

THORSBY TARGET

Council Welcomes New CAO From Mayor Rod Raymond

My update looks a little different this week, and I'd like to invite you to join Mayor and Council in welcoming Tamara Sloboda as the new C.A.O. for Thorsby.



Council officially welcomed Tamara to the Thorsby team in her new role as Chief Administrative Officer as she took her Oath of Office at the Regular Meeting of Council this week.

While the event looked a little different this time, due to social distancing and masking requirements, the warm welcome was no less meant.

Tamara joined the Thorsby team earlier this year as Chief Financial Officer, quickly gaining the confidence of Council with her strong financial acumen and approach to business. If things were different, we would invite you to drop in and meet Tamara in person at the Municipal office, however, with the ongoing pandemic, and latest restrictions, in person introductions will have to wait.

This second picture is just in case you're curious as to what Tamara looks like without the mask.



Christmas Parade Information From Nathan Raymond

With the new restrictions announced by the province Tuesday night, there was question whether or not we would be able to proceed with Friday's Christmas Parade. At the Town Council meeting Tuesday night, they approved us going ahead with the parade.

We wanted to reach out to let you know to still plan to attend and remind you of the restrictions that will be in force:

- Floats will not be permitted to give away candy or other items.
- Masks/face shields are required while outside floats in the staging area (staging is located at the school parking lots, starting at 6 pm.)
- NEW! Please decorate your float as much as you safely can prior to moving to the staging area. Only final touches should be done once you reach the staging area.
- NEW! Unfortunately, no socializing will be permitted in the staging area.
- Spectators are asked to watch the parade from the safety of their yards or front windows.
- NEW! If spectators must come to the end of a street to watch the parade, they are asked to stay with their cohorts, wear masks/face shields, and respect physical distancing of 2m.
- Out of town spectators are asked to remain in their vehicles.

The CIV Planning Team is so happy we are able to still bring some Christmas cheer to the community at this difficult time and are so grateful for your support in helping us do so! If your business or group is no longer comfortable participating in the parade, we totally understand!

*****Subject to AHS approval. Please watch social media for new and up-to-date information*****

The

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

Wanted: Used 18" - 20" Disc blades.
780.986.3037 (4-4)

FOR SALE

Hard top Canopy for Long Box. (98.5 X 72.5.) Siding side windows with screens, locking end gate. Asking \$300.00 Phone: 780-935-6281 (2-2)

Items for Sale: 42" flat screen tv and a 32" flat screen tv comes w/wall mount no remote-\$125 ea; Rival electric roaster-\$40; black sectional w/2 recliners hide-a-bed \$300; call 780-234-5656 (2-2)

Woodworkers Hobby Shop / Machine and Tool Sale: Asst'd Material, Wood - Everything must be sold! Asking Price - Asking Offers!! For a personal viewing appointment or list please contact 780-221-8544 (2-2)

Hay for Sale mixed with Alfalfa: GOOD FOR HORSES ALSO!- Baled dry this year - Call Tammy or pop in and see her at Big Tee! 780.984.0855 (2-2kr)

HAY HAY HAY - Winter's Here! 130 2nd cut alfalfa bales, large round, no rain - baled dry. Horse & dairy quality. Protein samples avail. \$85; **21 grass bales**, baled dry, horse quality. \$45; **38 1st cut alfalfa**, 70% alfalfa 30% timothy, large 1200lb-1400lb bales, good quality. \$60. All located in the Pigeon Lake area. 780.405.3260 (1-2)

Butcher ready pigs for sale. Must be picked up live. Contact Tyler at (780) 621-7120 (1-1kr)

FOR RENT COMMERCIAL

Building for rent in Breton - \$500/mth plus utilities. Call 780.696.3551 (2-2kr)

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 (2-2kr)

Thorsby Target Holiday Schedule
The office of the papers will be closed
December 24th - January 3
The last Thorsby Target of the year
will be published on December 18th.



*We wish you all a
wonderful Christmas season
and the happiest of the new year.*



Thank You

The Mayor and Council
would like to thank
Christine Burke
for her 10 amazing years of service
to the town of Thorsby.

Christine was a valuable member
of our organization she will
be greatly missed.

We wish her the best of luck
in her retirement!



