

TH_{TARGET}RSBY TARGET



Andrew Jacob



Allissa Wurban



Ansen Ofstie



Anna Lysgaard



Austyn Petracek



Avery Pharis



Braedyn Sereda



Brittany Munt



Brayden O'Reilly



Connor Crow



Emma Boyes



Gareth Bente



Hayden Rhody



Emma Kavanagh



Jade Raymond



Ian Scheetz



Jaeden deBoer



James Nobert



KaCey Dempster



Katelyn Johnson



Kaydee Crow



Keira Slusarczyk



Morgan Humphrey



Kurt Baumann



Santana Schaffer



Sarah Mitchell



Sierra Scheetz



William Martin



Wyatt Abel



Carson Marquardt

The CLASSIFIEDS

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 (1-1kr)

WANTED

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 (7-8)

FOR SALE

Misc. Farm Equipment for sale - Sakundiak HD 10-220 - 72' swing auger w/ reverse full bin sensor; **200 gal water tank** - black; **Chemical handler; Briggs & Stratton Waterpump 950 series** - 2" cam lock fittings; **'67 Mercury 700 box & hoist; HUME grain dryer** (continuous); **Kong Skilde grain Vac** - Model 7000; **Rottotiller** for small tractor; **7"x41' Allied grain auger** - used for treating grain.

780.789.2472 (1-2)

Black simmental bulls for sale. 1 and 2 year olds available. Good AI breeding.

780.848.2915 (1-4)

1980 International grain truck - 446 gas engine, 18' wooden box, PTO box hoist, 43,977km. New carb, wires, plugs. 10-100-20 tires. Runs great, asking \$8000 OBO. 780.848.2884 (1-2)

1980 Ford 800 Louisville - 429 gas engine, 24' flatdeck. 82,241km, new motor 5 yrs ago (approx. 10,000km on new motor). New wires, plugs, carb, battery, starter, solenoid & voltage regulator. 10-100-20 tires. Will sell with or without winch. One owner, runs great, asking \$14,000 OBO. 780.848.2884 (1-2)

Items for sale: 20'-22' heavy wall pipe, 12" round. We have 6 available at \$225 each. **100 gal. Slip Tank for Diesel.** Cube shaped, with pump, hose and is double walled. Used once - like new for \$1000.

780.360.4369 (2-2)

Premium Firewood for sale. For details and pricing call James. 780.405.0826 (1-1kr)

HOMES/APTS FOR RENT

Modern 2 bedroom suite, 1.5 bathrooms. Newly remodelled with an open concept and a kitchen island. A huge master bedroom with ensuite. Appliances supplied. \$875 per month.

780 848-2628 (1-4)

House in Warburg - Recently renovated, 2 bedroom home in Warburg with nice yard now available to rent. \$800/mth + \$300 utilities and DD. Call Tyler.

780.621.7120 (1-1kr)

2 Bedroom Apartment for rent in Thorsby. Available immediately on Hankin Street, next to the Village Office. All utilities except power included. No smoking or pets allowed. Please call: 780-789-2210 or 780-446-1596 (1-1kr)

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 (1-1kr)

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT

Building for rent in Breton - \$500/mth plus utilities.

Call 780.696.3551 (1-1kr)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Cambel Appliance Service 780.915.4816 (9-12)

Accutrax Cat and Trackhoe Ed Neumann 780.789.2547 (18-26)

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 (1-1kr)

Classified Ads are \$5.00 for 2 weeks

(up to 30 words) GST included.

until further notice please call in or email your ad

email - media@community39.com

call 780.887.0077

Spacious 1683 square foot duplex unit for rent in Thorsby AB.



Three bedrooms two and a half bathrooms; which includes a full ensuite and walk in closet to the master. Unit comes with all appliances, double attached garage (with separate basement access) and plenty of storage space! Priced at \$1450.00 per month.

**Please contact Brion Zutz
for all rental inquiries: 780.951.3989**

J-G Greenhouse

(Joe & Gladys Meinczinger)

OPENING

Friday, May 8, 2020
9:00 am - 6:00 pm daily
Social distancing please
Pre-orders accepted

2 miles west and 2 1/4 miles south
of Warburg Corner Service - Watch for signs
780.848.2857 or 780.915.1211



Secure your cargo: it's the law

As a driver, you are responsible for making sure the cargo you are carrying is secured to your vehicle. Unsecured cargo risks the lives of all users of the roadway, and creates litter that could harm the environment.

