems in each resident's room and the common areas.

Once the new wing is ready for full occupancy, residents currently living in Diamond Spring will have the first opportunity to move into it. Placement will then be opened up, according to an established priority system for lodges, to individuals in the community.

"We've got a fair number of calls from interested families and potential residents," Cormie said. "There is a waiting list of 18 people who would like to live in Diamond Spring.

The 24 unit expansion wing was funded by a $6 million provincial grant. The units are nearly twice as large as the rooms in the older part of the lodge and are designed to accommodate large walkers or wheelchairs.

Before construction began, the old south wing containing 14 rooms was demolished. With the 24 new units built, the total number of residential units in the lodge increased from 40 to 50.

Diamond Spring Lodge opened in 1982 and was renovated in 1999. The next renovation planned for it is replacing the tubs in the existing units with walk-in showers.

Homeland Housing manages seniors' housing in Sturgeon County, Westlock County and the City of St. Albert.
Man with broken bottle changes route of bus containing nine passengers

The RCMP have one male in custody following a 90 minute incident that saw a bus diverted at Edmonton and ultimately stopped near Waskatenau.

On Dec. 6 at 12:25 a.m., a 911 call was received by the RCMP via Edmonton Police Service that a bus driver was threatened by a man brandishing a broken beer bottle. The man was not allowing the driver to stop the bus as scheduled.

The bus had departed Fort McMurray and was destined for Edmonton. The suspect directed the driver to change routes near the city of Edmonton and went north on 97 Street towards Gibbons. Morinville RCMP located the bus on Highway 28 and several patrol units became engaged. Fort Saskatchewan and Redwater RCMP were alerted and responded. The bus traveled on Highway 28 then turned on Highway 831 at Waskatenau towards Bruderheim.

The bus was being driven in a manner that no other traffic on the highways was in danger, police state.

The RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT) was activated and a crisis negotiator with ERT made contact via telephone with the suspect. As a result of successful negotiation between the ERT member and the suspect he agreed to get off the bus. At approximately 1:50 a.m., the bus pulled over in Smoky Lake RCMP’s jurisdiction. RCMP members on scene took the man into custody immediately, without incident. The bus was redirected to Fort Saskatchewan RCMP detachment where resources were in place to take statements and conduct interviews with the bus driver and nine adult passengers. Victim Services Unit was available to assist if required.

Neither the driver nor the passengers were injured during this incident.

“The safety of the passengers was the primary concern of the bus driver” says Sergeant Shayne Courtorielle, Acting Detachment Commander of the Morinville RCMP in a press release. “The driver needs to be commended for his ability to remain calm. His actions contributed to the safe outcome of this incident.”

The 35-year-old man is in police custody at Morinville RCMP Detachment and the investigation continues with charges pending.

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Redwater approves lower cost process to ensure snow is cleared from sidewalks

Redwater residents will be charged $40 per hour if the town does their sidewalk snow removal. Friendly reminders in the form of doorknocker cards will continue to be placed at homes where the snow is not removed from sidewalks 24 hours after a snowfall. According to the town bylaw, residents have 48 hours after the snowfall ends to clear sidewalks.

During the Dec. 3 council meeting town manager Larry Davidson said the request for proposing for contracting sidewalk snow clearing were deemed cost prohibitive. He suggested any sidewalks not meeting the Community Standards Bylaw be cleared by town staff. Cost recovery for that work is estimated at $60 per hour.

Residents who do not clear their sidewalks within 24 hours from the end of a snowfall will receive a reminder from the town in the form of a doorknocker card. If the sidewalks do not get cleared within the 48 hours required by the bylaw, town staff will clear the sidewalks at a cost of $40 per hour to the property owners. A bylaw services administration fee of $25 will apply to each property as well. If salt or ice melt is required, a flat fee of $10 per half bag or $20 per full bag used will be charged.

This season the town is putting reminder cards on doorknobs after 24 hours. Davidson said this is intended as a friendly reminder, but council felt that was too soon. Coun. Dwayne Spicer said he believes having the town do the work at a much lower cost than a contractor is a good way to go, but he said people get upset when they are issued reminders before the 48 hours are up.

“Our goal is to get compliance, not have people feel beaten up,” said Davidson. Mayor Mel Smith said, “I think door knockers after 24 hours is too early.” He suggested putting the reminders out after 48 hours followed by a sidewalk check the next day. “I think the lag time would help,” agreed coun. Les Dorsch.

