

Christmas In the Village Winners!

The Thorsby & District Lions Club raised a total of \$1987.00 selling 50/50 tickets during Christmas in the Village. The winning ticket was 747969. And the lucky winners were (insert drum roll here) Dale & Shawna Babiak! Congratulations! The Lions portion of the proceeds (\$993.50) has been donated to the Thorsby Christmas Elves. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to this event.

This year the Chamber of Commerce decided to try 'Business Bingo'. This was a wonderful contest that encouraged the community to visit local businesses to have their cards stamped. Congratulations to Chris Hall, winner of the inaugural Business Bingo at this year's Christmas in the Village. Thanks to all the participants! We appreciate you taking the time to get all around town!

Food Safety Course

The Thorsby and District Lions Club would like to host a safe food handling course in Thorsby in the New Year. There is no set date picked yet, they would just like to collect any interest in the community. All groups or any individual people are welcome to attend. If this is some-

thing you or your club would be interested in, or if you'd like more information, please call Mercedes Raymond 587-338-7065 or email sadie.raymond1@gmail.com. Once they collect interest, they will be setting a date that will work for everyone interested.

From Thorsby FCSS

The Thorsby Christmas Elves and FCSS would like to thank the Thorsby Firemen, the Cadets, Whoop It Up 4H and the 4H Multi-Club for all of their help on Tuesday, December 4th. We would also like to acknowledge everyone who was able to donate to this year's food drive. The donations are still coming in and we really appreciate that!

If we weren't able to make it to your home in time, you can still donate to the Christmas Elves by dropping off your donations at the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex or to the FCSS office. Thanks so much Thorsby!

Christmas Closure

Please be advised the office of the papers will be closed from

December 22nd - January 1st There will be no papers during this time.



GIVEAWAY

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780.886.1718 (12-12)

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780.918.7686 (2-4)

FOR SALE

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780.405.0826 (2-2kr)

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780.621.7120 (1-1kr)

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(1 Position)

Qualifications required for this position include a grade 12 diploma, possession of, or willingness to achieve, Level 2 Ice Maker's Certification. The successful applicant must be able to multi-task and have the ability to work unsupervised or work co-operatively as a team member and should have strong public relations skills. Available to work regular day and evening hours as well as weekend shifts is required. Applicants must be able to perform regular scheduled maintenance on building and equipment as well as performing ice making duties.

This position offers a salary in accordance with the CUPE Local 30 Collective Agreement.

Interested applicants are requested to forward their resume in writing, by 4:00 PM, December 17th 2018 to:

Wayne MacLean, Public Works Manager Town of Thorsby

Box 297

4917 Hankin Street Thorsby AB. T0C 2P0

Or via email to: wmaclean@thorsby.ca

We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.



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Qualifications: Previous cooking experience, strong work ethic, WHMIS and Standard First Aid Certificate would be an asset; A sincere interest in working with and meeting the needs of our residents.

Submit written applications to

Mrs. Cheryl Jacobsen, Manager – Cloverleaf Manor Leduc Regional Housing Foundation
Box 490, 5204 – 53 Avenue Warburg, Alberta T0C 2T0
Fax: 780.848.7608 or

Will remain open until a suitable candidate is found



Night Attendant II - Part-Time Cloverleaf Manor – Warburg AB

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is looking for an enthusiastic individual who enjoys working in a team environment. This position is responsible to work 52.5 hours bi-weekly (11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.) on a rotating schedule. Duties include housekeeping-related responsibilities, ensuring the safety and security of our residents and lodge, supporting the Night Attendant I and other duties as assigned. A high standard of service is expected.

Qualifications: WHMIS and Standard First Aid Certificate is an asset: A sincere interest in working with and meeting the needs of our residents.

Submit written applications to:

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Thorsby & Breton RCMP Detachments

The members and staff of the Thorsby & Breton RCMP Detachments would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

For the holiday season our office hours will be as follows:

Thorsby Detachment will be closed from:

December 21, 2018 (11:30 a.m.) until

January 2, 2019 (8:00 a.m.)

Complaints can be made 24 hours a day by contacting the complaint line at (780)789-3950

Breton Detachment will be closed on the following days:

December 21, 2018 – CLOSED at 11:00 a.m.

