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Community Comes Together to Celebrate the Season

On Sunday, December 1st New Life Christian Fellowship hosted their 15th Annual Christmas Banquet.

Volunteers from the Church came together to feed over 350 people under the guidance of Pastor Glen McBride and his wife Linda. What was on the menu, you ask? Well a traditional full turkey and ham dinner of course! This included all the trimmings as well as the star of the supper which is Linda's stuffing (so I heard)! This recipe has been passed down for 100 years, so it's tried and true and delicious! When I asked what inspires them to do all this work they replied "to thank and show appreciation to the community" and they also recognize that not everyone has somewhere or someone to celebrate the Christmas season with and those people look forward to this banquet as a way to celebrate and be connected.

Rounding out the evening was entertainment by Potters Clay, a southern Gospel quartet who performed a variety of Christmas music, as well as some original songs.

Pastor McBride & Linda would like to especially thank the Devon Roman Catholic Church for serving the meal and all of the wonderful people who attended.



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This is not a complete statement of all duties and responsibilities of this position. The position holder may be required to carry out any other duties as directed by their Manager.

Please submit resume in person or via email to Jason Walker Human Recourses Manager at Blue Falls Manufacturing.

4549-52st Thorsby Alberta T0C 2P0 or

jwalker@goarctic.com

Christmas in the Village

TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL

**THORSBY AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CUSTOMER APPRECIATION NIGHT**

Friday, December 6th - 6 PM - 9 PM

- **BONFIRE – BETWEEN ROYAL CARE GUARDIAN PHARMACY & LOGOS IT SOLUTIONS**
- **FREE SMOKIES – SPONSORED BY VILLAGE SUPERMARKET & THORSBY HOTEL BAR**
- **FREE HOT CHOCOLATE – DONATED BY THORSBY FAMILY RESTAURANT**
- **HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES – PROVIDED BY DIAMOND B RANCH**
- **SANTA CLAUS & HIS ELVES – 6:00PM-8:30PM, ATB FINANCIAL**
- **GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST WINNERS – BILAR'S GARAGE**
- **FREE POPCORN & COTTON CANDY – RUHR VALLEY LUMBER**
- **LATE NIGHT SHOPPING – SUPPORT YOUR TOWN, BUY LOCAL**
- **FREE BALLOONS – SAM'S BALLOONS**
- **50/50 – SUPPORTING THORSBY & DISTRICT CULTURAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
- **CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE – DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES**
- **THORSBY BUSINESS BINGO – VISIT BUSINESSES & COLLECT STAMPS TO WIN**
- **JAIL & BAIL – PROCEEDS GOING TO THORSBY CHRISTMAS ELVES**
- **FIREWORKS – 9:00PM, EAST OF THE ARCTIC SPAS REC CENTRE**

**LISTEN FOR OUR
TOWN CRIER TO
HEAR MORE THAT
NIGHT!**

Come out and enjoy the festivities hosted by Thorsby & Area Businesses!

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bright & Spacious 1300 square foot bungalow style home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 bathroom and a partially developed basement. The home sits on a very spacious, fully fenced lot with a single car garage and still lots of back yard for your enjoyment. This home is conveniently located within 30 minutes to Leduc and only 45 minutes from Edmonton.

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www.community39.com

Please join us for a COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Telfordville Community Centre

Annual Christmas Party

Everyone Welcome!

December 8th, 2019

Doors open at 2:00 p.m.

Santa Arrives at 3:00 p.m.

Potluck Meal at 5:00 p.m.



**Please RSVP how many children
will be coming so we can add
them to Santa's List! 780.718.5548**



*"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you
good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."
-Luke 2:10*

**Come Join Us
for a celebration in song!**

The Seventh-day Adventist Church
presents

"Good Tidings of Great Joy!"

December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Warburg Seventh-day Adventist Church
5003 - 48 Street Warburg



**Come into Ruhr Valley Lumber on December 6th
for Christmas in the Village and pick up
your free popcorn and cotton candy!**

**All in stock Christmas and Home Décor items will be available
to purchase December 6th between 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm!**

Hope to see you all here!!! *Matt and Lisa Ruhr*



Thorsby High School Evening of the Arts

Thursday, December 12th, 2019

5:30 Gingerbread Houses (please RSVP to the school by
December 10th to ensure we have enough kits)

7:00 Band and Choir Concert

8:00 One Act plays by Jr Drama

Bake Sale! Silent Auction! Gift Card Wreath Raffle!

