

NEW THORSBY COUNCIL SWORN IN

by Shawna Ofstie

On Tuesday, October 26, our new Council was sworn in at the Arctic Spas Recreation Centre Field House. Not all of the 58 seats available were occupied but it was great to see the previous council welcome the new and the support of many community members, family & friends of each council member.

Appointments of Deputy Mayor (Tracy Musson), Standing Committees and Board Appointments had been done before the meeting so after a motion to accept, the meeting was adjourned.

"I look forward to working with the new council, we have a good group" says new Mayor Darryl Hostyn. "Also thanks to the previous council for the past four years, I am looking forward to the next four"

According to Thorsby's website, regular council meetings are held every Tuesday night from 7pm-8pm. You can attend in person or on zoom. The zoom link is on the www.thorsby.ca website.



From left to right - Councillor Johnathan Miller, Councillor Shelley Rasch, Mayor Darryl Hostyn, Deputy Mayor Tracy Musson, Councillor Cory Gilbert

HOW THORSBY WAS NAMED

from Collections Canada Archives & History of Thorsby

Thorsby owes its name to more than the Norse god Thor.

It was named by the first postmaster, August Sahlstrom, after his birthplace in Torsby, Sweden.

The post office was first established in 1908 on NW 10-49-1 W5, and August, along with his brothers Charles and Gustav, operated the post office until 1923. The following year, Jacob Magiuk took over the work for about a year and a half, and then the post office closed in July 1925.

In April of 1929, Thorsby became a hamlet and the Post Office was reopened on Jan 21, 1930 by John Rolston, retaining the name "Thorsby". John Rolston was the Postmaster until his retirement on Jan 27, 1959.

This seems like a fair bit of detail on the comings and goings of a post office, but the post office is the lifeblood of any community.

The community spirit kept alive, for, by 1929, the Thorsby school district was established, and, in May of 1930, the railroad came through.

There was enough population in the community to form a village on December 31, 1949. By January 1, 2017 the population had increased to just over 1000 residents and officially became the Town of Thorsby.



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BUSINESS EVENTS

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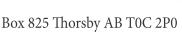
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Gerald Soroka, MP Yellowhead

COVID-19 SUPPORT MEASURES

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that the Government of Canada has announced the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) will end on October 23, 2021. It will be replaced by a Canadian Worker Lockdown Benefit that will provide \$300 per week to workers whose work interruption is caused by a government-imposed public health lockdown.

Also, the Emergency Wage Subsidy and the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy will be modified and renamed into new programs, the Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program and the Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program, under existing authority until November 20, 2021. The government will introduce legislation to extend those programs until May 7, 2022.

Further information can be found at:

https://www.canada.ca/en/departmentfinance/news/2021/10/targeting-covid-19support-measures.html



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"DARK SIDE OH TOWN SCREAM FEST" from October 29 - 31 at 4507 - 49 Avenue in Thorsby. Friday night & Saturday night will be extra scary and Halloween night will kid friendly for trick or treaters. Hours are 7pm - 10pm for all 3 nights. Check them out on Facebook

WARBURG PLAYSCHOOL HAUNTED HOUSE

Oct. 29 at the Warburg Cultural Centre. 6pm - 11pm. 6-10pm not so scary, 10-11pm be prepared to be scared. Tour, Raffle, 50/50, Concession, Bonfire

THORSBY SENIORS THRIFT STORE

On November 11 for one day only will be open until 5pm

THORSBY REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021

The Remembrance Day Service will be at the Cenotaph uptown on 49 St & 49 Ave. on Thursday Nov 11/21. Service Starts at 10:30am. Family members and others are invited to lay their poppies at the base of the Cenotaph after the Salute. Also those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs if they have trouble standing.

THE WARBURG LEGION - BRANCH NO 205 will be having REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE on November 11, 2021, the service will be held at the Cenotaph from 10:40AM – 11:10AM

RCL WINFIELD BRANCH 236 will be conducting a short outside **REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY for Nov 11,2021**. Pending and following AHS rules Ceremony to start at 10:45 am. Everyone Welcome!

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

WEEKLY BINGO'S AT MULHURST LEGION #246

every Tuesday @ 7pm

Bring your Vaccination Documents and your mask.

