

## Monthly Report and Message from Town Council From Mayor Rod Raymond

We are in a new world, thrust upon us by the COVID-19 virus, and steps are been taken to reduce exposure.

Information at the Provincial level changes daily: With the cancellation or postponement of sports events, Tuesday 17th we saw further reduction of the number of persons now permitted to gather for events to 50 and restrictions on openings for sitdown restaurants, cafes, coffee shops, food courts and other food servicing facilities.. No unnecessary travel – with self-isolation for a minimum 14 days upon return and closing of boarders to international flights and Premier Kenney announced the declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency.

Steps we are taking

- Cancelation/postponement of all events, such as volunteer appreciation dinner
- Closure of the recreation complex until further notice
- No inter-municipal events etc. outside of the community for staff/council
- Limiting FCSS to phone support at this time
- Continuation of our emergency preparedness/ business continuity plan, by our Director of Emergency Management, Wayne Maclean and supported by the Town Manager, Christine Burke.

The Province has elevated the situation to a Public

Health Emergency and with the Province is taking the lead, we are following direction and working behind the scenes to set in place support for home delivery if we have members of the community who have to self-isolation and have no family or friends in the area to support them. Our local grocery store has already stepped up to the plate and offered delivery for those in self-isolation in Town and our church groups are also rallying along with some individuals. If you would like to volunteer to help with deliveries as the situation evolves, please contact our F.C.S.S. office by phone at 780-789-4004.

Wayne MacLean, our Director of Emergency Management (DEM), will issue updates online through our website and Facebook page, Town of Thorsby, Alberta and through the Voyent Alert System (Free App) and weekly in the Target.

We highly recommend registration with Voyent Alert, as that will provide direct notification to your preferred method of communication - cell phone/ tablet or even house phone and will provide not only updates on COVID-19 but any other local activations or activities, such as changes to garbage collection dates, snow removal date for certain areas of town and other matters.

There was no council meeting on the 17th: As for the council meeting on the 24th: WE WILL ADVISE (Council has the ability to attend digitally, but we cannot live stream as of yet).

Continued Inside...



#### HELP WANTED

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

#### WANTED

Pasture To Rent - Looking for pasture to rent for summer.

#### 780.848.2915 (1-4)

**Wanted to Buy** - Will buy your old lead batteries for recycling. Also **Free removal** of scrap vehicles. We pay cash for both!

1.403.396.8629 (1-8)

Downsizing? Estate disbursement? Storage locker clean out?....We buy quality antiques and collectibles.

780.985.2522. (3-3kr)

**Pasture Wanted** - Cow/calf pairs, will look after fence. Quiet cows.

780.405.7380 (3-8)

#### FOR SALE

**Rainbow Trout and Pond Supplies** - Order now for spring pond stocking. Mountain View Trout Farm. Vant & Ethel Hayes. Alsike.

780.696.2473 (1-2)

Houses for Sale - 2 homes for sale in Calmar, each 1 bedroom, 1 bath. For details call.

780.489.7415 (1-2)

**Premium Firewood** for sale. For details and pricing call James. 780.405.0826 (3-3kr)

**Hay for Sale** - \$60/bale. Baled dry and good protein content. Call Tammy.

780.984.0855 (3-3kr)

#### HOMES/APTS FOR RENT

**2 Bedroom House -** with garage in Thorsby. \$1025 DD, \$1025/mth. Available April 1st.

780.489.4715 (1-2)

**1350 Sq.Ft. 4 Bedroom Bungalow in Thorsby** - 1 & 1/2 bath, 5 appliances, fresh reno, finished basement, on a large lot close to schools. No smoking / pets. \$1250/mth + utilities. Avail. April 1st.

780.940.2243 (2-2)

**2 Bedroom Apartment for rent in Thorsby**. Available immediately on Hankin Street, next to the Village Office. All utilites except power included. No smoking or pets allowed. Please call: 780-789-2210 or 780-446-1596 (3-3kr)

**BEAUTIFUL 4 BEDROOM AVAILABLE** - Located in the beautiful and quiet Town of Thorsby. Welcome Home! This 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



#### METRO KILIK

November 7, 1931 ~ March 10, 2020

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Metro Kilik at the age of 88 years.

Metro will be lovingly remembered by his wife Melva of 62 years; sisters Elizabeth Hlus, Helen Luneng, Irene Bacsik, Joyce Wyllie; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A private family funeral service will be held on March 23, 2020.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Metro's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.



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Condolences: www.serenity.ca Serenity Funeral Service, Leduc (780) 980-3688



**GEORGINA MAE KANDA (nee Iverson)** November 20, 1936 – February 19, 2020

A Celebration of her Life scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. has been postponed.

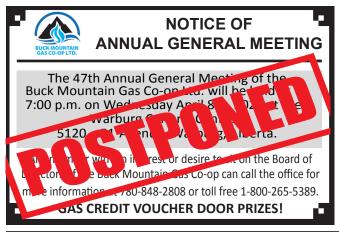
Drayton Valley Funeral Services are in care of arrangements. Call 780-542-5511. Faith Van Manen & Harvey J. Giesbrecht - Directors Online condolences www.draytonvalleyfuneralservices.com

In Loving Memory of Stanley Anton Cygan Sep 16/34 to Mar 20/18



We thought of you today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and days before that too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. All we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake from which we'll never part. God has you in his arms, we have you in our heart.