Exhibits by Industrial Arts, Foods and Art Classes

Donations to the Music Program appreciated



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Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store OPEN LATE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING on Friday, Dec. 6th during Christmas In The Village - Open until 8 pm. 50% OFF CLEARANCE! Ongoing clearance. Regular Hours Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm. **DONATIONS can now be dropped off at the donation box located at the north door. 4812 - 51 Street Thorsby (south of Esso)**

Everyone is invited to the Morrowdale Community Centre's Annual Christmas Potluck on Sunday December 8, 2019 from 5-7:30 PM. Bring your favourite dish to get in! There will be door prizes and goodie bags for the kids. Any questions, call Bev at (780) 789-2571.

Telfordville Community Christmas Party Dec. 8th- Doors open at 2:00 pm, Santa at 3:00 p.m., (RSVP-780- 718-5548 for children count), Pot Luck supper @ 5:00 p.m. **Come join us for a celebration in song!** "Good Tidings of Great Joy!" on December 14th at 7:00 p.m. presented by the Warburg Seventh-day Adventist Church 5003 - 48 Street.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST: Inviting new members! Bingo every Tues. 7pm (meat bingo Dec. 17th) **CHRISTMAS BANQUET AND AWARDS NIGHT:** Dec. 14th. Tickets at ATB Mulhurst. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 for youth 12-6 yrs. Contact: Marion 780-935-6281

Join us for an afternoon of Christmas Music and festivities! Love Made A Way: The Journey of Christmas, a Christmas Cantata at Community United Church in Warburg (5112-53 St.), presented by Stony Plain United Church Choir. December 15 @ 2 PM. Free will donations accepted.

Thorsby Seniors Music Jam will be **CANCELLED in December.** The next Jam will take place on January 15th (the third Wednesday of each month.) Starts at 7:30 pm and a light lunch will be provided midway. Admission \$5 and entertainers are free. Both music jammers and listeners are encouraged to come and have an evening of a fun time.

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

HAVE YOU HEARD? Over the upcoming year Warburg Alliance Church, 4628-55 Ave, is offering a variety of EXCITING COMMUNITY EVENTS! Something for everyone! email: WChurch.Betty@gmail.com Betty Desjarlais (403) 418-5266 Cell Next Event: January 25 Mom's and Tots - Free Call to register. from 2 pm - 4 pm. Balloon artist, sing-a-long, puppet show, snacks

Thorsby Municipal Library Hours: Tuesday 10 am- 7 pm, Wednesday Noon-7 pm, Thursday & Friday 10 am- 5 pm Now Open Saturdays from 10 am - 1 pm (closed Saturdays of long weekends) Questions/ Feedback/RSVP contact us through Facebook (Thorsby Municipal Library) or call 780-789-3808.

Thorsby Crib Nights - Need new players! Crib Nights at the Arctic Spas Rec Centre are held every Wednesday at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome!

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

Friday Night Crib at the Thorsby Senior's Centre - Every Friday night at 7 p.m. All ages welcome!!!

FUN & EXERCISE Sandholm Modern Square Dance Club welcomes new members, YOUTH, COUPLES and SINGLES . Dancing every Thursday from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. Sandholm Hall (10 Miles south of Thorsby) For more information call 780-389-2381 or 780- 387-4927

Mulhurst Bay Seniors - Our weekly Floor Curling started on Oct. 16/19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Mulhurst. For more info please contact me: Eileen MacDonald (Secretary) at 780-389-3333.

Wilton Park Community Centre Monthly

Thorsby Baseball Association

New Year's Eve Social

FRIENDS * FUN * MUSIC * FOOD
ADULT \$40
MIDNIGHT CHAMPAGNE/LUNCH
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MUSIC BY BOOMTOWN SOUND

December 31, 2019 8:00 pm
Thorsby Community Centre

Tickets can be purchased online at
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In Thorsby at Gaurdian Royal Care Pharmacy
Twisted Lime
In Warburg at the School (Trish)

Thorsby and District Fish and Game



SCORING DAY

Saturday, December 14th
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Warburg Legion Hall



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**Limited spots! Book your table today at 780 789 3681
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Jamboree - 4th Saturday of every month from October - April excl. Dec. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Jam at 7:30 pm. For more info call Ron at 780.985.2478

Does drinking affect your personal life in any way? Have friends or family expressed concerns towards your drinking habits? Have you ever tried to quit drinking, but could not manage to do so? AA can help! 5203 -54th Avenue Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00pm 780-270-7903

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!