December 25, 26 & 31, 2018 - CLOSED

January 1, 2019 - CLOSED

Complaints can be made 24 hours a day by contacting the complaint line at (780)696-3502

Thorsby and District Fish and Game



SCORING DAY

Sunday, December 16th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Warburg Legion Hall



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Ensure your sidewalk is cleared as soon as possible after a snow fall.

Did you know, Thorsby has a Snow Angel policy?

Snow is required to be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours, as per local bylaws.



PROPERTY OWNER NOTICE

Please be advised; the Town of Thorsby will accept applications for the 2019 TAX INSTALLMENT PLAN now until Mid-January

The Tax Installment Plan allows taxpayers to authorize twelve monthly payments, by **Automatic Withdrawal** to be applied against your property tax levy rather than having to make a lump sum payment prior to June 30th.

For more information, please call Marianne at the Thorsby Municipal Office (780) 789-3935



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Community Events Page

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Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store Regular Hours Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm. Donations accepted and appreciated. Dollar Daze ON NOW. Late Night Christmas Shopping on Dec. 14th & 21st open until 8 pm.

A Gathering of Hope, Peace & Love. A Christmas Cantata presented by Stony Plain United Church Choir and Community United Church. 2PM on Sunday, December 16 at Community United Church in Warburg. A free will offering will be collected.

Christmas Eve Services on Monday, December 24. Two opportunities to celebrate the birth of Jesus. 7:00 PM Community United Church, Warburg 5112-53 St. or 8:30PM Community United Church, Telfordville 49563 Range Road 21.

Royal Canadian Legion Mulhurst #246, inviting new members! Next General Meeting: 7pm Jan. 14, 2019 Next Bingo: Tues. Feb. 5th @ 7pm Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! 780-935-6281

Thorsby Municipal Library Hours: Tuesday 10 am- 7 pm, Wednesday Noon-7 pm, Thursday & Friday 10 am- 5 pm, Saturday 11 am-2 pm (closed Saturdays of long weekends) Fridays for Toddlers (for parents and babies/toddlers) each Friday @ 10:30, After School for Kids (for elementary kids) Wednesday December 12th @ 3:30, Teen Time (Jr/Sr High Students) December 19st Wednesday @ 4:00. Questions/Feedback/RSVP contact us through Facebook (Thorsby Municipal Library) or call 780-789-3808. Winter Programming coming soon

Community United Church – Join us for worship, programs, community outreach. Sunday worship at 10:30 AM Telfordville: 2nd Sunday of each month Warburg: remaining Sundays of each month. 780-848-2227.

Treasures Thrift Shop located in Community United Church, 5112-53 St. Warburg, is open Wednesdays 10 am - 2 pm. Gratefully accepting donations of clean, gently used clothing and small household items on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

FUN AND EXERCISE Sandholm Modern Square dance club welcomes NEW MEMBERS, youth, couples and singles. THURSDAYS started Oct. 4th at 7 p.m. at Sandholm Hall (10 miles south of Thorsby) First night for New Dancers FREE. For more information contact Dave 780-238-5844 or Doris 780 389-2381.

Crib Nights - Run every Wednesday night at Arctic Spas Recreation Complex from 6 - 9 pm. New players are always welcome!

Thorsby Senior's Soup & Sandwich Day at the Senior's Centre is on the second Wednesday of every month. Five dollars will buy you a bowl of soup, a sandwich, a coffee, tea, or juice. Enjoy all this between 11:30-1:30 pm. Birthday Party follows at 1:30 pm. Everyone Welcome!

Leduc Public Market runs every Thursday 10-3 in the City Center Mall (Ken's Furniture) 5201 50 Street. Lots of vendors with a wide variety of items. For tables or info call Jenna 780-868-7616.

"Busy Brushes" meet every Wednesday from 10-2, at the Warburg Cultural Centre. Everyone welcome! Come join us for some relaxing fun and Art. Call Linda Mayr @780 848 7782 for more info.

Monthly Jam Sessions - Wilton Park Community Ctr. 4th Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm October - April (excl. Dec.) Everyone welcome! For more info call 780.985.2478

Volunteers with Dogs Wanted to visit seniors in the Warburg area. Dogs must have a friendly disposition and be well groomed. There will be an interview process. Call Elizabeth for more info! 780.848.1015.