TOWN OF THORSBY CASUAL ON-CALL COVERAGE

(NO GUARANTEED HOURS)

As part of our risk management strategy, the Town is seeking individuals interested in casual work to assist in Public Works department when needed, for emergency coverage situations.

Hours are not guaranteed and could be irregular and intermittent.

Experience with large equipment essential
e.g grader/loader/skid steer.

Please submit resume and letter of interest to:
Town Manager, Tamara Sloboda
at tsloboda@thorsby.ca



SCHMIDT, Arthur

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Arthur Schmidt of Thorsby, who went to be with his Lord on December 4, 2020 at the age of 95 years.

Art was a devoted family man and his memory will be forever cherished by Irma, his loving wife of 63 years, three sons and one daughter and their families: Edgar (Deb), Jeff, Kirsten (Josh) Hahn and Allison; Tim (Connie), Katrine (Derek) Waters and Alexandra; Garth (Deb), Kendra and Yvonne; Louise (Tom) Clarke, Hannah, Heather and Erin; and great-grandsons Benjamin and Jacob Hahn and Trenton Waters. Art also leaves to mourn two sisters, Ella (Ervin) Schmidt and Emma Provence, and sister-in-law Lucille Schmidt. He was predeceased by parents Rudolf and Erna Schmidt and siblings Linda Krueger and Sieghard Schmidt.

Art was born September 30, 1925 in Volhynia, Russia. His family emigrated to Canada while he was just a young child and eventually settled in the Morrowdale area where Art lived and farmed for most of his life. He also learned the trade of plastering and stone masonry with his father and uncle, applying his skills in Edmonton, throughout central Alberta, and beyond. Within his community, church, and among those who knew him, Art was greatly respected for his humility, integrity, and steadfast faith.

The family extends sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and caregivers who tended to him for the past three months following hip surgery. Special thanks to staff of Unit 3G3 at University of Alberta Hospital and Ward 2.2 at Leduc Community Hospital where we witnessed their continuous compassion, caring, and professionalism.

A graveside service and interment will be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Cemetery near the family farm for immediate family members only. The service will take place 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020. For those who wish to witness the ceremony, you are invited to join a live stream via the following link: <https://youtu.be/0B-e0mIdVxg> or visit Serenity.ca. A recording will also remain available for a limited time following the service.

A larger celebration of Art's life will be planned for a time when family and friends can safely gather to honour this gentle man and his life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in memory of Arthur Schmidt to St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thorsby (5115 48 Ave, Thorsby, AB T0C 2P0), OR the Leduc Community Hospital (4210 - 48 Street, Leduc, AB T9E 5Z3), OR to your charity of choice.



Condolences: www.serenity.ca
Serenity Funeral Service, Leduc (780) 980-3688

**St Matthew's Lutheran Women's
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
will NOT be held this year**

**We encourage our annual participants
instead to send monetary donations to:**

**HOPE MISSION
P.O. Box 953
Edmonton, AB T5J 2L8**

**We wish all of you the blessings of
Peace, Joy, Hope and Love
as you celebrate Christ's birth
during this difficult time**

Bred Heifer Auction for Robin Wheale of Winfield, Alberta
Selling in an Online Time Auction in Conjunction with the
Winter Machinery & Feed Consignment Auction
Sale Starts on December 11th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
& Starts Ending at 10:00 a.m. on December 16th, 2020
3 Rings Selling

Selling 60 Head of Red & Black Heifers
that are Due to Start Calving on April 15, 2021.

Bred to proven easy calving Black Angus Bulls.
The majority of their Heifers were purchased from
2 Reputable Breeders.

The Heifers will be Sold in Lots of 5 to 10 Animals.

For Viewing or More Information Please contact
Robin at 780-621-6282

Whether you have one piece or a complete line of machinery give
Allen a call at (403) 783-0556
to discuss the best option for you to realize top dollars.

Terms & Conditions: Credit Cards, Electronic Transfers & Cheques,
G.S.T. Will Apply on Some Items, All Items Must Be Paid For On Sale Day.

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1-855-783-0556



**TOWN OF THORSBY
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION
Lot 12; Block 1; Plan 1828 E0
Being 4914 Hankin Street**

Please be advised that the Town of Thorsby has received a Development Permit application relating to a Dog Training Facility/Business.

