

# Helping Mother Earth

April 22nd marked 50 years of celebrating Earth Day and the Thorsby Elementary School Staff decided to do what they could for their corner of the globe here in Thorsby.

We are still trying to do some of our "regular" things even during this time of remote learning. We'd like to see what our students are doing to help our earth so send Mrs. J. any photos of you doing your part!



Above Right to Left; Principal, Mrs. Jubinville, Mr. Yaremko, Mrs. Brennan Top Right; Mrs. Brightman



Below; Mother Earth healing.

First picture is Los Angeles before shutdown, second is a week later, third picture today.





## **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 (4-4kr)

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780.360.4369 (1-2)

**Premium Firewood** for sale. For details and pricing call James. 780.405.0826 (4-4kr)

# **HOMES/APTS FOR RENT**

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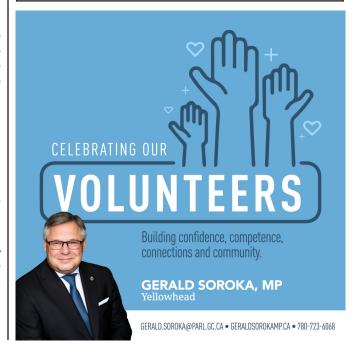
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**Dr. Gerard Thomas Amanna** 

# 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!

Due to COVID-19 we are now taking telephone and video appointments as well as still seeing our patients in person. For video / phone please call in to book your appointment.

# **HOSPITAL MEDICAL CLINIC, DEVON**

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THIS #NVW2020, LOUDLY AND PROUDLY APPLAUD THIS NATION'S **VOLUNTEERS!** 

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2020 APRIL 19-25** 



**Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings** 

These meetings are subject to change

# **APRIL 2020**

**Tuesday 28 | Regular Council Meeting** 

# **MAY 2020**

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

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



#### We are still in this

Sadly the Haymaker Rodeo has been cancelled to comply with Provincial health requirements during the Pandemic along with our usual Town events. We are looking at an idea to hold some kind of parade to provide some light relief and still respect social distancing rules, so that families/individuals can take part in it from the safety of their vehicles and spectators can watch through windows or the safety of their own yards. A "Kill the Covid-19 Bug Celebration Parade"? Stay tuned.

Some of our young adults still do not heed the social distancing warning. The current public health order is in place to protect the community. No gathering of 15 people or more, everyone not related in the same household, and you must maintain 2Meters-6Feet apart. This includes riding in cars, house or back/front yard parties. Individuals not complying are subject to a \$1000.00 fine. I can assure all of you, someone will "rat" you out.

I realize some of us are having financial issues. When water bills aren't paid for a few months it puts our town employees and you at risk, as disconnect notices have to go out. We still must run the water treatment plant and pick up garbage. That costs money. The town staff are only doing their jobs. They do not deserve bullying or verbal abuse. If you have an issue, please conduct yourself in a respectful manner. Town of Thorsby Staff and Council would be happy to work with you to find a solution. Paying the Town water bill should not be confused with deferment of gas and electricity bills as announced by the Province. Please try not to leave your monthly bills unpaid, for they will accumulate into a larger bill/problem. Please call the town office.

I was ill last weekend and was tested for Covid19. The results were negative. If I stayed home another week, the bug wouldn't have done me in, but Sandi offered a few times: LOL. I think I now have a bet-

ter understanding of being "stuck" at home from the experience. It must be extremely difficult to remain in isolation, with no school, being home with your children, and limited trips to the grocery store. My hat is off to all of you for your commitment, to get through these troubling times. I do see more residents/families walking around, practicing social distancing and getting out as the weather improves.

