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Members of the Redwater Lions Club celebrated their 70th anniversary of community service with a special pin designed by club members Angel and Karen Richards, Jack Den nett and Gerald Whaley. Club members presented Redwater mayor Mel Smith with the first pin.

“The Town of Redwater congratulates the Redwater Lions club on their 70 years of service,” said Smith. “We wish them continued success.”

Outgoing president Dave McRae said that despite the current COVID-19 pandemic, around the globe Lions Clubs are still actively serving their communities. As a way for the local club to let all local business know that their efforts and support is greatly appreciated, a small group went around to local businesses last week to wave and chat (from a distance).

Visitors included the Lion’s Mascot, Lion Ron Rusinko, Lion Angel Richards, Lioness Karen Smith, President Elect Gerald Whaley and Lion Les Dorosh.

The club’s new pin is a circular design representing the global achievements of Lions International in a circle of platinum, a rare and precious metal, that represents the value of the volunteer work done each year by Lion Clubs worldwide. The stylized 70 celebrates the 70 years of volunteer activity completed by the local club. Brown Topaz soil, an Old Testament representation, represents the energy given to angels. The Sapphire Blue sky depicts hardness and durability, qualities of the gem stone that identify with the ongoing work of Lions. The tree references the 100,000 trees that will be planted in Canada by Lions this year to mark the 100th anniversary of Lions International in Canada and the Alberta Rose identifies our home. The reef knot is a symbol of the binding together of the more than 1.4 million members of Lions Clubs International in common goals. The Lions Club International motto “We Serve” is prominently displayed on the top of the white 0 which also serves as the platform for the club’s identification and historical reference of 1919 to 2020.

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## Community Events Calendar
**June 2020**

An active town with a big heart, alive with history and civic pride where beauty and community thrive.  www.redwater.ca

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### Seniors’ Week
**June 1-7, 2020**

We recognize with gratitude the past and present contributions made by the senior citizens of Redwater. We would not be who we are as a town without you!

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### Grow an Extra Row for the Food Bank!

- With garden season here, consider growing an extra row or two of produce for the Food Bank.
- If you are in need of a food hamper, call and leave a message at 780-942-2065. A volunteer will return your call to make arrangements.

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<td>Have a pizza night where everyone adds their own toppings to individual pizza crusts. Trade a piece with another to try a new taste sensation!</td>
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Participate in free interactive telephone-based programs for those 55+. Socialize, learn new skills and stay connected from the comfort of your home. To view the programs, visit www.edmontonsouthsideopia.ca or call the Town of Redwater Community Services Office at 780-942-4101 for more information. A very wide variety of topics are presented!

### Redwater HYPE (Helping Young People Excel) is planning some summer fun. As Alberta Health provides more guidelines for what is safe for everyone this summer, we will be adding our plans to our Facebook page (Redwater HYPE), Instagram (redwater_hype). Follow us to keep up to date with events.

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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 (FCSS)** 780-942-4101.

Check out the Library’s Facebook page or www.redwaterlibrary.ca for details on curbside pick up and other services and activities for children and adults. Fax and printing services are still available during the building’s closure.

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### Public Health Clinic for Children and Adults

**Redwater Health Centre**

**300 4th Ave SE, Redwater, AB**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Thursdays:** June 4, 11, 18, 25

Providing immunizations, communicable disease control, and healthy beginnings well-child clinics. Call 780-942-6665 to make an appointment.
Clients were impatient for The Hairport salon in Redwater to open after it was closed for two months because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Owner Jeanette Grumetza closed the salon March 19 (the week before she only served pre-booked clients) and re-opened on May 14.

“In the last couple of weeks prior to opening there were 74 messages on the machine,” she said. “There were a few that were chomping at the bit to get going. I’m very fortunate that I have enough space we’re able to social distance.”

Although open, things are not the same. To meet the Alberta Health Services regulations, the salon is operating at 50 percent capacity. Hair color, cuts and sets are done. No aesthetic services (manicure, pedicure, waxing) can be offered at this time.

Staff and clients all wear masks, there are four sanitizing stations, extra time is left between appointments to enable one client to leave before the next arrives and to allow for extra cleaning. There is no sitting and visiting before and after appointments. Walk-ins are discouraged, and are given the phone number to call and book an appointment.

The salon is now booked up into June. When it opens to aesthetics in mid June, Grumetza expects another rush of clients.

Financially, Grumetza did not need to access the government loans for small businesses. “I was able to make stuff work,” she said. “I think with owning and not having to make rent, it made a difference.” Not having employees also made a difference. The staff at the salon are self employed and work on a rent-a-chair basis.

