Ag minister calls Thorhild field flooding “worst I’ve ever seen”

Thorhild County council met with Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Devin Dreeshen and Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock MLA Glenn van Dijken July 2 to discuss the disastrous state of the local agriculture industry. In the photo are coun. Joyce Pierce, Dreeshen, coun. Wayne Croswell, reeve Kevin Grumetza, councillors Richard Filpuchuk and Cheryl Pasay and van Dijken.

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Beef Builders plan small gathering to mark completion of unique year

The Newbrook Beef Builders finished their 4-H year despite the COVID-19 challenges. The members had to halter break their animals for a virtual show. Once they were halter broke the members had to send in videos washing and grooming their animals. The members had to video walking their animals and then squaring them up as if they were in a show arena.

Despite the challenges all the animals were sold to local businesses and the members got credit for completing their projects and their 4-H year.

This year the club also had a food section and for the final projects kids had to plan a 3 course meal and make it for their family. They had to then send in photos of their dishes and add the recipes into their books.

The 4-H just released that the members can use social distancing, with caution and limited numbers get together. The members are excited to have a small year end event celebrating finishing the year despite all the challenges.

—Club Reporters Carter and Mackenzie Stevens

Newbrook Beef Builders member Gavin Olikka with his market hog. Despite the club name it offers a variety of project options for members.
Thorhild County is opening its offices to the public as follows, while following all current public health measures:

**Open July 8**
- During this time, appointments and inquiries for all services and programs can be made by calling:
  - Administration Building 780-398-3741
  - Public Works Office 780-398-3977
- All visitors are required to follow physical distancing of 6' and obey posted signage.
- Limited access to the Administration reception area (Maximum of 4 members of the public at a time – within the building)
- Public Works Office (Maximum of 1 member of the public at a time)
- Hand sanitation stations are available at public entry points.
- Open July 8 until Sunday, July 12

Please contact the assessor before filing a complaint.

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**Scavenger Hunt!**

Open to residents of Thorhild County only.

Began Friday, June 19 at 4:30 PM until Sunday, July 12th, go on an adventure with your family to find these destinations in Thorhild County.

Before you start, get a Collection Sheet from www.thorhildcounty.com or Option Pay. A Dropbox is available at the Administration Building.

**Things you need for this scavenger hunt:**
- Collection Sheet
- Pen

The Collection Sheet will contain 30 hints. The answer to each hint will be a codeword hidden at each location. Collect 15 of the 30 codewords and submit your Collection Sheet before July 14th for a prize. More information and details on how to submit can be found on the Collection Sheet.

Call Pam at 780-398-2804 for more information.

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**Notice to Thorhild County Ratepayers**

**Mailing of Combined Assessment and Tax Notices**

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Taxes are due and payable on or before October 1, 2020.

**Assessment Complaints**

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**THORHILD COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Are Open**

- **Thorhild Transfer Station – July 8**
  - Wednesdays 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
  - Saturdays 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- **Long Lake Transfer Station – July 9**
  - 1 mile east of the junction of Hwy 18 and 827; then ½ mile North (Range Road 215)

**PAY YOUR UTILITY BILLS OR TAXES ONLINE**

Is now available to pay utilities and taxes by credit card.

You will responsible for the fee charged by Option Pay.

Look for the Option Pay logo on the Thorhild County Home Page.

http://www.thorhildcounty.com/
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Recent

RENTAL

HARRYNUCK & ASSOCIATES INC.

Professional Corporation, Barrister & Solicitor

10,000 sq ft commercial lot in Legal - T7N 1A3

Used as a branch office for a real estate brokerage.

Power, gas, water, sewer, phone available.

2 bdrm apartments, 1 bdrm, 1 full bath, 1/2 bath.

Water & sewer connection in place.

$49,900 plus gst  Call Heather for details.

Call Glenn to view.

