

THORSBY TARGET

Twelve Days of Community Spirit

From the Christmas in the Village
Planning Team

2020 - what a year! When the planning team sat down in late September to start thinking about Christmas in the Village, we knew that this year would not look like any of the 26 previous. We considered just cancelling for the first time ever but soon came to realize that the residents in and around Thorsby might need some holiday cheer. Thus, the Twelve Days of Christmas in the Village was born.

With the goals of encouraging support of our local businesses, maintaining the spirit of Christmas in the Village, supporting those in need in our community, and adhering to COVID restrictions, the team developed a multi-day experience to replace our traditional evening event held the first Friday of December. We were excited to be able to connect with the business community in the area and celebrate their customers. Thankfully, we were able to keep and modify some of the usual events and introduce new ones to help us stay safe in the current public health reality.

We would like to send a huge thank you to Thorsby Parks and Recreation for judging and organizing the prizes for the annual gingerbread house contest. Congratulations to

winners Kasey Bablitz (child), Allie Appleby (youth), Viola Park (adult), SOS Bookkeeping & Taxes (business), and the Allan Brodniansky family (family)! Also, thank you to Bilar's Garage for being the collection point and displaying the entries for the whole second week of the Twelve Days!

More thanks go to the 13 businesses who participated in a scaled back version of Business Bingo - Bilar's Garage, Canada Post Thorsby, CE Media Signs & Promotional, Dyck Insurance Agency Ltd, Kollbrook ESSO, Lone Wolf Mechanical, Pet Necessities/CR Thorsby, Ranchland Meats, Ruhr Valley Lumber, Thorsby Bottle Depot, Thorsby Hotel Bar, Twisted Lime Liquor Co, and Village Supermarket. Congratulations to Sharon Lawrence who won the \$50 gift card!

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Items of Note

The **Town of Thorsby** is now able to accept Mastercard and Visa as payment methods. Call the office for more information.

Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church will have two **Christmas Eve Masses** - one at 4:00 pm and one at 6:00 pm. Each mass is restricted to 25 people as per Covid Restrictions. Members of Our Lady of Victory Parish only Kindly register for Christmas masses by contacting Guy Giroux at 780-940-2751 . No extended family members. No out of town guests.

The CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

Wanted: SUV! Oder, smaller SUV wanted in good operating condition. 4 door, 4 wheel drive. Please call in the evening. 780.719.7884 (1-1)

FOR SALE

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 (3-3kr)

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 (2-2)

Butcher ready pigs for sale. Must be picked up live. Contact Tyler at (780) 621-7120 (2-2kr)

FOR RENT COMMERCIAL

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

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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)

This Holiday Season SHOP LOCAL

Businesses have faced an extremely difficult year as a result of COVID. This holiday season let's help them out by shopping local.

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Gerald Soroka, MP
Yellowhead



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.*



Thorsby & Breton
RCMP Detachments

HOLIDAY HOURS

*The members and staff of the Thorsby & Breton RCMP Detachments
would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.*

For the holiday season, our office hours will be as follows:

December 24, 2020 - CLOSED at noon

December 25 & 28, 2020 - CLOSED

December 31, 2020 - CLOSED at noon

January 1, 2021 - CLOSED

Complaints can be made 24 hours a day by contacting the
complaint lines at:

THORSBY - (780)789-3950

BRETON - (780)696-3502

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

Twenty Seventh Annual

Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce Customer Appreciation Event

THANK YOU, THORSBY!

🎄 \$288.95 in cash & gift card PLUS a BIG BAG of warm clothes collected for Thorsby FCSS's Christmas Elves!

