Cando Rail Services has started construction of the Cando Sturgeon Terminal in Sturgeon County south of Redwater. Phase 1 of the terminal will provide additional rail capacity to Alberta’s Industrial Heartland and utilize a loop-track system able to store up to 1,900 rail cars.

In a formal announcement of the project Dec. 17, Cando said early works and site mobilization have begun with completion expected in 2020.

“We are delighted to welcome Cando Rail Services into our community and pleased that they have recognized the strategic benefits of investing in Sturgeon County and Alberta’s Industrial Heartland,” said Sturgeon County mayor Alanna Hnatiw. “Access to cost-advantaged feedstock, world-class transportation and logistics infrastructure and readily available labor are allowing the Heartland to capitalize on the current petrochemical investment cycle.”

The Cando Sturgeon Terminal is centrally located in Alberta’s Industrial Heartland directly west of the CN Beamer Spur and services the CN mainline. The terminal is south of the $4.5 billion Industrial Heartland Canada Kuwait Petrochemical Corporation (CKPC) integrated propane dehydrogenation and polypropylene upgrading project currently under construction and southwest of Pembina Pipeline’s Redwater Fractionation Site (RFS).

The new terminal will offer services seven days per week for rail car staging and storage, including unit-train storage capability for short or long-term, of loaded or empty rail cars. Additional services include rail car switching, air testing, rail car repair and cleaning, transloading, material handling, inventory management, car stenciling, placard replacement, automatic equipment identification (AEI) tags, Dangerous Goods inspections and graffiti touch-ups.

“This investment by Cando Rail Services in a new rail terminal is further demonstration of the tremendous value proposition available to companies in Alberta’s Industrial Heartland,” Alberta Industrial Heartland Association (AIHA) executive director Mark Plamondon said. “The increased rail car staging, storage and value-added services by Cando Rail will complement the world-class logistics infrastructure that already exists in Alberta’s Industrial Heartland, further increasing the region’s competitive advantage for value-add energy processing.”

This investment marks a major milestone for Cando Rail Services, Sturgeon County and Alberta’s Industrial Heartland. The majority of the value-added products produced in the Heartland, Canada’s largest hydrocarbon processing region, are shipped to national and global consumers by rail. Cando’s investment will increase market access and allow industrial facilities in the Heartland to concentrate on their core business, while partnering with Cando to access increased transportation and logistics solutions. World-class rail infrastructure will further enhance the competitiveness of Sturgeon County and Alberta’s Industrial Heartland for petrochemical, downstream energy and heavy industrial investment.

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Terminal will allow Cando Rail to expand nation-wide logistics planning network

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“The undertaking of our newest terminal in Sturgeon County is a defining moment for Cando Rail Services,” said Cando Rail Services president and CEO Brian Comick. “This terminal will allow us to expand our nation-wide logistics planning network, thereby enabling greater movement of Canada’s resources in a key industrial hub of the country.”

“Alberta Environment and Parks is pleased to have been able to create increased certainty for Cando Rail Services as the company has moved through the approvals process in anticipation of the construction of the Sturgeon Terminal,” said Minister of Environment and Parks Jason Nixon. “This project will drive job creation and get more of our best-in-class oil and gas products to market while further cementing the Industrial Heartland’s status as the country’s most significant hydrocarbon-producing region — exemplifying our government’s commitment to balancing protection of our shared environment while boosting economic activity.”

The Cando Sturgeon Rail Terminal Project will provide additional rail capacity to Alberta’s Industrial Heartland and includes a loop track and 32 yard tracks, with the option for an additional 32 yard tracks in the future, and associated infrastructure including a storm water management system. Cando Rail Services is an employee-owned company providing specialized rail support services for over 40 years. Cando optimizes the bulk material supply chain for industry and the Class I railways across North America. Its goal is to provide a complete rail solution by offering individual services including industrial switching, material handling, logistics, terminal and transload services, engineering and track services, rail car storage, rail car repair and short line operations. Operating at more than 35 sites across Canada and the United States, Cando serves many industries including automotive manufacturing, fertilizer, potash, petroleum, grain and grain products, forest products and inter-modal.

Thank You

Thank you for all the people who stopped in, left messages, cards, phoned or dropped off flowers and food for our family. Special thanks to Vicky, Zoria and their family for all the help. There has been tremendous support through donations to Thorhild Central School in honor of Penny, which touches our hearts. Thank you to each and everyone of you for your love and support during this difficult time.

