Members of the grade 12 class at H.A. Kostash School in Smoky Lake served as the official Pumpkin Carriers during the 31st annual Great White North Pumpkin Weigh Off held during the Smoky Lake pumpkin fair Oct. 5. Here they pull the carrying tarp out from under Shirley Hennig’s 109 lb pumpkin after they carried it to the scale.

Jennifer Zaychkowsky leans on her beautiful 1,219.5 lb pumpkin as spectators crowd around to take pictures at the 31st annual Great White North Pumpkin Weigh Off held during the Smoky Lake pumpkin fair Oct. 5. Her pumpkin placed second in the giant pumpkin competition and won the Howard Dill Award for being chosen the Best Looking pumpkin.

Don Crews again won the Great White North Pumpkin Weigh Off held during the Smoky Lake pumpkin fair Oct. 5. This year his giant pumpkin weighed in at 1,474.5 lbs; 410 lbs lighter than his last record holding winner of 1,884 lbs.
Can you name all seven candidates running to represent you?

After nominations closed Sept. 30 seven candidates were registered in both the Sturgeon River-Parkland (includes Sturgeon County) and Lakeland (includes Tholthordale and Lake Crees) ridings. Lakeland incumbent MP Shannon Stephen, representing the Conservative Party of Canada, was elected in 2015. She is running for a second term.

He is running against PPC Tyler Beauchamp, Green Cassandra Romyn, Lib- erals Jeff Brown, Veterans Coalition Party of Canada, was elected in 2015. She is running against Conservative MP Rona Ambrose

As a result of the Elections Canada site.

Roberta Graham, People's Party of Canada, was elected in 2015. She is running for the Liberal Party of Canada (Liberal).

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Leanne Cussons as the Lakeland candidate. Filling up the ballot are Veterans Coalition Party of Canada Roberts Graham, People’s Party of Canada (PPC) Alain Houle, Libertarian Party of Canada (Libertarian) Robert McDermid and New Democratic Party (NDP) Jeffrey Swanson.

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The Lions Club submitted a letter to be part of his nomination for the Seniors Award. It included this statement: “To say that Allan is an inspiration is an understatement. At 94 years old he is much more active than many. His insight has been invaluable for our club as advocates for a community that is senior friendly, vibrant and filled with opportunity for meaningful social interactions.

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The Minister’s Seniors Service Award statement reads: “Allan Holt has made significant contributions to his community for the past 60 years. Allan’s commitment to the seniors in his community can be seen through his inspiring legacy of volunteer service. He is a strong advocate for seniors; encourages active living; assists with building maintenance; organizes food delivery; provides transportation services, and assists with special events. Allan is passionate about creating an age-friendly community for seniors to be able to enjoy and fully participate in.”

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3rd Annual Early Childhood Education Parent Conference

November 1–2, 2019 – Morinville Public School

Parents looking for better ways to handle disobedience, connect with their children, work on speech and more, are sure to benefit from this free, expert-led conference. This event will feature Danielle Reed, Keynote Speaker Friday evening, and on Saturday, you can either choose from 18 different sessions, or spend the day with Dr. Jody Carrington.

Snacks, lunch and childcare will be provided. The Conference is free and open to all division-wide parents and community members. However, priority will be given to families of Sturgeon Public Schools and approved affiliates.

Ryder Turko, a grade two student from H.A. Kostash School in Smoky Lake, grins as he joins the cross country run at beautiful Metis Crossing on the north bank of the North Saskatchewan River. The Sept. 30 run recognized and honored Orange Shirt Day. –photo provided by H.A. Kostash School

REGISTER NOW
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
PEMBINA PLACE, REDWATER
Doors Open @ 5:00 pm / Presentations @ 6:00 pm

5 WAYS TO REGISTER
1. Website Link www.lifeintheheartland.com
2. Email: info@lifeintheheartland.com
3. Message us on Facebook.com/LifeintheHeartland
4. Direct Message us on Twitter: @LifeinHeartland
5. Phone or Text us at 780-243-7453

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for updates on the event.
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Working Well Workshop

Learn about the risks to your groundwater and ways to protect your water well at this workshop covering a variety of well construction and maintenance topics.

