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## CIB Planting Day 2020 From Barry Rasch

Wow! The town was planted in record time on May 27th. It took 2.5 hrs with 12 dedicated volunteers. This included running for cover from the quick, drenching of rain, which luckily for us was short and sweet. In total 30 Hanging Planters and 24 Ground Planters were completed. CIB would like to give a big thank you to to following individuals that came out to help our group, as we couldn't have completed it without you.

- Councilor Nathan Raymond
- Francoise Jardine
- Kathy Kuzio
- Sandi Raymond

The Hanging Planters will be hung shortly by Public Works in the next few days.

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### **Public Works Manager** - Town of Thorsby

Closing Date: 12:00 noon (MT) on June 26, 2020 Permanent, Full-Time – 40 hours per week



Thorsby, is located 25 minutes from the City of Leduc and the Edmonton International Airport, with a population of approximately 1025. For Thorsby to continue to keep its place on the regional stage and to remain one of the best places to live, work, and play, we need to anticipate the changes that may challenge us and prepare for them in the best interests of the Town. We believe in accountability, leadership and sustainability and we offer a workplace setting that promotes transparency, innovation and community building. If joining the Thorsby team is of interest, we're currently recruiting for a permanent, full-time Public Works Manager.

Under the direction of the CAO, the Public Works Manager will be an integral member of the senior management team and be responsible for the safe and efficient delivery of a range of services in the planning, organization, control, and direction of issues related to water, sewer, roads and drainage systems, solid waste, snow clearing operations, fleet and heavy equipment management and maintenance of public infrastructure.

The successful candidate will have a fully rounded, strong public works background with minimum of five (5) years municipal management or senior supervisory experience, ability to lead the health and safety program and will be accountable to develop and manage the budget processes and monitor financial performance for the Public Works department and lead the Towns Asset Management Program. Experience in emergency management is also considered an asset.

The successful incumbent will possess the ability and be accountable to:

- Compose and submit professional reports and the ability to respond to questions from Council and its committees; provide information on program activities; update key stakeholders on emerging issues; manage strategic priorities with significant public or Council implications
- Think creatively and encourage creative thinking with regards to engineering and operation issues within tight budget constraints and be able to offer practical solutions and follow-through of projects to completion
- Provide leadership and guidance to both internal and external teams or groups ensuring efficient utilization of resources, processes, and policies
- Oversee the establishment of and ongoing management of quality assurance measures and programs and the municipal Occupational Health and Safety Program
- Actively work with partners within other departments to ensure alignment with municipal objectives and mandatory/statutory plans and requirements
- Provide a positive work environment where employees have the resources, tools and support structure required to build the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for success
- Hiring/discipline/management of staff in Union environment
- Developing performance metrics and required response strategies to address issues while ensuring key performance measures are met
- Manage operational risks and develop mitigation strategies

If you are seeking a challenging opportunity and recognize that as a smaller community, active hands on contributions will be required, this could be the opportunity you're seeking.

Interested candidates should submit resume and covering letter outlining how they meet the requirements for the position to <a href="mailto:cburke@thorsby.ca">cburke@thorsby.ca</a> or via mail marked confidential to C. Burke
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We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted



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Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

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### **JUNE 2020**

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



### **NOW HIRING**

Job Title: Full Time Service Coordinator

### Summary:

Arctic Spas Edmonton Service Department is looking for a reliable person to fill a full time Service coordinator position. This position is located at the Thorsby factory in the service and warranty office.

The hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, statutory holidays off. This position requires the successful candidate to be reliable to travel to work as scheduled, have great customer service skills, good phone etiquette, good organizational skills, some computer knowledge. Further training will be provided.

### Key responsibilities:

This position will have the following tasks once properly trained but will not be limited to:

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- Scheduling service techs to complete work for customer requests
- Selling and collecting for customer parts and supplies over the phone as requested
- Collecting payment for Billable work provided to customers
- Closing completed work orders with information from the service techs
- Submitting warranty claims for warranty work with information from the service techs
- Ordering parts for the service techs in the field with guidance from the tech and service manager
- Clerical and filing tasks

Please submit resume in person, via email or fax to: Blue Falls Manufacturing

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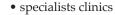
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# **Community Events Page**

### **Custom Built Homes**

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Winfield Public Market: Winfield Hall. From 11 am - 2 pm. Markets are back! Beginning June 14th! 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!

