Will Vilna amalgamate with Smoky Lake County?

The Village of Vilna proposed amalgamating with Smoky Lake County. During its Aug. 27 meeting, Smoky Lake County council agreed to study the proposal, but appeared in no hurry to do so.

In response to Vilna mayor Leo Chapdelaine’s Aug. 10 letter requesting consideration of amalgamation for the Village of Vilna with Smoky Lake County, county council resolved to defer the matter to a Council Committee of the Whole administration meeting to jointly explore amalgamation and other options available for Municipal Restructuring. They will invite Municipal Affairs, Municipal Viability Advisor, Municipal Capacity and Sustainability with Alberta Municipal Affairs, to be a virtual delegation at the meeting.

Interim CAO Lydia Cielin advised the amalgamation process is complex and requires exploration of options to ensure there is benefit to all residents. “I agree 100 percent,” said coun. Lorne Halisky. “It could be an expensive endeavor and a liability.”

“We could delay the meeting,” coun. Dan Gawalko said. “The grants aren’t available yet.” Coun. Johnny Cherewchan said he would like to take the time to get all the information they need.

In his letter Chapdelaine advised the county that although Vilna is in “a far better financial position” than it was when dissolution was considered in 2010, it is challenged by the prospect of hiring a qualified CAO and paying a competitive salary (Vilna currently does not have a CAO). Chapdelaine added that during its Aug. 6 meeting Vilna council resolved to ask Smoky Lake County council to consider the possibility of amalgamating the two municipalities and to have the two partners for an Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant application for a Municipal Collaboration Study.

“Vilna has been in touch with Municipal Affairs and they have indicated that if both parties are interested in looking into this option, there is funding available through the ACP program to conduct a viability study,” said Chapdelaine. He noted his council resolved that if the county is willing to participate in the joint grant application, a joint announcement should be made to the public as soon as possible.

A joint application would qualify for 100 percent funding while an application by only Vilna would be eligible for 10 percent funding. The Municipal Restructuring (MR) component of the grant provides financial support to municipalities for projects associated with regional governance and municipal restructuring processes such as amalgamation, dissolution, or viability studies.

In an Aug. 15 email to the county, Lee advised the 2020/2021 ACP guidelines have not yet been finalized although Municipal Affairs does not anticipate huge changes to them. She pointed out that participating in a regional governance/amalgamation study does not mean that amalgamation or a forced dissolution has occurred. She reiterated there are other grant options available should a municipality dissolve.

A municipal amalgamation binds two or more municipalities to centralize administration, improve financial efficiency, and simplify government structure. The benefits can be an increased tax base, improved capacity to borrow and strengthen financial stability. Disadvantages are that amalgamations may result in reduced citizen representation, loss of municipal autonomy, heavy transition costs and increased debt. Vilna conducted a non-binding vote by its electors in February 2018 on the question “Are you in favour of dissolving the Village of Vilna to become a part of Smoky Lake County?” At that time the majority of electors voted against dissolving the village.

During a dissolution process, only the residents of the village or town are involved, and they get to hold a binding vote. Municipal Affairs controls the timeline of the process. An amalgamation involves both the village or town and the county. A public vote may be held, but it is not a legal requirement. The municipalities involved control the timeline and process. According to the 2016 census, Vilna has a population of 290. Smoky Lake County’s population is 2,461.

Two Mayors in this region won’t be running for re-election

The next general municipal election will be in October 2021, and so far not one of the local incumbent town and village Mayors has committed to running in that election. Two won’t run, one is undecided and the fourth didn’t respond before press time.

“I will absolutely not be running in the next election,” said Redwater mayor Mel Smith. “I stated the day after the last election it would be time for someone else to take over. I am just going to spend some time with my family and friends.” Smith has served as mayor since 2007. He served two terms as a councillor in the 1980s. Town of Smoky Lake mayor Hank Holowaychuk plans to make his decision closer to the election date. “I haven’t really given it that much thought,” he said. “I haven’t made my mind up one way or the other.” Holowaychuk served as mayor from 1992-1995, 2010-2013 and 2017 to present. The villages of Vilna and Waskatenau elect three councilors and they choose a mayor from amongst themselves. Vilna mayor Leo Chapdelaine will not run again. “I will not be running,” he said. “I do have a plan, but I can’t say anything right now.” He was elected in 2017. Waskatenau mayor Casey Caron did not respond to messages before press time.
THORHILD COUNTY FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

It's that time of year … Back to School!