Together, we can make Leduc County safer and cleaner.

Learn more at leduc-county.com/secure-your-cargo



Willow Valley Greenhouse

Opening May 1st at 10:00 am with restrictions for COVID-19

- Senior shopping only 10-12; walk ins 12-2; appointment only shopping 2-6
- Limited to 2 customers in store at a time
- Only 2 members per family, please do not bring children
- At entrance please sanitize, no food or drink, no washrooms available
- Please respect distancing at all times

We have a great selection of annuals, hanging pots, patio pots, tomatoes, herbs and vegetables at great prices. We also have perennials, fruit trees, raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, cherry trees, seeds, onion sets, regular seed potatoes and specialty seed potatoes.



Debit and credit card accepted.

Directions: From Warburg – 10 km south of Warburg on Hwy 770,
2 km west on Hwy 616, 2 km south on RR 32. From junction 616 and 778 – west on Hwy 616
20 km to RR 32, 2 km south on RR 32. From Breton: 8 km east on 616, 2 km south on RR 32.
Phone: (780)848-2634 Owners: Elaine and Jody Krukowski



THORSBY - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A COMMUNITY GARDEN?



What is a Community Garden?

A Community Garden is a group of people coming together to nurture, develop and sustain a growing space in their community - promoting locally grown food; healthy and active lifestyles; and a safer more vibrant and connected community.

Would you like to have a Community Garden spot in Thorsby?

We're currently looking to see if there is sufficient interest.

Contact info@thorsby.ca or call the Town Office 780 789 3935



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE CHANGES TO THE THORSBY LIVESTOCK BYLAW

Does Bylaw 2016-08 reflect “The Best of Both Worlds”

- *Is the bylaw too strict?*
- *Should it be repealed and allow provincial legislation & regulation to control and police livestock within the community?*
- *Should the bylaw remain but be relaxed through a permitting system?*
- *What animals would be acceptable – either as pets or food sources?*

Share your thoughts with Council and have your say.

As part of the information gathering process, we invite written submissions at this time.

Email: info@thorsby.ca

Post your letter/note through the drop slot in the Town Office door or
Send through regular mail to: Town of Thorsby, Box 297, Thorsby, AB T0C 2P0

Bylaw 2016-08 can be viewed on our website: <https://www.thorsby.ca/bylaw/library/28>
and is also posted on the window at the municipal office for those who may not have internet access





michaelj@mikeshomesltd.com

mikep@mikeshomesltd.com

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

Community Events Page

Custom Built Homes

**- Reliable Service – Affordable Pricing
 – Quality Workmanship**

"You Dream It – We Build It!"

Follow Thorsby Library on Facebook to learn the latest news. Visit us to renew your library card at <https://thorsbymunicipallibrary.ab.ca/copy-of-form>

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!

All Events have been cancelled at Warburg Alliance Church, until further notice email: WA-Church.Betty@gmail.com Betty Desjarlais (403) 418-5266

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 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:

Thorsby & District 4H Beef Show and Sale

20 Market Steers

Featuring Strawberry and Thorsby 4H Beef Clubs



*One
Charity
Steer*

May 1-3, 2020

Timed Auction

www.teamauctions.com

Register to Bid on Website, Bidding

Starts at 12 noon Friday May 1, 2020

Ending starting at 5pm Sunday May 3, 2020

(Support local, Support Beef)

Contact: Julian Borys 780-940-0420, Darcy Dennis 780-312-9707

The Charity steer is auctioned off and proceeds to support local Food Bank



Community Events Page

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 thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Visit our website tcahs.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 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 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 Centre - Mondays, weigh in at 9:00 to 9:15 am, meetings 9:15 - 9:45 am, for more info call Sherilyn 780-621-3461 or Elaine 780-221-3939.

Ashland Dam Park - For reservations call Bruce @ (780) 898-9636.

Breton Community Center- To rent the community center please visit our website www.bretonagsociety.

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



COVID-19 INFORMATION

SENIORS, BE SAFE. STAY HOME.