According to the Town of Thorsby Land Use Bylaw #2017-02 (C1 CENTRAL COMMERCIAL) zoning regulations a Dog Training Facility/Business is considered to be a Discretionary Use. As per section 4.5(4) of the Land Use Bylaw, prior to any decision, interested parties are being advised of this application and are being given a 14-day period to submit written comments and/or recommendations in regard to the Development Permit Application.

Submissions will be accepted until Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

The Development Permit Application will then be considered by the Development Authority and the application will be either approved or refused.

If you have any questions or concerns not addressed above, please do not hesitate to contact Marianne Belozzer, Thorsby Development Officer at 780-789-3935 or email mbelozzer@thorsby.ca

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

Twenty Seventh Annual

Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce
Customer Appreciation Event

December 1 to 12, 2020

Full details can be found on

www.sosbooks.ca/publications

AND

The Thorsby Chamber of Commerce
Facebook Page

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

PRESENTED BY THORSBY PARKS & RECREATION

WINNERS

- ? Child (0-6 yrs) — Kasey Bablitz
- ? Youth (7-9 yrs) — Allie Applebey
- ? Adult (18+) — Viola Park
- ? Family — Allan Brodniansky family
- ? Business — SOS Bookkeeping & Taxes



VIEW ALL THE ENTRIES

DECEMBER 7-12 AT BILAR'S GARAGE

THANKS TO ALL THE
PARTICIPANTS!



THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARADE ROUTE



☺ Out of Town

Spectator Parking

- ? Across from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
- ? WEST side (southbound) Hankin Street
- ? Complex/Community Hall Parking Lot

COVID PRECAUTIONS

- ? Floats will NOT be permitted to give away candy or other items
- ? Masks are REQUIRED while outside floats in the staging area
- ? Spectators are asked to watch the parade from the safety of their yards or front windows — RESPECT PHYSICAL DISTANCING of 2 meters outside your cohort
- ? Out of town spectators are asked to remain IN their vehicles



MICHAEL JACOB
780-991-1008
 michaelj@mikeshomesltd.com

Community Events Page

Custom Built Homes
 - Reliable Service – Affordable Pricing
 – Quality Workmanship
"You Dream It – We Build It!"

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST: CANCELLING all Bingo's due to Covid restrictions. (commencing again Tues. Feb. 2nd 2021 at 7pm). We extend best wishes for the holiday season and, may the New Year be kinder to us all.. stay safe!

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

Thorsby Bingo CANCELLED due to rise in COVID-19.

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 Centre - 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

MARKETS / THRIFT SHOPS (NON PROFIT)

Winfield Public Market is back for the last market of the year! (Christmas Eve) 11 am-2 pm. Call or text Carla for info 780-521-1285.

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store will be open for Christmas Shopping one Saturday! Saturday Dec. 5th from 10am - 3pm. Christmas Clearance 50 % OFF! Regular hours remain: Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am - 3 pm. All COVID-19 regulations apply when shopping.

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.

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

To add or modify your community event please email media@community39.com, text or call 780.887.0077 or leave a note at www.community39.com. All events/information in this section are free to non-profit/community groups.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Thorsby Family and Community Support Services - Patti Skarpinsky (Coordinator), PH. 780-789-4004 or email: fcss@thorsby.ca

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

Thorsby Bylaw Enforcement - For concerns or inquiries email bylaw@thorsby.ca or call 780.789.3935 Ext. 21

Foot Care Nurse will be in Thorsby on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Please call Irene at 780-789-3176 to make an appointment or for information.

Bus Transportation To Leduc - The 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Departs from the Thorsby Rec Center. Approx. 9:30 am, cost of \$7, call to reserve a seat: 780-848-7717.

Community Events Sign is Free to Non-Profit Organizations on a first come, first served basis for a period of one week, or less. To have your event placed on the sign call, 780-789-4041.

WORSHIP

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thorsby is holding in-Church Worship at 10:30 a.m. Following COVID protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on You Tube.

Community United Church – 5112 – 53 St., Warburg. Join us for Sunday morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10:30 AM. For information please phone the church office 780-848-2227.

New Life Christian Fellowship - Worship Services Sunday - 10:30 am, Ladies Fellowship and Prayer Friday - 9:30 am. 780-789-3020.

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.

