

Black Gold's third annual 'Girls In STEM' Day:
"Pushing the
Limits, Like a Girl"
From Black Gold School Division

Nisku, Alberta (January 18, 2021) - Black Gold School Division is excited to host its third annual 'Girls In STEM' Day on January 29, 2021.

This virtual event engages students in Grades 7-12 in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-related (STEM) topics and highlights the vast career opportunities in these fields.

This year's theme is: "Pushing the Limits, Like a Girl." Through hands-on learning experiences and interaction with STEM female role models, the girls will gain confidence in their interests in STEM subjects at a particularly important time in their educational careers.

Please RSVP to Tarynne Cable at tarynne. cable@gshare.blackgold.ca to request a Zoom link to access this event.

You can also join us at 8:45 a.m. on January 29 for our keynote speaker, Dr. Shawna Pandya - a Canadian physician, aquanaut, and scientist-astronaut candidate with Project Polar Suborbital Science in the Upper Mesosphere (PoSSUM) - for her talk "Pushing the Limits" on our YouTube Page:

https://www.youtube.com/c/BlackGoldSchool-Division.

For more information about this event, go to https://tinyurl.com/y4oqwuks.



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FREE Creative Connections activity kit

for seniors and older adults

Do you know about all the services, supports and resources that are available to seniors and older adults who live in Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby or Warburg? Are you looking for activities to keep you busy and connected to your family and friends while isolating at home?

Due to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic, there have been limited opportunities for seniors and older adults to access information on community resources. It can be difficult to get all of your needs met while you're staying home, and Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) want to help!

Our free Creative Connections activity kits contain information on available programs and resources, which will help keep you informed, up-to-date and connected to services. The kits also have books and activities to promote conversations with others on a deeper level, encouraging new connections and deepening relationships with others.

If you are a senior or older adult aged 50+ who lives in Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby or Warburg, call us at **780-979-2385** to register for an activity kit. **The deadline to call and register is Feb. 5.**

Supplies are limited and available on a first call, first received basis! Once registered, you'll be informed of your closest pick-up location.











Town of Thorsby JOB OPPORTUNITY Permanent Part-time **Municipal Clerk**

Please submit your resume including a cover letter to cao@thorsby.ca by January 31, 2021. This position offers an hourly rate as per the CUPE Local 30 Collective Agreement. The hours offered are up to 15 hrs/week. You must be able to multi-task, have the ability to work unsupervised and cooperatively as a team member and should have strong public relation skills. The successful applicant must possess solid computer skills. Municipal Government experience is considered a strong asset. The applicant should be bondable and be able to maintain accurate, concise information and perform various duties as required by the CAO and Office Manager.

Tamara Sloboda, C.A.O. Email: cao@thorsby.ca



Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

JANUARY 2021

Tuesday 26 | Regular Council Meeting

FEBRUARY 2021

Tuesday 2 | 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.



THE TOWN OF THORSBY HAS THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES FOR COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Interested applicants are invited to submit their letter of interest to Council for consideration for selection for the following Committee and Board:

Thorsby and District Recreation Advisory Committee

Three (3) Vacancies:

- Members at Large from the Thorsby Recreation District
- Term will be 2 years for a maximum of (2) consecutive terms
- 3 4 meetings annually dates and locations determined at the discretion of the Committee

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

Two (2) Vacancies:

- Members shall be residents of the Town of Thorsby
- Members shall complete all training and qualification requirements in accordance with the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Regulation 195/2017 made pursuant to the Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26
- The purpose of this board is to hear and decide upon appeals against decisions of the Subdivision Authority and the Development Authority as required.

Letters of interest may be mailed to: Town of Thorsby

Box 297 Thorsby, AB TOC 2P0

Or submitted via email to: cao@thorsby.ca

For copies of the Committee and Board Terms of References, please contact the Thorsby Municipal Office at 4917 Hankin Street or phone 780.789.3935.



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

Sunnybrook Community Hall yearly Membership Renewals are due. \$5 a person Or \$10 for a family. Payments can be done via etransfer to: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

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.

