

Thorsby Bottle Depot Honored

On Friday, December 14th, the Thorsby Bottle Depot had something to celebrate. Don Tomko, a loyal customer, nominated them for the Applaud A Depot Award and they were selected as one of the winning entries. What Don said in his nomination "They (The Thorsby Bottle Depot) is always friendly and fast and pay attention to bottles".

Owners of the Thorsby Bottle Depot, Jihee Park and Yaingnam Kim (Tim) were thrilled with the nomination. Since taking over the depot in September of 2017, they have strived to enhance the experience of their customers and make going to the bottle depot a more pleasant experience. In July they installed a computerized counting system, which is more accurate and extremely time saving. One of the changes they are most proud of is the cleanliness of their facility, a bottle depot is not the easiest business to keep clean, but they make it a priority.

The well deserved "Applause" and a banner were presented by Will Corpuz on behalf of the Alberta Bottle Depot Association (ABDA). Mayor of Thorsby, Rod Raymond and Councillor Ivor Foster were there to present a plaque from the Town of Thorsby, congratulating and commending Jihee and Yaingnam on being an intragal part of the community. The honorable, Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley - Devon, was also in attendance to honor the owners and their hard work and dedication to the community and stressed the importance of their roll in helping to keep the environment clean.

For more information on Applaud a Depot go to www.applaudadepot.ca





<u>GIVEAWAY</u>

Kittens - Farm raised, friendly, approx. 12 weeks old. Pick up in Alsike area.

780.696.2473 (2-2krnc)

HELP WANTED

Oilfield Maintenance Swamper (part time) needed in the Warburg area. Tickets an asset. Transportation required. Call Harley.

780.514.4186. (1-1kr)

WANTED

Land to Rent - Looking for hay and pasture land in Thorsby - Sunnybrook area for 2019. 780.918.7686 (3-4)

FOR SALE

Premium Firewood for sale. For details and pricing call James.

780.405.0826 (3-3kr)

Farm raised pigs for sale. Raised on grain and hay, no hormones or antibiotics. Aprox. 250 lbs. butcher hogs, sows and piglets. Also have **LAMB** available for meat, and some **breeding quality rams**. Phone Tyler.

780.621.7120 (3-3kr)

2015 Ford 150 Quad Cab Lariat - Fully loaded, 502 package, trailer package. Red in color, mint condition, only 20,000km. Open to offers.

Home - 780.986.1796 or Cell - 780.720.2845 (1-2)

46" Flat Screen TV - Samsung 3 HMDI & component, 3 thin vertical lines on right hand side of screen. Can be seen working. Perfect for gaming. Paid \$1800 Asking \$150 OBO

Text 780.293.2825 (1-2)

CLEANING SERVICES

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587.987.2764 (3-3kr)

HOUSES / LAND / BUILDINGS FOR SALE

Price Reduced! New price \$89,900 or \$700 per month for rent - 4924 Hankin Street, The historic Old Post office and formally Carving Creek. About 1100 Sq feet, front room and rear storage, parking front and back. Available Immediately. \$89,900 or \$700 a month rent. Dontomkorealtor@shaw.ca

or 780.995.3286 (12-12)

FOR RENT

4-Plex Unit in Winfield - 2 bedrooms + 1 small room downstairs, finished basement, incl. 4 major appliances. Small pets ok but no dogs. \$875 + utilities / month, \$875 damage deposit. Phone Maria 403.606.6977 or 403.249.2708 or Marie 780.932.7177 (3-3kr)



<u>Christmas Eve at Community United Church</u> Two opportunities to celebrate the birth of Jesus 7:00 p.m. Warburg & 8:30 p.m. Telfordville

Christmas Eve

SERVICE



The families of Trena Schaber Whitnack wish to thank everyone who was involved in the service for Trena, and to those family and friends who stopped by to comfort us; for the gifts of food, flowers and cards, your kindness will be always remembered.

Thank you to Pastor Ron Flamand for conducting the service, for his home visit and words of comfort; to Devrah Bryant for being the organist, as well as John Hawtin and Bob Krueger who prepared the audio visuals, and the bulletins.

We are grateful for the care that we received from Serenity Funeral Home; to Ebeline Hawtin who was the funeral usher; and to Gerhard Neuman and family who prepared the cemetery. Words alone cannot express our appreciation for all of your thoughtfulness.

A big thank you to our families and the ladies of St. Matthew's who came forth and helped prepare the lunch for the reception. May God richly bless each of you.

