Flooded basements spark concern in Redwater as heavy rain hits

Cindy Zsombor got up Sunday morning and found 6.5 inches of water in the basement of her home on 52 Street in Redwater. She and her husband, John, have lived there since 2005, and this is the first time they had a flood. “I called the insurance and the town,” she said. “I called the town’s one-off-call staff member came, and the town brought in vacuum trucks that morning to pump water from manholes.”

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Zsombor said they moved to Redwater because they wanted that sense of community a small town has. She feels let down after this. “Where’s some community spirit to help out?” asked Zsombor. “I’m fortunate; I have three adult sons. They came with trucks and hauled loads to the transfer station. Some people are elderly and can’t rip out drywall and haul furniture out.”

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Heavy rains in mid-July resulted in some Redwater homes getting flooded basements. That was caused by rising ground water, so the town hired vacuum trucks to pump out the manhole catch basins.

“Nobody got any sewage backup,” said Redwater Infrastructure manager Nawaz Panhwer. “Sewer backup occurs when the lift station pump fails. This was ground water from the rain.” He explained that in the older areas of town many houses do not have sump pumps and backflow preventors.

“The old weeping tiles were tied into the sewer service,” said Operations supervisor Cliff Dallyn. “When the ground is saturated, it comes into the basements.”

Panhwer said 13 residents reported water in their basements between July 18 and 22. Six of those residences were on 52 and 53 Streets north of Hwy 38 (48 Avenue). “In my opinion, they are the most affected area,” he said.

Panhwer and Dallyn summarized the events leading up to the multiple flooded basements. There were heavy rains in town July 17 with more off and on rains the following two days. They received reports of water in one basement July 17 and another July 18. On July 21 there were multiple basements that flooded.

“The first thing we do is check the manhole,” Panhwer said. “If our system is working, it’s a problem in the house.”

The town on-call service man was called at 4:00 a.m. July 21. He loaned a sump pump to the resident and checked the town manholes. From being empty the previous day they were 30 to 40 percent filled with water. Panhwer said all the weeping tiles draining into the sanitary sewer had flooded the manholes.

The town did not have enough sump pumps to give one to everybody who needed to pump out their basements. Panhwer called in five vacuum trucks from different companies to drain the manholes.

Each truck took out 15 loads (15 cubic meters each time) of water.

The town also pumped out the cul-de-sac at the swimming pool (49 Avenue east of 53 Street), draining it into the ditch south of Hwy 38 (48 Avenue).

On July 22 the manholes did not contain extra water. Doing a street check, checking the catch basins and monitoring the lift station are part of staff’s daily morning routine.

“The main drainage ditch is running full, like during spring melt, for more than a week now,” said Panhwer. “Our systems are running normally. Everybody is responsible for their own basements.”

He said town leadership staff held a meeting July 23 and a claim for town costs in dealing with this weather event will be submitted to the town insurance.
38th Annual Smoky Lake Stampede
August 3 & 4, 2019
Rodeo Action Starts at 1:00 P.M. Each Day

Rodeo Admission
Adult: $15.00
Youth (7-15): $10.00
6 & Under: Free
Free Overnite Camping
Beer Gardens
50/50 Draws

Rodeo Entertainment
Old Cowboy Games
Rescue Race
Hide Race
Both Days!

Under 13 Frisbee Scramble
Two brand new bikes given away each day!

Rodeo Clown
Blayne Wendland

Ladies Barrel Racing
Tie Down Roping
Bareback Riding
Junior Events
Local Barrel Racing
Steer Wrestling

A Full Weekend of Events

Saturday
- Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
- Parade 11:00 a.m.
- Downtown
- Rodeo Action
- Rodeo Grounds starting 1:00 p.m.

Sunday
- Breakfast
- Rodeo Grounds 8:00 a.m.
- Rodeo Slack
- Rodeo Grounds 9:00 a.m.
- Rodeo Action
- Rodeo Grounds Starting 1:00 p.m.

