Redwater plans to add water features to arboretum

When the Redwater Arboretum Society installs ponds and pumps in the Devonian Park arboretum south of 49 Avenue, the Town of Redwater will cover the cost of power and water to operate the ponds.

Arboretum volunteers plan to build an ornamental pond with fountain at the west end of the arboretum and a smaller water feature with a fountain at the east end.

Treasurer Fred Moody said “it’s great” that council approved the pond plan. Society members hope to have the pond excavated in late summer or early fall and install the liner. That way it could fill naturally over winter. The detailed landscaping and planting would be done in 2020.

In the last two years 90 trees and shrubs have been planted in the arboretum. Two more large trees will be brought in this week, and Moody said that pretty well completes the tree planting. They will now be cared for while other aspects of the arboretum, such as the ponds and walking paths, are worked on.

Redwater council approved the Society’s plans for a pond and a water feature with fountains during its July 2 meeting. Council also agreed to cover water and power costs and directed administration to work out a memorandum of understanding with the Society to detail which organization is responsible for what operational responsibilities (cleaning the pond, unplugging pumps).

Council did not approve the Society’s request for $10,000 for walking trails this summer. The society intends to formally apply to the town for 2020 funding when budget planning takes place this fall.

Town administration will work with Society members to apply for grants for the walking trails, and council will consider the funding request during 2020 budget deliberations. The Society has a $5,000 grant from Pembina Pipelines which covers about one third of the trail project.

“We need to consider ongoing maintenance,” said Coun. Dave McRae when council considered the Society’s request July 2.

Mayor Mel Smith said he believes that as long as the Arboretum Society exists and is operational, its members will take care of the arboretum. “After that, it’s ours,” Smith said. “Ultimately everything is ours.”

Coun. Connie Butcher made the motion to work out an MOU stating the town’s expectation the society will look after the arboretum’s operational needs and ensuring everyone knows their responsibilities. It carried unanimously. Councillors Les Dorosh and Joanne Williams were absent.

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Wolfgang jumps and twists before leaving the chute and tosses Thorhild saddle bronc rider Charlie Rich into the mud at Thorhild’s annual Canada Day stampede July 1.

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A taste of summer

Kyler Burgoyne and Rhenleigh Kapach enjoy a cold treat at the Town of Redwater’s ice cream day, sponsored by Redwater IGA July 4.

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Thorhild County Council gave 3rd reading to the Mill Rate Bylaw 19-2019 on May 14, 2019. Council has chosen to not increase the mill rates in any subclass for 2019. Additionally, the Non-Residential – Small Business subclass is in its second year, continuing to provide small local businesses in excess of $35,000 in property tax savings annually.

In late February, Carmacks Enterprises, began the replacement of four bridges that were damaged during the 2018 Spring Flood. The Government of Alberta determined the flood did meet the extraordinary criteria of a 1-in-50 year flooding event and Thorhild County was approved for the Disaster Recovery Program up to the amount of $2,988,000. All bridges are being completed simultaneously, beginning with removals and salvage of the old damaged structures; from abutment, wingwall, and pier construction; to girder installations during the last week of June. Several of these bridges will be re-opened to residents by the end of July 2019.

The former Village of Thorhild Office roof replacement on the west portion commenced in May. The project included, abatement and disposal of unsalvageable roof components, removal and salvage of re-useable roof trusses (for future use at the Public Works yard for cold storage), and replacement of a new flat roof system which includes mechanical, electrical and structural components.

The annual Farmer Appreciation Supper was held in conjunction with the Thorhild Agricultural Society Cattle Show and the Newbrook 4-H Beef Builders Club Achievement Day.

Shell Quest donated $7,070 for the purchase of fruit bearing trees and irrigation at the Railway Fishpond. Mr. V’s Trees and community volunteers installed the irrigation system and planted the trees.

Council looks forward to the Trade Show on August 24, 2019, at the Waste Management of Canada Agriplex.