Sincerely,

Phyllis and Arnold Schaber; Curtis and Colton Lee; Shyla, Dru, Gage and Stephanie Whitnack and family; Steve Schaber, Kelli, Chase and Remi.





THE THORSBY HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO OUR SILENT AUCTION.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!

NuLine Powerline Contractors Hi-Way 39 Motors Dyck Insurance Agency Thorsby Family Restaurant Truly Magic Aesthetics - Kathy Mudry Kim Chung Bangz Hair Shop Thorsby Target C'est Ia Vie - Tammie Fillion Spruc'd Up Creations - Taylor Fedor Stampin' Up - Cynthia McLachlan Epicure - Katherine Moore Thorsby Home Hardware 5 Star Propane Guardian Drugs Thorsby Stockyards Country Cuts Cheryl Raugust Empowered Fitness - Melinda Pharis Keltic Knot The Purrfect Candy Co. & Koffee Pucks and Poutine 6S Bale Hauling Blue Falls Manufacturing/Arctic Spas Alberta Fire Gear Mary Kay - Mary Lou Hill Ag Exchange Group - Nalaina Aberdeen Twisted Lime Liguor Company Relax Mode Aesthetics BMR Greenhouse CE Media Town of Thorsby ATB Remax - Darcy Powlik Shelly Birch Shalanne Herzog

> Special thanks to the staff of Thorsby Jr. Sr. High School for donating gift cards to our wreath raffle as well!



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Accutrax Cat and Trackhoe, Dozer, Excavator, Compactor, Trenching, Fence line clearing, Demolition, Basements, etc.

Ed Neumann 780-789-2547 (12-12)

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email - media@community39.com or upload at community39.com

Lecture REGIONAL HOUSING FOUNDATION

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General Service Worker – Casual Cloverleaf Manor – Warburg AB

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is looking for an enthusiastic individual who enjoys working in a team environment. This casual position will be required to work a wariety of shifts. Shifts will include **afternoons** and **nights**. Applicants should be prepared and able to work all shifts. Duties may include kitchen-related responsibilities such as cleaning, baking and food preparation or housekeeping responsibilities and other duties as assigned. A high standard of service is expected.

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 TOC 2TO Fax: 780.848.7608 or E-Mail: <u>ciacobsen@leducregionalhousing.ca</u>

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

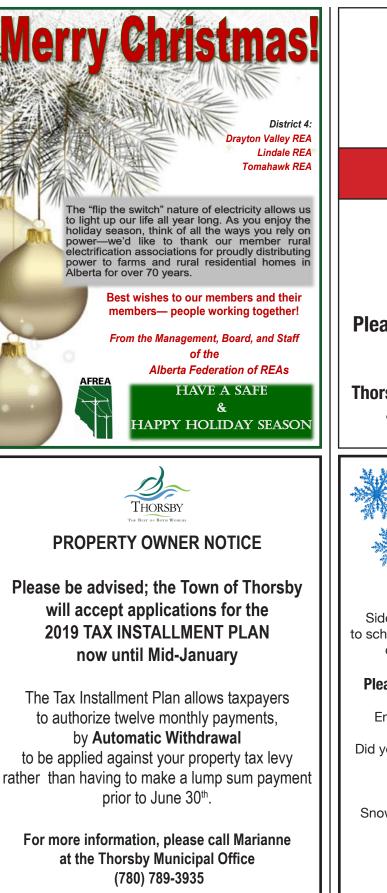
Breton Detachment will be closed on the following days:

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





NOW HIRING

Warehouse Personnel Part Time

Please apply in person at the store.

Thorsby Home Hardware Building Centre 4901 Hankin Street Thorsby, AB



Sidewalks are used by everyone, kids walking to school, people out exercising, walking their dog, or just needing to get to the local store.

Please do your part to help keep them safe!

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.



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MICHAEL JACOB 780-991-1008 MIKE PETRACEK 780-699-3700

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. 21st open until 8 pm. Closed for the holidays from Dec. 23rd - Jan. 3rd

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 every Wednesday from 10 am - 4 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)

Community Events Page

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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 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



TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY HOURS

ALL LEDUC COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS WILL BE <u>CLOSED</u> ON DECEMBER 26.

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





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. 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

Thorsby Community Centre - For bookings call Marlene at 780-789-3734 or text 780-217-9394 or email <u>thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com</u>. Visit our website <u>ttcahs.yolasite.com</u>.