> Love & miss you always, Marg Cygan & Family



# Timed Online **Jeans** Setura Auctions Since 1966 Real Estate AUCTION

Selling for Larry Pankewicz & Paula Maciborksky By **Online Timed Auction Bidding Opens:** April 15, 2020 10 am **Bidding Closes:** April 21, 2020 at 5 pm

P1: NE27-47-2-W5 160± acres: Cultivated Land, Trees, Water well, Power, Surface Lease Revenue... This land has been in the Pankewicz Family for over 60 years. Don't miss this opportunity to increase your farm land base or perhaps to have a treed get-away with annual revenue. Location: Leduc County (Just minutes from Pigeon Lake North Shore!)

160 acres rolling land, with approx. 100 acres open cultivated crop land. Land has been seeded to Canola the past 2 years.





Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

These meetings are subject to change

#### **MARCH 2020**

Tuesday 24 | Regular Council Meeting Tuesday 31 | Committee of the Whole Meeting - Re-scheduled from March 17

#### **APRIL 2020**

Tuesday 7 | Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday 14 | Regular Council Meeting Tuesday 21 | Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday 28 | Regular Council Meeting

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



your enjoyment. This home is conveniently located within 30 minutes to Leduc and only 45 minutes from Edmonton. All this for only \$1,450/mo utilities.

For viewings call/text Dave @ 780-918-7469 Or email dave@dreamwest.ca (3-3kr)

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**4-Plex Unit in Winfield Under New Management** - 2 bedrooms upstairs + 1 small room downstairs, finished basement, incl. 4 major appliances. Small pets ok. \$850 + utilities / month, (Negotiable on 1 Year Lease) \$850 damage deposit. Phone Maria 403.606.6977 or 403.249.2708 or Angel 587.891.6445 (3-3kr)

#### **COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT**

**Building for rent in Breton** - \$500/mth plus utilities. Call 780.696.3551 (3-3kr)

#### **CLEANING SERVICES**

**Maids of Honor Housekeeping Serivces** - Willing to clean your home - office - RV. Move-in, move-out cleaning available. Call Villetta. 780.898.4483 (3-3kr)

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Cambel Appliance Service 780.915.4816 (4-12) Accutrax Cat and Trackhoe Ed Neumann 780.789.2547 (12-26)

#### **BUILDERS / RENOVATIONS**

**Custom Built Epoxy Countertops and Interior Renovations** - are you looking to update your countertops, renovate your home or need home repairs - call Greg Sharman @ 780.898.3866 or visit www.gregsharman.com or www. counter.gregsharman.com (3-3kr)

#### HEALTH MATTERS by Dr. John F. Hunter D.C.

THORSBY FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

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Mon • Wed • Fri 9:00 a.m. - Noon | Wed Aft. & Sat by Appointment 4823 HANKIN STREET, THORSBY, ALBERTA

Yes, we are open and taking precautions to make your visit safe.

We do ask that if you are feeling ill to please stay home...you can reschedule your appointment for a later date.



# Trophy Night Banquet

50,000 Acres of Wildlife Trust Land And Legacy of Our Past and Present Members

## **Warburg Hall**

Saturday, April 18th, 2020

\*Silent Auction, Live Auction \*Door Prizes, Raffle \*Entertainment: Gary Mastre \*Catering By: Bob Ronnie Catering Adults: \$40.00 Children \$20.00 7-17: Cocktails: 5:30pm Supper: 6:30pm Reserve your tickets, Call: Bruce @ 780-621-2200 Cara 780-621-8709 Brent @ 780-898-5013 Or Pick-up at One of These Fine Establishments: Thorsby Tire Shop - Thorsby 780-789-3975 Warburg Village Market 780-848-7704 Hill N Dale Insurance Ltd. - Breton 780-696-3575 R & T Firearms 780-848-2875

#### HOSPITAL MEDICAL CLINIC, DEVON Dr. Gerard Thomas Amanna

#### Dr. Amanna is now accepting new patients!

#### Dr. Gerard Thomas Amanna MD, MRCGP, DPD, CCFP, ACBOM

Dr. Amanna has joined Dr. Sivalingam's Clinic in Devon. He has hospital privileges and is also a clinical lecturer with the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary. Dr. Amanna was nominated for a University Achievement Award in teaching.

Dr. Amanna was born in England and has a wealth of experience as a family physician, completed his post graduate family medicine residency in England and has post graduate qualifications in dermatology, diabetes & Occupational Health. While in England he also had extensive training in Emergency medicine and Elderly medicine.

The Clinic also offers a female nurse to provide pap smears to our female clients.

Dr. Amanna keeps up to date on the latest research, health trends and information!

HOSPITAL MEDICAL CLINIC, DEVON 101 Erie Street Unit F



**Clinic Hours from Tuesday - Saturday** 

Online Booking Now Available! medikazam.com - Clinic Location: Hospital Medical Clinic - Devon or call 780.987.4151

# **Register for free today!**



# **Emergency alerts and day-to-day** notifications for the **Town of Thorsby**



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### What You Can Expect

#### **Personalized Communications**

Voyent Alert! provides informative communications. Critical information such as the distance and direction from an incident, and preferred evacuation routes from your tracked locations may be provided.

