Sturgeon Refinery still positive as it resolves commissioning challenges

The Sturgeon Refinery has redesigned reactor burners being built, and repair of stress cracking in portions of its stainless steel piping and welds is underway. Full commercial operation is targeted by the end of 2019, assuming any new unexpected challenges are overcome without causing added delays.

“We’re going to get through this,” said North West Refining president Ian MacGregor. “There isn’t anybody in the place who doesn’t believe that.”

As the first new greenfield refinery in Canada since the 1980s, the refinery takes advantage of the exponential growth in technology over the past several decades. It is the first refinery designed from the outset to capture its carbon emissions, which will result in one of the lowest carbon intensive fuels from Alberta’s bitumen.

Most of the refinery’s 10 operational units have been working and producing low sulphur diesel from synthetic crude oil for western Canadian and export markets for over a year. North Redwater (NWR) Partnership External Relations manager Vanessa Goodman said these units have been highly reliable and operating safely. Both the facility and operations team have proven their ability to run these units successfully. Unplanned down time has been minimal while production rates using synthetic crude oil feedstock instead of bitumen exceed expectations.

MacGregor said that 80 percent of the refinery is running really well, with 98.1 percent of it on line. “That’s a testament to the quality of the people who work here,” he said.

Despite that success, there are two separate problems that need fixing. The refinery is not able to refine bitumen feedstock, for which it is designed, because the Gasifier is still not operating. The Gasifier is a critical unit that provides environmental benefits by reducing the carbon footprint of produced fuels from bitumen. This unit processes the heaviest bottoms of the bitumen barrel and converts those bottom into valuable hydrogen, which is needed for the refining process. The Gasifier also produces pure CO2, which gets captured and used for enhanced oil recovery. These steps result in the refining producing one of the lowest carbon intensive diesel fuels in the world. Early in the commissioning phase of the Gasifier, it operated for a brief period to produce hydrogen and pure CO2. Multiple issues arose shortly after, delaying full commissioning and start-up of this unit. They included shorter than expected tristeps of the reactor burners, which are part of the high temperature process that breaks down bitumen and stress cracking in portions of the stainless steel piping and welds.

MacGregor said the Gasifier technology dates back to 1980, although there are only a few refineries in the world that use it. When operating well, the reactor burners last about three months. MacGregor said that regular replacement of them will keep local people working. Right now, the redesign of the burners is completed and they are being locally manufactured. They operate at very high temperatures, but the face plate has to be below 639 degrees Celsius.

“We were above that, so they had to be redesigned,” said MacGregor. That too, including the mathematical modeling, was done here.

“Alberta has some of the best experts in that type of mathematical modelling in the world,” MacGregor noted.

Not related to the Gasifier issues is some stress cracking in portions of the refinery’s less steel piping and welds. A team of staff and contractors from an experienced local construction company have been assessing the situation. Several hundred people are working diligently to complete the repair work on the pipes safely. The refinery will not be fully operational until both issues are resolved and refinery feedstock switches from synthetic crude oil to bitumen.

“All of this makes me sad because it’s probably going to take ‘til the end of the year,” MacGregor said.

Goodman said knowing the Sturgeon Refinery is intended to maximize the value of Alberta’s energy resources by processing low value bitumen feedstock, the team will persevere until this milestone is reached.

Refining is part of Alberta’s history, though MacGregor said that 80 percent of it is local and provincial government and Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. pay a processing toll to the refinery. Because the refinery is only 80 percent operationally, he likened it to a person beginning mortgage payments on a new home when only 80 percent of it can be lived in. The Sturgeon Refinery is a $9.5 billion project, with $7.6 billion of that used for construction. One billion of the construction expenses were spent outside the province with the remaining $6.6 billion spent within Alberta.

NWR is a partnership between North West Refining and Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL). Its feedstock bitumen will be 25 percent owned by CNRL and 75 percent owned by the Alberta government.

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ACCEL Energy recently purchased the Redwater oil and gas field from ARC Resources.

As the new operator, ACCEL Energy is updating its Emergency Response Plan related to its sour operations in the Redwater and surrounding region. Residents that are within any of the applicable Emergency Planning Zones will be contacted directly during this process and provided with an information package. Non-resident landowners will receive a copy of the information package by mail.

