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Teepee Raising Ceremony at Rundle's Mission

From Audrey Brosseau

In recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day, Rundle's Mission held a small Teepee Raising ceremony on Friday June 19th.

Elder Chris Rattlesnake, assisted by Jimmy Rattlesnake, led the event which included a smudge as well as teachings about the teepee. Holly Johnson gave a very interesting and informative talk about how a teepee is constructed, the significance of the poles, as well as some general information about her life and the Plains Cree people. Chelsea from Leduc County Recreation live streamed the event so others could watch it.

It was a day of learning for all. Rundle's Mission would like to thank our guests who helped with the event and welcome the public to view the teepee on the Rundle's Mission site.



The CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Housekeeping contract job required for a small business at Pigeon Lake to start July 15. Please send resumes and qualifications to sseidel1949@gmail.com or call 780.913.3368. (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 (1-2)

FOR SALE

House Disbursement Sale - Call to view these items and much more: Storage Totes \$5-\$10 ea; Treadmill, like new \$200; Exercise bike, like new \$45; 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)

2005 Kia - 4 door sedan, high mileage, still runs good & gets good gas mileage. 4 winter tires on rims included. \$800 OBO. Please leave message w/ telephone number.

780.977.4925 (2-2)

1998 Mercury Villager Van \$1200 & **1990 Dodge Caravan Voyager** - offers.

780.966.2045 (2-2)

Reclining Day Bed with 2 arms - paid over \$2200 asking only \$200, was barely used, comes from dog home. Light brown/beige in colour, pics available. Text before 8 pm only.

780-293-2825 (1-2)

8' Truck Canopy - sliding windows with lockable door, part hi-rise with extra windows in back, slider in front, but missing 1 side. Red in colour. Asking \$150, pics available. Text only before 8 pm.

780-293-2825 (1-2)

Breton West Herefords has both horned and polled bulls for sale, including "Surefire Heifer Bulls". Call or text Leonard. 780.898.9590 (9-10)

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Thorsby & District Fish & Game Association

June 20th, 2020 Raffle Winners

Congratulations Winners!

1st Prize John Deere Zero Turn Mower
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2nd Prize Yamaha Inverter EF3000/SE
Winner - Calvin Jarvis of Cochrane

3rd Prize \$1500 WestJet Gift Card
Winner - Trevor Ackerman of Edmonton

**Thank you for supporting
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and everyone for purchasing tickets.**
A thank you to **Martin Deerline** Warburg for
displaying 1st prize and selling tickets,
and to **Central Sled & Cycle**
for assisting with the raffle.



NOTICE OF MAILING 2020 Tax Notices

Please be advised that as per Section 336 of the Municipal Government Act, the Tax Notices for the Town of Thorsby were mailed on June 26, 2020.

As Per Section 337 of the Municipal Government Act, Tax Notices are deemed to have been received seven (7) days after mailing.

Taxes are due in full on July 31, 2020 unless enrolled in the Tax Installment Plan.

June 26, 2020
Christine Burke
Town Manager
Town of Thorsby



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Winfield Public Market: We're back to our Regularly Scheduled Markets!! Social distancing rules will apply. Winfield Hall from 11 am - 2 pm. Call or text Carla 780-621-1285 for more info. Follow us on Facebook for up to the minute details! **Upcoming Markets:** July 12 & 26.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - GRAVE BLESSINGS. SUNDAY, July 5, 2020. St. John's Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. St. Nicholas Cemetery at 11: 30 a.m. Social distancing and on-site registration is required as per Covid-19 regulations. **PLEASE NOTE** there will be no service at the church. Should further information be required please contact Dan @ 780-789-3698

Our Lady of Victory Mass Time is 9:00 am. and anyone wishing to attend Mass must register first with Guy Giroux at 780-940-2751. There will also be Wednesday morning Mass at 11:00 a.m. Again registration is recommended by calling Guy Giroux.

Thorsby Bingo HAS RESUMED- 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. WEEKLY BINGO'S HELD EVERY TUES. AT 7PM.. (.PER A.H. GUIDELINES OF COURSE!!) NO SOCIAL THIS MONTH. ALL: 780-935-6281

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store is OPEN! Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am - 3 pm. Share our Bounty Sale - Clearance 50% off. Conditions apply.

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>

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Thorsby Seniors Cente - Mondays, weigh in at 9:00 to 9:15 am, meetings 9:15 - 9:45 am, for more info call Jane 780-789-37891 or Elaine 780-221-3939

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.

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.

