County, refinery happy with agreement on taxes despite NWR not being fully operational

It could be counted as a win-win for both Sturgeon County Council and the North West Redwater Partnership (NWRP) at the regular Council meeting Aug. 27. NWRP got an amendment extending their tax prepayment agreement and Sturgeon County got a $6 million community enhancing gift.

NWRP Chief Operating Officer Kerry Margetts presented an update on the refinery project citing technical, complex engineering details for delays in getting the gas fired “heart” of the refinery operational. He concluded “we believe most of that is behind us” and they will be doing another test in September with commercial operations of the refinery beginning in Q1. By the end of March 2020 he said they expect to be up and fully operational if the adjustments are successful.

The portion of the complex producing diesel has been operational since the end of 2017 with 15 million barrels produced to date, Margetts said. They will be going through a shut down for regular maintenance this fall. He said they “don’t think we will see an appreciable difference in traffic” for the shut down as many of the workers will be moved over from the gas fire section for the work.

Margetts said they are 100% focused on the safe start up of the two gas fire units; to be producing from bitumen is key for the economic success of the project.

Given the project delays to full operations, Margetts asked for another amendment to the NWRP Partnership taxes prepayment agreement, shifting the start date out one year for the five year span running 2020 to 2024. Council unanimously supported the amendment.

He acknowledged the taxes paid in 2019 were well below what had been anticipated. “We fell short,” he said. In recognition of that economic impact, Margetts said they would like to provide a $6 million community enhancing payment to the County.

Coun. Patrick Tighe commented “It is rare people want to pay more taxes.”

Mayor Alanna Haszert thanked NWRP for their contributions to the area communities and for the enhancement funds.

Redwater Legion, museum plan event to mark 80th anniversary of declaration of war by Canada

Jim Neathway of Redwater puzzles out how to attach the lower carry bag onto the Pattern 37 web worn by soldiers in 1939. His patient mannequin, Ken, is dressed in Pete Neathway’s Perth Regiment battle dress. More photos page A7.

Jim Neathway of Redwater is preparing a display of a mannequin wearing World War II battle dress and Pattern 37 webbing for the Redwater Legion’s event marking the 80th anniversary of the declaration of war by which Canada formally entered WWII.

Canada declared war on Sept. 9, 1939. The Redwater Legion and Redwater Museum will host their event Sept. 7. The museum is preparing a special WWII display; the Legion will host members from the Military Collectors Club of Canada.

Neathway is dressing a mannequin, named Ken, as a private in Canada’s Perth Regiment. He started with his Uncle Pete Neathway’s battle dress and has items such as a helmet, rain cape and Pattern 37 webbing to go with it.

“I’ve never seen in my travels a display of a soldier with Pattern 37 webbing on it,” said Neathway. “I get to put my Uncle’s uniform on the mannequin, and I get to run around buying stuff. It’s like a big jigsaw puzzle.”

Historical books and online information cover the basics, but lack some details needed to securely attach all the Pattern 37 items to the webbing. It has no Velcro, so all the straps have adjustable buckles and hooks.

The front pouches held a grenade and 50 rounds of rifle ammunition. In 1939 that would have been a #1 Mark 3 rifle. The upper bag, carried behind the shoulders, was for toiletries, eating utensils and underwear and socks for a couple of days. A rain cape and blanket could be strapped on top of it.

The lower bag, which rested against the small of the back, was for mess tins, ration and a sweater. The water bottle hung from the belt.

November 23, 1939 2 p.m. for Tuesday edition
Revega named Thorhild County interim CAO

Thorhild County manager of Legislative Services Carol Revega is serving as interim CAO while council goes through the recruitment process for a permanent CAO. Council appointed her to the position Aug. 27. Following a closed session discussion during an Aug. 12 special council meeting council passed a resolution concluding the employment of former CAO Wayne Franklin. At that time council appointed assistant CAO and Corporate Services manager Janelle Cornelius as acting CAO. Because Cornelius was on vacation at the time, council designated Revega to serve as acting CAO until Cornelius returned. At the beginning of the Aug. 27 meeting Cornelius requested council go into closed session to discuss personnel. When the meeting returned to open session council passed the resolution appointing Revega interim CAO.