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://thors-bymunicipallibrary.ab.ca/copy-of-form

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

MARKETS / THRIFT SHOPS (NON PROFIT)

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store will be OPEN again on January 14th - ALL COVID-19 regulations apply. Hours of operation: 10 am - 3 pm Thursdays and Fridays. We are accepting donations.

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 corpy Thursday 10-3 in the City Center Mal SISPENDED 201 50 Street. Lots of vendors with a wispended 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 Cipch Thorsby is holding in-Church Wor SUSPENDED t 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.



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Open to seniors residing within Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg, New Sarepta, and rural Leduc County. No referral necessary.

Dates: Fridays, Feb. 19 and 26

Time: 10 to 11 a.m.

Location: online via Zoom

Spaces available: minimum of four registrants, maximum of 15

► Technology needed: participants will require internet access by computer, tablet or smart phone

Register: please register by Feb. 5 by contacting Carla at 780-955-4554 or carla@leduc-county.com.



WORSHIP

Philippian Christian Friendship Church of Canada Thorsby - This is Rev. Pollard, if you need prayer or just to talk, please leave your number and we will get back to you. Have a blessed day! 587.930.7801

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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. 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 thors-byhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. 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.

FACILITY RENTALS

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

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.

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

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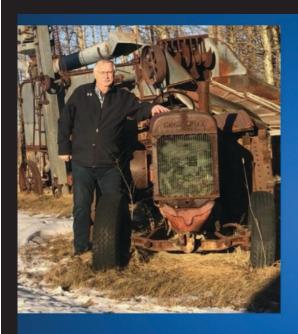
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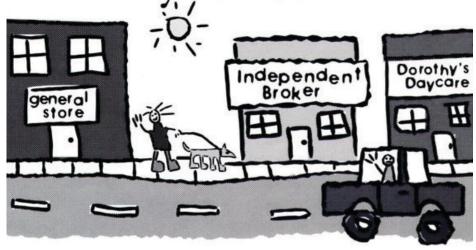
With this I am declaring my intentions to run for re-election as councillor in Division 6 - Leduc County.

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MLA REPORT

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

Our Canadian parliamentary system of democracy is the result of a series of long struggles between ideas, powerful kings, the people and the exercise of political power. Through it all we have evolved a system of government that pursues ordered liberty. These two words would appear to be in opposition and yet the balanced combination of these two critical democratic values are foundational to protecting our way of life and will help us to live peacefully together. Unrestricted liberty results in societal anarchy only when individual freedom is bound by reasonable restrictions will all individuals in the wider society have true freedom. Ordered liberty is articulated in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms when it says,

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the rights and freedoms set out in it subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

Freedom is the foundational value in a democracy and in our Charter of Rights. Placing restrictions on our democratic freedoms should never be done lightly, yet it is sometimes necessary. When our freedoms are restricted those restrictions must meet the standard of reasonableness for a free and democratic society.

Recently, some constituents exercised their rights as engaged citizens and taped a series of posters of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and a series of messages all over the front of the Drayton Valley-Devon Office in Drayton Valley, the Town Hall of Drayton Valley, and the Brazeau County offices. They believe that the recent pandemic restrictions placed on Albertans and their businesses are an unreasonable restriction of their Charter Rights and they exercised their right of free speech to send their

message to me, their MLA.

So this begs the question, is the government acting unreasonably when it places Covid restrictions upon Albertans?

During this Covid pandemic the Alberta government has argued that it has a duty to protect both the lives and the livelihoods of Albertans. For me, the ordering of these two duties is important to recognize for it speaks to a hierarchy and to when a government can reasonably place restrictions on people. The primary reason I supported the latest round of temporary restrictions was to protect life, by temporarily placing restrictions on Albertans being able to congregate. It was regrettable that we had to temporarily enact these restrictions but it was, in my view, reasonable because we had to protect the lives of all Albertans by safeguarding their access to emergency care.