Copies of the information package are also available at the Town of Redwater office.

For further information related to ACCEL’s Emergency Response Plan, you may contact Gerry Zulyniak at 403-300-0262 or via email at ERP@accelenergyltd.com.

Fedoruk, Premak win provincial badminton silver

Redwater School badminton players Abigail Fedoruk and Tayler Premak won provincial silver at the Senior High Badminton Provincial Championship May 3-4 in Calgary.

Fedoruk and Premak medalled in Intermediate Girls Doubles, a sport they have played together for five years. They enjoy it for many reasons, including it is a relatively simple sport that requires a high skill level, and they have to rely on each other. They plan to compete again next year, when, as grade 12 students, they will play in the Senior division.

“It’s good that it’s in hockey’s off-season,” said Fedoruk. “It’s a nice end of the year sport.”

Both girls play hockey. Fedoruk with the Midget Fury in Fort Saskatchewan and Premak with the Sherwood Park Midget Elite Fury in Sherwood Park. Both also play with the Redwater School Renegades volleyball team. As well, Premak is a former Redwater Minor Ball player and now plays sile-pitch with the Assiniboia recreational team.

Outside of sports, Premak is working towards becoming a Fish and Wildlife conservation officer. Fedoruk is not sure what career path she will take but is considering something such as speech pathology.

Redwater Renegades Tayler Premak (Left) and Abigail Fedoruk set up on the badminton court on their way to winning provincial silver in Intermediate Girls Doubles at the Senior High Provincial Championship May 3-4 in Calgary.
Emergency Notification in the Region

Whether for work, for school, or for fun, our region sees thousands of people traveling in and through it daily. It’s typically business as usual, however in a region as risk-diverse as ours, there’s always potential for an emergency to occur. In any emergency, community safety is the priority. In the early stages of an emergency, being able to quickly and safely notify the community is a challenge for responders.

Through local mutual aid emergency response association Northeast Region Community Awareness Emergency Response (NRCAER), a radio network has been in place for decades, enabling response authorities to communicate in an emergency. One of the actions they take is to warn motorists of an emergency ahead. This is done through a traffic management plan built with local RCMP and involves sending responders to a location outside of the immediate area to redirect traffic. This takes time, when in most emergencies, seconds count.

Collaborating through NRCAER, local response agencies identified this gap across its boundary and set about solving it. With technology advancements, as well as funding, the members of NRCAER are bringing dynamic road message signs to their approximate 700km² region, also home to Alberta’s Industrial Heartland.

Signs will be located along known high traffic routes around the region to alert and divert motorists should an emergency occur. Engineering and site prep have already begun, and installation will take place over the coming months. The signs are targeted to be operational in the fall of 2019.

To learn about existing and planned emergency notification methods in the region, an “easy as 1:23” animated video has been developed. Project progress updates will be provided using traditional and social media.

Emergencies Don’t Wait. Be Emergency Ready!

May 5 – 11, 2019 marks Emergency Preparedness Week in Canada. Key to being emergency ready is being informed. Residents are advised to download the Alberta Emergency Alert on their mobile devices and visit their municipality’s website for information on available alerting programs.

The NRCAER UPDATEline 1-866-653-9959 is a toll-free 24-hour information line that carries recorded information about public safety and NRCAER industry member activity residents may see, hear, smell or otherwise notice. The line has been in place since 2003.

Visit www.getprepared.gc.ca for resources on personal and family emergency preparedness.

For more information on NRCAER, visit www.nrcaer.com. To learn about Life in the Heartland, visit lifetheheartland.com, follow us on Twitter and Facebook, or email info@lifetheheartland.com.
**Upcoming Events**

- **Redwater Lions Town-Wide Garage Sale**
- **National Public Works Week**
  - May 19-25, 2019
  - **FREE BBQ LUNCH & Public Works Skidsteer Challenge**
  - @ Devonian Park (across from IGA)
  - Friday May 24, 2019
    - 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
  - Sponsored by:

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### Upper Mann Lake
- Stunning lakefront Lindal custom built hillside 1½ storey on .49 acres. 2,220 sq.ft., 3 bdrm, 3 bath, sngl att & dbl det garages.
- **E4140984**
- **$639,900**