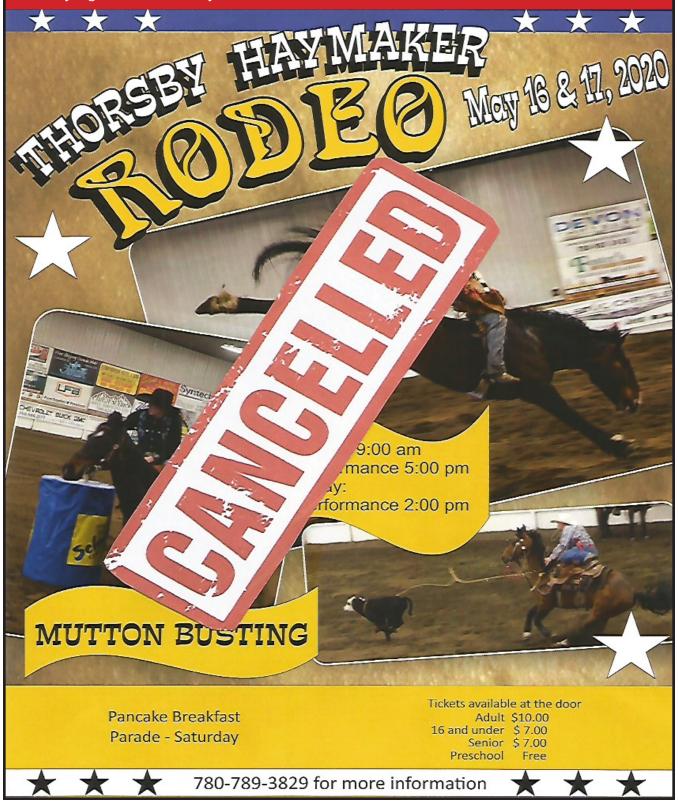
Data is beginning to show that 50 to 80% of people contracting the virus show little to no symptoms. Which is why you should wear a mask any time you are in public. You might have it and spread it, without knowing. I have been wearing a mask for nearly a month. The more we can do to stop the spread, the faster we can get back to "the new" normal. I wish to apologize to Tara for not wearing my mask when I went into the store. It is easy to forget transmission mitigation protocol.

The Town has teamed up with Communities in Bloom to promote vegetable gardens. If you have space for a garden, or would like to be considered for a town community garden spot, please drop an email to cao@thorsby.ca or call the town office to help identify interest. As the May Long Weekend Rodeo and events are cancelled, we hope to organize some other kind of festival later in the year and hope to include a Bench show, in which you can enter your "prize" veggies into the various categories. The contest rules are being developed, and we would appreciate community feedback. Stay tuned for more information.

Lastly, we are coming into "crook" season. After a hard day's work in your yard, or after going for a bike ride etc. we urge you to put away, and lock up everything and not put off to the following day, it might not be there when you go back. Install cameras and yard lights if possible. Stay vigilant and watch out to protect your neighbors. Sgt. Harp's term of "DON'T feed the bears" is true. Beware of what your children are doing on the computer with school out and more screen time available, please be vigilant as it provides for higher risk to our children and youth for online grooming activities.

Stay safe & Thorsby strong.

Due to **COVID-19** The Thorsby Haymaker Rodeo 2020 has been **CANCELLED**. The Board of Directors made a hard decision, but it is based on the situation surrounding the **COVID-19** pandemic. Stay safe and we will be looking forward to seeing you in 2021! Thorsby Agricultural Society





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# **Community Events Page**

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St. Matthew's Lutheran Church weekly service can be found online at You Tube, search for St.Matthew Thorsby where you can watch a message from Pastor Ron, music and prayers. All activities at the church remain suspended until further notice.

**Community United Church** – all worship services, meetings and gatherings are suspended until further notice. For updates contact the church office at 780-848-2227.

Treasures Thrift Shop —will remain temporarily closed until further notice (located in Community United Church). No donations will be accepted during this time of closure. Connect with us on Facebook at TREASURES for updates.

Assistance for Pigeon Lake Residents - We are a group of citizens who formed a group to help our quarantined and our seniors who should not be in public. Pigeon Lake Quarantine Assistance. For assistance and information For North Pigeon Lake contact: ED ALSPACH: 587.598.2256 For South Pigeon Lake contact: MARIA FONTAINE: 780.312.9119. For community updates & information, like us on: Facebook.com/@pigeonlakecovid19

Night In Italy - Event postponed until further notice. Raffle Draw new date is July 1, 2020. Tickets are still available. Contact Rhonda at 780.514.5200 or Trent at 780.202.0140

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST All Bingo's cancelled until further notice. Community Social has been cancelled for the month of April. 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.

