

# Pigeon Lake Environment Gets A Boost From Technology

May 2021 - The Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan, an innovative environmental strategy and 2021 Emerald Award nominee, will soon get a significant boost from technology.

A "smart buoy" with satellite communication capabilities will be able to provide information every 15 minutes about key air and water column conditions like air temperature, barometric pressure, wind speed and direction, and water dissolved oxygen levels, temperature, clarity and total algae using a weather station mounted above the water, and sensors that measure variables below the water all the way down to the bottom of the lake. With the Pigeon Lake smart buoy providing essential data to understand lake health, the lake community can not only apply targeted measures to help Pigeon Lake, but the information could help all Alberta lakes.

The buoy project is the result of the collaborative work to implement the Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan, in particular the "In-lake technical committee" of the Alliance of Pigeon Lake Municipalities (APLM). The initiative is being funded by the Summer Village of Crystal Springs through a Community Partnership Grant from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

The buoy is the latest innovation in an aggressive program by area residents to implement the landmark 2019 report that contained some 46 science-based recommendations to improve condi-

tions in the lake and watershed.

Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver said, "Albertans treasure their environment and so does their government. We're proud to work with the community by providing technical advice and \$200,000 in funding. This smart buoy will help us be even better stewards of our land so that residents can continue to enjoy places like Pigeon Lake for generations to come."

Crystal Springs Mayor and project lead Ian Rawlinson said the buoy initiative "should indeed have potential value to every Alberta lake, but it is also another significant step in Pigeon Lake's drive to become Alberta's premier recreational lake". "The project speaks to the potential of technology in understanding lake health and the value in community/government partnerships."

For more information, contact Mayor Ian Rawlinson @ 403-896-7897



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# RAUGUST, Vera Jeanette

November 19, 1938 ~ May 4, 2021

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Vera Jeanette Raugust at Thorsby, AB at the age of 82 years.

Vera will be lovingly remembered by her children Cindy (Ron), Shelly, Tracy (Karen) and Jody (Cheryl); grandchildren Melissa (Ryan), Matthew, Michael, Laura, Brett (Christina), Riley and Jillian; great-grandchildren Payton, Megan, Cache, Steele, Jude and Ivy, as well as numerous relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, or the University of Alberta Neurosciences Intensive Care Unit.

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

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> > And bid a fond goodbye.



# Gordon William Schnick



The family, friends and community of Warburg are deeply saddened by the loss of a legendary character in Gordon William Schnick, who died of cardiac arrest on April 27th at age 82.

Gordie was incredibly loved for his generosity, honesty, sense of humour, and unbridled zest for life. He was a pillar of the business and sports community, a loyal friend, and an immensely cherished family man. He was a constant positive influence on everyone and his laughter echoes forever in our hearts. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Phyllis, sons Derek (Shawna) and Danny (Alina), granddaughter Jordyn, brother Wilfred (Sylvia), sisters Eleanor (Kurt) and Carolyn (Ken) and numerous kin. He was predeceased by his son Roddy (1983), granddaughter Camryn (2003) and sister Linda (2013) and brother-in-law Kurt (2016).

Gordie had friends all across the communities and farms from Leduc west, having met as a Warburg Lumber customer, a horse event, or just a random meeting. He made friends everywhere and left an indelible impression. He was instrumental in getting minor hockey going in Warburg, and spent many hours building up the arena, coaching and riding wing as an elite sniper for the Warburg Grizzlies. (It is well-known that he also had an elite slash that involved a 360 degree wind-up). Gordie and his brother Wilf sold the lumber yard in 1992 and took an early retirement. He was able to hobby ranch, mountain ride with the Fern Crik Social Club, travel extensively with Phyllis from Inuvik to Arizona, get together with family, take every opportunity to play crib and have a beer with all comers, and amble about with his trusty dog Boots, taking coffee and shooting the breeze with anyone who would have him. There is no doubt Gordie will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him.

Regrettably, a traditional funeral is not possible but Gordie was not much for them anyways. He always said, "you know, I expect a few tears when I go but what I really want is a big party with lots of good laughs and stories".

A celebration of life befitting his wishes is planned for late August. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Warburg Union Cemetery or STARS ambulance.

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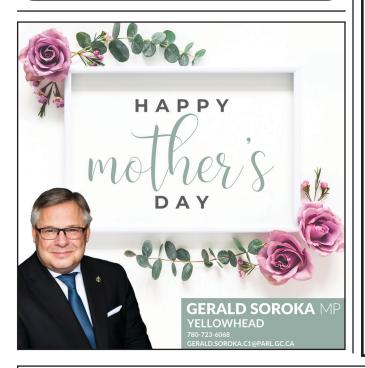
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The Thorsby Library is now open for in-person or curbside service from 10:00-6:00 Tuesday and from 10:00-4:00 Friday. Please call 780-789-3808 for more information. The library is closed on April 2 for Good Friday. Follow Thorsby Library on Facebook to learn the latest news. Visit us to renew your library card at https://thorsbymunicipallibrary.ab.ca/copyof-form

The Glen Park Hall is one of the most active and viable community groups in the area and we encourage you to join in this online outreach and see how you can benefit and help others in these challenging times. CALL MIKE & STELLA at 780-919-1250 to Register (get the link), or CALL RON at 780-668-2458 for tech support.

