

# THORSBY TARGET

## Family Literacy Day From Gayle Sacuta

The Library remains open for curbside, contactless pickup on Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Call 780-789-3808, check our social media, or send an email [thorsbypublib@yrl.ab.ca](mailto:thorsbypublib@yrl.ab.ca).

Have you heard Thorsby Library is now on Instagram? We are celebrating just in time for Family Literacy Day, which takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family.

Together with Thorsby Family Restaurant we are gifting a \$50 certificate to TFR! To enter, just show us how you celebrated family literacy this week. You have until February 3 to participate.

Ways to participate include:

- Like and Share our Family Literacy Day post on Facebook or Instagram
- For an extra entry, share a photo of your family engaging in literacy activities such as reading or playing a game. Be sure to tag Thorsby Library.
- Message, phone, or send the entry to our Email

The winner will be announced February 5th. Good luck and Happy Reading!

## Congratulations to Local Author and Mom From Audrey Brousseau

Pam Fouillard, who grew up in the Thorsby area, attended Thorsby schools, and then had children who attended our schools, has written a children's book called "Wally". This book is a tribute to her son Dakota and acknowledges his journey with cerebral palsy.

Pam had originally written the story with plans to make it into a book to be a gift to Dakota and to make copies for his grandparents, but when the books were ready and friends and family read it, they encouraged Pam to market her book to the public.

The book is illustrated by another talented local person, Jeanine Kuva (Brod) who also grew up in the Thorsby area. Jeanine's artistic talent is familiar to many, especially her murals throughout the region. The library is proud to have a mural painted by Jeanine, in our children's corner of the library.

The Thorsby Municipal library now has a copy of the book "Wally" which will be available for borrowing as soon as it is processed, and wishes to congratulate both Pam and Jeanine on this endeavor. The book is available to purchase through Amazon.

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## 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 T0C 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.

## *Pre-Selling 1 to 10 acre parcels in the Village of Warburg*

Available in the spring of 2021. Residential and or commercial. Approx 40 acres to be subdivided. \$25,000 per acre. Lot sizes will vary but will be approx 280' X 775' (5 Acre) or 220' X 220' (1 acre).

All services are at curb side on the newly constructed & paved 56th Avenue.

Currently used for agricultures purposes.

Land is located west of Martin John Deer and Buck Mountain Gas on 56th Avenue.

Visit the Village of Warburg for details on the services and amenities the Village offers.

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### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

The Breton Museum will be celebrating Black History Month virtually for 2021. On each day in February, we will publish information about Black History in Alberta. Check our FaceBook page or website (bretonmuseum.ca) for further information and links, or send an email request to: bgregory658@gmail.com

**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

### 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 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 is OPEN again** - ALL COVID-19 regulations apply. Hours of operation: 10 am - 3 pm Thursdays and Fridays. **PLEASE NOTE:** We will only accept donations during store hours. We do not accept mattresses, car seats, strollers, cribs, or furniture. All donations MUST BE CLEAN AND RE-SELLABLE. Thank You!

**Treasures Thrift Shop -IS NOW OPEN!** (With restrictions) Please see signs at the store for everyone's safety. Wednesdays from 10 am - 4 pm. Donations will only be accepted during store hours, please ensure your donations are clean. 5112 - 53 Street Warburg.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

**Thorsby Family and Community Support Services** - PH. 780-789-4004 or email: fcsc@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](mailto: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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## Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

### 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.

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### SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

We're updating the Leduc County Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to improve and meet our growing transportation needs and to move people, goods, industries and businesses with confidence, safety and efficiency.

