

TH^{RSBY} TARGET

CIB Secures \$20,000 Grant for Bottle Recycling Bins

May 19, 2020 - The Thorsby Communities In Bloom Society is proud to announce that we have been successful with receiving a \$20,000.00 grant as of last week. The application was submitted back in February for consideration. We're excited to be able to add these new bottle recycling bins into our community this summer. We have been so fortunate to have this amazing program that allows CIB to receive bottle recycling bins through generous grants. When bottles are deposited into the bins, community groups receive the proceeds to help fund exciting community projects that we all get to enjoy. We are grateful to have been approved for our fourth successful application to date for the community.

The Community Champions Program (CCP) is an infrastructure grant program that is specially designed for not-for profit organizations and municipalities in Alberta. The program provides important financial funding for specialized recycling bins (indoor and outdoor) that make recycling more convenient and accessible to the public, while keeping beverage containers out of landfills, with its many social benefits to the community.

The bottle recycling bins are made by Haul All Equipment Ltd. which is an approved vendor for the program. The style we chose is called

the 'Freedom 32' bottle recycling bin, this is a hands-free use bin that is made for security and longevity in a community. Strategic areas will be chosen for placement when they arrive. Thorsby Communities In Bloom would like to take a moment to thank the generous sponsors at ABCRC (Alberta Beverage and Container Association) for their ongoing support. In closing Thorsby Communities In Bloom continues to work closely with the town to find opportunities that leaves our community stronger and healthier by each successful project that we work on. CIB - "Caring For Our Community"



The CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Cashier Wanted - Part time cashier for 3-8hr shifts + 1-3hr shift(per week) for the month of June. Possible full time for July & August. These are evening & weekend shifts only. Apply in person to Ann at AJ's Trading Post at Highway 778 & 616x.

780.389.3797 (1-2)

WANTED

Looking for a residence to park my motorhome (Thorsby area). Must have access to power, water, and some outdoor storage room. I can provide security, lawn services and pay monthly lot rent. Have 2 cats. References available. Call Brian.

780.216.2060 (2-4)

Bids Wanted: The Holy Trinity Whitsuntide Church is now accepting bids for lawn maintenance from May until September. Yard Location 28177 Glen Park Road. Please send in your bid or for more information Contact Phil 780.389.3352 or philpawlyk@gmail.com (3-4)

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Misc. Farm Equipment for sale - Sakundiak HD 10x2200 - 72' swing auger w/ reverse full bin sensor; **2000 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 (4-4)

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Job Description

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

Hours of Work

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

The wage for this position is \$19.49 per hour

Required Education, Skills and Qualifications

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

Support Worker I

Job Description

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

Responsibilities

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

Hours Of Work

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

The wage for this position is \$17.80 per hour

Required Education, Skills and Qualifications

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



George Spady
Society

Please email resume and include a cover letter to JohnN@gspady.ab.ca

George Spady Society thanks all applicants for their interest; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



Employment Opportunities

The Town of Thorsby has the following employment opportunities available:

General Accountant

(Part time/Temporary - 3 Days/wk – long term leave coverage)

The Town of Thorsby is looking for a detail-oriented individual that has working knowledge of municipal accounting (Microsoft Dynamics Great Plains) and the MGA along with strong leadership skills.

Reporting to the Town Manager, the General Accountant will be responsible for the financial management, accounting functions and asset management services and reporting functions for the Town of Thorsby, and will be a key member of the administrative team. This position assists in the development and execution of procedures and guidelines and internal audits to ensure accurate and timely financial statements and reports.

Utility Clerk/Receptionist

(Part time/temporary – long term leave coverage)

The Town of Thorsby is looking for a detail-oriented individual with knowledge of municipal accounting (Microsoft Dynamics Great Plains) systems and utility billing operations

Reporting to the Office Manager, the successful candidate will work as part of the administrative team to provide front line services with key focus on utility billing, utility systems maintenance and arrears collection services. Experience in utility billing/similar preferred.