THORSBY MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

is open for in-person or curbside service from 10am - 6pm Tuesdays and from 12pm - 6pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 10am - 4pm. Please call 780.789.3808 for more information. 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

THORSBY CRIB NIGHTS at the Seniors Centre runs every Friday night at 6:30pm. Everyone welcome! Bring your Vaccination Card and a mask

THORSBY BINGO

Located at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Thursday evening starting at 7pm. Bring your Vaccination Card and a mask

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at the Thorsby Seniors Centre - Mondays, weigh in at 9am to 9:15am, meetings at 9:15am to 9:45am. For more information call Jane 780.789.3789 or Elaine 780.221.3939

MARKETS/THRIFTSHOPS(NONPROFIT)

MULHURST BAY FARMERS MARKET Sat Oct 30 2-6 @ Community Hall.

THORSBY SENIORS THRIFT STORE

Open Thursdays and Fridays 10am - 3pm. We are now accepting donations that are CLEAN & RE-SELLABLE NOV. 11 - 1 Day only Open until 5pm

TREASURES THRIFT SHOP IN WARBURG

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

Leduc Public Market

10am - 2:30pm every Thursday at Leduc City Centre Mall (by Rexall Drug Store)

COMMUNITYSUPPORTSERVICES

Thorsby Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Phone 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 - 54 Avenue at Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00pm 780.270.7903

Foot Care Nurse will be in Thorsby on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Please call Irene at 780.789.3176

Thorsby Bylaw Enforcement - for concerns or inquiries email bylaw@thorsby.ca or call 780.789.3935 Ext. 21

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 you event placed on the sign call 780.789.4041

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EDMONTON ZONE PATIENT EDUCATION CLASSES

Edmonton and area Primary Care Networks (PCN) are working together to offer a variety of education classes to patients.

These classes are open to anyone in the Edmonton area. No referral required.



BONE & JOINT HEALTH

Guard your joints against injury and keep them healthy for years to come. Learn the symptoms and risks related to osteoporosis or osteoarthritis, plus the steps to improve the health of your bones and joints

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & EXERCISE

Active living is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Explore ways to add activity into your day. Learn about the different types of exercises and make a plan to get started based on your health goals and preferences. These groups are suitable for all levels of fitness.

Good nutrition and healthy eating habits can maximize your energy levels to help you feel good throughout the day. Learn how to eat properly for your body, meet daily nutrient needs, use food to help manage your medical conditions eat according to your body's hunger and fullness cues, and to eat to maximize energy levels and manage food cravings.

NUTRITION



MANAGING PAIN

Chronic pain can create both physical and psychological problems that can affect your daily life. Learn ways to manage your pain that could include activities to improve stamina, mindfulness practices, exploring the relationship between anxiety/stress and pain levels and goal setting.



MENTAL HEALTH

Looking after your mental wellbeing is an important part of living a healthy life. Mental health classes focus on a number of different areas, including: depression, anxiety, stress, effective communication, managing emotions or learning relaxation techniques. Learn ways to help achieve and maintain good mental health.

Stopping tobacco use and regular exercise are one of the most important things you can do for the health of your lungs. We can help you develop a quit smoking plan to keep your lungs working optimally for life



DIABETES MANAGEMENT

diabetes and pre-diabetes, and prevent other health issues. You will learn how different foods affect your blood sugars, the importance of physical activity, and lifestyle changes that can help you manage your diabetes.

MENOPAUSE

It's tough to manage symptoms of menopause. Discover ways to help manage these symptoms through lifestyle changes, non-prescription and prescription

PREGNANCY & POSTNATAL

For a list of classes offered by the Alberta Healthy Living Program, please visit www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/page13984.aspx



To register...

All classes are offered virtually and can be accessed utilizing a smartphone, laptop or tablet anywhere with internet access.

For available dates and times, please visit Ibdpcn.com



WORSHIP

Community United Church - 5112-53 Street, Warburg Join us for Sunday morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30am. For more information please call the church office 780.848.2227

New Life Christian Fellowship - 5203-54 Avenue, Thorsby Worship Services Sunday at 10:30am, Ladies Fellowship and Prayer on Fridays at 9:30am. Call 780.789.3020

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church - 4813-51 Street, Thorsby. Mass is offered every Sunday at 9am and normally every Wednesday at 11am by Fr. Arun Rodrigues. COVID rules apply. 780.987.2858 or visit www.olvthorsby.wordpress.com

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 - Thorsby Divine Liturgy on Sunday November 7 at 12:00pm. ALL COVID restrictions apply. For further information contact Dan @780.789.3698