Thorsby Bingo Bingo is held every Thursday evening at the Senior's Centre 4812-51st Street. Regular Bingo starts at 7:15 p.m. Early Bird is at 7:00 p.m. Loonie Pots and Progressive Bingos.

Thorsby Senior's Supper Meetings These monthly meetings will now be held in the Senior's Centre (4812-51st Street) and are on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Members are requested to bring a potluck dish. Memberships are available for \$10



Christmas Presence: A Gathering of Hope, Peace & Love.

Presented by Stony Plain United Church Choir and Community United Church. 2 p.m. Sunday, December 16th Community United Church, Warburg



The Drayton Valley- Devon United Conservative Party Constituency Association would like to invite everyone in the community to come to our January board meeting.



Location: Devon Community Center (Dan Claypool room) Date: Jan. 10, 2019 at 7pm

Come for some coffee and good conversation

Question? Comments? Email us at : draytonvalley-devon@unitedconservative.ca

Or join us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pg/DVD.UCP/

TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY HOURS

ALL LEDUC COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 26.

They will return to normal operating hours on on Dec. 27.





from Elaine Warnock at 780.221.3939.

Thorsby & District Lions' Club (non-profit organization serving Thorsby & District), Meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Lions' Den in Community Hall Basement at 7:00 pm. For information or membership, call Frank @ 780-905-8019.

Thorsby Bylaw Enforcement - For concerns or inquires email bylaw@thorsby.ca or call 780.789.3935 Ext. 28

Foot Care Nurse will be at the Thorsby Recreation Centre on the 1st Wednesday of every month and the 3rd Thursday of every month. Please call Irene at 780-789-3176 to make an appointment or for information.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Thorsby Fire Hall - Mondays, weigh in at 9:00 to 9:15 am, meetings 9:15 - 9:45 am, for more info call Sherilyn 780-621-3461 or Elaine 780-221-3939.

Ashland Dam Park - For reservations call Kelly or Glenn @ (780) 898-9636.

Breton Golden Age Club - Cards every Monday at 1 pm. Floor Curling every Tuesday at 1 pm. Last Monday of every month is Potluck at 11:30 am with cards to follow. Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of every month, everyone including new members welcome!

Buck Lake Farmer's Market - October 6th Harvest Market, November 3 Christmas Market. Buck Lake Hall. For more information call Suszan (Trudy) Murray at 780.388.2240 or 780.621.3466

Warburg Alliance Church Fall Worship Service 11 am. Sunday School 9:45 am. (Summer Worship Service 10:30 am) (No Sunday School for the summer) Bible Studies. Do you need prayer? Please call 780-848-7577

Telfordville Hall - For bookings call Tracy at 780-718-9549 after 5:00 pm.

Sunnybrook Hall - For bookings call Cheryl Krawiec @ 780-789-3193 or 780-920-1950. Sunnybrook Hall Meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Morrowdale Community Hall - For bookings call Elaine at 780-789-2104.

Mulhurst Legion Hall: For Hall Bookings call Marie: 780-361-7350

Centrelodge Community Centre - For bookings call Caroline 780-789-3089.

Glen Park Hall - For bookings call Mike at 780-919-1250.

Sandholm Community Hall - For hall bookings call Doris 780-389-2381.

Rundle's Mission - For hall bookings call 780-389-2422 or www.rundlesmission.org .

Strawberry Community Hall - Call Ollie at 780-789-2180.

Warburg Cultural Society meets quarterly at the Warburg Cultural Centre at 7:00 pm. Our meetings are Nov 19, 2018;Feb 18, 2019 (AGM); May 20, 2019. Call Linda McLaughlin @780 848 2916 or Helen Spasoff @780 848 2944. Call Helen for rental of the facility, tables, tablecloths, wine glasses. Call us to see our new kitchen and other renovations!

Wilton Park Community Centre - For Hall Bookings Call Deneice Gibb 780-777-8642.

Genesee Community Hall - Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229.

Calmar and District Senior Citizen's Club meetings are held the second Wednesday of June, September and December at 1:30 pm.

Calmar and District Senior Citizen's Club Birthday Party will be held the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm. Cost is free, everyone welcome. If this is your birthday month please bring a treat to share.



Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

DECEMBER 2018

Tuesday 18 I Council of the Whole Meeting

JANUARY 2019

Tuesday 8 | Regular Council Meeting Tuesday 15 | Council of the Whole Meeting Tuesday 22 | Regular Council Meeting

All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers unless otherwise stated.

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KIDS SHOPPING NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Thursday December 13th & 20th 5:oopm — 8:oopm

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All gifts will be wrapped and ready for under the tree!



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Straight Out of Thorsby

From the County of Leduc, from Alberta and Canada, from Singapore to the U.K., from Australia to Holland, from the USA to Panama, Thorsby graduates are making a difference. This is the fourth installment in a series of profiles which indicate what a small school and community can produce.

DARKO FILIPIC

Darko and wife Terra have been together for nineteen years (they met in Lethbridge but were married in Hong Kong) and have two daughters, Sasha (15) and Mateya (13) and a collie named Scout. They live in Lethbridge. Darko has an unusual educational background, proceeding from a Bachelor of Arts program to a science and engineering program. After graduating from THS in '96 he attended the University College of the Cariboo in Kamloops for two years, later transferring to Lethbridge College from which he graduated, as an honours student, in Civil Engineering Technology (2007). In an extra-curricular sense he served as vice-president of the students' union and sat as student representative on the Board of Governors. He was even an athlete, having tried out for a position as ski bum in Fernie. B.C.

Between the time Darko left Thorsby and graduated from Lethbridge he had many varied adventures. He back-packed through thirteen European countries in a three month span, even reaching Slovenia where he met and visited his dad Marjan's family. Back in Canada he took up rough-necking on the rigs but soon found himself immersed in a TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) course. He then set out for China, finding a job in Guangdong teaching English in grades 1-6. Terra got a job teaching English to kindergarten students. They had time to travel quite a bit, taking in Beijing, the Great Wall and

other points of interest. When Terra got pregnant they became concerned over the all-pervasive pollution which became a huge negative as to their future in China. They now felt it best to return to Canada. Their first daughter, Sasha was born in 2003.

Once at home again , Darko was soon back on the rigs and taking on some other seasonal jobs but when second daughter Mateya came along it was soon realized that he would have to improve his educational standing. Lethbridge College provided the answer. He entered as a mature student and with his family responsibilities he became super-focused on his studies. The result is documented above. After graduating from Lethbridge the job market was open and a position with Kiewit (one of the largest construction and engineering companies in North America) was offered. Kiewit is headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska but they are not limited to projects in the U.S. He began as a field engineer, was soon project engineer and finally superintendent on many different jobs including a cable-stay bridge on the lower mainland of B.C., a hydro dam retrofit (also in B.C.) and the construction of a new oil sands development north of Ft McMurray. However, shortly after his employment with Kiewit began, he received bad news. He had cancer and it had spread to his lymphatic system. After two surgeries and a three month cycle of chemotherapy he was declared cancer- free and remains so to the present. Ever the philosopher and optimist Darko pinpoints his year- long bout with the disease in 2007 as a turning-point in his life which gave him " a whole new perspective on what is important in life and pointers on how to live it".

To make a long story short, Darko was with Kiewit for 8 ½ years, working long days and away from home about 2/3 of the time. At such a juncture he felt the time was right to take a leave of absence and go travelling again, this time with the family.

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Clayton & Kealey Rumohr with Dale Babiak

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Straight Out of Thorsby

The Filipics moved to Chiang Mai, Thailand where part of their travel visa arrangement was an agreement to leave the country every two months. Let Darko explain:

"It is a lovely little city in the north of Thailand, home to hundreds of temples, amazing street markets, street foods to die for and wonderfully nice people. We spent six months in Chiang Mai taking opportunities to visit Laos, Malaysia (specifically Penang) and Cambodia. The highlight of our stay, among many, was getting to tour Angkor Wat in Cambodia(see picture) as a family".

At the same time the girls had to keep up with their education so home-schooling was undertaken. Darko is a bit skeptical about what was achieved through home schooling but at least, this time, he did not blame the teacher. He says, though, that kids learn through experience and they got an experience that will stay with them forever.