### Waskatenau Acreage
- Pride of ownership! 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 2,500 sq.ft., bungalow on 9.09 acres within walking distance of Waskatenau. 40X80 shop, chicken coop, numerous sheds/granaries.
- **E4153547**
- **NORTH BUCK LAKE**
- **$247,500**

### Smoky Lake Acreage
- Unique 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 2,450 sq.ft., country home with addition on corner lot within walking distance of downtown. Heated 28X30 dbl garage. Perfect for the growing family!
- **E4336099**
- **$262,900**

### Smoky Lake County
- Hunter’s Paradise! 1460 sq.ft. mobile home on 44.8 sq.ft. guest house, triple det garage on 5.69 acres S.E. of Smoky Lake. Surrounded by pines & spruce.
- **E4155766**
- **$199,000**

### Edmonton Handyman Special/fill-in Lot.
- Handyman special/fill-in lot. 1151 sq.ft., 3 bdrm, 3 bath bungalow w/ walkout entry on quiet tree-lined street in North Edmonton.
- **E4120893**
- **$109,000**

### Edmonton Acreage
- Renovated 3 bdrm, 2 bath home on 12 acres midway north of Thorhild. Fully updated kitchen, new flooring, throughly, updated ensuite, partially covered back deck.
- **THORHILD**
- **$289,900**

### Newbrook Acreage
- Beautiful country living at this well cared for and updated b/level home on 1.5 acet, 24x80 shop plus quintessential lake shore lot.
- **E4146273**
- **WESTLOCK COUNTY**
- **$545,000**

### Newbrook Acreage
- 3 bed, 1 bath, 1 1/2 story farmhouse on 5 acres with large 40X80 shop/quarnt.
- **ABBE**
- **$109,000**

### Eau Claire Acreage
- 30+ soft walk out bungalow with double detached garage on 1 acre of Blue River Estates. Sold as is where is.
- **E4128877**
- **NEWBROOK**
- **$429,000**

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### Land Listings

**NEW LISTING!**
- 0.5 acre vacant acreage
  - **Mystic Meadows**
  - **$24,990**

**NEW LISTING!**
- Vacant Lot Block 1
  - **Long Lake**
  - **$189,000**

**NEW LISTING!**
- 11 acre treed acreage
  - **Rochester**
  - **$67,500**

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**Eugene Sielski** had a wide range of bird feeders on display at his Wooden Crafts tables on May 11 at the Redwater Lions Town-Wide garage sale. The woodworker came from Sherwood Park to participate in the event which featured both booths of local and out-of-town vendors as well as residential garage and yard sales. A variety of food booths were also featured in the downtown – mainly by community groups but there were some commercial vendors.
Council on Aging workshop proves interesting for seniors

Redwater and area seniors were happy to have the opportunity to attend a Council on Aging workshop on dementia and medications in Redwater May 6.

The two topics were requested by Town of Redwater Community Services, which hosted the workshop. The Council on Aging has 10 senior-friendly programs that cover topics from retirement planning and staying strong to recognizing fraud and abuse.

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Members of the Radway Lions Club celebrated their club’s 70th charter night May 4 with area supporters, neighboring Lions Clubs and special guests.

Joining the event were Past International Director Dr. Patti Hill, District Governor Frances Sawiak and fellow Lions from Smoky Lake, Redwater, Thorhild, Fort Saskatchewan, and Chipman and representatives from the Radway Agricultural Society, Radway 4-H, Radway Historical Society, Radway Readers, Radway Fire Department and Thorhild County Emergency Services.

Sawiak presented Lion members with long service chevrons. Hill congratulated Radway Lion member and Zone Chair Brian Barnes on his 44 years of service.

Lion Allan Holt, who has served for 55 years, said Grace before the banquet.
**MUSICAL MUNCHKINS**

This is an oral language development program that promotes positive parenting. Parents learn to enjoy rhymes, finger plays, songs and simple movement games with their infants and toddlers in a supportive peer group.

**Location:** Radway Library  
**Time:** 10:30 - 11:30 AM  
**Instructor:** Rebecca Hansen  
**Fees:** Free  
**Dates:** May 15th, 29th & June 12th  
**Register by:** May 8th

**COFFEE TALK – DISCUSSION GROUP**

An hour-long discussion exploring the everyday joys and struggles of parenting. Different topics will be explored throughout the sessions and may include the review of videos, blog and news articles.

