

Strawberry Hall Vandalism From Cindy Miller

The Strawberry Hall Board is very sad to say to the community we have been the victim of VANDAL-ISM!

It came to our attention on June14/2020 that someone decided to visit our hall grounds the previous evening and chose to drive all over the infield of our ball diamond, rutting it up and in the process, crashing into the backstop fence, resulting in broken fence, gate, and bent posts.

June 13/2020 was an evening that the community should have been celebrating Farmers' Day with our annual Steak Bar-B-Que and social evening, but as like many things this year, we, the Strawberry Community Hall Board made the decision to cancel our celebration.

The community and Hall Board volunteers worked many hours to have this great feature added- the backstop and fence was installed at the hall a few years ago, along with many loads of sand on the infield to provide a safe and fun environment for the community and public to play ball.

Strawberry Hall, like all community halls are suffering due to Covid-19 restrictions, therefore all our summer rentals to this point (which are our main source of income) have been canceled. These rentals help cover our costs, such as gas, electricity, insurance and upkeep.

Now this VANDALISM is an added expense and

hours of volunteer time that we will have to put into the repairing the damage done.

We, the Hall Board, want to continue to have Strawberry Hall as a place where families can enjoy the hall and grounds.

We ask that anyone that has any information about vehicles' and people at the hall grounds June 13, 2020 please get in touch with either Thorsby RCMP or Hall President Lyle Miller - 780-789-2446.





HELP WANTED

Part-Time Sale Associate (8 to 20 hours per week). We are seeking an outgoing, friendly individual who exhibits excellent customer service & sincerely enjoys working with the public & animals. Prior experience working with all types & sizes of animals & be able to lift/carry up to 50lbs would be an asset. Please drop off your resume at Pet Necessities at 4905 Hankin Street, Thorsby. (2-2)

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 (2-2)

FOR SALE

House Disbursement Sale - Call to view these items and much more: Storage Totes \$5-\$10 ea; Treadmill, like new \$200; Coolers \$10 ea; Table Lamps \$5-\$10 ea; Kitchen Table(s) & Chairs \$75-\$100; Dressers \$10 ea; Bookshelves \$5 ea; Microwave Cabinets \$25-\$30 ea; Antique Trunk \$40; Vanity w/sink & taps \$30; Tires, set of 4 265/70R16 \$200. 780.848.2884 (1-2)

Countertop, white cupboards & drawers. No handles or molding. Good condition \$2500. (Available after Sept. 1st).

780.848.0055 (2-2)

Breton West Herefords has both horned and polled bulls for sale, including "Surefire Heifer Bulls ". Call or text Leonard. 780.898.9590 (7-10)

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

HOMES/APTS FOR RENT

FOR RENT in Thorsby - 3 bed, 2 bath, half duplex. \$1200 per month plus utilities. 780-619-2564 (3-3kr)

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

Rental Unit - 2 bedrooms upstairs + 1 small room downstairs, finished basement, incl. 4 major appliances. Small pets ok. \$825 + utilities / month, (Negotiable on 1 Year Lease) \$825 damage deposit. Phone Maria 403.606.6977 or 403.249.2708 (2-2kr)

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT

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

ENTERTAINMENT/PARTY SERVICES

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587-991-4977 or www.carrielevins.com (1-4) **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

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BUILDERS / RENOVATIONS

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

Thorsby Tire Shop Employment Opportunity

Thorsby Tire Shop has a full time position open. Experience in the tire industry would be an asset but will train.

> Apply at Thorsby Tire Shop or Contact Derryl at 780.789.3975



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 <u>cburke@thorsby.ca</u> or via mail marked confidential to C. Burke Box 297 Thorsby, AB TOC 2P0

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted

HOSPITAL MEDICAL CLINIC, DEVON Dr. Gerard Thomas Amanna

Dr. Amanna is now accepting new patients!

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

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

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

The Clinic also offers a female nurse to provide pap smears to our female clients. Dr. Amanna keeps up to date on the latest research, health trends and information!

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

HOSPITAL MEDICAL CLINIC, DEVON 101 Erie Street Unit F





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THORSBY

Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

JUNE 2020

Tuesday 23 | Regular Council Meeting

JULY 2020

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

AUGUST 2020

Tuesday 11 | Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday 18 | Regular Council Meeting

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

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PROPERTY TAXATION/BYLAW CHANGES FOR THE 2020 YEAR

In response to the current Covid-19 and economic downturn situation, Council and Administration have worked closely together in order to provide real relief to residents and businesses through a range of financial initiatives (outlined below) and which in real terms will mean a reduction in taxes for residents this year. A mill rate stabilisation fund has also been created which could help offset tax increases if things don't improve next year.