Love
The Lyons Family

Robert Wayne Love

Robert Wayne Love, known to all as Wayne, from Redwater, AB & Henderson, NV., passed away December 12, 2019, after a short fight following a stroke in the Nathan Addeson hospice in Las Vegas. Wayne was born on September 23, 1951 to Robert Junor Love and Jean Davidson Love in London, Ontario.

Wayne was a proud member of Teamster Local 362 for over 40 years and touched so many lives throughout his career working on the largest projects in the oil industry in Alberta.

Wayne was in Henderson NV with his wife of 11 years who he knew since high school, dated before he moved to Alberta in the mid-seventies, and reconnected with in 2007.

They had a wonderful 13 years together.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Cher, his daughter Lori, his son Chris, his son in law Greg, his grandchildren Noah, Reid & Owen, his son in law, Adam, his sister Wendy, her husband Darren and his nephews, Terry, Jeremy & Justin, his brother Mike, sister Martha and her children, Michael Wayne & Michaels.

Wayne’s Celebration of Life will be announced in the future and will take place in Alberta in the early spring.

On behalf of the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta, we wish to extend this note of thanks to the physicians and other health professionals in rural communities who have contributed to the education of our medical learners throughout the past year. Despite the complex healthcare issues in rural and regional Alberta communities, these teams continue to rise to the challenge of supporting their communities and looking toward the future. Their dedication is greatly appreciated.

We also extend our gratitude to the community as a whole, who welcomes these learners and exposes them to the richness of rural life. Without your kindness and acceptance, our learners would not have received such a valuable and memorable experience. We greatly appreciate and look forward to your continued support and partnership in the future.

Thank you for supporting our future physicians!

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2-115 ECHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, T6G 1C9 TOLL FREE: 1-866-492-0678
https://www.ualberta.ca/medicine/about/communities/community-engagement/ruralregional
E-mail: randrh@ualberta.ca

YEAR END BREAK

OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 20 TO JAN. 14 FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON.

The Dec. 31 editions are cancelled. Although our front office is closed material for the Jan. 7 & 14 editions can be emailed to: redwater@shaw.ca or faxed 780-942-2515 and will be handled by production staff. The warehouse will continue to accept flyer insert shipments as per normal throughout the break.

Plan your advertising and flyer program now.
### Community Events Calendar
#### January 2020

**Town Office**
780-942-3519

**Community Services**
780-942-4101

**TOWN OF REDWATER**
A MATURAL HOME

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**AN INTRODUCTION TO BOARD GOVERNANCE:**
UNDERSTANDING YOUR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**A WORKSHOP FOR NON-PROFIT AND VOLUNTEER BOARDS**

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**
8:00am - 4:30pm

Pembina Place
$25 includes lunch and snacks

Register by January 15, 2020 at the Community Services Office, 780-942-4101

**Topics to be Covered:**
Understanding legal responsibilities; roles and responsibilities of board members; organizational planning and financial responsibilities; liability and risk management; building a strong team.

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**10 WEEK SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN:**
IT’S COMPLICATED

A support group for women to talk about intimate relationships in a safe, empowering environment. We'll explore ways to build healthy relationships, identify unhealthy patterns and empower each other to make positive changes.

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**Preschool Recreational Skating (Ages 4-6)** and **School Aged Recreational Skating (Ages 7-11)**
Wednesdays from January 15 - February 19, 2020. Spots fill in quickly! Contact the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101 to register.

**Sponsored by:**
Redwater Dodge

**Public Skating and Shiny Hockey**
Public skating and shiny hockey is available during the week. Check www.redwater.ca for the current schedule and for extra public skate times on PD Days.

**Family Day of Fun**
**Monday, February 17, 2020**
Free Family Day Activities at Pembina Place
If your community group, organization or business would like to partner with the Town of Redwater to provide activities, games or door prizes for families, please contact the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101 or cocoordinator@redwater.ca.

