

THORSBY TARGET

Whoop-It-Up Communications Day

From Sarah Scheetz

On January 12th, the Whoop-It-Up 4-H Multi Club had their annual communications day. We thank the following people for being speech judges: Mary Jablonski, Darlene MacPherson, Mandy Peck, and the following people for being presentation judges: Sara Maskiewicz, Eileen McMann, and Melissa Styba. First place for junior speeches was Mal Williams. First place for junior presentations was Karl Miller. First Place for Intermediate speeches was Luuk Scholten. First place for intermediate presentations was Stephanie Sanders and Sarah Scheetz. First place for senior speeches was Megan Gitzel. First place for senior presentations was Davin Linder. We wish all of our members who are moving on to Districts good luck! Thank you to AltaLink for their continued support of the 4-H communications programs.



Community Events Survey

The Thorsby community hosts varied events throughout the year. With a few minutes of your time, we hope that you will share how you think we're doing as a community providing these events, the locations we choose, and preferences for the advertising/notification of events. We'd also appreciate your input on what, if anything, you might like to see changed. You can get the survey on our website www.thorsby.ca or on our Facebook page, Town of Thorsby, Alberta or you can pick up a paper copy at the Town Office.

FAMILY DAY AT THORSBY REC!

FREE Family Day activities at the recreation complex from 12:00pm to 4:00pm!
FREE hot dogs, face painting, skating, bowling and field house fun!



MONDAY FEBRUARY 18TH!

The CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Full-Time Personal Aide - Must have First Aid and Police Check. Must like animals, and have own vehicle. Must also be ok with having a service dog in the vehicle. Call Shelley at 780-691-2239 or 780-848-2560 (3-3kr)

Jerry's Sports Lounge has an opening for a part time bartender/waitress. Must have Proserve and Reel Facts certificates. Drop off resume at the lounge. (2-2)

WANTED

Curling shoes Anyone? If you have any gently used curling shoes you no longer need, would you donate them to the Warburg Junior Curling Program? We need sizes 5 – 13.

780-848-2930 Kevin or 780-915-1211 Gladys (1-2)

WANTED

Farmland and Pasture - To rent in the Thorsby, Warburg or Pigeon Lake areas.

780.964.9761 (3-3kr)

FOR SALE

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780.405.0826 (3-3kr)

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780.893.0122 (2-2)

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Please email resume along with a current drivers abstract to resumeswbt@gmail.com



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Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

FEBRUARY 2019

Tuesday 19 | Council of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 26 | Regular Council Meeting

MARCH 2019

Tuesday 5 | Council of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 12 | Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday 19 | Council of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 26 | Regular Council Meeting

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

Thank You

Thank You to All

It is with much gratitude that we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our friends, family and community for the food, flowers and kind words.

Your kindness, generosity and support is so appreciated at this time.

Sincerely,
Garth, Margaret, Teresa, Sean



REMINDER **TO ALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND OPERATORS**

Business Licenses are now due for 2019. To have your business listed on the 2019 Thorsby & District Business Directory your license must be purchased before February 22, 2019.

To apply for a new license or to renew your existing license, please contact the Municipal Office at 780-789-3935 or drop by the office at 4917 Hankin Street. 2019 Business License application forms are available on the Town's website at www.thorsby.ca

2019 Thorsby Minor Soccer Registration



Thorsby Minor Soccer invites you to participate in the 2019 outdoor minor soccer season.

Minor soccer is offered for children and youth with birthdates from 2015 up till 2000. The soccer season runs from the beginning of May until the end of June.

Anyone 12 years and older interested in becoming a referee is asked to contact thorsbysoccer@gmail.com.

Registrations forms will be sent home with elementary students in February. These are also available at the Recreation Complex, the high school and on the Thorsby Minor Soccer Facebook group.

Expected practice dates and locations:

Age Group	Birth Year	Day of the Week	Location
U5	2014/15	Tuesdays	Complex
U7	2012/13	Wednesdays	Complex
U9	2010/11	Mondays	Complex
U11	2008/09	Mondays & Wednesdays	Complex
U13	2007/06	Tuesdays & Thursdays	High School
U15	2005/04	Mondays & Wednesdays	High School
U17	2003/02	Tuesdays & Thursdays	EMSA / Leduc
U19	2001/00	Mondays & Wednesdays	EMSA / Leduc

Registration forms can be mailed in, dropped off at registration nights or emailed to thorsbysoccer@gmail.com.