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

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

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

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

Mulhurst Legion #246 Call: Marie 780-361-7350

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

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

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

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.

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

Thorsby Senior's Centre rentals. Call Cathy Kuzio 780-719-7124.

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

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

Warburg Senior's Centre rentals. Call Nancy/ Allan Gruninger 780-848-7756. \$75 per rental, \$50.00 damage deposit refundable after inspection.

Wilton Park Community Centre - For Hall Bookings or Information call Aileen at 780.850.9607.

Winfield Legion is available to rent. Keep eyes open for a list of upcoming social events. Rental Inquiries - Call Gordon 780-542-1243 Or Mona 780-682-3905

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!

Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church Mass times are at 9:00 am every Sunday until further notice

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

Seniors Fitness every Tuesday at 10:00 am at the Thorsby Seniors Center. Standing & sitting exercise through video instruction geared toward seniors. \$2.00

Thorsby Agricultural Society Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm upstairs in the meeting room at the Haymaker Centre.

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.

Warburg Museum - We are now making home-made pies every Saturday from 1:00 p.m. - 4 p.m. New members always welcome and appreciated! Susie 780.848.2507

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

**Community Events are placed
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to begin my letter on a positive note: I feel that a Youth Appreciation is a wonderful concept. Unfortunately that is where my positivity will end. I personally believe it was extremely disrespectful of Patti Skarpinsky (FCSS Coordinator) to host it during the school day, not only did she take the youth from their education, but she also excluded the grade seven and eight students from participating. Not to mention holding it during the day made it difficult for other supporters who may have wanted to contribute to or otherwise appreciate the youth in our community from participating. I am aware that when the event was first considered, it was planned to be a collaboration between FCSS Youth Appreciation and the High School's College/University Fair, but the timing change as well as the lack of invitation to the entire school made this collaboration fall through, because the principal was unwilling to leave students behind. Students were allowed to go to the event without penalization, but because they were missing classes, some decided to stay at the school. So for community members who have been misled as to why Thorsby High School had a low attendance at Youth Appreciation, please remember there are always two sides to a story.

I would also like to say Thank You to the principal at the high school, Jon Ganton, as well as his staff. As a community, we should thank Jon Ganton for all that he has accomplished at the Thorsby Junior/Senior High School. He knows every student by name and takes time out of his day every morning to greet each student as they come into the school, as well as doing the crosswalk with the Elementary Principal, Mrs. Jubinville after school. Within the last three years as principal, Jon has made leaps and

bounds, our children are held accountable for their actions and the school has been able to offer a multitude of dual credit courses to senior high students. Our high school has improved from 75.6% to an 85.3% grade twelve completion rate. PAT marks have also improved from a 63.9% average to an 80.3% average. Perhaps the school's greatest accomplishment is the rise in the Safe and Caring School level from 80% to 90%, which is above the provincial average!

I hope that in future years our youth can be appreciated at an appropriate time without any negative remarks to the staff at the school.

Thank you for reading.
Katherine Mudry.

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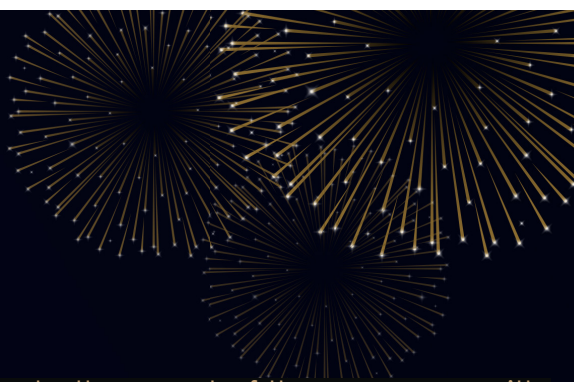
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7 PM DECEMBER 31

Reservations: 780 789 3681 / 780 604 8099





COUNCIL REPORT

From Mayor Rod Raymond

At the last town open house, organized by Councilor Foster, it was decided a monthly report to the residents from council will be provided. At the first of every month, a member of council will write a report. It will be sent to the Target, added to our webpage, put in with the water bills and possibly sent to the Leduc Rep. These articles will highlight the activities of council, issues that need discussion and items we wish to get resident feedback on.

