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## Full house at Smoky Lake Stampede



It takes guts and training to slide off your horse onto a steer at full speed.

By Irene van der Kloet

On July 30 and 31st, Smoky Lake set an excellent example of how community groups can work together to make something happen. What a fantastic

weekend it was for the Smoky Lake Stampede. After two years of waiting, the Smoky Lake Riding Club could start planning the Stampede again this spring. Being a small club, partnerships with other clubs

and organizations in the community are vital. Geoff Montgomery, president of the Smoky Lake riding Club, comments on the months preceding the Stampede:” After taking a two-year hiatus, it

seemed a bit different because people were a little nervous about planning. Organizers were hesitant to commit to booking acts. All our service providers,

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## NWR Sturgeon Refinery’s first major turnaround began August 8

A lot can happen in 55 days. For NWR Sturgeon Refinery, “a lot” translates into over 600,000 hours of planned work as our first major turnaround started August 8.

This means production in all 10 units at the refinery will be at a standstill. Over 2,000 workers in over 30 different skilled trades will work around the clock on the planned preventative maintenance, renovations, inspections and upgrades over the next 55 days.

A turnaround is a necessary part of life at a refinery—it not only ensures safe, reliable operations, it also ensures we continue to meet government regulations. Jeff Trevors, NWR’s Turnaround Superintendent explains.

“We’re committed to delivering our first full turnaround focused on safety, quality and schedule compliance. We employ a Goal Zero approach and plan to balance the risks of the turnaround by taking care of our team, environment and neighbours. We know these factors are equally important as the products we produce. To that end, we have focused on creating a high-performance safety culture with our internal and external contractors, all of whom strive to conduct their job tasks safely,” explains Jeff.

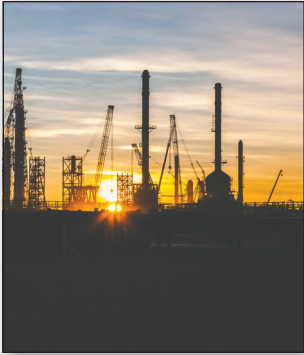
We’re creating a safer work environment

with the help of effective leading indicators and key safety metrics. This can help pinpoint trends and patterns, helping our management team make data-driven decisions to protect the workforce and restart the refinery without incident.

What you can expect to see on-site during turnaround

If you’re driving by the refinery, you can expect to see more traffic and equipment like cranes around the site. We’ll be updating our social media feeds and nwrsturgeonrefinery.com regularly throughout turnaround to keep the community up-to-date on where we’re at in our turnaround process.

The NWR Sturgeon Refinery is the world’s only refinery designed from the ground up to minimize its environmental footprint through carbon capture and storage while producing the high-value, low-carbon products needed to meet North America’s demand for energy. More information about the refinery can be found on our website.



Last week, kids enjoyed slime with friends at the Redwater Library

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