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Ukrainian Heritage Festival

Submitted by the
Thorsby & District Cultural & Historical Society

'Shchaslyvoho Novoho Roku!' On Saturday, January 25, 2020, the Thorsby and District Cultural and Historical Society together with St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church presented the 7th annual Ukrainian Heritage Festival, better known as the Malanka. As always the evening was a sellout with a wonderful meal catered by Phil and Deena Pawlyk featuring their always delicious traditional Ukrainian fare. Calmar's Alberta Zirka Ukranian Performers offered a sampling of folk dances while outfitted in colourful dress. Music was provided by Sparkling Tones and everyone present was able to dance the evening away to a delightful variety of old time waltzes, foxtrots, and polkas. All this took place in the Thorsby Community Centre, which was transformed by Marlene Kobeluck with cheerful decorations inspired by the Zirka Performers' costumes.

Malanka is a fundraiser for both the Historical Society and the Ukrainian Church with proceeds being divided equally between both groups. The Historical Society, who have been looking after the Thorsby Community Centre since 2014, have used previous proceeds from this event to renovate the main level with new flooring and an overall modernized look. The Society is now looking to upgrade the lower level of the Hall in a similar fashion. St. John the Baptist Church has used their funds to help maintain their iconic building, just south of Thorsby.

The Historical Society considers it essential to continue to provide programming for the Thorsby and District community. There are several upcoming events including:

- Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10th, 2020 at the Community Hall at 7:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome and we encourage anyone interested in the Society to please attend.

- Family Day Pancake Breakfast on Monday, February 17, 2020, 9:00 am to 12 noon. The cost is \$5.00 per person and children 5 years of age and under are free.
- Our Spring Market will take place on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday May 3, 2020. Mark this date in your calendar and come and see all the trades and crafts. Please contact Marlene Kobeluck if you are interested in being a vendor.

Our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/ThorsbyHistoricalSociety/ - always has the up to date information about our upcoming events so make sure you like and follow us to know what we are up to! Until next year, 'do zustrichi!'



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Bob Ostapchuk

January 10, 1945 - January 7, 2020

It is with great sadness the family announces the sudden passing of Bob at the age of 74 years.

Bob will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 51 years, Beverly, brothers George (Elizabeth), Reg (Marilynn), Marvin (Phyllis), nieces and nephews, Gloria (Bruce), Terry (Cindy), Sandy (John), Darcy, Jason, Darren and Charlene (Mike), great nieces and nephews, Justin (Taylor), Jennifer (Ben), Ryc, Garet, Chelsea, Noah, Korah, Ryley and Jimmy.

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The family of the late Lawrence Dool would like to take this time to thank everyone for the support, kind words, donations in his memory, and food given upon the passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather. It means so much to all of us at this sad time.

Special thanks are given to the following: Pastor Ron Flamand for coming to give Holy Communion at Christmas time, the comfort given upon Lawrence's passing and the beautiful service; to John Hawtin for the wonderful memorial video portraying Lawrence's life; the ladies of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the delicious lunch; the Palliative and Home Care nurses who helped us have Lawrence home until his last breath; Dr. Glenn Jeffrey for the home visit and numerous phone calls; to Cyril and Diane Dool and Clifford and Dianne Sather for their visits before and after Lawrence's passing, as well as the visits of numerous neighbors and friends; to Dean Green, Michael Mudry, Kurt Nahuliak, Shawn and Sheldon Sather, and Laurence Pawlick for acting as Pallbearers; to Christel Travník for the touching poem she rendered; thanks to Linda Manning, Dianne Sather, Dakota Dool and Michael Mudry for the eulogies.

We feel overwhelmed by the show of love and respect given to Lawrence upon his passing. Thank you so much. May God bless you all.

Shirley, Richard and Lori Dool,
Michelle and Kurt Nahuliak,
Dakota and Nakita Dool and Children



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.

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breton.vet@gmail.com

or cell phone: 780.514.4852.

If you ever require any information or for any reason at all!