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| **Redwater Public Health Clinic**
Thursdays
9:00am - 4:00pm
Redwater Health Centre
Immunication Clinic
Walk-ins welcome |
| **Lighthouse Youth Group at Redwater Alliance Church**
Bible Study Tuesday nights 6:30pm |
| **Town Office Closed**
Register for the Snow Many Books 2020 Winter Reading at the Library, January 1 to February 29† |
| **Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am)**
Legions - Bridge (1:00pm) |
| **Library - Seniors Coffee and Chat (1:00-2:00pm)**
Library - Family Movie Night (6:00pm)
Lighthouse Youth Group - Hang-out (6:00pm)
Legions - Cribbage (7:00pm) |
| **Starlight Rangers and Pathfinder (Sturgeon)** - Bottle Drive (1:00-2:00pm)
Pioneer Club - Pancake Breakfast (9:30am)
Everyone Welcome (9:00-2:00am) |

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**Need information or assistance?**
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
Redwater Junior Curling is planning its first fun-spiel early in the new year. The 12 team event will include curling and skills competitions.

For the past several years members of the Redwater Curling Club have mentored a Jr. Curling program. It now has enough players, with sufficient skills, to host a bonspiel.

Volunteer Wayne Scott said he hopes to have four local Junior teams plus eight from surrounding communities at the tournament.

About 20 young curlers play on Monday evenings in Redwater, and a dozen participate in Redwater School’s high school curling after school on Mondays. There is no charge for high school curling. Jr. Curling has a fee of $20 for the season.

Players learn skills, technique, rules, etiquette and sportsmanship. Their mentors include Scott, Frank Stapleton, Bud Lemmens, Ken Harrystuck and Brenda Stanton.

Crime Watch warns of scam calls being made to area

Letter to the editor; Please be warned that a scammer is calling using local numbers to fool people into thinking he’s with ATB Mastercard. This man uses a computer program which makes the caller ID read as if he’s calling from Radway or some other locale. Please, folks, don’t fall for his scam. ATB Financial won’t ask you for your card number, expiry date, and CVC number on the back of your card. They already have that. Instead of giving any information out, call the legitimate number and speak to the real card staff. If you have disclosed your card information, call the real number for ATB Financial and cancel your card immediately. If the scammer charged anything on your card, call the RCMP and report it. They’ll take the investigation from there.

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WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR

Thorhild County Utilities Department is seeking a suitable individual to carry out the following duties:

• Responsible for the daily operation, repair and maintenance of the County’s municipal water distribution and waste water collection systems;
• Assist in the daily operation, repair and maintenance of the regional water distribution system;
• Perform inspections of distribution system at regular intervals;
• Adhere to operation and maintenance procedures;
• Must participate in the standby schedule on a rotational basis.

Qualifications required:
• Water/Wastewater Level 1 Certificate (water distribution 1 and wastewater collection 1).
• Standard First Aid and WHIMS certification, Confined spaces certified; Trench safety.
• Physical ability and dexterity to perform a variety of manual tasks (heavy lifting, squatting, bending, twisting and climbing). Work is performed with exposure to the outdoor elements.
• Experience in operating various power and hand tools and various heavy equipment.
• Must participate in a Fitness to Hire Assessment.

This position is included within the scope of the County’s unionized setting (IUOE Local 955) and is based on a 40 hour work week. Thorhild County also has a comprehensive benefits program. Current employees of the Thorhild County fulfilling the requirements essential to this position shall be considered for this position.

Position will remain open until suitable candidate is hired.

Please forward resumes to: Laurie Andrushchyshyn Payroll & Personnel Manager County of Thorhild Box 10 Thorhild, Alberta TOA 3JO or e-mail: lauries@thorhildcounty.com

We thank all applicants, however, only those individuals selected for interviews will be contacted.

Phone: 780-398-3741 or toll free: 877-398-3777

www.thorhildcounty.com 801 – 1st Street, Box 10, Thorhild AB TOA 3JO
To Establish an Alternate Method(s) for Advertising Statutory Notices.

Thorhild County Council has scheduled a Public Hearing in regard to the proposed Bylaw 28-2019 being a Bylaw to Establish an Alternate Method(s) for Advertising Statutory Notice.

Take notice that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, Thorhild County has scheduled a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Chambers to hear oral presentations from parties and in regard to the proposed Bylaw 28-2019 being a Bylaw to Establish an Alternate Method(s) for Advertising Statutory Notice.

Purpose:

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

Carol Revega Interim CAO and Manager of Legislative Services
Phone Number: 780-398-2808 e-mail: carol.revega@thorhildcounty.com

Public Hearing at 78-20-19 Administration Building

The proposed Bylaw may be viewed at the County Office and is available on the Thorhild County Website http://www.thorhildcounty.com/Residents/Public-Notices. You may request a copy via email from kelly.paty@thorhildcounty.com or by phone at 780-398-2802.