🎄 427 Where Is Santa? Photo Contest Entries

🎄 Congratulations to winners Doug Robbins, Cedar Robinson, and Donna Sager

🎄 13 Businesses participated in Business Bingo

🎄 Congratulations to winner Sharon Lawrence

🎄 50 Nominate Your Neighbour Decorating Contest Nominations

🎄 Congratulations to winners 4507-48 Ave (inflatables), 5318-53 Ave (lights), 5009-47 Ave (homemade), CE Media Signs & Promotional (business), and 4609-52 Street (overall)

🎄 Spectacular Gingerbread House Contest Entries

🎄 Congratulations to winners Kasey Bablitz (child), Allie Appleby (youth), Viola Park (adult), SOS Bookkeeping & Taxes (business), and the Allan Brodniansky family (family)

🎄 29 Local Businesses and Organizations

participated in and supported our TWELVE DAYS
of holiday events during these challenging
times! THANK YOU SO MUCH!



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****COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE TOWN OF THORSBY****

Please see our website, www.thorsby.ca for the latest COVID-19 Rules, Restrictions & Updates.

As of December 13th, 2020 the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex and the Town Office will be closed to the public until at least January 12th, 2021. If you have any questions or concerns please call the town office directly at 780-789-3935 or email cao@thorsby.ca and you will be answered within 48 hours, as our staff will still be working hard to keep you informed.

Thank you all for being so patient with us, and continuing to support our town during this pandemic. We encourage the public to stay safe, healthy, and follow the provincial guidelines.

Happy Holidays & Stay Safe!



The Golden Spur Gymkhana Club would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU to the following businesses and individuals for their support and contributions towards our 2020 season.

Donations/Sponsors:

- Village of Breton
- AKJ Contracting and Services Inc.
- Bpoe Gem
- Jim and Ev Aldous
- Brazeau County
- Big Tee Restaurant
- Breton Family Dining
- IGA Drayton Valley

Prizes:

- Keddies
- Western Outfitters
- Ellys Woodwork
- Jones Boys – Ponoka
- Classic Embroidery
- Country Stitch Design
- DH Custom Conchos and Leather
- Urban Habitat

THANK YOU!

Please Note: Annual General Meeting – January 23, 2021 @ 1 pm Location: TBA



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



TOWN OF THORSBY PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE BE ADVISED:
EFFECTIVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020
THE THORSBY MUNICIPAL OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
DUE TO AHS COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

**HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE STAFF IN THE OFFICE
FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. MONDAY – FRIDAY
TO MONITOR ALL PHONE CALLS, ACCEPT PAYMENTS
THROUGH THE MAIL SLOT AT THE FRONT DOOR
AND REPLY TO EMAIL REQUESTS.**

**UTILITY AND TAX PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY
CASH, CHEQUE, AND ON-LINE BANKING**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
780-789-3935 OR EMAIL info@thorsby.ca**

Thank-you for your consideration and understanding!



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 Belozar, Thorsby Development Officer at 780-789-3935 or email mbelozar@thorsby.ca

Twelve Days of Community Spirit

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New this year was the Where is Santa Photo Contest. Santa and his faithful helpers visited 5 Star Propane, AARGO, Alberta Fire Gear Cleaning Ltd, ATB Financial Thorsby, Baumann Hoe & Bobcat Service, Celtic Knot Massage, Esthetics Avenue & Tanning, HiWay 39 Motors, PetroCanada Thorsby, Proactive Lube Manager, Sam's Balloons & Vinyl Creations, and Thorsby Co-Operators. We were overwhelmed by the 427 entries to the contest and had to choose just three winners from the 11 individuals who had correctly identified Santa's location for all 12 days. Congratulations to Doug Robbins, Cedar Robinson, and Donna Sager who each won \$25 gift cards!

We were also overwhelmed by the amazing generosity and holiday spirit we saw from the Thorsby community. We managed to collect \$288.95 in cash and gift cards along with a BIG BAG of warm clothing for the Thorsby Family and Community Support Service's Christmas Elves, which blew us away! Additionally, we received 50 nominations for the Nominate Your Neighbour Decorating Contest and were pleased to award the following addresses with lawn signs to proudly display - 4507-48 Ave (inflatables), 5318-53 Ave (lights), 5009-47 Ave (homemade), CE Media Signs & Promotional (business), and 4609-52 St (overall). We highly recommend taking a drive around town to take in all the amazing holiday displays as it will really get you in the Christmas spirit!