Visit us online in February to share your ideas on transportation in Leduc County: [www.leduc-county.com/transportation-planning](http://www.leduc-county.com/transportation-planning)



## 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**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RE-OPENING.** Masks are mandatory and all COVID rules apply. Should you require any further information please contact Dan @ 780-789-3698

**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](http://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](mailto:thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com). Visit our Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/ThorsbyHistoricalSociety](http://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](mailto:bookings@barvnok.com)

**Centre Lodge 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](mailto:rent@rundlesmission.org), you can also visit our website at [www.rundlesmission.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.rundlesmission.org)

**Breton Community Center-** To rent the community center please visit our website [www.bretonagsociety.com](http://www.bretonagsociety.com), call 780-696-3561 and leave a message or email us at [bretonagsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Helplines & Resources



Kids Helpline: 1-800-668-6868



Crisis Services Canada: 1-833-456-4566



Assaulted Women's Helpline: 1-866-863-0511



Senior Safety Line: 1-866-200-1011



Hope for Wellness: 1-855-242-3310



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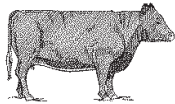




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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

From Mayor Rod Raymond

We want to remind residents that the Town had no choice in temporarily closing the Recreation Center. This not only negatively impacts users of the facility, both county and town residents, but also includes the Family Community Support Services (FCSS) Office. We know closing the Rec Center has severely impacted not only our five employees, but both the Tiny Tots Playschool and the Pucks and Poutine Concession, as well. As soon as the Province's restrictions are lifted, we will reopen what we can as soon as possible like every municipality in the Province.

With the closure, the FCSS Department is being moved to the Town Municipal Offices to ensure the safety of our coordinator once hired. With COVID-19 guidelines in effect we encourage phone meetings as much as possible when not practical to attend in person. A private space for meetings is available with AHS guidelines, and controls will be in place to protect the confidentiality of any client. The FCSS Coordinator will be available for two days a week moving forward, as determined by the Provincial Government and Leduc County FCSS. The Village of Warburg is also on the same schedule, the Town of Calmar receives coverage three days a week.

The destructive Rant and Rave a few weeks ago created anxiety among residents and town staff and such practices will not be tolerated. We will continue to monitor Facebook rants and pass them on to the Town's Legal Team. The practice of posting misinformation and rumors can have a lasting effect on staff and the reputation of this community.

Under our current term on council, we will not have any nepotism, we will not interfere with the CAO's ability to manage as per the Municipal Government Act and we will hold everyone accountable for their actions. The town residents, every four years, have the option of electing officials they feel will do the best job for this community. Under the current MGA, which came into effect in 2017, elected officials have clearly defined roles and responsibilities.

We can assure all residents that this council will not overstep its role or shy away from its responsibilities.

We want to thank administration and public works staff who provide service every day, without complaint. We wish to extend our thanks to water plant and bylaw contractors, as well.

We wish to thank our FCSS Coordinator, who resigned last week, for all they have done for this community over the last 6 ½ years. They will be missed, and we on council wish them only the best in their future endeavors. We can assure FCSS clients that all services continue to remain in effect currently through Leduc County. They can be reached at 780-979-2385.

The CAO has been working with Leduc County to ensure someone comes to meet clients when it's needed. We will keep everyone informed as to the next steps of hiring our new FCSS coordinator.



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- **Thorsby - 3 Bedroom Bungalow in pristine condition** - nice mature yard & single detached garage. \$199,900.00

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- **Sunnybrook - 22 acres** with a 2017, 1550 sq. ft. amazing bungalow built by Mikes Homes. Fully finished basement. Immaculate home. 40x60' shop, heated, power, insulated. \$699,000.00
- **Gorgeous interlock log home on 11.91 acres** - very close to North Saskatchewan River. 4 bedroom, finished basement, open concept with tons of new upgrades. Triple detached, heated garage. \$499,999.00
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- **Warburg Area - 80 acres** with huge modern 2267 sq.ft 2 storey home. Finished basement, 26' x 28' heated 2 storey double garage with developed man cave - 2nd residence is a quaint cabin for guests & many other outbuildings. \$735,000.00
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## MLA REPORT

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

### Supporting responsible resource development and protecting the environment

As you may know, on June 1, 2020, the Government of Alberta rescinded the 1976 Coal Policy. The old policy had become outdated and new environmental policies and land use planning have taken its place to better protect our air, water, land and wild species. Stronger regulation and modern protections include the Environmental Enhancement Act, the Eastern Slopes Policy, Integrated Resource Plans, regional plans and sub-regional plans.