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church - 5115-48 Avenue Thorsby In-Church Worship every Sunday at 10:30am. Following COVID Protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on You Tube

Warburg Alliance Church - 4628-55 Avenue, Warburg Open for 11am worship service. For more information please phone780.848.7577, check out our Facebook page or email us warburgalliance@gmail.com

Warburg Seventh Day Adventist Church - 5003-48 Street, Warburg. Saturday Sabbath School at 10am. Main Service 11:30am, Pastor Jason Williams. 780.848.2271

COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

Thorsby Agricultural Society - Regular meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Haymakers Arena. www.thorsbyhaymakers.com or call 780.789.3829

Thorsby Seniors - Meetings held monthly in the Seniors's Centre (4812 - 51 Street) and are on the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. 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 @7pm at the 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 the 4th Monday of the month at the Lions' Den in the Community Hall basement at 7pm. For information or membership, call 780.903.1695

The Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst next general meeting is November 8th @ 7pm New Members welcome!! Marion 780-935-6281

The Royal Canadian Legion Pioneer Branch #144 Thorsby is wanting more members. Meetings are every third

Wednesday of the month, except July & August at the Thorsby Seniors Centre 4812 - 51 Street at 9:30am.

FACILITY RENTALS

Ashland Dam Park

For reservations call Kelly at 780.898.9636

Breton Community Centre

Please contact the Breton Village Office at 780.696.3636

Breton Golden Age Club building is available for rent. Call Jane 780.696.6599 /403.542.7921 or alternate Jean at 780.696.2439

Camp Bar V Nok - for bookings call Walter 780.717.2432 or Jason 780.990.4043 or email bookings@barvnok.com

Centrelodge Community Centre

For bookings call Caroline at 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 Bay Community Hall

For bookings call 780.389.2455

Mulhurst Legion #246

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Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre

For retreat or hall bookings call 780.389.2422 or email rent@rundlesmission.org. You can also visit our website at www.rundlesmission.org

Sandholm Community Hall

For bookings call Doris 780.389.2381

Strawberry Community Hall

Call Ollie at 780.789.2180

Sunnybrook Community Hall

For rentals contact Mikayla at 306.307.2599 or email sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

Telfordville Hall

For bookings call Tracy at 780.718.9549 after 5pm

Thorsby Community Center

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

ThorsbySeniors Centre

For rentals call Cathy Kuzio at 780.719.7124

Warburg Cultural Centre

For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths phone Linday McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly

Community Events & Information is <u>FREE</u> to advertise

OCTOBER 30 2021

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TIPSFrom TOPS!

From P. Elson

SPINACH DIP

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Light salad dressing (or mayonnaise) - 1 cup (225 ml) Lemon juice - 2 tbsp (30 ml)

Chopped onion - 1/3 cup (75 ml)

Frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained, blotted dry - 10 oz (284 g)

Parsley flakes - 2 tsp (10 ml)

Place first 4 ingredients in blender. Blend smooth. Turn into bowl.

Stir in spinach and parsley. This is good served warm and also when it cools. Makes 2-2/3 cups (600 ml)

Nutrition Guide
1 tbsp/15ml contains:
Energy - 23 Calories(98 kJ)
Cholesteral - trace
Sodium - 78 mg
Fat - 2 q

Variation: May be used to fill a hollowed out round bread loaf, then wrap in foil and heat in 300 F oven for 2 hours. Cut up removed bread to use as dippers.





Learn To Do By Doing

By Ethan Dobko, Club Reporter

The Thorsby 4-H Multi Club Starts Up Another Year

The Thorsby 4-H Multi Club is off to a great start with a whopping 37 members. We had our first meeting on September 22, outside of the Wilton Park Hall. We had elections where we voted in our new executive. There was lots of interest in many of the positions to be filled. We are offering the projects of beef and horse this year. There are 32 beef members and 8 horse members.

The beef project had their weigh-in on October 9 at Thorsby Stockyards Inc. The members tagged and tattooed their calves. THANK YOU VERY MUCH to Thorsby Stockyards for letting us have our weigh-in there and for their continued support of our 4-H club. The horse project will be starting up soon as they are planning to have their first riding clinic this week. The club wasn't able to do as many activities last year so we are hoping we can do many more this year. Stay tuned for more updates!