Steak Supper
Steak: $25.00
Hamburger: $15.00
@ The Complex 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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FYI Sturgeon County

July 30, 2019

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9613 100 Street
Morinville, AB T8R 1L9

County Centre Office:
Ph: 780-939-4321
Fax: 780-939-2076
Toll Free: 1-866-939-9303

Emergency after hours:
780-939-4321

Transportation/Roads:
780-939-8252

County Planning & Development:
780-939-8275

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Starting this year, the "printed edition" will only be available bi-weekly in the Morinville Free Press and Redwater Review.
Next print edition: August 13, 2019

Division 2 By-Election set for Tuesday, September 17

Interested in running for Council?
The Candidates Handbook for Division 2 residents interested in seeking election is now available at sturgeoncounty.ca/election.

- Prospective candidates must complete the required forms and provide a $25 deposit in order to be nominated.
- The Returning Officer will accept nominations between 8:30 a.m. on July 10 and 12 noon on August 6, 2019.

Please call the Returning Officer at 780-939-8377 to make an appointment to submit your nomination paper.

Visit sturgeoncounty.ca/election for more information.

Seniors Workshop - September 12

Connect with local seniors ages 50+ on September 12.
This full day workshop includes a hot breakfast, lunch, and some fun with Louis Pezzani and his Mind Magic.
There is a presentation by STARS Air Ambulance, an Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease panel discussion and information about Sturgeon County Walking Trails.
Return transportation is available from communities in Sturgeon County, but seats are limited.

To attend, please register online at sturgeoncounty.ca/programs by September 5. If you need help with online registration, call 780-939-8334 or stop by the Sturgeon County Community Services Office, 9610-100 Street in Morinville next door to Dryden Insurance.

Culinary Cookout - August 9, 4 - 9 pm

Bring the whole family to Cardiff Park for the Culinary Cookout and join in the food and fun!

2019 Agricultural Service Board Tour

Join us for a day of great food and interesting tours with local producers and agricultural industries.
Friday, August 9, 2019, 7:15 am - 4:45 pm
Tour only: $12 per person
Tour plus $10 Culinary Cookout Food Voucher: $17 per person
For more information or to register call 780-939-8340 or email agricultureservices@sturgeoncounty.ca before August 7, 2019.

**SUMMER FUN IN REDWATER**

Check out the variety of activities available through Town programs! Pick up the Summer Program Guide and the Redwater Swimming Pool Guide from the Town Office, the Community Services Office or the pool, or visit our website at www.redwater.ca.

**Redwater Discovery Days Parade - August 17 at 11:00am**

Celebrate Discovery Days by showcasing your interpretation of the theme of The Great Outdoors. Register your parade entry by August 9 at the Community Services Office or email summer@redwater.ca.

**Free Drop-In Programs**

Popscicle Playground Drop-In - Wednesdays, 10:00am-Noon at different parks each week. Call 780-292-6785 for more information.

**Camp Connect** - Thursdays (August 1, 8, 15) from 9:30-11:30am at Centennial Park for children 0-6 years old and their families.

**Redwater in Bloom**

Thank you to our volunteers who went yard to yard July 22-26 to recognize tidy, well-groomed properties. Let’s keep Redwater a community blossoming with pride!

**Upcoming Events in September**

- **Meet the Community Night** - Thursday, September 12
- **Home Alone** - Friday, September 13

Call the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101 to register for either event.

Watch for the Town of Redwater’s Fall Programs and Events Flyer listing Town and Community Group activities and contact information for the upcoming season.

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**Community Events Calendar August 2019**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16th**

- **Bench Show at Pembina Place**
  - Registration: 9:00am-12:00pm
  - Open to Public from 7:00-8:00pm
- **Ball Tournament** - Friday-Sunday
- **Free Teen Swim** (ages 13-17)
  - 6:00-9:00pm at Redwater Pool
- **Sponsored by Redwater Alliance Church**
- **Movie in the Park** - Dusk at Redwater School. Movie to be announced.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th**

- **Laser Tag, Inflatables, Axe Throwing**
- **Face Painting, Balloon Clown, Petting Zoo**
- **Mini Donuts, Corn on the Cob**
  - 12:00-4:00pm
- **"Ride the Vibe" Stunt Motorcycle Shows**
  - 12:30, 1:30, and 3:30 and 5:30pm
- **Steak Supper**
  - 5:00-7:00pm at the Legion, Cook your own steak, $15/person
- **Under 18 Free Swim**
  - 6:00-9:00pm at Redwater Pool, Sponsored by Redwater Alliance Church
- **Adult Cabaret**
  - Whiskey Boos
- **Fireworks**
  - Dusk at Redwater School

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th**

- **Discovery Days Special Event Swim**
  - 2:00-5:00pm at Redwater Pool, Admission of $2.25

**Event Sponsors**
- Popemoh Pipes, Town of Redwater, Redwater & District Agricultural Society. Further sponsors to be confirmed.