On Behalf of Council have a safe and relaxing summer,

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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;

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 Andrushchyn
Payroll & Personnel Manager
Thorhild County
Box 10, Thorhild, AB T0A 3J0
or e-mail laurie@thorhildcounty.com

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

**PUBLIC SALE OF LAND**

(Municipal Government Act)

**THORHILD COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Thorhild County will offer for sale, by public auction, in the County Administration Office, Thorhild, Alberta, on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. the following lands:

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Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing Certificate of Title.

These properties are being offered for sale on an “as is, where is” basis and Thorhild County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districts, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environment contamination, or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser.

No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions preceding to the sale of any parcel. No terms or conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by Thorhild County.

Thorhild County may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction.

Terms: Cash or Certified Cheque and GST will apply on lands sold at the Public Auction. A 10% deposit is payable upon the acceptance of the bid at Public Auction. The balance of the accepted bid is due within 30 days.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Thorhild County, Alberta, July 3, 2019.

Wayne Franklin, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer
PARADE
SATURDAY JULY 27, 2019

This Year’s Theme:
“Promoting Small Businesses”

Registration: 10:30 am
(North of the Agricentre)

Judging: 10:30 am/Parade 11:00 am

Categories:
• Antique
• Organization Float or Entry - Business
• Organization Float or Entry - Service
• Youth

Prizes: Each Category:
1st Place $30.00 • 2nd Place $20.00

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Wonderfully renovated 3 bdrm, 2 bath 1400 sqft bungalow on 11 acres. Bright, new kitchen. Large deck. North of town, just off pavement.

E4140984 THORHILD $269,900

Views of the Tawatinaw Valley from almost every window in this well built, well finished custom home with over 4000 sq ft of living space. 5 bdrm. 4 baths. Triple car garage.

E4161566 ROCHESTER $729,900

Stunning 69 acre acreage with 1,863 sq ft, 3 bdrm, 4 bath home overlooking your own 3 acre spring fed lake! 30’ x 32’ garage & lots of RV space.

E4158145 ABEE $589,000

1035 sq ft walkout bungalow with 1 1/2 baths and attached garage on 5.51 acres. Ideal property for a weekend getaway!

E4153547 NORTH BUCK LAKE $230,000

Great location between Millet & Hwy 2. 3 bdrm, 2 bath bungalow with attached garage on 5.51 acres. Plus a 70x40 shop!

E4161562 MILLET $595,000

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Redwater mayor Mel Smith presents Fortis Alberta Stakeholder Relations manager Dora L’Heureux with a letter of appreciation July 2. Fortis also provided a lift truck and operator to hang the flower baskets around downtown Redwater in early June when the town lift truck was out for repairs. Smith said, “We are very thankful to Fortis for their assistance to save our flowers and beautify our community.”

June 21st Redwater Health Centre - Long Term Care Recreation went for a stroll to the Redwater Gazebo which we enjoy doing twice monthly to have the beautiful flowers in the gazebo. The fresh air is a nice change for them!

(L-R)Jeanne Fredrickson (Volunteer), Chris Carruthers (Resident), Pauline Mocka (Resident), Desiree Rose (Undergraduate Nurse).

Community Peace Officer Evan Brown poses with Thorhild Central School Kindergarten students during a visit to their class during the last week of school.
Thorhild Titans minor soccer players won first place in the Youth category as they promoted their Favorite Sport during the Thorhild July 1 annual Canada Day parade.

Dwight Hill placed first in the Antique Machinery division of Thorhild’s annual Canada Day parade with this 1949 John Deere Model D.

Brandy Hasluk and Candice Gumsey (driving), promoted the Seeds To Sprouts day care during Thorhild’s annual Canada Day parade July 1.

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Farm Sale

EARL & NICOLE ANDERSON
FRIDAY JULY 19, 2019 12:00 PM

LUNCH AVAILABLE

4010 RANGE ROAD 152 (HWY 635) BEAVER COUNTY AB
Directions: Hwy 14 to Velden, South on Hwy 14, 49 house on west side.

Tractors/Equipment

Antique-John Deere 40 U.