While we were disappointed that we had to cancel the Christmas Parade last Friday due to the heightened public health restrictions, it was lovely to see that Santa learned of our plight and took time out of his very busy schedule to ride through town with Rudolph the Yellow-Nosed

Rein-'Deere'. Saturday's community finale celebration started off with a bang courtesy of the Ruhr family and the skies over town lit up with some spectacular pyrotechnics.

Finally, we would like to send a thank you to the 29 businesses and community organizations who supported and participated in this year's events, all the volunteers who put in many hours behind the scenes (especially Amanda at SOS Bookkeeping & Taxes who put together and maintained our website), and, MOST IMPORTANTLY, the great people of Thorsby who joined in during the Twelve Days of Christmas in the Village. We can not thank you enough! Hopefully, we'll see you again in 2021 for a more traditional evening of customer appreciation!



Just a few of the
amazing gingerbread
creations this year



Above - Some wonderful home Christmas displays

Below - Where's Santa?
Day 1 - Baumann's Hoe & Bobcat
Day 12 - 5 Star Propane



Top - Santa & Rudolph the Yellow-Nosed Rein-
'Deere' bringing Christmas cheer! Bottom -
Some spectacular aerial photo's of the cele-
bration! (Thanks Miguel Hormazabal!)



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

From Mayor Rod Raymond

A huge shout out to the Christmas in the Village committee: Darlene McPherson, Amissa Jablonski, Mercedes King, Linda Legault, Jade Raymond, Glen and Linda McBride, Ashley Gilbert and Sandi Raymond. In a very difficult year these volunteers went above and beyond to make sure we had events for the holiday season.

A huge thank you goes out to Leduc County Councillor Ray Scobie and Town Councillor Nathan Raymond for pulling Santa Claus around town. The old Rudolph the Yellow-Nosed Rein-'Deere', along with our antique Fire Truck, gave the children of this community some hope for normalcy. As I followed Santa Claus around town, I was impressed to see so many houses lit up this year with Christmas decorations. The small town Christmas spirit is alive and well in our community. We will get through this pandemic.



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Community Events Page

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church will have **two Christmas Eve Masses** - one at 4:00 pm and one at 6:00 pm. Each mass is restricted to 25 people as per Covid Restrictions. Members of Our Lady of Victory Parish only kindly register for Christmas masses by contacting Guy Giroux at 780-940-2751. No extended family members. No out of town guests.

Golden Spur Gymkhana Club Annual General Meeting on January 23, 2021 @ 1 pm, location TBA

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)

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store will be CLOSED for Holidays from December 24th - January 14th. We will still be accepting donations during that time.

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 (Ken's Furniture) 5201 50 Street. Lots of vendors with a wide variety of items. For tables or info call Jenna 780-868-7616.

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.

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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



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**



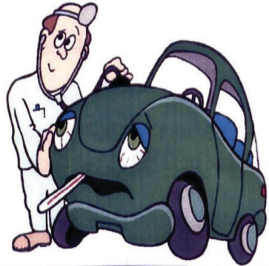
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Town of Thorsby
Upcoming Council Meetings

DECEMBER 2020

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.

- FOR SALE -

MEAT EQUIPMENT & BUTCHER SHOP ACCESSORIES

(Must all be sold together)

- Meat Grinder
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- Slicer
- 2 Stainless Steel Tables
- 2 Paper Holders
- 3 Metal Shelving Units
- Rolling Cart (holds 3 tubs)
- Roast Netter
- Tape Dispenser
- Band Saw
- Smokehouse
- Pressure Washer
- Floor Scale
- 50 Roller Hooks
- Cutting Table w/ cutting boards
- Office Desk
- Large & Small Pastic Tubs

If Interested please TEXT 780.721.9049
(NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE)

Thorsby Taylor Park Committee Successful in Securing Funding

From Carol Rempel

A huge thank you to Leduc Parks & Recreation for accepting our grant request of \$500 for the planning and development of Taylor Park. This demonstrates the importance and strength of regional cooperation.