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AHS extends mandatory COVID-19 immunization deadline

Less than one per cent of employees seek accommodation to policy

EDMONTON – Alberta Health Services (AHS) is pleased to announce 94 per cent of full-time and part-time AHS employees - and 94 per cent of AHS physicians - have submitted proof of having two doses of COVID-19 vaccine. More than 97 per cent of ICU staff are fully immunized.

We are grateful to all who have already submitted their proof of immunization and continue to go above and beyond to keep each other and our patients safe.

We appreciate the pressures our teams face in this fourth wave, especially those on the frontlines, and we want to provide every opportunity for our workers, especially our contracted service and continuing care providers, to submit their proof of immunization.

AHS is extending the deadline for all employees, medical and midwifery staff, students, volunteers and contracted healthcare providers to comply with its mandatory immunization policy until November 30, 2021.

"We stand by the mandatory immunization policy and it will be fully implemented," said AHS President and CEO, Dr. Verna Yiu. "We are extending the deadline to give all employees more time to submit their proof of vaccination and, if they haven't yet, to get fully vaccinated. We're providing more time so our workforce is as safe and robust as it can be."

Immunization against COVID-19 is the most effective means to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to prevent outbreaks in AHS facilities, to preserve workforce capacity to support the healthcare system, and to protect our workers, patients, residents, visitors and others accessing AHS facilities.

The policy applies to all AHS, Alberta Precision Labs, Carewest, CapitalCare and Covenant Health employees, members of the medical and midwifery staffs, students, and volunteers, and other persons acting on their behalf.

It also applies to the approximately 28,000 casuals employed by AHS. Currently 76 per cent of casuals have submitted proof of immunization. With casuals included, the immunization status of the organization is about 90 per cent.

Healthcare workers have an ethical and professional responsibility to protect others. Vaccination is a tool to assist in meeting this standard.

There are some challenges with a small number of continuing care sites, particularly those in rural communities where immunization rates are low.

Extending the deadline will ensure staff at those sites have an opportunity to report their immunization, and for sites to develop contingency plans as needed.

"We would like to thank those staff members who have already submitted their proof of immunization, and strongly urge those who haven't to do so as soon as possible," said Dr. Yiu.

"At the end of the day, it's about protecting patients, continuing care residents, and anyone in our care, as well as looking out for our staff. We have a responsibility to do that."

Accommodations to the AHS policy will only be made for legitimate medical or religious reasons. Except where a workplace accommodation is approved, those employees who are not fully immunized in compliance with the policy, will be placed on an unpaid leave of absence.

To date, AHS has received just over 1,400 requests for medical or religious exemption, which will be reviewed prior to the deadline.

AHS is also tracking resignations specific to the implementation of the vaccination policy. To date, 61 employees have resigned, including 31 in clinical roles (of which 11 are Registered Nurses).

This policy strengthens the work AHS has done throughout the pandemic to keep our hospitals and healthcare facilities safe, including mandatory use of PPE, symptom checks for all healthcare staff, visitor restrictions, Infection Prevention and Control measures, and ongoing staff education.

AHS strongly encourages those staff who remain unimmunized to get their immunization as soon as they can and to address any concerns they may have with their leader or healthcare provider.

COVID-19 immunization appointments can be booked through ahs.ca/vaccine. Appointments can also be booked through the Government of Alberta's new Alberta Vaccine Booking System.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Its mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.



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MLA REPORT

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

The public inquiry into anti-Alberta energy campaigns confirms that hundreds of millions of foreign dollars were used to block our province's oil and gas development, directly impacting the lives and livelihoods of Albertans.

The Allan Inquiry report clearly shows that there were sophisticated, well-financed and coordinated campaigns that targeted our oil and gas sector in an attempt to frustrate or delay development.

The organizations behind these campaigns and their funders have intentionally hurt our province's oil and gas sector, and Albertans whose livelihoods depend on its continued success. As the owners of the resources, Albertans deserve to know what happened and we have a right to be upset.

Between 2003 and 2019, total foreign funding of Canadian-based environmental initiatives was \$1.28 billion, a figure the commissioner estimates is likely significantly understated. He also found that proponents for these campaigns celebrated cancelled and vetoed projects and have taken credit for more than 1,000 divestments made by finance and insurance companies. Furthermore, we can directly tie \$54 million that entered Alberta for the sole purpose of opposing oilsands development — and, as the commissioner says, it's likely the actual figure is much higher.