The Public Hearing on Bylaw 28-2019 will commence at 1:30 pm. Persons interested in speaking at a public hearing shall register with the Development Clerk (phone: 780-398-2802 or email kelly.paty@thorhildcounty.com) prior to the public hearing. Presentations by the public may be made verbally, in writing or both. Please note that verbal presentations shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Those persons who have registered with the Development Clerk shall speak first, followed by other persons at the meeting who have not registered to speak but who wish to address Council.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

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THORHILD COUNTY IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The 2019 County Identification Cards are valid until January 15, 2020. The 2020 ID Cards have been mailed.

If additional 2020 ID Cards are required for:

- Dependents 16 years of age and over,
- Others residing at the residence who are not on the land title,
- Renters of the residence,
- Others residing at the residence who are not on the land title,
- Dependents 16 years of age and over,
- Renters of the residence,
- Or missing ID Cards,
please apply at the County Administration office. You must apply yearly for the additional cards.

Should you require further clarification or additional information please contact the Thorhild County Administration Building at 780-398-3741.

2019 CHRISTMAS HAMPER CAMPAIGN

Thanks you!

Thorhild County would like to thank everyone for being most generous in the monetary, food and toy donations as well as to all those that volunteered whether it be helping the day of, donating or collecting donations.

Sixty-one hampers were distributed to families/couples and individuals this year.

The support from individuals, families, service groups, schools, church groups and businesses that all donated and assisted was greatly appreciated. Because of all of you this year’s Christmas hamper campaign was a success, and many got to celebrate the holiday season!

Thank you and all the best in 2020

Thorhild County

Phone: 780-398-3741 or toll free: 877-398-3777  www.thorhildcounty.com  801 - 1st Street, Box 10, Thorhild AB T0A 3J0

HALFMOON LAKE CAMPGROUND

There will be no public access through the Campground to the lake for ice fishing.

As recommended by our insurance provider the gates will remain closed for the season.

Should you have any questions contact Carolyn at 780-398-2810.
What Christmas means to me is going to my family’s house every year and playing games, have a big feast, and spend a night there. We do it every year. Also, it means just staying at home and spending time with family.

Paxton Majewski, Thorhild Central School, Grade 4

CHRISTMAS MEANS LOVE to me. It also means joy and remembering the birth of Jesus. I never forget about family, that’s the most important thing to me.

Paley Hay, Thorhild Central School

MY FAVOURITE Christmas tradition is that my mom tells me that it’s bedtime the night before Christmas.

Bailey Olson, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

I CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS by opening one gift on Christmas Eve. We eat supper at the table.

Tetiana Sopotyk

MY FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS TRADITION is opening presents. After my parents and opening all of my presents, I get a Venom toy that was on a table.

Luke Schryver, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

My best Christmas was when I got a Venom toy that was on a motorcycle. I loved my toy Venom and I played with my brothers’ toys. They wanted to play with them so I played with my Venom toy.

Klay Trout, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

MY FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS TRADITION is opening presents on Christmas Day and spending time with family. Kaylee Mattheis, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

I HIDE the pickle and on Christmas morning someone finds the pickle. They get to open the present first.

Kaylee Mattheis, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

Merry Christmas & To All A Great Year!

May it find you surrounded by family and friends from beginning to end.

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Everything’s set... FOR A BEAUTIFUL SEASON!!

The tree is trimmed ... The gifts are wrapped ...
The lights are lit ... And now our best wishes are on the way! Merry Christmas and many thanks.

LTD

Here’s hoping your holiday season is a whole lot of merry and bright!

May your Christmas and the New Year deliver an abundance of health, happiness and good fortune to you and the ones you love.
I wake up on Christmas Day for breakfast and open my presents.

Ryley Blake, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas we open stockings first.

Alexis Glean, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

Through the Eyes of A Child

I wake up my family and I open

AVE REDWATER

and show my Mom

we

we open stockings first.

Autumn McLean, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

MY BEST CHRISTMAS

One day when I woke up it was Christmas time and my lights were on, then I woke my mom up. Then we opened our presents.

Autumn McLean, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

What Christmas Means to Me

To me Christmas means giving and spending time with my family. Christmas is not about getting presents. That is what Christmas means to me!