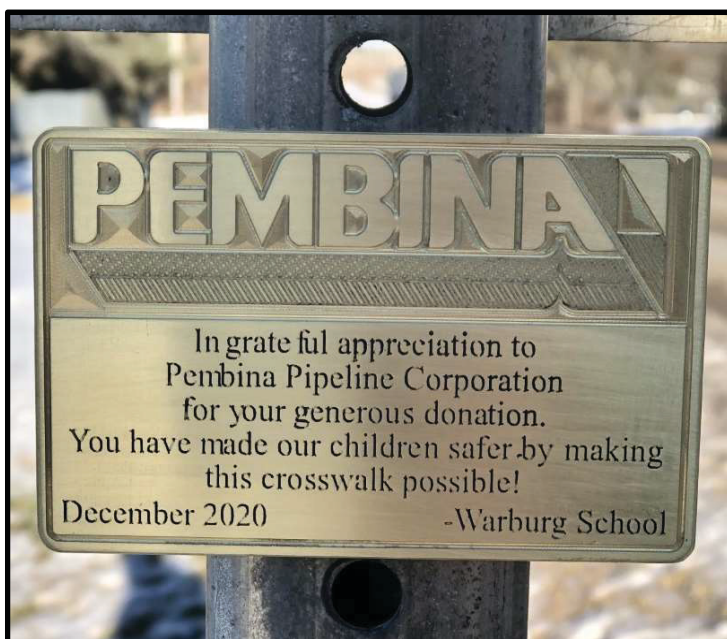
Thank You



It is with sincere appreciation that we say THANK YOU to **Pembina Pipeline Corporation** for their generous donation.

For many years, we have worked to get crosswalks installed to keep our community safe while crossing the busy highway 770 that runs through town. **Pembina** donated **all** of the funds needed to purchase a set of cross-walk lights.

The lights were installed October 2020 and have been a great benefit to so many, especially our young school aged children. We want to formally recognize Pembina for supporting this great safety initiative!



Also, a special THANK YOU to **Al and Louise McBeath Schoepp** for creating this beautiful plaque as a tribute to Pembina.



Community Events Page

WORSHIP

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

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - No Divine Liturgy until further notice. Contact Dan @ 780-789-3698 should you require any further information.

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.

Warburg Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sat. Sabbath School 10 am, Main Service 11:30 am, Pastor Jason Williams 780-848-2271

COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

Thorsby Ag. Society Regular Meetings – First Wednesday of every Month, 7:00 pm, Haymaker's Arena. www.thorsbyhaymaker.com or call 780-789-3829.

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 Fish & Game Regular Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Warburg Village Office Basement (entrance through the back). Please join us. Contact Bruce at 780-848-2242 for more information.

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 780-903-1695.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Pioneer Br. 144 Thorsby is wanting more members. Meetings are every third Wednesday of the month, except July and August, at the Thorsby Senior Club 4512-51 Street at 9:30 am.

FACILITY RENTALS

Thorsby Community Centre - For bookings call Marlene at 780-789-3734 or text 780-217-9394 or email thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ThorsbyHistoricalSociety

FACILITY RENTALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Rundle's Mission - For hall bookings call 780-389-2422 or www.rundlesmission.org

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

Breton Golden Age Centre Rentals - \$10 / hour with \$25.00 for use of kitchen or \$15/day. Deposit of \$50 required.
Call Pat at 780.696.2056

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

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.

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

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





NOW HIRING IN THORSBY & BRETON

Career Opportunities
Benefits (Vision, Dental & Health Care)
Bonus and RRSP Plans

Job Title: Production Team Member

Base Salary: Start @ \$18.00 hourly

Summary:

- Working in the production facility assembling Arctic Spa Hot Tubs @ Blue Falls Manufacturing in Thorsby & Breton, Alberta.

Required Skills:

- Physically fit and capable of performing repetitive tasks in a fast paced environment.
- Unskilled and Skilled positions available.
- Experience working with air tools, hand tools would be an asset.

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
- 5303-47 Street, Breton, Alberta T0C 0P0
- or via email to hr@goarctic.com



Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

DECEMBER 2020

Tuesday 15 | Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday 22 | Regular Council Meeting

JANUARY 2021

Tuesday 5 | Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday 12 | Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday 19 | Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday 26 | Regular Council Meeting

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

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

Clinic Hours from Tuesday - Saturday



Online Booking Now Available!

medikazam.com - Clinic Location: Hospital Medical Clinic - Devon or call 780.987.4151

Congratulations Christine Burke!!!