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Farm Sale, Antiques & More

Antique Jübler store (Antique corner store & Antiques - c. 1930's)

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Oaklyn Green from Thorhild, holds her Bedo Craft, for the Best Craft Entry at the Newbrook fair on June 22.
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Redwater Lions Club member Frank Stapleton serves free hotdogs to Robby Norwood during the Redwater Public Library July 4 Word on the Block event.

Mason Anaka builds a block tower for little sister Emily during the Redwater Public Library Word on the Block event July 4.

Oliver Hintz enjoys feeding little goats as younger brother Jasper and mom Karli watch. They were among many patrons who enjoyed the animals in Annie’s Dandy Farm and Friends Petting Zoo as about 420 people attended the Redwater Public Library Word on the Block event July 4.

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Newbrook Jr barrel racer Kaycee Scobey leans in to barrel three at the Thorhild July 1 annual Canada Day stampede.

Thorhild bull rider Joshua Blackwell hangs on as Rocky kicks his heels up at Thorhild's annual Canada Day stampede July 1. Bull fighter Tayler Garden runs up before Blackwell lands in the mud.

Waskatenau Jr breakaway roper Peri Phillips races out of the box but misses her calf at Thorhild's annual Canada Day stampede July 1.

Jared Mercer couldn't get his horse to exit the chute during the Wilde Ride event at Thorhild's annual Canada Day stampede July 1.

Breakaway roper Katie Squier of Clyde chases down her calf in front of full stands at Thorhild's annual Canada Day stampede.

Thorhild bareback rider Ethan Mazurenko earned 71 points for this wild ride on Slick during Thorhild's annual Canada Day stampede July 1.

Junior steer rider Ryder Cardinal enters the arena with style during the Thorhild July 1 annual Canada Day stampede.

Thorhild Stampede
Wait for the chicken to poop! The first poop lands on a square and the person who bought the squares wins $250! The Club has held 5 bingos so far raising $1200. The crowds love it. There are many repeat players. Everyone gets excited when the chickens are released. Once they are released kids and adults are seen crowding around the box waiting for the poop. The chickens are supplied & cared for by Matt Rosenberger. The Athens Travel Club is a group of very enthusiastic & outgoing students. They will travel to Athens & the Greek Islands in March 2020 during spring break. If you are a Rosenberger or replacing the Pembina Place ice plant mechanical components, roof and arena floor in the next few years.

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If you have a transportation concern there is a man in government who has seen travel challenges never faced by any bus company on the planet. He is also an astronaut, so it is appropriate that a Radway resident took his concern over the loss of Greyhound bus service to that man.

The full statement ofédrew Garneau, who is Minister of Transport, can be found in the newspaper article linked above. It is a thoughtful response that demonstrates his commitment to finding solutions for the senior community and those who depend on Greyhound service.

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P. Minister of Transport

Lack of reliable, affordable transportation has a huge impact on seniors

A 2017 provincial transportation needs assessment conducted by the University of Alberta Medically at Risk Driver (MARD) Center surveyed 1,400 seniors. It showed almost 20 percent of seniors who do not drive said they were unable to get to medical appointments, groceries, or social services.

As Minister of Transport, my overarching goal is to ensure that Canada’s transportation system supports our ambitious economic growth and job creation agenda. Canadians require a transportation system that is safe, reliable and environmentally responsible.

The federal government recognizes the seriousness of Greyhound’s service discontinuance in western Canada and northern Ontario. Please accept my apology for the delay in replying.

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Community Services manager Jodi Brown read Melnick’s nomination to council July 2. The name of the person who nominated her was not made public.

Melnick received the Exceptionally Outstanding Achievement Award for leading change in creating efficiencies within the Community Services Department and for helping others through exceptional customer service.

She created efficiencies by investigating the possibility of ordering cleaning products for Pembina Place through a Redwater business. After completing a cost-benefit analysis including previous suppliers, Melnick discovered ordering locally would be the most cost effective and the quality of the products would meet operational standards. Additionally, as these products are available in Redwater, staff can access products easily rather than wait for an order to arrive.

“Charity’s efforts resulted in cost savings while maintaining a high level of cleanliness in our facility and supporting our local businesses,” said Brown.