Ryley Blake, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

I capture Santa

and show my Mom and Dad.

Kolton Ferguson, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Day I wait for my Mom to open presents.

Emma Christenson, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas Morning I wake up my family and I open the presents.

Rance Corlett, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas we see presents and look for Mom and Dad.

Lena Middelkamp, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas we see presents and look for Mom and Dad.

Skyler Wilson, Grade 3, Vilna School

MY BEST CHRISTMAS

My best Christmas was when I went to my Grandmas. We ate a real gem on it.

Emma Dyler, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

What Christmas means to me is we celebrate when Jesus was born. We still celebrate it to this day.

Skyler Wilson, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

Dear Canadian Soldier,

Merry Christmas! Thank you for all you do for us. Christmas at my house is fun. We set a tree up and have huge stockings! Do you get presents from Santa, cause I do! We go sliding and have fun too. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Neva Faithful, Grade 3, Vilna School

Dear Canadian Soldier,

Merry Christmas! Thank you for all you do for us.

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MY BEST CHRISTMAS

My best Christmas was when I went to my Grandmas. We ate a special dinner and she gave me a present. It was a bracelet with one real gem on it.

Emma Dyler, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

Connelly-McKinley

Funeral Homes

May the spirit of love fill your hearts and bring you peace this Christmas.

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• www.connelly-mckinley.com

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On Christmas we open our stockings first.

Parker Jacobson, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

My Mom and Dad wake me up. Then we open presents with my Mom and Dad.

Alice Westgeest, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

MY CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS
Every year my family goes to my grandmother’s house. We sit around the table and eat Christmas dinner. We would go outside after dinner and play in the snow. After that we open our Christmas presents.

Ryder Musiowsky, Gr. 3, Thorhild Central

MY FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS tradition is opening presents.

James Viste, Grade 2, Thorhild Central

Preston Borm liked playing with Santa’s beard at the Dec. 8 Thorhild Light Up hosted by the Thorhild & District Agricultural Society.

Emmalee Hadden decorates a Christmas sugar cookie at Ochre Park School in Redwater Dec. 11. Students baked and decorated cookies with volunteer seniors as part of the school’s Generations United program. It is funded with $1,100 per year by the Town of Redwater.

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One of the real joys this holiday season is the opportunity to say thank you and wish you the very best for the new year.

On behalf of the Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation, we wish you a world of joy, good health and prosperity.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Thank you for entrusting us with your dental care.

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MORINVILLE DENTAL CLINIC
Dr. Percy Tomita & Dr. E.J. Ha
General Dentists

Here’s wishing all our patients and their families a season that’s merry and bright.

We consider it a privilege to serve you and thank you for entrusting us with your dental care.

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Season’s Greetings
from
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Warmest Wishes
Serving you has been a delight all year, and we wish you a bright and blessed Christmas!

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Friends, family and all that love that you hold near to your heart.

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780-942-2786

Through the Eyes of A Child

My Christmas Traditions

Gabrielle Ward, Grade 3, Vilna School

Slainte from the hearth our warmest wishes to you and yours this holiday season.

THE COUNCIL AND STAFF
OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS
WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
MY FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS tradition is to wait for my family to wake up then we open presents.
Daniel Quaghebeur, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

MY FAVOURITE Christmas tradition is opening presents and eating a turkey.
Eli Allen, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

MY FAVOURITE Christmas tradition is when my family, like my auntie, my uncle, dad and mum come for a feast and we get sweet potatoes and turkey.
Kegan Gosselin, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

MY FAVOURITE Christmas tradition is I shoot my gun and wake up my parents and open presents.
Tanner Penchuk, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is when I push my dad out of the bed and jump to wake my mom up.
Noah Schwart, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

WHEN I get up on Christmas morning I open my presents.
Noah Schuett, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

Thank you for all your support throughout the year.
Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.
Janski’s Catering
780-736-3566

MY FAVOURITE Christmas tradition is jumping on my mom and dad.
Elmore Crane, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

Christmas is a day that you give to people. I like to be with my family at Christmas. I like to leave a carrot for Rudolph and some reindeer food, and some milk and a cookie for Santa.
Tristan Deveau, Thorhild Central School, Grade 4

Every Christmas we go to Papa and Nana’s and we do a Christmas gift exchange and decorate the Christmas tree together. Then all the presents go under the tree.
Willow Lyons, Thorhild Central School, Grade 4

A merry Christmas and thank you for all your support this past year and wish everyone a safe & wonderful Christmas Season!
Dan Gawlik
Vina Oil Inc.
780-643-1589

Thank you
Wishing our friends and neighbors a most harmonious and joyful season!