During the closure Grumetza did some remodelling of the salon, changed the lighting, painted and ressealed the floors.

Although happy to be serving her clients, Grumetza feels the province should have delayed opening salons.

“Personally, I think it’s too soon. I think we should have gone through the summer to the point when there’s no cases.”

With masks showing the new face of service industries during the COVID-19 pandemic, The Hairport salon owner Jeanette Grumetza prepares to give Virgil Ilsley a trim May 19. Salons re-opened May 14.

Thorhild pool won’t open this summer

While it is closed Thorhild County may undertake some structural repairs of the pool building. The hot tub proposed and funded by the Friends of the Thorthand Swimming Pool (FOTSPA) will not be installed this year, or maybe ever.

CAO Paul Hanlan said there are installation and operational concerns with having a hot tub at the pool, so he is working with members of FOTSPA on how best to invest the funds they raised for the pool and Centennial Park area. In autumn 2018 FOTSPA donated $65,000 for a hot tub at the swimming pool.

The county had a Structural Analysis report done this spring to note any immediate fixes required to the pool building and identify items that will need addressing over the next five years.

Members of the Redwater Lions Club present mayor Mel Smith with the first pin created to celebrate the Club’s 70th Anniversary. In the photo are Lion Angel Richards (L-R), president elect Gerald Whaley, Lion’s Club Mastot, mayor Smith and 1st. vice president Lion Les Dorosh. Story page A2. — photo by outgoing president Dave McRae
Community Leadership Scholarship Opportunity - May 29 Deadline

Do you know a Sturgeon County resident enrolled in a post-secondary education program who deserves to be acknowledged for his or her community leadership?

A reminder that the deadline is May 29th to apply for the Dale MacMillan scholarship. The Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand & Gravel Advisory Committee was formed in 2001 and one of the duties of the Committee is to ensure the sustainability and review of applicants for this annual Scholarship fund.

Two scholarships of $2000 will be awarded at the end of August. More information can be found online at sturgeoncounty.ca.

Sturgeon County Pet Parade

June 1-7 is Seniors’ Week.
Help us show some love and brighten up the day for seniors and staff at West Country Heath!
Pack up your furry, four-legged family members and bring them out for a pet parade.

Please follow social distancing protocols while in participation at this event by following the markers laid out on the ground. Please do not attend this event if you are ill.

When: Saturday, June 6th, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Where: West Country Heath - 26504 AB-633, Villeneuve

This event is free and open to everyone to participate. No registration is required. For more information, please call the Family & Community Support Services Program Coordinator at 780-722-0684.

Tax Notices Mailed May 21

Sturgeon County Combined Property Assessment and Taxation Notices were mailed on May 21, 2020. The full mailing notice can be seen in the May 27th edition of the Morinville Free Press and Redwater Review. County tax payments are due by June 30. For those experiencing financial difficulties due to COVID-19, you may delay payments up to August 31, 2020 without penalty. Register at sturgeoncounty.ca/Covid19/taxandutilities

Tax payment options are listed on the back of your tax notice. With Sturgeon County Offices closed to the public due to COVID19, cash payments may only be made via telephone/internet banking at most chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions and caisse populaire. Check with your branch for operating and/or appointment hours.

COVID-19 Resources for Support

Sturgeon County has developed an important resource booklet, and ongoing highlights of new information to support businesses and residents during this pandemic.

Online links include the opportunity to volunteer and register for support.

Discover areas of community and government support available, and more. Please visit sturgeoncounty.ca/covid19 for more information.
No new cases of COVID-19 in 3 county area

No new cases of COVID-19 were reported in this region last week.

Sturgeon County remained COVID-free, and Sturgeon County Regional Health Center reported zero active cases on their daily update on May 23. The county now has zero active cases and 12 recovered cases.

Sturgeon County is the only one in The Review’s 13-county region with no active cases of COVID-19. Both the County of Wetaskiwin and City of Redwater have one active case each. The County of Wetaskiwin has two active cases while the City of Redwater has none.

For reporting purposes, each county includes the urban communities within its boundaries. The above data were taken from the Government of Alberta website May 22.
THORHILD COUNTY FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

It is a busy time of year; gardens are being prepped, crops are being planted or harvested, and we still have Covid-19. Make sure to take care of yourself - eating well, getting some exercise, and rest/relaxation. If you are struggling with things, please call the Nurse Practitioner to talk or to schedule an appointment.