HORSE SET UP WITH

WALKOUT BUNGALOW

This one will WOW you! Fantastic! 61 acre set up with gorgeous walkout, below grade entry, 4 bdrm, 3 bath bungalow. In a private location, this home was built in 1951 & had an addition added in the 1960’s. Features a large kitchen with solid wood cabinets, ground floor, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, storage area, laundry space & 3 pce bath. The 43’x26’ metal clad shop has a heating system that includes a gas furnace and wood stove, a second bdrm on main floor & second bdrm on upper floor. There is a barn on main floor & second barn on upper floor. There is an insulated & heated shop, a half mile of lakefront, a large garden, a partially landscaped yard, and a large yard. The entire property is well maintained and ready for use.

$1,178,000.

Call Glenn to view.

AFFORDABLE ACREAGE LIVING BY BROMBERGER

Very cute 2 bdrm bungalow on half acre of land, very pretty 40 ac as just a couple minutes NE of Bromberge. The bungalow was built in 1951 & had an addition added in the 1960s. Features a large kitchen with solid wood cabinets, ground floor, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, storage area, laundry space & 3 pce bath. The 43’x26’ metal clad shop has a heating system that includes a gas furnace and wood stove, a second bdrm on main floor & second bdrm on upper floor. There is an insulated & heated shop, a half mile of lakefront, a large garden, a partially landscaped yard, and a large yard. The entire property is well maintained and ready for use.

$119,000.

Call Glenn to view.

ONE ACRES WITH SHOP

AND ALL UTILITIES

Beautiful 10 acre matured with a well-drained clay soil, clay soil, concrete floor, lower level, shop. Nice spot for a building or a home. 4 bdrm, 2 ba. The 50’x30’ shop has 2 bays with high overhead doors & 2 bays with high overhead doors & 2 bays with high overhead doors. The shop is heated with both a gas furnace and wood stove. Two double det garages. Only 20 minutes from Redwater.

$419,000.

Call Glenn to view.

10 ACRES OF GRAIN LAND

IN THORHILD

Great opportunity had to increase your grain land holdings or build your dream home and start your own farm. 120 acres of good productive soil. Approximately 100 acres open grain land and the remnant is natural bush areas. Small dugout on property. Power runs along the road in front of most of this quarter. Land could be subdivided again. Located about 1 mile NW of Thorhild. Adjoining 10 acre yard site with shop and utilities is also for sale. $33,800. Call Heather for more info.

$33,800.

Call Glenn to view.

Conveniently located just north of RDN 10/1100th to the south of RDN 10/1100th. Basement is an addition. Situated on a lovely piece of land, this home is perfect for a family who wants to be close to amenities and still have the privacy and space of living on a farm. The house has been completely renovated, with new windows, doors, flooring, and a modern kitchen. The property includes a large yard with mature trees and a well-maintained garden. This property is currently zoned residential, but there is potential to use it for commercial or agricultural purposes. The current owners are willing to consider different uses for the property, including the possibility of subdividing it. The property is located close to town and is easily accessible for daily commutes. For more information or to schedule a viewing, please contact the listing agents.

$250,000 a month rent.

$158,800. Call Heather to view.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IN THORHILD

Triplex with two 2 bedroom suites & one 3 bedroom site. It sits on a 130’x100’ lot with two double det garages. Only 20 minutes from Redwater, AB. This property is perfect for investors or those looking for a turnkey investment opportunity. It is located in a well-established neighborhood with easy access to all amenities. The property includes a large yard with mature trees and a well-maintained garden. This property is currently zoned residential, but there is potential to use it for commercial or agricultural purposes. The current owners are willing to consider different uses for the property, including the possibility of subdividing it. The property is located close to town and is easily accessible for daily commutes. For more information or to schedule a viewing, please contact the listing agents.

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July Meetings

14 | Regular Council & Committee of the Whole | 9 a.m.
21 | Subdivision and Development Appeal Board | 2 p.m.

August Meetings

4 | Subdivision and Development Appeal Board | 2 p.m.
11 | Regular Council & Committee of the Whole | 9 a.m.