**Location:** Thorhild Library  
**Time:** 2:30 - 4:30 PM  
**Instructor:** Tammy Kuntner, Rebecca Hansen  
**Fees:** Free  
**Dates:** May 15th, 27th, June 5th & 10th  
**Register by:** May 20th

**ONE MEAL CHEF**

This cooking centered program allows participants to prepare, cook and share delicious meals together for a quick and healthy, future meal. Aside from making the meals, participants will also have the chance to budget, meal plan and share recipes amongst each other.

**Location:** Newbrook Library  
**Time:** 2:30 - 4:30 PM  
**Instructor:** Rebecca Hansen  
**Fees:** TBD; $20 deposit to hold your place  
**Dates:** Monday, May 27th, June 3rd & 10th  
**Register by:** May 13th

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**THORHILD SWIMMING POOL**

Swimming Lesson Registrations

Reminder this year all programs offered by the Pool are FREE!!!

Thorhild County Residents: priority registration starts May 15 @ 8:30 am and goes until May 30. You may register for swimming lessons during this time if you have a valid County Resident ID card as you will have to provide the number assigned on your card.

Non-County Residents may register for lessons after June 1. Registrations are on a first come first served basis with the priority registration time in effect. No registrations will be taken before May 15.

Each child may only be registered for up to 2 sessions during the registration process. Upon successful completion, they may be registered for more.

More Information or Inquiries please call 780-398-2804.

Registration can be in person, by calling 780-398-3730 or by e-mail pool@thorhildcounty.com

Swimming Lesson Schedule is on the website www.thorhildcounty.com

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**2019 BMO FARM FAMILY AWARDS- NOMINATIONS OPEN**

Nominations are now open for the BMO Farm Family Awards. For 50 years, farm families from the northern and central Alberta communities have been recognized as the recipients of the BMO Farm Family Awards. The Northern and Central Agricultural Service Boards select outstanding farm families. The Farm Family Award honours those who best exemplify the values of the family farm to our rural communities and society by being leaders in the industry.

Do you know a deserving farm family, then contact the Thorhild County Agricultural Services Office. If you have any questions on application guidelines, please contact Agricultural Services staff.

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**BEAVER TAIL AND NORTHERN POCKET GOPHER TAIL INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

Thorhild County offers a trapping incentive for both Beaver and Northern Pocket Gopher tails. The Beaver tail incentive is $100/tail to a maximum of 30 tails per year per landowner. This is an incentive for Northern Pocket Gophers ONLY and not Richardson Ground Squirrels. All tails can be brought into the Agricultural Services office for verification and identification. All trapping must take place within Thorhild County boundaries to be eligible for the incentives. If you have any questions on eligibility or the process, please contact Agricultural Services staff at (780) 398-3977.

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**HAMLET OF LONG LAKE BLOCK WELLS**

The Block Well will be open from 4 am to 5 pm on Saturday, May 18th, 2019, to allow residents to turn on their water for the summer months.

If you are unavailable this day and require access to the Block Wells, please call the office at (780) 398-2811 to set up an appointment.

Appointments are to be scheduled from Monday to Friday between 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

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**Contact Us!**  
**Public Works & Agriculture Services**  
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780-398-3777

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**Utilities 780-398-3939**

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**THE REVIEW, Redwater, Alberta, 780-942-2023, email: redwater@shaw.ca, www.cowleyenewspapers.com, Tuesday, May 14, 2019, Page A7**
Successful badminton season for Redwater

Redwater Renegades Sr. High badminton players Abigail Fedoruk and Taylor Premak won the Intermediate Girls Doubles silver medal at the provincial tournament May 3-4 in Calgary.

“Congratulations to Abigail and Taylor for their tremendous success this year,” said coach Shannon Berkner.

Redwater School had a healthy turnout of enthusiastic badminton players. They participated in several tournaments and these exhibition matches over the course of four weeks, with the majority of the play occurring between April 3-17.