In the spring of 2019, a wonderful gift was given to the community by Bob Taylor who donated land towards the development of an arts and cultural park in the downtown area. The vision is to provide exceptional opportunities for both cultural and community gatherings, markets, and festivals (Post COVID).

"We are pleased to support the plans for the development of land to be known as Taylor Park, which through the efforts of local community groups will become a genuine asset and focal point for our community for many years to come, and a true community park in all aspects" was written in a letter of support from our previous CAO. It was also "Moved by Councillor Gilbert that Council support the notion of development of Taylor Park in principal based on the understanding there is no cost to the town" At the July 23, 2019 council meeting. Therefore, the Taylor Park committee was formed. Our first fundraiser called "the Spirit of Thorsby" was originally going to be the "Taste of Thorsby" but according to Deepak "this is not just about food this is about everybody, we should call this event 'Spirit of Thorsby'" and we all agreed. This successful event on September 21, 2019 raised \$9,251.45 towards our park. "The Spirit of Thorsby was one pure effort which was made to lay a solid foundation of Taylor Park's Journey"

Public engagement opportunities were offered at this event as well as on our FB Page. Carol

Rempel, our chair, also went door to door to many local businesses for their input. A draft plan was drawn up by Nicolas Moffat from Leduc County Parks & Recreation and was presented to council.

Proposed Phase 1 were all in-kind donations (Fall of 2019) - a gazebo (Arctic Spas), power pole & labour (Nuline & Bascik Electric) and a custom fire pit (Westower), all elements needed for Thorsby's annual Christmas in the Village. Proposed Phase 2 (Spring of 2020) a stage, shrubs, flowers, and a mural partially donated by a talented local artist Janine Macintosh. Some other recommendations were solar lighting, brick walkways, statue of Thor, park benches, picnic tables, a BBQ pad and a water feature.

In October 2019, our planning and fundraising committee was put on hold by the Thorsby Town Council but once we are approved to move forward, we are excited to work with our new CAO, Lawson Consulting, Thorsby Mayor and Council and our community partner Communities in Bloom. Our hope is to inspire and ignite the hearts and minds of our community through the power of arts and culture. In working together, we are building a strong, more engaged community for all... where people want to live, work and play.

The Taylor Park Planning & Fundraising Committee:

Carol Rempel – Chair/Community Member
Sharon Powlik – Secretary/Community Member
Deepak Nair – Treasurer/Owner, Thorsby Hotel Bar & Grill
Matt Ruhr – Owner, Ruhr Valley Lumber
Carole Koller – Owner, Kollbrook Esso
Shawna Ofstie – Owner, CE Media Signs & Promotional
Keri Waters – Owner, Design by Waters

**As we approach the new year,
what a wonderful time to say “Thank You”
for the opportunity to serve you.**

**Derryl and Jackie Knopp & family,
Emil and Irene Knopp,
& all the staff of the
Thorsby Tire Shop**



Happy Holidays

**Expression of Interest (20-036): Salvage of Material
Plan 182, 1664, Block 1, Lot 9, Nisku, AB
Near Township Road 510 and 9 St.**



Leduc County intends to allow for the salvage of materials from the construction of a pole shed, interior of a shop and other miscellaneous materials on site and is seeking expressions of interest from companies or individuals for salvage. Photos of the site are available at www.leduc-county.com/eoi-salvage.

Submission of interest

Interested parties must submit their interest and book an appointment for a site tour by **Jan. 8, 2021, 2 p.m.**, Mountain Time (MT) by contacting Leduc County Public Works and Engineering at **780-979-6185** or **PWE@leduc-county.com**.