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Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store - PLEASE NOTE: We will be CLOSED this month through May 26th due to the rise in Covid Cases. We plan to be open May27th & 28th

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#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES**

**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

Thorsby Family and Community Support Services - 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

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**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 every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Following COVID protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on You Tube.

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

### COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

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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 <u>thors-</u>

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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.

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 <a href="https://www.rundlesmission.org">www.rundlesmission.org</a>

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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**Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings** 

# **MAY 2021**

**Tuesday 11 | Regular Council Meeting** Tuesday 18 | Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday 25 | Regular Council Meeting

# **JUNE 2021**

Tuesday 1 | Committee of the Whole Meeting **Tuesday 8 | Regular Council Meeting** Tuesday 15 | Committee of the Whole Meeting **Tuesday 22 | Regular Council Meeting** 

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





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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

May 6, 2021

Dear Editor:

Town Council intends to takeover the plans and development of Taylor Park.

The Taylor Park Planning and Fundraising Committee has been working towards the development of Taylor Park since 2019. We have been reaching out with public engagement, support letters, fundraising and overall dialogue about the park. The Council on the other hand did not like the plans and was not interested in working together with a volunteer group, but at the last council meeting it came to a head. I was a delegate on April 27 to reach some decision on a budget and phase one of the park. Mayor Rod Raymond touted that we were not a registered organization or society. Does that mean, we as volunteers, are not competent without a title to our name, or our plans and ideas are not valuable to the community. He said, "We do not want power, we do not want a gazebo, and we do not want a statue of Thor." Will there be a stage? A mural of our past, present, and future of Thorsby? Does that mean that the park will not be an Arts & Cultural Park? Sorry Mr. Taylor that there has been so much confusion about the proposed park.

The air was so thick of animosity, rather than collaboration, that I was shocked at Mayor Raymond's attitude towards me. Where is the Code of Conduct? A motion was made to put \$20,000 towards the park. Mayor Raymond said, "We only want trees and flowers" Councillor Raymond was to talk to the engineer and ask for 5 new concept drawings for the park and to include battery operated solar lights.

When a committee is formed of capable volunteers, why does the council want to take over rather than work together? Is not governance their mandate? If the Council took over all the committees and organizations in the community, there would be no need to volunteer or fundraise. It saddens me that this can happen in Thorsby, a community that I am passionate about. The mayor has shown no respect to a volunteer group that raised money, donated items, and their time to make a better community and enhance the quality of life. Couldn't the mayor just say we want our engineering firm to work with your committee on revising the plans?

"The Council has spoken."

Carol Rempel

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# Club Activities Resume! Lakedell Lighthorse Club Report

Submitted by: Payton Schwindt, Kamryn Tabler and Emersyn Tabler

For about six weeks now, we have been able to do in person activities, while following the AHS protocols for COVID-19. We have been social distancing, masking and sanitizing to keep members and their families safe! Although we can do in person activities with projects, in very small groups, we have still been having our meetings online through Zoom. Hopefully we can have them in person again soon! It would be nice to see all our friends again.

The Lighthorse portion of the club has been able to resume our Thursday night rides with Teri Larsgard. The first ride back was March 4. We ride in two groups; Group A and Group B to have smaller groups to maintain AHS guidelines. Every group rides every second Thursday. On March 6, we had our first equine clinic since we had to shut down back in November. The instructor was Lindsey Kuefler and Elvin Kopp. Although we had to make adjustments to the schedule to make sure everyone was safe, it was really nice to see everyone in person again! Each member was put into small groups, rode for two hours and then went home. We had our April clinic on April 17 and 18th. We split into two groups; one group went on Saturday and one on Sunday to reduce capacity. The mounted clinician was Frank Nesvadba. Thanks so much Frank, we all learned so much from you. Thank you to Amy Belec and Geneva Rodin for helping with showmanship and trail throughout the day! It was a lot of fun! The snow that came overnight on Saturday, meant that the groups from Sunday didn't get to work on the outdoor trail course, but we were able to get some work done on our Assessments books.

Canine projects have also resumed. We have

changed nights so that everyone can follow Covid protocols. Monday, March 8 was the first canine session since lockdown. Sherry Howey does a great job working with us, doing training sessions on agility as well as just basic training and simple commands. We get to have our training sessions at the Lakedell Arena, in two different groups, 2 Mondays a month! The dogs are really starting to show improvements since the beginning of the year.

Unfortunately, the West Central Regional Horse Show for the 2021 year has been cancelled due to COVID-19. It is very sad to have the show cancelled again, but hopefully we can have the show next year! We are planning our Achievement Day for the end of the year where everyone completes their goals from this year. Hopefully it can be in person!

Happy riding, stay safe!



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Please phone or email to register for upcoming programs:

The whole month of May: Teen Quarantine Reads (for grades 7 -12): read three books, tell us about them, and enter to win a gift card.

Wednesdays, May 12 and May 26 7:00pm-8:00pm: Polish Your Guitar Chops for adults: join guitar expert Jim Hepler to work on guitar technique via Zoom.

Tuesdays, May 18 and May 25, 7:00pm-9:00pm: Introduction to Dungeons and Dragons for ages 12 - 17: Join Oliver Sacuta to learn D and D and play a campaign the following week via Zoom.

Wednesday, May 19: Thorsby Library Board meets at 7:00pm. Meetings are open to the public. Contact the manager for further information at yatmgsacuta@yrl.ab.ca.

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