#### **Track Multiple Locations**

Voyent Alert! allows you to create and track multiple locations such as "Kids School" or "Mom's House". Any event or communication related to your tracked locations will be forwarded to you along your preferred communication channel.

#### **Communications Your Way**

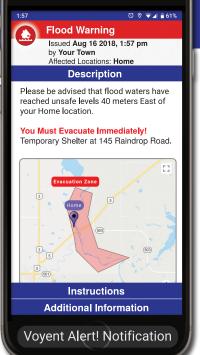
Receive alerts over a wide variety of communication channels including mobile apps, text/SMS alerting, email or voice dial. You can register for one or more communication channels

#### **No Message Fatigue**

Smart alerting capabilities ensure that you will only get notified when a communication is relevant to you or one of the locations you are tracking.

#### **Easy Registration**

Registration for the service is FREE, simple and anonymous.



#### How to Register

**Mobile App Users** Download and install the Voyent Alert! app from

the Apple App or



Email, SMS or Voice Dial Users Register online to receive email. voice or text-based alerts at https://register.voyent-alert.com

Scan to Register Scan here for a link to simple registration





michaelj@mikeshomesltd.com mikep@mikeshomesltd.com

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

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MUL-HURST** All Bingo's cancelled until further notice. Community Social has been **cancelled** for the month of March. **Veteran's in the community needing assistance please contact 780-935-6281** 

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Thorsby - All Divine Liturgy is cancelled until further notice due to the Covid-19 virus. For more information contact Dan @ 780-789-3698.

**CANCELLED - Garage and Vendor Sale** in the Sunnybrook Hall,Saturday, March 21, doors open at 10:00 til 4:00. To book a table, text or call Cheryl @780.920-1950. A table is \$10 each with limited space. Concession will be available.

Wilton Park Community Centre - Annual General Meeting will be held April 6th at 7 p.m. New members welcome! Call Ron Kozial for info at 780.985.2478

Easter Dinner at Warburg Senior's Centre -Wed. April 8th, 2020 at Noon. \$10 / person. Everyone is welcome!

**CANCELLED** - **LADIES! BREAK FREE! Day of Refreshing** for women 16 yrs and older. April 18, 2020 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. At Warburg Alliance Church. \$15 - lunch included. To register or for more info call or text Sandra 780 504 7908

**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church** - Church services and all activities are **temporarily suspended** at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church until further noticeCall 780-789-3873

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store is CLOSED UN-TIL FURTHER NOTICE - WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING ANY DONATIONS AT THIS TIME.50% OFF CLEAR-ANCE!

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 Upcoming Events: Mother's Day Tea - May 9th, \$5/adult, \$2.50/under 10. 2 - 4pm - photo booth, luncheon, gifts for Moms.

# **Community Events Page**

# **Custom Built Homes**

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#### "You Dream It – We Build It!"

We invite the community of Thorsby and surrounding areas to attend the **Philippian Friendship Church.** We are located at 4916A Hankin Street in Thorsby. Tuesday night Bible Study at 7 pm, Wednesday Praise and Worship 7 pm, Thursday Night Youth Group 7 pm, Friday Night Bible Study 7 pm, Saturday Night Prayer 6pm. Sunday morning service at 9:30 am and 6 pm. Office hours Tuesday and Thursdays from 10 am - 3 pm. Rev. Warrick Pollard.

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

**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: Regular Markets on April 19th.

**CLOSED - 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.

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

**POSTPONED - 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!

**POSTPONED - 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

# HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD







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 <u>thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com</u>. Visit our website <u>ttcahs.yolasite.com</u>.

**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 <u>www.rundlesmission.org</u>.

**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 Centre** - For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths, phone Linda McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly.

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

**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 Alliance Church** Fall Worship Service 11 am. Sunday School 9:45 am. (Summer Worship Service 10:30 am) (No Sunday School for the summer) Bible Studies. Do you need prayer? Please call 780-848-7577

**Warburg Legion Hall is available for rent** at \$75.00/full day and \$50.00/half day with a deposit of \$50.00 that is refundable upon inspection. For Hall rental, please contact Deb/Max 780 848 2923 or (780) 264 9217 or Nancy/Allan 780 848 7756.







March 13/2020

Dear Valued Guests,

We are writing to you today to provide information regarding COVID-19; we are suspending all programs until April 14/2020, or later. We are taking measures to minimize risk and protect our guests from the coronavirus outbreak.

As valued guests, your health is of utmost importance to us. Rest assured Thorsby Seniors Club is taking all necessary steps to ensure that your continued patronage will be as comfortable and enjoyable as always.

Pat Nystrom

President, Thorsby Seniors Club

#### Message From Town Council Continued from Front Page:

The Town office is open, but if you are feeling unwell, please don't enter the building. We urge you if possible to pay online or call with queries to minimize direct interaction with others, not only to limit your own exposure, but also to protect front line staff.