The Conference tournament was at the Saville Center in Edmonton April 10. All 15 of the Redwater Renegades made it to playoffs. This was a tremendous accomplishment for the students because the conference was very strong this year, including players from schools in Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Spruce Grove, Devon, Calmar, Nisku, Leduc, and St. Albert. Ten Renegades successfully made it to the Zone competition. Abigail Fedoruk and Taylor Premak came in first in intermediate girls doubles, Everett Graham placed second in junior boys singles, Ninon Van Meter first in intermediate boys singles, Logun Shank and Colton Mazurenko first in intermediate boys doubles, Jakob Van Meter and Eva Belland first in junior mixed doubles, and Karson Irwin and Josie Sadownik first in senior mixed doubles.

Berkner reported the conference organizer said there were many great competitions and wonderful displays of skill from many athletes.

Joe O’Brien
May 9th, 2019

Missing,
Your smile, your voice
Your sense of humour
Your charm your wit
Your way of making
Everything better.
Mostly, just missing you...

Forever in our hearts:
Sharon, Danny & Mitch,
Dalton, Rory, Dave & Pam,
Justin & Riley

Obituary for Robert George Cardy
May 23, 1951 - April 28, 2019

It is with great sadness and a deep feeling of loss, the family of Robert George Cardy of Abee, AB announces his untimely passing in the Royal Alexandra Hospital. A cure for his aggressive cancer was not possible. Missing Robert are four sisters, two brothers, nieces, nephews, and their families, relatives, friends and neighbours. Also, three young men, Denver, Blake and Everett will miss his presence.

As per Robert’s wishes, we invite relatives, friends and neighbours to an informal luncheon Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Abee Community Hall. A private family inurnment will take place in the Abee Cemetery at a later date.

Robert loved animals and reading; therefore, the family requests that any donations be forwarded directly to Second Chance Animal Rescue, Box 3045, Athabasca AB T0S2B9; or to Friends of the Newbrook Public Library, 5025 – 60th Street, Newbrook, AB, T0A2P0. Online condolences may be sent through www.riverviewfuneral.com.
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**May 2019**

### Off Highway Vehicles

Recreational use of off highway vehicles, including snowmobiles, is prohibited within Town limits. You are permitted to travel the most direct route to and from your residence when leaving or returning from activities outside the Town's corporate limits at a speed no greater than 20 km/h. The walking trail system or Town Parks are not to be used for your route. Please remember to carry proper registration and insurance. If any of these rules are not followed, fines may be issued. If you witness any off highway vehicles violating these regulations, please phone the RCMP or Bylaw Services.

### Community Events

**Community Planting Bee**
May 28th at 10:00am in the Pembina Place Foyer
Bring your trowel and come out to help us plant flowers around Redwater. If you would like more information, contact the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101.

**Sturgeon Regional Senior Transportation Open House**
May 29th at the Gibson's Cultural Centre
You are invited to attend a free dinner to learn what the region has been doing in the area of transportation for seniors and those medically at-risk to drive. If you would like to attend and are unable to drive, please contact the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101.

**Seniors Block Party in Celebration of National Seniors Week**
June 1, 2019. From 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Everyone is welcome to join us at our Seniors Block Party located on the northwest corner of Diamond Sprig Lodge. Come and check out the various exhibits, free BBQ lunch, musical entertainment and more. Contact the Community Services Office for more information at 780-942-4101 or check on the town website www.redwater.ca.

### Grow a Row for your Food Bank!

Give the Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank a helping hand by planting an extra row of veggies this summer in your garden. With your help, we will be able to provide those in need of food assistance with fresh, homegrown vegetables.

Any vegetables are welcome, whether they are carrots, cucumbers, potatoes, beans, peas, onions, cabbages, lettuces, squash, peppers, radishes, tomatoes, beets, etc. **YOU will be making a difference! Your support is very much appreciated!**

Contact 780-942-2061 if you have any questions.

### 2019 Budget

The 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets have been amended and approved by Council. The budget amendment means a 2.76% ($81,644) increase over the 2018 budget. Copies of the budget are available at the Town Office or on our website.

### 2018 Audited Financial Statements

The 2018 Audited Financial Statements have been finalized and copies are available at the Town Office or on our website.

### Community Workshops

**A Slice of Happiness Basics**
May 23rd from 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Join us for this free workshop to improve your level of happiness. Facilitated by the Alberta Heartland Primary Care Network. Deadline to register is May 10th.