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Place: Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre
9913 104 St., Morinville
Time: 5:30 p.m. incl. light supper, presentation to follow
Cost: $10 per person
Register online or please call 780-939-8349 or email agricultureresources@sturgeoncounty.ca before November 7.

Presented by the Working Well Program. More resources and program information at www.workingwell.alberta.ca.

“Budget Portal” Launch October 28

The “Let’s Talk Budget” online tool provides residents an opportunity to ask questions, get answers and learn more about the 2020 Budget. The 2020 Budget meetings will be held November 27, 28 and 29 and are open to the public. Can’t make it? No problem, watch live at sturgeoncounty.ca/legislator.com

An Introduction to Tai Chi and Chi Gong

Join us for the final Wellness Workshop for 2019. The regular practice of Tai Chi is well-known to improve chronic conditions, increase strength and stamina, and boost the immune system.

Learn to direct your mind, breath and body together as a unified force to alleviate chronic conditions or to build your energy levels, strength and vitality. Chi Gong (Qigong), a predecessor of Tai Chi, is an ancient system of healing and rejuvenation. It means: “skillfully working with your vital energy.”

The workshop facilitator is Sensel Brad Schultz, who has been studying and practicing Martial Arts, Meditation, and Healing Arts since 1980.

For information email programs@sturgeoncounty.ca

When: Monday, October 28, 7—9 p.m.
Where: Camilla School Gym (Riviere Qui Barre)
146-26500 HWY 44, Sturgeon County
Cost: Free
Register online by October 21 at programs.sturgeoncounty.ca
Town of Redwater Community Services helped local seniors celebrate National Senior’s Day Oct. 1. Community Services staff delivered flowers to seniors in the Redwater Health Centre, Long Term Care, Diamond Spring Lodge and the Pioneer Club. Flowers were left at the Redwater Legion Hall for those seniors going to bingo that evening, and other flowers were handed out to seniors at Redwater IGA by members of the Youth Action Club as a part of their community engagement. In the photo are Vicky Rozak (Seated L-R), Zoney Chabba and Lorraine Belland. Standing behind them are Roger Belland (L-R), Alice Hawin, Alice Halonen, Irene Senvich, Vina Tancowny, Donna Keats and Dorothy Usher.

--photo by Jacquie Moren

Redwater Youth Action Club members Tyler Mills (L-R), Blake Mills and Jesse Lewyk are ready to hand out flowers at Redwater IGA in celebration of National Senior’s Day Oct. 1.

With the connections between the Diamond Spring Lodge expansion wing and the Town of Redwater’s sanitary sewer main completed, 46 Street between 50 and 52 Avenues was patched and re-opened to traffic Oct. 2.
Thorhild County

SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD MEMBERS

Thorhild County is inviting interested County residents to apply for the following:

Public Members to participate on the County’s Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Training is provided and mandatory.

Application forms along with Bylaw 06-2018 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board are available at:

Thorhild County Administration Office
801-1 Street, Thorhild, AB T0A 3J0
www.thorhildcounty.com

Further information contact:
Carol Revega
SDAB Clerk
Phone: 780-398-2808
Email: carol.revega@thorhildcounty.com

Applications will be accepted by drop off, mail or email. Deadline for applications: Friday October 11, 2019 at 12 noon.

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT
LONG LAKE SKI AREA

Thorhild County is seeking suitable individuals for the following positions for the 2019/2020:

- Rental Shop (technicians & cashier)
- Lift Operators
- Cafeteria (cooks & cashier)
- Ski Instructors
- Snowboard Instructors

Positions included within the scope of the County’s unionized setting (IUOE Local 965) or stated otherwise. Hours of work will vary. Must be available to work weekends. Current employees of Thorhild County fulfilling the requirements essential to this position shall be considered for this position.