Weekly FYI is digital at sturgeoncounty.ca
Printed in the Morinville Free Press and Redwater Review bi-weekly.
Next print edition: August 5, 2020

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

Sturgeon County Centre Re-opens

As Sturgeon County implements its re-opening strategy, the County will continue to take direction from Alberta Health Services (AHS) to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Changes to Sturgeon County offices include physical distancing requirements, monitoring for symptoms, and making necessary facility modifications which may affect targeted re-opening dates.

Stage 1 re-opening started July 2, 2020. Sturgeon County Centre is open for all counter services including tax and utility payments, except for Development Support Services, slated for Stage 2 re-opening, with staff available by phone or email. Family & Community Support Services, Protective Services, the Agriculture Services Trailer and Sturgeon South also opened July 2nd.

Please note that Family & Community Support Services continues to offer virtual and telephone services for residents seeking support. Call (780) 939-8334 for information. Also note that sports fields and diamonds for casual use and bookings for organized sports are open (following AHS guidelines).

Stage 2 Re-opening is targeted for August 4, 2020 at which time Council Chambers as well as Development Support Services’ front counter will be open to the public.

Stage 3 is to be determined. For a list of recreation facility and amenity re-opening timelines, please visit sturgeoncounty.ca/COVID19

Phone and online contact with County staff is encouraged. Please call 780-939-4321 before coming to Sturgeon County offices.

Deputy Mayor Appointment


The Deputy Mayor will be required to act in the absence of the Mayor. If both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are absent, the Acting Mayor will be required to act. These appointments are in accordance with section 152 of the Municipal Government Act.

Online Accessibility

SturgeonServices.ca offers Online Accessibility
Many programs can now be accessed online for registration, ordering and payment. New users will need to create a profile. Click on the Support/Tutorials button for assistance signing in.

- Water & Bulk Water
- Fire Permits
- Dog Licences
- FCSS Programs (when active)
- Agriculture Services Programs & Rentals
- Report a Road Concern (Potholes, etc.)
- Maps & Property Viewer
- Activity in the Heartland (Air Quality, etc.)
- Sign up for Email subscriptions: Email Alerts & News, News & Events, Utility Alerts and Road Reports
- Utility E-billing
- Start in Sturgeon (Business and Producers)

Equipment Needed for Drainage Work

Sturgeon County Council has approved funding for additional strategic drainage work.

Transportation Services is looking for local contractors to supply owner operated equipment like gravel, water and hydro vac trucks, backhoes, brush mowers and more. For a list of hired equipment requirements go to sturgeoncounty.ca/hiredequipment

Ready to Hit the Trails?

Thanks to the River Valley Alliance, online information is available to help you explore neighbouring river valley trails.

With this year looking more like a staycation, here’s your opportunity to start exploring.

Adventure awaits you at rivervalley.ab.ca/trekthetrails

Go to AlbertaHealthServices.ca for the latest COVID-19 information, guidance and resources from the province.
COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Policy Statement No. 03-16-04: Road Closure or Cancellation. - Amended
- First Reading of Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1380-20 for the Road Closure of Undeveloped Government Road Allowance: East side of River Lot 10 (Victoria Settlement). Date for a Public Hearing will be announced.
- Policy Statement No. 61M-02-01: Regional Community Development Committee (RCD): Work Plan. - Adopted.
- Smoky Lake County declared a Municipal Agricultural Disaster.

NOTICE: ROAD BANS

Due to above average precipitation and fragile road conditions, effective JUNE 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM the following road restrictions are in place until further notice:

**Gravel Roads**
- 75% Axle Weight
- Assigned Designated Routes according to Conditions;
- Prior to any type of hauling, Public Works must be contacted as several gravel roads may be banned from any type of hauling.

**Posted Oil Based and Paved Roads**
- 75 % Axle Weight
- Any and all posted hauling activity must be reported by contacting:
  - Bob Novosilwsky, Public Works Foreman 780-650-5100
  - Doug Poneich, Public Works Manager 780-650-5101

*We kindly request your continued support and to please contact Bob or Doug for designated routes and restrictions on gravel roads so we can keep road damage to a minimum.*

CONSTRUCTION ROAD CLOSURE

Please be advised that road excavation and repair will be occurring on RR 170 between TWP RD 595A and TWP RD 600

RR 170 between HWY 28 and TWP RD 600 will be CLOSED

Beginning July 14, 2020

All north bound traffic will be directed to use either RR 164 or HWY 855.