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.

Calmar and District Senior Citizen's Club 4916-50 Ave. **Music Jammers** will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1-3 pm. Cost is \$5.00, light lunch served. (We have heard it rumored to be one of the best lunches in the county.) The music will definitely get you tapping your toes, or maybe taking a spin around the dance floor.

Calmar and District Senior Citizen's Club 4916-50Ave **rental inquiries**, 4 hours \$75.00 more than 4 hours \$150.00 plus equal amounts for damage deposits. Please Call Ed. 780-985-3221

Calmar and District Senior Citizen's Club 4916-50 Ave. is hosting **Drop In Coffee** every Monday morning 9 am-noon. Great lively conversations, shuffleboard, card and board games. You do not have to be a senior to drop in for coffee. Everyone Welcome!

Warburg Legion Hall is available for rent at \$75.00 for a full day, \$50.00 for ½ day, deposit of \$50 refundable upon inspection. For Hall rental please contact Tina Tollenaar at 780.848.2469. For events, meetings or information, please call Max at 780 848.2923.

Community Events are placed FREE of charge, thanks to the community commitment of





Christmas In The Village 2018

The Thorsby business district was filled with excitement and Christmas cheer on the evening of December 7, 2018. Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce hosted the 25th annual Christmas in the Village Customer Appreciation Night. The local businesses worked together to celebrate our amazing community.

We had a bit of difficulty in delivering the requests to all businesses asking for your participation and I apologize to any business owner who was left out. We will try to ensure that all area businesses are included next year.

It was wonderful to see so many citizens of our district in attendance. The weather cooperated, offering a mild winter evening allowing everyone to enjoy the outdoor festivities. Neil Klatt and Amanda Gould supplied horse drawn wagon rides which were a very popular part of the evening. They also chauffeured Santa and Mrs Claus to the ATB branch where they greeted nearly 300 children.

The Graduating class from Thorsby High School served about a thousand smokies along with gallons of hot chocolate donated by Ranchlands Meats, Village Supermarket and Thorsby Family Restaurant. Thorsby Army Cadets were very busy helping in various areas throughout the evening. In recognition of our Silver Anniversary, Aerial Fireworks presented a spectacular Fireworks Display to wind up the evening.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle baskets. Winners were drawn at the Town Office by CEO, Christine Burke. Mercedes Raymond and Clayton Rumohr each won one of the baskets of items donated by local businesses. Chris Hall won the Business Bingo and received a gift basket donated by Royal Care Guardian Drug Store. The Andrew Kearley family won the prize for best decorated home, a furnace inspection and carbon monoxide detector from GWI Group. Thorsby Lions Club ran the 50/50 and made Dale & Shawna Babiak very happy to have the winning ticket.

Jail & Bail was a new addition to the celebration. Our bailiff was very busy arresting the naughty and the nice and holding them until a reasonable amount of bail was raised. The winner there was Thorsby Christmas Elves who received the \$144.30 that was raised.

Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who donated money, goods and services to make this a truly wonderful evening.

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate the 25th annual Customer Appreciation Night in Thorsby.

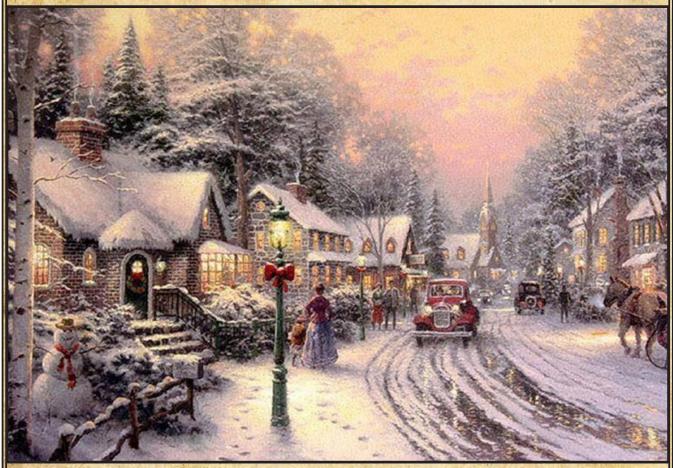
THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES WHOSE DONATIONS MADE THE NIGHT POSSIBLE AND SUCCESSFUL