For full details please see the Employment Opportunities section of our website: www.thorsby.ca

Please submit resume and cover letter to

cburke@thorsby.ca or mail to Town of Thorsby, Attention of Christine Burke, Box 297, Thorsby, AB T0C 2P0



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR From Mayor Rod Raymond

As I prepare for the weekly article for residents, I am deeply disturbed regarding two recent Letters to the Editor. I am shocked at the disrespect directed at a person (by name), and the volunteer organization he tirelessly represents. C.I.B. is a group of volunteers that work to improve this community, they raise their own funds and expect nothing in return. It was my idea, for a member of council and the chairman of the CIB, to evaluate the viability of a walking trail from the Rec Center to 45th street. To my knowledge, this was an undeveloped lane and utility corridor. I had no idea that some residents along that street have incorporated their back yards into the utility corridor (and possibly onto Haymakers property). The majority of residents who might be affected if the project were to go ahead in the future expressed their concerns in writing to Administration, and which were brought forward to the attention of Council, were very respectful. Council was advised by regular mail (no signatures being accepted by Canada Post for registered letters), after both articles were published in the Target. I find that suggesting that illegal drug use on walking trails is a problem in this community is ridiculous. I invite you to attend a meeting of Council to discuss with us directly why you and a few of your neighbors are more entitled to use town property and another volunteer organization's property, then the rest of the community. As a taxpayer, it offends me that now the Town must expend taxpayer's money to research and determine property lines. We have so many other issues that require expenditures of our very limited recourses. We have so many streets that need repair or replacement, which should occupy our focus. We are plagued with inverted speed bumps (potholes), which occur every year and take time to remedy. You have given Council a problem, that now we are forced to address. All of this over the viability of a possible level recreation trail for persons with mobility issues. I need to remind all residents, the undeveloped lane ways and utility corridors cannot be blocked with sheds, travel trailers, vehicles, or any other objects. They must be accessible for emergency vehicles and for servicing the power grid and phone lines. I too live on an undeveloped back lane. My neighbors and I keep the grass cut. I put up a fence, at my expense, along my property line to keep my dogs in my yard and other dogs and the rest of the world out. As of today, along the lane I have only seen people walking their dogs, getting some exercise or children playing. From my perspective, I do not think

most people with addiction issues randomly walk down back lanes for exercise or to take drugs, possibly for opportunistic theft to maintain their habit, yes.

Now the matter of back lane access has been brought to the attention of Council, to be fair and equitable, we will now require everyone else in town to comply with the bylaw also. Historically, just about every bylaw in town was the result of an issue that needed to be addressed. Bylaws are in place to protect residents and the community as a whole. I do not necessarily agree with them all, but I comply. I want to thank everyone who called to support Council, on this matter. It is not my job to shame individual residents for their actions or opinions, for it seems they do not need my help. My suggestion to chronic complainers is that they join a volunteer organization to benefit their community, instead of bringing it down. Negative comments add no value to any community. Constructive criticism is encouraged, alternative solutions are encouraged, bringing community issues forward is encouraged, public engagement is strongly encouraged, bringing forward individual concerns is encouraged, working together is encouraged but it needs to be done in a respectful manner. Venting and blowing off a little steam is understandable and is tolerated. In the past, I have moved my family out of a community because we did not like living there. I chose to move here, I like living here, I choose to give back to my community, and I will defend this community, which includes the people who give to this community! If you want to get my back up, pick on this town or threaten the well being of the great residents that live and volunteer here.

Now, the enjoyable part of this week's article. I wish to thank everyone for social distancing this weekend. It was awesome to see people enjoying the Lions park campground. The parade on Saturday was fun and it was good to see so many people come out and wave as we dodged potholes, and passed by. Thank you Christine and Ivor, that was a great idea. Thank you Mark Smith, MLA and wife, for participating and giving reassurance to the job all residents have done to control COVID-19. Council and town staff appreciate the positive feedback. It was great to see individuals setting off fireworks to continue with the May long weekend tradition.

This week I would like to recognize and thank Patti from FCSS, for her commitment and support to this community. In these troubling times mental health issues come to the forefront and we are proud of the role you play and the job you do.



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 Upcoming Council Meetings**

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MAY 2020

Tuesday 26 | Regular Council Meeting

JUNE 2020

Tuesday 2 | Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday 9 | Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 | Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday 23 | Regular Council Meeting

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

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As a commuter on the roads within Leduc County, please understand that farmers are working quickly to get from a-to-field to complete their spring work.

Please be patient and cautious as this large equipment is slow to move and difficult to maneuver. Be aware that large equipment must swing wide to make turns and has large blindspot areas; give it ample space.

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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!

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!