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

Warburg Alliance Church is open. 11 a.m. worship service. For more information please phone 780-848-7577, check out our Facebook page or email us warburgalliance@gmail.com.

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 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

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

Ralph Halladay Memorial

July 5th, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Halladay home firepit in the backyard

If you need more info call 780.789.3089



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 47th Annual General Meeting of the Buck Mountain Gas Co-op Ltd. will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 15th, 2020 at the Pioneer Recreation Centre 5435 – 50A Ave, Warburg, AB

Any member with an interest or desire to sit on the Board of Directors of the Buck Mountain Gas Co-op can call the office for more information at 780-848-2808 or toll free 1-800-265-5389.

GAS CREDIT VOUCHER DOOR PRIZES!



Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

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.



NOW HIRING

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Job Title: Production Team Member

Base Salary: Start @ \$18.00 hourly

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Required Skills:

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Key responsibilities:

- Reporting daily to the Production Manager/ Supervisors to be informed of daily tasks.
- Meet the scheduled build demands as set by daily, weekly, monthly orders.

Physical Demands Required:

- Able to be on your feet 8 hours per day.
- Able to work in a warm environment.
- Have no issues with adjusting personal schedule to work overtime hours when required.

PPE:

Due to COVID-19, Mask, safety glasses & steel-toe boots required, any further PPE required will be provided.

This is not a complete statement of all duties and responsibilities of this position. The position holder may be required to carry out any other duties as directed by their Manager.

Please submit resume in person at Blue Falls Manufacturing, 4549-52 Street, Thorsby, Alberta T0C 2P0 or via email to hr@goarctic.com



Community Events Page

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 tcahs.yolasite.com.

Centreodge 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. Rental inquiries - Gordon 780-542-1243 or Mona 780-361-9558

Warburg Cultural Centre - For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths, phone Linda McLaugh-

lin 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.

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

Breton Community Center- To rent the community center please visit our website www.bretonagsociety.com, call 780-696-3561 and leave a message or email us at bretonagsociety@gmail.com

Camp Barvnok - For bookings, call Walter 7807172432, or Jason 7809904043, or email bookings@barvnok.com



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Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Summer Programs

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Leduc County FCSS is hosting a number of online and telephone programs this summer. Participation requires internet access by computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. Some of the programs are also available by telephone. If you don't have access to the necessary technology, contact us for access to resources that could help! Please note, the programs are open to residents of Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg and New Sarepta.

Available workshops include, but are not limited to:

- Home Alone
- Stress strategies for youth and adults
- Co-parenting for success
- Benefits and credits for seniors
- Developing positive relationships with your adult children
- Quest for youth

For more information, call 780-979-2385. All of our workshops are available online at leduc-county.com/community-family.



SENIORS SERVICES

Could they be a benefit to you?

Seniors Services provides preventative social programs that assist seniors and people with disabilities in maintaining their independence and enhancing their quality of life.

A housekeeping subsidy is available to assist seniors and adults with disabilities to live as independently as possible in their own safe, clean and comfortable homes.

To be eligible for the housekeeping subsidy, you must:

- be a senior (65+) or an adult with a disability or inability to complete household tasks,
- be a resident of Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby, or Warburg, and
- have a total household income of less than \$60,000 a year (as a couple) or less than \$40,000 (as a single).

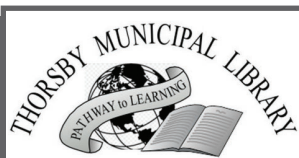
Housekeeping fees are determined based on family income level and eligibility to other subsidies. The services are provided through a partnership with *Serving Hands Senior Care Inc.*

Seniors Services also offers one-to-one support to assist you with:

- Information and referrals to other local resources
- Assistance with forms and applications
- Advocacy and coordination of services
- Goal setting and future planning direction

For more information or to access any of these programs, please contact the Seniors Services Coordinator at **780-955-4554**.





News

From Gayle Sacuta

Thorsby Library Relaunch Plan, June 30, 2020 Update #1

Dear Patrons,

As you know, Thorsby Library was closed to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. Now we are preparing for a cautious reopening during Alberta Stage 2 re-launch. Please check with us frequently because plans may change depending on staff and public safety, and orders from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer.