Please stay safe at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ask a loved one or neighbour to bring you groceries and prescriptions, and stay informed with current information from the Government of Alberta.

alberta.ca/covid19

Alberta

A tax credit is now available for volunteer fire fighters and search and rescue personnel. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/TAX-CREDIT>



Gerald Soroka, MP
Yellowhead



Supporting volunteer firefighters, and search and rescue personnel

GERALD.SOROKA@PARL.GC.CA -- (780) 723-6068

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Yet again

Challenging Mayor Rod Raymond's remarks

We are bombarded daily with information from our radio and television stations. Doctors, scientists and health professionals provide us current health updates. There is a rise in mental illness, depression and family violence currently so there is no need to ramble on with negative statements.

The public needs encouragement, hope, and reassurance. Certainly not condemnation, and threatening remarks. Our community needs a leader with common sense, empathy, and sensitivity with our current situation. Using words such as "pinhead", "rat you out", "crook" or "stuck at home LOL" are negative remarks. The articles from our MP Gerald Soroka and MLA Mark Smith both wrote words of encouragement. Positive statements constitute a professionally written article. Even our prime minister addresses the nation daily with a positive outlook, and with programs to assist financially. Perhaps in the future you can curb your negative enthusiasm.

Just to clarify, it has been rumored that the budget will be reduced. Does this mean that our services are also decreased? The council is elected to provide the community with services mandated by the Municipal Act. I personally would not like to see the gravelling of roads, dust suppression, or pothole repairs removed this year. A massive tax break does not solve all the problems for everyone. The community would like to see some resolve in the future but certainly not by reducing many services. Be honest with the public and include public engagement.

It takes a whole community to get through this time of uncertainty, with positive direction.

Submitted by:
Carol Rempel

All "Letters To The Editor" must be printed with the name of it's author. Letters To The Editor are the opinions of those who wrote them, not necessarily those of Community 39 Enterprises.

BILAR'S GARAGE LTD.

SPECIALIZING IN MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF
NEW & OLDER VEHICLES IN THORSBY SINCE 1936

**We are open to serve your
repair and maintenance needs.**

**Due to the COVID-19 situation we are doing our
part to protect our customers and employees.**

**We continue to provide high quality work and
outstanding customer service.**

**Our reception area is set up for social distancing.
We are disinfecting our reception area and wiping
vehicles and keys before and after servicing.**

**If possible, contact us by phone for an appoint-
ment and drop your keys in the drop box by the
front door. For pick up and payment, that can be
done over the phone or at the counter.**

**Thank you for your business
and your understanding.**

We will get through this together.

**Oil Change
& 50 Point Inspection
\$53.00
(on most cars & trucks)**



780-789-3661

Hours

8 am - 5 pm

Monday - Friday



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

The poster features a large, tilted red and white "CANCELLED" stamp in the center. The background is a collage of rodeo photos: a cowboy on a horse, a barrel race, and a mutton busting event. The text "THORSBY HAYMAKER RODEO" is in large, stylized letters at the top, with "May 16 & 17, 2020" to the right. A yellow banner at the bottom left says "MUTTON BUSTING".

THORSBY HAYMAKER RODEO May 16 & 17, 2020

CANCELLED

9:00 am
Performance 5:00 pm
Day:
Performance 2:00 pm

MUTTON BUSTING

Pancake Breakfast
Parade - Saturday

Tickets available at the door
Adult \$10.00
16 and under \$ 7.00
Senior \$ 7.00
Preschool Free

780-789-3829 for more information



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

From Mayor Rod Raymond

Resilience and self-reliance

The consensus is that we are only half way through this round of the virus. I am proud of how this community, has followed the guidelines as set out by AHS. We do have a few citizens, that need a little reminder, from time to time, but overall, compliance is working. If you go out in public, wear a face mask and social distance. If we wear face masks and social distance, things will get back to normal more quickly. We are fortunate to be in a low risk area, but that can change quickly if we don't take precautions. Stay home if possible, only go out for necessities, wear a mask if around other people (especially in the stores), maintain social distancing and maybe the restrictions can be eased.

I picked up old Whinny, the motorhome, from storage last week. As of now, I do not know where we will go camping. It looks like driveway camping, or mooch camping this summer: LOL We want to have a few BBQ's and back yard fires starting soon. That will look a little different this year with social distancing requirements. Smaller groups, of less than 15 people, and only local family members. If we have friends over, it will be limited to 2 couples, which will be no more than 6 of us in total. The need to socialize has never been greater, but we all must be aware of the risks and minimize the virus transmission.