Site tours: Jan. 14, 2021 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Appointments for interested proponents to tour the site and ask questions will be scheduled for Jan. 14, 2021 from 1 to 5 p.m. MT. Additional appointment times will be set if necessary. The location will be released to interested parties one day before the viewing date.

Note: there are several other buildings at this location; however, they either are reserved for future use or contain hazardous materials that must be abated prior to demolition and therefore are off-limits for salvage.

If you are interested in salvaging material from this site, respond to this invitation with your:

- **bid, with start and completion date**
- **proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000**
- **valid Certificate of Recognition (COR)***

**if a COR isn't available, the proponent will follow Leduc County safety guidelines.*

Interested proponents must respond with the above-listed materials no later than **Jan. 29, 2021, 2 p.m., MT**. Bids will be evaluated for compliance with the requirements outlined by Leduc County.

Leduc County, at its sole discretion, is not obligated to accept any of the bids submitted. We thank all proponents for their submissions.

To register for a site visit, submit your proposal, or for more information, contact **Des Mryglod**, director, engineering and utilities, at **des@leduc-county.com**.

Thorsby Christmas Elves 2020

The Biggest Virtual Hug to Thorsby Firefighter's Station 7. We could not do the annual Fireman's Food drive, so our Thorsby Fireman worked together with FCSS to come up with a plan. They personally donated money from the Thorsby Station 7 funds and picked up groceries for 10 homes. Chris Jones applied for additional donation from Costco, which was accepted. Thank you, Andrew Kearley, Brian Buchanan, Lt. Chris Jones, and District Chief Chris Legault for organizing, and delivering some of the hampers safely to homes around Thorsby.

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Marcia Mielke, Cathy Kuzio, Lisa Antle, Tracy Musson, Scott Viglietti, Carol Rempel, and Councilor Nathan Raymond (You are so amazing)

Thank you to all the individuals and organizations that stepped up and make this program a success.

Thank you to all who anonymously gave to the Thorsby Christmas Elves, and my apologies to those I missed on the Thank you list.

FCSS will continue to accept donations throughout the year for the Christmas Elves Program, Youth Subsidy or Emergency Funds.

Please contact FCSS if you would like more info or like to donate.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Patti Skarpinsky/FCSS Coordinator for Town of Thorsby

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Please remember to be kind to each other as you do not know someone's story or what they have been through. The biggest gift to give someone is smiling eyes and the gift of compassion,

Congratulations to Our Chairman!

From Thorsby Communities in Bloom Committee

Thorsby CIB would like to share the news of an award their Chairman, Barry Rasch received from the Provincial CIB Organization.

In the December edition of the Alberta Communities In Bloom "Bloom Where Your Planted" Newsletter, Barry was recognized by the association with the "Giving Gardner" Award.

Excerpt from the newsletter:

"The Giving Gardener was awarded to a CiB Committee leader who volunteers to give of their time, their gardening skills, and encourages others to bloom where they're planted. They are a gift to their community.

The winner of this year's Giving Gardener Award is Barry Rasch, CiB Chairman from Thorsby Communities in Bloom Society. Barry will receive a Scott's Gift Bag full of gardening products (valued at \$125)."

When asked how he felt about winning the award, he simply said, he's grateful for the award "but it's not work when you're passionate!"

And we all agree, he is passionate and he is dedicated! Barry has brought so many initiatives to Thorsby and we are thankful that he always has the betterment of the community in his heart.

Congratulations Barry from all of us on the Thorsby CIB Committee on this much deserved award!


Thorsby CIB was also mentioned in the fundraising idea corner of the newsletter for our successful event "Tunes For Blooms" that was held in August in conjunction with the Thorsby Hotel.

The Generosity of Community Thorsby Christmas Elves

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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.