If you are struggling to pay your property taxes in one lump sum, the installment plan has been amended to better work with you to clear taxes by December 31st and also the tax penalty bylaw has been amended for the 2020 to reduce the amount of penalties that may be applied.

2020 YEAR	2019 YEAR
July 31st	June 30th
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August 31st	NONE
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No lump sum option and no further penalties after enrollment if all payments honoured to year end.	NONE
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Please note: Tax Notices are normally mailed out at the end of May and are due for payment June 30, however, following timeline adjustments to allow for the budget financial review and revision, this year they will be mailed mid June, with payment due July 31, with an option for deferment to August 31 without penalty if needed.



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

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.

Thorsby Bingo STARTS June 18th!- 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.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST YES RANDAL SAYS: MEAT BINGO IS A GO!! Tue. June 23rd 7pm Welcome Back!! No social for the month of June. Next General Meeting in Sept.

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store is OPENING. Re-opening June 25 & 26th from 10 am - 3 pm Closed Saturday. FREE FOR ALL CLEARANCE TABLES with purchase (conditions apply). Per COVID-19 regulations: must stay 6' apart, wear a mask, limit 3 customers in store, bathrooms closed to public.

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

Community Events Page

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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 no-tice.

Philippian Christian Friendship Church of Canada Address 4721 48a Ave Thorsby. We are here for you. We want to see you Receive New Life. We are a church here to help you and your family, so you will be put in Christ, the Hope of Glory, so please stop by for pray or just to talk. We all need help when we come together. We help each other with each other testimonies. We all come from sin and unrighteousness and now we are born again and changed. We can help each other. So come and we can worship together and pray together. Learn together as the Lord leads. Rev. Warrick & Elaine Pollard Call 780 921 7790

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 - Friday Night Crib at the

IMMACULATE HOME FOR SALE IN BRETON\$108,000MLS E4201760

Welcome to this absolutely immaculate bungalow/double wide modular home with a full basement. Backing onto your private treed oasis! The attached 29 X 31 shop/garage is insulated and heated with 220 volt wiring. The home features a beautifully appointed upgraded kitchen, newer vinyl windows, siding and new hot water tank (2019). Four bedrooms and three bathrooms in total, perfect for your growing family. Located in Breton, a friendly down home hospitality village, featuring all of the amenities and easy driving distance to many cities. Peace and serenity exudes in your backyard, with no neighbors behind. There are two sheds, covered toy storage port, RV parking and two driveways. Room for everyone! Enjoy your well maintained covered front veranda, or your rear covered backyard deck, perfect for those year round BBQ's and entertaining.



Act now, this treasure won't last!

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JENNIFER DAVIS



RE/MAX PREFERRED CHOICE



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

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 Hall Rentals - Call: Marie 780-361-7350

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

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

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

Sunnybrook Community Hall Rentals: Contact Name: Mikayla, Phone Number: 306-307-2599, Email Address: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

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.





Thorsby 4-H Multi Club

BEEF SHOW AND SALE 2020 Results



Members of Thorsby 4-H Club would like to thank <u>**CLINTON BEZAN</u>** for judging showmanship And grooming and <u>**LEONARD POHOLKA**</u> for judging conformation.</u>





Name: Herb

This year the members of the Thorsby 4-H Club made the decision to do a charity steer with the proceeds going to local food banks. After expenses they were able to donate **\$830.85** to the **Leduc Food Bank** and **\$830.85** to the **Thorsby FCSS.** From the members, leaders and parents, we are so grateful to give back to a cause that can help so many. We would like to thank the Lunde family for raising Herb. **Thankyou to Christine Wasieczko -Hub**

International Insurance Brokers for purchasing Herb the Charity steer

sponsors The members of the Thorsby 4-H Multi Club would like to thank their club sponsors - Ken and Joyce Dobko -Joan Przytula -Trevor and Lorraine Gooding -Wes and Cindy Dobko -Aaron's Service -Greystone Cattle Co. -Michael Borys -Kaleb de Boer -Olson Farms - Doug and Tamara Saarela -Tangle Ridge Ranch -David and Peggy Lunde - JFS Enterprises -Joe Bendoritis Transport -Darrell Palmer Enterprises The sale would not have been the success that it was without the support we received from TSI and Team Sekura Auctions for all their help and time they put into the sale. The 4-H members would like to thank their buyers for their Support -Leduc Coop X 2 -Darson Electrical - Darcy Jehn -RJ Trucking - Clayton Rumohr -Doug Hiller -Remax Reality - Darcy Powlik -RSM Mobile Equipment Repair -Wayne Kuzio - Jonathon and Taylor Chamulka - Diamond A Excavating 99 -Tracey Cox -Liquid Transloading Ltd. -Wayne Woodhouse