Further information: www.thorhildcounty.com

Positions will remain open until suitable candidates are hired. Please forward resumes to: Laurie Andruschyshyn Thorhild County Box 10 Thorhild, Alberta T0A 3J0 or e-mail: laurie.andruschyshyn@thorhildcounty.com

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

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN ASSESSMENTS

Enforcement Services will be completing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments during the week of October 28th to November 1st, 2019.

Each zone (1 through 5) in the County will have assigned dates that appointments will be scheduled. Community Peace Officers will attend the location and provide an assessment of the property and provide education and opinions based on CPTED principals. Appointments are limited, please email.

CPTED assessments requests can be made via email to: chyenne.sturrock@thorhildcounty.com
TAX REMINDERS

Deadline to pay taxes without penalty is

October 31, 2019

4:00 P.M.

A 12% penalty will be added to all tax arrears on

November 1, 2019.

Beginning next year, the Province will be requiring owners to apply for a Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) under the Public Lands Act for any seasonal docks or mooring structures.

A TFA application must be accompanied by municipal approval and may be issued for a period of five (5) years.

For more information, please refer to the ‘User Guide for Dock Permits’ at:
https://open.alberta.ca/publications/
user-guide-for-dock-permits

or contact:

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP)
Lower Athabasca Region, South District
Lac La Biche
Email: neb.2adp@gov.ab.ca
Phone: 780-623-5279

On September 28, 2019 Smoky Lake County Council presented a Congratulatory Certificate of Recognition to Elizabeth Mehon, Shiloh Semeniuk, Jaylene Kinsey and Kerstin Dubitz (missing from the picture but also recognized is Emily Mehon) and Coach, Hal Ziprick from H.A. Kostash School Archery Team who proudly represented Canada at the 2019 National Archery in School Program (NASP) World Open Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee.
Tax Installation Payment Plan

As per Bylaw No. 1128-05 all property tax payers of Smoky Lake County may apply to pay their property taxes under the “Tax Installation Payment Plan”.

Pre-authorized debits in the amount of the previous years taxes divided into 12 monthly installments, are paid on the TWENTIETH day of each month beginning with January 20.

In June, the Monthly payment will be adjusted to reflect the actual taxes owing for that year.

Smoky Lake County must receive the Pre-Authorized Debit Form for Property Taxation Monthly Payment Plan no later than NOVEMBER 15, 2019.

For more information please contact: Carleigh McMullin, Accounting Clerk 780-656-3730 or cmcmullin@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

GOT FURNITURE?

If you have antique or historic furniture, especially 1920s - 1930s era that you are willing to loan or donate, the Smoky Lake County Regional Heritage Board wants to hear from you!

Please contact Noreen Easterbrook at 780-656-2114.

Rural Crime Engagement

Albertans who have been affected by the increase in rural crime are encouraged to share their experiences and provide feedback on ways to address rural crime, including: community safety, policing and crime reduction measures.

To take the short online survey by October 31, 2019 or to find an in-person meeting date nearest to you visit: https://www.alberta.ca/rural-crime-engagement.aspx

Smoky Lake Community Learning Council presents

Grant Writing

For many non-profit volunteers and staff, grant writing can seem like a time consuming task in creative writing with payoffs being lost of the draw. The truth is, with steep competition for limited grant dollars, a well-written grant is only part of the success formula. This training session covers core proposal and grant writing skills, how to avoid common pitfalls, understanding what funders look for, and tips on how to maintain good relationships with your funders.

Instructor: Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism & Status of Women Community Development Unit.

Location: Smoky Lake Provincial Building

Starts: Wednesday, October 16 (1 session)

6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Registration Fee: $20.00

Registration Deadline: October 2

To register contact: Mary Lou Doshewneek at 780-656-4066

Snow Flags

As per Policy 3-35: Snow Clearing, the County provides snow clearing services to Smoky Lake County residents for their residential driveways under the following terms and conditions:

- Flags may be purchased at the County’s Public Works Shop between 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
- Eligible general public individuals may buy a seasonal flag entitling the purchaser to snow clearing for the full winter season.
- County staff will attach the snow flag to the residential signs.
- All flag purchasers must sign a “Hold Harmless Agreement”.