This year will have different challenges; however, we believe that basic principles to remember: Hand hygiene, wear a mask to maintain social distancing, and stay home if you are sick. Any cough, colds, sniffles, fevers, etc, please call 811 to see if you need to be tested for Covid. All other concerns, please make an appointment to see the Nurse Practitioner.

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

Contact Us!
Administration
801-1 Street
Box 10, Thorhild, AB T0A 3J0

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NOTICE OF DECISION OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Municipal Planning Commission for Thorhild County has approved the following Development Applications:

October 27th, 2020

1) Legal Description: Plan 024121 Bl 1 Lot 1 (SE 23-58-22-W4)

Proposal: RL – Long Lake Residential District

Application for the construction of an attached garage, to allow for a variance of 5' from the rear property line to the existing dwelling, to allow a variance of 10' to the existing deck and to allow the roof projection into the rear and side yard of 3'.
Redwater Recollection

Students gathered in front of Redwater school with their principal in the early 1950s.
Front row (L-R): MaryAnne Cheknita, Anne Sadoway, Olga Senych, Priscilla Wantomiak, Nettie Lakusta.
Second row: Walter Kinnak, Helen Chekerda, Mickie Boston, Anne Guez, Lloyd Kennedy, Doreen Sather, Jim Brown, Mike Wasalyk.
Third row: Principal Mr. Billoway, Russell Kraychy, Rose Pundzik, Frank Kooika, Barbara Jessop.
Back row: Terry Pashichney, Robert Kennedy, Clarence Romanuk, Eugene Pashichney.

Relatively quiet week for growth of COVID-19 cases

Sturgeon County had two new reported cases of COVID-19 last week, bringing the total number of cases up to 40. According to the Alberta government website, as of Aug. 27 Sturgeon County west and the smaller urban centers within it had 29 reported cases of COVID-19. Two of them were new cases, which made 13 active cases and 16 recovered cases. Sturgeon County east had zero new reported cases. Its total of 11 cases were made up of nine active cases and two recovered cases.

The number of reported cases in Smoky Lake County remained at 11, with all listed as recovered.

In Thorhild County the number of reported cases remained at five, with all of them recovered.

The Town of Morinville continued to have a total of 10 reported cases: two active cases and eight recovered.

Sturgeon west includes Legal and Bon Accord. Sturgeon east includes Gibbons and Redwater.
Easement was granted to the town by school division

Letter to the editor
In the June 17 edition of the Redwater Review, a letter was published that was addressed to the Town of Redwater regarding the water and drainage issues raised by many concerned citizens.

We have received clarification from the Sturgeon School Board that an Easement along with Temporary Servicing Easement was granted to the Town of Redwater in February 2016.

We offer an apology to the Sturgeon School Board for the comments that were made based on misinformation of information that we had received.

We retract all comments made regarding the easement issue on school lands. These comments were made with an apology to the school board officials and we offer an apology.

—Lisa Bridgen

FOR LEASE • REDWATER ALBERTA

10 ACRES WITH SHOP AND ALL UTILITIES

$1,700,000

Beautiful 10 ac mature yard with 8’ x 8’ bungalow, barn, quonset, 32’x40’ metal clad shop, 32’x30’ metal clad shop with concrete floor, older hip roof barn with new metal roof & several other buildings. Power, gas, well & septic all ready for you to build your dream home or farm in a mobile home park or subdivide.

Call Heather or Glenn for more info on any of these properties.

65 ACRES WITH HOME AND SHOP NEAR NAMAGO

$1,150,000. Call Glenn to view.

Pride of ownership throughout this gorgeous 65 ac. Custom built 2000 sq ft 4 bdrm, 3 bath bungalow. Large kitchen with plenty of cabinetry, pantry, & sunken FR with a unique vaulted ceiling. Other features include jacuzzi tub in master, 3 pris- enable & an closet in MBR, hardwood flooring, formal DR & LR, main floor laundry with a sewing center. Barn just needs a little bit more work to have a horse barn, quonset & 32’x40’ heated det’d garage/shed/garage. Beautiful landscaping with covered garden shed & deck. One half of the land is presently in grain. Just min from Edmonton near Namao, less than 1/2 hr to central Edmonton.

Call Glenn to view.