-Leduc Farm Animal Hospital Ltd. -TKO Rentals -Fieldview Trucking - Brandon -Idema

- -Unitech Waste Water Solutions- Armyn Peterson
- -Hub International Insurance Brokers Christine Wasieczko



Gerald Soroka, MP Yellowhead

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 15, 2020

Alberta Receives \$244 Million to Fund Pressing Infrastructure Needs

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, would like to inform constituents that Alberta has received \$244 million through the federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) for the 2020–21 fiscal year to fund its most pressing infrastructure needs.

The GTF provides communities with stable and flexible funding for their infrastructure priorities across a wide range of categories.

The table below indicates the recipient and allocation 2020-21 (\$) distribution to the Yellowhead communities, excluding administrative funding.

Alberta Beach	58,231
Betula Beach SV	5,915
Breton	50,000
Brazeau County	444,515
Burnstick Lake SV	5,858
Caroline	50,000
Clearwater County	683,389
(Municipal District)	
Drayton Valley	413,855
Edson	481,295
MD of Greenview No.	549,994
16	
Hinton	565,267
I.D. No 12 Jasper	50,000
National Park	
Jasper	262,556
Mayerthorpe	75,506
Kapasiwin	5,572
Lac Ste. Anne County	623,442
(Municipal District)	
Leduc County	788,240
(Municipal District)	

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More information on the Federal Gas Tax Fund to Alberta can be found at https://bit.ly/AB-GTF



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Talk to us about home, automobile, tenant/condominium, seasonal property, home business, commercial, rental property insurance and more.





TOWN UPDATES From Christine Burke

Town Office

It seems forever since we last had residents visit the Town Office, and I know the majority are eager for things to return to normal as soon as possible. It has been a difficult few months for both residents and staff, coming to terms with changes in accessibility when trying to pay bills, picking up cards for the dump station and not being able to pop in to ask questions on a wide variety of subjects from A - Z. With only two admin staff in the office during the lockdown (myself being one) it has been difficult at times, trying to keep up with things, even just dealing with the increased volume in phone calls has been a challenge, but thankfully, we can now begin to think about how we start the re-opening process. It will probably be a soft opening of one or two days a week, leading to a gradual build up as we work through any challenges as they arise, we expect this to be starting in July details will be published closer to, but in the meantime, we ask you for your patience a little while longer.

Arctic Spas Recreation Complex

The province threw us somewhat of a curveball on the recreation front this past week, as re-opening was down for Phase 3 in the Province's relaunch plan, and then they bumped it forward to Phase 2. Until a full evaluation of requirements and a supportable plan has been formulated, as frustrating as this may be, we can't yet give an indication of when this may occur, our priority is to keep both visitors to the Rec Complex and staff safe. Check out https://www.alberta.ca/ assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-sports-physical-activity-and-recreation.pdf to see what we have to try and accommodate before we can open in more detail. Playground and open outdoor spaces are open to use at your own risk. Wash hands before and after use.

Taxes

We hope to have the notices out at the start of next week. Tax rates have been reduced, penalties delayed, and we have updated the Tax Installment Plan to allow for late entry without a lump sum for the part of the year that has already passed. If you think you may struggle to pay for the 2020 year and would like to enroll after receipt of your tax notice, please give me a call and I'll walk you through the program to see if it's an option to help you out.

Dump Cards

Should you still need a dump card, they are available Monday-Friday, 8:30 – 4:30, and they are added to a pouch on the outside of the office door for ease of pick up. They are removed after hours as they cost \$20 each from Leduc County, and we don't want to risk losing any unnecessarily to kids playing around etc. Please make sure you take full loads to the dump to help keep costs down and protect your tax dollars.

Grass/drainage issues

The summer students have just come on board so hopefully grass cutting can be kept up with, if the weather co-operates, so far this year it hasn't. Since the snow melted and things started to turn green, priority has been given to dealing with water drainage issues impacting properties at various locations throughout the Town. We have had water issues in lots of areas, and at times it has been hard to deal with so much all at once. The rain (and May snowfall) seemed to come down so fast and hard leaving the ground saturated with nowhere for new rainfall to go.