Cost:
- $250.00 if purchased prior to October 31.
- $300.00 if purchased after October 31.

Eligible seniors and handicapped individuals may buy a seasonal flag for the cost of $100.00 if purchased prior to October 31. After October 31, the cost to purchase a flag is $125.00.

Policy 3-35: Snow Clearing, can be found online at: http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/policies.html

* If you have purchased a snow flag please assure that there is no debris or obstacles in the way of snow

Seeking Self-Nominations

Nominate an Exceptional Educator today!

2020 Prime Minister’s Awards

Vilna/ Bellis Citizens on Patrol Meeting

October 17, 2019
7:00 PM

Bellis Curling Rink
Redwater solves council pecuniary interest issue through use of fee schedule

Redwater council will no longer set the off season golf cart storage fees separately from the other fees for services at Pembina Place. Instead, golf cart storage will now be part of the facility fee schedule and be subject to whatever annual change is made to all the fees.

During its Oct. 1 meeting council passed a motion to delegate the authority to set fees for services at Pembina Place to Pembina Place fees, and directed administration to develop a policy regarding that and take it to the Community Services Policy Committee for review.

That change eliminated the need for councillors to determine whether the fees put them in a position of pecuniary interest, which would require them to leave the council chamber for the discussion and vote on the fees. With three (mayor Mel Smith, councillors Dave McRae and Leo Donohoe) of the seven council members planning to use the off season storage facility this year, and one councillor (Kob O'Brien) absent from meetings until November, (quorum (four) would be lost if the three declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting.

McRae declared pecuniary interest and did not participate in the discussion and vote on this matter. When it came up on the agenda he said, “Based on the independent legal advice I received, I can’t be part of this matter.” He left the council chamber.

Smith and Dorosh did not declare pecuniary interest.

“We’re not voting on fees; we’re deciding what to do,” said Smith, noting that making administration the authority for setting the fees eliminates the pecuniary interest concern.

In a later interview Smith and Dorosh expanded on that. “Because if we weren’t voting on finances, it wasn’t pecuniary,” explained Dorosh. “We didn’t discuss any costs,” added Smith. “If we were discussing costs, I would have had to declare, too.”

McRae explained he declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting because he is in a different position. “Some of the material was what I had submitted to council when I was an employee of the town,” he said. “I didn’t want to get into a discussion of costs.” McRae left his position as Pembina Place facility manager on nomination day for the October 2017 general municipal election.

Town manager Larry Davidson advised legal counsel stated, “It is important that individual councillors understand that the statutory duty to declare a pecuniary interest is personal, not a duty owed by the council and that each councillor is required to consider and decide whether he or she has a pecuniary interest in a specific matter before council or a committee on a case by case basis each time a matter arises.” If councillors desire legal advice regarding pecuniary interest, they are encouraged to obtain their own independent legal opinion.

Community groups -- are you tired of people saying they didn’t know about your event? We’ll help you get the word out. Just list it in the Review Events Guide. All you have to do is email redwater@shaw.ca (or drop off):

Event Date & Time
Event Name
Community Group Name
Event Location (include the town or hamlet/subdivision so we don’t make any assumptions)

Here’s the details on the Review Events Guide:

Please include a contact name and phone number so we can confirm or clarify information if necessary. If this is an information column for readers, containing the bare bones of the event, location, date and time, do not request or receive any event advertising. There is no guarantee that material will run as requested in this free column. We will try to publish material for the next two weeks beyond the newspaper date subject to space availability in the Review.

Oh No, We missed the...
Redwater volunteers will do the upgrades to the fence around the Centennial Park ball diamond to keep the cost of the diamond’s upgrade project within the $25,600 it has in funding. Redwater council approved having volunteers do the fencing following a discussion during its Oct. 1 meeting.

The ball diamond project includes expansion of the field, backstop replacement, dugouts and fencing upgrades. Those changes will enable Redwater to host provincial level games and tournaments and will address potential safety concerns.