Thank you for your patience.

Limitations on the Number of Recreational Vehicles on Property

SECTION 7.23: LAND USE BYLAW 1272-14 OF SMOKEY LAKE COUNTY

As camping season is upon us, please be reminded that Smoky Lake County has a bylaw which limits the number of Recreational Vehicles (RV’s) on your property.

**Multi-Lot County Residential (R1), Residential (Cluster) Conservation (R2), Victoria Residential (R3), and Hamlet Residential (R4) Districts:**

- A maximum of two (2) RV’s are allowed on a parcel without a development permit year-round.
- Additional RV’s are permitted although, only for a maximum of four (4) consecutive days.
- If you wish to place three (3) RV’s on your property on a year-round basis, a Development Permit is required by the Development Authority.
- This does not apply to parcels zoned as Agriculture (AG), Victoria Agriculture (A1), Highway Commercial (C1), Victoria Commercial (C2), Hamlet Commercial (C3), Industrial (M1), Rural Industrial (M2), Institutional & Community (P), Direct Control (DC), and Direct Control Landfill (DC1) Districts.

_No recreational vehicle shall be permanently connected to any utility or municipal service, such as power, gas, water supply, or sanitary sewage disposal facilities unless the RV is located in an approved RV Park._

You may verify the zoning of your property by accessing the Public Web-map [http://municities.smokylake-county.ab.ca](http://municities.smokylake-county.ab.ca), select “Login as guest” to enter the Web-map Site and then on the “Zoning” and “Zoning Label” Layers under the Planning & Development tab.

For more information contact: Jordan Ruegg, Planning & Development Manager or Ed English, Bylaw Enforcement Officer at the County Office at 780-656-3730
NEWS RELEASE:
DECLARATION OF MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

On June 25th, 2020 Smoky Lake County Council declared a Municipal Agricultural Disaster for Smoky Lake County. This declaration was made to call attention to the severe moisture conditions seen throughout the County. This declaration is to bring awareness to the unseeded acres due to excessive moisture and the inability to complete the 2019 harvest, the loss of seeded acres due to excessive moisture as well as pastureland and hay crops under water within Smoky Lake County. As stated in the RMA Guide for Declaring Municipal Agricultural Disasters, ‘Municipal declarations do not automatically trigger access to increased funding programs, provincially or federally.’ Please visit the link below to view the most up-to-date weather maps for Alberta. Producers are encouraged to consult AFSC or visit their website for updated information on assistance programs.

http://agriculture.alberta.ca/acis/climate-maps.jsp

To our valued Farmers & Ranchers,
We appreciate you and we celebrate all your hard work and dedication!
We regret not being able to have our annual BBQ this year and we hope to see you all next year.

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE & PROJECT SCHEDULE

• Approved MG30 dust control application projects for roads adjacent to residents will commence subject to regular dust control treatment program priorities and in combination with other requests for cost effectiveness.
• Magnesium chloride application Base Stabilization Projects:
  • RR 180 between TWP RD 504 - HWY 28
  • TWP RD 592 between RR 183 - 182A
• Continue patching oil base roads and dust controls.

Construction Road Closure

• RR 170 between HWY 28 to TWP RD 600 will be closed, tentatively beginning July 14, 2020 due to road excavation and repair occurring on RR 170 between TWP RD 595A and TWP RD 600. All north bound traffic will be directed to use either RR 164 or HWY 855.

Thank you for your patience.

