

THORSBY TARGET



Christmas Gift Suggestions

To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.

- Oren Arnold -



SANTA SKATE
at the Arctic Spas
Recreation Complex

December 24 - 1-4pm

Bring your skates & helmet
and enjoy your time with Santa

My WISH for the New Year

That you have someone to love,
have meaningful work to do, and have
things greater than yourself to believe in;
that you have a reason to smile every day
and a shoulder to cry on when you need it;
that you keep your integrity when the
choices are hard;

That you love deeply, give freely, forgive
willingly, laugh easily, and live well
enough to be grateful for every day.

- Margaret B. Moss -

.MERRY.
Christmas
& Happy
New Year

to the Thorsby
Community

We will be back in 2022!

Classifieds

FOR SALE

2000 JEEP TJ SAHARA 4L inline 6, 5 speed manual, 4WD, 397,000 km, everything works, running condition, some rust. Asking \$5,000 obo. Phone 780-848-2884

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FOR RENT

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SERVICES

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I am an Interior Designer in the business for over 25 years. An Independent Design Consultant at Superior Cabinets & Classic Window Fashions offering free estimates. Contact Keri at 780.289.2551 or designbywaters@live.ca @designbywaters

WANTED

WANTED - ARCADE TYPE MACHINES. Pinball, video upright, sit down & cocktail games. Other related items. Parts, pieces, whole, manuals, dead or alive all considered. Text/Call Steve 780-918-8495

OLD FARM TRACTORS OR CATERPILLARS
Will buy Complete or Incomplete. 1.403.396.8629

WANTED CONCRETE RUBBLE AND/OR FIELD ROCKS Contact Alex 780-905-9200 or 780-789-3843

THE BRETON JGLM LIFETEAM IS SEEKING WARM CLOTHING, BOOTS, AND BLANKETS, ETC for distribution to homeless people through our outreach program. Any adult sized winter clothing is much appreciated. Call or text Tyler at 780-621-7120

LOOKING FOR PASTURE for cow/calf pairs
Also looking for hayland. Contact Levi at 780-312-9891

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I, ELIZABETH KUGYELKA, SIDNEY, B.C. want to wish my extended family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous and a Happy New Year.

LOOKING FOR AN EXPERT TO LEASE VACANT LAND for any purposes according Thorsby Bylaws, for a long-term agreement. Located at 4804 -53 Ave in Thorsby. The successful candidate will receive \$450 in cash. Please call 780-802-7528

WANTED - SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE TO RENT
Good, Responsible and Reliable Tenants seek long term rental. Must be well maintained. 3 People, 2 cats, \$1600 w/utilities Call Eric at 780.887.7057

LOOKING FOR FARM, PASTURE OR HAY LAND TO RENT Thorsby, Warburg or Pigeon Lake area. Please call or text 780-868-3374

We are looking for Part-Time Help for our newspaper!

Must have knowledge of Corel Draw or similar program and be meticulous. Page layout, design and/or sales experience an asset.

Start date January 3. Drop off resume at 4928 Hankin Street, Thorsby or contact Shawna at 780.499.9006 or media@community39.com

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- Dr. Seuss -

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Sudoku Answers
from Dec 17 Issue

We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

-George Bernard Shaw-

Darren Scott Accounting Services Ltd.

Is looking for someone to do income taxes and bookkeeping on a full-time.

Job Description

- Experienced in preparation of T1 return's.
- QuickBooks data entry knowledge.
- WCB , GST, Payroll preparations and filings.

Please send resume to wades@telus.net or contact the office at 780-696-3800



Wilf Brandt Trucking Ltd. is seeking Class 1 & Class 3 Tank Truck Drivers, for Year-Round Production Fluid Hauling in the Warburg, Thorsby, Leduc, Rimbey and Drayton Valley areas.

Current Oilfield Safety Tickets are a definite asset and willingness to work shift cycle a must.

Successful candidates can expect year-round work, benefit package and excellent wages.

Pre-Employment Screening is a pre-requisite to hire.

Please email resume along with a current drivers abstract to resumeswbt@gmail.com



Celtic Knot Massage is moving from Thorsby to Warburg **January 01, 2022!**

With business success comes growth and change and though it can be frightful it can also be very exciting!

I would like to thank and welcome all my amazing massage clients, old and new, and ask that you join me on my new endeavour by visiting me at my new location starting in the new year.

A huge heart felt hank you to Linda, Rose and their staff at SOS Bookkeeping for trusting me with their rental space for the past 3.5+ years. I will miss you all dearly.