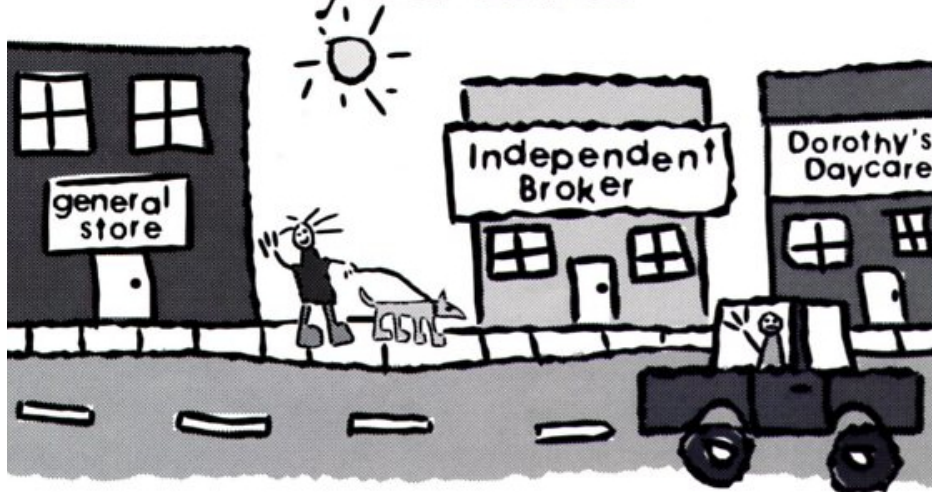
We invite the community of Thorsby and surrounding areas to attend the **Philippian Friendship Church**. We are located at 4916A Hankin Street in Thorsby. Tuesday night Bible Study at 7 pm, Wednesday Praise and Worship 7 pm, Thursday Night Youth Group 7 pm, Friday Night Bible Study 7 pm, Saturday Night 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!!!

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Community Events Page

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 thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Visit our website ttcahs.yolasite.com.

Centrelodge Community Centre - For bookings call Caroline 780-789-3089.

Morrowdale Community Hall - For bookings call Elaine at 780-789-2104.

Mulhurst Legion #246 Call: Marie 780-361-7350

Genesee Community Hall - Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229.

Glen Park Hall - For bookings call Mike at 780-919-1250.

Sandholm Community Hall - For hall bookings call Doris 780-389-2381.

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.

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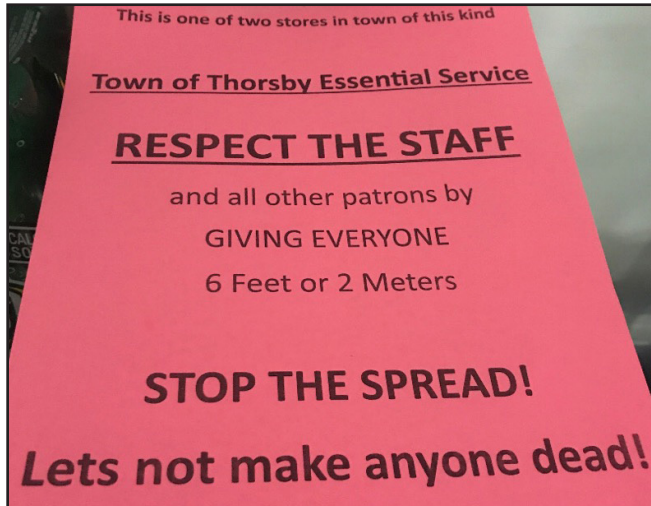


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I noticed that Mayor Rod Raymond took it upon himself to put this up in the Post Office and to ask businesses to also post it.



Who is this person to intimidate the community with the threat of death? Our children do know how to read, you've instilled a fear of death in them and their families. You are some piece of work. What has this message done to our seniors and other community members?

Barb Worshek

Dear Editor:

I have had no communication from any of Town Council regarding my concerns about the trails. I will be attending the Council meeting next Tuesday (May 26) to see if I can get some answers.

To speak to Council you must phone the Town office and have your name put on the agenda.

I do expect some acknowledgement of the concerns we who are affected in our small corner of the town have about the trails.

I encourage all of us to approach Town Council regarding the management of our tax dollars. (Roads, sidewalks, trails, etc.)

At the end of the day Council does have to follow government laws regarding expenditures of our money.

Barb Worshek

May 20, 2020

Dear Editor:

I thought I'd take the opportunity to share some knowledge that I have or that I best remember on the trail development in our community to date.