Fireworks Require Permits

If you are planning on discharging fireworks within Smoky Lake County a Fireworks Permit Agreement is always required. To obtain a free permit or for more information please call 780-656-3730
http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/policies

ATV REMINDER

Please remember if you are out enjoying the the Iron Horse Trail; helmets are required under provincial law when operating an off-highway vehicle on public land and all motorized vehicles MUST be registered and insured.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2019 Annual Report is now available! If you would like to receive a copy in the mail or by email please contact Evonne at 780-650-5504 ezukowski@smokylakecounty.ab.ca to be added to the mailing list, as the County is no longer automatically mailing copies to all residents.

LAKELAND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

SMOKY LAKE SUMMER FIELD DAY

JULY 23, 2020

STARTING AT 2:00 PM

Come and check out the 2020 trials:
• ESN Barley & Wheat
• LARA Regional Variety Trial
• Winter/Spring Regional Silage Trial
• Wheat Demo

Field is located on HWY 831 a 1/4 mile north of Sprucefield hall on the east side of the highway

Register by calling LARA at 780-526-7260.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES PEST MONITORING

Bertha Armyworm traps are being monitored at various locations throughout the County since June, so far month populations have been low. While widespread infestations are unlikely, farmers should continue to inspect their crops for evidence of the pests. Bertha Armyworm monitoring will continue until early August. Alberta Insect Pest Monitoring Network provides timely and accurate insect management information and resources, including live feed maps for Alberta’s agricultural industry.

Maps and resources are available at: https://www.alberta.ca/Alberta-insect-pest-monitoring-network.aspx

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

2020 ASSESSMENT AND TAX ROLL
SMOKY LAKE COUNTY
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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The assessment roll is open for inspection at the County Office, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, Alberta during the business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Any person who desires to object to the entry of their name or that of any other person upon the said roll or to the assessed value placed upon any property must by July 31, 2020, lodge their complaint(s) in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer of Smoky Lake County.

Please review your Assessment and Tax Notice. If you have any questions, please contact the County Office.

A 13% penalty will be applied to any current taxes owing after October 31, 2020. If you do not receive your tax notice or have any other questions, please contact the County Office at 780-656-3730.

DATED this 31st day of May, 2020.

Cory Olejnik
Chief Administrative Officer
Smoky Lake County
PO Box 310, Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS??

Accurate Assessment Services will be available virtually by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment please contact the County Office at 780-656-3730 or taxes@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Available Now
A couple of young girls visit and catch up on what they’ve done since school closed in March as they sit atop a truck to watch the fireworks in Thorhild July 1. None of the other annual July first events—pancake breakfast, parade, rodeo, dance, supper and demolition derby—were held, but area residents filled the arena and Community Hall parking lots and several streets to see the fireworks.

Redwater museum remaining closed for small tours

The Redwater Museum is not open for regular hours this summer but does offer small group tours by appointment.

Museum president Florence Ludwig explained that this year the Museum’s application to the Canada summer grant program for summer staff at the museum was not successful. Without the grant, they can not hire a couple of students to work at the museum and have it open as was done during the past couple of years. Ludwig said volunteers will host tours and small events. They can be arranged by calling 780-942-2071 and leaving a message.

While the museum is closed for the summer, volunteers will hold work bees to change displays and create new ones. One member is currently putting the high school photos into digital records.

In the museum are displays featuring Japanese, French, Danish and indigenous contributions to the community as well as military and oil industry impacts and artifacts. Members would like to create new displays that can be rotated into the viewing areas, perhaps something such as a military theme.

“We have lots of stuff,” said Ludwig. “Hopeful that we’ll get something new and exciting for people to see.”

In the fall museum hours should return to their regular afternoon hours on Thursdays and Saturdays.

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APSLUE COMMENTS

Carrell Coma, PHARMACIST

Keep a current list of your medications with you at all times. Include non-prescription and herbal remedies as well. This list should contain the strength of the medication, how often you take it, if it is a daily or a weekly medication, and how much you take at one dose. The doctor needs to see a complete list of all medications you are taking. Companies that make medications sell what they refer to as ‘medication lists’ or what they call ‘medication management’. You can get these from your pharmacist or from the drug company. These lists are usually kept in a binder or wallet with your other medical records. This is an especially important concept in the elderly where use of multiple medications can increase the risk of falls and confusion that may ultimately end with a hospital admission. Have your medications checked routinely by your doctor or pharmacist.