If you are feeling unwell: STAY AT HOME, call your doctor or 811, DO NOT automatically go the hospital. DO NOT gather in groups over 10!!! The rec center, Library and FCSS offices will be closed. FCSS can be reached by phone. Anyone self-isolating, can call the town office (DO NOT GO, in person) if general assistance is needed. We need to keep everyone apart (2 metres or 6 feet) We will see if our town merchants can organize delivery services. Wash your hands, keep your distance from other people (YES, I SAID THAT TWICE!!)

#### Some other issues:

Mountain Pine beetle has been found in town. We are inspecting pine trees and will keep everyone informed, as to the finding. Some trees, by the creek on 54th, have been cut down, to reduce the further spread.

While the COVID-19 virus is very much in the public focus, other Town business still goes on and we are re-looking at budgets for costs dropped on us by the province that will need to be funded to cover our contribution to Policing costs. Historically, municipalities under 5000 population did not have to contribute, now we do. The Nurse practitioner's admin support person also needs funding as well. The cost of the carbon tax will also impact the budget. We continue to look for efficiencies within operations, for no one wants a 5% tax hike.

On a positive note, we as a community, continue to pull together. Our recreation strategy, defined as lifestyle benefit and the advantages of small-town living, will continue to roll out (although somewhat hindered at the moment). As a small community we have advantages in the present world, over larger centers. Shop local whenever possible. Watch out for your neighbors, for we collectively, will get through this. There are a lot of good things happening but are being overshadowed by other events. I am proud of this community on how we pull together in times of need.

## Alberta RCMP provides update on detachment services amidst COVID-19 spread

#### March 18, 2020

Effective immediately, Alberta RCMP detachments will be modifying service delivery at front counters and restricting access to public spaces within RCMP facilities. Signage will be displayed at all exterior public entrances reflecting the following:

In order to prioritize essential policing services and to reduce unnecessary contact with personnel, detachments will suspend all non-critical front counter services. Fingerprinting for Criminal Record Checks will only be done in exceptional circumstances. Non-urgent fingerprinting and Criminal Record Checks will resume at a later date.

•Before proceeding to a detachment, please consult our provincial directory and phone the listed telephone number (http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ detach/en/find/AB#wb-cont). If assistance can be provided to you over the phone, an employee or officer will do so. If your request requires personal contact with an officer, that decision will be made over the phone.

•The decision to limit public contact in non-urgent situations was made to ensure the health of the public and our employees so that we are able sustain essential services across Alberta.

· Please dial 911 only in an emergency.

•Our Operational Communication Centres are open and fully functional for all emergency calls.

"A number of changes have been put in place to protect the health of our employees and the public. These decisions were made to ensure that there were no impacts to essential services, keeping our communities safe," said Deputy Commissioner Curtis Zablocki, Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP. "As Alberta's provincial police service, we have sound business continuity plans in place to ensure Albertans can continue to count on us every day, including during times of public health emergencies."



# Town of Thorsby Employment Opportunities

#### **Seasonal Temporary Employment Program** (3 Positions Available)

The Town of Thorsby invites written applications for Seasonal Summer Labourer employment opportunity within the Public Works Department.

Interested candidates must be able to work both co-operatively as a team member and unsupervised when required and should have strong public relations skills.

Duties will include, but are not limited to grass cutting, weeding, watering of flowers, painting, general light maintenance and non-skilled laborer functions. Experience with mowers, weed whackers etc., and valid driver's license essential. Must be available to work June through to September.

**Operator Positions** (2 Positions Available) **Labourer Positions** (2 Positions Available)

The Town of Thorsby is seeking dynamic and motivated team members to fill the positions of Public Works Seasonal Operator's and Labourer's

These positions offer a rewarding work environment to operate and maintain equipment in a safe and effective manner while monitoring road conditions, sidewalks, curbs, drainage ditches, and water and sewer infrastructure and Green Space Maintenance.

Applicants must be able to perform regular scheduled maintenance on buildings and equipment, water and sewer systems and be willing to undergo continuing training to meet the demands of the position, both currently and as it may evolve.

Experience operating large equipment (e.g. Track Hoe, Dozer, Front wheel load, grader, skid steer etc.) is required and familiarity with underground infrastructure operations is considered an asset.

Must have a valid class 5 AB Driver's License. This position offers a salary in accordance with the CUPE Local 30 Collective Agreement.

#### Closing date for these positions is April 30, 2020

Interested applicants are requested to forward their resume: Wayne MacLean, Public Works Manager Town of Thorsby Box 297 4917 Hankin Street Thorsby AB. TOC 2P0 or via email to: wmaclean@thorsby.ca

We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

# A Message To Our Readers

Please be advised that most (if not all) meetings and events from now until at least the end of the month have been cancelled or postponed. We could not get a hold of all our advertisers, so some events are still being advertised. Please contact the group/organization directly if you are unsure.

We are committed to our communities and at this time will still be publishing and delivering the papers on their regular days to provide you with up to date information about your community.

If you don't or can't go out to pick up a paper, the papers can be read online at www.community39.com

We ask that if you are planning to put in a classified ad that you call it in to 780.887.0077 or email it to media@community39.com, instead of dropping it off at one of our drop off locations. We will arrange a different method of payment or wait until things are back to normal for payment.