Trail development as we know it have become a very popular recreational asset in many communities today. You will notice if there's a natural setting near, residents will often

suggest trail development be created in urban environments. It's cost affective to create depending on surface choices and amenities, compared to sidewalks. It often creates recreational options both for walking, running, biking and nature watching. Thorsby began to create trails already back in the late 90's with the Lions Club securing the first grant to purchase equipment and build bridges known today as Beaver's Revenge. This incredible asset was born but lay dormant with no signage. We often would refer to the Lions Campground as Thorsby's best kept secret as it went unknown for years, hiding away until it became rediscovered. In 2012 Thorsby Communities In Bloom approached a local trail enthusiast to work towards expanding development of our trails in and around the Lions Campground and Weed Creek creating new paths, building more bridges and buying tools such as Pruners, a Power Saw and Weed Wacker. In 2012 the Thorsby Network of Trails was created with a name and go to site on Social Media to follow updates. The relaunch of the trails created tremendous excitement in the community and discussions about our trails were reaching well beyond our own community, and in fact hours away they were hearing about the good things that were happening. As the hard work began, so did the volunteers that made all this happen. They were the true champions of this project. Community Fit joined the work, supplying funding and volunteers and even created a fun annual event called the Thorsby MudSlayer Mud Run, which was a fun event where you could go as a disciplined exercise enthusiast or just have a blast going through obstacles with a splash of mud with the family. Community Fit did play a vital role in securing additional grants from Cargill and from Alberta Sport and Leisure in 2017 that allowed expansion and the rental of a small excavator to cut in more trails. CIB applied for a Leduc County Rec Grant that was also approved to continue building in 2017. There are currently 6 km of trails in the network. The point I make is that this incredible asset to date, has been funded entirely by Community Group Sponsorship, Grants and a ton of dedicated volunteers offering up their time, that only want the very best for our community. Trail development creates healthy life choices for families. Yes, consideration on new proposals needs to be looked at from the pros to the cons and the cost always. Every proposed project, when it is presented, will always go through Town Council and Administration for consideration so that all areas are heard. Let's not tear down the dedicated volunteers that work tirelessly to make the community better. Being respectful and considerate of views should always be first and foremost before recklessly venting a disapproval.

In closing, my ambitions will remain focused on improving our community and we can always use the volunteer help in many of our community groups today.

Thanks, Barry Rasch

Dear Editor:

Re: Letter to the Editor from Barb Worshek

Before I address some of your concerns I would like to make it clear that they strike a familiar chord with me and other members of Council.

First of all, CIB Chairman Rasch can make all the decisions he wants relative to his role as Chair of the CIB Committee, but unless major projects are discussed and approved by Council, or in some instances (such as this), by common approval of Thorsby voters, no decisions can be made or ap-

proved by Council.

Having said that, you should be aware that CIB is not an official arm of the town. Their budget decisions are totally independent of Council scrutiny. However, my advice to you, and you seem to have a strong position on matters, would be best addressed by you working as a volunteer of the CIB group. And, if you care that much and want to be apart of the decisions of CIB, please let him know.

Secondly, no public money (except the decision to clear a path south to the Haymaker Centre) has been approved by Council. Since only one ratepayer would be minimally impacted, the decision to grant the request was made with the future in mind. At sometime the roadway (it is a road) would allow access to Township Rd 494 in the south. I can assure you that no funds or permission to do anything beyond that has occurred. In fact, if you had been in Council Chambers two weeks ago you would know that Mayor Raymond and I (Councillor Gilbert was absent and welcoming his newborn son Greyson, to the world) were vehemently and loudly opposed to any future on this issue without clear public input before any decision be made. And, that with the current economies in mind, it is probably years in the future. In fact, a further request for funding was emphatically turned down at last week's Council meeting.

Now, on my take on the matter; if you had taken the time to inquire you would know that when it comes down to the fact, I am opposed to any such trail being made along the fence to the south of your property for the reasons that have been advanced. Mainly, that it would offer a convenient and nice pathway for seniors and the disabled to enjoy. As you are probably aware, I am a senior with some mobility issues who would rather walk on our safe streets where help would be readily available in case of a medical emergency, and if I were confined to a wheelchair, walker, or even a can, without a paved path that argument is moot.