Community Services manager Jodi Brown advised Redwater Minor Ball will contribute $13,800, Redwater Adult Slo-Pitch $3,000 and the Town of Redwater $8,800. The town will also provide in-kind work such as prepare the site (move bleachers and benches, remove old backstop and two trees, trim hedges), pick up two loads of shale in Edmonton and possibly cover the cost ($230) of safety permits for the dugouts.

The $25,600 in available funds are $4,400 short of the nearly $30,000 needed for the diamond upgrade.

“In order to address the shortfall in funds, volunteers from Adult Slo-Pitch are willing to complete the fencing upgrades to save approximately $4,410 in costs,” said Brown. The volunteers would require additional in-kind support from town staff to remove baseline fence posts (they are not cemented in) and possibly assist to reinstall the posts in the new location to expand the field. Installation of the new backstop and dugouts would be done by a contractor.

Because the project takes place on town property and Adult Slo-Pitch does not carry insurance, the volunteers working on this would be under the town’s insurance policy and WCB coverage. The town would be responsible for deficiencies in the fencing. If a contractor does the fence upgrades, that contractor would provide insurance and warranty on the work.

Coun. Connie Butcher said it is difficult to get volunteers to do stuff, and binding their hands makes them even less willing. “This is the perfect opportunity to bring the next generation into volunteering for the rest of their lives,” she said.

“I agree with coun. Butcher,” said coun. Les Donoh. “I don’t want to disrupt the flow of volunteers in town.”

Coun. Dwayne Spicer called it a great opportunity to bring three groups together to get a project done.

Coun. Dave McRae noted the dugouts were redesigned to be made from chain link fencing (instead of solid material) so they are see through, which he saw as positive.

Mayor Mel Smith was the only one to vote against having volunteers do the work on Oct. 1. He felt the town would not be protected against liability.

Redwater Minor Ball and Redwater Adult Slo-Pitch representatives could not be reached for comment before press time.

White paint marks the grass along the south fence of Redwater’s Centennial Park ball diamond in preparation for upgrades that include moving the fence so the ball diamond will meet provincial standards.

Two trees were taken out and some others trimmed along the west side of Redwater’s Centennial Park ball diamond in preparation for upgrades to the ball diamond.
H.A. Kostash School in Smoky Lake grade six student Talli Karvonen enjoys the clear day as she participates in the Franchise Fee funds. It may do so during budget discussions. Coun. Rob Olsen was absent from the Oct. 1 meeting.

Other area municipalities have charged electrical franchise fees for many years. Gibbons and Legal each collect 10 percent while Bon Accord and Morinville are at the maximum 20 percent.

The fee applies to only a portion of the Fortis bill received by town residents and businesses.
Students at Holy Family Catholic School participated in the Terry Fox Run on September 25th. Students ran through town. This year Avery got a chance to dress up a teacher of his choice for collecting donations towards the Terry Fox fund. Miss Boot was dressed as a bride with her fairy wings, boas and hat.

**Waskatenau singer-songwriter Brenda Heyrün entertained at Diamond Spring Lodge in Redwater for the first time during the lodge’s birthday party to celebrate the birthdays of the residents who were born in October: Lorrie Shantz, Joyce Roshko, Mary Michalevich, Richard Barkley and Gary Flood.**

**Review Events Guide**

- **October 9**
  Daycare open house – Seeds to Sprouts Childcare Society. Daycare room in Thorhild Central School from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- **October 14**
  Bingo. Newbrook Rock & Ag Society. Newbrook Community Hall at 7 p.m.
- **October 16**
  Community Information Evening - Life In The Heartland. Pembina Place in Redwater at 5:00 p.m.
- **October 17**
  Vilna/Bellis Citizens on Patrol meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Bellis Curling Rink.
- **October 17**
  Candidates Forum – Redwater and District Chamber of Commerce. Place and time to be confirmed.
- **October 23**
  Business Awards dinner – Redwater and District Chamber of Commerce. Pembina Place in Redwater at 5:30 p.m.
- **October 25**
  Mighty Business Breakfast Bash – Redwater and Légal Chambers of Commerce plus area municipalities. Gibbons Cultural Centre at 7:30 a.m.
- **October 27**
  Waskatenau Curling Club Annual Meeting. 6:30 p.m.