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**MONDAY**

- **Redwater Art Society**
  - Put some colour in your life and find your inner artist with free drop-in art on Tuesdays from 1:00-4:00pm at the Studio & Gallery, 4324-47 Street (South of the Town Office)

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**TUESDAY**

- **Pioneer Club - Coffee**
  - 9:00-10:30am

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**SATURDAY / SUNDAY**

- **Pioneer Club - Pancake Breakfast**
  - Everyone Welcome (9:00-10:30am)

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**PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC AT REDWATER HEALTHCARE**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019**

- **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**
  - Immunization Clinic, Walk-ins welcome
- **Phone:** 780-942-4101

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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

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**Sturgeon Community Resource Network**

- 780-929-2374
Arthur Mykyte
August 7, 1937 - July 21, 2014

It’s been 5 years since you’ve been gone, but we continue to carry on.
We’re still missing along the way.
We’ve tried to remember each day.
No longer in our lives to share,
but in our hearts you’re always there.

With all our love Maureen, Dale & Deb, Kim & Marlene, Gary & Philine & Families

Clyde Auctioneering

Estate – Real Estate Auction For: Laborie
Saturday, August 10th – 9:00 a.m.

(A Listing & Photos are available on our website: www.clydeauctioneering.com)

DIRECTIONS: Hwy #2, exit East onto Hwy #116 ½ km, turn right on 52nd Street; 2nd driveway on the right. Signs will be posted on auction day.

REAL ESTATE: The property consists of a double wide mobile home on 2 ½ lots located at 5508 – 52nd Street, Clyde, AB.

FURNITURE:

Bed – on Wheels
Oak Kitchen Table with 6 Chairs – Good Condition
Brown Velour Couch
Piano/Organ – Works Well
Fridge with Upper Freezer
Day Bed
G.E. Portable Dishwasher
Fan
4 Drawer Filing Cabinet
Bed Frame (Rails), Headboard & 2 Night Tables
Tractor Lamp

HOME APPLIANCES:

115 pc. Drill Bit Set – in a Case
Stanley 60 pc. 3/8” Socket Set
Screwdriver Bits
Travel Tool Case with Tools & an Emergency Travel Kit
Trouble Light
Hand Sander
2 Cabinets – Full of Misc. Nuts, Bolts & Screws
2 Tier Plastic Tool Box
Large King Cases with Bits
Screwdrivers
Rotary Sander
MTD 24” Snowblower
30 Gal. Sanborn 155 Arm Saw
Electric Simonize Pressure Washer
2 Black & Decker 18 volt Portable Drills – In Good Condition

YARD EQUIPMENT:

Propane Barbecue
Lawn Chairs
2 Propane Bottles
2 Gas Weed Eaters
Red Plastic Gas Broom
Front Tine Rototiller
Wooden Ladder
Aluminum Step Ladder
2 Wheel Dolly
Tarps

PERIMETER:

Davis 24” Snow Blade
14 HP 24” Snow Blade
10 HP 24” Snow Blade

ACTIVITIES:

Hosted by
Newbrook Wesleyan Church

Check us out on Facebook @ "Thorhild Bay Camp" for more details or phone Marilyn Rosemond: 780-907-6093

August 12-16
10 am-3 pm Grades: K-6

August 12th
5508 – 52nd Street, Clyde, Alberta

For more information please contact the Realtor. The sale of the property will be exclusively handled by the Realtor – 52nd Street, Clyde, AB is presently listed with Michael Herrick, Remax Results Realty, Office: 780-349-3477 Cell: 780-307-3396. If the property has NOT sold by July 31st, there will be a public auction.