To address another of your concerns, if following public consultation, this project is allowed to proceed without all the planning, cost estimations, and future stewardship firmly established, how much is it going to cost in the long run? For example, if the trail were to be established in that setting of low saturated land (common throughout Thorsby) who is going to be responsible for the repair of the frost heaves that will keep the disabled off the trail. Since we (the Town) don't have any available funds and won't have enough for the foreseeable future, the whole project will likely end up as a 'what-if' discussion.

You raised this issue of government grants. As far as CIB is concerned, if they apply for and are successful in receiving grant money then those funds are theirs to use as they see fit (in accordance with the grant rules). Having said this, I want to assure you that I am a firm, and long-time supporter of CIB, and will do everything I can to ensure that the results of the last two years will be duplicated in the future. I applaud and support (with my money and that of other Councillors), the recent decision to bring CIB into the realm of offering and rewarding the efforts of citizens to beautify their own properties. CIB Chair Rasch will no doubt include information on that in a future edition of the Target.

I have one concern, that is if CIB's mandate is to beautify and enhance the public face of our community, why are they into the building of trails, when there are more important issues that can be addressed? Such as focusing on the enhancement

of Taylor Park (now they are partnered with the committee in charge) and what about improving the look of the entry display at the 39 turn off? Some people have suggested a small parking area with a couple of picnic tables and enhanced floral displays for travellers to enjoy.

Finally, your assertion that we are somehow complicit in making decisions behind closed doors is, categorically, not true. We were elected on a platform of transparency in government and have followed through in that regard. Council Chambers doors have been open from the first day of our tenure, except when there is a need for in-camera sessions. We have diligently addressed the problem of renewing our infrastructure and unfortunately due to the economic realities of COVID-19, we are forced to cancel all major spending. Watch for Mayor Raymond's take on this and other issues in future Targets.

Of further concern, not related to the matter of trail building, is your assertion that no one responded to your registered letter to Council as a whole. To my knowledge, no one on Council has yet received it and therefore was unable to respond to any of your concerns before publication of your Letter to the Editor. And finally, an important note of concern was your statement that "I have been notified that other forms of communication will not be acknowledged by Council". I am not sure what the other forms of communication are being referred to in your letter, but I can assure you that it is just not true, and whoever told you that is not quoting an official position of Council.

Our Council Chambers are still open to the residents of Thorsby and we are proud of the fact that even though we may disagree with some of your concerns we will endeavor to listen to and address any problem areas that arise.

We have always encouraged open discussion and encourage you to attend any Council meeting if you have issues that need to be addressed. Although we are able to maintain the 6' rule in Chamber, we have room to seat a few in the public area. Access to Council Chambers, during the pandemic crisis is through the rear door of the Administration building.

In closing, the Council and I will look forward to your participation in a future Council meeting.

Ivor D. Foster, Councillor

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

Editor's Note:

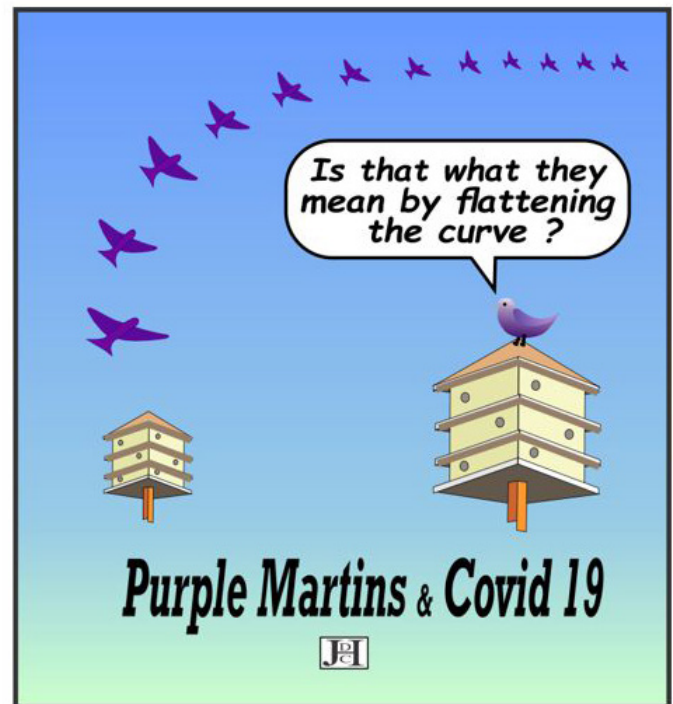
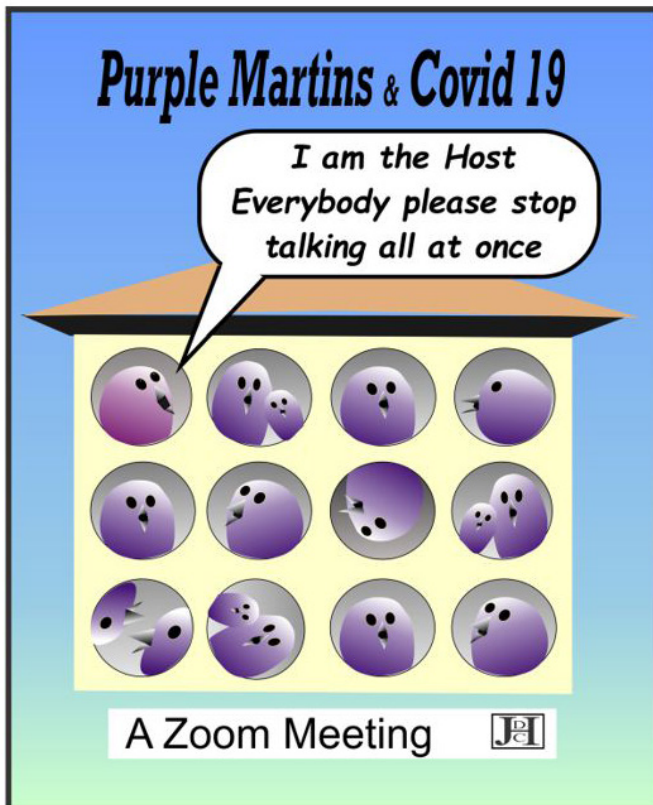
We will not be accepting any more 'Letters to the Editor' regarding the proposal of the new trail. Opposing sides have been published and we feel that this issue now needs to be addressed on a different level. We appreciate all opinions and views that have been submitted on this issue. We encourage people to seek information (in all forms) to make an informed decision regarding this and other matters that affect them.

Local Artist Shares Some Light Part II

From John Hawtin

Friends, as I vegetate at home enforced to isolate by Covid 19, a recent event brought me particular pleasure.

Last Saturday our Purple Martins flew in from Mexico. A sign that in spite of the restrictions and limitations imposed by the Corona Virus nature's cycle of seasons continues unaffected: The 2020 Spring has arrived in Alberta together with our beloved Purple Martins. Their arrival was for me inspiring and provided a sign of hope. I was struck by the contrast between humanity struggling with the pandemic and the birds complete innocence and nonchalance at our predicament. This idea has inspired me to use my computer to draw a series of cartoons to illustrate my thoughts. I have attached some of these cartoons. I hope they might bring a smile to your isolated day. Feel free to share as you wish.



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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 63rd 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.

MATT RUHR

I moved from New Sarepta with my family in 1997 to an acreage North of Thorsby when I was in Grade 3. My wife Lisa (nee Peck) has resided in Thorsby her entire life, growing up on a dairy/beef farm South of Thorsby.

Throughout my school years I participated in many extracurricular activities including: 4H, hockey, baseball, basketball and volleyball. Lisa also shares a passion for sports competing in basketball and volleyball during her school years in Thorsby.

After Graduating High School my first real job was working for Clarence and Sandra Kruger of Hi-Way 39 Motors from 2008 to 2014. Clarence taught me the skills it took to fix vehicles along with what it takes to run a successful business. In 2014 my parents purchased the Home Hardware in Thorsby and I found myself moving from the automotive industry to the hardware and lumber industry. I worked at Thorsby Home Hardware from 2014 to 2019 as a Beaver Home and Cottage Design Consultant, as well as the building materials estimator. I enjoy interacting with people and getting to know the people in my community, this position provided me that opportunity.

In 2014, I pulled together numerous business

owners of the Thorsby community along with their staff to participate in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge where we managed to raise \$4500.00 for ALS research! It was during this time that I also found my passion for volunteering. I coached Sr. High Basketball for 4 years and led my team to Zones, which I am very proud of!

After Graduating High School in 2007, Lisa enrolled in the Registered Psychiatric Nursing program through Grant McEwan University in Ponoka. She Graduated with her RPN Diploma in 2010 and has worked at the Centennial Centre for Mental Health and Brain Injury for the last 10 years. Lisa's compassionate nature makes her an outstanding caregiver.