While there are many important discussions to be had on coal and the future of the industry in our province, it is critical that we have factual debates in order to get the best possible outcomes for Albertans. For instance, Alberta isn't just on pace to phase out emissions from coal used for heating purposes by 2030, we are ahead of schedule. While there is movement away from coal used for heating purposes it is a fact that the world relies heavily on metallurgical coal as a primary component in the production of steel, which is used to build everything from buildings to bridges. Alberta has significant coal resources that provide thousands of jobs in several communities across Alberta.

Recently in the news some would have you believe lands that used to be protected are now open to development, when in fact coal development continues to be restricted in former Category 1 public lands, many of which are automatically protected because they are national parks, provincial parks or other protected areas.

Some people think that recent coal policy changes means an end to restrictions on Category 2 and 3 lands, when in fact responsible coal development was always permitted on these lands, subject to environmental considerations. The Alberta Energy Regulator is a world-class organization, and will continue to work tirelessly to ensure our air, water (including our headwaters) land and wild species are protected from harm. Responsible coal development will not change our mountain landscapes as companies must adhere to strict rules around land reclamation and environmental effects; and the Piikani nation, whose people have been stewarding the eastern slopes for a millenia, recently offered their full endorsement for the Grassy Mountain Coal project, which has been under review since 2015.

We know this is an important issue to Albertans. To ensure Albertans are heard, Alberta's government has cancelled 11 leases issued in December 2020. I strongly encourage you to visit [CoalHardFacts.ca](http://CoalHardFacts.ca) to find out the facts on coal, share your thoughts and concerns, and learn more about coal and its role in our province

Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley – Devon

I can be reached at the main constituency office in Drayton Valley at 1-800-542-7307 toll-free Monday to Friday, the Devon constituency office at 780-987-3666 Wednesdays and Thursdays or emailed at [draytonvalley.devon@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:draytonvalley.devon@assembly.ab.ca) anytime.

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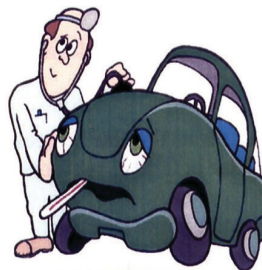
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# **Building a Bird House - FOR THE BIRDS!**

Submitted by Ruth Harrison

This is an excellent project during COVID-19 restrictions.

The Thorsby and District Fish and Game Association, under Lumir Mottl's guidance as President and Board Chairman, starting in 1980, began this wide spread program.

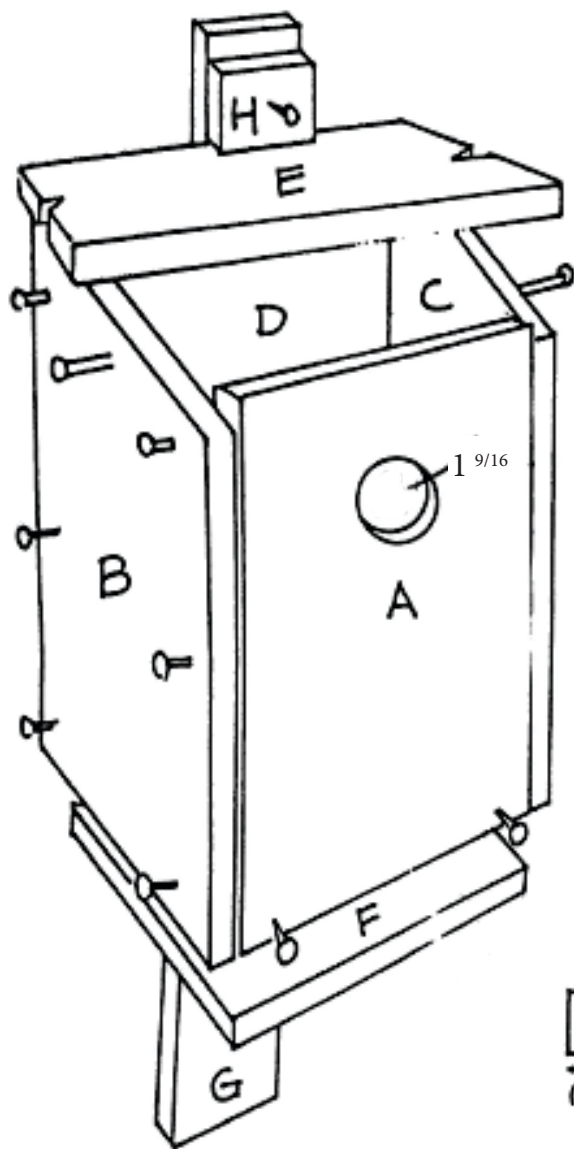
Lumir held workshops at his home, at Warburg School and anywhere that community people could get together. It was like a sewing bee, but instead of needles and thread, the members brought scrap boards (3/4") nails, screws, saws, hammers and screw drivers. This project continued well into the '90's and early 2000's. Together the club became interested in recycling cardboard and paper to raise funds for the wild game reflectors on Highway 622. As you drove around the Thorsby, Sunnybrook and Warburg areas, bird house trails were very visible along highways and country roads.