On their way back to Canada they stopped in at Hong Kong (to show the girls where their parents were married) and visited Tokyo. The stay in Canada was brief as they were soon off for another six months, this time to Panama. The stay there was not so hectic as Southeast Asia; the family enjoyed hanging out on the black sand beaches, playing in the ocean and learning a little Spanish. Having invested most of his retirement fund on this "mid-life retirement" the family returned to Canada, "tanned, rested, and worldly". The kids were soon back in school and Darko back in construction.

He currently works for Nuna Logistics, based in Edmonton but doing most of their work in the arctic. He is a project coordinator for the company at the Baffinland Iron Mine, located at the north end of Baffin Island, Nunavut. To Darko this is just another travel adventure. He works two weeks in, two out, so he finds the balance between work and family much to his liking. He is currently planning another

family vacation: London to Moscow to Beijing to Singapore by rail.

Darko sums it all up: "the path I have taken since THS has not been straight or smooth and was more often improvised than planned but it has given me a lot of life-shaping experiences that I wouldn't trade if given the chance, and I look forward to whatever adventures the next 40 years brings me".

Although parents Marjan and Diane have retired to Leduc and younger brother Fraser lives in Colorado, older brother Neil is still in Thorsby. So the connection to the Filipic roots remains intact.



Crib Results

The winners of the December 5th Crib Night were:

1st Place - George Yawney - 943
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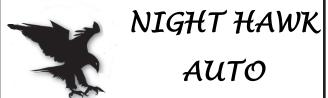
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MI.A REPORT

from The Office of MLA Mark Smith, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Drayton Valley - Devon

The Alberta oil patch is in a crisis that some are calling a 5 Alarm Fire or Oil-magedon! The problem is that over the last 5-10 years the oil industry has ramped up oil production to meet international demand but environmentalists, various levels of government and the courts have combined to stop the building of pipelines to get the oil to tidewater and an international market.

It is difficult to cut back oil production because it could damage some of the oil fields, at around 35 million barrels we have reached our capacity to store oil and it must now be placed on the market. The result is an oversupply of oil in the Western Canadian market that has dropped the price for what we can receive for a barrel of Western Canadian Select down to somewhere around \$10 barrel. The difference between what we receive and what the rest of the world would receive for a similar barrel of oil is called the differential and at times we have had as much as a \$50 dollar difference between what we receive and what the international market is receiving. Some oil companies are even having to sell their product at a loss.

The ramifications of this are serious. Companies that are vertically integrated like Husky, Suncor and Imperial are able to produce, have pipeline access and can refine their product, they are still making money. However, many small and medium sized oil companies are stuck receiving the WCS differential and are on the verge of going broke. Some are cutting back on staff, shutting in wells and trying to weather the storm, the rest are shutting their doors.

Drilling companies are choosing not to drill and the many small oil communities in the Drayton Valley-Devon Constituency are witnessing closures of service companies almost every day. Many companies are saying they can survive for another 2 months but cannot guarantee that they will be around in 6 months.

It doesn't get any more serious than this and in reality the problem is more complicated than I have time to write about. So what can we do about it?

The long term answer is to increase our capacity to transport our oil to international markets whether by rail or pipeline or truck. If we decrease the oversupply of oil by about 400,000 barrels per day then the price will increase back to about \$20 a barrel differential and most companies will be able to produce oil and make a profit.

But rail and pipeline take time and we have run out of time. That is why the leader of the Opposition, Jason Kenney, has laid out a plan for mandatory curtailment. As Conservatives the United Conservative Party would prefer to leave an oversupply up to market forces but in the face of a collapse of the oil industry and on the advice of many oil experts the party has come out in favour of mandatory restrictions.

Many in the oil industry are split on this issue. Husky, Imperial and Suncor have not been open to mandatory curtailment. Many companies on the verge of closing their doors have already voluntarily reduced production for a combined 200,000 barrels a day. Others in the industry simply want the market to decide. In an admittedly unscientific poll I polled 213 constituents and 121 did not support mandatory curtailment, 72 did support mandatory curtailment and 8 were undecided.

Mandatory curtailment is a tough call but it is one of the few options that may have an immediate effect on the oversupply and could save companies and jobs in the short term. The opposition is pleased the government has decided to implement the curtailment.

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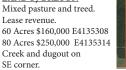
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