Infrastructure

Back in 2015, with previous Council, we started to take a more formalized approach to prioritizing Capital projects. This has now expanded into our asset management program and software. We have a rolling 5 year capital plan which is based on the best factual information we can put together, such as sewer camera work, known & documented water/drainage issues, supported by as visual inspections and resident concerns, documented plans and details of as-builts/repairs & or replacement of infrastructure work. History is kept and not lost with staff turnover. The next scheduled infrastructure work is in the area of 46 Street on to 49 Ave and 48A Avenue. This was slated for this year but has been pushed back to 2021, to help better balance off our loan payments. So while disappointing, this year's focus will now be to deal inhouse with key localized drainage issues.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call anytime at 780 789 3935 Ext 28 or drop me an email at cburke@thorsby.ca

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- 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. \$224,900.00

- **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 horses arm. 1488 sq.ft. modular home in excellent condition. Barn and many other studings, lots of pasture. \$399,000.00
- **Sunnybrook 3 bedroom modular** on 4.94 treed acres, excellent shape, close to pavement. \$169,900.00
- **Telfordville 1.87 acres** of tranquility beside a running creek, private, treed, on pavement. With power, well and small home. \$147,000.00

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



Charaden Meadows - Your Getaway.

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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 65th 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.

DOUG STEIN THS Class of '80

I was eight years old And running with a dime in my hand To the bus stop to pick Up a paper for my old man I'd sit on his lap in that big old Buick And steer as we drove through town He'd tousle my hair And say, son, take a look around This is your home town **My Home Town, Bruce Springsteen.**

Growing up in the town of Thorsby during the 1960s and 1970s was heaven. There was freedom, friends, and adventure. My mother knew that if I was home before dark, I had usually found trouble. My father and mother moved to Thorsby in 1959, as my father worked for Calgary Power, which later became Trans Alta Utilities. My father was an instrumental leader in developing sports for the youth and as well arranging and organizing sportsman dinners, that brought in celebrities such as Father Athol Murray, Val Fonteyne , Johnny Bright and Rollie Miles, to name a few.

I attended all schools in Thorsby, and I remember every grade distinctly. In grade two I had an outstanding teacher in Mrs.Pasula. I really believe she was ahead of her time as an educator. In grade 4 I had Mr. Engels, who focused on achievements with positive reinforcement. When we made the leap to that huge high school, I felt scared, intimidated, accompanied by a lack of sleep, all of which amounts to an understatement. However, as in life, the anticipation and fretting was much worse than the actual event. In high school, I had wonderful teachers who also became lifelong friends. Although I do not see them as often as I would like, Mr. Elson, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Kobeluck will hold special meaning in my life until I die.

Participating in sports taught teamwork, cooperation and respect. I played baseball with some excellent young athletes at St. Francis and I was coached by a wonderful man by the name of Joe Hoshowski. That little ball diamond could be described as a field of dreams. As a side note, Joe's son Brian went on to play for the University of Hawaii on a baseball scholarship.

As I aged, I played hockey in Leduc as well as Drayton Valley. In my last year of midget in Drayton Valley, we had 11 players on our squad, and five players advanced to the Western Hockey League, one being Marty Ruff from the famous Ruff family.

If memory serves myself, in 1976 Sam Kobeluck brought in the Edmonton Bantam tackle football league into Thorsby. I was fortunate to play three seasons under coach Kobeluck. Our last season as a team in 1978 continues to bring back fond memories as us farm boys went to the league final, however lost 18-17. The old adage applies - no victory without a struggle.

As a side note, I was also a member of the Breton Boxing Club and in 1972 I had nine fights. I bring this sport up as that would later have an impact on my life.

I graduated from Thorsby high school in 1980, and initially I worked in the oil field for Pembina Pipelines. After one year of employment I knew that the oil field could and would not be my long-term destination in life. As I look back, I was definitely in a phase of identity versus role confusion.

I knew that I wanted to work with people, thus in 1985 I enrolled at Alberta Hospital Edmonton, School of Psychiatric Nursing and two vears later was a registered psychiatric nurse. I continued with my education, and in 1995 I graduated from the University of Calgary with a bachelor of social work degree. My work life has been eventful, fascinating and also rewarding. I have worked in many facets of mental health, all challenging in their own right. I was fortunate enough to be chosen to work on the first mental health crisis team in Edmonton, where we ioined forces with Edmonton Police services. I have also spent many hours in various emergency rooms working for mental health teams. Likewise, for the past 25 years I have been employed at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, working as a clinical consultant in geriatric psychiatry.

In my spare time, I became involved with coaching in the sport of boxing. I took various courses and was mentored by amazing people and volunteers. I have been very fortunate, as I have travelled with eight-time Female World Champ, Jelena Mrdjenovich to Argentina. Likewise, I have also travelled from Québec to Saskatchewan with many great people. Boxing is a unique, lonely sport, kind of like life at times.