News

From Gayle Sacuta

The library closes for two weeks over the holiday season beginning at 4:00PM on December 18. On December 18 we can only provide curbside service because the library is off limits to the public during the Covid shutdown. If you have any curbside orders, just call us at 780-789-3808. In 2021, we plan to offer curbside service the week of January 5. Please call the library to confirm.

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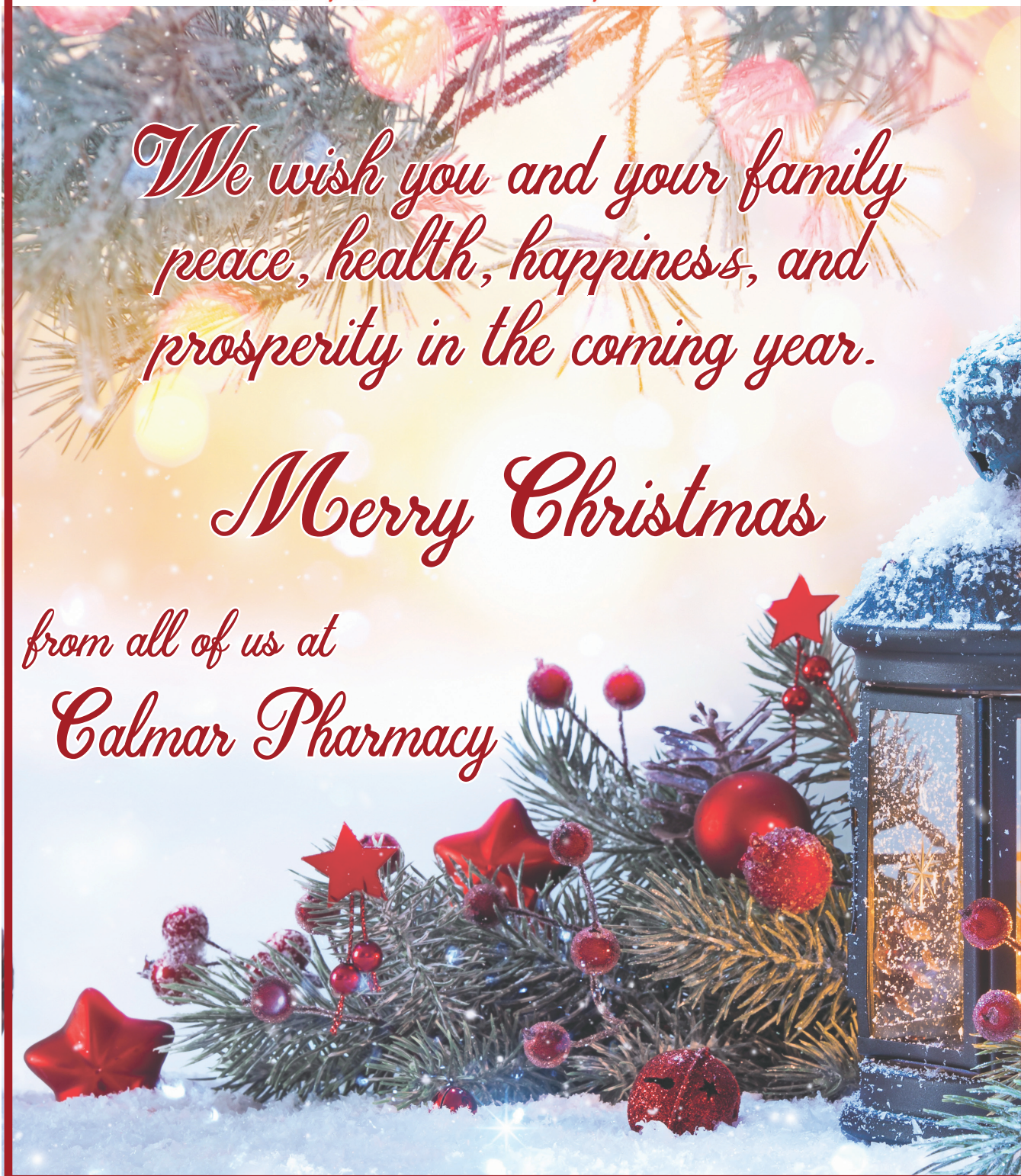
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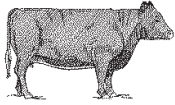
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The Bible Truth Page #14

Whom Should We Obey?