While these interrupters celebrated and boasted their success as pipelines were blocked and projects were abandoned, real people were hurt. Albertans lost jobs, businesses went under and families were hurt. Government revenues from royalties were also impacted. We lost billions of dollars in royalties and we saw pipeline bottlenecks that led to heavy price discounts and curtailment. While foreign jurisdictions were able to build infrastructure and ramp-up production, our projects have been deliberately blocked.

We are in a global energy crisis right now, where supply has lagged demand. Imagine where we could have been if we had market access to Asia and Europe? Imagine where we could have been if Northern Gateway was built? Energy East? Keystone XL? Instead, jurisdictions like Saudi Arabia and Russia

have been given a strategic advantage. The illusion that these activities have reduced greenhouse gas emissions is false. Their activities have resulted in a simple transfer of wealth, with zero impact on emissions. Every molecule left in the ground here has been taken out of the ground by others with lower environmental standards and regulations.

Alberta has a proud history of displaying balance by being a world leader in responsible resource development. We have invested billions in viable technologies that reduce or eliminate emissions like carbon capture and storage. And we have a strong regulatory framework that balances both the environment and the economy.

We can learn from the tactics of the foreign-funded campaigns. Those campaigns will no doubt set their sights on other emerging areas in the energy sector, whether that's hydrogen, critical and rare earth minerals or Liquified Natural Gas. We need to ensure they do not target and frustrate the development of the energy resources of the future – the things that are needed to reduce emissions and set Alberta up to diversify and be competitive in a world that is moving towards lower carbon emissions.

Alberta's government remains committed to responsible energy development, which involves adhering to strict environmental standards while also pursuing important economic opportunities.

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. The office is open Monday to Friday. The Devon constituency office is open every Wednesday and the phones are manned Tuesday to Friday at 780-987-3666 or I can be emailed at draytonvalley.devon@assembly.ab.ca anytime.





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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obituary for Mr. Sense Author Unknown

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Mr. Common Sense. Mr. Sense had been with us for many years. No ones knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such value lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge). His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition. Mr. Sense declined even further when schools were required to get Parental consent to administer Aspirin to a student; but, could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, she spilled a bit in her lap and was awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He's survived by two step-brothers; My Rights and Ima Whiner. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

Submitted by Phyllis Madiuk

To the Editor

I'd like to offer my congratulations to the new Thorsby town council. With Councilor Gilbert, Mayor Hostyn and CAO Sloboda, leading the way, the learning curve for Councilors Miller, Musson and Rasch, will be significantly eased. And I know from experience, that without that level of expertise to rely on it is a difficult transition to make. I am confident that the excellent work accomplished by the last council will be carried on by the new.

However at this time I would like to take the time to focus on a more negative aspect of the run-up to the election. When petty differences take precedence over good management, economic and political sense, then we are in for a world of hurt. Ignore the reality of real progress to build a "cardboard house" based on ignorance, misinformation, lies, character assassination, racial slurs, name calling and phony characters, only serves to tear the fabric of brotherhood, good will and community values apart.

In keeping with the Scandinavian origins attributed to the Town of Thorsby, I would like to offer the following. Norse mythology is rich with references to Trolls, the mischievous creatures who supposedly resided out of sight in dark corners or under bridges. However our "trolls" here in Thorsby are far from mischievous. Instead, setting their sights on tearing the fabric of Thorsby good will apart.

And to those of you hiding in anonymity behind the shadowy safety of Facebook and other media and those gullible enough to believe the nonsense they projected, I have nothing to offer but my contempt.

And before you thumb your nose at me, calling me a loser, I can tell you that losing was my fault and not something that was orchestrated by you.

Starting in January 2021, the Thorsby 'trolls' began a malicious attack from their hiding place in the dark recesses of Facebook focused on petty grievances and personal attacks on our CAO and Mayor in particular.

The attack, led by an unknown number of malcontents, focused on a punitive drive to destroy the reputation of a good man. Mayor Raymond, a business man who devoted a great deal of his valuable time to the betterment of Thorsby, did not deserve the anonymous malicious drivel directed at him and his family.

And the same can be said for the rants

directed at our new and talented CAO.