Coun. Dave McRae questioned if the sand boxes for residents who wish to comply, not have bills of over $500. Mayor Mel Smith questioned if the sand boxes for residents who wish to spread sand on their sidewalks would still be filled and maintained. Davidson said they would be. Last winter the town hired a contractor to clear unshoveled sidewalks and icy side-walks and a number of town residents were charged bills of over $500.

LYONS, Penny

On November 28th, 2019 Penny Lyons, a beloved Wife, Mother, Baba, Daughter, Teacher and Friend of Thorhild, AB passed away at the age of 61. She is survived by her loving husband Ross, her children Chad (Gail) of Thorhild, AB, Beau (Crissy) of Thorhild, AB and Troy (Amanda) of Sherwood Park, AB, 4 grandchildren Denver, Willow, Cash and Piper; her father Jerry Smok of Wagona, her sister Cindy Smok of Airdrie, AB as well as other relatives and many friends. Penny was predeceased by her mother Jean (Baba) Smok. Penny taught many years at Thorhild Central School with many fond memories being made. Our hearts go out to the countless number of students that meant so much to Mrs. Lyons over the years. At Penny’s request there will be no funeral service. In lieu of flowers donations gratefully accepted to Thorhild Central School in honor of Penny, Westlock Funeral Home & Crematorium Ltd. 780-349-3474.
Thorhild meth addict calls for improved treatment in rural areas

Jim Ely of Thorhild is a meth addict who struggles not only to break his addiction, but to access services to help him deal with it. He suffers panic attacks and has a prescription for sleeping pills so he can get some rest.

“I’m not a bad guy,” he said. “Drugs get in your way. It’s an addiction. I try to quit. I’m 63 years old, I’m not a young puppy.”

He was young when he began using drugs 50 years ago.

“I started when I was 13, using marijuana,” he said. “I shouldn’t be alive.” He moved on to injecting crystal meth, used speed, and tried heroin once. He didn’t like it. Many of the people he knew took different kinds of pills. He said some suffered from different personalities when they were using. Over the years, a number of them have died.

Ely said it can be harder to get help in rural areas where there are no such things as safe injection sites or other supports. On Nov. 21 he injected crystal meth, used speed, and tried heroin all day and ended up in the hospital.

“Are we scum, or are you trying to help us?” he claimed. Ely felt it was because he is an addict. “I shouldn’t be alive.” He moved on to injecting crystal meth, used speed, and tried heroin all day and ended up in the hospital.

“Why didn’t they (hospital staff) just tell me that?”

Ely’s mother took him back home to Thorhild. A short time later he took an ambulance to the Westlock hospital.

“They treated me well there,” Ely said. “There are doctors out there that do care.” He said he was diagnosed with a lung infection, prescribed an antibiotic and had his sleeping pill prescription renewed.

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“Jeez, I only know the person you’re talking about was my father,” Ely said.

Speaking generally, Joy explained meth users follow an up and down cycle during which they will stay awake for a couple of days, then “crash hard” and sleep for a couple of days.

“We have our regular users in the Redwater area that we’re familiar with,” said Joy, noting that some are involved in petty crimes to support their addiction, others are not.

“Meth is hard because it alters the chemistry in your brain,” Joy said. “It alters you totally, and it’s really addictive. It’s really, really hard to get off. It’s also very available. It’s a struggle for everybody.” Everybody includes users, police, social workers and health care workers across the country.

Joy said one of problems is drug dealers sometimes mix meth with fentanyl to give regular users who have built up a tolerance to the drug a high. That can cause users without a built up tolerance to overdose.

“You don’t know what you’re getting on the street,” said Joy. “Dealers mix things and end up killing their clients.” While that is not the huge issue in his detachment as it is in places such as downtown Vancouver, it is a concern.

He said police here have used Narcan (naloxone hydrochloride) once in two years. (Narcan is an opioid antagonist used for the complete or partial reversal of opioid overdose, including respiratory depression). There may have been a couple of this type of drug related deaths in the detachment area, but the coroner has not yet confirmed that.

“The doctor didn’t even look at me,” he claimed. Ely felt it was because he is an addict. “Are we scum, or are you trying to help us?” he added.

After waiting for a time, he said a nurse gave him something to numb the burning in his throat, but he was refused a sleeping pill.

Ely said that before leaving he asked to visit his uncle, who was in hospital with an injury but was told his uncle was gone for tests. He phoned his mother to tell her not to come visit his uncle because he was not there. His mother came because she had information his uncle was in Redwater.