We have hired a new part time Bylaw Officer, Mitch Newton. He is very professional at enforcing bylaws, which are in place to ensure public safety, protection of property rights and quality of life.

Our, made in Thorsby, Economic Development Committee, regularly meet to define options for growth. A few things have become evident. As a municipality, we are uncompetitive, reducing our ability to attract larger corporations. It has become abundantly clear we need to do more for our existing business's. In the new year, I will personally organize a meeting with town business leaders to define issues and explore possible avenues for improvement.

On a positive note, Thorsby has a strong core of volunteers who work every day for the betterment of the community. These groups include the Seniors, Legion, Minor Sports, Communities in Bloom, Historical Society, Lions, Cadets, PTA, 4H, Thorsby Ag Society, Chamber of Commerce, FCSS, Library, Fish and Game. If I forgot to mention a group: I apologize.

The community spirit is evident from the attendance of the September fundraiser for the new public park on Hankin Street. Kudo's to Carol and the Spirit of Thorsby Committee made up of local business people and residents. We are also in the process of finalizing the second recreation area, behind Madison. This parcel of land will allow the connection of town to the trail system. It will give the Lion's campground the required room for expansion and put in place a proper RV dump station. We will require public consultation for both Taylor Park and the new un-named park, this year. Some consideration already presented include: a BMX track for the kids, an off-leash dog park and a natural vegetation area.

These properties, although managed/controlled by the town, belong to you, the residents, so public input is welcomed. They both need proper development to reflect well on both areas of the town: Hankin Street and Trail/campground area. We need to keep in mind what we do with these areas will be for the long-term benefit of residents.

Our Christmas in the Village event, coming this Friday, shows the awesome character of our community. Organized by the volunteer members of the Thorsby Chamber of Commerce. The event is funded entirely by donations from town business and Leduc County. The event has been very popular for many years. This year, the former Home Hardware building will host local vendors, crafters, makers and pie bakers, offering assorted gift ideas.

Council has identified ways Thorsby can grow. The advantage we have is lifestyle and quality of life. It was what attracted me to move my business and family members here. It came down to the affordability of real estate, K to 12 schools, RCMP detachment, recreation and proximity to the airport. One of my sons lives on the southside of Edmonton. His lot is so small that he can touch his neighbor's house. His pickup truck does not fit in his garage. There is virtually no room to park on the street. He paid \$100,000 more for a similar size/style house in Edmonton, compared to here in Thorsby. He pays more in property taxes than I do for my double lot and oversize lot/garage. His taxes are going up again this year. If he gets his street plowed, they windrow the snow/ice onto his sidewalk (he got plowed only once last year) The worst part is he doesn't know or talk to his neighbors! My 8-year-old granddaughter walks 10 blocks to school. She plays hockey in Edmonton and some of her practices are at 6:30 AM on a Saturday morning! Such a contrast in city to small town living

On a side note, we as council continue to work with staff to find efficiencies in both capital projects and operations. We have very good town staff, which allows us to explore options for improvement and reducing costs. Hopefully this will allow us to continue with zero tax increases, as we have in the past. A zero tax increase is actually a tax reduction, due to inflation. We are facing some increased cost for police funding, to which we will keep everyone informed. We want to start a voluntary recycling program as well. The existing recycling program is ineffective with most items taken to the landfill at greater cost. We hope to hear from residents for ideas to move forward.

Darcy Powlik



Office 780-986-2900 Direct 780-446-9700

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- **Thorsby - 1550 sq.ft. bungalow** with detached garage and huge yard. 4 bedroom, backs onto green space. \$234,900.00
- **Thorsby - 2300 sq.ft. 2 Storey** - 4 bedrooms, attached garage & **INDOOR SWIMMING POOL!** \$264,000.00
- **Thorsby - 1300 sq.ft.** - 4 bedroom newer bungalow, fully finished basement, attached double garage, backs onto green space. \$284,900.00
- **Thorsby - Older, solid 1 1/2 Story on huge lot.** 3 bedroom, double detached garage. Very affordable. \$99,900.00