From Barry Rasch

Christine your retirement announcement is a well-deserved one. You joined our community 10 years ago as our Treasurer then to your current position of CAO.

You were there to help Council with the guidance necessary to transform from a Village to a Town in 2017. I've always said the position of a CAO is a very powerful one. It comes with huge responsibilities, navigating through the day to day challenges of running a community. Your steadfast guidance to Council and staff was always appreciated. From the highs to the lows of the position, you saw it all. You always maintained strength and determination while assuring everyone that stepped into the office, and lending your ear to any issue we had.

What A Journey! You worked diligently with Council, and deserve credit where credit is due, helping transform our community. Some of those accomplishments were:

- 1.2 Million upgrade to redevelop the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex Field House
- Mainstreet sidewalk revitalization
- LED street light retrofit
- Securing Axia High Speed Internet
- Numerous Planning Documents - Land Use Bylaw Rewrite, Sustainability Plan Rewrite, Municipal Development Plan Rewrite, Strategic Plan Rewrite, Parks and Rec Master Plan, Business Plan and numerous Bylaw and Policy Updates.

These were all very detailed planning documents that took hours upon hours with Council and staff to create a focus on direction and transparency to the businesses and residents of our community.

- Elementary School Rebuild and Traffic Flow Redesign
- Numerous New Business Startups

- Infrastructure Repair and Rebuilds

We kept you hopping as a CAO, and as you know the work is never ending and tomorrow is always a new day that comes with a new list of to do's. It's fair to say, as a former Mayor, we spent the so much time together sharing many conversations, (some difficult ones), and I have to say we made a pretty good team at getting things done.

I wanted to publicly share my gratitude to you personally on your successful career with Thorsby and overall.

I wish you the absolute best wishes for the future on your retirement and I thank you on your commitment to our community.

You will be missed, but be assured, I will call on you from time to time to help me with grant writing "jiggery pokery", and to keep you sharp, lol!

Friends Always, Barry Rasch



BRED COW / HEIFER SALES

- ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE FOR THESE SALES -



Vold, Jones & Vold Auction Co. Ltd.
Ponoka AB

FRIDAY, DEC 11 – 12 NOON

Dale H & Joan Martinson

- 100 home raised Simmental Simmental/Angus X cows
- Simmental bulls out May 1st
- 8-way, Scour Guard 4 – Yearly
- Bovishield 5 in April, Ivomec in April 2020

Don Sachs

- 49 Angus Simmental X Heifers
- All from 1 home (Rod Jordan)
- 35 Red / RBF
- 11 Black
- 3 Tan
- Exposed to proven red Angus heifer bull on June 16th
- Vaccinated as calves and at weaning, given 8-Way & Ivomec in May

Del Lange Dispersal – Millet

- 25 Black, BBF bred heifers
- 25 Black, BBF bred 2nd calvers
- 25 Black, BBF bred 3rd calvers
- 25 Black, BBF bred Mature cows
- 100 % home raised, very quiet herd
- Exposed to black Simmental bulls for April calving

Doug Hughes

- 10 head of Red Simm X heifers.
- Bred to low birth weight 70lb Red Angus bulls
- Bulls out June 4 to July 22
- Heifers had Ivomec Oct 31

R5 Farming Complete Dispersal

- 38 Red Angus cows coming with 3rd calf
- 22 Black Angus cows 4 years old and older
- Bred to black Angus bulls for Mid-January calving
- 16 black heifers due March 20
- Vaccinated with Tasvax 8, Scour Boss, Virashield 6 & Solvent on Nov 30th



Vold, Jones & Vold Auction Co. Ltd.
Rimbey AB

FRIDAY, DEC 18 – 12 NOON

Bred Cow Sale - Final Sale of 2020!