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The 2019-2020 Dance Season is just around the corner. We are excited to start a new year of dance with instructors Jessie Balan & Odessa Bahr!

Registration Night: SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

AGES 4-8
Information Session: 4:00 - 4:15
Dance Class: 4:15 - 5:15
AGES 8-10
Information Session: 5:30 - 5:45
dance Class: 5:45 - 6:45
AGES 13 AND UP
Information Session: 7:00 - 7:15
Dance Class: 7:15 - 8:15

Adult Dancers are welcome to attend any of the information sessions to register. $20 non-refundable registration fee per dancer.

Contact Megan Kuz at 780-307-5576 or find us on Facebook @TUDClub for more information.

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Sept. 10, 2019
Holy Family Catholic School (Waskatenau)

Low dance fees and no costume rental fees
Practice Tuesday evenings

Dancers ages 3 and up are welcome to a 3 week trial with no financial commitment

Instructor Brianne Sliwkanich - Has been dancing since very young. “I have done tap, jazz, ballet and Ukrainian. I danced for Kupalo Ukrainian dance ensemble for 6 years and instructed technique workshops and choreographed solos and duets for the Jr. Kupalo dancers. I then moved on with Volya! Ukrainian dance ensemble for 7 years. This is my 6th year teaching Waskatenau Pryveet dancers.”

CONTACT JOCELYN at 780-656-5813 FOR MORE INFORMATION & TIMES.

THORHILDS DANCING CLUB

Box 10, Thorhild, AB T0A 3S0
Ph: 780-307-3741

NOTICE TO ALL THORHILD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Water Restriction - Demand C

The Capital Region Northeast Water Service Commission (CRNWSC) is replacing four (4) individual sections of the regional water transmission main. This is to accommodate waterline replacement underneath the widening of Highway 15 immediately west of the City of Fort Saskatchewan. This means that the primary water supply for Thorhild County will be reduced and Thorhild County will be required to draw their water supply from municipal water reservoirs.

To ensure that there is enough water supply to last the duration of the line replacement Thorhild County will put into effect the Demand C Water Restriction for the following time frames:

September 16 - 19, 2019
September 23 - 26, 2019

Demand C Water Restriction requires the closure of all Thorhild County Regional Potable Truck Fills (Thorhild, Neenah, Egremont, Abre, Redwater) and the discontinuation the following during the time frames:

- Watering lawns, gardens or trees
- Washing driveways and sidewalks
- Filling pools and fountains
- Water main or hydrant flushing
- Street sweeping
- Spray decks (unless using recycled water)
- Construction activities
- Firefighting training
- Vehicle washing (including buses)
- Other non-essential use (all water not used for human consumption)

The County requests that everyone, limit water usage to drinking, cooking and hygiene usage. We ask that residents minimize the usage of laundry machines and duration of showers.

We will keep residents informed of the status of this water Demand C restriction as the above schedule is subject to change slightly due to weather conditions and construction delays.

If you have any questions, please call the Utilities Department at (780) 308-3741 or (780) 308-3930 after hours.

Opal and Alpen Truck Fill stations are still available for the purchase of non-potable water.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jenna Soroka of Adapt Nutrition and Consulting (Left) talks about healthy living with Christine Nugent at the Thorhild Trade Show hosted by the Thorhild and District Agricultural Society and Thorhild County Aug. 24.
SEASONAL-LONG LAKE SKI AREA SUPERVISOR (NOVEMBER-MARCH)

Thorhild County is seeking suitable individuals to carry out the following duties as the Long Lake Ski Area Supervisor:

- Responsible for planning, organizing and staffing of the Long Lake Ski Area;
- Responsible to oversee all aspects of the operation, including lift operation and maintenance, snow cat and snowmobile operation and maintenance, snow grooming and maintenance, risk management, rental equipment and repairs, ticket and rental shop and cafeteria;
- Book and coordinate ski schools and special group functions;
- Coordinate duties and shift schedules; Qualifications required:
  - Knowledge and/or experience in ski facility and recreational programming;
  - Management experience and basic knowledge of human resource policies;
  - Physical ability to sit or stand for long periods and to perform a variety of manual tasks (lifting, squatting, bending, twisting and climbing);
- Some duties are performed with exposure to the outdoor elements.