FARMS & ACREAGES

- **Strawberry Creek** - building spots, private and beautiful. 72.31 acres - \$274,900.00; 4.7 acres - \$129,000.00
- **Thorsby - 3 bedroom house on mature yard site.** 27.18 acres fenced. \$2500.00 in annual lease revenue. Barn & garage. Great horse set-up or hobby farm. \$279,500.00
- **Thorsby - Beautiful building spots** backing onto Strawberry Creek Ravine. Zoned Agricultural 7.36 acres \$132,900.00 & 142,900.00
- **St. Francis - On Pavement** - Secondary Highway 622 - 12 Acres+. 1400 sq.ft. bungalow, older shop, all services, some corrals \$279,000.00
- **Warburg - 14.72 Scenic Acres** overlooking creek. 2100 sq.ft. 2 storey with attached garage, 25'x33' heated shop. \$595,000.00
- **Wizard Lake - 40 Acre Private Campground** with man-made lake. Permits and approvals in place. Amazing setting, tons of trees & trails. \$799,000.00
- **Thorsby - 12 Acres on Pavement** - Gorgeous yard, lots of good outbuildings with shop, solid, well maintained home. Excellent for horses. \$384,900.00
- **Thorsby - 5.70 Acres** - 1479 sq.ft. 3 bedroom modular with barn and set up for horses \$389,995.00

COMMERCIAL

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Thank you to Whoop It Up 4H, 4H Multiclub, and the Cadets for coming out and assisting on the Annual Fireman's Food Drive. A big thank you to all the Volunteer Fireman that take time from their busy work schedules and their families to come and coordinate the Fireman's Food Drive.....It is always a pleasure to work with you. I also want to thank everyone who was able to donate. If you were away on Sunday or missed by the youth.... please feel free to come to The Thorsby Arctic Spa Recreation Centre and drop off your donation at my office or at the Thorsby Town Office.



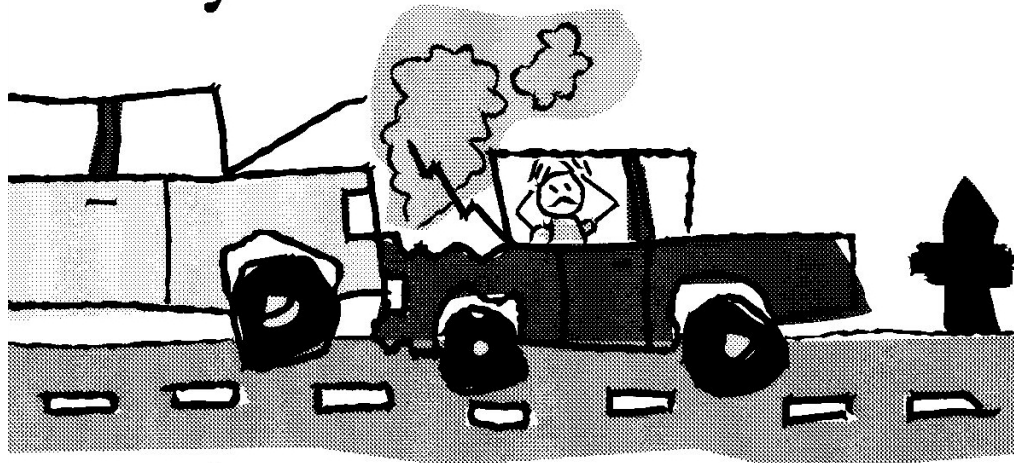
Thorsby FcSS and the Christmas Elves would like to send a big shout out to the students, teachers, parents, and administration at the Thorsby Elementary School for their food and pj drive.....Thank you for filling the RCMP cruiser with food and pajamas and thank you to the RCMP for delivering all the goods.



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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 45th 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.

BRIAN STERN

Growing up on a farm, in my mind, is the best place to grow up. My parents are great examples of dedication to family, faith and the importance of hard work. There was always something to do which kept my four brothers and I busy.

My memories of going to school all seemed to begin with standing by the back window of our house staring through the large spruce trees looking for Mr. Besler's bus. His bus coming down the hill signaled it was time for us to go to the end of our driveway to catch the bus to Thorsby.

I attended all the schools in Thorsby and have many fond memories of being there. It was there that I had the chance to sing which I enjoyed very much. Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Knopp stand out as the two teachers who taught me many wonderful songs. I appreciated the opportunity to sing in the many performances and Christmas concerts. I believed that Mrs. Knopp is one of the reasons singing became an important part in my future.

I appreciated all the help the Jr/Sr High teachers did to prepare me for my continuing education. Whether it was Mr. Elson's great social classes, Mr. Kobeluck's biology, Mr. Evan's Shakespeare, Mr. Pichonsky's shop class or Mr. Cunningham's P.E., they all helped me to

discover the path I would take later in my life.