We strongly suggest everyone plant a vegetable garden this year. If you do not have a garden spot, call the town office and leave your contact info. In some ways the influence of my parents, grandparents and aunts/uncles, who lived through the great depression and fought a world war, has prepared us for today. We as Canadians have always been resilient and self-reliant throughout our history. This is the time to step up, show tenacity, self-reliance and resilience. Do for yourself, your family and your community.



DID YOU KNOW?

**Dump cards are still available
for yard clean ups!**

**Contact the Town Office to arrange pick up.
Phone: 780.789.3935**

valley ridge custom meats

Provincially Inspected



Home of Stinky's Sausage
Meat Cutting, Sausage, Jerky, Patties, Curing

Clarence Kirchner

30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

#473074 - RR 274

We apologize to our customers, please use this number,
effective immediately **780.312.8840**

SITE 10, BOX 9, RR2, THORSBY, AB T0C 2P0

you've tried the rest, now try the BEST

STRONGBACK SERVICES

No jobs too big or task too small...
from cleaning eaves trough to complete renovations

Providing Services in Leduc County

- Lawn and Garden Maintenance
- Home Renovations and Repairs
- Landscaping Services
- Decks and Fences Built and Repaired
- Concrete Pads and Sidewalks
- Licensed and Bonded

**Call Dean Waters For Your
Free Quote
780.554.2551**



**Nobody Ever
Drowned in Their
Own Sweat**
-Lou Holtz

Darcy Powlik



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

www.darcypowlik.com

RESIDENTIAL

- **Thorsby - 3 Bedroom Home** - lots of current renovations, gorgeous kitchen, huge lot. \$124,900.00
- **Thorsby - 1556 sq.ft. Townhouse Unit.** 3 bedroom, 3 bath, basement & garage. \$215,000.00
- **Thorsby - 1550 sq.ft. bungalow** with detached garage and huge yard. 4 bedroom, backs onto green space. \$234,900.00
- **Thorsby - 2300 sq.ft. 2 Storey** - 4 bedrooms, attached garage & **INDOOR SWIMMING POOL!** \$232,500.00
- **Thorsby - Older, solid 1 1/2 Story on huge lot.** 3 bedroom, 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

FARMS & ACREAGES

- **Pigeon Lake - 35 Acres** - with modern renovated house on new ICF basement. \$2979 in oil revenue. Private and quiet setting. \$389,000.00
- **Thorsby - Beautiful building spots** backing onto Strawberry Creek Ravine. Zoned Agricultural 7.36 acres \$132,900.00 & 142,900.00
- **St. Francis - On Pavement** - Secondary Highway 622 - 12 Acres+. 1400 sq.ft. bungalow, older shop, all services, some corrals. \$279,000.00
- **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
- **Warburg - 13.66 acres** with 2015 outstanding bungalow, fully finished basement, attached garage and set in storybook private setting. Tall evergreens and creek, on pavement. \$685,000.00
- **Thorsby - 27.11 acres** - Set up for horses or hobby farm. 1488 sq.ft. modular home in excellent condition. Barn and many other buildings, lots of pasture. \$399,000.00

COMMERCIAL

- **Storage Business - 16 Units.** Great revenue potential and easy to operate. Fenced yard. \$199,000.00
- **5800 sq.ft. finished shop** - with office space included. 7.98 acre fenced yard and serviced. \$995,000.00



Thorsby Communities In Bloom Society from Barry Rasch

Hi Everyone

The Thorsby Communities In Bloom Society has a lot to be excited about. We are wanting to celebrate serving our community for the last 15 years. To kick off our spring in style we want to tell you about a few things that are currently being planned.

This year the Alberta Provincial Communities In Bloom Program Theme is **"Bloom Where Your Planted"** which is a theme that speaks to all of us in some form as we navigate through the Covid 19 Pandemic. We have been notified that there will be no judging of any communities across Alberta and Canada this year. Instead all communities will enter into the Friends Non-Evaluated category. What we can expect to see with this new format is:

- **Webinars** for Alberta Communities - with Special Guest Speakers and Gardening Personalities
- **Contests** – Good News Stories
- **Showcase Places/Spaces** submit 3-4 photos and a small description of a CIB Project in our community that will be featured in the Alberta Communities In Bloom - Blooms and Bits News Letter across Alberta
- **Fall Gardening Workshop** will be dependent on where we are at
- **New Technical Resources Pieces** - stay tuned
- **Video Tours** - stay tuned

This year Thorsby CIB will also organize a Yard In Bloom with details to follow soon, so get ready to show off your talents. We are committed to still doing our projects as planned that you will see below:

Project 1 – Thorsby CIB and the Thorsby Chamber of Commerce will partner up to improve the North Entrance Shrub Display in front of the sign. This will include landscaping, shrub replacement with mulch to give a renewed look entering our community.