Most sincerely, from all of us,
Sue, Ruth, Nicole, Christina and Colin Bredin & Oreo...

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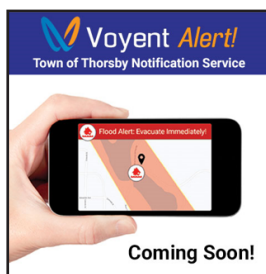


Town of Thorsby New Notification Service to Residents Coming Soon!

We are looking forward to providing improved communication services to our local community on any Events, Road Construction, Water or Sewer issues, Day to Day notifications etc.

Additionally, subscribers to the service will be able to receive announcements of any emergency notifications within Town of Thorsby Limits or any Hazards that might affect the Town of Thorsby.

This will NOT replace Alberta Emergency Alert System



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More information on how to get set up will follow shortly.

You will be able to choose your preferred method to receive notifications: Mobile App, Email, Phone, or SMS.

This will be a free service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email: wmaclean@thorsby.ca, or phone me directly at 780-789-3935 Ext 29.

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/RCMP2020 by Feb. 29 to let us know what you think the RCMP's top policing priorities should be!





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

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST 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

Warburg Museum - Re-opening Feb. 1st. Open every Saturday (excluding long weekends). Stop in for pie and coffee from 1 - 4 pm.

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.

Winter Afternoon at Rundle's Mission on Sunday Feb. 23rd from 1-4 pm. Enjoy a hot dog and hot choc around an outside fire. Talk a walk, snowshoe or cross-country ski (bring your own equipment) on the trails. Ski-waxing clinic at 1 pm with Michael Black. Everyone welcome. For info call 780-389-2422 or info@rundlesmission.org

Thorsby Seniors Music Jam will be The next Jam will take place on February 19th (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.

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

Peer Support Worker

Job Description

The George Spady Society presently has an opening for a part time Peer Support Worker with our Cloverleaf Manor Intensive Supports Program located in Warburg, AB Reporting directly to the Program Manager, the Peer Support Worker provides front line resident engagement through structured activities scheduled by the CL-ISP Case Manager or the Activity Coordinator for the Manor.

Hours of Work

This is a part time position working 20 hours per week Monday - Friday and occasional weekends

The wage for this position is \$19.49 per hour

Required Education, Skills and Qualifications

Knowledge and understanding of mental health and addictions, as well as trauma informed care. Willing to complete a Police Information and Vulnerable Sector Check. Have a basic understanding of harm reduction principles based on dignity, hope and healing as individuals move forward towards improved health and well-being. Experience working with adults aged 25-65 First Aid/CPR certification, within 3 months of hire date

Support Worker I

Job Description

The George Spady Society presently has openings for Casual Support Workers with our Cloverleaf Manor Intensive Supports Program located in Warburg, AB. The role will involve ensuring safety and well-being of residents and staff will follow the policies and procedures of the George Spady Society.

Responsibilities

The successful candidate will possess a caring non-judgmental attitude, some experience in working with complex life circumstances associated with substance-related disorders, mental health issues. They will sensitively and appropriately support the residents in an inclusive engaging environment.

Hours Of Work

This is a casual position with various shifts, must be able to work all shifts as required (minimum shift is 4 hours)

The wage for this position is \$17.80 per hour

Required Education, Skills and Qualifications

The successful candidates should ideally have a degree or diploma in a Human Services field with a minimum of 1 year of direct experience in working in a residential setting. MUST complete a Police Information and Vulnerable Sector Check within 2 weeks of accepting the position. Have a basic understanding of harm reduction principles based on dignity, hope and healing as individuals move forward towards improved health and well-being. Demonstrates understanding of the addictions field, and trauma informed care. A combination of education and experience will be considered.



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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.

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4549-52st Thorsby Alberta T0C 2P0 or jwalker@goarctic.com



Community Events Page

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 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.