Reach us by:

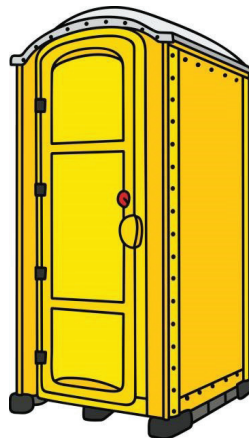
phoning the library (780-789-3808) on Tuesdays, leave a message on other days so we can get back to you, check our Facebook Page, read the Thorsby Target or email to thorsbypublib@yrl.ab.ca

Starting July 7, the library will be open one day per week, Tuesdays, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. To make an appointment, use the computers or browse the collection, call us at 780-987-3808. Drop-ins will be accommodated if possible with a maximum number of people in the library being 8. If the outside rec-centre door is locked, phone, text or knock. Please limit your stay to a quick in and out or up to ½ hour. We ask that you wear a mask if possible when in the library as a courtesy to others, to contain the spread of viruses. If you have any questions, just phone or email the library. Our website is <https://thorsbymunicipallibrary.ab.ca/>

In a Nutshell

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- **Thorsby - Beautiful building spots** backing onto Strawberry Creek Ravine. Zoned Agricultural 7.36 acres \$132,900.00 & 142,900.00
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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 67th 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.

DONALD HIER -THS CLASS OF 1970
(50th Anniversary)
PART 1

Growing up in Thorsby was a great experience for me. It had the feeling of being in the country, but had the benefits of "city life" wow..., a movie theatre, a pool hall, a barber shop, a drug store, a real outdoor hockey rink and several school yards to play in. Back then, we could walk or ride our bikes anywhere in town or out of town – all by ourselves!! I was fortunate to have grown up with a large extended family, so it was never a problem to find anyone to play with.

I have many happy memories of growing up in Thorsby. Most of them revolved around our family get-togethers, lots of sports and helping my dad on our small ¼ section of land out by Telfordville. I also remember working for my brother-in-law, Louis Hostyn. Growing up, we did all kinds of things that a lot of kids don't and can't do today, like: shooting gophers, collecting magpie/crow eggs (a County Bounty at that time), hunting ducks/geese, (mostly ducks because seeing a Canada goose was a rarity), hunting/trapping beavers and drilling water wells.

My dad, John Hier, was Thorsby's very first mayor and I saw a lot of changes during the time I grew up in "Town". Before we got any paved streets, spring-time in Thorsby meant a steady diet of rubber boots!! My dad could pretty much do everything and make just about anything. He was a mechanic, a welder, a blacksmith, a carpenter, a bus driver, you name it, he could do it. He even built the house that I grew up in. My biggest regret though, is that I wish I had learned a lot more from my dad than I did.

I have vivid memories of walking home from a full evening of playing hockey on Thorsby's outdoor rink (which we had to shovel nearly every day) and breathlessly watching the endless stream of colours from the brilliant Northern Lights. Tobogganing on the hills by the creek, swimming in a swimming hole where the reservoir is now located, and endless softball, football and all kinds of other games.

I have many memories of my school days – and most of them happy. How many of you can say that you had the benefit of having your sister-in-law (mine was Josephine Hier, who taught me in elementary), and your brother (this was Lyle Hier who taught Industrial Arts in High School) as your teachers?

My school years were filled with lots of sports, gymnastics, hockey, baseball, volleyball, flag football, track/field, a little bit of basketball (little, because I was height - challenged), a ton of badminton, and then later, curling.

I also remember lots of times riding the school bus with my dad taking the country kids home after school and that gave me a good taste of what it was like to see what they had to go through. Up early to catch the bus, and then home late. They didn't have the opportunity that we "city kids" had – play sports and either walk or ride our bikes to school and home.

Senior high school years were a struggle for me between having fun, playing sports and trying to keep up with school/home work. There were lots of memorable teachers I had, and apologize if I don't list or talk about all of them. One was Allan Senio, my math teacher, who was tough on the outside, but when you really got to know him, was great and was one of the smartest teachers I had and he taught me to love math. Unfortunately, calculus and algebra weren't my strong suits. John Elson was a relatively new teacher to the school when I was in grade 11, and a likeable character, but he taught English Lit (which was not a class I loved). I remember him in a better light for being involved with flag football. Then there was Stan Zurek, who taught physics and physics was my absolute favorite subject. And of course there was my brother Lyle, probably the best teacher I had!!

Thorsby had a pretty good Pee-Wee hockey team thanks to Harold Stein, but by age 13, because the town didn't have an indoor rink, my hockey career was over, so I turned to curling. My dad was making the ice in the old 3 sheet curling rink Thorsby had at

that time, so I started curling in addition to helping him make ice. I couldn't get enough of curling then, and still can't, it's such a great sport.

