

## Time to Win Big! From Lakedell Lighthorse 4H Club

Happy New Year! Welcome to the 2020-2021 4-H year, from the Lakedell 4-H Lighthorse Club. To start we would like to introduce ourselves, we are the Club Reporters; Kamryn and Emersyn Tabler, Rylin Klatt and Payton Schwindt. Our club is offering equine projects and new this year, canine projects. We have seen a lot of growth in our club this year, we currently have 37 regular members (ages 9-18) and 14 Cleavers (members ages 6-8). We have two General Leaders this year, Amy Belec and Amy Johanson, who work with a team of assistant leaders to make everything run as smoothly as it can. We operate out of the Lakedell Ag Society facility, on the south side of Pigeon Lake. We draw families from many different communities around the lake; Westerose, Falun, Warburg, Breton, Winfield, Battle Lake, Mulhurst, Wetaskiwin, Rimbey, Bluffton, and Sylvan Lake just to name a few.

Time is running out and tickets are selling out! This year, we are having a cash raffle for our fundraiser. The tickets are \$5 each. You have a chance to win up to \$5000! If you would like to purchase some tickets, you can contact one of our leaders, Amy Volker at (403) 598- 4347 or Carolyn Schwindt at (780) 234-4300. We also did a huge tire and bottle drive, and an electronic and battery collection! We raised up to \$5000 from collecting all the tires! Thank you so much for all the donations of tires, bottles, electronics and batteries, the Lakedell Lighthorse Club truly appreciates all the support!

Our year started off having to make minor accom-

modations due to Covid. Things like wearing a mask, social distancing, and family seating were implemented so that we could continue with our in-person club structure. Very quickly 4H Alberta made changes to how we carried on due to updated Covid restrictions. What these changes meant for our club was that we could no longer meet in person whatsoever and everything was to be carried out via virtual and online formats.

As of today, we have altered our year of planned activities to follow the mandatory changes so that our members can successfully complete their year. Our leaders and volunteers have been creative in thinking up ways to keep our members involved and working on achieving their goals set out in the beginning of the year. The activities have encouraged working with their projects, working on personal goals, and mentoring new or younger members while at home connecting on platforms like zoom. Things like our communications activity, usually our public speaking event, will be done virtually in one of several ways. Members will be able to present an idea, or topic in a way they choose so long it follows the learning outcomes. We still have lots of modifications to make to get through the year and we will do our best to share them with you.

Each week we hope for things to return to the way things were but everyday we are happy we have our 4H family and our communities supporting one another through these difficult times.

Happy Riding, Stay Safe! Submitted by: Rylin Klatt, Payton Schwindt and Emersyn and Kamryn Tabler



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It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved father and grandfather on Dec. 15, 2020, at the age of 95.

Bill is survived and will be forever remembered by his four children: Stewart (Shirley), Donna (Roger), Ross, Rod (Beverly) and three grandchildren, Stefanie, Melanie and Jeffrey (Robyn).

He was predeceased by his sister, Jeanette; his brothers, Henry and John; and his beloved wife, Mary in 2010.

Bill was born on June 6, 1925 in the Telfordville, Alberta area and began his 41-year career with Esso when he was 17 years old. In 1948 he married Mary and they raised their four children in Edmonton, enjoying summers at Bill's hobby farm near Thorsby and at their cabin at Island Lake.

In his retirement, Bill restored a 1955 Buick Roadmaster, and he and Mary went to Campbell River several times to salmon fish. They wintered in Arizona for 24 years and Bill returned there for another eight years after Mary's passing. Bill will be remembered for his ability to live life to the fullest and for his independent spirit!

Special thanks to the caring staff at Emmanuel Home and at the Fort Saskatchewan and Royal Alexandra hospitals for providing care and support to Bill in his last weeks.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a Memorial to Celebrate Bill's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute in Edmonton, 8440 – 112 Street NW Edmonton, AB, T6G 2B7.

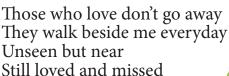
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Please submit resume and letter of interest to: Town Manager, Tamara Sloboda at tsloboda@thorsby.ca



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PLEASE BE ADVISED:

EFFECTIVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

THE THORSBY MUNICIPAL OFFICE WILL BE

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

#### **PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS**

Thorsby Bingo CANCELLED due to rise in COVID-19.

Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst Branch: Has Cancelled the General Meeting that was to be held Jan. 11, 2021. No Bingo's at this time. No Social's at this time either. All due to, you guessed it...Covid. Call: 780-935-6281

**Follow Thorsby Library on Facebook** to learn the latest news. Visit us to renew your library card at https://thorsbymunicipallibrary.ab.ca/copy-of-form

**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

#### MARKETS / THRIFT SHOPS (NON PROFIT)

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store will be CLOSED for Holidays from Decmeber 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 inquires 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 CEP th Thorsby is holding in-Church Worse PENDE to 10:30 a.m. Following COVID protocois. 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.