Successful candidate will be required to provide a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check, Driver’s Abstract, and a Fitness to Work Assessment. Standard First Aid certification preferred or willing to train. Hours of work will vary and are dependent on programs and weather. Must be available to work weekends. Current employees of Thorhild County fulfilling the requirements essential to this position shall be considered for this position.

Positions will remain open until suitable candidates are hired. Please forward resumes to:

Laurie Andrushchyshyn
Box 10 Thorhild, Alberta T0A 3J0
or e-mail Laurie.Andrushchyshyn@thorhildcounty.com

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

NOTICE OF DECISION OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

1. Legal Description: Plan 5818KS Block 1 Lot 1 (Hamlet of Long Lake)
   Land Use Designation: RL – Long Lake Residential District
   Proposal: construction of a 24’ X 20’ garage and relocation of a 14’ X 8’ wooden shed
   Permit # 2304

Date of Decision(s): August 27, 2019 Appeal by: 4:30 PM, September 17, 2019

THE LAND USE BY-LAW provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Municipal Development Authority Officer may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) by serving written Notice of Appeal to the Clerk 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

MUSICAL MUNCHKINS IN NEWBROOK WEDNESDAYS

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

Location: Newbrook Library Fee: Free Time: 10-11am
Dates: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6 Instructor: Rebecca Hansen

NON-RESTRICTED FIREARMS SAFETY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY EVENING

This program is aimed at individuals wanting to apply for their Firearms Possession and Acquisition License or Possession License for minors. Course content includes the safe storage, handling, and transportation or firearms. Must be at least 14 years of age to take this course.

Location: Thorhild County Council Chambers
Fee: $115 Time: 5–9pm Minimum: 6 participants
Instructor: Dwayne Rawson Dates: October 1 & 2

SENIORS INTEREST BOOK CLUB WEDNESDAYS

This book club is for anyone who wants to improve their reading and would like some support along the way. Join the group as we read together and follow Martha and her friends - the League of Pensioners - who have left behind their dreary care home in Stockholm and are enjoying the bright lights of Las Vegas. “The Little Old Lady Strikes Again” is the second novel in the series, but there is no pre-reading necessary.

Location: Newbrook Library Fee: $10 Time: 11am–12:30pm Dates: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6 Instructor: Rebecca Hansen

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

Contact Us!
Public Works & Agriculture Services
21414 Twp Road 600 A
780-398-3939

Contact Us!
Emergency After Hours
Utilities 780-398-3939

Newbrook and area Shopping Trips

Will now be offered on the 1st Thursday and the 3rd Monday of each month, at a cost of $10 per person. Suggested stops are, but not limited to: the grocery store, pharmacy, bank, etc.

For more information or to register, please contact: 780-576-2229

Please be advised
THORHILD COUNTY ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
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Call if you wish to make a complaint or to speak with an Enforcement Officer

HALFMOON LAKE MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND

Last operational day for the season is September 16, 2019. Thanks for the great camping season and see everyone back in 2020.

For information call 780-931-3308
**Boychuk builds Sears 1930 buggy in Thorhild Lodge Aug. 21.**

Don Boychuk built a Sears 1930 buggy in the woodwork room of the Thorhild Lodge and put the pieces together in the building. It had to be dismantled to be taken out of the building.

"I get a great satisfaction from people looking at what I make," Boychuk said. "A picture is not good enough.

He began the buggy project last October after salvaging the axles, springs and wheels at an acreage auction. He removed the decomposing spokes and sent them to a wheelwright to be rebuilt.

For the shafts Boychuk selected straight young birch, cutting them down in November and peeling them, then drying them all winter and storing them in an area of the building.

"Look how nice they came out—not a crack in them," he said. "I was quite happy about that."

He designed and built the buggy in the woodworking room of the lodge. Boychuk had a Sears 1930 buggy over the winter and assembled it in the Thorhild Lodge Aug. 21.

