

Redwater Chamber News

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Member Spotlight

The Member Spotlight for this edition, is Northstar Kennels Ltd. in Thorhild County.

Northstar Kennels Ltd. is a small family owned kennel on 10 acres with lots of walking trails to explore and is owned by Sam & Jeff Baldwin.

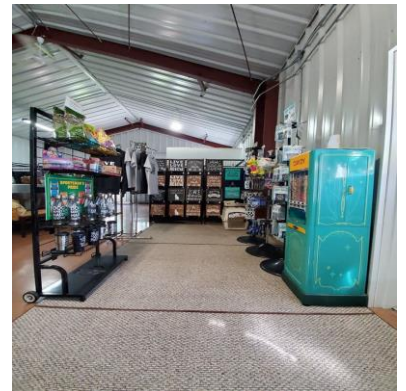
Originally opened in 2008, in 2014 they tore down their facility and built a brand-new facility. Their kennels are 16 feet long with 8 feet indoors and 8 feet outdoors so dogs always have access to the outside and have a grooming tub and can bath your dog if requested.

" With having animals all my life, a breeder for approx 30 years and a love for all animals, it has long been a desire to run a boarding kennel. A place where you can leave your beloved pet with someone who will care for them as you do yourself. With our property being heavily treed, there are lots of paths to explore. We offer heated indoor kennels with access to a larger, outdoor play area. Your pet can socialize with other dogs or have the area all to itself. Each kennel has its own access to the large, outdoor play area." says owner Sam Baldwin

In the outside play area, they have trampolines, ball pits, pools, slides and toys for your pet to enjoy. In the indoor kennel area, they each have raised Kuranda dog beds, food & water dishes cleaned daily. They also have two cat rooms that include a cat tree, litter box and food and water dishes cleaned daily. They can also offer your pet more one-on-one time than other kennels.

Although Sam has retired from breeding in the fall of 2018, they don't have plans anytime soon to retire from boarding dogs or cats. They have two full time and one part time staff. They just opened up a Boutique in the kennel building which has t-shirts, hoodies, travel cups, wooden signs, dog treats, pet jewelry and so much more.

Kennel hours are Sunday - Saturday from 9 am - 9 pm. They are located at 58418 RR 223 in Thorhild County. Contact Sam or one of her staff at 780-942-4555 to book your pet in for just the day or longer.



Be sure to check out their website at www.northstarkennels.ca They are also on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter.

Chamber Member Directory

AAA-Marino's Plumbing & Gasfitting
780-953-2863

Alfredo's Plumbing & Gasfitting Inc
942-3245

ATB Financial
780-942-4546

Dane's Pride Dairy
Redwater, AB

Harrynuck & Associates
780-942-2040

Hester & Hester CPAs
780-652-2339

Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation
780-939-5289

Liquor Station
780-580-3747

M. Rusinko & Sons Trucking
780-916-3989

Nicole's Snow Removal
587-991-7049

Nook in The Woods
1-877-398-2075

North Parkland Power REA
780-398-2000

Northstar Industrial Service Ltd
780-942-4555

Northstar Kennels Ltd
780-942-4555

Porta Crush
780-942-3699

Redwater Red Apple Store
780-942-4022

Redwater Dodge
780-942-3659

Redwater Food Bank
780-942-2601

Redwater Home Hardware
780-942-3616

Redwater IGA
780-942-3488

Redwater Napa
780-942-2201

Redwater Physical Therapy Clinic
780-942-2564

Redwater Public Library
780-942-3464

S.N.K. Catering
780-942-4476

Subway Redwater
780-942-7827

Sue's Treasure's
780-942-2877

The Hairport
780-942-3473

Theo's Pharmacy
780-942-8490

Town of Redwater
780-942-3519

Individuals

Karen Romanchuk
Linda Olsen
Liz Chernoff

Chamber Memberships are still available.
Please email redwater_chamber@outlook.com

2020 President's Report

It has been an honor and pleasure to be President of our Chamber this past year.

Many people have thanked me for all that I have done for the Chamber & Businesses in our district. While it is very much appreciated, I simply cannot take all the credit for the success we had. The credit really needs to go to the businesses and volunteers who sit on our Board of Directors and committees. Without their valuable input, attending meetings and volunteerism, we simply would not have accomplished all we did.

We started the year with a successful Provincial Candidates Forum in April that saw our Legion Branch #251 full with attendees from all parts of Sturgeon County. Only four candidates attended but it was very informative to hear what they had to say on various topics.

After many months of planning and forming a committee that included founding members, the Ride for Hunger once again roared into Redwater. It was wonderful to see and hear the bikes, shop at the vendors booths and listen to good entertainment. With the support of sponsors, businesses and supporters, we helped our Chamber Member Redwater Food Bank, raise just under \$ 10,000. These funds were a great help to our Food Bank, who handed out 580 hampers last year.

We participated in the Thorhild Canada Parade & Gibbons Pioneer Days Parade in July. Although it was pouring rain on Canada Day, it didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended. Gibbons Parade was beautiful and sunny. It's doesn't seem to matter what the weather is in any community, when there is a parade or any big event that is for anyone and everyone, whether it's a small like Egremont or Radway to the little bit bigger like Redwater, Legal or Gibbons, everyone comes out to support not only the event, but also the businesses. It's the small things like this, that keeps our communities alive. Thank you goes out to Northstar Kennels for having our magnetic sign on their truck for these parades.

We participated in our local Discovery Days Parade in August. With the generosity of Dane's Pride Dairy for the use of their trailer and bales and Redwater Dodge for the use of a fancy new Dodge Truck, we earned a ribbon for the Best Commercial category. One of our Chamber Member's Redwater Red Apple Store won Best Overall. We also had a very early morning on the Saturday cooking breakfast for the Redwater & District Ag Society for all to enjoy. Who knew 4:30 am came so early on a weekend!!!!