Town of Thorsby
Upcoming Council Meetings

#### **JANUARY 2021**

Tuesday 12 | Regular Council Meeting Tuesday 19 | Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday 26 | Regular Council Meeting

#### **FEBRUARY 2021**

**Tuesday 2 I Committee of the Whole Meeting** 

**Tuesday 9 | Regular Council Meeting** 

**Tuesday 16 | Committee of the Whole Meeting** 

**Tuesday 23 | Regular Council Meeting** 

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

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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. <a href="https://www.thorsbyhaymaker.com">www.thorsbyhaymaker.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:thors-byhistoricalsociety@gmail.com">thors-byhistoricalsociety@gmail.com</a>. Visit our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ThorsbyHistoricalSociety

**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

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

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

**Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre:** 780.389.2422 or rent@rundlesmission.org, you can also visit our website at www.rundlesmission.org

**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.





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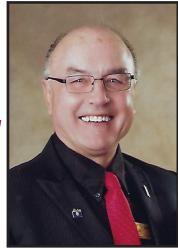
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### Musings from the East End Scriptorium

by Elizabeth Emond eemond.phd@gmail.com

Now that the holiday kerfuffle is over with, and we wait while the sun comes back, it's a good time to snuggle into your favourite chair and read something to take your mind completely off COVID-19. King Solomon is said to have observed that "of making many books there is no end" --and that was well before printing-presses --so finding something to read is no problem. However, you might, like me, be tired of contemporary novels in which two feuding characters end up in a passionate embrace wherein one's back arches involuntarily while a moan (again involuntary) escapes his/her lips. Big deal. Such light reading is best for summer. In winter, I personally prefer literature with less intellectual sugar and more fibre.

I'm partial to the 19th century, but there was some good stuff written in the 20th. (The 21st is too fresh to tell.) In the past, I've recommended A Confederacy of Dunces, by John Kennedy Toole, and I do still. It's a delightful comedy; you'll love it.

Still in the comedic mode, William Faulkner's tale of a stolen car in The Rievers is great fun to read. It takes place in the very early 20th century, when cars were first appearing on the roads, and it begins and ends in a small town, so the narrative is very cozy.

For Canadian content, there's the Deptford Trilogy by Canadian author Robertson Davies: Fifth Business The Manticore, and World of Wonders. The overall story follows the lives of three boys from a small town in Ontario, and the far-reaching consequences that ensue from a malicious prank. We're taken over topics that range from Medieval saints to the geek show at a circus. Strap yourself in. By the way, you must read the novels in order!

So wrap yourself in a shawl, equip yourself with a cup of tea, and go for it.

See you in the spring!

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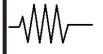
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## What's The Silence Behind A Silent Call?

by Marlene Eisner provided by RCMP

It's dinnertime. You're just sitting down to eat and the phone rings. You rush to answer it, but when you do, there's no one on the other end. You say "hello" a few times but there is only silence. Annoyed, you hang up. This is not the first time this has happened. Read on to find out what's behind a silent call.

What is a silent call?

There are two kinds of silent calls:

Phone fraud: Silent calls are often the first step in a phone fraud scheme that could lead to your identity being stolen or your bank account being drained. The silence on the other end of the phone is actually a computer gathering information about you; any small noise, like a cough, can signal to the computer that the number just dialed is an active line, answered by a human. Once the computer notes a person has answered the call, the numbers are gathered and sold to criminals, who use them to get personal information. Phone fraud can take many forms. In addition to silent calls, one of the most common types is vishing.

Telemarketing blips: In Canada, a silent call is a telephone call from a telemarketing agency that does not have an agent immediately available to handle the call when you answer. In this instance, the call may be suddenly terminated and you hear silence ("dead air") or you may hear a dial tone from the telephone company indicating the call has been dropped. In the United States, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in its regulations for telemarketers, refers to a silent call as an "abandoned call."

How does it work?

The majority of silent or abandoned calls are made and caused by automated calling systems known as dialers, or predictive dialers. These dialers, mainly used in call centres, dial telephone numbers automatically and connect people to call centre agents as soon as the phone is answered.

But dialers don't always work as they should. For example:

If the dialer makes a call but there is no call centre agent on hand to deal with it, the person being called will hear silence on the other end of the line.

When the technology used by call centres to detect an answering machine mistakes you for the answering machine, it cuts off the call without playing an information message, or before you hear anything.

What you can do

If you are being annoyed by silent calls, or unwanted calls from telemarketers, you can have your number put on the National Do Not Call Registry. This way, your telephone number will not be available to automatic dialers. There are some exceptions, so it's best to check the website. You can also try blocking individual numbers to avoid specific callers.

If you are still getting calls, you can complain about any that violate any unsolicited telecommunications rules (this includes automated dialing-announcing device rules). To file a complaint, you will need:

Your phone number (where the call was received)
The name and phone number of the telemarketer
The date you received the call

The next time you answer the phone and all you hear is silence, don't panic. In fact, don't say anything at all. Just hang up. You've most likely just avoided a pitch from a telemarketer or even better, foiled a possible plan for telephone fraud! We encourage you to share this article with the people you care about to help protect them against silent calls and other scams.

Hope this information helps to explain why you should hang up right away!

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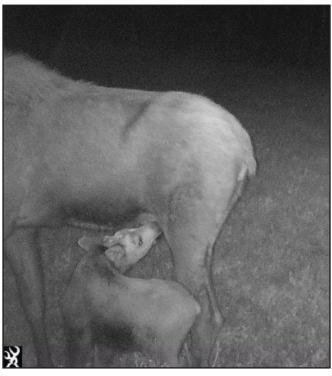


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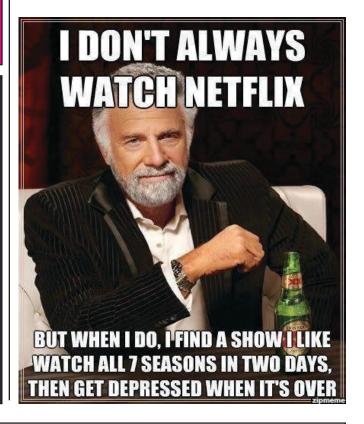
Maybe you should eat some make up so you can try and be pretty on the inside too.

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