

## Grade 2 Students Save the World

From Laurie Gellert

Mrs. Walker's grade 2 class intend to do just that by saving Thorsby first! They want to spread the word about the dangers of littering and plastics in their town to help lessen the environmental impact globally.

These environmentally concious 7 and 8 year olds started discussing what they could do to help the environment after classmate, Rowan Anderson told them about "The Great Pacific Garbage Patch", in a sharing circle one morning in December. This "Garbage Patch", they informed me, was the biggest of 5 islands of garbage in our oceans. In area, twice as big as the state of Texas and over 10 metres deep! I wondered how this small class of grade 2 students thought that what we do here could impact something so far away? After all, we don't live near the ocean. They quickly informed me that even the garbage we sometimes, so casually toss to the streets in Thorsby can end up on one of these garbage islands, carried by the wind.

In their inital discussions (which didn't yet include the teacher) they hashed out a plan. They decided they could help by cleaning up Thorsby. As they talked amongst themselves they decided that once a month they would head out into the community and pick up trash. But, that it seemed, was not quite good enough! They suddenly became concerned about what they would be putting the trash into, after all, they couldn't use *plastic bags!* Plastic was one of the worst forms of garbage! They decided

they would use reusable, washable bags to pick up the litter around town. And with Mrs. Walker finally being asked if they could do this, it was all set.

They got their reusable bags and 19 pairs of leather gloves (donated generously by Sweet Landscaping!), and headed out on a chilly December day to clean up the Elementary and High School grounds. They were quite astonished (and thouroughly disgusted, I might add) that it took so long because they picked up 10 bags of trash from the High School alone! But they were committed and focused, planning their next clean up to be the block that Kollbrook Esso and Ku's is on, in January.

They have made awareness posters to pin up at both schools, and they welcome anyone who would like to help them to come forward! If you would like a poster for your business or can spare some time to pick up trash with them, please contact Mrs. Walker at the school.

Their message is simple, as Rowan's poster states..."QUIT IT! STOP LITTERING! SAVE THORSBY!"





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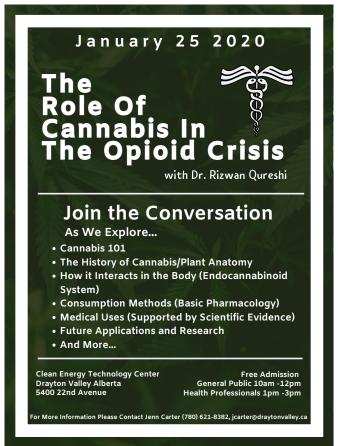
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Thorsby and District Fish & Game Association

## 8th Annual Predator Hunt on Saturday, February 1, 2020

Registration 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. at Warburg Legion Hall Check-out Time is 5:30 p.m. (no later)

Cost is \$200 for a 2 person team plus a youth under the age of 16 and includes a chili supper and two tickets to the TFGA Annual Banquet held on April 18, 2020.

Participants must be a TFGA member. Memberships available before or on the morning of the hunt.

All prizes awarded at the banquet.

Do not delay in registering, space is limited!!!

For more information please contact: Darcy Colleton (780) 621-9497 or Bruce (780) 621-2200



The Thorsby High School P.T.A. would like to thank all of the generous donators to our Silent Auction Fundraiser held at the "Evening of the Arts" in December. We raised \$1974.00 with your help!

We apologize if we have unintentionally missed anyone from this list.

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**Grade 9 Shop Class** 

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**Just 4U Crafts** 

**Kayla Sarvas-Rodan Fields** 

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**Lloyd Chung-Reset Wellness** 

Mary Kay - Cara Knoch

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Rack 'em Beauty Bar Remax-Darcy Powlik

**Ruhr Valley Lumber** 

Sam's Balloons

Scentsy - Chantelle Kuny

Shalanne Herzog

Silver Icing-Collette Benbow

S'mac That Yarn

Spruc'd Up Creations Stampin' Up-Cynthia McLachlan

**Thorsby Electric** 

**Thorsby Family Foods/Village Supermarket** 

**Thorsby High School Staff** 

Thorsby Hotel

**Thorsby Target** 

**Thirty-one Bags-Kathy Mudry** 

**Town of Thorsby** 

Tupperware-Bev Doherty Twisted Lime Liquor Co. Two Buds Floral Artistry

You Fancy, Huh Jewelry Young Living-Kim Poholka Younique-Maureen Newman

# THE THORSBY AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

January 29th at The Thorsby Firehall 7 PM

**Positions for Consideration** 

**President** 

Vice president

Secretary

**Treasurer** 

Three (3) Directors at large

Nominees must be members in good standing (19/20 Dues paid or considered paid from CIV Donations)

Nominations can be made by filling out a form available at GWI or the night of election.