Please remember in these uncertain times to be kind to one another, look out for your neighbours and your community and find a reason to smile everyday.

If there is anything we can do to help you, our readers or advertisers, please reach out to us.

Randy & Laurie Gellert Community 39 Enterprises

Home of the Breton Booster, Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle



## Leduc County cancels all public programs and events in response to COVID-19 March 18, 2020

This afternoon, Leduc County announced that all county-hosted public programs and events, including council and committee meetings, will be cancelled until further notice in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, public access to all Leduc County administrative buildings has been restricted for the safety of both staff and residents.

"These decisions are in line with health authorities' recommendations to practice social distancing and avoid time spent in crowded spaces," says Leduc County Mayor Tanni Doblanko. "The health and safety of our residents and our employees is our priority. We recognize that the situation is changing on a daily basis, which is challenging for all of us; but we are in this together and are doing our best to keep everyone safe during this unprecedented time."

At this time, Leduc County's operations and emergency services' response levels remain intact.

On March 11, the county activated it's Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) to coordinate resources and information, and ensure that essential services continue to operate.

ECC staff are consistently reviewing the information being released by Alberta Health Services and the federal and provincial governments to inform decision making and actions related to the effects of the situation on Leduc County.

Operational updates from Leduc County are available online at www.leduc-county.com/ COVID-19.

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- Thorsby 2300 sq.ft. 2 Storey 4 bedrooms, attached garage & INDOOR SWIMMING POOL! \$232,500.00
- Thorsby Older, solid 1 1/2 Story on huge lot. 3 op Dom, double detached garage. Very affordable. \$89,000.00
- **-Thorsby 1338 sq.ft. immaculate bungalow.** Fenced yard, back alley access, double detached garage. 4 bedrooms and full, partly finished basement. \$259,000.00

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Coronavirus information for the	<ul> <li>Practice healthy habits: Eat well, exercise daily and get enough rest to help support your immune system.</li> </ul>
Town of Thorsby March 16, 2020	Stay informed: Consult the https://travel.gc.ca/ travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notices
With the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, re- ceiving a lot of media attention, you may have some questions. While medical professionals	page if you are leaving the country and are con- cerned about the coronavirus.
still consider the risk level low for Albertans there are some steps you can take to protect yourself from this and other viruses.	• Feeling sick: If you are experiencing, fever, cough, difficulty breathing or other flu-like symp- toms, stay home and away from others, con- tact your healthcare provider and your super-
<ul><li>Who is at risk?</li><li>Although everyone can catch viruses and the flu, those most at risk of having a serious reaction are:</li><li>Those with a pre-existing health condition</li></ul>	<ul> <li>visor. If you have questions or concerns about your health contact 811 https://www.alberta-healthservices.ca/info/Page12630.aspx.</li> <li>Virtual high five: Consider adjusting your greeting practices from a handshake to no</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The very young</li> <li>The elderly</li> <li>People with multiple body stressors, such</li> </ul>	contact options to reduce the risk of spreading germs.
as smoking, heavy alcohol use and poor sleep or nutrition	How many cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) been confirmed?
Are we safe? What precautions should the Town of Thorsby employees and citizens be taking to avoid being exposed to novel Coronavirus?	<ul> <li>The below numbers are changing rapidly and may change by the time this report is published.</li> <li>The global coronavirus death toll has risen to over 5,500 and the number of confirmed cases</li> </ul>
• Wash your hands frequently: This is the sin- gle most effective way of preventing the spread of disease. Use hand sanitizer, when you can't	<ul> <li>has exceeded 162,500. (Source: John Hopkins outbreak tracker)</li> <li>Alberta has announced ten (17) new cases today for a total of 56.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>wash your hands with soap and warm water.</li> <li>There are multiple hand sanitizing stations, for both the public and employees, in our facilities.</li> <li>Please continue to make orders through your normal supply channels.</li> <li>Catch your germs: Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze by using the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In Canada, there are 334 confirmed or pre- sumptive cases (ON=142, BC=73, QC=39, AB=56, MB=7, NB=6, SK=6, NL=1, PE=1, NS=3) with 1 death (BC=1).</li> <li>In the United States, there are over 3,000 confirmed cases and 62 confirmed deaths.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>inside of your elbow or your shoulder.</li> <li>Clean as you go: Wipe down work surfaces such as phones, computers, desks, and the steering wheel and door handles of Town ve- hicles.</li> <li>Avoid touching your face: In between hand- washing, keep your hands away from your eyes,</li> </ul>	Am I at risk of getting coronavirus? According to Alberta Health Services, the public threat from the coronavirus remains low in Can- ada and Alberta, including this region. Medical experts are still reiterating that there is a greater risk of catching seasonal influenza.
ears, nose and mouth.	What is Thorsby doing to protect employees

and citizens from an outbreak?

• The Artic psa recreation center will be closed on March 16 at 9 PM until future notice.

• We are actively monitoring the situation and working closely with Alberta Health Services. The health, safety and well-being of our employees and maintaining essential services for the public are The Town's top priorities.

I have flu-like symptoms; should I take a sick day or work from home?