PLATINUM

Aerial Fireworks ARRGO Blue Falls Manufacturing **Dyck Insurance** MAKK Farms Mitch and Amanda Miller **Nu-Line Power-line Contractors** Petrus Resources **Ranchland Meats** Thorsby Home Hardware GOLD **CE Media** 5 Star Propane **ATB Financial** Baumann's Hoe & Bobcat Service Ltd Bilar's Garage **Community 39 Enterprises Darcy Powlik Realty GWI Group** Sam's Balloons Thorsby Stockyards The Town of Thorsby Village Supermarket **SILVER** Alberta Fire Gear Cleaning **Frontier Construction** Guardian Drugs Jonny's Oilfield Hauling Mayor Rod Raymond BRONZE Celtic Knot Co-operators Insurance **EFT-** Sue Cotterill G & N Contracting Kollbrook Esso Lone Wolf Moji Life- Kim Marie Sandi Raymond Thorsby Electric **Thorsby Family Restaurant** Thorsby Hotel Bar and Grill **Thorsby Liquor Store** Thorsby Tire Shop Thrive Life- Lisa Kuta Twisted Lime Liquor Co VOLUNTEERS Grad Class 2019 Our Lady of Victory Parish The Elves- Jade Raymond, Mya MacPherson

> and Jenna Lawrence Thorsby Army Cadets

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year!



To all our friends, neighbours, business associates and patrons of

Thorsby Tire Shop

Emil & Irene Derryl, Jackie & Family Management and Staff of Th<mark>orsby</mark> Tire Shop

Members Needed

From Ken Eisenbarth

This Christmas marks the 96th anniversary of the first event held at Yeoford Hall. Sitting at the corner of Range Road 31 and Township Road 470, this quaint and unassuming hall was once an essential part of the Yeoford and Knob Hill communities.

Before the survey crews worked their way through the area in 1904, roads were no more than trails; the local Indigenous peoples used them to travel between Pigeon, Battle, and Buck Lakes. But once that land was open for homesteading, settlers from many parts of the world began pouring into the area.

The original site of the Yeoford Hall was on the Battle Lake Trail two miles southeast of where it stands now. In 1910, it had a post office and a store. Six miles farther along the trail was Knob Hill, which by 1912 also had a store and post office.

With so many families in the area, a community hall soon became necessary. After many heated debates, residents finally decided that a hall would be built at Knob Hill. Local sawmill owner Sanford Nelson donated the use of his mill, and on Christmas Day 1922, the first community gathering was held at the brand-new Knob Hill Public Hall.

The original hall was smaller than it is now, with a stage along the north wall, a kitchen, and a balcony convenient for sleepy children as the dancing carried on down below until the early morning. The building had no running water, so of course, no indoor washrooms.

The hall was used for weddings, funerals, club meetings, political debates, picnics and baseball games. Its popularity lasted for years, but change was on its way. The railroad came through the area in 1926, and Winfield became the major centre for supplies and transport. Forest fires had taken out the local sawmill in 1937, and the logging was moving farther west as the timber depleted.

Yeoford was in trouble, too. In 1940s, the new Highway 19 was built on what is now Township Road 470, moving traffic away from the Battle Lake

Trail. The Yeoford Trading Post decided to follow the highway, and in September 1950, the store, post office, and gas pumps were moved to what is now known as the Yeoford Corner. Two years later, the hall was moved from Knob Hill to its present site and rechristened the Yeoford Hall. The hall was given a new lease on life due to groups such as the Yeoford Ladies' Club. The club, formed in 1940, was a major force in the community, meeting at members' homes to organize community projects, and they were regular users of Yeoford Hall for their activities and events.

A few upgrades were made to the building since the move. A new stage area was added, and in the late 1970s, the addition of bathrooms, a kitchen, and a wheelchair ramp. The arrival of Highway 13 in the 1970s diverted mainstream traffic away from the business at Yeoford. Today the hall stands alone beside a residential lot where the trading post burnt to the ground in 2001.

Yeoford Hall has been well maintained over the years, but overall use and interest has waned to the point where it may be shut down. We have an opportunity to shape the future of this building in the coming year. With a little planning, time, and energy, it could once again become a regular spot for events and gatherings.