Sargeant Cattle Heifers

- All home raised full health, safegaurd and boss this fall
- 9 - Red 1/2 to 3/4 Simmental
- Bred Red Angus same bull we used on our purbred heifers. To start March 23rd
- 34 - Black Angus 1/4 to 1/8 Simmental
- Bred Black Angus 72 and 74 lb bw bulls
- To start April 1
- Both groups 70 day breeding period

Darcy McDonagh

- 10 cows
- 8 year old cows bred to Red Simmental bulls
- Start calving Feb 1st

Medicine Ranch

- 35 really good black Angus heifers
- Super quiet, good sized heifers, mostly solid black heifers
- Exposed June 1st to black Angus bulls (79 & 84 lbs)
- 1st scour boss shot, preg checked at home



Find pictures & videos
www.vjvauction.com

Vold Jones & Vold Auction Co. Ltd.

Rimbey 403-843-2439
Ponoka 403-788-5561

Public health measures in Leduc County

Buildings closed, meetings cancelled to help
stop the spread of COVID-19

Dec. 9, 2020

As a result of the Government of Alberta's stronger public health measures implemented yesterday to help stop the spread of COVID-19, Leduc County is closing some administrative buildings and cancelling in-person meetings, events and programs.

These below measures align with those imposed by the province to minimize in-person gatherings.

The following measures will remain in effect until at least Jan. 11, 2021:

Effective Monday, Dec. 14, the Services Building and Community and Operations Centre in Nisku will be closed to the public. This means Leduc County Centre is the only municipal building open for in-person drop-in service. Our fire stations were

closed to the public on Nov. 13, and our public works shops are open to the public by appointment only. Despite the building closures, our services remain unaffected; we are committed to delivering high-quality municipal services, and these services will still be provided.

Public meetings, including council meetings and committee meetings, have been cancelled. Due to the upcoming holidays, this resulted in the cancellation of only two public meetings: Public Works Committee and Subdivision Authority.

Public events and programs have moved to virtual-only delivery; no in-person events or programs will be offered.

Leduc County continues to support the measures imposed by the Government of Alberta and will take the necessary steps to protect the health of staff and members of the public. For the latest information on the impacts COVID-19 and related public health measures are having on municipal services, visit leduc-county.com/COVID-19.

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Capital Power announces plans to be off coal in 2023

Submitted by Capital Power

Capital Power announced on December 3, 2020 that it will stop using coal as a fuel at the Genesee Generating Station in 2023. This step follows earlier news of the repowering of Genesee Units 1 & 2 to best-in-class natural gas combined cycle technology, pending regulatory approval. The decision emerges from our commitment to delivering competitive, reliable and responsible baseload power to Albertans from the Genesee site.

"Capital Power has been following a strategy towards a low carbon future with a target to be net carbon neutral before 2050," said Brian Vaasjo, President and CEO of Capital Power. "With the repowering of the Genesee 1 and 2 units utilizing best-in-class technology, they will be the most efficient natural gas combined cycle units in Canada, allowing us to be off-coal in 2023 and directly delivering 3.4 megatonnes of annual carbon emission reductions at Genesee. As we progress towards a low carbon future, Capital Power will provide support for the Genesee community and employees as the Genesee facility transitions to a natural gas facility."

Earlier this year, we began the process of seeking regulatory approval for the repowering project. The two repowered units will provide an additional 560 megawatts of net capacity totalling 1,360 MW and will also be carbon conversion ready and 30% hydrogen ready when repowering is complete and upgradable to 95% in the future.

Pending a successful outcome of the regulatory review, we expect construction to begin in August 2021, with an anticipated in-service date in late 2023 for the repowered Genesee Unit 1 and 2024 for Genesee Unit 2. The project is located within the existing Genesee footprint.

As we work toward transitioning Genesee Units 1 and 2 to combined cycle units, we will continue down the path of converting Genesee Unit 3 to a dual fuel unit that will transition off coal to 100% natural gas when we end coal operations by the end of 2023.

The Genesee Generating Station has been part of the community for more than 30 years. This announcement ensures the facility will continue to contribute to Leduc County and the surrounding communities for many more years to come.

For more information about the repowering project, visit capitalpower.com/repowering or contact us at canadadevelopment@capital-power.com or 1-855-703-5005.

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Available workshops include, but are not limited to:

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For more information on any of the above-listed workshops, call 780-979-2385. A complete listing of all workshops is available online at www.leduc-county.com/community-family.



Hello,

The library will be closed to the public for Covid between December 13 – January 10. We will try to provide CURBSIDE service during the week of Dec 14-18th, provided we have access to the building.