**Navigating the Golden Years**
June 5th and 6th from 1:30pm – 3:00pm
This free workshop will cover the basics of housing alternatives, accessing Home Care, levels of care, aging in place, and support for caregivers. Deadline to register is May 31st.

**Babysitter Safety**
June 7th from 9:00am to 3:00pm
Prepare your son or daughter for the responsibility of babysitting. Participants will learn about fire safety, basic first aid, children’s developmental stages and behavioral characteristics, and more. Deadline to register is May 30th.

For more information contact the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101.
Redwater homeowners will pay an average of $53 more in taxes.

Redwater is collecting 2.8 percent more in municipal taxes ($3.04 million) this year than last year ($2.96 million). That means for a home with the average assessment of $208,100 residents will pay $51 more in municipal taxes (from $1,831 in 2018 to $1,882 this year). Overall, the tax bill including requisitions will increase by $53.

Corporate Services manager Diane Pysmeny calculated that is an average $4.42 per month increase. “I think that’s pretty good value,” she said.

Because residential assessments generally decreased about four percent, the municipal mill rates increased 7.5 percent. The residential and farmland mill rates are 9.0456 this year and were 8.6232 in 2018. Vacant residential is two mills higher at 11.0456.

Non-residential properties (commercial, industrial, linear, machinery and equipment) had a slight municipal mill rate decrease from 9.5623 in 2018 to 9.5460 this year. Vacant non-residential properties pay a rate 10 mills higher (19.5460). Commercial properties averaged an assessment increase of 1.6 percent, so a commercial property with an average assessed value of $580,900 will pay a municipal tax increase of $77 (from $5,469 in 2018 to $5,546).

Light industrial properties averaged a reduced assessment of 2.5 percent. Therefore, a property with an average assessed value of $592,300 will pay non-residential taxes $152 lower than last year ($5,654 in 2018; $5,602 in 2019).

The provincial Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF) requisition for 2019 will be set in the fall when the new provincial government tables its first budget. As recommended by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), Redwater will collect the same ASFF requisition as in 2018 ($583,174 from residential properties; $355,743 from non-residential). If more or less is requisitioned, the adjustment will be made on the 2020 tax bills.

Non-residential properties will pay an ASFF mill rate of 2.8540 (was 2.7135 last year). Residential properties will pay 3.6644 (was 3.8403 last year).

The Homelnd Housing Seniors Foundation requisition decreased five percent, from $32,256 in 2018 to $30,629 in 2019. It will be collected through a mill rate of 0.0958 (was 0.0989 in 2018). The town collects 63 percent of its municipal taxes from residential properties and 37 percent from non-residential properties.

The minimum tax per parcel is $300; tax due date is June 30.
Consignments are complimentary of professional players.

10:00am starting

Sunday, June 23

Thorhild Sale Site

Open Consignments of Machinery, Vehicles, Yard Items, Tools, Small Livestock, Furniture

Antiques

Available

Tools and Misc.

Shop vacs. Push 16” sweeper, 2 Haybaggue

Leather couch & love seat, foosball table, chrome cabinet, solid wood cabinet, stereo, oak chest, armchair, 40” TV, wood table, wooden oars, etc.

Furniture

Chloe Boyko and Alexia Gordy celebrate their first place medals at the Sturgeon Public School Division finals tournament. Klassen and Gordy earned the Sturgeon School Division Badminton Banner, a very big accomplishment for the athletes and a job well done. They played hard all day and deserve the success they worked for.

Renegades win Division banner

The Redwater Renegades Jr. High badminton team members Hailey Klassen (L-R), Chloe Boyko and Alexia Gordy celebrate their first place medals at the Sturgeon Public School Division finals tournament. Klassen and Gordy won Girls Doubles while Boyko and Randen Cameron won Mixed Doubles.

First year dancers ages 3-5 showed the audience the steps they learned at the Waskatenau Pryveet Year End Concert: Ella Dowhan, Lindsay Sauchuk, Hannah Bellows, Maxim Kaminsky, missing Alyssa Ollikka.

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THE REVIEW, Redwater, Alberta, 780-942-2023, email: redwater@shaw.ca, www.cowleynewspapers.com
Thorhild council pay up by 15% in 2018

Thorhild County council salaries, benefits and all of 2018 increased 15 percent from $285,560 in 2017 to $322,160 in 2018.