The Exceptional Customer Service recognition was in part due to praise from a facility user group that recognized Melnick’s efforts to ensure everything required was in place before they arrived, her willingness to help and her kindness to clients.

“She is a great worker, very accommodating and efficient,” said Brown.

The Exceptionally Outstanding Achievement Award may be presented to town staff members or teams twice each year.

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Melnick received the Exceptionally Outstanding Achievement Award for leading change in creating efficiencies within the Community Services Department and for helping others through exceptional customer service.

She created efficiencies by investigating the possibility of ordering cleaning products for Pembina Place through a Redwater business. After completing a cost-benefit analysis including previous suppliers, Melnick discovered ordering locally would be the most cost effective and the quality of the products would meet operational standards. Additionally, as these products are available in Redwater, staff can access products easily rather than wait for an order to arrive.

“Charity’s efforts resulted in cost savings while maintaining a high level of cleanliness in our facility and supporting our local businesses,” said Brown.

The Exceptional Customer Service recognition was in part due to praise from a facility user group that recognized Melnick’s efforts to ensure everything required was in place before they arrived, her willingness to help and her kindness to clients.

“She is a great worker, very accommodating and efficient,” said Brown.

The Exceptionally Outstanding Achievement Award may be presented to town staff members or teams twice each year.

Nominations may be submitted by staff or members of the public. Employees may be nominated multiple times, but can receive only one individual and one team award during a calendar year.
Redwater Community Services assistant Liesel Spicer receives an Exceptionally Outstanding Achievement Award from mayor Mel Smith July 2.

Spicer finds Community Services work satisfying and excels doing it

Redwater Community Services assistant Liesel Spicer received an Exceptionally Outstanding Achievement Award for leading change through innovation within the Community Services Department and for helping others through exceptional teamwork. Mayor Mel Smith presented her award July 2.

“It was a nice surprise to be recognized,” said Spicer, who has worked for the town for one year. Community Services is satisfying work for her.

“I love being a part of the work that strengthens community ties and personal well being,” Spicer said. “There is a rich sense of satisfaction for me being at one community events and seeing how the many hours of planning and preparation materialize into a time where family and community relationships deepen through shared experience, whether that’s a fun social event, an information workshop or appreciation or networking events. I don’t think we can underscore strongly enough the positive impact that healthy community connections provide.”

She also appreciates the opportunity her position provides to assist community organizations.

“Redwater has a large number of people who give very generously to the community through a variety of organizations,” said Spicer. “A part of my job that I feel very privileged to do is to receive information from these organizations and spread the news through avenues such as the monthly community calendar and our seasonal programs and event flyers.”

Spicer and her husband, Dwayne (who was elected to town council nine months ago), have three adult children. They own the Fas Gas fuel station in Redwater, and she does the bookkeeping for their business. She also volunteers on a Christian Ministry board and helps to lead and facilitate events.

When she has time, Spicer enjoys scrapbooking, reading and creative projects such as painting workshops hosted by the Redwater Art Society.

Community Services manager Jodi Brown provided the following information from Spicer’s award nomination. The name of the person who nominated her was not made public.

Spicer demonstrated exceptional dedication, creativity and assistance with the compilation of the results from the 2019 Community Services Survey. She compiled and reported the results from 239 completed surveys.

“This was a huge task as there were thousands of individual comments to open-ended questions that needed to be painstakingly entered into a spreadsheet,” said Brown. “Secondly, these responses needed to be grouped and analyzed to identify key themes. Liesel put many hours of work into translating data into graphs and incorporating the main themes into an easy-to-read document to be shared with council and the public.”

Brown added that the effort to assist with this very challenging, time-consuming and important project demonstrated Spicer’s strong personal commitment to innovation in creating outstanding, highly professional and informative documents for the benefit of the community.

The Helping Others and Teamwork aspects of Spicer’s award were because this spring, in addition to her work on the Community Services Survey, community events and programs and regular duties, she assisted the new pool manager to get ready for opening day by working on several posters, assisting with job postings and re-designing the Pool Program Guide.

“Liesel’s willingness to assist the pool manager despite her busy workload truly reflects her commitment to supporting her colleagues on the Community Services team to achieve operational excellence,” said Brown.

