Redwater still waiting for new doctor to arrive

Redwater may again have three doctors in town to care for the 1,100 residents of the town and the Redwater Regional Hospital. Dr. Tony Aluka is presently going through the process of becoming certified to work in Canada.

“The town of Redwater is anxiously await- ing the arrival of our new physician,” said mayor Mel Smith. “Dr. Tony Aluka is expect- ed to arrive in late summer or early fall. Red- water has been very fortunate to have had three very good doctors. With Dr. Aluka’s office we will see three doctors again. Welcome Tony.”

Redwater is currently served by Dr. Godwin Mouton and Dr. Tabby van der Walt. Dr. Fran- cois Erasmus closed his practice in Redwater and moved out of the province in January.

Smith said the reduction to two doctors in town did not impact the emergency department at the local hospital. It remains open with locums covering some weekend and holidays.

North Zone Communications director Shelly Wilsey said Alberta Health Services (AHS) is currently recruiting for one physician in Redwater.

“There is one potential physician recruit currently working with AHS and the CPSA (The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta) through the recruitment process,” Wilsey advised. “It’s important to note that there are varying stages of the recruitment process, and until a physician is actually prac- tising in a community, there is no guarantee of their commitment to a particular healthcare site or medical practice. Where a physician ulti- mately sets up practice could vary for many reasons, including personal reasons. We will continue to keep the community updated as more information becomes available.”

Aluka could not be reached for comment.

COVID-19 moving closer to local area

While Thorhild and Smoky Lake Counties (including towns and villages within) have not had a single case of COVID-19 recorded, the disease is moving closer. Another new COVID-19 case was reported in Sturgeon County last week: the first case in the eastern part of the county.

According to the Government of Alberta website, as of July 17 there was one reported case of COVID-19 in Sturgeon County east and the urban municipalities within it. This case is active.

Sturgeon County west and its smaller urban centers reported nine cases of COVID-19. One case is active, and the remaining eight are recovered.

The Town of Morinville had three reported cases, all of which are now recovered. Both Thorhild and Smoky Lake counties continue to have zero reported cases.

Thorhild day care opens

Thorhild day care opens. It had closed March 15 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We miss all the kids; we’re ready to get back,” said director Cassidy Caron July 14. “There’s lots of guidelines to follow. I’ve spent the last two weeks getting ready.”

The seeds to Sprouts daycare in Thorhild Childcare Centre is now set up for age appropriate social distancing, with items placed so when the kids are playing they will not be in close to each other. As well, staff plan activities that keep the children separated. While the children are not required to wear masks, staff will wear masks when interacting closely with them.

Another change is that parents are not allowed inside the building. Seeds to Sprouts is located in the west part of Thorhild Central School, so parents drop off and pick up their children at the west door. Before the young- sters can enter the building, they must submit a questionnaire and the child’s tempera- ture is checked. Staff are busy cleaning and sanitizing the building, and parents can make an appointment to drop off their children.

“Another change is that parents are not allowed inside the building,” Caron said.

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19 rules, they can currently care for a maxi- mum of 21 children.

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The Seeds to Sprouts daycare first opened in December 2019. It provided full and part time child care plus after school care.
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Willis creates customers dreams in wood

Rick Willis of Redwater retired from indus-
try and is now busy with his own small busi-
ness, Raw Woodcraft. He makes just about
anything wood his customers dream up.

“This is what I want to do,” he said. “It
keeps me pretty happy.”

His commissions include a huge range of
items: gate signs, memorial boxes, cutting
boards, bath tub trays, planters, benches, sil-
houette boards and little tables at which to feed
squirrels or chickens.

“So much of it is customer driven,” said
Willis. “People have ideas. There’s a lot of
crafty people with good ideas who don’t have
the tools or whatever they need to bring
them to fruition.”

Willis began work
with wood about
35 years ago. When
he worked at East Chem-
ticals he built full, solid
wood kitchens on the side. As time went by he
acquired a shop full of fine tools and built
smaller things.

When he retired from his position as training
manager for Suncor last year, he began to
spend more time in his woodworking shop. He
and his daughter-in-law, Jodi Willis, had start-
ed Raw Woodcraft in November 2018.

“She has a very strong graphic background,”
said Willis. “She loves the work as much as I
do.” He particularly enjoys putting creativity
and technology together.

“This utilizes technology, art and the tooling
available to us,” said Willis.

The business took off, with requests for

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Thorhild Minor Hockey will have a 2020-21 season if allowed under the Alberta Health Services (AHS) COVID-19 pandemic guidelines. "We're planning for it, but we don't know for sure," said president Cody Siemens. "We do need to plan for it and create something based on what we know now."

They are following Alberta Hockey's return to play guidelines, which are subject to change if Alberta Health Services changes its regulations regarding the pandemic. Siemens did not have a firm date on when a decision about the season will be made, but he expected it will be in the fall.