Project 2 – Thorsby CIB and the Town of Thorsby will partner up to develop and create an addition to the Thorsby Network of Trails. Yes, you heard correctly, a new trail!!! CIB will provide the budget while the town will provide the lane access. This location will be located on 45 Street on the far southeast side of town or east of the Hay Maker Centre. The lane has been a closed laneway for over 20 years and has since grown in with young poplar trees creating an ideal walking area with a level easy walking or biking terrain of 1447 feet. We will be clearing an 8-foot path. The

trees taken down will create a mulch base through the trees heading north or south. The entrances will only allow for residents or pedal bikes to enter and not motorized sport bikes and will be a walking delight for your pets while on a leash.



A garbage can will be located on site at an entrance and we may have access for a few picnic tables and benches to place along the route. This will be Phase 1 with the hope of creating Phase 2 the following year that will be able to connect to our Recreational Fields. If all goes to plan, we should see the pathway created towards the middle of May. If you have any inquiries, we ask that you contact **CAO Christine Burke at 780.789.3935 Ext 28 or email cao@thorsby.ca** for further details.

Thorsby CIB currently has three grants submitted for trees and recycling containers. They have been postponed for a bit, but we are hopeful we will be able to secure some support in the coming months, so fingers crossed.

Lastly CIB will be getting ready for the plants to arrive soon which will either be the last week in May or the first week in June. This is always dependant on our ever-changing weather. This year we will also be helping to water the plants to support the town. We encourage everyone to maintain a clean and tidy property and pick up garbage if you see any blowing around in our trails, recreation fields and overall community. If you have some time to give, Thorsby CIB is always looking for volunteers to help with our projects, and we remain very flexible to meet everyone's schedules. Contact Barry 780-983-2096 if interested.

Have a great spring everyone!!!



NIGHT HAWK AUTO

Division of 

780.789.4159
nighthawkautomotive@gmail.com
LOCATED 2 miles south of Thorsby
west 1/2 mile to 1248 TWP Rd 490

Complete Automotive Service and Repair On All Makes and Models

SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE

- Out of Province Inspections • Automotive Repair
- Tire Service • Wheel Alignments • Diagnostics
- Hydraulic Hose Repairs • A/C Service and Repair
- 50 Point Inspection with Oil Changes
- Minor Welding Repairs • Part Sales
- Fleet Maintenance Programs
- Interior Detailing



Check out our Facebook page!

We accept debit / credit cards for payment

YES WE ARE OPEN!

And taking precautions to
prevent the spread of COVID-19.
Drop off & pick up only.
No waiting allowed.

SPECIAL
of the month

APRIL & MAY

**FREE SEASONAL
TIRE SWAP**
(tires on rims)
**WITH PURCHASE OF
OIL CHANGE**

LOR-RIC EXCAVATION



780.499.2469

SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE

- TRAC-HOE • DOZERS
- DAY SKIDSTEER SERVICES

INCLUDING TRENCHING, HOLE AUGERING, TREE SPADE AND MORE

- GRAVEL AND SAND (INCLUDING PLAYGROUND SAND)

AVAILABLE OFF THE YARD OR DELIVERY

View My Listings at macrae-sells.ca

ROBERT MACRAE

780-991-9939

number1seller@shaw.ca

ROYAL LEPAGE

GATEWAY REALTY INC.
Independently Owned & Operated



**that more than 99% of space is invisible to
telescopes on Earth?**

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 61st 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.

CHRIS NICHOLS, THS CLASS of 2001

It was with great pleasure that I received an invitation to write my story for “Straight out of Thorsby” – pleasure, coupled with the realization that the A-list Thorsby alumni had been exhausted and it was at last time for the rest of us. Finally, the people will have their due.