100 ACRES OF grain LAND IN THORHILD

Great opportunity to increase your grain acreage & still have rooms for your dream home and all your toys. The property is near a very nice lake that you can only dream of! Lot 56, Rge 3, Twp 9. The property is part of one of the best farms in this area. Land could be subdivided again. Located about 12 miles NW of Thorhild. Adjoining 10 acres with shop and utilities is also for sale. $250,000. Call Heather for more info.

LAC LA NOON ACREAGE

Nicely upzoned 1440 ac R 3 bdrm, 2 bath home with 23’x40’ heated garage (21’x31’), 4 year new on perimeter. Home has a full basement. The living room is big with a wood stove & vaulted ceiling. Kitchen has a big pantry, counter space. There is also a large walk in pantry with room for an upright freezer. The property has city water & new 2500 gallon septic holding tank. The exterior has been updated & has storage space. The exterior has been updated & has storage space. The exterior has been updated & has storage space.

Call Heather for more info.

28 ACRES ACREAGE NORTH OF REDWATER

Pride of ownership is evident in the 3 bdrm, 2 bath bungalow with a large lower level rec room featuring a wood stove. Home has a separate entrance from outside. The yard is very scenic with a pond & great view of the mountains. The home is in great condition. Call Heather for more info.

LARKER CRESCENT COUNTRY

Very nicely landscaped yard on half acre lot. Beautifully landscaped yard on half acre lot. This is a great area to raise a family. Four bedrooms, two baths, large living room, formal dining room, family room. Close to schools. Price reduced to $385,000. Call Heather for more info.

LAC LA NONNE ACREAGE

SOLD

HALF MILE OF LAKEFRONT ON HALF MOON LAKE

A rare opportunity for a one or two bdrm + 3 bdrm + 1 bdrm set-up at a very affordable price.

A half mile of lakefront on south side of Half Moon Lake, only a half hour north of Edmonton. Swimming, boating, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, horseback riding on your doorstop. 7863 is bordered on north side by lake & on south side by crown land. Property is mostly tilled with lots of cleared trails throughout. 1422 ft house was built in 2006 & could be used as weekend getaway or year round home. There is one bdrm on main floor & 2nd bdrm on upper floor. There is a 1000 ft unfished building that could easily be developed if more space is needed. The home is on 7863 & is priced on the lakefront property but could easily be separated into two properties. Two 1010 ft10’ doors and high ceilings offer room to park an RV or truck. The yard features a built-in brick BBQ, big deck, huge garden area, RV hookup for your guests, lots of parking and turnout. It is all set up to enjoy. Rent out for extra income. $168,500. Call Heather for more info.

HOUSE & SHOP IN TOWN

Well maintained original owner, 3+1 bedroom, 1234 sq ft bungalow and 130’x100’ lot in Thorhild. Bungalow has been updated and has a second kitchen, family room, bedroom, laundry area and 3-pc bath. The 430’x20’ metal clad shop is heated with both a gas furnace and wood stove. Two 102’x10’10 doors and high ceilings offer room to park an RV or truck. The yard features a built-in brick BBQ, big deck, huge garden area, RV hookup for your guests, lots of parking and turnout. It is all set up to enjoy. Rent out for extra income. $168,500. Call Heather for more info.

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Prime 100’x100’ commercial lot in Leduc. Perfect opportunity for a professional medical office building or an office building to meet or exceed your needs. Build to suit for the perfect professional office for multi family resident. Use your imagination! Legal is a great community, just a few miles east of Leduc. You have a perfect opportunity for your business. $49,000 plus GST. Call Heather for more info.

100’x42’x42’ serviceable mobile home lot in Thorhild - $13,900

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Meetings are now electronic in accordance with section 199 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suspension) Regulation. Council Chambers is closed to the public, watch the live stream at sturgeoncounty.ca

**Face Coverings Now Mandatory in Sturgeon County Public Spaces**

New bylaw created to protect people and respond to increase in COVID-19 cases

In response to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and Sturgeon's regional COVID-19 classification being moved from "open" to "watch", face coverings will now be required to be worn in Sturgeon County's public spaces as well as County facilities within the municipality of the Town of Morinville.

Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings Bylaw 1513/20 was approved at a special Council meeting on August 20, 2020. The bylaw applies to all indoor or substantially enclosed indoor spaces that are available to the public, whether owned privately (e.g. gas station) or by Sturgeon County (e.g. a community hall, Sturgeon Centre) as well as public vehicles (e.g. taxis, shuttles), and will remain active as long as its regional COVID-19 classification remains "watch" under the Government of Alberta's monitoring threshold.