4904-50th Ave, Warburg
(newly renovated corner building across from the previous Domo gas station)



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Nia Blanchette, RMT



COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

LIMITED SPACE - OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, Friday, December 24, 6PM. Preregistration REQUIRED to meet COVID restrictions. Call Guy Giroux at 780.940.2751 to register.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7:00pm, Fri Dec. 24th. Please register in advance by calling Janice at 780-224-8527. God Bless

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Thorsby - Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy, Friday, Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. EVERYONE WELCOME! COVID restrictions apply. For further information contact Dan @ 780-789-3698.

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

THORSBY AFTERNOON CRIB at the Seniors Centre runs every Monday at 1:30pm Everyone welcome! Bring your Vaccination Card and a mask. Next game on January 3, 2022.

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.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST BINGO:

Give your bingo dobbers a rest folks...
Next regular Bingo Feb. 1, 2022 at 7pm

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST

We would like to thank all those who helped to make our Christmas Dinner and Dance held on Dec. 11th such a success!! Gail Sillito - Caterer, Garry Smith - DJ, Brian Link - Comedian S.V. Golden Days, Mulhurst Community League., Randal Kay

Huge thank you also for the Door Prize donations: Mulhurst Bay Massage, Nailed It, Clippin Jo's, Darlene Stickelmier, Mulhurst Bay Quilters, and Village of Breton.

Raffle Prize Winners: 55" Color TV - Chrizyal Cafe (Wetaskwin) Diamond Earrings - Shirley Dorchester / \$200 Gift Basket - Sandy Gaskey
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THORSBY SENIORS THRIFT STORE - CLOSED UNTIL January 6, 2022 Open Thursdays and Fridays 10am - 3pm. We are now accepting donations that are **CLEAN & RE-SELLABLE**

TREASURES THRIFT SHOP IN WARBURG The shop will be CLOSED on December 29. We will see you in January 2022. Merry Christmas.

Country Market Every Third Saturday 11-4pm at Sunnybrook Hall. Homemade Crafts, Baking, Farm Eggs and so much more. New and returning vendors.

Email foreverboredmarket@gmail.com with questions or to become a vendor.

Leduc Public Market Every Thursday from 10-2:30pm in the Leduc City Center Mall

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Thorsby Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

Sandi Raymond at 780.789.4004 or email fcss@thorsby.ca

Thorsby Bylaw Enforcement - for concerns or inquiries contact Barry Rasch at bylaw@thorsby.ca or 780.233.4151

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

Foot Care Nurse will be in Thorsby on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Please call Irene at 780-789-3176

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

Thorsby RCMP call 780-789-3950 or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com
For emergencies call 911

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Town Office Holiday Hours

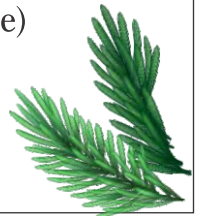
December 24 - 8:30am - 12pm
December 25, 26, 27 & 28 - CLOSED
December 29 & 30 - OPEN
December 31 - 8:30am - 12pm
January 1 & 2 - CLOSED
January 3, 2022 - OPEN



Arctic Spas Recreation Complex Holiday Hours



December 24 - OPEN 1-4pm for Santa Skate
December 25, 26 & 27 - CLOSED
December 28 - 8:30am - 3:30pm (public skating, bowling & field-house)
December 29 - 8:30am - 8pm (public skating, bowling & field-house)
December 30 - 8:30am - 8pm (public skating, bowling & field-house)
December 31, January 1, 2 & 3 - CLOSED
January 4, 2022 - OPEN



Philippian Christian † Friendship Church †

Christmas Eve Service

Come join us at the Seniors
Community Center from 3pm until
6pm on December 24, 2021 for some
music, snacks and fellowship

New Years Eve Service

Come join us at the Seniors
Community Center from 7pm until
9pm on December 31, 2021 for some
prayer, worship and coffee or tea

If you have any questions please call
Rev. Warrick Pollard at 587-921-7790



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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 every Sunday at 9am and weekdays, Wednesday at 10:30am by Fr. Arun Rodrigues. COVID rules apply. 780.987.2858 or visit www.olvtorsby.wordpress.com

Philippian Church - 4721-48A Ave., Thorsby
Sunday Service 10:30am, Wed & Friday Service at 7pm, Saturday Prayer Service at 7pm. Call for prayer Rev. Pollard 587-921-7790 or Elaine 587-926-4705. Have a blessed day!