My memories of growing up in Thorsby are vivid and fond. Though it seemed like an unremarkable upbringing at the time, living now in Vancouver and telling stories of my youth helps me grasp its uniqueness. Consider this: 1) some people have spent their formative years without a ‘tire town’ to play on/injure themselves. This was our elementary playground, a mishmash of tractor tires with heavy bolts protruding out from angles eager to catch the unwatchful child playing tag; 2) some teenagers never experienced the character-building shame of having their high school signage broken to display TRBY HI HOL; and 3) most egregiously, some people don’t know what a bush party even is, let alone how to light a bale on fire to keep warm in the dead of winter on an abandoned ski hill.

So I’m thankful for those memories, among others, that made me the person I am today. Growing up I played most sports in town, including hockey, basketball, soccer, volleyball

and golf. We were the first midget AA team in Thorsby (I think), and used the opportunity to rename our team the Thorsby Thundercats. No doubt it struck fear in the heart of our competition to be facing such a ferocious, if somewhat nonsensical, animal.

I remember teachers who cared more than we deserved and townspeople who indulged our loitering. I was a member of grad class ’01, and our motto was “Remember yesterday, dream of tomorrow, but live for today”. A bit of a catch-all. However, like a fine wine, it has fermented from neglect while nevertheless inviting reflection into how good it could have been if used properly.

Upon graduation and a year ‘finding myself’, which involved working for town cornerstone G and N Contracting, freezing to death in unfinished basements, I moved to Camrose and completed a bachelor’s degree in Sociology, after which I moved to the West Coast for my masters at the University of Victoria and discovered there is a land where Spring begins in February. After a short stint beginning and then dropping my PhD in New York, I returned to the west, settling in Vancouver and getting married on a gulf island on a cooperatively owned farm with no power or potable water. When in Rome, I guess.

After a time devoted to writing and tutoring university students, I’ve spent the last six years building a worker’s cooperative called Wood Shop (www.woodshop.coop). We make reclaimed wood furniture, custom interiors and conduct DIY workshops in a shared building we recently established with other cooperatives and non-profits. Our organization tries to be a force in building an alternative, cooperative economy that is socially, environmentally and economically just. It’s hard work, but I couldn’t imagine doing anything else. Either this is laudable or a product of poor imagination. I’ll let you decide.

I get the opportunity to speak and write from time-to-time on what I do and why I do it. Mostly I use these platforms to argue for worker-ownership and the prioritization of people over profits – something our current pandemic has taught us is not only intuitive but essential. Often these opportunities for reflection bring me back to Thorsby and the ethic that was instilled in me from a young age. I'm lucky to have my brother, mother, and other relatives in the Thorsby area and I'm able to get back a couple times a year to see the lake I grew up on and the arena I called home in the winter. Maybe if there's time I can get a game of bowling in or do some fishtails around town for oldtimes sake.

Back in Vancouver my days are spent running my business, hiking and biking, and trying to find time to continue work on writing projects. I love it out here, but sometimes on the cold, rainy Vancouver nights I still feel the pull to light up a bale, stand back and watch it blaze up into the endless prairie sky. After all, Thorsby still lives in my heart – literally, in the cholesterol from the many lunchtime fries at Thorsby Family Restaurant and sweet and sour pork at Ku's. I wouldn't trade it for the world.

I'd love to hear from any Thorsby-ites wanting to get in touch or planning to visit Vancouver, so feel free to email me at nichols.cln@gmail.com.



Chris with his wife Ashley, Vancouver 2019 and Chris THS grad 2001

WEBBLINK FENCING

**OFFERING RURAL CRIME REDUCTION
SECURITY SOLUTIONS**



Locally Owned & Operated

Chain Link Fence Specialists For Over 17 Years

Call For A Free Quote

Phone (587) 990-5440

Email: webblinkfencingalberta@gmail.com



MESSAGE TO MY CONSTITUENTS

Support has been announced for students and post-graduates. The Canada Emergency Student Benefit will provide \$1,250 per month for eligible students or \$2,000 per month for eligible students with dependents or disabilities and will be available from May to August 2020.

The government also announced the Student Service Grant. Under this program, students who choose to serve their communities during the COVID 19 pandemic will be provided with up to \$5,000 for their education in the fall.

New measures were also announced for small businesses. The Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance will provide forgivable loans to qualifying commercial property owners to cover 50 percent of three-monthly rent payments payable by eligible small business tenants experiencing financial hardship during April, May and June.