“Polypharmacy” is defined as the simultaneous use of five or more medications. This is an especially important concept in the elderly where use of multiple medications can increase the risk of falls and confusion that may ultimately end with a hospital admission. Have your medications checked routinely by your doctor or pharmacist.

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CLYDE AUCTIONEERING

ANTIQUE/CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
9:00 A.M. start each day.

3013 Township Rd. 591, Barrhead, Alberta

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Newbrook Rec & Ag maintaining facilities despite COVID-19 preventing events

Newbrook Recreational & Agricultural Society is carrying on despite the cancellation of its major summer events.

“COVID-19 and the cancellation of our major summer events has obviously had a financial impact,” said treasurer Veronica Melnyk. “Utility bills and maintenance of buildings and grounds is ongoing without the benefit of any revenue. It was beneficial to receive the Ag Society grant early.”

She said the Ag society is not considering shutting down.

It owns and operates the Newbrook natural ice arena, hall, and outdoor riding arena.

Drain Redwater’s surface water to the northeast

Letter to the editor,
Re: June 23 article on draining by Richard Jacob.
I applaud Mr. Jacob for nailing the issue of water drainage so well.
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The Victoria Trail Agricultural Society (VTAS) in Waskatenau is weathering the COVID-19 cancellations of its events in good shape.
“Our Ag Society is in a good financial position,” said treasurer Joan Lazowski. “It was great to receive the grant early, however we were in a good enough financial position to have waited until the usual pay-off time frame.” The provincial government gave out its annual grants to Ag societies early this year.
VTAS operates the Waskatenau fitness center and equine riding arena. This year members cancelled their annual parade and Fair Days in early August because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ag Society is not considering shutting down.

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Debbie Vey-Smale pulls weeds beside the walk at her Redwater home July 3, the first sunny day in what felt like a long time. “It’s usually not this bad,” she said of the unwanted greenery. “But with all the rain...”
Thorhild Central School staff held a farewell to the graduating class of 2020 on June 26.

The outdoor event gave the grads the opportunity to say goodbye to each other and to school staff and to participate in a couple of long-standing traditions: valedictorian Zoey Felichestuk addressed her classmates and everyone got to write their names on the feature rock at the front of the school property.

“We’re here today so we could close a chapter in your lives,” said principal Justin Gross. He noted that even though the COVID-19 pandemic put a stop to many activities and events, and the students completed their high school classes online, they did graduate.

“You guys have worked very hard to get where you are,” Gross concluded. “Have happy, healthy lives, and be kind to one another.”

Felichestuk spoke about highlights and challenges she shared with her classmates, many of whom were in the same class since grade one. “We’ve been through everything together,” she said. She shared a positive message, and her classmates applauded when she declared, “COVID can suck it!”

Grads signed the rock with pink and blue paints, then posed for photos beside the row of signs featuring all of their pictures.

“We’re looking forward to a more traditional graduation ceremony in September,” said Gross afterward. “What I wanted to offer the kids was a chance at closure. I don’t think I’ll ever forget the last time I walked out of my high school. I wanted to give them that opportunity to say goodbye to their school and community and to know how much we love them and how we all need to adapt to what comes.”

Thorhild Central School graduate Dylan Goulet stands beside the row of grad photo signs during the school’s farewell to grads June 26. “I’m happy to have it,” he said of the outdoor event. “It’s better than not having anything.”

We’ve been through everything together

Thorhild Central School class of 2020 valedictorian Zoey Felichestuk addresses her classmates during the school’s June 26 farewell to grads.
Zander (Left) and Ray Wierama enjoy lunch in the Redwater Arboretum July 3. “I always like these little towns,” said Ray. They stopped for a break on their way for Lacombe to Smoky Lake where Zander was booked to take his driver’s exam because the waiting time in larger communities is weeks long. Driver license tests for the general public were not done from mid March to the last week of June because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
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