Sturgeon County’s Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings Bylaw does not apply to children under 10 years old, and those who cannot wear a face covering for health or religious reasons.

For more information about the Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings Bylaw visit sturgeoncounty.ca/facecoverings or call 780-939-4321.

**Reds Flashing … No Passing!**

School is back in session and motorists are reminded that it is illegal to pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing.

Traffic from both directions must come to a complete stop when the overhead alternating red lights have been activated and remain stopped until the red lights have been turned off. This means you must stop whether you are approaching an oncoming bus or following one, even when it is on the opposite side of a two-way highway.

The penalty for failing to stop for a school bus with its flashing red lights activated is $543 and six demerit points.

Stopping for school buses will help ensure everyone gets home safely.

**Council Recognizes Two Future Community Leaders with Scholarship**

Local students Colten Brenneis (L) and Hunter Anderson (R) have been named the recipients of the 2020 Dale MacMillan Memorial Scholarship for Community Leadership. For their contributions to the Sturgeon community, each student will receive $2,000 towards their post-secondary studies.

"We are proud to present this scholarship to such fine, outstanding young people," said Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatow. "Hunter and Colten's leadership, volunteerism, and enthusiasm make me optimistic for the future."

A private presentation of the cheques was made due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Read more about these two recipients and their inspiring achievements online at: sturgeoncounty.ca/dalemacmillanscholarship2020

**Annual Property Inspections**

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act Part 9, Division 1 and Sec.294(1), notice is hereby given that Sturgeon County Assessment Services will be conducting annual assessment inspections at various properties regarding new construction, progressive construction, sold property and development permit applications.

These onsite inspections will begin September 1, 2020 and continue until year end on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inspecting assessors will be driving marked Sturgeon County vehicles and will carry current Sturgeon County identification.

Any questions regarding these inspections can be directed to Assessment Services at 780-939-0601.
Redwater recognizes founding members of Arboretum Society

The Town of Redwater formally recognized the founding members of the Redwater Arboretum Society during a plaque presentation Aug. 20.

Mayor Mel Smith congratulated Allan Nielsen, who had the initial vision of creating the Arboretum in 2017, and the seven charter members of the Arboretum Society. They were Nielsen, Isadore Koscielnuk, Fred Moody, Erna Luger, Jack Dennett, Randy Serben and George Grainger.

“It was great, and we were really pleased,” Nielsen, who served as the first president of the society, said. Everyone who contributed to the project including volunteer planters, businesses, town staff and council.

“I just had the idea,” he said. “The hard work was done by our society members and many others. The whole Redwater community was behind the project. On planting day there were Golf club and Lions Club members out with their shovels, helping in whatever way they could.”

Nielsen said organizing and working on the arboretum was fun. He visualizes how it will look in 20 years and feels all the work was “well worth it.”

Smith commended everyone who contributed time, effort and funds to establishing the arboretum. He also noted that the flourishing trees in it are as good for individuals as they are for the scenic beauty of the town.

“Did you know that trees do not just enhance our town visually, but research shows that trees make us healthier?” asked Smith. “They boost our immune system, lower our blood pressure, make us healthier?”

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“Today I would like to acknowledge the vision, hard work and dedication that has gone into creating this wonderful legacy which will only get better with time,” he said. “I think it is important to recognize the seven founding members of the Arboretum society, as what they have done in a matter of two and a half years is remarkable.”

“I am passionate about our community, as I know that you all are, and I know that Redwater would not be what it is without the amazing volunteers we have. No community would function without the kindness and hard work of the caring people in the community who take the time out of their busy schedules to dedicate their time to enhance our town. The Arboretum is truly a lasting show case that we can all be proud of and enjoy the health benefits of for many generations to come.”

The arboretum is in Devonian Park, south of 49 Avenue between 49 and 51 Streets. Nearly 100 trees and shrubs were planted in it during 2018 and 2019.

Redwater Arboretum Society charter president Allan Nielsen (L-R), Randy Serben, Mayor Mel Smith, vice president Grainger, Luger, Luger, Fred Moody, volunteer Janice Grainger and volunteer Henry Goeckel.

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five minutes around trees or in green spaces may improve our health. In times like these when everything is so uncertain, and everyone is under so much stress it is so important that we have areas like this arboretum for people to come.

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Restoration of the Newbrook Observatory buildings and site is nearly complete.