The loans will be forgiven if the mortgaged property owner agrees to reduce the eligible small business tenants' rent by at least 75 percent for the three corresponding months under a rent forgiveness agreement, which will include a pledge not to evict the tenant while the agreement is in place.

Tenants can qualify if their rent is less than \$50,000/month and who have temporarily ceased operations or have experienced at least a 70% drop in pre-COVID-19 revenues.

I have received many emails asking when things will fully return to normal business operations. This question is not easy to answer. Why?
There are too many variables.

- We need to know how the virus works
- Need to assist with worldwide efforts to develop a safe, effective vaccine.
- Will face masks, and physical distancing be frequent?
- Will large gatherings still be discouraged?
- For those most at risk from the virus, will they still be asked to spend as much time at home as possible?
- When will border and travel restrictions be lifted?
- When will essential industries start up?

I will be sure to keep you informed every step of the way as I update my Facebook daily.

Please reach out to my office at 780-723-6068 or Gerald.Soroka.c1a@parl.gc.ca if you have any questions.

Please be patient, take care and don't despair.
We are in this together.

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. Calcium Chloride – 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**.





MLA REPORT

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

Weekly Summary for April 28

It seems that spring is finally upon us! The temperature is starting to warm up and plans for vegetable gardens and colourful flower beds are in process. I hope that you and your loved ones are finding ways to enjoy the warmer weather while staying safe and practicing physical distancing. While cooped up kids are yearning to get out and enjoy the sunshine, I urge you to continue to avoid playground equipment and other collective group play spaces.

COVID-19 is a challenging time for many of us. If you are struggling, support is always available through the Alberta Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642. Updated information on COVID-19 and resources for coping can also be found at alberta.ca/covid19.

I am pleased to share that our government has launched a new program to address the economic challenges that Alberta faces. The new Site Rehabilitation Program will provide grants to oilfield service contractors to perform well, pipeline, and oil and gas site reclamation. The program, which is expected to create 5,300 direct jobs for Albertans, will lead the cleanup of thousands of sites here in our province. Applications for contracts by service companies will open May 1, and will help get Albertans back to work during a period of unprecedented challenges for the oil and gas industry. Our government is taking action to get Albertans back to work and look ahead to economic recovery.

Our government is listening to Albertans and making significant investments to recognize the unique challenges of providing health care services in rural Alberta. This week, as a result of frank discussions between the Minister and rural MLA's our government made changes to physician compensation in rural areas, including removing the cap on incentives through the Rural, Remote and Northern Program, increasing rural on-call rates, and freezing rural and family medical liability rates at \$1,000. In addition, our government is introducing a program to pay for 20 young Albertans from rural communities to attend medical school in exchange for working in a rural community for three years. These new investments will help recruit and retain physicians in rural areas of our province.

I am happy to share that additional relief measures are on the way for Alberta's small businesses. Many small businesses have been required to close or limit their operations to protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, and are facing extreme financial pressures. Our government is joining a Government of Canada program to support a loan program that will reduce the rent costs for small businesses by 75 percent. This program, which is expected to start up in mid-May, will offer forgivable loans. Small businesses are the backbone of our communities, and this program will help support them through COVID-19.

Thank you for doing your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Having said the government is now preparing to roll out the re-launch of the Alberta economy in a series of stages over the next few weeks and months. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements.

HP Electric Inc.

Residential - Commercial - Maintenance

Locally Owned



Blair Hennes 780-686-0418

Curtis Peck 780-278-7614

hpelectricinc@gmail.com

Thorsby's Puppy Lovin Grooming

780-518-3943 Tuesday - Saturday 9:00 to 5:00



Maxine

Insurance Inspections ←

Light Duty Automotive Repairs ←

Automotive Diagnostics ←
Domestic & European

Please call to book your vehicle in...

Garry Gellert
Licensed Mechanic
780.920.6572

Kelly Lafreniere
Owner
780.514.9724

Mac Hays
Enterprises Ltd

47409 Range Road 35
Breton AB

Directions: From Breton - East on Hwy 616 for 3.2 km
then South on Range Rd. 35 for 2.8 km, East side of road



Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

These meetings are subject to change

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.