If you would like to be a part of the Yeoford Hall's future, an information session will be held to present the rebuild proposal on January 12, 2019. The doors open at 5:30 and a supper will be served at 6:30. To reserve your seat, contact Peter or Aleri Vann at 780-682-2107 by January 6. The supper is free for Yeoford residents, and \$15 for non-residents.





building centre

KIDS SHOPPING NIGHTS ARE BACK! Thursday December 20th & Friday December 21st 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Thorsby Home Hardware invites parents and grandparents to drop their children off at the store so they can personally select a gift for you. Our trained staff will assist your children in choosing a gift for you within a budget you provide. All gifts will be wrapped and ready for under the tree!



Wishing all of our wonderful customers a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Late Night Shopping Thursday December 20th & Friday December 21st

Open until 8:00pm





MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR From Mayor Rod Raymond

Holiday Message, from the Mayor

Hi everyone, another year has come and gone, and I wanted to let everyone know what town council is doing. First thing is I wanted to thank every volunteer who has made our community a better place to live. There are so many that have contributed multiple hours, that I couldn't begin to thank you individually. Whether it be the Haymakers, Historical Society, Seniors, Lions, Communities in Bloom, Minor Sports, Chamber of Commerce, Citizens on Patrol, school programs, church programs or the Cadets, your efforts are greatly appreciated! Volunteers are the back bone of our community; the very fiber of selflessness and it speaks to the commitment to one's community.

Secondarily would be the town staff, everyone of you has done a great job this year, and we on council appreciate what you do every day. To our volunteer fire fighters and RCMP members, a big thank you as well.

Thirdly would be the business's in our community. Every time there is an event, you all contribute with donations, staff and support. It is not easy to be in business today, but you struggle though, offering great service, community support, and I do appreciate it. I will get around in the new year, for we need a "made in Thorsby" economic development strategy and plan. To me, it only makes sense to involve, the people/business's that have a direct benefit to grow our community. With high speed broadband fiber, it opens to the world to your business's, speeds up your services and reduces cost. I moved my business here 7 years ago and slow internet speed has hurt my ability to grow. Axia has a great offering for residents and business's by offering no fee hook up and up to 1000Mb/s speed. To put that in perspective, it would be like someone walking and carrying a few items to comparing a bullet train, carrying 100s of people and freight at 300MPH. We have something that most larger communities

don't have: high speed internet. I laugh, I was in Toronto a few months ago and Bell was offering a new high-speed internet service: 150 Mb/s. Shaw in Edmonton now offers 600! I have 1000 Mb/s to my house and shop, for a \$100.00/mo. in Thorsby! High speed internet is the cornerstone of future business, survival of existing business, for it gives you better/faster access to sell and buy online. It is expected that it could even bring medical/ doctor interface to small communities, in real time. It gives us the opportunity to attract home based contract workers, artisans, craftsman and small ma and pa businesses. The world is changing rapidly, and as a progressive town, we need to stay a head of the curve.

Fourthly, I still feel it is an honor to the be Mayor of this community. Every event I attend, every resident I meet, every community volunteer I work with, every town staff member I work with, makes Sandi and I feel we made the right choice to live here, in Thorsby.

Infrastructure replacement: we continue to focus on the high problem areas for water/sewer and roads. I appreciate everyone's patience during construction and we only have another 10 to12 years of it: LOL

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Ramadan and thank our treaty six neighbors and friends for sharing their ancestral lands.

During the Holiday Season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. And in this spirit we sincerely say Thank You and Best Wishes for the holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Laurie Gelle

May Christmas bring joy to your heart and happiness to your home.

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Goal Zero Program Launched

From CAO Christine Burke

The Town of Thorsby has signed on as the first community in Alberta to partner with Swirltex to collaborate and sell treated lagoon water to industry partners. While Thorsby currently meets both its Provincial and Federal legislated environment requirements on water discharge quality, this water re-use strategy will help to further minimize any potential environmental impacts of discharge of lagoon waters to fish bearing waters, and will also reduce the volume of fresh water diverted from Alberta watersheds for industrial purposes, and conserve drinking water sources for future generations. Swirltex will provide the technology, hardware and find customers, Thorsby will provide the wastewater and resulting revenues will be cost shared.

As an economic opportunity, this process will now provide Thorsby with three complementing options on water sales – raw water, treated water (potable) and wastewater (post Swirltex treatment), and while the revenues from wastewater are not expected to be huge, currently they provide no revenue whatsoever, only the potential for cost.

Jointly we hope to challenge the area community and entrepreneurs through a GOAL ZERO program, to bring forward additional ideas for use of the treated nutrient rich wastewater, and will be commencing community engagement meetings in the new year to build confidence and accountability by ensuring any concerns are properly addressed.