If you have questions about your health or whether you should be working, your doctor or Health Link 811 can give you guidance. If you are sick and unfit for work, you should stay home.

Town employees are eligible to receive Sickness & Accident benefits in accordance with The Town's well-established process.

For specific information on the coronavirus check out the Government of Alberta's http:// www.alberta.ca/coronavirus, The Alberta Health Services website or the Frequently Asked Questions on the Government of Canada's website.

Key messages.

• We are taking COVID-19 extremely seriously and acting quickly to minimize risk and keep Albertans safe.

• We continue to confirm cases of COVID-19 in Alberta and have implemented all necessary precautions to prevent the infection from spreading.

• Travel outside of Canada is not recommended at this time. Given the rapid global spread of COVID-19, it is no longer possible to assess health risks for the duration of the trip.

• All travelers returning from outside Canada as of March 12, should self-isolate for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.

• Alberta Health Services has launched an online self-assessment tool to help Albertans determine whether they should get tested for COVID-19.

• Our top priority is the health of Albertans. We have proven processes and well-trained teams in place to both protect the public and rapidly respond to any travel-related case.



# 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 57th 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.

#### KEITH MIELKE - CLASS OF 1979

My parents took over the farm in Telfordville from my grandparents adding a farrow- to- finish hog operation. Despite some modern technologies incorporated into the new barns, a strong work ethic and accountability were still very much in demand. Operating the farm for grain, hay, cattle and hogs brought about much interaction with many others in the community. Some of the names and activities on which the farm was dependent were as follows: Meyer for trucking and feed supplies; Greenhough or Stern for networking regarding hog operations; Ruth Gellert and others for chicken processing; Krueger for construction of the barns; Kirchner for fuel supply; Hamula for fertilizer. I know this is not a complete list, and, with the advantage of hindsight, even in those early days, the importance of "community" was essential for success. Our family moved into the village of Thorsby in 1973 and prior to that, trips into town from the Telfordville farm were a regular occurrence for groceries and farm supplies

One other key experience that was etched into my memory was when the boys of St. John's School would pass the farm at night while out on a snowshoeing assignment. This seemed to typically occur during the worst snow storms and was loudly announced by the dog barking as they came close to the farm. It was quite a sight to see all the guys come out of the darkness and snow and into the light with their distinctive red coats. My parents would make sure they didn't pass without something to eat/drink or warm up. Although I was glad we weren't the ones out there snowshoeing under those conditions, my brother & I did enjoy going with our snowmobiles to help the Greenhough boys clear the bush trails for the School.

In advance of the construction of the power plant, our little school at Genesee was closed and we were bused to Warburg School which meant a very long bus ride (uphill both ways). While this fragmented the smaller sense of community we had become familiar with, it opened up new opportunities and introduced us to new acquaintances. This would be of benefit later on when battles would take place on the football fields between Thorsby and Warburg. The greatest advantage of forging a link with Warburg for me personally was that my future wife (Vi Varga) grew up and attended school there.

My friend and acquaintance network was further expanded when, in grade seven, I started attending school in Thorsby, There were quite a few memories formed while in Thorsby. One incident was when three of us guys were kicked out of Mr. Pichonsky's Industrial Arts class and we wondered what our fate would be. It turned out that we were assigned to the Home Economics class where we seemed to gain the favor of our teacher and the disdain of the girls in the class at the same time. I'd like to think the basics of cooking skills were learned during this class so it was worthwhile. Another key memory was when our class was given the opportunity to go to Italy. Some sort of issue (a price increase) developed and we were offered the chance to get a full refund or top-up these travel costs and I made a choice that put a trip to Italy at the top of my bucket list until Oct/Nov of 2019. I decided on the refund, I still vividly recall the smiles and stories from those of my classmates that did follow through. On the other hand, I used that money to buy probably the fastest, most powerful car in school. It was a 1974 Dodge Charger with a 440 cu. in engine. The top-up costs here were in tires, gas and speeding tickets. Mr. Knopp of the Thorsby Tire shop kindly told me once while I was working at Walt's Car Wash, that while others looked with disgust on my late evening performances, he appreciated the business.

Another seed that was influential in life was planted in the alignment pit of Bilars garage. Ted assigned Gary Brewster to help me learn the trade and I'm glad for their patience. Life at Bilar's created experiences that took me back into the rural community we came from. Ted Bilar serviced everything from lawn mowers, to tractors, combines, school buses .... as well as cars/ trucks!. After graduating from THS in 1979, I continued my Automotive Technician apprenticeship, eventually completing the training with Red Seal certification. There was a short stint that also took me back to work in an onsite ambulance while the Genesee power plant was being constructed.

Post Secondary training continued at U of A and Grant McEwen as professional development was a necessity for my eventual career as Manager of Fleet, Procurement and Buildings, a natural gas distribution company which took me throughout Alberta and the NWT. Our parent company, out of Calgary, also had operations in other provinces and many of the U.S. states and this brought about new opportunities for Fleet and Procurement collaborations. This broadened my outlook and created many enjoyable experiences. During my career, I had a former classmate in my workgroup as well as many others that travelled into the Leduc Head office from the Thorsby, Warburg and Breton areas.