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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





#### **TOWN OF THORSBY**

#### **Lifetime Dog License**

In Thorsby, all dogs six months or older must be licensed.

Licensing your dog is easy and important.

A license identifies you as your pet's owner.

If he or she gets lost it will be easy to reunite you and your dog.

The fee for a license is \$100.00 for unaltered and \$60.00 for altered (fixed) dogs Lifetime Dog Licenses are available at the Thorsby Municipal Office

Thorsby's Bylaw Enforcement Service investigates and enforces violations of the Animal Control Bylaw as outlined in Bylaw #2018-11

Your Assistance in obtaining a Lifetime Dog License during the months of January & February, 2020 is greatly appreciated.

After February 29, 2020 if a license has not been issued, dog owner(s) will be subject to fines.

For more information please call Officer Newton at 780-789-3935 Ext 21.

#### **Community funding available**

for recreation, athletic and cultural groups



Leduc County is committed to providing funding to the region through various arts, cultural and recreation grants. Grants available for 2020 include the following:

#### **Recreation and sport grants**

Community recreation committees distribute grant funding to local recreation and athletic groups on behalf of Leduc County. Groups who received grant funding in 2019 included community halls, minor sports teams and those hosting community special events. These grants are available for groups that serve the New Sarepta, Calmar, Thorsby and Warburg region. *Groups are encouraged to contact Leduc County in advance of submitting their applications to determine eligibility.* 

#### Arts and cultural grants

Arts and cultural grants support arts and culture programs and events. Eligible activities include visual arts, media arts, performing arts, literacy arts, multicultural and heritage arts and educational arts.

#### Application deadline: Friday, Feb. 28

For more information or to submit an application, please visit our website at **leduc-county.com/grants**.

Alternatively, please contact Andrea Oneski, community development coordinator, at **780-770-9264** or **recgrants@leduc-county.com**.





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# **Community Events Page**

#### **Custom Built Homes**

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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: WAChurch.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. Please note that the following event has been cancelled: FEB 14/20 VALENTINES DINNER Masquerade Murder Mystery.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MUL-HURST BRANCH - Community Social Fri. Jan. 31st 7pm (Robbie Burns Theme) BINGO resumes Tue. Feb. 4th, 7pm Next Regular Meeting: Feb. 10th, 7pm. Inviting New Members and seeking veterans in the community. Marion 780-935-6281

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Divine Liturgy Sunday, February 9th at 8:30 a.m. with Father Mark Bayrock. For more information contact Dan @ 780-789-3698.

Winfield Public Market: Winfield Hall. Schedule dates from 11 am - 2 pm. Come have a coffee, eat at the concession & visit with our great vendors! Call or text Carla 780-621-1285 for more info. Follow us on Facebook for up to the minute details! Upcoming Markets: Valentine's Day Market Feb. 9th; Regular Markets on March 15th; April 19th.

Thorsby Seniors Music Jam will be The next Jam will take place on February 19th (the third Wednes-

day 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.

We invite the community of Thorsby and surrounding areas to attend the **Philippian Christian Church of Canada Services**. We are located at 4816A Hankin Street in Thorsby. Regular Church services are on Sundays at 9:30 am. and again at 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies will be held on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Youth Bible Studies on Thursdays at 7 p.m. We will also have a Prayer Night on Saturdays starting at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Warrick Pollard.

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store 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)

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

# Haymaker Centre Schedule February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Barrel Clinic with Andrea Udal	Arena is CLOSED for Maintenance	6:30 pm - 9 pm Private(Darcy)	6 pm - 9 pm Public Riding	3:30 pm - 6:30 pm Private(Leslie) 7 pm - 9 pm Private(Johnie)	7 pm - 9 pm Private(Jimmy)	February 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:30 am - 4:30 pm ABRA DH Jackpot	9 am - 9 pm Public Riding	6:30 pm - 9 pm Private(Darcy)	6 pm - 9 pm Public Riding	3:30 pm - 6:30 pm Private(Leslie) 7 pm - 9 pm Private(Johnie)	7 pm - 9 pm Private(Jimmy)	11 am - 5 pm Thorsby Gymkhana Club 6 pm - 9 pm Steer Riding Practice(Jesse)
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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 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

**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 Churc**h – 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.

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





Town of Thorsby
Upcoming Council Meetings

#### **JANUARY 2020**

**Tuesday 28 | Regular Council Meeting** 

#### **FEBRUARY 2020**

Tuesday 4 I Committee of the Whole Meeting

**Tuesday 11 | Regular Council Meeting** 

Tuesday 18 | Committee of the Whole Meeting

**Tuesday 25 | Regular Council Meeting** 

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





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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I cannot understand why the residents of Thorsby don't attend Council Meetings more often. But, I totally understand however, how extreme cold would make us want to stay indoors and keep warm.