Wishing you a holiday season that’s merry and bright.
Merry Christmas from Mayor, Council & Staff

The air is filled with anticipation,
On the day of the big celebration,
The air is filled with joy,
With friends and family galore,
Just like back in the days of yore!
Have a good old time on Christmas!

Wishing our friends and neighbors a most harmonious and joyful season!

DEAR CANADIAN SOLDIER,
Merry Christmas! Thank you for keeping us safe and bringing joy to us. For Christmas I am going to get to play outside! I like sledding. I am so excited to open my presents and I hope you get some too.
Ron Inyallie-Brertton, Grade 3, Vilna School

My favourite Christmas tradition is on Christmas Eve and my family watches the Night Before Christmas movie.
Levi Chomay, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

For Christmas I get food, and some milk and some reindeer food, and some milk and a cookie for Santa.
Mackenzie Knight, Grade 3, Vilna School

My favourite Christmas Christmas is I have three Christmas Eve’s and I open presents.
Ava McLean, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

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Holy Family Catholic School
Waskatenau
would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas.
May the magic of this season fill your hearts with love, peace and joy.

Parent volunteers Clara Dimetrok and Cyrena Rivet assist the Thorhild Central grade 3 class with decorating gingerbread houses on December 13th. Gingerbread house decorating is an annual tradition in the grade 3 class.

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Avila Tornouchak, Grade 3, Vilna School

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Hill Drilling Ltd.
780-398-2159

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Have a good old time on Christmas!

Council & Staff
Village of Waskatenau

Correction: Winter is warm and wearing sunglasses.

Through the Eyes of A Child

Dear Canadian Soldier,
Thank you for saving us all and all you sacrifice at Christmas and thanks for all you do to keep us safe. My mom and I made banana bread for Christmas! Merry Christmas and thank you for giving us freedom.
Avelia Toronchuk, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is opening presents and eating a turkey.
Eli Allen, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

Dwight & Nancy would like to thank their customers over the past year and wish everyone a safe & wonderful Christmas!

Wishing everyone a safe & wonderful Christmas!
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My favourite Christmas tradition is jumping on my mom and dad.
Elinor Crane, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is when my family, like my auntie, my uncle, dad and mum come for a feast and we get sweet potatoes and turkey.
Kegan Gosselin, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is opening presents and eating a turkey.
Eli Allen, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School
Seasons Greetings
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Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Merry Christmas!

Through the Eyes of A Child

CHRISTMAS is spending time with friends and family. Kaylee Kuzyk, Thorhild Central School, Grade 4

On Christmas morning we open presents together. Chael Nendze, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

ON CHRISTMAS DAY I wake up first and then I open presents. Emma Marsh, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

On Christmas morning I open the presents. Ava Pasay, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

EVERY CHRISTMAS EVE my mom makes a special box up for me and it always has the same things in it. There is a movie, pajamas, a stuffy and snacks. On Christmas Day we stay home and open presents. Katie Brygadyr, Thorhild Central School, Grade 4

I open my presents first and then we open stockings. Kenley Nendze, Kaylee Kuzyk, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

CHRISTMAS is giving love to other people and being with my family to celebrate Jesus’ birth. Lane Dowhan, Thorhild Central School, Grade 4

My best Christmas is when my whole family goes to my Grandparent’s farm. We have Christmas dinner and open presents. We visit and play games. Damien Johnson, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My Christmas Tradition: What we do on Christmas is we set the Christmas tree up first. Then we hang the lights up. The last thing we do is plug the cord for our blow up penguin. Annalee Green, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

I love my presents first and when we open stockings. Kenley Nendze, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbors from the Rev. Ken Harding and the Council and Congregation of Thorhild Community Church

Londyn Deib has a wide smile for Rapunzel as they enjoy the free skate at the Dec. 8 Thorhild Light Up hosted by the Thorhild & District Agricultural Society.

Emma Lega shares a smile and a wish list with Santa at the Newbrook Recreational and Agricultural Society’s annual Christmas Market Nov. 16.

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Have A Safe &
Happy Holiday Season
Through the Eyes of A Child

Christmas is spending time with family and going to Calgary. I help put up the decorations.