2019 Soccer Registration Nights

**Monday, February 25 &
Thursday, March 14
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Thorsby Recreation Complex**

Contact thorsbysoccer@gmail.com with any questions.

Help set priorities for Leduc and Thorsby RCMP

Leduc County and the City of Leduc have partnered with the RCMP to conduct a brief survey to ensure that RCMP priorities align with those of the public.

Take the survey at [surveymonkey.com/r/RCMP2019](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCMP2019) by Feb. 28 to let us know what you think the RCMP's top policing priorities should be!





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Community Events Page

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Royal Canadian Legion Mulhurst #246: Inviting new members! NEXT SOCIAL: FEB. 22 @ 7 pm. BINGO EVERY TUES. @ 7 pm (Meat Bingo Feb. 19)

Strawberry Hall Annual Meeting Tuesday February 26, at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome! Call 780-789-2446 for information or 780-789-2180

World Day of Prayer service Friday, March 1st, 7:30 PM at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church. All are welcome.

Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 5th, 5 - 7 PM at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church. Free will offering. Everyone welcome.

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) 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.

Thorsby Senior’s Centre rentals. Call Cathy Kuzio 780-789-2423 / 780-719-7124.

Thorsby Senior’s Thrift Store Regular Hours Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm. Donations accepted and appreciated. Dollar Days still on! 4812 - 51 Street Thorsby (south of Esso)

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) First night for New Dancers FREE. For more information contact Dave 780-238-5844 or Doris 780 389-2381.

Senior’s Centre Crib Nights - Every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Thorsby Senior’s Centre.

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.

St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church - Sunday Worship @10:30 a.m., Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month; Confirmation and Adult study on Tuesdays; Bible study 1,3,5, sundays of the month. Pastor Ron Flamand, interim pastor. Call 780-789-3873

“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

Winfield Legion monthly potluck and dance is last Thursday of the month. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Supper is 6:00 PM. Everyone welcome.

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

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Farm Agreements workshop

Land Rent, Cattle Lease, Custom Arrangements

Join the Leduc County and County of Wetaskiwin Sustainable Agriculture Program for a workshop on farm agreements. The workshop will be facilitated by Janet Patriquin, Assistant Farmers' Advocate.

Discussion topics:

- The importance of written agreements
- What to include ...plus more

If you have a draft agreement that requires feedback, please bring it to the workshop; Janet will review it and provide comment at a later date.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 21
Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Place: Leduc County Community and Operations
Centre Boardroom, 1105 - 5th Street, Nisku
Cost: no charge

Limited space is available. For more information and to register, contact Kim at:

780-387-6182

kimb@leduc-county.com or

kbarkwell@county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca

Register by February 19.



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WINTER TRY IT FESTIVAL

Join us for a day of family fun! This free event will give you the opportunity to try a variety of awesome outdoor winter activities, including skating, lake curling and more!

Date: Saturday, Feb. 16
Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: Jubilee Park Campground
day-use area



Wizard Lake Watershed
& Lake Stewardship Association





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 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!

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

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

Centreldodge 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 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.

Breton Golden Age Centre Rentals - \$10 / hour with \$25.00 for use of kitchen or \$15/day. Deposit of \$50 required. Call Pat at 780.696.2056

Breton Crib Tournaments will be held every Saturday at the **Breton Golden Age Centre** - Starting January 5th at 12:30 p.m. except July & August.

Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club Quarterly General Meetings and Birthday Celebrations will be held on the second Tuesday of March, June, September and December at 1:00 PM. A birthday cake will be provided by the club, however if you wish to bring a treat to help celebrate your birthday you are welcome to do so.

Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club 4916 - 50 Ave Calmar **hosts Music Jammers** on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except July, August and December). Cost is \$7.00 per person, a light lunch is served. (It has been rumoured that this is the best lunch in the county for this event).

Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club 4916 - 50 Ave Calmar: **hall rentals**, please contact Marg Roskewich 780-985-3221. Rental Rates: 4 hr or less \$100 and more than 4 hrs \$200.00

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

The people who conduct the interviews are Audrey Brosseau and John Elson. If you have suggestions please contact John at 780-789-3822 or Audrey at 780-886-0658.

RYAN MASON - Organic Farmer

Farming was not always a passion of mine. I grew up on a broiler breeder chicken farm 18 km south of Thorsby. On the farm I learned to love the freedom that land provides us, but I despised gardening. When I was younger, gardening was a chore, taking me away from video games, the lake, or playing sports. So here is a little bit about how I came to love gardening and started an organic market garden back in the Thorsby area where I started out.