With the combination of revenue generation, environmental stewardship, and community engagement, the Swirltex Lagoon Unit has the potential to be transformative for the Town of Thorsby, with a GOAL ZERO of wastewater.

The first Town Hall meeting is slated for February 13, 2019, location yet to be confirmed.

Listen to the interview with Ryan Jesperson on 630 CHED https://omny.fm/shows/ryan-jespersen-show/thorsby-signs-on-for-goal-zerowater-reuse-program

In Search of Passerby From Mr. C. Lemieux

Looking for the good samaritan that witnessed a horrible collision on Highway 39, approx. 1 mile east of the Alsike corner. The accident occured on September 24th, 2017 and involved a 1/2 ton truck and a gravel truck.

Mr. Lemieux was badly injured in the collision and now that he is feeling better he is reaching out to the person who stopped to provide him care and comfort until the ambulance arrived.

In the spirit of the season, Mr. Lemieux would love to thank this samaritan in person and extend his gratitude.

If this was you, or you know who stopped to offer comfort, could you please call 780.696.2083.

Crib Results

The winners of the December 12th Crib Night were:

1st Place - Lynn Watson - 961 2nd Place - George Yawney - 955 3rd Place - Elaine Blair - 933 Low - Marie Guttenburg - 774 High Hand - George Yawney with 21.

Crib Night takes place in the Arctic Spas Rec Complex Craft Room from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, every Wednesday. Everyone welcome!

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Dec. 17, 2018

Leduc County welcomes Amazon to Nisku Business Park

Amazon announced its plans today for a new customer fulfillment facility in the Nisku Business Park, to open by 2020.

The one-million-square-foot facility will be the second of its kind in Alberta and 11th in Canada, and will provide full-time employment for more than 600 people.

We are pleased to welcome Amazon – one of the world's most innovative companies – to the community. Leduc County is business-friendly and encourages business and employment growth and diversification by creating an environment that fosters development. Mayor Tanni Doblanko

The facility will be located in the Nisku Business Park, which is strategically positioned at the crossroads of major air, road and rail transportation routes within the Edmonton Metropolitan Region.

This facility is just one of many to call Leduc County home in recent months; Leduc County welcomed Aurora Sky, Costco and the Premium Outlet Collection Edmonton International Airport mall earlier this year.





Warburg Cultural Society is hosting a free Country Christmas Dinner December 25th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Warburg Cultural Centre

Kids Christmas Under the Sea Fish Pond Ma & Pa Fishing Hole Music, Carols, Games and Storytime with Kids

Everyone welcome!

Please pre-register by calling Linda at 780.848.2916 Last minute guests will be welcomed!



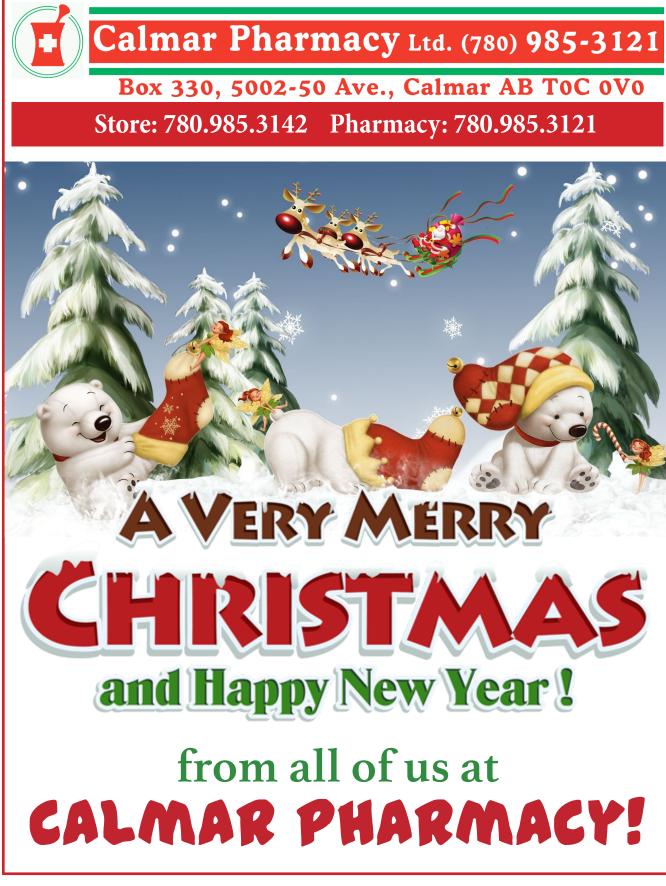
Admission: Free

We will be accepting donations for Warburg Cultural Society and local Women's Shelter (gently used, clean clothing for women, boys & girls)

A GIVE 'EM HELL NEW YEAR'S EVE!