Mulhurst Bay Walk-A-Thon has been going on since 2005. On June 18 there will be a new twist to the event. (due to Covid-19) Registration and donations can be made on-line to this e-mail address: p2p.onecause. com/mulhurstbaywalkathon2020. Participants will be able to walk keeping social distancing, or if they chose to pick their own time and date to walk 5 km. Event proceeds to the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST Bingo's are still cancelled until further notice. Community Social has been cancelled for the month of May. The Legion Hall is available for rentals abiding with provincial guidelines. (For Rentals: Marie 780-361-7350) Veteran's in the community needing assistance please contact 780-935-6281

**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 -IS NOW OPEN! (With

restrictions) Please see signs at the store for everyone's safety. Wednesdays from 10 am - 4 pm. Donations will only be accepted during store hours, please ensure your donations are clean. 5112 - 53 Street Warburg.

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

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.

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.

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**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: 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. 21

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Telfordville Hall** - For bookings call Tracy at 780-718-9549 after 5:00 pm.

Thorsby Senior's Centre rentals. Call Cathy Kuzio 780-719-7124.

**Rundle's Mission** - For hall bookings call 780-389-2422 or <a href="https://www.rundlesmission.org">www.rundlesmission.org</a> .

Strawberry Community Hall - Call Ollie at 780-789-2180.

**Warburg Senior's Centre** rentals. Call Nancy/ Allan Gruninger 780-848-7756. \$75 per rental, \$50.00 damage deposit refundable after inspection.

**Wilton Park Community Centre** - For Hall Bookings or Information call Aileen at 780.850.9607.

**Winfield Legion** is available to rent. Keep eyes open for a list of upcoming social events. Rental Inquiries - Call Gordon 780-542-1243 Or Mona 780-682-3905

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

Re: Rental Properties

As another year goes by our rental units get older. They need more maintenance, upgrades and renovations. From electrical, plumbing, insulation, etc... With many landlords collecting rent and putting back the bare minimum, they lapse into a unit that is a step or two from being condemned. There are some landlords that do maintain their units up to par but they are getting fewer in numbers. These well maintained units are usually priced so high the majority cannot afford them.

### Possible Alternatives

We need newer rental units that are 100% maintained and are in good condition. It would be proper if there was a rent control set so everyone could afford all properties, from new to older. All units should have to pass an inspection before they qualify to be a rental unit. This would ensure that the rental market would have equality/quality standards. Also, there should be a standard so that tenants are not treated like they are less of a person with no rights. Everone should be treated with respect. This way the renter would reciprocate back to the landlord the same way.

In the current market, most units are delapitated and need a lot of work. Some are close to being condemned, or should be. Landlords are harrassing their tenants if something needs to be done (blaming them) and are only nice when they come to collect their money. Some landlords do take pride in their rental units, but these are few and far between. Wear and tear from years of ignoring the issues, some are using this as an excuse to evict the tenant instead of keeping up with maintenance. (Just

get a new renter who doesn't complain right away).

Let's face it, being a renter can be hard. You do not know if you are living on borrowed time in your unit. How long before you have to make another move, and to where, and to what?

Some alternatives from a concerned, LONG TERM renter.

Eric Lindstrom, Warburg, AB

### New Planters Appreciated Pat Nystrom, TSC President

The Thorsby Senior's Club would like to send a big thank you to the Town of Thorsby for the wood and an equally big thank you to Phil Pawlyk for building our new planters. Also to Laurel Loyek, Elaine Warnock, Cathy Kuzio and Phyllis Maduik for planting flowers and their hard work. They will be enjoyed for years to come. You did well.