Lisa and I dated for 6 years before getting married in 2012 at Our Lady of Victory in Thorsby. We built a house south of Thorsby and together we continued to enjoy many sports in our community. To this day, we look forward to drop-in basketball and volleyball, as well as playing slow pitch for the Kubasonics. I also play for the Thorsby Aces hockey team. We live a simple lifestyle and love spending time with family! In July of 2015, we welcomed our twins Zack and Zoey into the world. This is when life truly became busy, but we could not imagine it any other way. Being parents is by far our greatest passion!

We sold our house in 2016 and built our second home on the North West side of Wizard Lake, where we currently reside.

This past year I was the Head Coach for both the soccer and hockey teams that Zack and Zoey played on.

In January of this year, Lisa and I decided to take a chance down the path of starting our own business and we currently operate our hardware and lumber store, Ruhr Valley Lumber, in Thorsby.

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Conservatives Call on Government to Make National Parks Accessible

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, would like to inform constituents that Conservatives are calling on the government to implement common-sense measures with the proper planning, safeguards, and advice from public health officials to make national parks accessible again.

MP Soroka stated, "This is the right time to start opening up our national parks safely and responsibly. Canadians should be trusted to follow physical distancing guidelines while still enjoying our national parks."

"In my riding, we have Jasper National Park. It is one of the most beautiful places in the world, with lots of open space, allowing people to maintain physical distancing."

"The tourism sector has been among the hardest hit by this pandemic. They need to be informed of the government's plan at the earliest opportunity to help give park businesses peace of mind and the ability to plan for the future".

We look forward to an update from the government on their plan to restore access to our National Parks.

May 14, 2020

Regional Relief and Recovery Fund is Now Open for Applications

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, would like to inform constituents that the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund is now open for applications.

Nearly \$1 Billion will be made available through this fund to support businesses and communities. The Fund is meant to help mitigate the financial pressure experienced by businesses and organizations to allow them to continue their operations, including paying their employees.

This initiative is implemented by the six regional development agencies, which have also adjusted certain criteria for their regular programs in response to the exceptional circumstances that businesses are facing.

More information on Canada's Regional Development Agencies and how to apply can be found at: https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/icgc.nsf/eng/h_07682.html

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MLA REPORT

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

May 15, 2020

This week we will hopefully begin the first phase of reopening as we endeavour to get our province back on track. Alberta's Relaunch Strategy puts safety first while gradually reopening businesses, resuming activities and getting people back to work.

While we face a long road to recovery, there are signs our collective efforts are helping slow the spread of COVID-19, however we must ensure the sacrifices we have already made are not wasted. To be successful, we must stay vigilant to slow the spread: follow public health measures, practice physical distancing and good hygiene, and continue acting responsibly. If things go well, we will begin the first of our three phase reopening process as early as May 14th. As always, head to <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19> for current Covid-19 information in Alberta.

The legislature returned to debate important relief measures for Albertans during this difficult time. Our government introduced Bill 14, the Utility Payment Deferral Program Act, to support the provincial utility bill payment deferrals that were announced by our government on March 18. The utility payment deferral program was introduced for Albertan residences, farms, and small businesses who are experiencing financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19. Bill 14 also lays out repayment criteria for individuals who defer payments through the program, with all deferred pay-

ments to be paid back by June 18, 2021. The program will ensure that no Albertan has their electricity or natural gas turned off between March 18 and June 18 of this year. To arrange a deferral, I encourage you to call your provider directly.

I am pleased to share that our government is taking steps to provide relief to the forestry industry. An increased annual allowable cut of 13 percent and new options for wood fibre access are providing security for forest companies. With our province's fibre supply facing significant pressures, including the mountain pine beetle and annual wildfires, our government is taking steps to ensure access to fibre and continued support for a strong and competitive forest industry.

I have heard from many with questions about how and when schools will begin reopening. As it stands, students will continue to receive teacher-directed, at-home learning. Schools and teachers are using multiple approaches to deliver curriculum to their students; 91% of school authorities are offering online learning to their students and 53% are emailing homework to their students. This entire process has been challenging and we recognize that not every student has access to technology, we have countered this by providing roughly 60,000 devices to students as they learn from home.

Families and parents may find it challenging to know what to do and where to find support during at-home learning. This is especially true for parents of students with disabilities. We have created a helpline for parents and families to call if they have any questions or require resources.. The help line can be reached at 780-422-6548 (toll free by first dialing 310-0000), or by email at studentsupport@gov.ab.ca

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Update 68: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta (May 20 at 6 p.m.)