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 fifth installment in a series of profiles which indicate what a small school and community can produce.

KATHARINE MILLAR

Katharine (Katie) completed her school career from kindergarten through grade twelve in Thorsby with these closing remarks as valedictorian in 2004, "As we go out to conquer our new world, and discover the paths of the road not yet taken, we will always remember, with love, where the road began, and those who shared it with us." She thoroughly enjoyed opportunities at Thorsby High School, where she played clarinet in the band, was on the Students' Union, and played on the basketball and volleyball teams (as the shortest middle blocker in the league).

Her pathway of discovery led to the University of Alberta where she received a BA in Political Science (with honours) in 2008. She then pursued further study in international relations at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva) in Switzerland where she received a Masters of International Studies in 2010. Her interest area was critical perspectives on military and civilian interaction and cooperation.

Kate returned to Edmonton and practiced her craft in political science as a policy researcher for the New Democratic Party of Alberta in 2011. She worked closely with MLAs – including Premier Notley, before she became the Premier – and other government officials to prepare policy documents and materials for both the public and media distribution.

Her interest in politics and a travel bug led her on a new path to the University of Oxford in the UK later in 2011. Here she enjoyed rowing with the women's eights team of Somerville College, and a postgraduate team, the Academicals, with which she completed the Women's Head of the River Race on the Thames in London. She honed her teaching skills as a tutor at Oxford while continuing her studies in International Relations. As Junior Dean of Harris Manchester College, in charge of both academic discipline and welfare, she worked tirelessly as an advocate for other students. In 2017 she received her DPhil (PhD) in International Relations at Oxford with her dissertation: "Support is the New Service: Gendered Political Obligation, the Military, and Collective Subject Formation in International Relations". Kate has been fortunate to receive many awards and scholarships on her long road of discovery. She has travelled widely to present papers at conferences in many cities around the world including Berlin, London, Warsaw, Quito (Ecuador), Tartu (Estonia), Prague, Geneva, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Edmonton.

In September, Kate was invited to attend a NATO workshop with the Afghan National Army, hosted in Baku, Azerbaijan as an expert on the democratic control of the armed forces. With experts from Afghanistan, Kate discussed ways of integrating a "gender perspective" - i.e. thinking about how men and women's and boys' and girls' experiences of, and needs within, conflict may differ according to gender - into the curriculum for professional military education in Afghanistan. She also explored the promise and perils of introducing a gender perspective into military operations, with the aim of respecting human, particularly women's, rights in conflict, and ensuring that post-conflict reconciliation and reconstruction is founded upon a principle of gender equality.

Kate now lives in London and holds the position of Assistant Professor of Gender and International Politics at the London School of Economics and Political Science where she teaches undergraduate and graduate students and does academic research. She has published numerous articles on gender, civil-military relations, and theories of belonging in international politics. She is currently working on her first book, entitled Violent Obligation: Supporting the Troops and the Making of Political Community.

In her spare time, Kate continues to actively pursue sports, including yoga, pilates, climbing, hiking, and particularly long-distance running (half marathon distance). She's an adventurous amateur cook and still travels for fun, most recently to the Galapagos Islands, with a trip to Ghana planned for next summer. She regularly comes home to Thorsby to check-in on family and friends.

For more information on Kate's current job (and research!), please see: http://www.lse.ac.uk/about-lse/lse-leading-women/biographies/katharine-millar



Holidays

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Treasures Thrift Shop donates to the Country Christmas Dinner From Linda McLauhlin

A donation of \$100 was presented to Warburg Cultural Society President, Linda McLaughlin (pictured right) by Janice Rosenske (pictured left), one of the volunteers at the Warburg United Church Treasures Thrift Shop. The money will to used to help with expenses for the free Country Christmas dinner being hosted by the Warburg Cultural Society. The WCS would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all those who so generously are giving to make this a warm, Country Christmas for those attending.