According to the rules, curbside service must be designed to have no physical contact with patrons. Patrons should not take materials from staff or vice versa. Patrons cannot come into the library building. Social distancing, mask-wearing, and sanitization practices must be implemented.

So while the library will be closed to the public being onsite starting December 12, we hope to be able to deliver curbside service on Tuesday 10-6, Wednesday 10-4, and Friday 10-4, our regular hours. You can phone or message an order, and we will deliver your books or DVD's to you, contactless, on the table outside the library door.

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Stay safe and have a great holiday!

Gayle

Making the Most of Masks

By Barbara Gregory

With every negative comes a positive. It's simple algebra - right? To curtail the spread of sneezed or coughed or moistly spoken breath, citizens world wide have donned masks. Other than providing continued anonymity for bank robbers, masks have created positive outcomes in other instances as well.

Take, for example, the savings in lipstick and concealer alone. Under a mask, lips can be chapped or left uncolored, and face flaws can stay hidden without harsh cosmetics or expensive creams. Cold sore sufferers are the big winners with masks. While red, painful boils have kept some people too embarrassed to leave their homes, wearing a mask allows for healing without rude stares.

Another advantage to wearing a mask is especially noted by lovers of spinach salad. No longer must they rush to a mirror to check for green specks stuck in their incisors. In fact, any food stuck in pearly whites can be successfully hidden till a more convenient time allows for brushing and flossing. And unsightly moustaches, worn by men or women, can stay out of sight, too.

With the variety of designs blossoming as mask-wearing becomes more common-place, so too are mask-wearing fashionistas free to explore and show their creativity and daily mood. Funky, fun colors can express a joyful countenance while a black mask can provide an air of solemnity. Maple leaf motifs can be worn for national pride while cheeky sayings can initiate interesting conversations.

Yes, wearing a mask, cloth or paper, for 12 hours a day can be onerous and become tedious, and downright annoying. But other than the reasons already suggested, wearing a mask shows solidarity during this time of uncertainty. Wearing a mask indicates caring for others when we ourselves feel fearful. And wearing a mask provides hopeful positiveness for a healthier future.

Merry Christmas!!
2020 was a challenge. Thank you for your support! If nothing more it is a time for reflection. During this season of giving let us take time to slow down and enjoy the simple things. We hope this wonderful time of year will touch your heart in a special way! Wishing you much happiness today and throughout the New Year from the staff at Warburg Village Market.

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The Bible Truth Page #13

Hello, I have an important message of good news for you from God, the creator of heaven and earth. The good news is that God loves you and he wants to bless you with life, love, health, healing, and a lot of other good things. In order to give us life in exchange for the death that we deserve for being sinful, God had to pay off our debt of sin. He did that by sacrificing his only son in a horrible, gruesome, and bloody death on the cross. You might say: "No thank you, I am pretty good already". But the truth is none of us are good without Jesus. The Bible says in Romans 3:23 **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.** It also says in Galatians 3:22 **But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.** Romans 6:23 **For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.** So there it is in black and white. We deserve death but God has given us the gift of eternal life. Have a look at what Jesus said in John 3:14-21 **And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.** He has also told us how we can receive the gift of eternal life which he has provided for us in Romans 10:9-13; **That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.** Here is a prayer that you could pray if you want to accept the gift of everlasting life: Lord God of heaven and earth, please forgive me for all of my sins. I accept you as my Lord and Saviour. Thank you Lord Jesus for giving me life and forgiveness, and health, and healing, in exchange for the everlasting punishment and death that I deserve. I give you the rest of my life here on earth in service to you. Now here is how you live for God: Matthew 22:37-40 **Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

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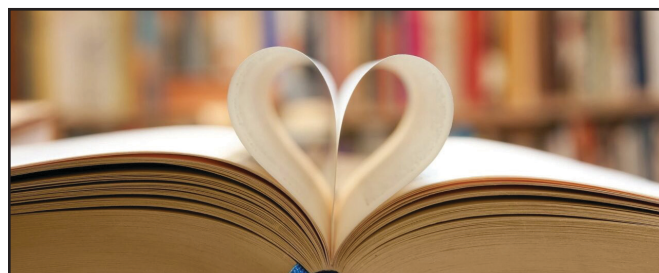
Have you ever read a telephone book? There it sat, a permanent fixture on the counter in front of the clock radio, when I was little, wispy pages wrinkled and edge-torn by the time next year's version was released. White pages at one end, yellow at the other, and a skinny blue section filled with public service information such as call before you dig, emergency phone numbers and standard first aid. All the phone numbers with the prefix (579) fit on only a few columns. Our community was so tiny we knew every family within. But today I'm writing about a different telephone book.