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Now it’s for sale with an asking price of $7,500 (negotiable). Many of his projects are intricate constructions made from pieces cut with a scroll saw.
Thorhild, Redwater working out details as County to stop serving natural gas customers within Town

Thorhild County will cease to provide natural gas service to the eight Town of Redwater residents on its service lines by July 2021. Thorhild council passed a motion July 23 to request a clause be added to the draft agreement saying Redwater would endeavor to request a clause be added to the draft agreement to formalize the working arrangement between Thorhild and Redwater has been in the works since 2017, and the councils discussed it in closed sessions earlier this year. That agreement includes a termination clause of 18 months which would give Redwater time to install infrastructure such as gas lines if Thorhild gave notice to terminate the agreement. Thorhild earns revenue of about $6,000 per year from its gas customers in the annexed area. When the county stops serving those eight customers, the town is required to pay compensation (according to the provincial Gas Distribution Act) of approximately $26,000.

The hide race in which Kale leapt onto a cow hide pulled by Marquie and hung on as she raced to the finish line.

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Thank You!

Newthrish Seniors Housing Foundation Residents and staff would like to thank Dennis Purvis of Old Grizz Taxidermy for his donation of services toward the restoration of our elk head that hangs in the library at the lodge. The residents appreciated the fine work.

Happy 5th Anniversary - September 3rd
Jason and Bonnie Ollikka
Love and Best Wishes
Your sons, Dylan & Kameron
and all your family and friends
Biggest Shots From Redwater Championship Team are Presented the Paul Feledichuk Memorial Cup. Back row (L-R) -- Billy Hammond, Darrel Lloyd, Mathew Bokenfohr, Jeff Pelletier, Kevin Hammond, Keagan Des Roches. Front row -- Colby Hoeppner, Jessica Wakeford, Nicole Kapach, Pam Rock, Kerrie Stanko.

Feledichuk/Curran Memorial tourney raises $7,500

The 5th annual Feledichuk /Curran Memorial Community Fundraiser Slo-pitch tournament has been another success. Despite at times horrible weather and soggy ball diamonds, we together with the participating teams and our fantastic sponsors, managed to raise $7,500 that will be donated to the “Seeds to Sprouts Childcare Society” based in Thorhild.

This year’s tournament winner of the Paul Feledichuk Memorial trophy, for the 3rd consecutive year was “The Biggest Shots” out of Redwater. 2nd place went to the “Mitt Slappers” from Fort Saskatchewan and the B final winner was “Loaded on Base” also from Fort Saskatchewan. This year’s winners of the Cyril and Joan Curran Memorial Home Run Derby trophy was for the Ladies, Pam Rock from “The Biggest Shots” from Redwater and for the Men, Michael Feledichuk from “The Benchwarmers” of Thorhild.

This year’s donation brings the tournament totals to $27,600, over the last 5 years and our Family is already looking forward to next year. The tournament was assisted in many ways, especially by gracious sponsors, the County of Thorhild, and Fortis who supplied the large barbeque for our concession.

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Redwater Dodge
Jim Neathway shares details about the Redwater Museum display of WWII artifacts which was set up as part of the Redwater Legion’s event marking the 80th anniversary of the declaration of war by which Canada formally entered WWII. Story on front page.

Rosemary Neathway points out artifacts in a Redwater Museum WWII display set up as part of the Redwater Legion’s event marking the 80th anniversary of the declaration of war by which Canada formally entered WWII. At the left of the photo is a wireless set #19 complete with headset and spare tubes. “I bought this when I was about 16,” said owner Jim Neathway.

Jim Neathway of Redwater shows some of the research materials he used to put together Pattern 37 webbing worn by Canadian soldiers in 1939.

Jim Neathway of Redwater holds up an original rain cape worn by Canadian soldiers in 1939. It, and the mannequin wearing Perth Regiment battle dress behind Neathway, will be part of a display commemorating Canada’s declaration of war on Sept. 9, 1939, at the Redwater Legion Sept. 7.

Jim Neathway points to a display of WWII nurses’ medals in the Redwater Museum. Above them are items from Major Allan Lee Mumby’s air force service.
The Royal Canadian Artillery Band from Canadian Forces Base Edmonton added a musical element to the Redwater Discovery Days parade Aug. 17.

Sturgeon residents may gain access to CFB rec facilities through bus funds re-allocation.

Rising costs and declining users spelled the death knell for the Edmonton Garrison transit service while at the same time opening a door to negotiations for Sturgeon County recreation facility access on Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Edmonton.