“I believe I can speak on behalf of the Society when I say by viewing the photos it appears as the work that’s been completed has given a new life to the buildings,” said Newbrook Historical Society chair Tracy Wołoszyńska. “Looking back on old photos of the site, you can see they have come a long way. There are still a few things that need to be done, and we look forward to when it’s 100 percent completed.” After the roof mechanism of the camera building is operational, the Super Schmidt camera will be placed back inside the observatory.

“We are grateful for the role Thorhild County has taken towards this project,” said Wołoszyńska. “Without it, this restoration wouldn’t have been possible. We hope in the future to host some Starry Night events in partnership with the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada – Edmonton. Based on the history of the site, they are keen to work with us. We have been discussing a local history museum (interactive center with photos, artifacts, and curiosities of Newbrook’s past. It is our hope it will attract tourists and locals, and maybe even become a field trip destination for schools.”

Restoration of the observatory site was done this summer by Thorhild County, which owns the site. The project budget was $193,000. The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (AHRF) approved a grant to cover 50 percent of eligible expenses up to a maximum of $86,500.

Community Services manager Carolyn Sedlowski advised that any items replaced at the site had to be matched or made as close as possible to the original in order to meet Alberta Historical Resources requirements. Throughout the project the county and contractor worked with an advisor from AHRF to ensure the project met their requirements.

Work at the site included trim or remove old trees, clear or replace and then paint the siding and trim on both buildings, fix or replace eavestroughs, rebuild back deck, re-point and re-slope chimney and fix the Dormer window on the house.

The roof on the house was fixed and new cedar shakes to match the originals added. The dorm window was re-built. The dorm window on the house.

The Newbrook Observatory camera building was restored this summer. Its roof splits down the center and slides open on the tracks beside the building, opening to allow the camera to take pictures of the night sky.

A worker comes out of the residence at the Newbrook Observatory. The historic buildings are being restored this summer.

Taxpayers may now pick up the cost of liquor for councillors at events outside the county

Coun. Karen Shaw was the lone voice against the new Councillor Business Expense Policy approved at the Aug. 25 Thamesview County Council meeting.

She noted she could support the policy if section 5.10 which allows for reimbursement for alcohol “only when the event involves participants from outside the County” was taken out.

Shaw argued that given program cuts she could not support spending taxpayers’ dollars on alcohol.

Coun. Wayne Hokenshul noted in business and cultural exchanges it is customary doing toasts and is part of doing business internationally.

Coun. Patrick Tighe added the bottom line is the expenses are transparent as they are posted online. He concluded if residents “feel they are outrageous they can advise us.”

Coun. Kristin Toms concluded “making a moral judgement on alcohol” is really not something Council should “be forcing our residents in a position to do.”

The policy was first presented at the June 4 Governance and Council Services Committee (comprised of Coun. Tom’s, Tighe, Cormeau and the Mayor). At that time the Committee had no questions for administration, nor any debate.

This prompted Mayor Alanna Hnatow to conclude, “looks like you (administration) got it on first crack.”

Historical Society looks forward to completion of Newbrook Observatory restoration

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Florence Mazurenko of Weasel Creek. Florence was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, auntie and friend. Florence will be lovingly remembered by her children Terry Mazurenko, Cornell of St. Albert, Donna (Allan) Babyik of Westlock and Marie Mucha of Radway; 19 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; and brother-in-law Alex Kowalski. Florence loved her family, farm life and her flower and vegetable gardens. Florence was preceded by her husband William (Bill), grandson Jonathan Turko, granddaughter Candace Turko, daughters Debbie Turko and Gloria Fuls, son Marshall, sisters Mary Tomusiak, June Mazurenko and Theresa Krukar, brothers Alex Kowalski, Hilda Kowalski, brothers John Onyschuk and Morris Onyschuk, and parents Anna and Peter Onyschuk. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions a private family funeral and interment will be held. The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the wonderful staff at the Radway Continuing Care Centre, who provided her with love, care and compassion during her stay.

Donations may be made to the Radway Continuing Care Facility or charity of one’s choice.

Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to the family by visiting westlockfuneralhome.com

Rest in Peace ~ Vichnaya Pamyat.

Westlock Funeral Home & Crematorium Ltd. 780-549-3474.

Flood, Gary Clifford

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Gary on August 21, 2020 at the age of 76. Gary will be remembered by his cousin Pat Moffitt, who was a good friend and companion to Gary over the years; cousins: John A. MacDonald, Don MacDonald, Noreen MacDonald, Marilyn Snedden, Peggy Wesley, Jim Melan, Mary Vibert; and many friends at the Diamond Springs Lodge in Redwater.