"If everything goes ahead, we'll have a season of some sort," he said.

For now, planning takes into account having limited numbers of people in dressing rooms, on ice and in the stands. Physical distancing will be maintained during practices and travel to other arenas will be limited.

The Return To Play guidelines will be posted on the Thorhild Minor Hockey website. The Thorhild and district Agricultural Society owns and operates the Waste Management of Canada arena in Thorhild. If its major user groups (minor hockey and ringette) can have seasons, Ag Society members will put in ice and open the arena for use. It would not be feasible to put in ice to be used only by recreation, hockey, shinny and public skating.

"We will be watching Alberta Health Services recommendations mid September and make a final decision then," said Ag Society president Troy Vetsch. "Many parents want to wait and see what the COVID situation looks like in two months before they will commit their children 100 percent. As long as there are people to use the building, and if AHS allows us to open, we will put ice in and operate for this upcoming season. It's a waiting game until mid September."
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Bylaw 18-2020 Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Purpose: To amend setbacks for accessory buildings on lakefront vs. backshore lake properties in the RL – Long Lake Residential District, and to amend permitted projections into front, side and rear yards throughout Thorhild County.

Take notice that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, Thorhild County Council has scheduled a Public Hearing in regard to the proposed Bylaw 18-2020 being a Bylaw to Amend Thorhild County Land Use Bylaw No. 1194-2015, as amended.

Date: Tuesday July 28, 2020
Time: 1:30pm
Location: Thorhild County Council Chambers (801-1St Street, Thorhild) And Virtually via Zoom
Zoom Link: Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84979408375 Or Call 1-587-328-1099 shortly before the hearing starts
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The meeting host will then join you to the meeting.

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

Due to social distancing, there is limited space available in Council Chambers, to attend in person. It is recommended that you attend the meeting live via Zoom. Persons interested in speaking at the public hearing must pre-register with the Development Clerk (phone: 780-398-2802 or email kelly.patry@thorhildcounty.com), which will allow participation through Zoom.

Presentations by the public may be made verbally, in writing or both. Please note that verbal presentations shall be limited to five (5) minutes. You may submit written comments that will be read at the public hearing by forwarding to the Development Clerk at kelly.patry@thorhildcounty.com.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:
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Manager of Planning and Development
Phone Number: 780-398-2825
e-mail: wayne.shanks@thorhildcounty.com

Dated: July 8, 2020

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Thank you for your cooperation as we move to Integrity Waste Solutions Inc.
The Radarwod Agricultural Society cancelled its summer events this year, including the Pioneer Days parade, bench show, ball tournament and other events originally scheduled for July 24-26 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“As soon as we can, we’ll start holding functions again,” said vice-president Linda Halan. “We’re erring on the side of caution. We’ll have to hope it’s better next year.”

A summer ball league may run in August. The blanchers at the diamonds seat about 200 people, so spectators will be able to maintain physical distancing. Depending on what regulations Alberta Health Services (AHS) establishes, events in the Agricentre might resume in October with spread-out seating.

The Ag Society owns and operates the Radarwod Agricentre, which is used for a wide variety of events from fiddle fests to wrestling and weddings to fundraising gala. With no events being held, the facility generates no revenue.

“It hurts financially,” Halan said. “We don’t know what will happen with later bookings. Hopefully, things will be back to normal next year.”

Opening of the AHS regulations will depend on AHS regulations.

“We’re very lucky the Alberta government gave us our grant early, so we can keep the bills paid,” said Town replacing sewer main under 54 street

Starting July 21, a 3rd party Contractor, CB Max Excavating Ltd., was scheduled to start the sanitary sewer main line replacement project on 54th Street in Redwater. The street will be closed to traffic from July 21 to August 3, states the town.

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Thorhild Central School grad Colton Andersen was the first to sign his name on the rock at the front of the school during the farewell to grads June 26.

Sturgeon puts $20 bounty on beaver

Sturgeon County Council approved a Beaver Control Incentive Policy at their regular Council meeting July 14 that will provide a $20 per tail bounty to landowners to mitigate beavers on their own property.

The funding for the program is capped at $10,000 for this year noted Chief Operating Officer Scott MacDougall. The incentive “could assist with drainage management throughout Sturgeon County,” he added.

“This policy is modelled after Lac Ste. Anne County and MD of Bonnyville programs where landowners are required to obtain pre-authorization and provide a signed affidavit to ensure all regulations are followed,” MacDougall said (such as humanely destroying the beaver).

Coun. Neil Comeau questioned if administration looked into use of the beaver meat/fur. MacDougall said they “are looking at disposal options.”

Funding for the Beaver Control Incentive program will come from the Drainage Enhancement Fund.

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