In January 2018 council had a 1.25 percent salary increase. Then, following a council compensation review by consultant J.R. McDonald & Associates, in August 2018 council increased its base salary by 22 percent, from $37,323 to $45,829. That reinstated the five percent salary rollback from November 2013, then increased the salary to be close to the area average. County ratepayers did not react to that change.

“I have not received any feedback from the public,” said reeve Kevin Grumetza. “Nobody’s said anything to me one way or the other.”

Grumetza received $64,160 ($51,620 salary, $12,540 benefits) in 2018 and $50,890 in 2017. Grumetza was reeve for the last two months of 2017 and all of 2018.

Coun. Wayne Crosswell was paid $53,990 ($44,920 salary, $9,070 benefits) in 2018. During 2017 he received $51,600. That year he served as reeve from January to October.

Deputy reeve Cheryl Pasay and councillors Richard Filipchuk and Joyce Pierce were all elected in 2017 to compensate for the cancelation of the elected official one third salary tax exemption. That increased the base councillor salary from $45,829 to $51,789.

Compensation figures were taken from the 2018 audited financial statements. Salary includes monthly base pay and any gross honoraria. Benefits include the employer’s share of professional memberships, Canada Pension Plan, health care and dental benefit plans, group life insurance and disability coverage.

As recommended by McDonald, in 2019 council salaries increased 3 percent to compensate for the cancelation of the elected official one third salary tax exemption. That increased the base councillor salary from $45,829 to $51,789.

Former councillor Dan Buryn was not re-elected in 2017. During January to October 2017 he was paid $37,520.

Former councillors Shelley Hanszik and Larry Sisson did not run for re-election in 2017. That year Hanszik received $36,820 and Sisson $39,930.

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Redwater School grade seven student Dylanie Crier performs a Grass Dance during the May 10 Redwater School talent show. He was joined by several family members and friends who drummed, performed a Fancy Dance and led a whole-school Round Dance.

Wendy Trout, owner of High Country Salon in Newbrook, presents Thorhild Central School Archer Sadie Occena with a Genesis bow for her positive sportsmanship and growth in archery skills.
CARERS

VICTORIA TRAIL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (VTAS)

The Victoria Trail Agricultural Society (VTAS) is seeking two part time employees to start June 1st at the Victoria Trail Fibertex Centre.

VTAS is seeking a CUSTODIAN OR CUSTODIAL TEAM to perform daily cleaning duties in our 3000 sq ft fitness facility located in Waskatenau. This position will be responsible for membership promotion in person and via social media, maintaining electronic building access for new and existing clients, facilitating electronic payment of membership dues, and acting as a customer liaison. This successful candidate will report to and work alongside the VTAS Fitness Centre Committee.

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume to the VTAS (visit the www.victoriatrialrfsociety.ca website) before May 16, 2019. All applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume via email to info@vtas.ca. Their application must be submitted by May 16th, 2019.

The rate of pay for these positions shall be negotiated interest in both positions.

Candidates who are interested in both positions are encouraged to submit a single application noting their interest in both positions.

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Thorhild Central School (TCS) K-3 had the opportunity to participate in a paint night experience hosted by the International Travel Club. The talented students enjoyed creating their works of art through the guidance of Miranda From, a TCS teacher. The TCS International Travel Club is heading to Athens and the Islands during the 2020 Spring Break.

Redwater Public Library program co-ordinator Jessica Willerton helps Blake Mills put a balloon containing baking soda onto a pop bottle with vinegar during Youth Action Club at the library May 7.

The Radway 4H Cleavers club made fairy gardens at their May 8 meeting.

Lamar Stevens and the Thorhild Ukrainian Dance Club dancers, open their 46th annual year end concert on May 5 with the Pryvit, a traditional presentation of bread and salt.

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1. Westeel Bin Trailer serial # 54626-F37 (located at Thorhild Homecentre to view)
2. Wheatheart Heavyhitter Post Pounder serial # 208214W (located at the Thorhild Homecentre to view)
3. Komatsu 5500lb Forklift / FG30HT-12 serial # 562292A (located at Boyle Homecentre to view)

All equipment is sold “as is, where is” with no expressed warranty. GST will be added to the tendered price. The highest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Tenders will close on May 24, 2019 at 3pm. Tenders may be submitted in the following ways:
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