Winfield Public Market: Winfield Hall. From 11

am - 2 pm. **Upcoming Markets are Postponed** and will be announced. 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!

**CANCELLED** - Wilton Park Community Centre - Annual General Meeting as well as the Jamboree for March and April are cancelled. Call Ron Kozial for info at 780.985.2478

**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

**CANCELLED - Our Lady of Victory Parish** - All masses and services are cancelled until further notice.

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

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.

**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







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

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.

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

**CANCELLED - 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 <a href="mailto:thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com">thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com</a>. 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.

**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 <a href="https://www.rundlesmission.org">www.rundlesmission.org</a> .

**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.

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

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.

**Leduc Public Market** runs every Thursday 10-3 in the City Center Mall (Ken's Furniture) 5201 50 Street. Lots of vendors with a wide variety of items. For tables or info call Jenna 780-868-7616.

"Busy Brushes" meet every Wednesday from 10-2, at the Warburg Cultural Centre. Everyone welcome! Come join us for some relaxing fun and art. Call Linda Mayr @780 848 7782 for more info.

**CANCELLED Thorsby Senior's Supper Meetings** These monthly meetings will now be held in the Senior's Centre (4812-51st Street) and are on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Members are requested to bring a potluck dish. Memberships are available for \$10 from Elaine Warnock at 780.221.3939.

**Thorsby & District Lions' Club** (non-profit organization serving Thorsby & District), Meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Lions' Den in Community Hall Basement at 7:00 pm. For information or membership, call Frank @ 780-905-8019.

**Foot Care Nurse** will be at the Thorsby Recreation Centre on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Please call Irene at 780-789-3176 to make an appointment or for information.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** at Thorsby Seniors Cente - Mondays, weigh in at 9:00 to 9:15 am, meetings 9:15 - 9:45 am, for more info call Sherilyn 780-

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



**COVID-19 INFORMATION** 

# HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD



Self-isolate if sick



Wash hands frequently



Practice social distancing



Cover coughs and sneezes



Keep surfaces clean

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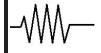
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# **2020 DUST SUPPRESSION PROGRAM**

# **Application deadline: Friday, May 15**

Applications and payment must be received by **May 15**, **2020**. After road bans have been removed, dust suppression product will be applied to the road as soon as possible.

## **Two product choices:**

- 1. <u>Calcium Chloride</u> two applications of product will be completed for every residence applying for this dust suppression product. The second application will be automatically applied approximately six to eight weeks following the first application (weather permitting).
- 2. Incorporated DL10 warranted one year from date of application.

Residents desiring a calcium chloride dust control product on the county road adjacent to their residence will be required to complete an application form and to prepay a fee of \$374.50 plus GST for the first 122 metres (400 feet). Leduc County provides a subsidy of \$695.50 for this strip. Dust suppression requested beyond 122 metres (400 feet) will be charged at \$8.77/metre, plus GST.

Residents desiring a DL10 incorporated dust control product on the county road adjacent to their residence will be required to complete an application form and to prepay a fee of \$2934.50 plus GST for the first 122 metres (400 feet). Leduc County provides a subsidy of \$695.50 for this strip. Dust suppression requested beyond 122 metres (400 feet) will be charged at \$29.75/metre, plus GST.

# **Application form submission**

Application forms are available at www.leduc-county.com/dust-suppression.

Leduc County offices are currently closed to the public due to COVID-19. Application forms and cheques can be dropped in a mail slot on the north side of County Centre or mailed to **101-1101 5 St.**, **Nisku**, **AB T9E 2X3**.

If you require assistance, please give us a call at **780-979-6185**.



# Call to Action for COVID-19 Volunteers

April 22, 2020 - Albertans have always risen to the call of duty when our province has been challenged, and the COVID-19 pandemic is no different. Today, the Government of Alberta is launching a new tool to connect Albertans with volunteer opportunities during this unprecedented global crisis, and launching the Northern Lights program to recognize Albertans who volunteer to support their community.