Sturgeon County Council unanimously authorized administration to give written notice to terminate the Regional Transit Service Agreement with the City of Edmonton effective Dec. 31, 2019, during their regular Council meeting Aug. 27.

The transit service was designed to connect riders from the base to Eaux Claire Transit Centre in North Edmonton, running every 45 minutes in peak morning and evening hours.

“Over the past ten years demand for the service has been steadily decreasing,” reported Susan Berry, Manager, Community Services. She noted there were only 11,983 boarders in 2018.

Prior to bringing the recommendation to termi- nate the service, Berry pointed out they had con- vesations with Lieutenant-Colonel Damon Dyer, Commanding Officer Personnel Support Services Command, who said, “the CFB Edmonton had the desire to work collabora- tively on opportunities that can create greater public benefit.”

General Manager of Municipal Services Scott MacDougall added that by reallocating the transit funds to recreation, the possibility to contribute to CFB’s recreation facilities could potentially open their multitude of facilities and programs to Stur- geon County residents. “There are a lot of facilities to explore for residents, if support funds are there,” he concluded.
Highway 15 twinning project will include a second bridge across the North Sask River

The province has awarded the contract for twinning of Highway 15 near Fort Saskatchewan, including construction of a second bridge over the North Saskatchewan River. The highway twinning project has been divided into two parts.

Part A, which is already underway, includes twinning Highway 15 east of Highway 28A to west of Highway 37, and will be completed later this summer. Part B includes construction of a second bridge over the North Saskatchewan River and twinning of Highway 15 from east of Highway 37 to east of the 99 Avenue overpass in Fort Saskatchewan. Construction is underway and expected to take about three years to complete.

“Our government is committed to delivering infrastructure projects that support our economy and get Albertans back to work. Highway 15 is a key corridor for the residents and businesses of Fort Saskatchewan and throughout Alberta’s Industrial Heartland, and twinning will reduce congestion, improve travel times and increase safety. Our government promised to build infrastructure projects that help grow Alberta’s economy and this announcement demonstrates our commitment to creating jobs,” states Ric McIver, Minister of Transportation.

“Twinning Highway 15 is a key project for economic growth and development in Sturgeon County and throughout my constituency. I’m pleased to see our government moving ahead with projects focused on job creation in Alberta’s Industrial Heartland,” states Dale Nally, MLA for Morinville-St. Albert.

“The City of Fort Saskatchewan has been waiting for this project for many years. Our residents know all too well about congestion, in particular over the bridge, and they’re looking forward to completion of this twinning project to make their daily commute easier and safer,” says Katchur, mayor, City of Fort Saskatchewan.

“Highway 15 is an important economic corridor in my constituency of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, and twinning of the Highway 15 bridge is long overdue. I’m happy to see our government push forward with constructing essential projects in Fort Saskatchewan that will reduce congestion and improve travel times for people and businesses throughout the Industrial Heartland,” states Jackie Armstrong-Homenick, MLA for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville.

In addition to the Highway 15 project, the government moving ahead with nine other projects related to the existing Capital Plan, which include slide repairs, interchange and bridge safety improvements, bridge replacements (north of Peace River and north of Elmworth), seal coating and paving projects on Alberta’s highway network.

The Highway 15 bridge over the North Saskatchewan River into Fort Saskatchewan was built in 1957. Traffic volume on the bridge has increased by 50 per cent in recent years. More than 23,000 vehicles a day cross over the bridge. The current bridge is the only river crossing into Fort Saskatchewan, with one lane in each direction.

Design for the twinning project began in 2017. Highway 15, between Highway 21 and Highway 830, is part of Alberta’s High Load Corridor.
Four-year rotation of crops is key to sustainability of potato farm

Groot Farms has grown potatoes for nearly 100 years. Brothers Don and Wayne Groot plant about 300 acres of potatoes each year on their farm in Sturgeon County.

“Our grandfather started growing potatoes in the 1920s,” Wayne Groot said when the Sturgeon County Agriculture Service Board tour visited the farm Aug. 9. “We grow for the fresh potato market in the area for years. We got into high quality seed potato production 20 to 25 years ago.”