“That’s when I blew up,” said Ely. Angry because he believed he had been lied to, he left the hospital and was met at the door by Redwater RCMP Cpl. Mark Joy. “He (Joy) said they wouldn’t let me see him (my uncle) because I was under the influence of drugs,” Ely said.

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Trish (L-R) and Matt Rosenberger serve chili, treats and good conversation to Leslie Chmilar and Catey Rosenberger during the Dec. 6 Waskatenau Christmas Light Up.

December 1st at the Thorhild Agriplex, Novice team Congratulated their game goalie Braxtin Tarrington on a job well done. (#24 Rory Schryver, #40 Noah Schwab, #14 Bentley Henderson-Stang)

Annelese Thielen earned a writing award for consistently writing well while Rylan Vertypora received his award for loving to write and always wanting to do more. They received their writing certificates during awards day at Ochre Park School in Redwater Nov. 29.

Redwater Healthcare Centre Auxiliary volunteers Tania Schesnuk (Left) and Judy Maskell arrange inflated gloves to make a tree for the Redwater Festival of Trees Dec. 6.

With her hands filled with packages, Alivia Greven’s smile shows her pleasure with the gifts she bought from the Christmas Store for students at Ochre Park School in Redwater.
Everybody thinks they know everyone in a small town … but do they know the secrets?

Sturgeon County author Jaclyn Dawn recently published her debut novel, The Inquirer. Its humor makes it a fun read, yet it also deals with deeper issues. Her story looks at the lingering consequences of past relationships and the price of staying silent or speaking up.

“I was that strange person in the grocery store, looking at tabloids at the till,” Dawn said. She wondered how much was true and what the people who were the topics of the stories thought of being the subject of the tabloids.

“I just had some fun from there,” Dawn said. Her novel deals with the subject of everyone thinking they know everyone, especially in a community of people such as small town or a school, which is a community within a larger community. But they do not know what happens behind closed doors and what others may really be dealing with.

Dawn introduced her novel with an author reading at the Redwater Public Library Nov. 18.

“I really enjoyed the event at the Redwater Public Library,” she said. “There’s something special about small Alberta communities like the one I grew up in, Redwater, and The Inquirer’s Kingsley. They become as much a character with quirks, habits and flaws as the people within them.”

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REVIEW Events Guide

December 10
Holy Family Catholic School Christmas Concert 7:00pm.

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Newbrook Rec & Ag Society Annual General Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Newbrook Community Hall.

Deadline to register for those needing a Christmas Hamper. Redwater Food Bank.

December 10
Half Moon Lake Hall, Turkey Bingo 7:30pm.

December 14
Smoky Lake Farmers Market Christmas Market. 10-2, Complex Hall.

December 18
Redwater and District Ag Society, AGM. 7:30 p.m. at Redwater School.

December 21
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The Thorhild Central School’s Grade 2 class sang Christmas carols for the Newthorad Seniors on December 2, 2019. The TCS Grade 2 class makes monthly visits to spend time with the seniors reading books or playing card games.

Ochre Park School students Colton Sabine (L-R) and Cierra Rurka get the gifts they bought at the Christmas Store wrapped by Redwater School volunteers Madison Diwisch and Anna Letwin.

Little Briia Trout, watched by mom Shannon, enjoyed playing with markers even more than coloring with them at the Thorhild Central School Winter Festival Dec. 5.

Redwater RCMP recover stolen property as Gibbons man faces numerous charges after search warrant

Redwater RCMP executed a search warrant on the morning of Dec. 5 at a residence located on Corona-Do Drive in Sturgeon County.

Redwater RCMP attended the residence for an unrelated call for service. While at the property, police seized four firearms, two of which were determined to have been stolen. In addition, a trailer which police believed to have been stolen out of the Athabasca area was observed on the property.

Redwater RCMP received judicial authorization to search the residence and were able to recover stolen property related to these criminal offences. A 36 year old Gibbons man has been charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Possession of property obtained by crime less than $5000
- Possession of property obtained by crime over $5000 (x3)
- Possession of a weapon obtained by crime (x2)
- Possession of restricted firearm with ammo without license/registration
- Unauthorized possession of a firearm (x2)
- Alter/destroy a Vehicle Identification number (VIN)

Redwater RCMP are asking anyone with information regarding this occurrence to contact them at 780-942-3607. 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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PERSONALS

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