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New, wider bridges opening in Thorhild after 2018 road closures

Thorhild County councilors stand with Carmacks Construction workers and MLA for the July 22 grand opening of the new bridge on RR204 south of Hwy 28 by Radway. All four of the county’s new bridges are about four meters wider than the previous bridges which were damaged in the 2018 spring flooding.

Eileen (L-R) and Eugene Lewien stand with Thorhild County councillor Richard Filipschuk during the July 22 grand opening of the new bridge on RR204 south of Hwy 28 by Radway. Peakimg through the trees in the background are roof peaks of the house Eileen grew up in. This quarter was always my favorite place,” she said.

It could have been a worse. CAO Wayne Franklin advised one of the reasons the work went so well was the in-stream work for all four bridges was done while the ground was frozen. While the heavy rains this summer impacted construction, work was not held up much by the high level and fast flow of the water.

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Thorhild County Kids Camp
at Kinonipa Rvrd 14 ½ mi west & 1 ½ hr north on RR223.
August 12-16
10 am-3 pm Grades: K-6

Hosted by Newbrook Wesleyan Church

Buses are provided by Newbrook - Abaw-Thorhild

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The four closed bridges all cross Namepi Creek. Three of the new bridges have 18 m spans. The fourth is slightly shorter at 15 m.

Bridge #6783 is south of Radway on RR 204 between Twp 584 and 590. Also south of Radway is bridge #70002 on RR 233 between Twp 584 and 590. North of Radway bridge #73723 is on Twp 590 between RR 204 and RR 205. East of Thorhild bridge #67568 is on Twp 594 between Hwy 63 and RR 210.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS

PIRATES FOR A DAY  
AUGUST 7
Ages: 7 and up  
Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Cost: $10
Ship out to Radway and transform into a pirate! Make your own pirate hat and sword then head out on a quest for treasure! After, join us at the Radway Hall for bowling, crafts and games.

AMAZONE PLAYZONE  
AUGUST 8
Ages: 7-12  
Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Cost: $20
Play the day away at Amazone Playzone! With all sorts of things to do, this place is sure to keep even the busiest of kids occupied. Lunch is provided.

MAGIC GARDENS  
AUGUST 14
Ages: 7 and up  
Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Cost: $15
Meet us at Thorhild library for a very magical presentation then eat your lunch in the park. After lunch, jump on the bus and come explore the outdoors with us at Prairie Gardens!

** Please contact Rebecca at 780-398-2804 for more information or to register for the above programs.

RESIDENTS & GUESTS OF THORHILD COUNTY

Bridge Restrictions  
Twp 590, East of Half Moon Lake
Until further notice, please be advised that the following will apply:

- Load restrictions: 10 tonnes max.
- Speed restrictions: 30 km/hr. max.

Please follow all postings and notices until the bridge is repaired or replaced and postings are removed.

Sorry for any inconveniences.

THORHILD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC WORKS ARE CLOSED MONDAY AUGUST 5, 2019

Emergency Utilities 780-398-3939

THORHILD COUNTY FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

Mosquitoes – tips for protecting yourself this summer
- Wear a long-sleeved, light-coloured shirt, pants and a hat
- Use an approved insect repellent (e.g. products containing DEET or Icaridin)
- Consider staying indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active

Walk ins welcomed, appointments are encouraged to alleviate your wait time.

Regular Hours: Monday/Thursday/Friday 9am-3:30pm
Tuesday 11am-7pm
Wednesday 10am-3:30pm

August Office Hour Changes from regular hours above
Closed: August 22 to August 26, and August 29
Call 780-398-4MED (4633)

Located at the north entrance of the Thorhild County Administration Building

Visit PARENT LINK at our Location in the Thorhild Lodge (302-2nd AVE)
Call/Text (780) 656-6016
Check the programs and activities on the website http://www.thorhildcounty.com/Residents/FCSS/Parent-Link-Early-Childhood-Development

Thorhild County Pool Schedule June 29th- August 30th

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
9:00-10:00 Rental Red Cross Swimming Lessons Rental
10:00-11:00 Rental Maintenance Rental
11:00-12:00 Rental Maintenance Rental
12:00-1:00 Maintenance Rental
1:00-2:00 Maintenance Staff Training Rental
2:00-3:00 Public Swim Public Swim Public Swim
3:00-4:00 Public Swim Public Swim Public Swim
4:00-5:00 Public Swim Public Swim Public Swim
5:00-6:00 Public Swim Public Swim Public Swim
7:00-8:00 Rental AquaFit Aqua Fit Rental
8:00-9:00 Rental Rental Rental

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

CANNABIS

Where can you Smoke Cannabis?
BYLAW # 33-2018 States: No person shall engage in consumption of Cannabis in any form in any Public Place.