The legal drinking age was lowered to eighteen in 1971 and since I graduated in 1970, I was of course under age. At that time, all alcohol was sold through the Alberta Liquor Control Board, so it wasn't that easy to get beer. But, like most resourceful kids, we found ways to get around these rules and certainly had our share of Keg parties and other "out of town events"!! But nobody got crazy or out of control, we just had fun (at least as far as I can remember).

High School flew by fast and I graduated as part of the Class of 1970. But now what? I really wanted to go into Engineering, but my marks in physics weren't high enough (certainly not Stan's fault), so I enrolled at N.A.I.T. and took Business Administration, and then majored in Accounting.

While attending N.A.I.T. and living in Edmonton, I still came home on the weekends, where my mom more than happily did my laundry and I was able to hang out with my friends and family. During the summers, we managed to get guys together to play baseball as most of the towns around including Thorsby would have sports days featuring weekend baseball tournaments. In the winter, I did a lot of curling and bonspieling.

My time at N.A.I.T. was filled with sports, card games up in the NAIT lounge (I became a pretty good Hearts player) and lots of "happy hours" at the Kingsway Bar. I was selected to be part of the curling team that represented NAIT at the Alberta Winter Games, which was held in Grande Prairie. Needless to say, I can't remember much of the ride up or back. The legal drinking age was now 18 and there might have been some drinking on the bus up and back!!

While NAIT was fun, it was also a lot of hard work and many hours of studying. I graduated in 1972, with a Business Admin Diploma, (major in accounting). After graduating, I was offered a job by the Bank of Montreal and my first posting was in Edmonton at the Jasper Avenue and 100 Street Branch. The Branch had 4 young guys like me and 29 young girls and they were paying me to work there!!! From the Jasper Ave. Branch, I got transferred to the Baker Centre Branch in Edmonton and wasn't quite there a year when I was promoted to Administration Manager. The promotion required that I move, this time to

Calgary and the Elbow Park Branch. So I packed up all my belongings on a Thursday night, loaded them in my car and reported to work in Calgary on Monday morning!

I was now really away from home. As a young naïve country bumpkin in a new, big, city working in a bank there were way too many good-looking girls for even me to count. While things were going great, around this time my dad suffered a major heart attack and died on Christmas Eve, 1974. This was devastating for our entire family, but with the love and support of family and friends, I knew life had to go on. While at the Elbow Park branch, I met the love of my life, Bonnie Beregszazi. Unfortunately, she didn't know that at the time and wouldn't go out with me, no matter how hard I tried. Elbow Park was a great experience where I learned a lot and I really grew to love Calgary. Of course, I had met this Bonnie girl who wouldn't go out with me.

The Bank quickly provided me another opportunity and I was moved from Elbow Park in Calgary, to Rimbey, Alberta. This was a bit of a culture shock, but for me, Rimbey was a whole lot bigger than Thorsby. Again, through sports, I met a lot of great people there, but I just couldn't get this Bonnie girl off my mind. I continued with my pursuit of her until one day she finally gave in and agreed to go out with me. After putting many, many miles on my then '72 Olds Cutlass, travelling to and from Calgary, we got engaged and married in Calgary in May 1975. We've just celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary this year and she keeps telling me that's two life sentences. I still don't know what she's talking about?



Don & Bonnie



MLA REPORT

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

I am proud to announce that the Alberta Government will be doubling its funding towards the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program as part of Alberta's economic recovery plan. This grant program will insure an additional \$50 million towards critical infrastructure such as bridges, roads and community airports across smaller municipalities over the remainder of 2020. This infrastructure boost will also help to provide over 475 jobs across the province with as many as 70 different projects kicking off. The STIP grants funding is awarded in four categories: improvements to local bridges; community airports; resource roads for industrial use; and local municipal initiatives. These are cost-shared projects, with the province covering up to 75 per cent of the eligible cost and will be awarded based on initiatives identified by municipalities.

Our government is also investing \$150 million in water infrastructure grants that will support 55 water and wastewater improvement projects and approximately 1,300 jobs. These water infrastructure grants support improvements to water supply and treatment facilities, and upgrades to wastewater services, including lagoons, berms and sewage treatment. In particular the County of Brazeau will be seeing long awaited improvements to the wastewater lagoon at our local water treatment plant.

This week, several new bills were introduced into the Legislature to help make our communities safer places to live. Bill 25, the Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act, 2020, takes important steps to combat metal theft. If passed, this bill will require scrap metal dealers to report all transactions involving commonly stolen metals and items, such as catalytic converters, to law enforcement. Thieves terrorize property and business owners by trespassing and stealing materials such as copper wire and industrial batteries,

and frequently damage and interfere with critical systems like electrical lines, telecommunications networks and transportation infrastructure. Our government is taking action to protect the safety and property of our community.