Also, in August, we participated at the annual Thorhild Trade Show. It was great to meet all the vendors there and we received 3 new memberships applications from vendors.

In October, we held a Federal Candidates Forum in Gibbons. Five candidates participated. There were some very good debates between the candidates and many of the attendees found it very informative.

Our first big event of the year was our 1st Annual Local Business Awards in October during small business week held on October 23. This event took us many months to plan. We honestly didn't know how the community was going to respond with sponsorships and attendance with the tough economic times but the response was overwhelming. Many local businesses in our District, responded with not only sponsorship, but items for our swag bags and silent auction items. A big thank you goes out to those businesses for

their tremendous support.

We were also very fortunate to have local motivational speaker Bob Hooey from Egremont, be our Guest Speaker. We also had a presentation from the Chamber Plan do a presentation on a special insurance plan just for Chamber members. Town of Redwater Councilor and President of the Redwater Lions Club, Dave McRae was our M.C for the night. We also had a mini concert from 2018 Bev Monroe Rising Star Award Winner - Ryan Snow.

We had five awards which included: Community Spirit, Customer Service, Youth Employer, Business of the Year and a Youth Empowerment Award for a youth in our District that showed leadership, community spirit, volunteerism, entrepreneurial spirit. Voting was done by ballot with drop off boxes at various points in our District. It was very well received by the community and we also went to Redwater High School on a lunch hour to let students vote. This was very fun to do and many students participated with this.

Our second biggest event of the year was our Shop Local Postcard to Christmas campaign in December. We had 33 business participate from our District. There were 1005 individual participants vying for \$ 3385 in prizes (including \$ 500 cash from the Chamber). Participants were from Redwater, Sturgeon County, County of Thorhild, Smoky Lake, Smoky Lake Bruderheim and Gibbons. The minimum amount that participants spent at participating businesses was \$ 269,900. A conservative estimate of over \$ 325,000 was kept in our District. Words can't explain how much the support from not only local residents, but local communities and visitors, means to the participating businesses. Being this close to big, urban centers has its challenges, but with the generosity of participating businesses and fabulous sales during the Christmas season, it was a tremendous support to our community.

Early in 2019, Sturgeon County reached out to Redwater, Gibbons, Bon Accord, Legal Morinville along with Redwater, Legal and Morinville Chambers and together, created the Sturgeon County Business Education Sessions Partnership. The goal of this partnership was all participants provide an educational session of some type in all the communities. In 2019, we decided to do a series with Community Futures. May attendees of these sessions found them very informative and are using the key points learned, in their businesses.

In October, the partnership held the Mighty Business Breakfast with keynote speaker Doug Griffiths talking about what the future holds. This was a very powerful presentation. One of the points of this presentation, is coming true. He mentioned autonomous vehicles will be the way of the future within the next 15 years. This doesn't just apply to small vehicles like cars and pick-ups. Many transport trucks are being tested in the U.S. as we speak. John Deer has been testing this in the U.S. with farm tractors as well. It's interesting how technology has advanced in the last 40 years!!!

I would like to send a humbling thank you to the members for electing me President this past year. It has been privilege to be able to promote the Chamber and members and talk to dignitaries to express the Chambers cares and concerns.

Nicole Krill
President

2019 Postcard to Christmas

Our 2nd Annual Postcard to Christmas was held during in December 2019. What a fantastic response we had to this Shop Local Campaign.

We did have a minor setback at the beginning with our postcards being delayed, but that didn't slow down the shoppers from supporting participating businesses.

In total, we had:

- 33 Participating Businesses from Redwater, Sturgeon County and County of Thorhild
- \$ 3, 385 in prizes (including \$ 500 Chamber Cash)
- 25 draws throughout the campaign
- Minimum weekly draws total value was a minimum of \$ 400
- Participants were from Redwater, Sturgeon County, County of Thorhild, Smoky Lake, Smoky Lake Bruderheim and Gibbons
- 1005 individuals participated from these areas

Winners of the draws are as follows:

Week # 1: Tammy Miller, Leanne Cosby, Chantal Williams, Victoria Richardson, Matt Kawelewski

Week #2: Jen Constant, Kristen Sorrell, Claudette Stetsko, Ron Tomlinson, Mavis Stachurski

Week # 3: Michelle Provost, Stacey Danake, L. Knutilla, Jeanne Fredericksen, Brad McNeil

Week # 4: Lorrie Gordey, Holly Clarke, Jon Yacenyiuk, Cindy Wozny, Sheryl Agley

Grand Prize & Runner Up Winners: Lorrie Gordey, Dorothy Usher, Lorrie Gordey, Leanne Cosby, Jen Beazo

Most Postcards Entered: Gillian Kaufman

We'd like to thank all the participating businesses and all the participants for all the support through this campaign. A minimum of \$ 269, 900 was spent at participating businesses. A conservative estimate of well over \$ 325, 000+ was kept in our District.

Plans are well on the way for the 2020 Postcard to Christmas



2020 Board of Directors

Our Chamber held our AGM on February 26 at the Redwater Legion Branch # 251. Our 2020 Board of Directors is as follows:

President: Nicole Krill Nicole's Snow Removal 587-991-7049

Vice President: Sam Baldwin Northstar Kennels

Treasurer - Allegra Tingley Redwater Dodge

Secretary - Karen Schneberger Redwater ATB

Director's at Large: Michael Hawkins Liquor Station, Sandy Krill S.N.K. Catering, Linda Olsen (Individual), Susan Krochter Redwater Food Bank

There are three vacancies for Director at Large if anyone is interested. Please send a Letter of Interest to redwater_chamber@outlook.com.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be held in June 2020.



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