He was preceded by his parents, Doris and Wilfred Flood; stepsister, Joyce Bradshaw and stepbrother, Lawrence Kuffler.

Gary loved horse racing and followed them closely. He loved his farm, the cats and reading the Bible. He always had a hearty laugh and a twinkle in his eyes.

Due to COVID-19, a private family service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Homeland Housing (Diamond Springs Lodge Recreation Program), at 9922 103 Street, Morinville T8R 1R7.

To send condolences, please visit www.connollymckinley.com.

Connolly McKinley Funeral Home St. Albert Chapel
(780) 458-2222

MAZURENKO, Florence

December 11, 1928 – August 20, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Florence Mazurenko of Weasel Creek.

Amanda Scheunias lines up on the ninth hole flag at the Redwater golf course this summer.

Quinton From and Cass Diogo enjoy scavenger hunts, so they had a good time during the Your Way Support Services scavenger hunt in Redwater this summer.
Thorhild dancers perform in Alberta Ukrainian Dance event

This summer Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club members Julia Moscaluk and Danelle Ewasiw participated in an amazing opportunity to dance and celebrate their culture. They performed in the Aug. 23 online Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association solo and duet performance hour that showcased dancers who were unable to present their skills at competitions and shows this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moscaluk and Ewasiw were excited to be able to perform for an audience again, but both realized that after four and a half months of not dancing, they were a bit out of shape. They found the hardest part of preparing for the Ukrainian Days Festival was remembering their dance and practicing without their choreographer.

“The Ukrainian Days Festival was a great opportunity to showcase our dances that we didn’t get to take to many competitions last spring,” said Moscaluk. “Practising our dance for the festival was definitely the hardest thing to get ready for as we didn’t have our usual studio and had a four month break.”

They found practice space and brushed up on the dances. On Aug. 23 they travelled to the Shumka studio in Edmonton to have their duet recorded. That involved taking part in several COVID-19 screenings and wearing a mask until they were ready to perform. All the dancers taking part followed a strict schedule to minimize their social interaction.

Moscaluk and Ewasiw had the opportunity for this exciting experience because of the start of the 2019-2020 dance season they decided to work on a duet. Club instructor Odessa Bahri choreographed the dance and the girls practised regularly for months. In early March they performed at the Westlock Ukrainian Dance Festival. After that, dance festivals were cancelled because of the pandemic.

Both Moscaluk and Ewasiw enjoyed dance and showcasing their Ukrainian culture. They are interested in her future opportunities and are preparing for another trip in August 2021.

Moscaluk and Ewasiw had two instructors. Balan is the local talent and Thorhild club alumni. He and Bahri currently perform with Volya Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. They have danced internationally and are preparing for another trip in August 2021.

Both Moscaluk and Ewasiw enjoy dance and showcasing their Ukrainian culture. They attend Thorhild Central School and are looking forward to returning to school this fall.

Ukrainian Days Festival 2020 was a week long virtual Ukrainian experience from Aug. 16-24. It was comprised of five series featured throughout the festival: Art, Performance, Roots, Cooking and Ukrainian Independence Day.

Thorhild Central School grad McCoy Kudlik chats with friends at the huge rock monument at the front of the school during the farewell to grads early this summer.
Impaired driving complaints increase during busy summer for Redwater RCMP

It has been a busy summer for the Redwater RCMP detachment. The numbers of calls for service remained the same as June 2020 at 250 but with a marked increase in driving complaints. A total of 40 complaints were made with a majority being suspect- ed impaired drivers and unsafe passing. Charges were laid in two of the instances and multiple warn- ings were issued. In some cases, information was passed on to neighbouring detachments that the sus- pect vehicles were travelling to. These types of calls from the public are an important piece of keeping our highways safe. Please remember when call- ing in complaints to gather as much information for police as possible. In many cases the complaints lack important details we need when tracking down driv- ers. A great acronym to remember is CYMBL. This stands for color, year, make, body-style and licence plate. Direction of travel and the time you noted see- ing a driving infraction are helpful as well.

Summer is a very busy time of year on the highways and many large commercial vehicles travel in this area as well. Let’s all remember to share the road and maintain safe speeds. Be patient if you find yourself in a situa- tion where passing is necessary. Everyone deserves to get home safely!