Today a significant portion of their potato production is sold for seed across Canada and in parts of the United States. A large portion is sold for making French Fries and a few still go into the fresh potato market. To help maintain the quality of their produce, Groots follow a four year rotation with wheat, canola and barley. Sometimes one of those crops is switched out and a new crop such as faba beans or quinoa is grown. The potatoes are planted into fields with barley straw residue.

“Rotation is really healthy for the soil,” Groot said. “We try to be sustainable.”

There is on-farm storage capacity for 6,000 tons of potatoes. Solar panels on the storage building provide half the electricity used by the farm. The tree lot was originally planted to sequester carbon and then be sold into the pulp market. Groot said the pulp market may not be there any more, but the trees are beautiful and are a great place for a relaxing walk.

Ag tour participants asked many questions, and their discussion with Groot covered everything from rain to fertilizer to staff. Groot said they will probably lose three to four percent of the potato crop due to drowning from this year’s heavy rains. They harvest about 18 tons of potatoes per acre, a number that continues to slowly increase.

The potato plants are composted in the fields after the crop is harvested. Some green manure crops are grown to be plowed down into the soil, and synthetic fertilizers are used to complete crop nutrition requirements. The federal food inspection agency inspects the potato crops in the field twice each season as well as every load of potatoes that get trucked off the farm. There is not a market for off-grade potatoes because wholesalers purchasing for the fresh potato market are more selective than in the past.

Groots are part of the local group of farmers who annually grow a crop for the Canadian Food Grains Bank. They volunteer time and equipment to seed, care for and harvest a crop using donated inputs. “It’s something we can do as a community to help people less fortunate than us,” said Groot.

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He also let the tour participants take a close look at a field of quinoa. Many of the plants were over five feet tall with clusters of unripe seeds filling the top 12-18 inches of the stalks. These are tough-stemmed plants, and one of the reasons they are harvested last is they wear out the blades on the combine.

Groot Farms is located east of Gibbons at the edge of the Alberta Industrial Heartland, which is where the family moved after their grandfather’s original farm was pushed out by Edmonton’s urban sprawl.

“It’s very good land here, and we don’t want to give it up,” said Groot. The soil is rich, they have access to water for irrigation and the slopes create a micro climate in some fields. However, industrial development may eventually force them to move.
Goats share pasture with cattle on Coronado Ranch

Coronado Ranch is home to 110 goats that share pastures with 25 cow-calf pairs. Zachary Jones started raising goats a few years ago because they were a type of livestock that would not compete with his parents’ (Mel and Jodi) cows. “There’s only about 20 percent overlap with cattle for grazing,” Jones told Sturgeon County Agriculture Service Board tour participants Aug. 9. “Goats prefer woody species like pine and thistles.”

He raises Boer goats for meat, crossing them with Kiko or Anglo Nubian strains for better mothering and milk production traits. Herd vaccinations are done in October and April, and Jones continually keeps an eye out for parasites or bacterial disease. The goat hooves need to be trimmed twice, some times three times, per year. Breeding is during November and December and kidding occurs in April and May. Jones keeps the kids and mothers in the barn for two to five days, then in a close pen for a couple of weeks. After that, the kids are vaccinated and the pairs moved out to pasture.

Fencing for goats is more complicated than for cattle because, as Jones put it, “Goats usually see fences as ladders.” He began his herd with about 40 goats and has slowly fenced multiple areas for them. Asked how the goats handle winter, Jones said they winter well and “poof up like sheep.” Young goats are finished to market weight on grass because Jones found grain did not seem to add anything to their weight or taste. Goat meat contains very little marbling because they store body fat around their internal organs. They get sold into the meat market at about five months old, when they weigh 60 to 75 lbs.

Jones does some direct marketing, but sells most of his goats through the Two Hills auction, which he said is the largest sheep and goat auction in western Canada. Consumer demand spikes around Easter and said is the largest sheep and goat auction in western Canada. Consumer demand spikes around Easter and Thanksgiving for the holiday season. Goat meat is a relatively new addition to the Municipal Government Act, when Coun. Karen Shaw asked if other municipalities offered the benefit. Sopko noted he knew of five in Alberta with it already in place while Shaw pointed out they were mainly cities with full time positions for Council.