This includes:
- Municipal Owned Property (Long Lake Ski Hill)
- Parks (Radway Fishpond)
- Playgrounds
- Campgrounds (Halfmoon Lake Campground & Thorhild Centennial Campground)

Fine Amount $ 500.00

The consumption of Cannabis can ONLY be ON PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY.
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“One of the abilities that make her a good fit for the CEDO position is the wide network of connections she built during three decades in community stakeholder relations with industry. ‘I do have the ability to make those connections,’ said Wright. ‘If someone says we have a problem around X and Y, I can say I know someone else who had that problem and can connect people.’

In addition to her work with RCDC, Wright is a partner in a ranch raising Quarter Horses and a leader of a business called Pappy’s Parcel Stop. The furniture restoration and refinishing business she and her husband run is now part time because she is dedicating her efforts to her CEDO position. The Smoky Lake region RCDC dates back more than 20 years (having operated under other names such as the Economic Development and Tourism Steering Committee, and Joint Economic Development Initiative). While economic development has been its main focus, it has also delved into community development needs such as recreation and doctor recruitment.

“There is much ground to cover in diversifying our economy and setting up our community for success,” said Luknik. “I know that both Ms. Wright and the RCDC look forward to working with our community’s stakeholder groups and citizens to develop strategies to realize our true potential.”

Wright has 30 years of industry expertise, as well as vast experience in stakeholder engagement and project management plus knowledge of environmental and regulatory workings of industry and government.

“The RCDC is excited about the skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm that Ms. Wright brings to our work,” concluded Luknik. “We welcome her on board.”
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80 acre horse lovers delight with newer 2100 sq ft 6+ bedroom home, 40’x28’ barn each with 7 stalls & 2 small barns. The barns feature large areas, one with 2400 sq ft 3 stall barn & one with 1200 sq ft 2 stall barn. The barns feature large areas. The reception area has a golf course at the Lake. Great views and a great location with lots of shops nearby. Perfect for a first time home buyer or investment property. Home ownership is cheaper than rent! $314,900. Call Glenn to view.

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Thorhild council wants to know what residents think of back yard hens in hamlets

Thorhild County will conduct a survey and hold an open house to get a sense of how residents feel about allowing laying hens to be kept in hamlets before council considers amending bylaws to permit back yard hens.

Council held a lengthy discussion on the subject during its July 23 meeting.

“T’m not in favor of animals in hamlets,” said Reeve Kevin Grumetza. “If you want to raise chickens, move out to the country.” He was concerned the fowl would attract predators such as coyotes and foxes and their eggs would attract skunks. As well, the owner would need to deal with the manure and possible diseases in the flock.

Coun. Wayne Crosswell said it is quite common for cities to allow residents to have a few laying hens, and he did not have an issue with hamlet residents raising chickens, ducks or rabbits.

Coun. Richard Filipchuk questioned if residents know they require permits and have hoops to go through before having animals other than dogs and cats in hamlets.

Coun. Cheryl Pasay asked how the bylaw would be enforced.

“We know there are animals in hamlets; do we make them get permits?” asked coun. Joyce Pierce. She said hamlet residents already have a Pot Bellied pig and a horse and there used to be a llama. Their owners are required to clean up the manure the same as dog and cat owner need to clean up after their pets. She did not have an issue with back yard chickens. “The City of Vancouver has chickens,” said Pierce.

Pasay’s motion to conduct a survey on raising chickens in hamlets and hold an open house August 27 carried unanimously.

Council is considering this topic because on May 14 Audrey Garcia asked for a bylaw exemption so she could have a few laying hens at her home in Newbrook. Council directed administration to draft suggested changes to the Animal Control Bylaw to allow hens in hamlets. Administration determined the Land Use Bylaw would also need to be amended and an Urban Chicken Bylaw created.