Last week's Council Meeting was a good example, more people could have witnessed the following:

A Councillor, following all the rules of good governance, tried to place an item on the agenda that would call for a bylaw to be ammended (Bylaw 2012-02). This bylaw lays out rules governing the Council Code of Conduct. The ammended bylaw would add to (not revise) the current bylaw. This addition would clarify the non existent rules regarding length of absence from Council Chambers and the use of electronic means to attend meetings when absent.

At present, the only existing policy under the MGA allows a Councillor to miss 8 consecutive meetings to lose Councillor status. However, he or she could attend electronically.

My concern is that a vague and erroneous interpretation does not mean that a Council Member can conveniently forget why he or she was elected in order to spend 6 months on vacation in sunny Arizona, and while he/she is there get the same honorarium as the other Councillors do, less 25%.

In my opinion, a Councillor cannot perform his or her elected duties to 100%, let alone 75% if absent for 1/2 a year.

In a meeting regarding this issue, two Councillors, Deputy Minister Paul Wynnyk, Chief of Staff, Dr. Bill Bewick of Municipal Affairs, and MLA Mark Smith assured the Council members that rules of conduct can be added to the bylaw we already have. So why was Councillor Foster's motion to amend the bylaw summarily refused by the Chair?

Mayor Raymond, in his report to the Thorsby Tar-

get last week said he discussed this problem with residents, some of whom agree, others don't. In my discussions with people, I could only find only one who had no problem with the situation.

When the meeting was about to end, I raised my hand to make a comment. I was totally ignored, and the motion was made to close the meeting.

As stated, the Councillor spends 6 months, less a day, away from the majority of his Council committments to vacation at his residence in Arizona. When he returns to Thorsby, does he leave again? If he does, then it can be implied that he spends more time in the U.S. then he spends in Thorsby. Would that not make his primary place of residence in Arizona and his vacation home in Thorsby?

I don't know if the residents of Thorsby realize that the taxes paid to maintain and balance the budget, also includes honorariums for Councillors. So, therefore, aren't the residents of Thorsby paying for a Councillor to take a six month vacation?

This Council should realize that when elected they were expected to fulfill 100% of their elected obligations and do what benefits the town.

I would like to see more residents attending these meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Irene MacPherson

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- **Pigeon Lake Ultra Private** 160 Acres of untouched bush on dead end road. Summer cabin. \$450,000.00
- Thorsby 12 Acres on Pavement Gorgeous yard, lots of good outbuildings with shop, solid, well maintained home. Excellent for horses. \$384,900.00
- **Sunnybrook 7.22 Private Acres** All services 3 bedroom 1379 sq.ft. home with double detached garage. \$239,000.00
- **Thorsby 14.7 Acres** with large, absolutely gorgeous home. 4 bedrooms, full developed basement, triple detached garage. \$629,900.00

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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 51st 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.

#### TANYA BABCOOK (KUZIO) Grad '93

My entire childhood was spent on a farm, just outside of Thorsby. My mom and dad took over the Kuzio family farm, and as far back as I can remember, our family spent countless hours fixing fence, repairing and replacing old buildings, picking rocks, renovating, caring for our horses, pigs, cows and chickens, cooking meals and cleaning. It wasn't all work though. My parents always made time for play. Dad loved partaking in horse trips and most sports (hockey, baseball, golf and curling) and mom still continues to be a social butterfly today! I recall many family dinners after church on Sundays, lots of camping trips and late Friday nights at the hockey arena, followed by a party at someone's house afterwards.

I began Kindergarten in the old museum across from where the elementary school is today. My teacher was Audrey Brosseau (Nichols), and I believe it was her first teaching assignment that year. I think the best part of my day is when we all got to snuggle with our blankets and pillows for nap time. My parents still laugh about when I informed Ms.Brosseau that my dad was an artist. She contacted my parents to request him to come into the class, but, they just laughed and replied "He may be an artist in her eyes, but he just enjoys drawing pictures for the girls to colour." It goes to show

how much kids see the greatness in their mom and dads!

I loved going to school, and I enjoyed both my elementary and high school years. For activities, I danced, figure skated and played the piano. I also attempted partaking in high school sports, but I wasn't very strong, so it was short lived. Instead, I moved forward with piano lessons, and ran to keep in shape. I was fortunate enough to maintain a part-time job at Kollers Grocery Store. The best part about my job is when my boss, Carol Koller asked me to drive her Grande Prix to deliver groceries. I loved that car so much, that I aimed to own one one day, and the moment I could afford it, I purchased the same make/model car!