Parental leave to be considered for councillors

Parental leave may become another benefit for Sturgeon County Council members as they unanimously directed Administration to draft a Parental Leave Bylaw for their consideration at their next regular Council meeting Sept. 10.

The bylaw was a recommendation coming from the Citizen Task Force on elected officials remuneration at the regular Council meeting Aug. 27. “Parental leave was not on our radar,” said Mayor Alanna Hnatiw. “It may open a demographic who may not have considered running for Council.”

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U-PICK U-PICK HONEY
A group of kids playing at the Pettal and Hamer Station at one of the County’s Summer Programs free summer boons days on July 18 at Cardiff Park.

THANK Thorhild County reeve Kevin Grumetza (L-R), Canadian Rockies Hemp Corporation CEO Aaron Barr, Thorhild councillors Cheryl Pasay and Richard Filipchuk, Canadian Rockies Operations officer Spencer Tighe, farmer Gary Mykyte and Greensight Agri-Holdings Inc. Research and Development director Maki Yang and Regulatory Compliance officer Edward Hung pose for a photo beside standing hemp plants during the Aug. 21 hemp fiber harvest east of Thorhild.

Rainbow the Clown, with a smile as big as his burger and representing the Redwater & District Agricultural Society, won Best Novelty entry in the Aug. 17 Redwater Discovery Days parade.
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BYLAW ENFORCEMENT Officer

Permanent Full-Time Position

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If you enjoy working in a positive environment and are looking for a career opportunity that encourages growth and educational opportunities, this position will interest you. Our team is seeking an individual who is highly motivated and enthusiastic who will fill the role of Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Reporting to the Town Manager, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer is primarily responsible for ensuring compliance with municipal bylaws. Responsibilities include:

- Conducting routine patrols
- Responding to and investigating bylaw enforcement related complaints
- Issuing notices, tickets and tags
- Working collaboratively with various enforcement agencies (IOMP, Alberta Fish & Wildlife, SPCA, Human Society)
- Developing ongoing information in relation to bylaw compliance in the community

Applicants must be available to work various shifts that include a rotation of days, some evenings and weekends

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Comprehensive understanding of bylaw enforcement functions and protocols
- Post secondary education in law enforcement is an asset
- Knowledge of applicable provisions of the Municipal Government Act
- Computer experience with Microsoft Office programs
- Class 5 Alberta driver’s license

A detailed position description is available on our website: www.redwater.ca

The Town of Redwater provides a competitive salary package, health benefits and paid vacations. Please submit your resume and three work-related reference letters to:

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Email: careers@redwater.ca

Fax: (780)982-4321 Phone: (780)982-4329

Deadline for submissions of resumes is September 13, 2019.

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Residents want Road Use Bylaw to be changed

Thorlild County council recently voted to reject a motion to allow a Redwater area businessman to haul through loads partly on municipal roads.

The motion was brought forward by Wayne Croswell, who said he and his company have been forced to use an alternate route to haul their products and that the traffic is exhausting their trucks.

Coun. Croswell said he would like to be allowed to use: 1.5 km of Opal Road (RR224-asphalt) between Hwys 28 and the Smoky Lake County boundary and 1.5 km of gravel between the commercial area and the Harryville intersection.

In May, Croswell requested the bylaw be amended to exempt local businesses from the restriction to haul through loads on provincial highways. That was also denied.

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Croswell built his business over the past 48 yrs. He spends over $2 million per year on fuel and $50,000 per year on license plates for vehicles. His annual payroll is nearly $4 million, with up to 50 employees who pay taxes and spend money in the community. As a result, he donates a minimum of $25,000 per year to local organizations and community events.

He feels particularly frustrated at Thorlild County council’s restriction of haul routes because a councillor from Bruderheim once offered him free land if he relocated his business there.

Thorlild businessman frustrated by county council

"It's not just for me," he said. "It's for every business in the county. There's all types of businesses there. People won't buy his product because bylaw does not meet the council’s needs there."

Dale Croswell, CEO of DDC Sand and Gravel, is forced to have his trucks take the long way around (an extra 29 km) to stay on asphalt, is forced to have his trucks take the long way around (an extra 29 km) to stay on asphalt instead of 827.

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