The LUB currently does not address poultry in hamlets.

Redwater Recollection

Tom Boston & his daughter Mary serving customers in the Boston’s Store in Redwater in 1949. --photo courtesy of Redwater Museum
Tornado damages Hanmore Lake campground

A tornado damaged Hanmore Lake campground July 24.

The whirling funnel could be seen from northeast of Waskatenau as it spun north to uproot or break off trees and damage RVs and seven cottages.

"Hanmore Lake was hit in the cabin area," said Smoky Lake County councillor Randy Orichowski. "It did a fair bit of damage there."

Environment Canada confirmed the tornado had an estimated wind speed of 90 km/hr to 130 km/hour.

Province works to expand opportunities for skilled students

Education Minister Adriana LaGrange signed the Memorandum of Understanding at the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) meeting in Victoria, helping encourage young people, parents and educators to recognize skilled trades as a career of choice.

Alberta and Ontario commit to enhancing opportunities in the skilled trades and expanding the apprenticeship model to other professions by promoting clear learner pathways.

"It is essential for education ministers to build a consensus around the need to enhance opportunities for students in STEM. Information sharing will ensure we are aware of the opportunities they need to succeed, both now and in the future."

This will lead to a more skilled workforce and give students the transferrable skills to meet the demands of today’s global economy and society,” states LaGrange.

“Alberta’s youth need to know that the skilled trades are a viable career path and not just something you fall back on. Apprenticeship education and skilled trades have every bit as much value, merit and worth as a university degree. This partnership shows our government is taking action to encourage our young people to consider a job in the skilled trades so they can go on to have a prosperous and fulfilling career right here in Alberta," states Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education.

By expanding existing knowledge sharing and cooperation, Alberta and Ontario commit to data sharing, sharing information about effective practices and developing other joint educational activities. All efforts seek to prevent a shortage of skilled trades professions in the future and end the continued high youth unemployment rate in the two provinces.

"The grey wave is building with over 3,000 skilled workers in the trades and related occupations retiring each year in Alberta. These highly rewarding, high-tech, in-demand occupations provide huge opportunities for our youth. We are committed to giving every high school student in Alberta the chance to explore their career passions by linking learning and earning, and potentially discovering career paths essential to Alberta’s and Canada’s economic success. What an exciting time for our youth to be taking advantage of these opportunities," states Andy Neigel, president and CEO, CAREERS: The Next Generation Foundation.

This agreement demonstrates Alberta’s leadership in strengthening skills training to help prepare our students for success in the economy of today and tomorrow. By working with other provinces, the government is taking a collaborative approach to develop a skilled workforce for our next generation.

Trees and branches lie on a cottage and RV at the Hanmore Lake campground in Smoky Lake County after a tornado touched down July 24. Seven cottages were damaged. —photo by Tom Shipka, taken from facebook.
After the heavy rains in mid July this packer was surrounded by water at a highway commercial development east of 53 Street on the south side of Hwy 38 (48 Avenue) in Redwater. This development (immediately east of the Red Rest Motel) is planned to house commercial businesses on the main floor and a motel style development on the second floor. Offsite underground services were installed in 2018 and the project is to be built this year. Photo was taken July 22. It was parked on dry land when workers left ... but not so when workers returned to the site on Monday.

County taking title to unsold tax sale property

No one bid on the five properties that went to tax sale in Thorhild County July 23. Council directed administration to take title of the properties. The cost to transfer the titles is $50 plus one dollar for every $5,000 of property value per parcel.

Up for auction were a property in Egremont with a reserve bid of $123,500, one in Newbrook valued at $1,700, two in Radway with reserve bids of $36,000 and $65,000 and one in Thorhild with a reserve bid of $72,500. The county is required to set reserve bids that are as close as reasonably possible to the market value of the parcels. The amounts of the reserve bids were suggested by the county assessor.

Earlier this year 13 properties were listed for tax sale but most paid the outstanding taxes by the morning of the public auction. The property owner or the encumbrance holder have the option to pay the outstanding tax arrears and have the property removed from the sale list.