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### **Special Lives Matter**

From Darlene Stickelmier

Hi, my name is Darlene Stickelmier. I am writing this article to all businesses. I'd like to talk about and introduce you to 2 special boys in my life.

One is Nolan Servatious and he is autistic, the other is Gavin Anderson and he has aspergers. Neither of these boys like being labeled but just for today they have agreed to let me write this. They want to share their stories. They may be special but don't let that fool you. They are funny, loveable, caring, soft-hearted, the same as you and me. They both want to be working parts of society. They strive everyday to be a part of the society we sometimes take for granted. These boys excel in so many different ways. Yes, they think different but that doesn't stop them. Both have told me what they want people to know about them, these are their stories.

### Nolan

Hi, my name is Nolan Servatious, I am 21 and 6'4" tall, a friendly giant, haha. I like to fix things but am not advanced at it. I know alot about gaming and it is my passion. I still live at home but would love to have my own apartment. I have a working dog named Lovender, she helps me with my anxiety. I am kind-hearted and like helping seniors. I would be a good box or stock boy, but I like to be with someone for direction. I am not really good with money, so I don't think cashier would be a good fit for me.

My passion and ideal job would be in a video store or gaming industry. I would like to be able to research games and help people who get stuck on them. I know alot about games so I could give advice on what's good or bad.

My hobbies are, of course gaming, but also include golfing and taking care of my dogs as

well. I like helping mom, and doing chores. I hope people read what I'm about. I am ready to get to work!

### Gavin

Hi, my name is Gavin Anderson and I will be 20 in August. I'm not sure what I want in life yet but I think about it everday. It's time though for me to get a job. I want to be able to work so I can start living my own life. I tend to be slow at times but I am a perfectionist with what I create. I take direction well but like to focus on one job at a time. Do one job, do it well, move on. I am working ambitiously on my multi-tasking skills. I have an above average vocabulary and like to keep up to date on current events. I'm kind, honest and hard working.

My ideal job would would be working with animals. I volunteered at the SPCA and I loved it and found it very rewarding. My big passion is birds. I also love drawing and art. I did 3 years in camp building a video game. I really was quite intrigued. I would maybe like a career in game building. My other passion is drawing and art, I have 1 year of college in animation drawing.

My hobbies are gaming, reading, drawing and helping others. Thanks for reading my story. I too am ready for work.

These boys want what we take for granted. A job, an apartment, fast cars, and a chance to be like everybody else. If you think you can help them, please call me.

Darlene 780.312.6533, Mulhurst Bay, AB

Remember, every child deserves the right to be heard, the right to work and the right to live a good life in our society. It's up to us to make a difference.

Thank you, Darlene



I sit here reflecting on events occurring else where and wonder about the community I chose to live in. I realize todays article is beyond my area of responsibility.

Racism, to me is another form of discrimination. Being fearful of another human being because their skin colour is different, I think is a learned response. To me, discrimination of gender, ancestry, economic status, age, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, body shape, being too tall, too short, should have no place in humanity. It is probably why I am intolerant of bullies who think they are better than someone else. I am fortunate to be a light skin coloured male, with enough physical size and mental capacity to defend myself. I cannot even begin to understand how systemic discrimination feels.

I look at my own family history and reflect on a conversation I had with my elderly second cousin. My indigenous great grandmother, who married a European, was discriminated against from both her people and my great grandfather's people. I know the devastation that caused for my grandmother and my father's mental state. This is not just a European, colonial issue. Irrespective of where you come from, or where you go, you unfortunately can be discriminated against by people who do not know you, or what kind of human being you are. I also saw my mother being discriminated against for her gender and age. I do not know how another human being can justify disrespecting another human being because they are different then themselves.

When I travel to another region I do not expect them to be the same as me, with the same language, same skin colour, same religious beliefs, same customs. I have no idea as to how we collectively evolve to where everyone is equal, treated as equal, respected as an equal, understood as an equal and tolerated even if they have different beliefs.