The Country Christmas Dinner will be held on December 25th from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Warburg Cultural Centre and everyone is welcome. It will be a truly festive day with games for the kids and adults alike, music, carols and storytime for the little ones. Admission is free, however, the Warburg Cultural Society will be accepting donations to their organization and also donations to the local women's shelter (in the form of gently used, clean clothing for women, boys and girls). Pre-registration would be greatly appreciated by calling 780.848.2916, and last minute guests will still be welcomed!

If you'd like more information or would like to donate to the Country Christmas Dinner, please call Linda at 780.848.2916.



May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright new year.

> Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Christmas Closure Please be advised the office of the papers will be closed for the holidays

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



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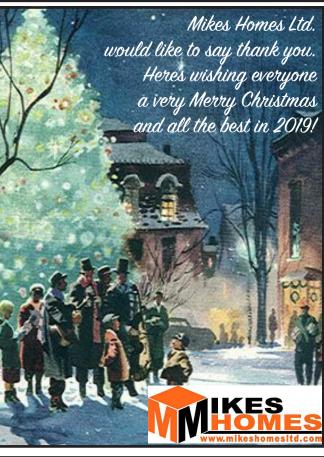
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Joy to the world the Lord has come!

One of the things I love about the Christmas story is how real it is. The government of the day in Israel was an occupying Roman force. The ruler of the Roman Empire had just thrown everyone's life up in the air by forcing them to go to their home town for a census so they could pay more taxes. Some things just never change.

For Joseph and Mary the birth of Jesus was a difficult time. It could not have been an easy thing for Mary travelling a long distance on the back of a donkey all the while nearing the end of her pregnancy. Upon arriving in the small town of Bethlehem Joseph must have wondered how he was going to find some place for Mary to give birth. A tough spot to be in.

And yet we connect Christmas with the word joy. There is a difference between joy and happiness. Happiness is temporary and usually generated by something external to our lives.

Joy is deeper, internal and may not be connected to the externalities of life. Most of us have probably lived enough of life to understand that there are times when the external circumstances of life may be anything but good and yet we can still be joyful. We can experience joy when even in dire circumstances when we act selflessly in someone else's best interests. Most parents will attest to the fact that the sacrifices they made in rearing their children may have been at great cost but also resulted in great joy.

And that is the real story of Christmas! We give gifts because we were given a gift by God himself in the form of a little baby in a manger. We give at Christmas because we have received and in the process we are the beneficiaries of great joy.

And so that is my wish for you this Christmas season that you would experience great joy. In spite of the economy, in spite of any personal difficulties that you are going through it would be my desire that you live in the joy that comes from knowing that the gift of a baby, Immanuel, God with us, can and does make a difference not only at Christmas but year round. Merry Christmas!

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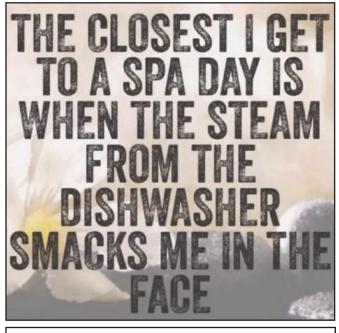




What is one thing that became more clear as you got older?



why the Grinch wanted to live alone with his dog



Sometimes you have to create your own happiness 😂 😂 😂





Christmas Photo op for Max, Chesapea and Emma! They love Santa! (Thanks Judy!) Have a funny pet pic? Email it to media@community39.com



 "Boots" (Vic Loberg's 8 yr. old male cat) . . .
such a patient kitty, even puts up with the Christmas decorating!
Have a funny pet pic? Email it to media@community39.com

None of my presents have barked yet so that's kinda disappointing

Haymaker Centre Schedule January 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	January 1	2	3	4	5
<u>10:30 am -</u> <u>4:30 pm</u> <u>ABRA D.H.</u> Jackpot	<u>9 am - 9 pm</u> <u>Public</u> <u>Riding</u>	<u>6:30 pm - 9</u> <u>pm</u> <u>Private(Darcy)</u>	<u>6 pm - 11 pm</u> <u>Public</u> <u>Riding</u>	<u>7 pm - 9 pm</u> <u>Private(Terry)</u>	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Private(Johnie) 7 pm - 9 pm Private(Jimmy)	<u>11 am - 5 pm</u> <u>Thorsby</u> <u>Gymkhana</u> <u>Club</u> <u>6 pm - 9 pm</u> <u>Rough Stock</u> <u>Practice</u>
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