The escalation of this Covid business means spending time in remote areas is for the fool hearty, risk takers, or those with no other option. The Covid virus has been taking its toll in our rural communities in more ways than we care to think about, making it harder to connect with loved ones living in special areas. A couple of months back, Mom, a senior over 80 years old, ended up in hospital for three weeks. She needed significant care on return to her condo, lest she be forced to transition to an assisted living situation. My siblings and I stayed night and day for 6 weeks until her confidence returned to be on her own again. We too needed to return to our daily routines. I was looking for a way to spend time together, but apart, especially the first few nights alone. I remembered an idea I had from the past but had never taken up and now seemed like a good time to take it for a drive—the telephone book club, for two.

I learned of this idea a few years back while living in Lethbridge with an elderly room mate, Dorine, who is vision impaired. I walked to work every day to the public library. Every night after dinner, Dorine would slip into the sitting room for a phone call from Atlanta, Georgia, from her son. They read a book together over the phone lines and I thought, what a good idea,

and tucked it away. Now I'm doing the same thing. Every day Mom and I call in the morning and ask, do we want to read that night? If so, we set a time. In the evening, then I read to her for 15-30 minutes from a work of fiction. What happens during that time? I feel close even though we are miles apart, Mom has my undivided attention for a full 30 minutes. I learn things about her that I never knew when we talk about the story and she helps me with vocabulary. It's a moment of tenderness between mother and daughter who much of the time have diverse tastes and interests. It builds trust every day when we show up for the story. It can be hard to talk about such strong feelings as love and worry, but we know it when we feel close. Mom looks forward to hearing what happens. We get to know each other through story, a welcome activity, so needed at a time when other areas of life seem less hopeful.

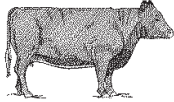
Our telephone book is "The Pull of the Stars," by Canadian author, Emma Donoghue. Set in a maternity ward in a hospital in 1918 during the flu epidemic and WWI, it is full of death, delirium, and highly relevant today. Language style and specifics from history give the opportunity to test each other on bits of trivia we can look up during the day on the Internet. I have the opportunity to put myself in the shoes of pregnant women from historical Ireland, who may have been my grandmothers or great grandmothers, and to vicariously share of that experience with ancestors I will never know personally. I hope this story encourages you to try it, if you have a loved one from whom you are isolated, ask them to read a telephone book with you! Set a date and time, find a good story, and get reading.



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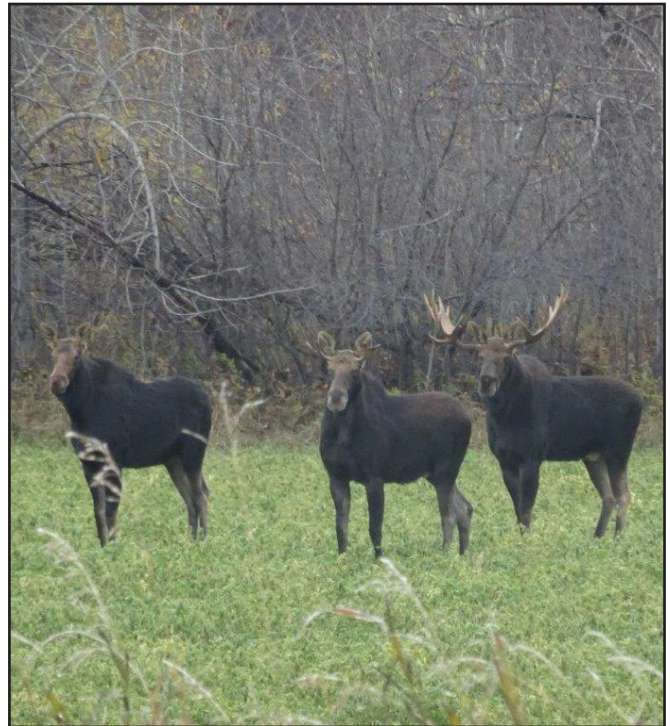
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