In 1986, I was fortunate to marry Vi, the daughter of Peter and Katie Varga of Warburg. We bought our first house in Leduc in 1986 through Sylvia Kirchner, originally of the Telfordville area. In 1994 we bought rural property in Leduc County and built our house in 1996. Prior to kids, while my wife and I had full time jobs, I also owned a D6 Caterpillar and operated throughout the County of Leduc. Three boys came along, so the return to life in the country was appreciated. From us having a family of three boys gave my Mom a sense of justice as she had raised three boys. Now I was subjected to similar justice. Our oldest son was married in 2019, just a few miles S.W. of Thorsby. He, and his wife, who works in a veterinarian clinic in Ponoka, live in Leduc After completing his trade certification in carpentry, this oldest son operates a local construction business. Our middle son completed multiple levels of trade certification at the Polytechnic Institute of NAIT and purchased his home in Leduc a few years ago. Our youngest is currently enrolled at NAIT and slated to finish his training in Dec 2020. Another lady who enjoyed a chuckle with us having three boys was Mrs. DeGuzman who was my teacher in Thorsby and then also of our oldest son at Leduc Linsford Park school.

Learning from the mistake made early in life, we have promoted and encouraged travel in our family. Our two oldest both experienced travel outside North America even before we did. Europe, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Thailand (x2), Vietnam as well as many family trips to the Caribbean Islands were all part of their itinerary. Vi & I travelled to Germany, Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary in 2015 but were unable to get to Italy as migrants from Syria had created a shutdown at a major travel hub. As mentioned earlier, I was fortunate to finally visit Italy in 2019 and this time with my wife. We quickly realized a return trip is necessary as we enjoyed many different aspects from those my classmates would have experienced. Wineries and fields of vines were as common as the bright yellow fields of canola back home. It does not go unnoticed that I was given a 2nd or 3rd chance to correct a mistake from my youth.

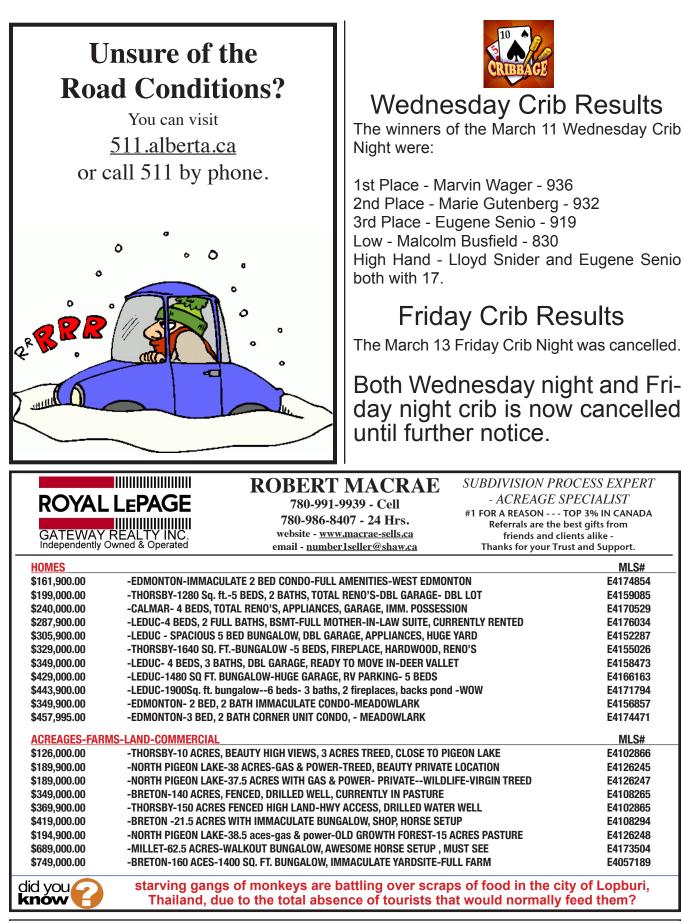
The principle of adopting a collaborative approach in my professional career was encouraged by one of my peers. He encouraged me to read the book; "7 habits of highly effective people" as authored by Stephen Covey who provides proven organizational principles. He also promotes the idea of developing, as a habit, the concept of always starting with the end in mind. This helps towards achieving goals with a greater degree of success. Resonating through all stages of life is the fact that we each make mistakes. Never be afraid when mistakes are experienced. In fact, I have come to believe, that not making mistakes means you aren't doing anything or taking risks. My last lesson in values that I would like to share is proven repeatedly. Don't get consumed when objective decisions you make don't receive 100% agreement. Remain pragmatic and objective!

Since retiring in 2016, I've continued the practice of raising cattle which keeps a connection to Thorsby through the stockyards. I still patronize the Thorsby Tire shop, including recently. We purchased the tractor we currently own at Thorsby Farm Center, so we will miss the drive there for support. We occasionally would cruise through Thorsby on a motorbike excursion and will continue in summer with our convertible. Last summer, we explored the (TNT) Thorsby Network of Trails that now border our former property.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. de Guzman's birthday is Mar.20. Today she turns 83 and was in her '20's when she first arrived in Thorsby. Best wishes from Keith and the many students who remember her



Keith and Vi Mielke in Rome Oct. 2019



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# **Covenant Corner**

from Pastor Jeff Gooderham

Black Bart was a professional thief whose very name struck fear as he terrorized the Wells Fargo stage line. From San Francisco to New York, his name became synonymous with the danger of the frontier. Between 1875 and 1883 he robbed 29 different stagecoach crews. Amazingly, Bart did it all without firing a shot. Because a hood hid his face, no victim ever saw his face. He never took a hostage and was never trailed by a sheriff. Instead, Black Bart used fear to paralyze his victims. His sinister presence was enough to overwhelm the toughest stagecoach guard.