Community groups – spread the word about your upcoming event FREE. Please include a contact name and phone number so we can confirm or clarify information if necessary. This is an information column for readers, containing the bare bones of the event, location, date and time, so do not cancel your normal event advertising. There is no guarantee that material will run as requested in this free column. We will try to publish material for the period of two weeks beyond the newspaper date subject to space availability in the Review.
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Thorhild Central School Student Attends the 2019 NASP – Nashville Archery Tournament

During this past summer, I was so fortunate to be selected to participate as a member of "Team Canada" at the NASP Worlds Championships held at Nashville, Tennessee, USA. What an honour. What an experience.

We (my Mom, Dad and I) flew down on 24 July and spent the 25th getting oriented, signed in and participating in some team building outings and games so that we could get to know our 18 members that would make-up the NASP - Team Canada. On the 26th, wearing our new NASP-Team Canada Archery jersey, we were marched into the massive shooting hall to the sound of the Canadian national anthem, and then we shot for Canada, each paired with a member of the NASP - Team USA, with a Bullseye Competition and then a 3-D Target Competition. I must admit that, although I shot fairly well, the whole event was a bit overwhelming given the size of the venue (The Music City Centre) and the sheer number of archers there that day (approximately 3,500 archers). On the 27th, I dawned my Thorhild Central School (TCS) archery shirt and shoot for our school. I did much better that day, finishing 8th within the Canadian participants. Following the completions on each day, I got the chance to witness some of Nashville’s famous live music, toured the County Music Hall of Fame and walked through the famous city taking in its sights. I had a good time in Nashville. The city itself was a little intense in terms of scale, heat, and traffic, but the competition went very smoothly, with Canada placing 2nd in the All Stars competition. This trip was worth it! I got to meet people and go to a place I’ve never been. Nashville is now the only American city I have been to outside of the State of Florida. Everyone on the Canadian team was pretty nice to me and were very supportive I must say. I am not the one in our family who handles the money very often, but I am sure that the donations raised by TCS and TEAM came in handy. The fund raising you did for me back in late June allowed me to “walk and shoot” among our NASP National Team, to buy a few souvenirs, and to see a few sights along the way. Most importantly, the generous donations helped me to represent you all at this massive and significant gathering of school level archers. A poetic person might say this is the ultimate fate of my joining the TCS – NASP program; to bring a little piece of our school to a place it has never been. I honestly did not predict that I would have done that, despite me qualifying for All Stars two years before. In any case, I had fun there. Finally, I would like to thank you all again for your support. It was truly a pleasure to represent Canada and of course Thorhild Central School. Thank you for helping me find this opportunity.

-- Dawson Barr

Thirteen students at H.A. Kostash School in Smoky Lake were awarded September Caring Certificates by principal Dick Richards on Oct. 4. Certificate recipients were students in Kindergarten to grades six who showed caring characteristics. Holding their awards are Kaleb Fox (Front row L to R), Edmerei Lopez, Bronsyn Cherniwchan, Emree Zaplotinsky, Georgis Harty, Jack Smith, Dominic Lopez and Leiliana Hunchak and Carter Phillips (Back row L-R), Logan Ziprick, Carter Gontowiuk, Jace Van Vlack and Talia Rogoza. Missing from photo: Bret Romanuk and Violet Lofis.

Thorhild Central School staff and students took part in the Terry Fox walk/run on October 2. As a school they joined together to remember how courageous Terry was in his battle with Cancer and to help out today by raising some money for cancer research.

Residents and guests at Diamond Spring Lodge in Redwater enjoy listening to Waskatenau singer-songwriter Brenda Hrycun as she entertains during the lodge’s October birthday party for residents Lorrie Shantz, Joyce Roshko, Mary Michatevich, Richard Barker and Gary Flood.
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