After graduation, I landed a teller position at the Bank of Montreal in Thorsby. When summer came to a close, they helped my relocate to Edmonton and Drayton Valley. As far back as my childhood years, I aspired to be a teacher, but feeling financial pressures, worrying about my grades, surviving in a big school and exploring a new relationship, I put that on hold and stayed in the banking industry. During those 10 years, I married Cory Babcook (from Warburg,) had 2 children and continued my training for a Financial Services Manager. One evening, I was trying to study, and I recall staring at the same page for countless minutes. I reflected on my ultimate goal, and I guestioned why I was spending so much time studying something that didn't catch my interest. It was then that I realized I wanted to go back to school, so I enrolled in University part-time. Although not always easy (but thanks to the support of my family, my Auntie Shirley and my mom), I completed my B Ed degree, and substituted, while continuing to raise my children. By the time I finished. I had 5 little ones at home, so life was definitely busy!

My husband Cory and I moved to Warburg in 1998, and still live here today. Cory

(along with his brother and close friend) own High Mark Well Servicing, in Drayton Valley, and I have been teaching full-time at Warburg School since 2010. Although I have lost touch with so many wonderful people, I value my friendships with those near me. We continue to pass through Thorsby on a regular basis, as my parents and sibling both live in the area. We also take in some community events and socials in Thorsby whenever time permits.

I feel blessed to grow up in a small town, and I hope my kids will cherish the positive experiences that I had.





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# Bell Let's Talk Day Bell Let's Talk Day is January 29 and we're encouraging you to help create positive change.

Mental illness affects people of all ages and from all walks of life. According to the Mental Health Commission of Canada, one in five people in Canada will experience a mental health issue or illness in any given year. Over the past 9 years, Canadians and people around the globe have joined in the world's largest conversation around mental health on Bell Let's Talk Day. Together we have taken big steps to reduce the stigma around mental health issues.

In a recent survey conducted by Nielsen Consumer Insights in 2019, 84% of Canadians now say they are comfortable speaking with others about mental health, compared to only 42% in 2012.

However, there is still work to be done to ensure all Canadians have access to the mental health support they need. This year, on Bell Let's Talk Day Canadians are encouraged to share the actions, large and small, that they are taking to improve the lives of people living with mental health issues.

That's why we're joining in on the 10th annual Bell Let's Talk Day to help create positive change.

We would love to hear anything that you are doing to improve your Metal Wellness.

We would also like you to share your ideas around Workshop or Activities that we could have in our community to help with Mental Health throughout the year. Send your ideas to bfcss@telus.net.

When it comes to mental health, every action

counts.

On Bell Let's Talk Day, for every text, mobile and long distance call made on the Bell network, tweet using #BellLetsTalk, social media video view, or use of the Facebook frame or Snapchat filter, Bell will contribute 5 cents more to Canadian mental health programs.

You can also learn more about some of the organizations providing meaningful mental health supports and services throughout Canada and download the Bell Let's Talk toolkit to begin your own conversation about mental health at home, school or in the workplace.

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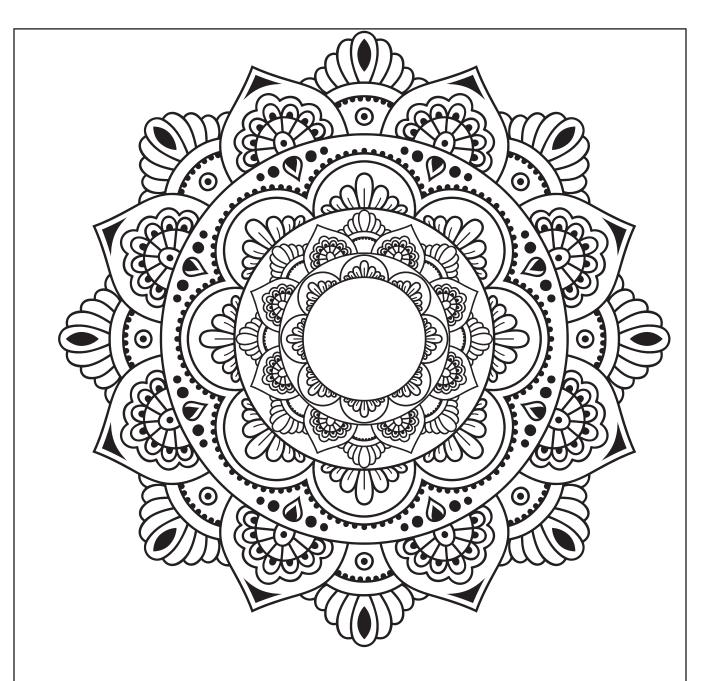
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On January 29, join in to help create positive change.





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