It appears as though believers in The Lord Jesus Christ are in a difficult situation. We are now restricted, by government orders, from obeying the commandments of The Lord Jesus Christ. The government says: No gathering together, no home meetings, only very small church services. The Word of God says: Hebrews 10:22-25 **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.** The bible is very specific in that last sentence; “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together”. The word of God tells us that we must get together to help each other, and encourage one another in our faith in Him. Jesus also told us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Mark 16:15 **And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.** Matthew 28:18-20 **And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.** It is not possible to preach the gospel and train up new believers without gathering together. We can't obey government orders and The Creator of The Heaven and Earth at the same time. The government says stay 2 meters apart. Jesus says lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Mark 16:17-18 **And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** We can't lay hands on the sick from 2 meters away. It appears as though the government is requiring believers to obey them rather than our Creator. Who then should we obey?

The twelve disciples had similar problems, perhaps we can learn from them, after all they did write much of the New Testament. The rulers of the day locked them in jail for peaching the gospel, as recorded here in Acts. Acts 5:16-20 **There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.** The angel of The Lord released them from prison, and commanded them to go and preach, and that is exactly what they did. As you can imagine the rulers were not impressed, and had them arrested again. Here is what happened next.

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Acts 5:27-32

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, [28] Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. [29] Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. [30] The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. [31] Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. [32] And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. So there it is as spoken by Peter. "We ought to obey God rather than men." But what about Romans chapter 13?

Well, I am glad you asked. In Romans chapter 13 we are instructed to be subject to the higher powers, and that includes the government.

Romans 13:1-7

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. [2] Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. [3] For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: [4] For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. [5] Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. [6] For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. [7] Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

As mentioned in verse 3, the rulers referred to in this passage are rulers that are enforcing good laws, and punishing evil works. Verse 4 tells us that the ruler is the minister of God to us for good, and that we should be afraid of the ruler if we are doing evil. Whose idea of good, do you think God is talking about? That would be God's idea of good, of course. So the higher powers in Romans 13 are powers that are implementing and enforcing law that is good in God's opinion, such law would have to be in agreement with The Word of God. God can not ask us to obey a law that is contrary to his own laws and commandments. Clearly Romans chapter 13 is telling us to obey government law that is in alignment with his own law.

As believers in The Lord Jesus Christ we are definitely in a difficult position. However the answer to the question: "Whom should we obey" should be an easy one. I think Peter said it best: "We ought to obey God rather than men".

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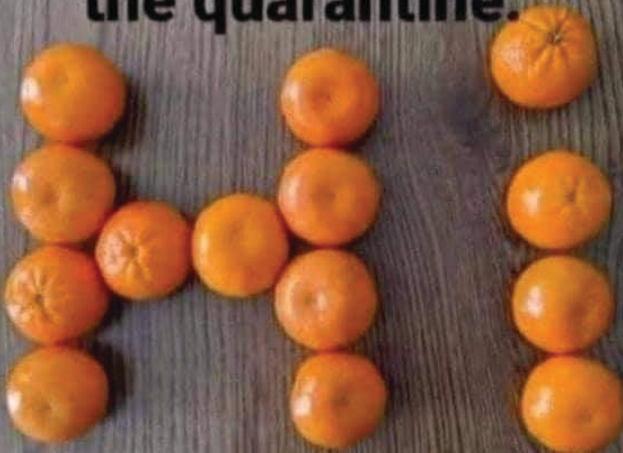
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