If a municipality sells a property during a tax sale or after taking title to it when it was listed for tax sale, the municipality keeps the taxes owed plus a five percent administration fee and the remainder of the sale proceeds are put into a designated account. If the landowner does not apply to the court to receive the money within 10 years, the funds go to the county.
Heartland sees a real opportunity to capture the next wave of investment

by Grant Cox

The Alberta Industrial Heartland Association (AIHA) hosted several Conservative Members of Parliament and invited guests on a heartland tour on July 19. The series of visits was held to educate elected officials and business leaders about opportunities available in Alberta’s Industrial Heartland.

“We tell our story to everyone, it doesn’t matter about their politics. We want everyone to be aware of our heartland,” said Mark Plamondon, Executive Director with AIHA. “It’s important for our leaders and government officials to understand the economic opportunities out here, and what that means for Canadians.”

Plamondon explained that AIHA is a collaboration of 20-year partnership of five municipalities northeast of Edmonton. They include Fort Saskatchewan, Lamont County, Sturgeon County, Strathcona County, and the City of Edmonton. Three associate members include the towns of Gibbons, Redwater and Bruderheim.

“The heartland is an economic engine for the province and for Canada. It takes our low-cost resources and adds value to them for the prosperity of all Canadans,” said Plamondon. During the tour, he emphasized that locally produced petrochemical products are used to increase fuel-efficiency in things like vehicles and home insulation.

Plamondon acted as a tour guide for his guests who travelled in a highway cruiser while visiting several facilities. They stopped at AIHA’s Heartland Petrochemical Complex, Shell’s Scotford Facility, and the Northwest Redwater Refinery (NWR) Facility. At NWR, the visitors had lunch with local mayors and industry representatives who conducted presentations in the lunchroom. The tour continued with a visit to Pembina Pipeline’s Redwater Fractionation & Storage Facility and Propane Dehydrogenation – Polypropylene site.

Dane Lloyd, MP for Sturgeon River-Parkland, helped to organize the tour in partnership with the AIHA team. “I wanted to bring them out here because the petrochemical industry is a high growth industry in our area,” said MP Lloyd. “It’s taking advantage of our low natural gas prices, which has been a challenge for our provinces, and turning it into an advantage.”

MP Lloyd noted that people in this region know Alberta is experiencing “a really hard time” and are anxious about employment in the area. They want to see action and jobs being created, said Lloyd. He credited the heartland for generating approximately 6,000 jobs and providing indirect employment for more than 25,000 residents.

According to AIHA, the heartland is Canada’s largest hydrocarbon processing centre spanning about 582 sq. km with local spending of $1.5 billion annually. More than 40 companies operate in the area that produces $40 billion in existing investment.

Shannon Stubbs, MP for Lakeland, was on the tour. She’s also the Vice Chair on the Standing Committee for Natural Resources and Shadow Minister for Natural Resources. “I represent a lot of people who work in the industrial heartland whose livelihood and families and businesses depend on the facilities here,” said Stubbs, whose constituency includes the County of Lamont and the town of Bruderheim.

“The heartland is a bright spot in what has seen many years of damage as a consequence of anti-energy anti-resource policies and legislation,” said Stubbs. “This tour reinforces just how important it is to provide regulatory certainty and ensure Canadian competitiveness. One thing that struck me is the local employment. They all live in this region and are deeply invested in the facilities and their communities.”

Plamondon spoke of emerging trends for the heartland. “I think there’s a real opportunity between now and 2030,” he said. “There’s an opportunity to capture that wave of investment. It’s important for our leaders and government officials to understand the economic opportunities out here, and what that means for Canadians.”
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Rentals

With the replacement of the four bridges damaged in the 2018 spring flood approved for significant grant funding, Thorhill County is considering using $1.8 million of its bridge reserves to replace a low-rated bridge. During its July 3 meeting council resolved to include Bridge 7154, which crosses the Redwater River on Twp 590 just east of Half Moon Lake, in the 2020 capital projects to be considered during budget discussions this fall.

The $1.8 million price tag the county is considering includes bridge repairs of $1.7 million or a single span (no girders in the water) structure for $500,000 to $580,000 for a 15-20 year service life or $385,000 for a five to 10 year service life. Bridge replacement could be a three year program and would include Bridge 85045, which crosses the Redwater River.

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