Hours: Monday/Thursday/Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Tuesday 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Call 780-398-4MED (4633)
Closed June 5, 2020

NOTICE OF DECISION OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Municipal Planning Commission for Thorhild County has approved the following Development Application(s):

i) Legal Description: SE 25-59-23-W4
Land Use Designation: AG - Agricultural District
Proposal: Application for processing remaining unprocessed aggregate material, the removal/hauling of stockpiled product and reclamation of the pit

Date of Decision(s): May 12, 2020 Appeal by: 4:30 PM, June 2, 2020

THE LAND USE BY-LAW provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Municipal Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) by serving written Notice of Appeal to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board within twenty-one (21) days after the decision is made. Any party wishing to initiate an appeal to be heard by the County’s Subdivision and Development Appeal Board must include with the letter (and/or other documents) of appeal a non-refundable fee of $200.00 in order for the appeal to be properly received and accepted.

Kelly Patry, Secretary for the Municipal Planning Commission
Phone: 780-398-2802 E-Mail: kelly.patry@thorhildcounty.com

THORHILD COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS

The Transfer Stations Remain Open.
The Give and Takes are Closed.

HALFMOON LAKE CAMPGROUND

Located in Thorhild County at 23239 TWP 590
Boat Launch is open – Regular fees will apply
Currently NO Day Use is allowed
Campsites opening June 1, 2020 – no group camping reservations will be accepted and currently you must be in a unit that has its own washroom

Due to COVID 19 the washrooms, playground and day use area will remain closed at this time.
All physical distancing measures must be followed and will be enforced.

For more information please call 780-961-3308

Termination of a Fire Restriction

Whereas a Fire Restriction existed in THORHILD COUNTY due to Medium to High fire indices, and drier than normal conditions.

The Local Authority, satisfied that a fire hazard no longer exists, does hereby terminate the Fire Restriction in the whole of Thorhild County effective immediately.

Effective Time: 11:04am
Effective Date: May 21, 2020

Dave Fiddler
Signature
Fire Chief
Title
Smoky Lake

principal’s message for graduating students -- many of whom he taught in grade one

From H.A. Kostash School principal Dick Richards

Communities place emphasis on tradition. People in Smoky Lake are proud of their families, the school and the community. For as long as I’ve been a member of this community, the grade 12 Prom has been held on the Saturday of the May long weekend. Students, parents and staff begin planning a year in advance. This planning includes many hours of fundraising, shopping, meetings and travel in order to put together a special evening for a special group. This year, all of that changed.

Not only did plans change, but the news was surprising and swift. On Thursday 12 March, we were wrapping up a typical week, because Friday 13 March was a professional development day. We wished students well and told them to enjoy a three day weekend. During our PD day, staff chatted a bit about COVID-19, but nobody expected what was to come next. On Sunday 15 March (at approximately 5pm), it was announced by the premier that schools would be closed to students. As the days progressed, and Spring Break passed, people began to wonder what would happen to our traditions and how we could adapt to the “new normal.” Clearly we couldn’t have school assemblies. We couldn’t hold staff meetings. In fact, we became used to working with people in Google Meets or Zoom boxes. While schools moved forward with the “continuity of learning,” the world moved forward with social distancing. Who would have thought it would become normal to wear a mask in public, to stop visiting with family and friends, and to drive by businesses that were essentially closed? As always, people quickly looked for alternatives. I have to thank Amanda Tyckiewskow. Her son, Aiden, is one of our HAK grads this year. Amanda organized a vehicle parade through town. She planned the route and communicated with students and families. We made sure the new rules were followed, and it gave staff and the community the opportunity to recognize our special group. It was difficult for many on staff because we are used to spending this evening with our grads, not waving at them through vehicle windows. On the other hand, it was still wonderful to see them and their smiles.

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Portable air monitoring station moving to Sturgeon

The Fort Air Partnership (FAP) portable air monitoring station, which has been located in Chipman since mid-June 2019, will be moving to Sturgeon County this summer.

Site location and transfer details related to the Sturgeon County move are being finalized but it is expected that the portable station will be operational at its new location by July or August, states FAP.

As was the case in Chipman, the station will collect and report data on 10 substances at the new location: sulphur dioxide, hydrogen sulphide, nitrogen oxide, nitrogen dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, ozone, total hydrocarbons, non-methane hydrocarbons, methane and particulate matter. This data will enable the calculation of an Air Quality Health Index for the local area. The station will also collect and share weather information.

Sturgeon County has been selected as the next location for the portable station in response to interest expressed by residents in learning more about their local air quality. FAP uses a Portable Site Selection Process to rank prospective sites and choose locations.