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Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

FEBRUARY 2020

Tuesday 4 | 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 7:00 p.m. in the
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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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our world is advancing at a terrific rate and most everyone tries to keep up with the changes thrust upon us. Hopefully, all our children and younger adults are adapting and embrace these changes or they will sadly be left behind and become bitter with the world. I personally, being in my seventies, call for a grandkid occasionally to assist and explain what went wrong in this digital world. I enjoy the positive features it brings such as playing games on my phone, navigation in my car, the internet, communicating by FaceTime and Facebook not to mention watching the world news brought to me by the wonder of electronic communication the list goes on.

I now can pickup my smartphone and call anyone in the world immediately and for hardly any cost. These are only a few things electronic advancements allow all of us to enjoy if we wish.

However, some people are having a hard time getting used to the fact that the world around us is moving very rapidly and won't slow for any individual. We all wish we understood how the future will play out with all this but most of us understand that we want to keep up with it or we will be like cavemen standing there and wondering what happened to the world.

My point to all this is, I am the councillor for Thorsby that for four to five months go south and enjoy the warm weather while yes, attending council meetings on the big screen in real time ELECTRONICALLY. I, due to the marvel of the modern world, do not miss council meetings, appointed committee meetings, phone calls or special meetings of council such as budget meetings, recreation centre meetings for council, the recent economic development meeting of the last week, etc. I read all the information that is sent to all councillors at the same time as all councillors, why, because it is only sent out "electronically". I phone into our Town Manager and Mayor several times a week for updates and a friendly chat. Anytime I believe I should talk to another councillor its done in seconds. I reduced my honorarium by 25% yet work just as hard reading, writing, and offering 50 years of business experience, all for less than minimum wage.

I have been successful in business and lucky enough to be able to both serve Thorsby and enjoy the sun totally within the Alberta Governments regulations. I personally feel anyone running for election should find out the rules

and guidelines and must be able to live within them, I did.

One town resident this week said to me he wished all of our federal representatives would use electronic meetings and not waste our tax money travelling here and there along with all the security, etc. when a lot of meetings could be done electronically. What a thought. The federal government worrying about taxpayers money.

So, Irene MacPherson wrote a letter to the editor of the Thorsby Target complaining that I should not be on council. Many of her facts are incorrect but she stretches things to support her case such as the length of time I am out of the country.

I am not an employee of Thorsby, but a resident that volunteered to run for Council. I have chosen Thorsby as my home. I currently pay well over \$11,000.00 in property taxes on two homes in Thorsby. I have volunteered and attended functions all over our town every year. Just prior to becoming a councillor, I volunteered and raised the majority of the funds to build our new Seniors Centre (over \$250,000.00) and then the monies (\$23,500.00) for the appliances and greenhouse. I then oversaw the construction of the Centre as chairman of the building committee and made sure all the materials and labour was local. I headed up a group of our local volunteers that moved and relocated two sheds for the seniors, we worked on firming up the parking lot and put in sidewalks. "Again thanks to our volunteers they are great and couldn't have done it without them". I am still a director of our Seniors Centre today. Yes, I am in my mid seventies and feel I deserve to miss a large part of the winter while staying in full government compliance and without missing more than a couple meetings over the last three years.

I am not interested in a fight over this with any resident. I do support the use of electronic devises and so does the majority of the world. It allows people to be in constant communication with their work, business, family and the space station for that matter. I have one more year to serve our town and then the residents can again decide who they wish to serve on council. I feel Ms. MacPherson is entitled to her opinion but should speak only true facts and present all the information.

Without Prejudice,
Ken Poffenroth

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It really perked me up when I heard on the news that Jason Kenny is trying to save Albertan's money. But at whose expense? Seniors appear to be the biggest target. We no longer qualify for assistance in buying appliances. Mine are almost thirty years old. They could become obsolete any day. Partners of seniors who are under sixty-five and have been covered under their senior spouse for blue cross are no longer covered. They must pay a premium until they reach that ripe old age. But the savings he made by no longer supplying water and Kleenex to our court houses could be astronomical! I wonder if he consulted with his cabinet to make this decision. He could have included toilet paper too! I use a lot of that. I'm sure it's just the beginning of more to come. I get indigestion when I wonder if I'd even need to replace my deep freeze if it fails. I won't likely need one as I won't be able to fill it anyway. It will just have to sit there for looks filled with hot air!