Parker Martyniuk, Thorhild Central School, Grade 4

CHRISTMAS MEANS being with family and friends.

Londyn Deth, Thorhild Central School, Grade 4

I THINK CHRISTMAS is about spending time with your family and getting gifts.

Starr McGill, Thorhild Central School, Grade 4

MY CHRISTMAS is very busy. I just wish that I could have one Christmases when everyone could get together and have dinner.

Oaklyn Green-Alexander, Thorhild Central School, Grade 4

CHRISTMAS MEANS being joyful, happy, and kind. Christmas isn’t about gifts.

Walker Trout

We Wish You A Merry Christmas was played with tone chimes during the Holy Family Catholic School Christmas concert on Dec. 10th by the grade 5/6 class.

Santa leans forward to listen as Khloe Torguson quietly tells him what she wants for Christmas during the Newbrook Recreational and Agricultural Society’s annual Christmas Market Nov. 16.

I get to see my family and cousins and we have a wonderful meal. I love to have a good time with my friends and family.

Lucas Allen, Thorhild Central

The Meaning of Christmas

Christmas means to me giving, and sharing, and being with my family. Christmas is a great time of the year. People get together. I love Christmas so much.

Skye Hay, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

What Christmas means is celebrating how Christ came to earth to save us from sins. Jesus is the best gift of all.

Maxx Yent, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

My Christmas Tradition

At Christmas, my Nana makes pyrogies. She puts money in them. I eat the pyrogies and I find the money.

Lexi Nendze, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

MY CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

In the morning we open presents from Santa and Mom and Dad. Then we open presents from the family. Lastly, we eat Christmas dinner.

Halayna Middelkamp, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas means for me when we give things to other people. I like to be with my family. We like to make food so we can eat it.

Christina Dosyanyuk, Grade 3, Thorhild Central School

I LIKE CHRISTMAS because it’s just fun and you get a lot of things. Christmas means life to me.

Liam Kinshella, Thorhild Central School

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Best Wishes at Christmastime

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The Science of Slime: On Dec 10th Ethan Czech enjoyed making slime as part of the Science unit, Mix and Flow of Matter at Thorhild Central School.

Excellence in Agriculture Award: Sturgeon County’s Excellence in Agriculture Award recognizes innovation or environmental leadership by those involved in a grain, cattle or mixed farming operation, or business or community group that serves the agricultural sector in Sturgeon County. Nominate local individuals, producers, businesses, or community groups who demonstrate either of the following in their operations:

- Innovation
  - Developed a unique solution for an existing challenge or opportunity in the agricultural sector – be it a physical technology, new approach to problem solving, communication or marketing, or the building or improvement of partnerships.

- Environmental Leadership
  - Achieved by enhancing environmental quality and minimizing impacts, or through the promotion of environmental stewardship to others.

The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2020. The winner will be announced at the Sturgeon Proud Awards Night in April, 2020. Nomination forms are available at sturgeoncounty.ca from Agriculture Services.

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Mason Parrish enjoys the cookies at Anne Chorney Public Library during the Dec. 6 Waskatenau Christmas Light Up.
Redwater had loads of Kris Kringle fun

Redwater’s 2019 Kris Kringle event provided family fun for hundreds of people while collecting over $2,300 and 400 pounds of food for the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank Dec. 6.

Community Services co-ordinator Jacquie Moren estimated close to 600 people attended the Friday evening events and roughly 75 attended the Festival of Trees on Saturday.

“It takes the involvement of a whole community to put on an event such as Kris Kringle and the Festival of Trees and make it a huge success,” said Moren. “We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every person who attended the event, all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers, and our community partners who entered trees to put on display or donated to the silent auction.”

Kris Kringle Coloring Contest winners were Olivia Reel (3-6 years), Ryan Verrytora (grade 2-3) and Gary Voutier (grade 4-6).

The annual Festival of Trees attracted 26 tree entries this year, up from 24 last year. Winners by category were:
- Best Overall: Royal Canadian Legion Branch #251
- Best Youth: Redwater 4-H
- Best Theme: Redwater Health Centre Auxiliary
- Best Handmade: Redwater & District Museum
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“Kris Kringle is always a treat to see the creative masterpieces that each group or business comes up with,” said Moren.