Johnson's Handyman Service

"FOR ALL YOUR REPAIR AND RENO NEEDS"

Specializing In

- ✓ Home Buyer and Seller upgrades
- ✓ Kitchen and Bathroom makeovers
- ✓ Painting, Interior and Exterior
- ✓ Drywall and Mudding repairs
- ✓ Finishing Carpentry
- ✓ Lino and Sub floors
- ✓ Tiling and Grout
- ✓ Plumbing Repairs



Chuck @ 780-902-0465



Find us on:
facebook®

chuckjohnsonhandyman

Email Us At:

Johnson.chuck44@gmail.com

Division of J & M Services, Box # 509 Thorsby Ab.T0C 2P0

I will always make you smile
BECAUSE **You Smile.... I Smile**



In case you need a reminder
about how utterly stupid the
American public is today.



Lucky needs her morning tea before
starting the work day at home!
Thanks for sharing Amissa J!
Have a funny / cute pet pic?
Email it to media@community39.com

Wife:
Can you stop yawning
when I'm talking to you?

Husband:
I'm not yawning, I'm
trying to say something!

TH^{RSBY} TARGET

Advertising Rates

1/8 Page - \$20.00 + Gst

1/4 Page - \$29.00 + Gst

1/2 Page - \$40.00 + Gst

Full Page - \$60.00 + Gst

Classified Ads

\$5.00 for 2 weeks,

up to 30 words, includes GST.

Drop-Off Point is Royal Care Pharmacy

Deadline for The Target is

Wednesday at Noon.

Community Events and Articles are FREE

780-887-0077

media@community39.com

www.community39.com

The Thorsby Target can be viewed
online and in color at
www.community39.com

If you'd like to get a link to the
paper in your inbox you can
subscribe online
or email
media@community39.com

Community³⁹
Enterprises



49019 Range Road 22, Sunnybrook, AB

We Repair:

- Truck Transport • Industrial • Heavy Equipment •
- Agriculture • Automotive • School Buses •

780.789.3322 1.855.789.3322

www.nitronut.com

Check out our Facebook page!

Breton Denture Centre

5012 - 50 Ave. Breton

780-696-9696

Our Services Include:

- Free Consultations
- Same Day Relines
- Complete & Partial Dentures
- 1 Hour Denture Repairs
- Dental Assistance for Seniors
- Referral to a Dentist or Surgeon



Join Us Again in Completing that Beautiful Smile!

Income Taxes prepared and Netfiled!

Rates start for as little as \$50 for a basic return.

Reliable, accurate and quick
completion of personal income taxes,
small business taxes, farm taxes and gst returns.
Give Sandy a call to get a quote at 780-915-6108.

Why travel to the City?!

I work in Warburg!

- References Available •



WANTED

**WILL BUY USED FIREARMS
AND PARTS GUNS
IN ANY CONDITION
CALL ROY 780.848.2875**



Dawn Heisler 780-619-2564 (cell)

780-986-2900 (office) www.dawnheisler.remax.ca

email: dawnheisler@remax.net



Real Estate

Independently Owned and Operated

LOG HOME WITH 80 ACRES

Beautifully treed and pasture. 1998 has vaulted ceilings, wood burning stove, covered deck, Walkout basement, in floor heat. 40'x40' shop with 8" structural cement floor, 3 phase hoist, two 14'x14' doors, heated. E4162172
REDUCED \$649,000 \$624,900



REDUCED!



WARBURG PIE LOT

Like new with extensive reno's done. Acreage in town on 2 large pie lots. 3 bed, 2 bath. Attach. oversized dble garage is insulated, heated. 20x30' quonset. E4188324
\$199,000



CHARACTER HOME

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



LAKEFRONT PROPERTY

6.2 treed acres in Mission beach Pigeon Lake. E4191325
\$299,000

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



WARBURG

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

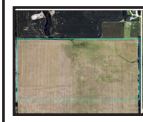
3 ACRES IN WARBURG
Zoned Direct Control. Great for greenhouse or warehouse type business. **\$62,000 REDUCED \$30,000**



REDUCED!

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

MISSION BEACH 9.76 ACRES



Almost 10 acres for less than a lot around the lake! Treed land. Nature at it's best with the lake, Provincial Park walking trails, nature conservatory all nearby. E4192851
\$89,000

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



10 Minutes to LEDUC

13 acres, 2300 sq.ft. 5 bedroom house, attached garage, extensive outbuildings incl. heated, serviced shops, fenced for livestock. E4190098
\$750,000



Community³⁹

Enterprises

Home of
The Breton Booster,
Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

Read the papers online and in color www.community39.com
upload your ad • subscribe • leave a comment