Thank you,
Vera Raugust

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**Strawberry
4-H Club**
Submitted by
Justin Kronschnabl
Club Reporter



On December 28, 2019 the Strawberry 4H Club organized a Puplic Speaking Workshop for their Members, all Members attended and turned the Event into a great success. Following the Workshop the 4H Club had the Puplic Speaking Event on January 19, 2020. Each Member had to write a Speech or prepare a Presentation for the Event. The Speech Participants also had to present a impromptu Speech. All Members did a fantastic Job.

The Winners of the Event are:

Cleavers: 1st: Lena Kronschnabl, 2nd: Wyatt Scobie
Juniors: 1st: Justin Kronschnabl, 2nd: Abigail Harris
Intermediate Speech: 1st: Shaylin Wegner, 2nd: Stefanie Wegner
Senior: 1st: Jed Howlett

We wish our 1st. Place Members good luck and all the best, when they move on to the 4H District Communication Finals on February 8, 2020. We also wanna thank our Judges Tracy Musson, Debbie Schmidt and Sam Kobeluck who did a wonderful Job! In addition we would like to thank the Morrowdale Community Centre for generously donating the use of their facility for our Puplic Speaking workshop and Competition Event. The Strawberry 4h Club would also like to extend a big Thank you to FCC for the generous donation to our Club.

If you are still wanting to donate Bottles for our Fundraiser, there are accounts set up at the Thorsby and Warburg Bottle Depot! You can contact Tim Wegner (Thorsby) at 780-789-4103 or Shauna Harakel (Warburg) at 780-918-3686 or any of the Strawberry 4h Club Members!



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February Library News!

Calling on Artists! The Library now has a new system to display art! Anyone interested is encouraged to come to the library, see our new display area, and discuss showing your work.

We've extended our Read Alberta Books incentive for another month! Read an Alberta author, a book or an eBook, and let us know by commenting on social media, phoning or dropping in. We will enter your name in the draw! We have a kit in the library right now with some titles for you to browse through.

In February, we hope to have Karen Stix from CPA Canada in on February 25th to do a two hour program on Wills and Estate planning. Please leave your name at the desk if you are interested.

Watch for news about our escape room coming up during the long weekend in February. You've inherited a bookstore which is about to be foreclosed upon...but you remember your uncle telling you, "There's a fortune in that bookstore," and if you find the missing treasure you can save it!

Keep warm and happy!
Gayle

The Green Thumb Program

From Communities In Bloom

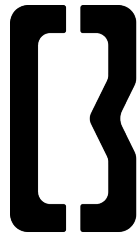
Thorsby Communities In Bloom is once again excited to lend our support to the Green Thumb Program formally known as the Sprouts Program at the Thorsby Elementary School. Teaching our youth the value of growing plants and the responsibilities that come with it will be skills that will last a life time. To date the students have grown and enjoyed over 11 trays of mixed micro greens. Please enjoy growing and learning with a \$200.00 donation of support from Communities In Bloom.

About The Program: Green Thumbs

During our CTF time one of the options is "Green Thumbs". The Green Thumbs option has taken over the sprouts program and added more layers to growing plants. Having plants to study first hand is the best way to teach students about living things and plant biology. Using living specimens can help students study plant growth over time, as well as see the changes different variables can have on plant survival. Students will be responsible for caring for the plants in the classroom that consists of mixed grades and up to 25 students at different times. Green Thumbs will educate our students on some biology of plants, how plants should be cared for, and what they can do to help them thrive. We will explore herbs, lettuce, flowers, and micro greens. The group will also be learning about how to grow food in a hydroponic tower. Students will grow plants to take home and continue their green thumbs, and some plants will be harvested at the school to enjoy as a self grown healthy snack. Plants provide so many benefits to our health and well-being, they're also a great addition to our school. Research has shown that having plants and growing plants helps relax and lower stress levels which often run high in schools. Another benefit of having plants in our school is that they can be used to strengthen relationships between students within the classroom. This is because they can encourage social interaction, as well as promote teamwork and collaboration.