I have two wonderful daughters who have been very close and involved in my life. Kyla graduated from the University of Lethbridge, specializing in human resource management. Kyla is currently employed with Alberta Health Services. As well, she has battled brain cancer on two separate occasions, Palma Non Sine Pulvere. P.S, she's the toughest person that I know. Alexa is in her third year at the University of Calgary, Bachelor of Social Work degree program. Alexa will graduate from my Alma Mater, thus the old adage , the apple does not fall far from the tree.

If I can give any advice, I would suggest life is

like a boxing match, and usually the only opponent is yourself. I instruct you to keep your head held high, chin tight, be on the balls of your feet and never stay in one position too long.



Doug Stein (left) and pals. "Be a counter puncher in the fight of life."





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

I am proud to announce that as of June 16th, Alberta's public health emergency has been lifted. We've come a long way in addressing and fighting the virus, however we still need to be cautious in our interactions and maintain social distancing practices. Declaring a public health emergency on March 15th gave us the tools we needed to ensure we could respond to the pandemic and prevent the spread of infection. For example, it provided additional authority that helped AHS support long-term care facilities, and it provided the authority for health inspectors to enter any area of an airport to ensure compliance with public health measures, such as cleaning and physical distancing. For the most up to date information on how the government is responding to the pandemic and when you can expect to get back to work, check out alberta.ca/covid.

In order to better support the mental health of Albertans, our government is investing in online resources and virtual support for those seeking support during COVID-19. A \$21.6 million investment is expanding resources available to Albertans who are struggling, and is the first stage of a total \$53 million COVID-19 mental health action plan. This funding will help mental health organizations like Kids Help Phone, the Addiction and Mental Health Helplines, 211, and other organizations to expand their services. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed additional strains on the wellbeing of many Albertans, and this mental health and addictions recovery funding will help meet the needs of more Albertans.

I am happy to share that this week, our gov-

ernment introduced new legislation that would ensure our province has a fairer, faster, and more responsive justice system that reflects the needs of communities in Alberta. Bill 18 proposes the creation of a provincial parole board in Alberta. This system would better protect Albertans, their loved ones, and their property from repeat offenders, including parolees. The Alberta Parole Board would determine parole or early release eligibility for those serving sentences in provincial correctional facilities, which are sentences less than two years. By introducing this legislation, the government is fulfilling a commitment to Albertans to better hold criminals responsible to protect public safety. Creating an Alberta Parole Board is one way to keep our communities safer and make sure that our justice system works for Albertans.

Our government is standing up for Alberta's law-abiding gun owners with new initiatives that listen to law-abiding firearms owners, while further cracking down on criminals who willfully put Albertans' lives at risk. This week, our government established the Alberta Firearms Advisory Committee to listen to Albertans' ideas on how our province can better respect the many people in our province who responsibly own firearms. To further improve firearms governance in Alberta and crack down on their illegal use, the government is also establishing a provincial firearms examination unit to speed up testing of guns that have been seized as evidence in criminal investigations. The recent federal firearms ban has made it clear that we need more Alberta, and less Ottawa, in our justice system. If Ottawa won't stand up for responsible Albertans, our province will.

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MP REPORT from The Office of MP Gerald Soroka,

Member of Parliament for Yellowhead

MESSAGE TO MY CONSTITUENTS

While the House will be rising for the summer, my colleagues and I will continue to fight for Canadians and ensure they have the freedom and support that they need to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since this crisis began, I have had many constituents reach out to me, saying that they were falling through the cracks in the programs announced by the government. While others, such as seniors and farmers, felt like they were being ignored altogether.

My colleagues and I brought these concerns to the attention of the government. We were able to pressure them into providing support for seniors and amend the eligibility requirements for the CEBA so that more farmers would be able to access it. These are important steps in the right direction, but there is still much more that needs to be done.

As part of my role on the Agriculture Committee, I heard from witnesses pointing out that much of the "support" the government announced for farmers was reallocating funds that were already available through the Agri-Invest, and the money provided for the set aside program barely covered the costs for a few weeks. The business risk management programs for farmers were insufficient before the pandemic. They are not sufficient to support farmers now. The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food will continue to meet through the summer, and we will look for ways in which we can amend these programs to deliver better results for Canadians.

As the restrictions on public gatherings start to be relaxed, I will be attending events in the riding, schedule permitting. Please reach out to my constituency office at Gerald.Soroka.c1@ parl.gc.ca or (780) 723-6068 to inform me of any events.

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