I look to my grandchildren's generation, with the hope, they will continue to change the world for the better. I hope they have the self-confidence to tolerate people different than themselves and not hide behind their personal beliefs. I hope someday we can have an open and frank conversation without being branded. I hope the conversation can be had without reservation or preconceived ideas, or past biases so we can all get along. The reality is, we all want the same for respect, food, shelter and security to raise our children and live a good life.

A few weeks ago, I wrote that we could look at a permit solution for the back lanes. It was premature, for the discussion had not occurred in council, or with public consultation. The bylaw is still in effect and will be enforced accordingly. I apologize for the confusion.

Please give us some time to work through the logistics required under Phase 2 re-opening. It is not as simple as we might expect, so please be patient.

Please refer to the town website for details regarding the reduction in 2020 property taxes and other actions to support residents. Please keep in mind, this change is only for the 2020 municipal tax year.



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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 64th 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.

PAT KRAWIEC THS Class of '76

The first 6 years of my life I lived in Telfordville and on a farm near St. Francis where I attended Grade 1 at Genesee school. My family then moved to a farm about 3 miles north west of Thorsby. It was a big deal to have power. No more kerosene lamps for lights. As with most farms there was plenty of farm chores and field work to do. You would think there was no time to do other activities, but as kids do we found time to explore the many creeks on foot, horseback or snowmobile and swim in Strawberry Creek at Telfordville. Going to Thorsby to watch movies at the theatre was a treat.

When I started grade 2 in Thorsby, there were 3 elementary schools and the existing high school. I attended all 4 schools including a newly built elementary school that was complete when I passed to grade six. The old schools had character. The former high school had a functioning laboratory where we were able to experiment with chemicals. A mishap in grade 5 science class, taught us what happens when a person is distracted. I have many great memories of my grade school years. One is the landing of Peter Lougheed's helicopter in the elementary school yard.

I attended Grade 7 – 12 in the existing high school. Junior high was a big adjustment as these years would determine which path we would take after school. In my case, I chose the electrical apprenticeship. A couple months before graduation, I started inquiring about a position at the local elec-

trical company in Thorsby. I was told to come back after school was finished so I did and a couple days later began working for Thorsby Electric. Over the next 4 years I went to both SAIT and NAIT until I became a journeyman in 1980. I left Thorsby Electric in 1983.

I started with Rice Engineering in February 1984. I was only going to work for Rice for a couple years until the electrical industry became busy again. Rice is a medium sized manufacturing company in Edmonton that has been around since 1956. They supply a wide range of products for oil & gas, municipal projects, environmental companies and infrastructure projects all over Canada and in the US. They also supply threaded PVC pipe for the water well industry. I started with them as a labourer and did the odd electrical job. It was with them that in 1992 I became a Master Electrician. Over the last 36 years I've held a few titles. I was Supervisor of the pipe lining plant, field installer of that product, manager of assemblies, shop foreman /production manager and currently I'm an estimator/planner. I still do electrical maintenance for them.

In August 1984 I married Donna Grohn. In 1986, we built a home on a farm south west of Thorsby. There, we raised our 2 children, commuted to work and around 1999 started looking at growing fruit trees. At that time there were workshops and promotions to grow saskatoons. We went to a few Fruit Growers Association meetings. Guest speakers also talked about the Evans cherry which Dr. Evans from the UofA found & cultured. At this same time, the Uof S was developing and testing sour cherries for the prairies. We were impressed by this. Quite a few people had started Saskatoon orchards, so we decided to try both. With a plan in hand we picked a spot on our quarter. The north side of a hill helped protect the trees from sun scald during the winter thaws. We kept the area, approximately 7 acres, worked up for a year before planting a shelter belt. The next spring we planted 400 Evans trees, a row of Nanking cherries and a row of mixed unnamed cherry trees. These were the first Uof S cherry trees released. For the next 10 years we tried to keep the cherry trees and the Saskatoon trees alive. Most of the

saskatoons died. Drought and deer were most likely the culprit, but the cherry trees, year after year, surprised us as they grew and regenerated. I could not get over how resilient the Evans and the UofS trees were. Through bad winters and dry summers they kept growing. Deer became a huge problem. They would nibble on the trees and buds so there was little to no fruit. After some research and visiting a few other cherry orchards in Alberta, which were not that many at that time, we came up with a twin fence. A four strand barb wire fence in front of a 7 foot game fence. This configuration worked. No animal has been able to get into the orchard since 2010. That fall we were so excited to harvest our first 14 pounds of cherries.