To run such a program funding is needed to supply the students with seeds, soil, planters, hydroponic supplies etc.





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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 52nd 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.

RON ZINGEL Class of '71 (Part 1 of 2)

I was born in Edmonton on July 12th, 1953. Dad owned and operated Highway 39 Motors, and until I was about eight, we lived in one of the two apartments above the garage. By that time, our family had grown with the addition of three more boys (Jack, Doug, and Dale) and we'd outgrown our two-bedroom apartment. Dad had a house built in 1960 on the north-west corner of 48th Avenue and 52nd Street, just east of the high school. Good thing – the next year, Tim came along!

I have lots of memories of growing up in Thorsby. Two memories highlight how much things have changed since then: I remember Doctor Hankin making house calls if we came down with the flu, the mumps, or the chicken pox; and I remember making phone calls by picking up the phone, turning the crank, and telling the operator the number to which you wanted to connect. Dad's phone number at the garage was easy to remember since it was number one (yes, number one). I'd sometimes have a conversation with one of the operators – who happened to be my grandma (Lil Hier)! Other memories include Farmers' Day picnics, Thorsby Sports Days, and family Christmas celebrations, and piano lessons with teachers like Mrs. Bilar.

My elementary school years were spent in all

three of the buildings that located in the block that is currently occupied by the Esso service station and the Seniors' Center. I remember having great teachers every year, and particularly remember Mrs. Pasula (and the Grade Two Yearbook), Mrs. Chranowski (and the Thorsby Boys Choir), Mrs. Zurek, and Mrs. Hier (my Aunt Josephine!). One of my earliest grade one memories was watching the older grade six and seven boys like Sam Kobeluck playing softball on the diamond between the grade one building and the grades four-through-six building.

Grades seven through twelve were spent in the high school building, which was just west of our house. One of the great things about living close to the school was that you could sleep in and still make it to school on time! Again, I remember having great teachers throughout my junior and senior high school years. Some that come to mind include Mr. Senio, Mr. Zurek, Mr. Kozar, Mr. Elson, Mr. Hier (my Uncle Lyle!), and Mr. Kobeluck (yes, the same Sam Kobeluck I remembered from grade one). I graduated in the spring of 1971. There were twenty-seven in our graduating class that year. During my junior and senior high school years, I spent a lot of time after school, on weekends, and in the summer working at dad's garage and bulk station. I remember filling lots of 45-gallon barrels of gasoline and diesel fuel, as well as many 20- and 100-pound bottles of propane. An early memory of working the gas pumps was when Hugh Campbell would drive up in his Chrysler Imperial. It took premium gas, had a large tank, and was about the only car that would take more than \$10 of gas if it was almost empty.

My interest and participation in sports are likely a direct result of being part of a sports-oriented family. Dad curled, played baseball, water-skied, and golfed. I remember acting as the batboy for dad's team on many occasions. Mom curled, water-skied and golfed quite a bit too. When I was quite young, she played on the Thorsby ladies' softball team, and I vaguely

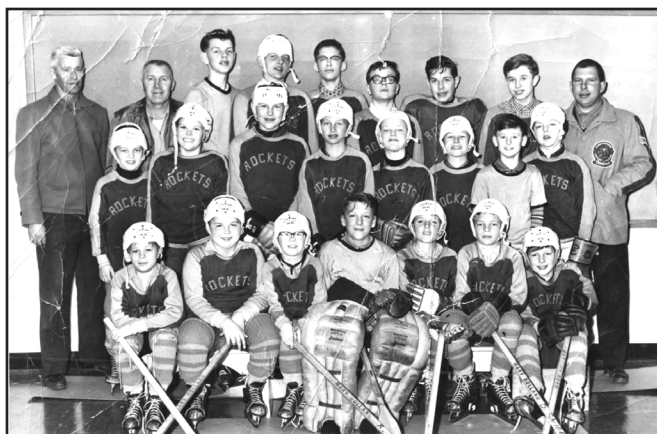
remember the team playing a game of donkey softball one time (Google 'donkey softball' and you can learn all about it!). Mom and dad also provided incredible support to my brothers and I as we grew up, driving and watching us wherever our games took us. It was quite a juggling act.