Finally, I am pleased to share that our government is upholding its commitments to Albertans and protecting choice within Alberta's robust and diverse education system. This week, the Choice in Education Act passed third reading in the Legislature. This bill will amend the Education Act to affirm that parents have the right to choose the kind of education they feel is best for their children, and it will strengthen Alberta's successful history of education choice, including public schools, Francophone schools, charter schools, and home education. This legislation also expands options for parents to deliver home education for their children, and will allow charter schools to be established with a focus on vocation-based education. Our government believes that parents know what is best for their children, and this bill creates more choice for parents on this important issue.

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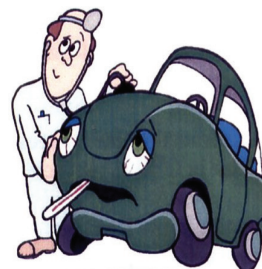
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MP REPORT

from The Office of MP Gerald Soroka,
Member of Parliament for Yellowhead

Conservatives' Propose 'Back to Work Bonus' to Help Workers and Local Businesses

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, joined his Conservative colleagues in announcing a new proposal to improve the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) – called Back to Work Bonus. This plan would ensure that Canadians will no longer be put in a position where they will earn less money by working more.

"As our province moves forward with its re-opening plan, I've heard from many of my constituents wondering how the transition back to a more open local economy will affect them. I've listened to your concerns and expectations for the future, and I'm proud to say that Conservatives have put forward a proposal that will help you get ahead. We are focused on getting workers and businesses in this community and across the country back on their feet." MP Soroka stated.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Conservatives have been putting forward constructive solutions to fix the design flaws in the Liberals' programs and help deliver better outcomes for Canadians. We are building on that success with the new Back to Work Bonus. We know helping workers and local businesses will drive Canada's economic recovery.

Under our Conservative plan, Canadians who lost their jobs through no fault of their own during the pandemic will continue to receive their full \$2,000 CERB. In addition, as businesses reopen, workers who make between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per month would qualify for a CERB top-up that would be gradually phased

out by 50 cents for every extra dollar earned over the \$1,000 threshold.

For a part-time server making \$2,000 per month, the Back to Work Bonus would result in a top-up of \$1,500, for a total monthly income of \$3,500.

"Our plan is flexible and generous because Conservatives believe it should always pay to work," MP Soroka said. "After all this country has been through, Canadians should not be penalized for picking up a shift or gradually returning to their job as their employer reopens. We're going to keep working to get all Canadians the help they need."

"I hope the government will listen to Conservatives' and implement these much-needed changes."

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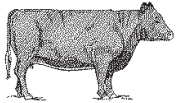


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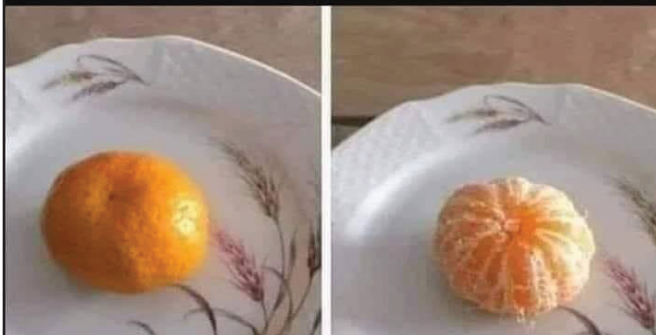
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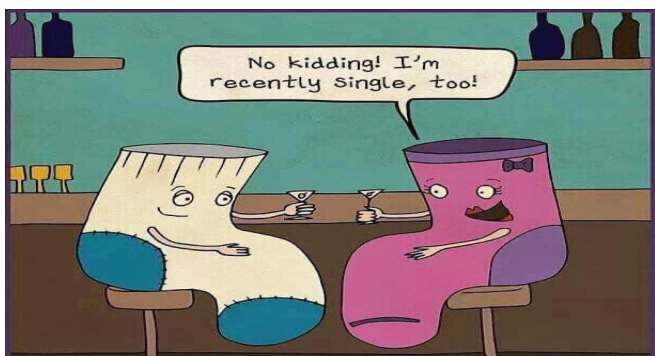


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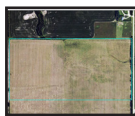


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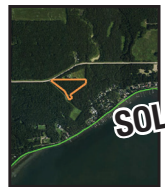
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