A special thank you to Sam Kobeluck for bringing bantam football to our community and giving me and many other boys a chance to play football. Go Bearcats!

I left Thorsby for the University of Alberta to begin a bachelor's degree in Science. I soon discovered that although I have a great interest in all areas of science, I did not enjoy being in the science faculty, especially the three hour labs in the afternoon and so I left after a year.

I felt a calling to go to Camrose and attend the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute. I was there for two years and received a Certificate of Biblical Studies. I joined their choir and toured western Canada. It was during those two years that I had the opportunity, during the summer, to lead a team of six students across Western Canada teaching Vacation Bible School at a number of different Lutheran Camps. It was a great experience practicing the leadership skills I learned during my time at CLBI.

While I was attending CLBI I took the Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance program through a NAIT satellite classroom program. I completed the program with the expectation to work as an EMT-A as I furthered my education but jobs were few and I found going to school a full-time job all by itself.

The years at CLBI helped me realize that I wanted to become a teacher. I enrolled the following year at Camrose Lutheran College (now known as University of Alberta- Augustana campus) in their Education program.

While attending CLC I joined their choir and received a bursary to take singing lessons, otherwise know as voice training. I took lessons for six months and realized that I wanted to continue studying voice.

As a culmination to my two years at CLC in 1984, the CLC choir toured West and East Germany for two weeks. It was an eye opening experience to travel through free West Germa-

ny and then to travel into the Communist controlled East Germany. The freedoms, ample stopping and colorful architecture of West Germany were a stark contrast to the high fences, machine gun nests, food shortages and dreary buildings of East Germany.

The program at CLC lasted for two years and at which time students were expected to transfer to a university for their final two years and I chose the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Two years later I left the U of A with my Bachelor Degree in Secondary Education.

I spent the next year, 1986-87, teaching one semester in New Norway and one in Bashaw. After finishing this year I decided that I wanted to pursue a degree in drama so I went back to Augustana to get a Bachelor of Arts-Drama degree.

I studied and performed for the next two years all the while driving to Edmonton once a week to continue my voice training. I enjoyed the time I spent Augustana, working with the variety of instructors and students. The theatre arts program had a small enrollment, less than ten, and at the end of two years graduated from Augustana University College with my B.A. Drama degree in 1989.

I had the opportunity to audition for a part in the Edmonton Lyrical Operatic Performance Ensemble's, "Rosemarie". I won the part of the comic lead role and we performed the musical at Fort Edmonton during the month of August. I enjoyed being on stage and more importantly getting to know Elsie Hepburn, our conductor and voice coach. It was during this time that Elsie agreed to become my voice teacher, which began a seven year period of weekly vocal training.

I applied for a job and was hired on to the high school department at Concordia College in Edmonton. Part of my job description included directing one play each year for the college, which I enjoyed very much. I look back at those plays as a very rewarding experience.

I had the opportunity, after two years at Concordia, to go back to New Norway to teach a number of different grades and courses for one year while the school shared their French teacher with another school. The idea did not work out for the teacher nor for the school and at the end of the year I was out of a job. It was then that I questioned whether teaching senior high was what I was meant to do. A good friend of mine who was an elementary teacher always said, "You are an elementary teacher that hasn't realized it yet."

I spent the next ten years working on my parent's dairy farm along with my brother, Lorne and doing some substitute teaching on the side. You can take the boy off the farm but you can't take the farm out of the boy.

Elsie challenged me during this time to expand my vocal training by auditioning for the Edmonton Opera. To make a long story short I was asked to join the Opera Chorus and performed in 26 different operas and musical performances. The Opera Chorus is a group of singers who provide the voices for the large musical numbers of most operas. Rehearsing for 4-6 weeks in the evenings, usually singing in a foreign language; costumes, wigs, and make-up done for me, performing on the Jubilee Auditorium stage and accompanied by the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra...I had the time of my life.

During this time I had the opportunity to join the teaching staff at Thorsby Elementary School teaching grade five and six. I was blessed to work with a wonderful, dedicated staff and many, many terrific children. This past June I decided to retire from teaching with very fond memories of my 18.5 years at TES.

Six years ago I married the love of my life, Erna for which I am truly blessed. Two years after that our lives were made complete with the birth of our granddaughter, Olivia. I love the path my life has taken and I thank God and all my family, relatives, friends and acquaintances who helped me along the way.

IN THE KNOW With Officer Newton (Thorsby Enforcement)

Officer Newton would like to remind residents for the month of December the following.