School sports I participated in included football, basketball, and volleyball. I played center on the football team. Mr. Elson introduced us to line play concepts like trap blocks and pulling guards, which made us a very effective unit. I was a setter on the volleyball team, and it was fun setting up spikes for Robert Dublanko and Darryl Snider. My basketball skills were limited at best, but it was enjoyable being part of a team with the shooting skills of Bob Dublanko and Darryl Snider, the vertical jump of Bob Green, and the playmaking of Dale Hanas.

My sports activities weren't limited to school teams. With the big field where the old schools were, and our big back yard, we'd play football, cricket (using oil cans for wickets), or softball. I played a lot of baseball on the Thorsby Canucks team that was part of the Oilfield Baseball league. I was a left-handed pitcher, and the limited number of pitchers in the league resulted in a few Saturday night calls from Mike Karbonik of the Calmar team: "We're playing a game tomorrow and we're short of players. Can you come and pitch for us? I'll pick you up." When interest in baseball started to wane in the area, I switched to fastball and then to slow pitch.

With parents and other relatives who curled, and stretches of winter when it was either too cold or too warm to skate and play hockey on the outdoor rink, it was natural that my uncle Don Hier (who is only eighteen months older than me), my cousin Dwayne Hostyn and I took up curling at a young age. There was a ditch that ran alongside the road from our house to the high school, and repeated freezes and thaws would create a good ice surface. At that

time, our neighbours to the south of us were the Andrews. Mr. Andrews was the bank manager in town, and he happened to have a set of two curling rocks in his garage from the days when people used to take their own set of two rocks to the rink when they went to curl. We spent many an afternoon on that ditch throwing the rocks back and forth. From there we graduated to sparing down at the curling rink when teams were short of players. It didn't matter if it was a men's league, a mixed league, or a ladies' league. We were always available. For a few years, my grandpa (John Hier) was the caretaker at the curling rink, and we'd help him paint the circles on the ice, flood it and clean it. I still curl a couple of times a week.



The Thorsby Rockets c. 1966: Back row: Far right: Coach Harold Stein. Front row: Far left (Richard Popik, center on the famous "Pop" line) Second from left (Ron Zingel) Second from right (Daryl Snider). Middle row: Far left (Darryl Hostyn) Fourth from left (Ken Popik, left wing on the "Pop" line) Fourth from right (Dwayne Hostyn) Far Right (Don Hier, hard-hitting uncle of Ron Zingel and also Dwayne and Darryl Hostyn)



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Historical fact: As Treasurer of the THS Students' Union Ron would carry a bag of money around with him.

Rob's Story will be
continued
next week...



Wednesday Crib Results

The winners of the January 22nd Wednesday Crib Night were:

1st Place - George Yawney with 935
 2nd Place - Eugene Senio - 928
 3rd Place Marion Snider - 924
 Low - Maurice Masyk - 803
 High Hand - Malcolm Busfield with 21.

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

Friday Crib Results

The winners of the January 24th Friday Crib Night were:

1st Place - Denice Pharis - 939
 2nd Place - Eunice Gillis - 926
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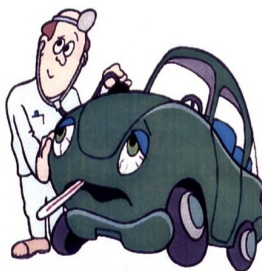
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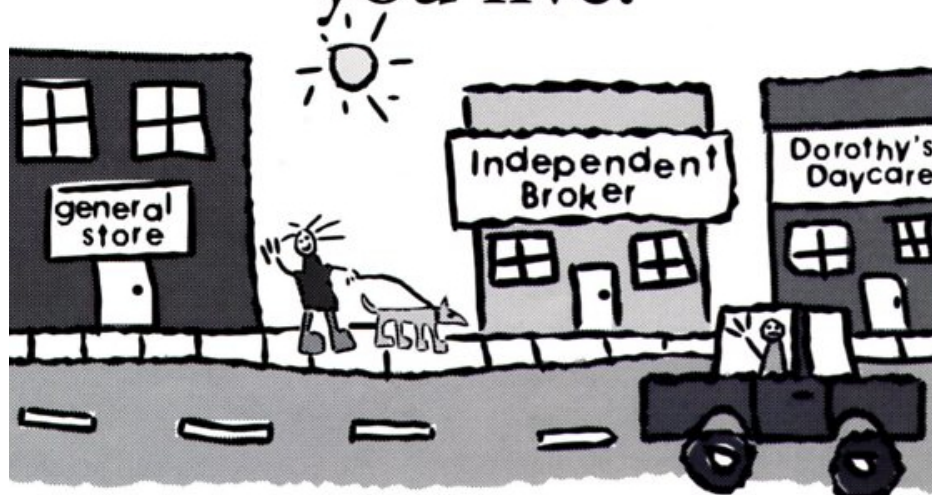
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"This is a new and completely transformative funding model for our universities, colleges and polytechnics. Our new approach will help ensure students are set up for success by encouraging institutions to produce job-ready graduates. Students make a significant investment in their post-secondary education, and it is essential we do everything possible to give them a rewarding career at the end of their studies. By shifting the focus to performance, we will ensure taxpayer dollars are being used in the most responsible way possible."

In addition to tying public investment to results, government is also transforming its relationship with post-secondary institutions by negotiating

three-year funding agreements. Investment management agreements will include specific performance targets for each institution. They will also specify the government funding each institution will receive if they meet their performance targets. Three-year terms will help institutions plan for the future and build on their record of excellence.

The amount of funding tied to performance outcomes will begin at 15 per cent of operational funding for 2020-21 and gradually increase to a maximum of 40 per cent by 2022-23. A small number of performance measures will be introduced for the 2020-21 academic year, and more measures will be gradually introduced over the next three years to a total of about 15.

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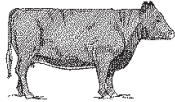
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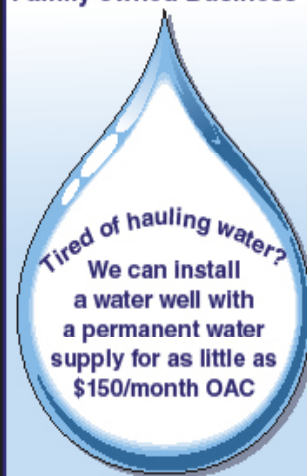
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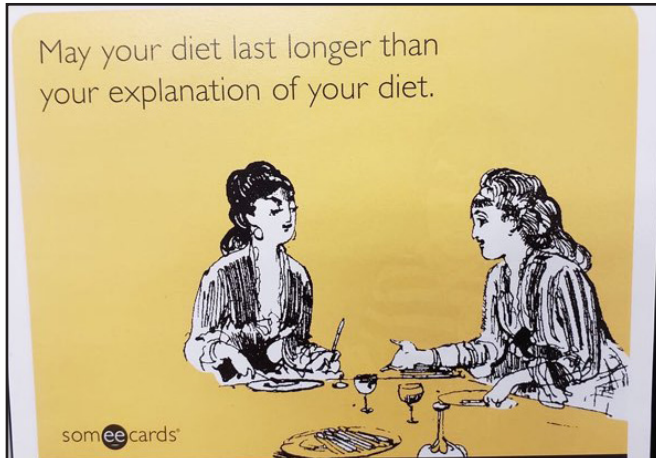
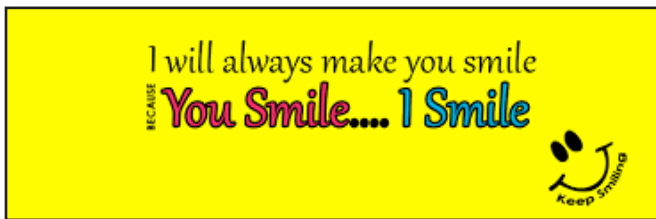
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2 bedroom, backing park, South facing deck, fireplace, garage. Own for less than rent!
 E4141963 \$90,000
REDUCED \$70,000