Are Albertans split on this issue? Absolutely, in this constituency I have had conversations and correspondence that represents all positions on this issue. For those Albertans who disagree with the Covid restrictions you are right to be concerned any time government unreasonably restricts democratic freedoms. Are these temporary restrictions unreasonable or do they meet the standard of reasonableness? I believe they are reasonable but I will also support your right to disagree with that conclusion. Good people can disagree but that disagreement needs to remain within the boundaries of the law and maintain our ordered liberty.



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MP REPORT

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



January 18, 2021

Statistics Canada Hiring Approximately 32,000 People Across Canada

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead is pleased to inform constituents of job opportunities at Statistics Canada relating to the 2021 Census.

The next Canadian Census of Population will take place in May 2021. To assist in the collection of the census, Statistics Canada is hiring approximately 32,000 people across the country. Census jobs are short-term positions, between March and July 2021, collecting census data from residents in every community. If you know of anyone who may be interested in census jobs, please spread the word. Candidates can apply online at www.census. gc.ca/jobs.

The Census Program has adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that the 2021 Census of Population is conducted throughout the country in the best possible way, using a safe and secure approach.

More information can be obtained by emailing Census Communications at statcan.census-recensement.statcan@canada.ca

January 19, 2021

Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund Applications

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead is pleased to inform constituents the launch of the latest call for applications for our Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund. Communities across the country, have organizations developing

new and innovative ways to improve the well-being of our Veterans and their families.

Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund has provided organizations with funding to implement initiatives and conduct research on areas like Veteran homelessness, mental health, the transition to civilian life, and more.

If you are aware of an organization that could help make a difference in the lives of our Veterans and their families, please be sure to share this news with them.

Applications are being accepted until 8 February 2021.

More information can be found at: https://www.vet-erans.gc.ca/eng/family-caregiver/well-being-fund

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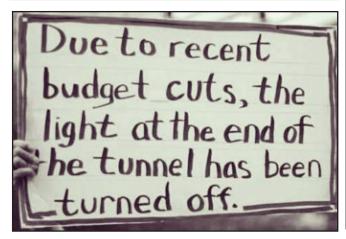
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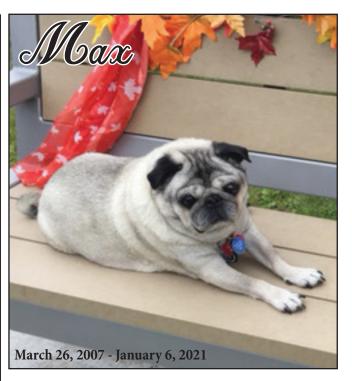
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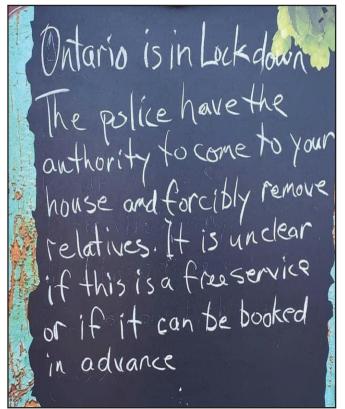








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Today's Word:

IMBIBE

Ok, truth is, I really did not know the meaning of this word when I put my list together. I thought about leaving it out of the mix, then thought, it is always good to learn new words to increase your vocabulary.

To drink, down, swallow, guzzle and gulp. Sounds like a run-away after COVID party to me! Then thinking – how is this more mentally meaning full and positive? I gleaned that this may be to take in, and incorporate into.

So, you can help yourself and your health if you take in good wholesome foods and liquids. But some days you just need that junk food, carbs, glass of wine or comfort food and I say go for that, in moderation of course.

Some things we can also incorporate into our lives daily is positive thoughts. That is the main reason for me to share my words and thoughts with you. I do find, the more these days go by I notice the positivity in each and every day no matter how much of a bummer the day might give me.

Approaching things from a different angle can be very beneficial and totally gain new perspectives. Be open to learning and you will be surprised how good that feels!

Enjoy your day and may you spread your light, love, and Joy as you think today what IMBIBE means in your life!

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