Growing up in Thorsby was a blessing. While there may not have been every activity or skill level of the things I loved, there certainly was opportunity. I got involved with everything I could including hockey, soccer, basketball, volleyball, roller blading, running, triathlon, band (french horn) and the Student's Union. I attended school in Thorsby from kindergarten to grade 12, and graduated from Thorsby High School in 2005 as co-valedictorian of a class of 22 students.

After high school I went to the Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta in Camrose to study Global and Development studies, politics and sociology. It was at Augustana where I renewed my love for agriculture. There I focused most of my courses on community development and travel, many of which integrated environmental or food system aspects. Augustana allowed me to travel to southern France (history and culture course), New York (model United Nations), rural Puebla in Mexico, Ryley Alberta, and Santiago

de Cuba. Every travel abroad experience allowed me to learn more about myself and countless new ways of doing things. The Mexico trip was the most impactful as I lived and worked on a small farm with 5 generations of female farmers. My farm experience in Mexico showed me alternative and intensive ways of doing agriculture that inspired me later in life to start my farm. During the rest of my time at Augustana I worked for residence life, as a research assistant, and did about half a dozen community placements related to course work on things like affordable housing and environmental conservation.

After receiving my Bachelor's Degree at Augustana (with Distinction), I worked for the university facilitating outdoor education, and international and community service learning programs. This job included creating videos, event organizing and research on place-based learning. During these extra two years in Camrose, I married my wife Brittany who I met at Augustana. Shortly after our wedding we relocated to Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec to teach English in a Francophone school through the My Odyssey Program. After a year of learning French, ice fishing and playing l'hockey we moved back to Edmonton to re-enroll in the University of Alberta.

This time I did a Master's of Science in Environmental Sociology through the faculty of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES). The time in this program allowed me to jumpstart my current farm. My research for my masters was related to agriculture as I studied how gender influences food insecurity in rural Tanzania. I was paired with a project looking at increasing food availability and nutrition in one of the most at risk locations in the world.

I travelled to Dodoma, Tanzania for 3.5 months to help with a dairy goat, sweet potato and cassava project and was privileged to work with small scale farms throughout the region. Even in one of the poorest regions of the world, there were innovation and alternative forms of agriculture that invigorated my passion for growing food. While their agriculture was far from perfect, it inspired me to see what more we could do here. Upon

arriving back in Canada I began an urban farm in Edmonton with a classmate from my Master's program, and named it Reclaim Urban Farm.

Reclaim Urban Farm was a multi-locational farm that used vacant lots, front yards and backyards in Edmonton to grow vegetables for sale at Farmers Markets, restaurants and retailers. The farm worked with local landowners to grow vegetables using sustainable low impact methods. We even biked all of our product and machinery around Whyte Avenue! In addition to outdoor market gardening, Reclaim Urban Farm used part of a warehouse space as an indoor vertical garden to grow herbs and microgreens year round. Reclaim Urban Farm operated from a scale of 1/4 acre and a bedroom grow-op in 2014 to 1 acre and a 300 sq ft warehouse grow space in 2017. Our little farm had a big impact as it was featured in dozens of news pieces including CBC Radio and the front page of the Edmonton Journal. We also collaborated with the City of Edmonton to craft urban agriculture guidelines for future growers. In 2016 my business partner and I received the University of Alberta Alumni Innovation Award for our work in urban agriculture. After frustrations with bureaucracy, buying out my business partner, and yearning of home, my wife and I moved back to the family farm south of Thorsby in May of 2018. We changed the name of the farm to Reclaim Organics and are now growing 3000 sq ft indoors and 5.5 acres outdoors with lots of space to scale up if needed. Last year, we sold our vegetables to 45-60 restaurants as well as 4 retailers and at two Farmers Markets in Edmonton every week. We also had 7 full time summer staff and are excited to start offering more tours and educational activities on our Thorsby farm.

In the future we look forward to adding agro-tourism, permaculture, bees and greenhouses. After growing up pulling chickweed on this farm for 18 years, I am still pulling chickweed, but now I am selling it to fancy restaurants at a premium. Come visit us sometime soon and taste it yourself.

Ryan Mason, Reclaim Organics



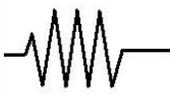
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The Faith Community of Thorsby will be hosting a seven week, free of charge study and interaction and we welcome the community to “Embracing Pathways to Healing”.