While physical distancing and gathering restrictions are in place, there is still a need for healthy volunteers to help those in need with countless opportunities to do so. The Alberta Cares Connector embraces the Alberta spirit of supporting the vulnerable by offering our assistance, skills and time to those who need it most.

"Volunteerism is the Alberta way. I continue to be inspired by many acts of Albertan generosity and compassion. From the Sikh community providing meals for truckers keeping our supply lines open, to a Calgary woman in her time of mourning sewing masks for her community, to kids leaving care packages on their elderly neighbours' doorsteps – the examples of generosity and selflessness are endless. The Alberta Cares Connector will build off this community solidarity and ensure that those who can help will make the biggest impact during this time when support is acutely needed. The Northern Lights program keeps a platform commitment to spotlight those who personify the Alberta sprit by giving back to our community through volunteerism."

Volunteers are the foundation for many community organizations providing social support and assistance to those in need. Alberta has more than 26,400 non-profit organizations and, each year, more than 1.6 million Albertans provide more than 262 million volunteer hours to support the non-profit and voluntary sector at a value of \$5.6 billion.

"Albertans are proud to have the highest volunteer rates across Canada, and we take action in countless ways to meet the needs of our communities and neighbours. During this unprecedented crisis, Albertans understand that the need for volunteerism and social support is urgent. And, once again, they have demonstrated their commitment to their neighbours and communities through selfless acts of service. The Alberta Cares Connecter will assist Albertans who want to help at this time by connecting them with local volunteer opportunities to help those most in need."

Leela Sharon Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women

This new tool will build on the success of every day Albertans who answered the call to action by providing an easy one-stop-shop for those looking for service opportunities. The Alberta Cares Connector will ensure those organizations and programs that depend on the generosity and assistance of volunteers are able to continue to provide support to those in need.

Ways people can help

Volunteering at food banks.

Sewing masks or scrub bags for front-line health-care workers.

Providing meals for essential service workers, like truckers.

Picking up groceries for those unable to leave their homes.

Packing and delivering essential needs for vulnerable Albertans.

Donating blood through myaccount.blood.ca.

Donating items to shelters in need.

Reaching out to seniors through positive messages or phone calls.

Northern Lights Volunteer Recognition Program

Government is also launching the Alberta Northern Lights Volunteer Awards to honour everyday heroes as the province responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. The honourees will be nominated by fellow Albertans and selected for profiling on the program's website and through social media.

There are no requirements for hours of service, and any individual or group who helps out in their community is eligible for an award. The nomination submission requests a brief story about the nominee's contribution. Nominations will be accepted online on an ongoing basis.

"Volunteers are the heart of non-profits and right now we need Albertans to give their time and talents to community organizations. Any act of volunteerism, done safely, will make a huge difference. That's why the Government of Alberta is making a point of recognizing those individuals, businesses and organizations who have answered the call in this time of need. Let's share the uplifting and inspirational stories of special volunteers who are brightening the lives of others and their communities during this difficult time by nominating them for an Alberta Northern Lights Volunteer Award."

Jeremy Nixon, parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Community and Social Services

The program is now accepting nominations.

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- Thorsby 12 Acres on Pavement Gorgeous yard, lots of good outbuildings with shop, solid, well maintained home. Excellent for horses. \$379,000.00
- **Sunnybrook 7.22 Private Acres** All services 3 bedroom 1379 sq.ft. home with double detached garage. \$239,000.00
- **Thorsby 14.7 Acres** with large, absolutely gorgeous home. 4 bedrooms, full developed basement, triple detached garage. \$629,900.00
- **Sunnybrook 22** acres with a 2017, 1550 sq. ft. amazing bungalow built by Mikes Homes. Fully finished basement. Immaculate home. 40x60' shop, heated, power, insulated. \$799,000.00
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# Fire Restriction Issued for Leduc County

April 21, 2020 - Leduc County is now under a fire restriction in order to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for our firefighters.

All outdoor fires currently burning must be extinguished immediately and all fire permits are suspended; no fire permits will be issued for the duration of the restriction, as per the Forest and Prairie Protection Act.

Citizens are encouraged to postpone burning in approved burn barrels or fire pits; individuals must use extreme caution if they choose to burn in this manner.