Fear can truly be devastating to us, but we must remember that there are over three hundred and sixty-five times in the Bible, one for each day, that the Lord tells us to not fear! Sometimes the Lord calms the storm. Sometimes he lets the storm rage and calms his child.

"So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

#### Prayer for a Pandemic

\*author unknown\*

May we who are *merely inconvenienced* remember those whose **lives are at stake**.

May we who have *no risk factors* remember those who are **most vulnerable**.

May we who have *the luxury of working from home* respect and support **those who must choose** between preserving their health or paying their rent.

May we who have *flexibility to care for our children* when their schools close remember **those who have no options**.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no place to go.

May we who are *losing on our investments*, remember those who have no money to invest.

May we who settle in for a *quarantine at home* home home home home.

During this time, when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us each find ways to be the loving embrace of humanity to our neighbors.

Be aware. Be accepting. Be supportive. Be kind.

## Mass gathering restrictions

Last updated: March 17 at 4 pm From Albert.ca

New public health measures are now recommended to limit the time Albertans spend in large crowds and crowed spaces. Effective March 17:

Mass gatherings are now limited to no more than 50 attendees.

This includes: conferences, worship gatherings and family events such as weddings and funerals.

This does not include: grocery stores, shopping centres, health care facilities, airports, the legislature and other essential services.

Albertans are prohibited from attending public recreation facilities and private entertainment facilities.

This includes gyms, swimming pools, arenas, science centres, museums, art galleries, libraries, community centres, children's play centres, casinos, racing entertainment centres and bingo halls.

Albertans are prohibited from attending bars and nightclubs, where minors are prohibited by law.

Sit-down restaurants, cafes, coffee shops, food courts and other food-serving facilities, including those with minors-allowed liquor license, are limited to 50% capacity to a maximum of 50 people.

Take-out, delivery or drive-through service is permitted.

Licensed facilities are permitted to deliver liquor (PDF, 112 KB)

Not-for-profit community kitchens, soup kitchens and religious kitchens are exempt at this time, but sanitization practices are expected to be in place and support will be in place for this practice.

Effective March 18, all passenger ropeways, like gondolas and chairlifts will be closed until further notice under the Safety Codes Act.

#### COVID-19 support for employers and employees Measures to protect employers and employees from the economic disruption of COVID-19 and position Alberta for recovery. From Albert.ca

#### Overview

The Alberta government will provide immediate funding and supportive measures to support local businesses, employers and employees.

#### Support for employers

#### Corporate income tax changes

Corporate income tax balances and instalment payments will be deferred from March 19 until August 31, 2020 to increase employers' access to cash so they can pay employees, address debts and continue operations.

#### Utility payment holiday

Farm and commercial customers can defer electricity and natural gas bill payments for the next 90 days to ensure no one will be cut off, regardless of the service provider.

#### Banks and credit unions

#### Credit unions

Business members should contact their credit union directly to work out a plan for their personal situation

#### **ATB Financial**

Small business customers can:

apply for a payment deferral on loans and lines of credit for up to 6 months

access additional working capital

Other businesses and agriculture customers can access support on a one-on-one basis. Further solutions are being considered at this time

#### Job-protected leave

Changes to the Employment Standards Code will allow full and part-time employees to take 14 days of job-protected leave if they are:

#### required to self-isolate

caring for a child or dependent adult that is required to self-isolate To be eligible, employees:

will not be required to have a medical note do not need to have worked for an employer for 90 days

This leave covers the 14-day self-isolation period recommended by Alberta's chief medical officer. This leave may be extended if the advice of the chief medical officer changes.

The leave does not apply to self-employed individuals or contractors.

Vacation pay, leave or banked overtime Employers and employees may consider using other available leaves should an employee be required to self-isolate.

Employees can request using their vacation pay or banked overtime, but employers are not required to grant the request. Provincial employment rules only require employers to provide vacation pay, vacation leave or pay banked overtime within a year of it being earned.

Employers can request employees voluntarily take vacation leave and/or use their vacation pay or banked overtime, but cannot force them to do so under provincial employment rules.

Employment insurance benefits

Employees may consider applying for federal Employment Insurance benefits.

Allows up to 15 weeks of assistance if a person cannot work due to medical reasons such as self-isolation or self-quarantine.

The one-week waiting period for Employment Insurance benefits has been waived by the federal government.

#### Business continuity plans

Employers should consider their business continuity plans and how COVID-19 could impact their workplace. To prepare, make plans to:

protect employees

limit spread in workplaces

ensure continuity of critical services if staff are ill or self-isolating

explore alternate working arrangements, such as:

working from home or remotely

doing work that doesn't require contact with other people

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