Come and see what we have to offer on our opening evening Wednesday, Feb.27th, at 6:15 pm at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church. We begin with a soup supper, followed by an introduction to the study and an outline of the next 6 Wednesdays. This evening will allow you to discover the series topics, learn about presenters, and then visit and socialize with other attendees. The topics will be far reaching and our presenters will be from our local region along with some out of the area.

Previous years sessions have included, “Question Everything”, “Especially yours”, “Have we talked lately” and “The Mysteries of Our Faith”. These have been well attended and highly evaluated. Common remarks by course takers are that they have been openly accepting, soul searching, fun loving, friendship building, no pressure and, in many cases, a positive life changing experience.

Each week we will offer a soup supper at 6:15 pm and will begin our study punctually at 7:00 pm. Study time will include music, teaching, small group and large group discussion. We will conclude with fellowship time.

We extend a warm invitation to anyone curious about studying in a large group setting.

Come and explore these topics with us.

If you have any questions please contact: Bob Krueger @ 780-789-2285

Sponsored and supported by New Life Christian Fellowship, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Parish, St. Matthew’s Lutheran and members of other faith communities.



Crib Results

The winners of the February 6th Crib Night were:

- 1st Place - Elaine Blair - 929
- 2nd Place - Maurice Masyk - 928
- 3rd Place - Malcolm Busfield - 922
- Low - Marvin Wager - 766
- High Hand Split - Maurice Masyk and Marie Guttenberg each with 20

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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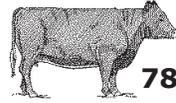


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University of Alberta Senate Applications Open

From Amissa Jablonski

Alberta residents have a chance to act as a voice for their community in post-secondary education, by serving with the University of Alberta Senate.

The Senate, which acts as a link between the U of A and communities across the province is seeking applications for volunteer members, due March 1, 2019.

“Our Senate is one of the most important ways the university connects with people beyond campus. Members bring important perspective to the U of A about the needs and opportunities that exist in their communities” said Derek Roy-Brenneis, Executive Officer to the Senate.

Senators act as ambassadors and advocates for the University by building awareness of the value of post-secondary education, connecting U of A people and programs with community representatives and resources.

Senate members, volunteer 50 to 100 hours per year and serve three-year terms. During their service, they learn about the U of A, attend plenary session meetings four times a year, serve on committees, and attend ceremonial events such as Convocation.

Senators do not need a university degree nor do they have to be a U of A Alumni.

“We are looking for people who are good communicators, who ask great questions, who are good storytellers, and good connectors in putting people and ideas together. We want them to have a sense of why a place like the U of A is important.”

Application forms are available on the Senate website at www.senate.ualberta.ca. Click the green ‘Learn About Becoming a Senator’ button or call 780-492-2268.

Health Benefits of Kindness – February is Heart Month.

Did you know that numerous scientific studies show that acts of kindness result in significant health benefits, both physical and mental? Here are some key points:

- Helping contributes to the maintenance of good health, and it can diminish the effect of diseases and disorders, serious and minor, psychological and physical.
- A rush of euphoria, followed by a longer period of calm, after performing a kind act is often referred to as a “helper’s high,” involving physical sensations and the release of the body’s natural painkillers, the endorphins. This initial rush is then followed by a longer-lasting period of improved emotional well-being.
- Stress-related health problems improve after performing kind acts. Helping reverses feelings of depression, supplies social contact, and decreases feelings of hostility and isolation that can cause stress, overeating, ulcers, etc. A drop in stress may, for some people, decrease the constriction within the lungs that leads to asthma attacks.
- Helping can enhance our feelings of joyfulness, emotional resilience, and vigor, and can reduce the unhealthy sense of isolation.
- A decrease in both the intensity and the awareness of physical pain can occur.
- The incidence of attitudes, such as chronic hostility, that negatively arouse and damage the body is reduced.
- The health benefits and sense of well-being return for hours or even days whenever the helping act is remembered.
- An increased sense of self-worth, greater happiness, and optimism, as well as a decrease in feelings of helplessness and depression, is achieved.
- Once we establish an “affiliate connection” with someone - a relationship of friendship, love, or some sort of positive bonding - we feel emotions that can strengthen the immune system.
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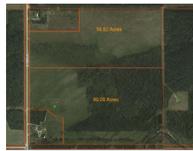
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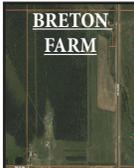
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