Leduc County's fire officials will update the public when the restriction is downgraded or lifted. For further updates, visit leduc-county. com or albertafirebans.ca.





# Update From the Library

Thorsby library is temporarily closed with no access to the recreation centre. However, please leave us a message at 780-789-3808 if you have questions, or fill out the form on our website if you need your library card updated.

If you follow us on facebook, we share information you may find useful, including how libraries are responding to the pandemic.

# **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 remember those who have no 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.

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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 60th 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.

PAMELA KAY (NEE KNULL) THS CLASS OF 1983

I moved to the Thorsby area with my family when I was in 3rd grade. I attended Thorsby School right up to graduation in 1983. I was involved in all the school sports, was on the yearbook committee and I have many fond memories of high school. One of those memories was the Mud Bowl Carnival that was held every spring. Each class would make up teams and compete for the coveted Mud Bowl Trophy. Being one of the smallest in my class, my role was to be the chariot rider in the chariot race, which was a piece of cardboard pulled around a muddy track by the boys in the class. Suffice to say, my memories from school were that of the extra curricular type.

After graduation I applied and was accepted to Grant McEwan's Early Childhood Program. However, as many young people often do, I chose to go out into the workforce for a year first. I got a job working at the International Airport in the dining lounge serving all types of people from all over the world. This began my 26 years in the service industry which, for the most part, I enjoyed immensely seeing as how I am a highly social individual.

In 1986 I met my husband, Alvin Kay, from Westaskiwin. We had our first son, Cody, in

1987 and were married in 1988. We moved back to a small house in Thorsby and Alvin got a job with a hot shot company, Red's Express Delivery Service. I worked part-time at the Hotel café and was a stay-at-home mom. When we were expecting our second son, Tyler, we moved to an acreage south of Thorsby by Pigeon Lake. Alvin had switched careers to oil-field maintenance and was on the road a lot. I was a stay-at-home mom and also had a day home.

Once my kids were both attending school in Thorsby, I went back to work cooking at the Thorsby Rec Center for 8 years. Then I took a job doing some clerical work for Buffalo Inspection Services which was a home-based office at the time.

In May of 2013 I was hired to work for my dad's company, 5 Star Propane, as an office manager. In July of 2013 my husband of 25 years passed.

I am still with 5 Star Propane today and am living on an acreage south west of town. My two sons live close by with Cody in Edmonton married to Kayla (Fedor). They have 2 boys Hunter (2) and Gage (9 months). Tyler lives next door on the family farm married to Brodi (Klein). They have one boy, Rhett (1) and are expecting another baby this year.

One of the major lessons life has taught me is that it's short and goes by fast. Don't ever take life too seriously; it helps to have a sense of humor and some humiliation. Try to enjoy every minute and live it to the fullest.

Pictured right top; Cody, Kayla and their sons. Middle; Tyler and Brodi with Rhett. Bottom; Pam (middle) and her family.







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# MESSAGE TO MY CONSTITUENTS

I would like to thank you for continuing to do your part in the fight against COVID-19. I realize that as this goes on, some people will be tempted to ignore social distancing, but it is very important that we don't let up until the time is right.

I understand that there is confusion around some of the programs being implemented to support Canadians. With new measures and changes being announced frequently, it can be difficult to keep up with. My team and I are here to help. We have been getting a lot of questions on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), so I have some info on that.

Do you need assistance with getting groceries? Did you know some stores are offering pick-up or delivery services?

Please check to see if your local grocery stores are offering these services. You can order your groceries from home and pick them up when you get to the store or have them delivered to your residence.

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This week, the government announced new changes to the CERB. Workers earning less than \$1,000 a month, or who have seasonal employment and can't find a job due to COVID-19, as well as those who are running out of employment insurance, are now eligible to apply for the CERB.

If you applied for the CERB last week, just a reminder that you must reapply for subsequent periods if you continue to qualify.

That said, if you were transferred from Employment Insurance to the CERB, you will still need to do bi-weekly reports for EI as you did in the past to remain on the CERB but will not need to reapply monthly like those who apply directly for the CERB must do. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to my constituency office in Edson. As always, keep well stay safe and healthy.

# Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

# New eligibility:

- workers earning \$1,000 or less per month
- seasonal workers with no job to return to
- workers who recently exhausted their regular EI benefits

Find out more at canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan

# CANADA SUMMER JOBS UPDATE Program changes this year: wage subsidy increase to 100% extending employment end date to Feb 28, 2021 businesses can adapt their projects to support essential services employers can hire part-time staff Even if employers didn't apply, you may still qualify! Contact my office to learn more.

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# MI.A REPORT

from The Office of MLA Mark Smith, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Drayton Valley - Devon

April 16th, 2020 - For many, this last weekend was an important time to observe religious traditions for Easter and Passover. These traditions bring us comfort and community in challenging times. From virtual Easter dinner and online Sunday services, to Easter egg hunts conducted from the car, many people successfully celebrated while maintaining appropriate social distance. I know that my family connected by having a Zoom Easter supper where we ate and visited over the computer. I hope that, despite everything that is going on, you were able to connect with loved ones and celebrate the Easter season in new and innovative ways.

I am happy to report that our government is taking strong, immediate action to get Albertans back to work. This week, our government announced \$2 billion in accelerated capital investment from the 2020 Capital Plan. The accelerated projects will resurface roads, repair bridges, restore schools, and fill potholes, all to get thousands of Albertans working through the COVID-19 recession. This doubles the planned capital maintenance for 2020-21, allowing our government to work with companies province-wide and help to keep workers employed.

The COVID-19 response has created serious challenges and uncertainty for small business owners in the past few weeks. Business Link is now available to help small businesses learn about and connect to available COVID-19 supports based on their unique business needs. The platform is offering free programming through June, including one to-one guidance and expert sessions with specialists to help small businesses survive this extremely difficult period.

This week, Alberta Health released its modelling projections outlining possible timelines of the COVID-19 pandemic. These projections highlight the importance of continuing aggressive countermeasures to protect the lives and livelihoods of Albertans in order to stop the pandemic and restart the economy. This modelling will help us prepare for the demands on Alberta's health care system and province-wide response to COVID-19, and provides transparent information to Albertans on this pandemic. As we continue to fight COVID-19, our province will keep Albertans informed on what we can reasonably expect in the weeks to come.

In order to keep vulnerable Albertans safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chief Medical Officer of Health has ordered a province-wide ban on visitors to continuing care facilities. This ban on visits, except for in cases when a resident is dying, builds on restrictions implemented last week to ensure that all facilities in Alberta follow strict standards and prevent the risk of COVID-19 to vulnerable patients. These measures are not taken lightly, but they are critical to saving the lives of our loved ones from this pandemic.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Albertans have stepped up to support frontline workers in the fight against COVID-19. In order to coordinate the hundreds of offers of medical supplies and other essential equipment from businesses and nonprofits, our government has launched the Alberta Bits and Pieces Program. This program will accept offers of materials that are needed by front-line workers and make sure that they get where these materials are needed most. If you have any services or equipment to donate to Alberta's COVID-19 response, I encourage you to visit Alberta.ca/ bitsandpieces.

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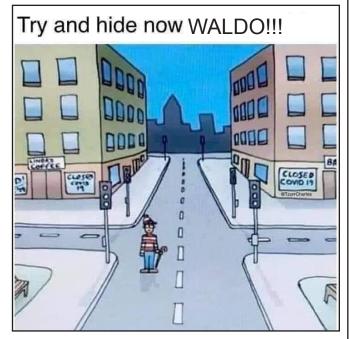
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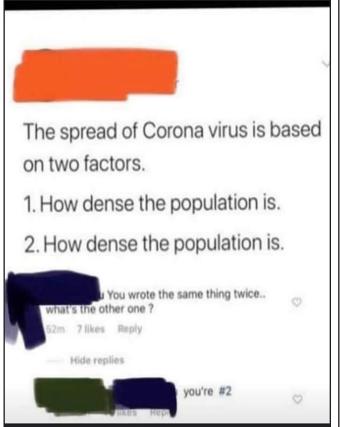


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