Alberta's COVID-19 hospitalization rates remain low with 58 people in hospital, seven of whom are in intensive care. In total, 5,637 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19. One more Albertan has died.

Strengthening safety measures for travellers

The Alberta government is enacting the strongest public health measures in the country for international travellers to prevent the spread of travel-related COVID-19 cases.

Travellers arriving at the Edmonton and Calgary airports from outside Canada will have to pass a provincial checkpoint, have their temperature taken using an infrared camera and complete an Alberta isolation questionnaire that details how they will follow mandatory isolation requirements.

Provincial officials will follow up with arriving travellers within three days to ensure they are following public health orders and have the information and support they need.

Read today's news release for more.

Access to justice

The Provincial Court of Alberta has updated its plan for the staged resumption of court operations. The changes involve family mediation; the rescheduling and adjournment of provincial tickets, bylaws and other matters; and criminal adult out-of-custody criminal trials and preliminary inquiries.

More information: <https://albertacourts.ca/pc/resources/announcements>

Supporting Alberta businesses through re-launch

Stage one of Alberta's relaunch strategy is underway. The Alberta Biz Connect web page provides business owners with information on health and safety guidelines for general workplaces, and sector-specific guidelines for those able to open in stage one of relaunch.

Businesses and locations that are reopening can access a template on that web page to help plan how employees and patrons will be protected from the spread of infection. Completion of this template

is voluntary.

Alberta Connects hours of operation

The Alberta Connects Contact Centre (310-4455) has resumed normal operating hours and is available to Albertans Monday to Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Albertans downloading tracer app

The ABTraceTogether app will enhance current manual contact tracing and capacity, and facilitate early detection to help reduce the spread of the virus and better protect Albertans. It means Albertans will be contacted more quickly if they are at risk.

Use of the app is voluntary; users must opt in.

The app does not track the user's physical location and does not use GPS. Protecting privacy is paramount; all contact data is only on the user's phone and is deleted after 21 days.

Secure contact tracing is a cornerstone of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy. More information on the app, including links to download it, can be found online.

The app currently has 181,037 registered users.

Mental health supports

Confidential supports are available to help with mental health concerns. The Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2642 and the Addiction Help Line at 1-866-332-2322 are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Canadian Mental Health Association has a variety of resources available at mentalhealthweek.ca.

The Kids Help Phone is available 24-7 and offers professional counselling, information and referrals and volunteer-led, text-based support to young people by texting CONNECT to 686868.

Online resources provide advice on handling stressful situations and ways to talk with children.

Family violence prevention

A 24-hour Family Violence Information Line is available at 310-1818 to get anonymous help in more than 170 languages.

Alberta's One Line for Sexual Violence is available at 1-866-403-8000, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The requirement that people fleeing family violence apply in-person for an Emergency Protection Order (EPO) is temporarily suspended; provincial courts can now hear applications for EPOs via telecommunication.

Information sheets and other resources on family violence prevention are available at alberta.ca/COVID19.

Quick facts

The most important measure Albertans can take to prevent respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, is to practise good hygiene.

This includes washing your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds, avoiding touching your face, coughing or sneezing into your elbow or sleeve, and disposing of tissues appropriately.

Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19, including cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat or shortness of breath, is eligible for testing. To access testing, complete the COVID-19 self-assessment online. A separate self-assessment tool is available for health-care and shelter workers, enforcement and first responders. After completing the form, there is no need to call 811.

Albertans are asked to share acts of kindness they have experienced in their community during this difficult time by using the hashtag #AlbertaCares.

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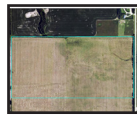


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12.5 ACRES



TWO 80 ACRE PARCELS

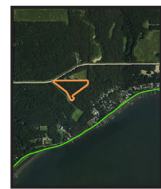
Cleared land. N half currently in hay. S half hay and pasture, Highway access. Gently sloping to South. \$429,000 each



NEW!

MITCHELL BEACH OASIS (FD39)
Private, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, skylights, covered deck, log, vaulted ceilings, hardwood, storage sheds, fire pit. Just move right in! E4196590 \$279,000

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.
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 \$259,000 **REDUCED** \$245,000



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



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Enterprises

Home of
The Breton Booster,
Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

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