



Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Redwater Detachment



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Over the month of December, the Redwater Detachment has been a very busy place ensuring that a Merry Christmas could be had by all despite the very naughty COVID-19 pandemic. The detachment responded to a total of 155 calls for service ranging from our normal animal calls, to break and enters, to assaults.

During the later part of this month detachment members were called to a gas station for a report of an adult male who entered the store, uttered racial slurs to the employee and then pulled down his mask and spit on the employee. This disgusting act resulted in an immediate response by members who were able to quickly locate and arrest the male who had fled to a nearby residence. The 37-year-old male from Thorhild County was charged with two counts of failing to comply with a probation order and one count of assault. A bail hearing was conducted and the male was remanded in custody to appear in court at a later date. In addition, the male was issued a ticket for contravening an order of the medical officer of health which carries a \$1000 fine with an additional \$200 victim fine surcharge. There is a provincial wide mask mandate in the province of Alberta and masks are required when indoors. Despite your feelings in relation to this mask mandate, being human and treating each other with respect during this time is something that should be on the forefront of everyone's mind.

Now to move on from the "Naughty" list and over to the "Nice" list. As I stated earlier, the Redwater Detachment and Integrated Traffic Unit has been a very busy place this month to spread as much Christmas cheer and spirit as possible.

The first item on the list was "Christmas Nominations". During the month of November and first part of December the detachment encouraged youths to write in about special people in their community that they felt deserved to be recognized. The detachment received numerous entries where youth identified some very amazing people and the positive roles that the nominees played in their lives and their communities.

The first nominee was a grandmother in Newbrook who is retired teachers aid and is always around to help. She is also a board member for the Newbrook Library and helps to keep the library running for the community. She also volunteers at the Newbrook hall for events. These are the people that are very important in a community and make a community home. Keep up the great work.





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The second nominee, a pair, was Steve and Joyce from Thorhild Fellowship Church. They were nominated because they have helped out numerous families and children in their community. They also “run fun kids programs through the church and connect with seniors”. They spend countless hours around Thorhild and Redwater with the youth groups and give a lot of their time. During the pandemic they had made weekly deliveries to individuals who cannot get out. “Their hearts are like how the Grinch’s grew in the Jim Carrey movie, but of course they are not Grinchy”.

Another youth wanted to wish Jenilya a big “Welcome to Radway” as she is new to Radway and his parents have told him that it is important to welcome new people to your community and show some Christmas spirit. I took the time to let this awesome kid know that people like him and his family are what truly makes a community great.

Three other youths, living in a rural area near Abee, took the time to write in and nominate their “Baba”. They informed me that she is not their “real Baba”, she is their neighbor, but she treats each of them like her real grandkids. I was informed that she was a “very special lady” and has had a very rough year and “could really use a break”. The youth wanted to purchase her a grader pass, a snow shovel, or even a snow blower to help Baba with her large driveway. These three youths aged 7,5, and 3 were able to present a very compelling case for their Baba to be one of the selected nominees. Over the previous few months the Redwater Detachment was able to raise some funds and received some donations and as a result the Redwater RCMP was able to team up with Thorhild County Enforcement services and visit Baba and deliver her with some grader passes for a grader to clear her driveway over the coming winter months. The three youth also received “snow tubes” for taking the time to nominate a deserving community member.

The final nomination was a 10-yr-old from Radway who wanted to nominate a couple, Marcie and her husband Monte. I was told that Marcie is “always very kind to everyone, helps people, is very involved in the community watch, coffee time for seniors, and always helps kids in town sell stuff for fundraisers”. When you are new to town and you don’t know anyone, Marcie helps you feel welcome. Her husband Monte helps shovel walks for people in town, and helps keep yards and driveways clear of snow. Monte has also been known to help people when their vehicles are not working. This 10-yr-old wanted to say thank you by sending Marcie and Monte out for a dinner. The Redwater detachment was able to use some more of the raised and donated funds to purchase a gift card for a local restaurant and send Marcie and Monte out for a dinner in the future. The young person from Radway that took the time to nominate them also received a visit and was given a “snow tube”.





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The second item on our list was our “Christmas Project”. The Redwater Detachment and Integrated Traffic Unit was able to raise some funds and received some donations and identified 2 struggling families that totaled four adults and nine children. The



detachment was able to purchase each of the children a couple of gifts off their wish list which ranged from lego, nerf guns, art supplies, sleds, and a number of other items. We are fairly confident the kids will have a great Christmas morning. Each family was also given a gingerbread house, advent calendars, a board game, and an ACHTIS' gift card. We also included a massive (it took three of us to lift it) box of groceries for each



family which included all the supplies needed for a successful Christmas dinner along with toiletries and household cleaning supplies. We all hope these families have an extra special Christmas.

The final item on our list was to take the time to recognize and do something nice for a very special part of our community. These people look out for ALL of us every day of the year and have been working extremely hard over the

last year since the COVID-19 pandemic decided to rear it's ugly head. This group of people have been non-stop working to ensure we are all as safe as we can be and that they are ready to help us when and if we need it. I am speaking of the great team of health care workers at the Redwater Health Centre. This team continues to put themselves in the forefront of the fight against COVID-19 and leave their loved ones each day to go to work to ensure everyone in our communities stays as safe and healthy as possible. They work long hours and sometimes see no end in sight, but they continue to keep battling on. The members from the Redwater Detachment and Redwater Integrated Traffic unit donated some funds to put together a holiday care package for the health care workers working over the holidays. This care package





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consisted of energy drinks, some chocolates and candy, and a couple of Tim Horton's gift cards. To help with dry skin from the constant hand washing and wearing of face masks, we also threw in some hand lotion and hydrating spa facemasks. I ask that we all remember that these people are putting aside their safety to help us with ours. Take the time to thank them

On behalf of all the members and staff at the Redwater Detachment and Integrated Traffic Unit I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 completing monthly police briefs (like this one) in order to keep the public aware of our activities in the communities. In addition we encourage interaction and anyone with any inquiries, questions, comments can contact us at Kredwatercommunityfeedback@rcmp-grc.gc.ca . All email submissions will remain anonymous. During each monthly police brief, members of the detachment will answer a few of the questions asked. We look forward to hearing from you.