Having said that, I would like now to direct my remarks to the mysterious Jason (sometimes just J) Harley whose unfounded diatribe in the October 8th Target, did little but muddy the waters during the last days of campaigning before the election. I was happy to refute every one of his (or her) charges in the following weeks Target. Mr or perhaps Mrs Harley (he or she does not exist on the tax rolls of Thorsby or to my knowledge in the County of Leduc) timed it to get the vote of the undecided. However, he or she, made a huge error in judgment when he or she decided to deliberately impugn the reputation of one of the finest men that I have ever known. Councilor Gilbert was understandably upset by your unwarranted charge and it probably had the opposite affect that you intended.

In closing I would like to repeat my early assessment that I am proud to have served on the finest dynamic council that met or exceeded the objectives we set out on the first day of our term in November 2017. I am sure history will acknowledge our efforts and the punitive efforts of the 'trolls' will be forgotten.

Sincerely submitted

Ivor Foster

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"A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves" - LAO TZU-

Applications for phase one of the Livestock Feed Assistance initiative close November 1, 2021

Information from the AFSC (Agricultural Financial Services Corporation) Website www.afsc.ca

AgriRecovery is a federal-provincial-territorial disaster relief framework to help agricultural producers with the extraordinary costs associated with recovering from natural disasters. Eligible costs are supported on the 60-40 cost-shared federal-provincial basis outlined under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

After a natural disaster, AgriRecovery helps producers recover extraordinary costs beyond what is available through other financial assistance programs.

On August 6, 2021, the Government of Alberta announced an AgriRecovery response, the 2021 Canada-Alberta Livestock Feed Assistance Initiative, to help address the extraordinary costs being incurred by Alberta's livestock producers because of reduced grazing capacity caused by prolonged dry weather and extreme high temperatures.

The response provides support and cash flow for Alberta's livestock producers and beekeepers to cover extraordinary expenses incurred to feed livestock.

Things to know

- The AgriRecovery initiative will provide an initial payment of \$94 per head for eligible feed and water access costs for breeding females to producers across the province.
- Animals other than beef cows may have different support levels applied.
- Applications are available online through AFSC Connect.
- Producers who are current AFSC clients should ensure they have an AFSC Connect account and are signed up for direct deposit to receive program payments.

Producers who are not currently AFSC clients can start the client set up process on the Getting ready for AgriRecovery page.

Follow them on social media, sign up for AFSC Product Information email updates, visit their website for the most up-to-date information or call AFSC Client Service Centre at 1.877.899.2372



Halloween Costume Ideas

by Shawna Ofstie

October 31 is my dad's birthday so with the exception of the past few years, we have had some type of celebration or Halloween Party. Over the years we have collected many photos of some very well thought out costumes so I thought I would share some of them with you to get you in the Spirit of Halloween!!

Hand Sewn



This is my first born son, Pacey's, first Halloween in 2000. My husband Shane sewed this by hand using one of his sleepers as a template.

These Go-Go dresses worn by my beautiful cousins were hand sewn bridesmaid dresses in 1970 for my parents wedding then transformed in 1999.

Thrift shop



In 1989 my cousin Ken, showed up in this creative costume!



My husband Shane & I as 60's Barbie & Ken

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Thank you youtube for the make-up tips.

Happy Birthday Dad





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Nisku, Alberta (October 22, 2021) - The official results of the 2021 School Board Election are now in! The Black Gold School Division is pleased to congratulate and welcome all newly elected and re-elected trustees, who will help to guide the school community on matters relating to education for the next four years.

"I am fortunate to be working with a mix of experienced and fresh individuals who have committed themselves to helping the Division continue its mission *To Inspire Success*," said Superintendent of Schools Bill Romanchuk. "I look forward to working closely with all of the trustees as they grow together to build what will surely be an engaged and effective governance team."

To view the 2021 Election Official Results, please visit https://www.blackgold.ca/2021-black-gold-school-division-election-official-results.

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Happy Halloween!

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Search and rescue workers have recovered 100 bodies and expect that number to climb as digging continues

THEY ALL WANTED TO BE WITCHES, DAD DIDN'T WANT TO BE LEFT OUT....



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Farming together: collaborative conversations for sharing land

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 1

Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: online

The cost to attend the workshop series is \$10. Registration is open from Oct. 23 to Nov. 22.

Register online at www.leduc-county. com/land-linking. Webinar details will be shared upon registration.

For more information, contact Sharon Faye by phone at 780-770-9271 or email sharon@leduc-county.com.

This workshop welcomes all those in relationship with the land in Treaty 6, 7 and 8, which are the traditional lands of the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, Blackfoot and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, and homeland of the Métis people, also known as Alberta.























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