July 4’s sunshine drew a large crowd to the Town of Redwater ice cream day sponsored by Redwater IGA. Watched by mom Natasha Prevost, Aliyah and Kai Pasteka (lower left) eagerly await their treat while Betsy-Taylor and Crosby Lemmens (lower right), with their ice cream covered in chocolate and sprinkles, are ready to taste it. In the center of the photo are Jack Derrett and Bud Lemmens.

Public has questions but no objections as Smoky Lake County eases limit on rural dogs

Smoky Lake County now allows some rural residents to have up to five dogs.

Council approved amendments to its Regulating and Confinement of Dogs Bylaw June 28 following a public participation session during which no one objected to the proposed changes.

Liz Henry asked how many of her four dogs she could take to her place at Mons Lake. Reeve Craig Lukinuk replied she is still allowed to have two dogs but may apply for a permit to have more than that.

Peter Bezborodka asked how residents are to keep farm dogs from barking at coyotes, are dogs allowed to cross a public road to go from one part of a farm to another, and if a dog chasing vehicles was the same as a dog at large.

Lukinuk said the bylaw is not intended to prevent farm dogs from doing their job of keeping predators away. He explained that a complaint about a continuously barking dog requires a log with dates and times of the barking or howling which goes to the Peace Officer for follow-up. A dog chasing a vehicle is not considered at large, and dogs are free to roam their owner’s property, including crossing roads.

The number of dogs allowed to reside or remain at a county residence increased from two to five at residences on more than 10 acres and increased from two to three dogs at residences on 10 acres or less. For residences in hamlets or county residential developments the number of dogs allowed remained at two.

The County Dog Shelter fee decreased from $250 to $10/day and the age of dependent puppies increased from three months to six months.

Council passed first reading of the amended Regulating and Confinement of Dogs bylaw May 23 and second and third readings June 27.
Paula Garnett is Redwater’s new Bylaw Enforcement Officer. One month into her job, she is settling in and enjoying the community. “I like working with people,” Garnett said. “I listen to what people have to say and try to establish mutual respect.” She hopes to continue the programs run by the previous bylaw enforcement officer.

Garnett has been interested in law enforcement and community work since she was a teenager. She worked as a Peace Officer in Jasper for four years and as a Peace Officer with the Edmonton Police Service before coming to Redwater. “The opportunity to work with a smaller rural community, to build community relations and be proactive, drew me here,” she said.

While she is enjoying getting to know Redwater’s citizens, she also likes to meet their canine companions. “I love dogs,” said Garnett. “They’re amazing.” She has three of her own, a Belgian Malinois and two Chihuahuas. Taking them out is one of her favorite recreational pass times.

Smoky Lake County is revising the Victoria District Area Structure Plan (ASP) bylaw. Although the proposed changes are not substantive and do not materially change the plan, a public hearing will be held before council considers second and third readings of the bylaw.

The proposed amendments include adding the National Historic Site Designation boundary map that was approved by the National Historic Sites and monuments Board of Canada and the Provincial Heritage Designation of the Pakan Methodist Church that was done in March 2019.

The Municipal Heritage designation of the St. Elias (Holy Trinity) Russo Greek Orthodox Church done in May 2011 will be noted in the ASP and the Free Trader’s House on River Lot 3 will be relabelled to correctly identify it as a provincially designated resource (it is currently marked as federally designated). Additional references to file numbers will be added for ease of research.

The Victoria District ASP covers the area along the north bank of the North Saskatchewan River from RR165 to RR192. For most of its length the ASP area is one to two miles wide. That changes at the east end where a two mile wide strip extends up to four miles north of the river.

Within the ASP are a National Historic Site, eight historical or heritage sites (such as the MacDonald stopping ground, River Lot 3 and Fort Victoria), and Metis Crossing.

Because the ASP changes are not substantive, a public hearing is not required by the Municipal Government Act. Council chose to have a hearing for public comment to make the process fully transparent.

Council passed first reading of the proposed amendments June 27. A public open house on the draft ASP will be held Aug. 2 and a formal public hearing Aug. 29.
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