Friday evening town councillors and Morinville-St. Albert MLA Dale Nally served 480 hot dogs; 252 cookies were decorated and eaten, and Santa met with 141 children. Families also enjoyed skating, cookie decorating, hayrides and a bonfire.

The Silent Auction in support of the food bank received 24 donations which raised $875. North Redwater Partnership provided a $1,250 donation to hire two professional face painters and one glitter tattoo artist who adorned more than 150 children with paint and glitter tattoos. Wolf Midlands Kasíd provided over $2,300 and 400 pounds of food for the Redwater Community Services Food Bank.

“I trust that people will understand that this is to support the children,” said Moren. “It takes the involvement of a whole community to make it a huge success.”

The Free Press & Review will be moving to a Wednesday edition date effective Jan. 15 (rather than Tuesday). This is the result of changes in the printing schedule and better coincides with our flyer and advertising clients’ sales event start dates, which are predominantly Thursday.

The impact is that you can expect to receive your copy of the local newspaper one day later than you have in the past.

We will continue to be the only publisher to distribute newspapers at no charge to residents and businesses throughout Sturgeon, Thorhild and Smoky Lake Counties – including the towns of Morinville, Redwater, Gibbons, Bon Accord, Legal, and Smoky Lake as well as the communities of Cardift, Waskatenau, Vlna, Spedden as well as other hamlets and subdivisions.

Our advertising deadlines will remain as Thursday afternoon.

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New roadside interpretive panels along Victoria Trail

Welcome to the Elbow: Travelling about a kilometre west of the highway, this is the most northern part of the North Saskatchewan River. The view is spectacular.

This is my whirlwind tour of the Victoria Trail and some new historical gems. Again, to learn more I encourage you to visit this historic area, drive down the beautiful Victoria Trail and enjoy.

You may contact any VHGRS Board member or the Smoky Lake County office for more information regarding this project and the Victoria District.

by Don Klym

Did you know that at one point in our past we had paddle wheelers on the North Saskatchewan River delivering goods to the North? This area is one of seven historical topics the Victoria Home Guard Historical Society (VHGHS) is featuring through a series of roadside interpretive panels along the Victoria Trail.

The VHGRS strives to preserve and bring awareness of our history in the Victoria District within the Smoky Lake County. This project has been recently completed and will be complemented by a newly published brochure containing a map of historical points of interest in the Victoria District.

A couple of years ago the VHGRS felt that most of the history of Victoria District should be made available to the public. The general history has been interpreted through various initiatives such as the Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site and the North-West Mounted Police (RCMP) Monument. Moreover, the Victoria District has been designated a national historic site for various historically significant reasons such as the river lot system of land survey.

Uncovering history is akin to peeling an onion; each layer reveals another piece of our past, but more specific and localized. This is what this latest VHGRS project has attempted to accomplish. The interpretive panel design, information gathering, writing and editing, determining the sign locations, and installation required a team effort of VHGRS Board members and associates. Final panel design and fabrication was contracted to the Behrends Group of Edmonton. Smoky Lake County assisted with the sign installation and construction of three roadside billboards, which was much appreciated.

The VHGRS always encourages the public to tour the beautiful Victoria Trail and to visit all the historic gems along the route. The following is an abbreviated description of our seven historical topics that I hope will entice you to view the attractive signs along the Trail. Travelling from east to west, the first sign is located just east of the Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site.

Fort White Earth /Grat Mill: The Hudson’s Bay Company established one of many fur trading posts on the west side of the White Earth River in 1805, well before Fort Victoria. They also established a grist mill in anticipation of future settlement and the need for flour.

Steamboat Landing: Continuing westward on the Trail to RR184 you will see the North Bank Church sign. This is where steamboats docked to bring supplies to early settlers in the area.

Site of the Henry House: Travelling further west passing another provincial historic site, the Pine Creek Post Office sign is available to the public. The site was the access ramp to the Henry House which contained a grist mill and a general store. There is a connection to Waskatenau – come and see for yourself.

Bear’s Lair Reserve: Going further west, yes you’re smack in the middle of the former site of a First Nation Reserve. The reserve was short-lived and moved to the Saddle Lake Reserve in the late 1890’s.

Elseys’ Hill-A Colourful Past: This location is only about a kilometre east of Hwy 831 and has a wealth of anecdotes. You will learn about a most interesting family and the Victoria District. The reserve was short-lived and moved to the Saddle Lake Reserve in the late 1890’s.

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