In 1997, Russ and I moved to the Morrowdale farm, where he spent days in his heated workshop building bird houses for bluebirds, swallows, wrens and a few other species. At one point he cleaned, repaired and documented one hundred and fifty houses every fall. It brought him great pleasure, and the added bonus was that we did not have any mosquitos in our yard - a pleasure to enjoy in the summer.

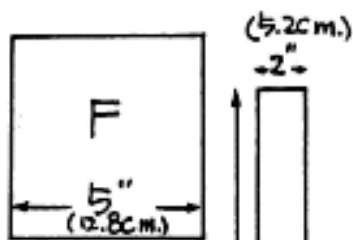
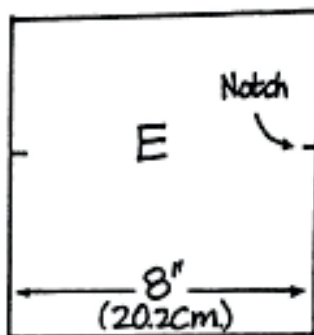
Russ passed away in 2014, I have been looking after the remaining houses but each year there seems to be less activity. It would be great if community members could build one or two houses a year, put them up facing East along open fence lines (5 - 6 posts apart), and enjoy seeing the results each year, as they come back to the same box. Their main food source is mosquitos, a definate plus. Heavily wooded areas are not advisable, as these birds need an open area for take off and landing into the nest. I found wrens liked the nests closer to a yard site or buildings (lone trees).

Ruth Harrison  
Past President & Lifetime Member of T & DFGA  
Past Leduc County Councillor

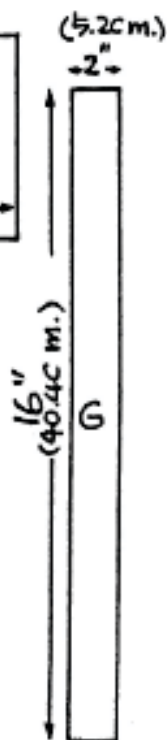
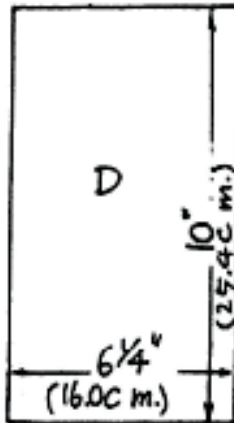
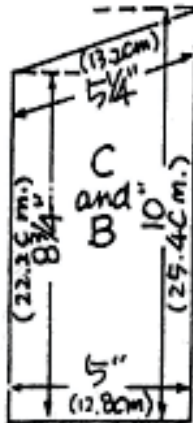
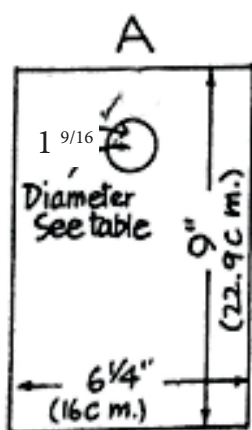
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