In 2014 we planted another 1500 of the Uof S trees. Their names are Carmine Jewel, Valentine, Cupid & Juliet. There are a couple more varieties, but these were the hardiest. In 2105 we became Sunnybrook Hill Orchard. As the orchard started to mature and more fruit produced we bought our first electric pitting machine in 2016. It can pit 150-200kg of fruit an hour. This was a welcomed addition as we were pitting by hand. That same year we started to invite u-pickers to come and pick which has been a pleasant experience. We both love to visit with our guests. With the new pitter we are able to pit the cherries for them.

As the 1500 new trees started to mature we had to think about freezers and the cherry market. To sell fruit to restaurants, bakeries and stores we needed AHS approval. In August 2017 we started building a fruit processing facility. In August of 2018 the building was approved. We are able to quick freeze pitted cherries. The facility includes a commercial kitchen, a small seating area and sales area for cherry products made on the farm. We sell frozen pitted cherries, pies and preserves. During harvest and U-Pick, guests can sit down for a fresh pie and ice cream or a cherry sundae after a tour of the orchard.

Weeding, pruning, maintaining grass between the trees, picking, processing and making product is a lot of work, but we both enjoy it very much. Instead of golfing we do this. Also with the help of

our friends and family it has been a very rewarding experience. We thank them all. You can visit our facebook page - Sunnybrook Hill Orchard - for cherry announcements and directions to our orchard.

Our children Melissa & Corey graduated in Warburg. Melissa went to U of A to become a teacher. She married Phillip Hambly. They have 3 children and live in Sylvan Lake. Corey became a machinist. He married Amber Meyer and had their first child in April. They live in Edmonton and are planning to move onto the farm with us. Being grandparents is a most rewarding part of life.

We are able to travel in the off season. We joined the Calmar travel club and toured Ireland, Scotland, England and Italy. These trips were educational tours. It was interesting to learn their version of history. We also took a cruise from Boston to Montreal up the St. Lawrence Seaway with Donna's mom and aunt. The journey was a sentimental relive of their childhood arrival to Canada from Germany.

My most memorable trip was September of 2019 when ten Krawiec family members went to Poland to visit Krawiec family in the area where my grandfather was born. We were very surprised how developed Poland has become since the USSR dissolved. The EU has been helping with the rebuild of Poland. This trip meant a lot to me. It was a great experience. I cannot wait to go back for another visit.





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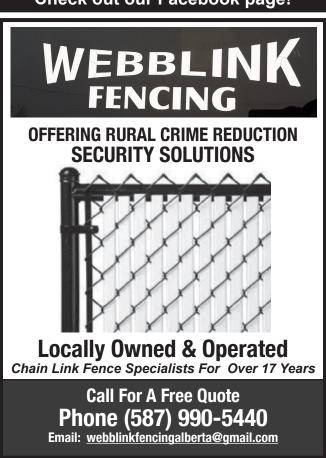
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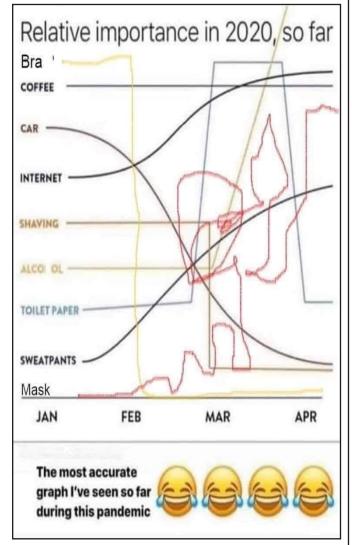
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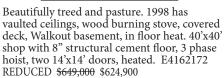




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