During the month of July, the Redwater RCMP executed two Search Warrants on unrelated matters and seized 10 firearms (2 confirmed stolen) approxi- mately 5 grams of Psilocybin (Magic Mushrooms) a variety of ammunition, 2 containers of pepper spray, approxi- mately 350g of methamphetamine, along with some other offence related property. Two adult males from Thorhild County are facing charges in relation to these unrelated matters.

On August 6 at approximately 10:00 a.m., RCMP received a call reporting a vehicle on it’s roof. The vehicle was camouflaged by long grass and quite a distance off the road. When members attempted to investigate an injured male was found trapped inside. With the assistance of Fire and EMS the driver was safely extracted from his vehicle and transported for medical attention.

After a very rainy spring and beginning of summer it is great to see people getting outside and enjoying the warmer weather. Vitamin D is vital for our over- all health and safe social distancing visits help with mental health during this interesting time. However, RCMP have received multiple noise complaint calls from local backyards parties. Please remember to be courteous to your neighbours. Watch noise and music volume levels. Keep your fire pits reasonable and if your neighbour is outside, ask if they have any music requests?

We are happy to announce that beginning on Aug. 11, citizens in all Alberta RCMP jurisdictions experi- encing loss or theft under $5000, or vandalism of property $500 to $5000 can report the occurrence. It takes about 15 minutes to fill in the report and can be done at anytime or place. Offering online crime reporting will allow the public we serve to report crime in whatever way is most convenient or accessible to them. This is a big step in the right direction and it is just one of many ways the RCMP is working on mod- ernizing the service we provide.

An update on Mountie the cat. After the first foster home in Redwater, one of our amazing Constab- ularies found Mountie his forever home. Special thanks to Barb and Ron in Morinville, Alberta for the exemplary care given to Mountie and to his new fur-parents for opening up their home. We can’t wait to see pictures of him now.

Back to school. A reminder that the school zone on Highway 18 in Thorhild is 70km/hr, keep watch for kids getting on and off of the bus and walking on our roads. With the kids returning to school, some parents may also be returning to work. Some parents may be seen roaming the public roads in radials states of severe happiness to complete dis- appointment. Parents are encouraged to keep a close eye on everyone’s safety.

The Redwater Detachment is seeking community feedback. In the current world of COVID-19, community engagement events have become a challenge due to social distancing requirements. In order to seek important input from all stakeholders, the Redwater RCMP will be conducting monthly police briefings (like this one) in order to keep the public aware of our activ- ities in the communities. In addition we encourage interaction and anyone with any inquiries, questions, comments can contact us at Kredwatercommunityfeedback@rcmp.gc.ca. All email submissions will remain anonymous. During each monthly police brief members of the detachment will answer a few of the ques- tions asked. We look forward to hearing from you.

—Sgt. Jeff Sehn and the entire Redwater Detachment

Redwater Art Society member Suzanne Slack practises with water colors earlier this month.
Redwater RCMP charge man with indecent act

On Aug. 20 at approximately 10:50 a.m., Redwater RCMP responded to a report of a male committing an indecent act while parked on the side of the road near the Opal water station.

Several victims reported the man was allegedly performing the indecent act while exposing himself to vehicles passing by.

Police immediately attended the area and located the suspect driving in the reported vehicle. He was arrested without incident after a traffic stop was initiated. A small amount of what is believed to be methamphetamine was also located in the vehicle.

A 38 year old Redwater man has been charged with committing an indecent act in public and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

He was released after a judicial hearing and will be appearing in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court on Sept. 17.

Police are asking anyone with information about this incident or any similar incident in the Redwater area, to contact Redwater RCMP at 780-942-3607.
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Lot 34, Plan 227216, Vaux, Alberta, 780-919-3650. The land is being offered for sale on an “as is, where is” basis, and the Village of Vaux neither represents or gives any warranty whatsoever as to the accuracy of servicing, soil conditions, building, and zoning applications, absence of or process of environmental contamination, the habitability of the subject land or any improvements built on the premises.

No bids will be accepted where the bidder intends to attend conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No returns and conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by the Village of Vaux. No further information is available at the auction regarding the lands to be sold.

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Terms: Cash, bank draft, or certified cheque, with a minimum 20% deposit at the time of sale and the balance within 10 days of the date of public auction. Dishonesty or their agents must be present at the public auction.

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Delna Hackman, Chief Administrative Officer.
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