Any vehicle left standing on any Highway (street) for more than 72 hours is considered abandoned. Enforcement Services will be focusing on abandoned vehicles this month. If a vehicle is left standing on a highway for more than 72 hours it is subject to fines and being towed. It is recommended that all vehicle owners move their vehicle on a regular basis.

If you have any questions or would like to make a compliant please contact 780-789-3935 – ext 21.



**Town of Thorsby
Upcoming Council Meetings**

DECEMBER 2019

**Saturday 7 | Budget Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 10 | Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday 17 | Committee of the Whole Meeting**

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Leduc County Council Approves Interim 2020 Budget

From Leduc County

This afternoon, Leduc County council approved the 2020 interim municipal budget, which represents a zero per cent tax dollar budget increase over the 2019 final budget. The decision followed four days of public deliberations. This interim budget demonstrates Leduc County's continued commitment to efficient, cost effective operations. The proposed zero per cent tax dollar budget increase allows us to maintain the high-quality services that our ratepayers deserve, while being mindful of the economic realities facing our residents and business communities.

Mayor Tanni Doblanko

The interim operating and capital budgets are set at \$85 million and \$14 million, respectively. The interim operating budget includes \$25.5 million in provincial requisitions, collected on behalf of the Government of Alberta and the Leduc Regional Housing Foundation.

The approved interim budget allows important projects to proceed or continue before council approves the final budget in the spring. Council will approve the final budget and set tax rates in April. Once tax rates are set, tax notices will be mailed out to all ratepayers.

2020 interim budget highlights

\$14.9 million for road projects and maintenance

\$1.6 million for bridge projects

\$2.2 million in cost-share recreation support to six partner municipalities

\$1.7 million for capital and operating support

\$500,000 to the Beaumont Sport and Recreation Centre expansion (\$2.4 million over five years)

\$266,500 for support to not-for-profit facilities and community recreation and cultural grants

\$148,000 for support to six libraries

\$2.6 million for protective services initiatives



Crib Results

The winners of the November 27th Crib Night were:

1st Place - George Yawney with 952

2nd Place - Orest Fitzowich - 931

3rd Place Maurice Masyk - 929

Low - Lloyd Snider - 788

High Hand - Maurice Masyk with 21

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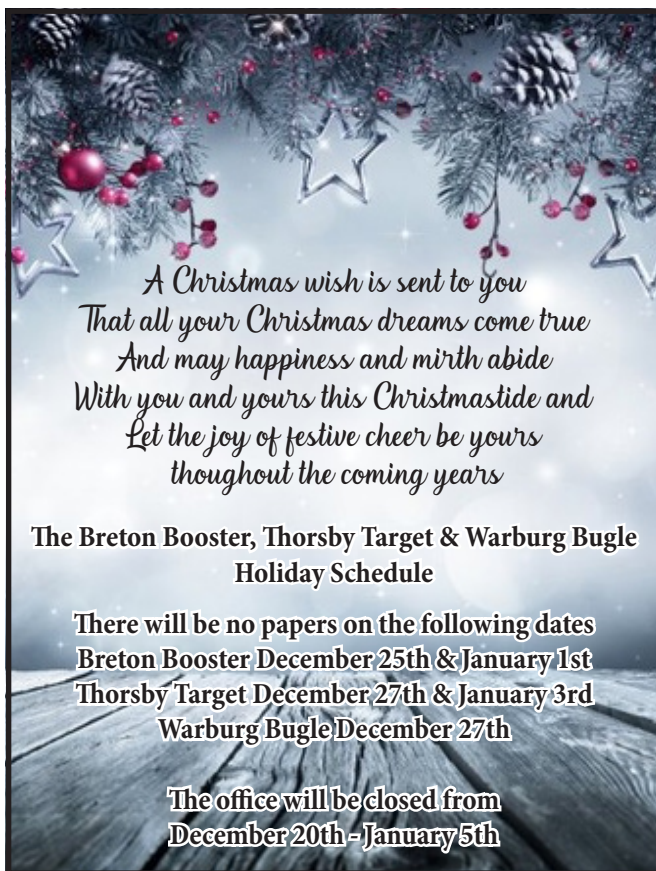
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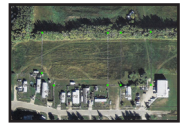


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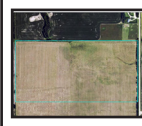
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