Even though it rained May 21 it was a great day for members of the Redwater Lions Club to spread cheer to the residents of Diamond Spring Lodge. Led by the club’s mascot, members waved from the deck of the lodge to let the residents know they were missed. In the photo 1st vice president Les Dorosh (L-R), president elect Gerald Whaley, Lion Angel Richards and Lion Ron Rusinko.

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—photo by outgoing president Dave McRae

Bryce Wooley and Katie MacDonald played one of the first rounds of golf on the Redwater Golf Course May 19. “It’s nice to be outside,” said Wooley.

Jake, Gus, & Waylan Shwetz played hopscotch to cross off item number 4 on the Holy Family Catholic School Ultimate Scavenger hunt list on May 13. Holy Family Catholic School Ultimate Scavenger Hunt May 13-29. A list of 35 wellness activities for the students and their families was compiled. This was an extension of the normal weekly schedule. Ads, flyer orders, news, photos can be submitted to morinville@shaw.ca. Fax 780-942-2023. Email and fax remain the best communication tools.

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Same Day Service

Graduating high school not the same without class convocation

Dylan Wilkinson will finish high school next month, but it won’t be the graduation he had hoped to share with his friends at Thorhild Central School (TCS). Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the graduation ceremony and banquet will not be held this spring.

“It’s a little bit hurtful,” said Wilkinson. “You put in 2 years of hard work and don’t get a class full of people going up on stage with you. I think in probably one of the best rewards.” He said there may be a convocation ceremony in September, and he hopes everyone will be able to attend. “It’s not still going to feel the same,” he said. “The world won’t be back the same. Wilkinson is completing Social Studies and Language Arts through online classes, finding it still good, although he finds Language Arts can be a little tough sometimes.

“Teachers are doing a very good job and put in a terrific effort,” he said. “We seem to have a lot of fun together when we’re on a call.”

His classes each hold a daily online meeting which students can attend to connect with their teacher and with each other. They discuss school work and talk about all sorts of things, like hockey.

Wilkinson played this season with the Redwater Rush Midget hockey team. Then the pandemic hit, and he missed what turned out to be the final game. He was at a meeting for his college in the fall.

“I plan to go to Red Deer College for the Film Production course,” he said. He took the drama courses at TCS and looked forward to again competing in the spring provincial drama festival.

“It was cancelled,” he said. While he does not have distractions at home and finds the most distressing part of the way the school year is ending is not being able to finish with all his friends and be with people, he knows some others have a more difficult time.

“For people who had rough parts of life even before this pandemic, this could be very tough,” he said. For himself, he just has to stay focused.

“I need to just find the power to sit down and do it,” he declared.

Road project comes in $217,755 below budget

Sturgeon County Council is expecting a $217,755 saving on the Township Road 552 Design-Build project as the awarding of the contract to compliant bidder TBL Construction Ltd. at their regular council meeting May 12.

The project was budgeted for a cost of $1.1 million with the TBL Construction Ltd. proposal coming in at $871,040 excluding GST. Four proposals were received going as high as $1,486,279. Mayhew advised. The award of this contract aligns with the Strategic Plan goal 2.2 of “Sturgeon County residents have access to safe and reliable infrastructure assets.”

“The award of this contract will significantly reduce the maintenance requirements of this road segment, thereby freeing up additional capacity to maintain Sturgeon County’s service commitment to operational excellence,” Mayhew concluded.
MAILING OF COMBINED ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the combined Assessment and Tax Notices have been mailed on May 22, 2020, to property owners in the Town of Redwater in accordance with Section 311 of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26.1 R.S., 2000, all persons are deemed to have received their Combined Assessment and Tax Notices as a result of this notice.

The assessment roll is open for inspection at the Town of Redwater Office when re-opened, 4924 – 47 Street from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. An Internet copy of the roll is available at website at www.redwater.ca. Any person who desires to object to the entry of his name or that of any other person upon the said roll or the assessed value placed upon any property must, by 4:30 p.m. on July 31, 2020, mail their complaint(s) in writing to the Assessment Review Board Clerk, c/o Town of Redwater. Complaint forms are available at the Town Office or by downloading at www.municipaldata.alfredconsult.ca and must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee (as detailed on the reverse side of all Assessment and Tax Notice forms) at the time of filing.

Please note: Making a complaint against your assessment does not make you exempt from paying your taxes by August 31, 2020. A penalty will be applied if taxes are not paid in full by the due date.

Your Property Assessment and Tax Notice terms and conditions are included in your Notice. Taxes are due and payable on or before August 31, 2020.

If you are on the monthly payment plan, please continue to pay monthly. You will be notified by the Town of your new monthly payment.

If you do not receive your tax notice, please contact the Town Office at 780-942-3519.

Larry Davidson
Town Manager

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