**CHARACTER HOME**

Cozy in Thorsby 1 bedroom with loft, wood burning stove, oversized single garage. Huge lot, fruit trees, fenced.
 E4175152 \$115,000

**BRETON**

2 bed., reno. bthrm. New flooring throughout. Encl. porch in front and covered deck. Large lot with 77' frontage makes this an ideal spot to build or add a garage! E4179442
\$30,000

WARBURG
 Well cared for. Wood burning fireplace, parquet wood floors. 2 bed, 2 baths. Main floor laundry. Many upgrades including kitchen cabinets, bathrooms, shingles, siding, some windows, water tank, patio stone sidewalks. Optional lot next door with double garage (additional \$35,000). E4135901 \$110,000

**WARBURG HUGE YARD**

3 bed. 2 bath modular on a large private lot. 2007 with many renovations. AIR CONDITIONING, 2 storage sheds, fenced, large deck. RV parking. Lot lease \$280/month. E4170794
\$104,000 REDUCED \$99,000

**REDUCED!****WINFIELD 3 ACRES**

Private mature treed. 28x30 oversized dbl garage. 20x12' old log shop, 3 bed, 2 bath 1994 modular, covered deck, wood burning fireplace, added porch entry. New shingles
 E4167489 \$225,000

OWNED LOT

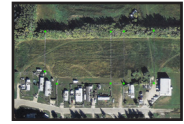
2009 modular, 3 bed, 2 bath, paved driveway
 E4042452 **REDUCED \$180,000 \$150,000**

**REDUCED!****WARBURG**

Own the lot, many upgrades, 2 bed, 1 bath, open concept, 2 sheds, apple tree. E4011044 \$99,000
REDUCED \$95,000

3 ACRES IN WARBURG

Zoned Direct Control. Great for greenhouse or warehouse type business.
\$62,000



Quiet road with 2013 manufactured home and 24x32 double garage. 3 bed, 2 bath, air conditioning
 E4182888 \$335,000

12.5 ACRES**TWO 80 ACRE PARCELS**

Cleared land. N half currently in hay. S half hay and pasture, Highway access. Gently sloping to South. \$429,000 each

**BRETON**

1978 mobile with addition facing park. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage. Covered deck.
\$79,000

ASHLAND DAM ACREAGE

4.15 acres with 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath bungalow. Basement has walk out door. Oversized double garage, 30x52' heated shop and more out-buildings. E4169416
\$450,000

WARBURG VACANT LOTS

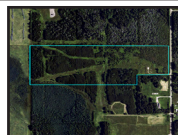
Residential Lot 12 \$24,000 /
 Lots 23-25 Your choice \$45,000
Commercial Lots 19 & 20 - \$27,000 ea.
60' x 125' Lot - \$27,500
Pie Lot In Cul de sac \$35,000
REDUCED \$29,900

THORSBY

Perfect for the semi-retired or a growing family with a large country kitchen, enclosed porch, wood burning fireplace. 4+bed., 3 bath, RV parking, double attached garage.
 E4162695 \$290,000
REDUCED \$259,000

**REDUCED!****42 ACRES**

Mix of trees and open land. Approximately 4 miles from Pigeon Lake. Great for building your dream home or weekend getaway. Lots of wildlife. Zoned Lake Watershed. Oil revenue \$3520/year. E4175719 \$189,000

**RETIRE IN LEDUC**

Adult living bungalow by Leduc Rec Centre and the lake! 2 bed, 2 bath with attach. dbl garage. Main floor laundry, gas fireplace, full basement. RV storage avail. Condo fee \$339/mth, landscaping, snow shoveling done for you!
 E4184096 \$299,000



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Enterprises

Home of
 The Breton Booster,
 Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

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