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Thorsby
Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy, Friday, Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. EVERYONE WELCOME! 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

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' 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 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. For Membership contact Doreen Mackenzie at 780.789.3812

The Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst
Next General Meeting will be January 10th, 2022 @ 7pm
New Members welcome. Marion 780-935-6281

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

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 alt 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

Centre Lodge Community Centre
For bookings call Caroline at 780.789.3089

Funnell Community Hall
For hall rental or more contact Ashley @ 780.514.6546

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
Give Marie a call: 780-361-7350

Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre
For retreat or hall bookings call 780.389.2422 or email rent@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

Thorsby Seniors Centre
For rentals call Cathy Kuzio at 780.719.7124

Warburg Cultural Centre
For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths phone Lindsay McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly

Warburg Legion for rental. Contact Deb or Max at 780-848-2923

Warburg Seniors Centre for rental. Contact Allan or Nancy at 780-848-7756

Winfield Legion
Available to rent. Rental inquiries to Gordon 780.542.1243 or Ron 403.862.0769

Community Events & Information
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Christmas in the Village 2021

~ Extended Edition ~

28th Annual Thorsby District Chamber of Commerce Customer Appreciation Event

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See in you 2022!

Have a happy holiday season!

Stay safe and healthy!

CHRISTMAS COMES TO THORSBY

By the Christmas in the Village Planning Team

The 28th annual Christmas in the Village brought holiday cheer while celebrating the fantastic business community in the Thorsby area!

Hosted by the Thorsby and District Chamber of Commerce as a customer appreciation event, this annual holiday tradition took on a different flavour again this year due to COVID restrictions. By stretching the traditionally one evening event over two weeks, we were able to help maintain its spirit and purpose while keeping everyone safe. This year's event featured a number of individual activities that encouraged people to keep it local and support their neighbours.

Our annual gingerbread house contest saw 17 spectacular entries this year and judges Mayor Hostyn and Councillors Musson and Rasch had a difficult time determining who would take home prizes. We were in awe of winners Khamla Reuangrith (child), Simon Amalia (youth), Jacob Reuangrith (tween), Stephen & Ben Amalia (teen), Sarah Amalia (adult), and SOS Bookkeeping & Taxes (business) but also loved all the entries. Thank you to everyone who took the time to demonstrate their artistic culinary skills and to Bilar's Garage for hosting the creations.

Thank you to the businesses who participated in Business Bingo and congratulations to winners Gracelyn Debrule and Cathryn Halliday. We also had some phenomenal businesspeople (and one businessdog) who took up Santa's challenge to don a beard for the Who's Behind the Beard? Photo Hunt. Way to go Tristyn Lefebvre and Morgan Johnston who correctly identified the photos. The full list of business participants in both activities can be found at www.facebook.com/thorsbychamberofcommerce.

The Nominate Your Neighbour Decorating Contest saw some repeat winners along side new honourees: Best Lights – 5318 53 Avenue; Best Homemade – 5234 53 Street; Best Inflatables – 4818 46 Street; Best Business – CE Media Signs & Promotional; and Best Overall Display – 5009 47 Avenue. Thank you to Leduc County Division Seven Councillor Ray Scobie for judging the

amazing nominees - it was not an easy task! We encourage the entire community to take a tour around town and check out the fantastic displays.

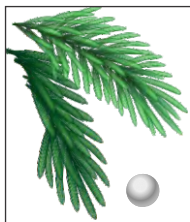
This year's Christmas Market was a great success! Thank you to Lorelei Stern and her team for organizing the vendors and Richard Hoffman for the use of his building. We must also thank our two elves running the photo booth at the back of the market, Ceilidh Dean and Abby Gibb, along with Viola Park, who created the warm holiday scene.

To the hearty souls who came out for the Christmas parade and fireworks, thank you! If there is anything consistent about Christmas in the Village, it is its ability to deliver wacky weather and Friday night did not disappoint with -28 Celcius temperatures. Special thanks go to the Ruhr Valley Lumber team and Santa Claus for braving the elements during the 40-minute route. Also, we appreciated the participation of Thorsby Public Works crew member Andrew Kearley, Thorsby Town Council, MLA Mark Smith, and the Thorsby District Firefighters who helped us spread cheer throughout town.

Christmas in the Village could not take place without the generous support of our sponsors. Thank you to Arctic Spas/Blue Falls Manufacturing, ARGO, Bacsik Electric Ltd, Bilar's Garage Ltd, CE Media Signs & Promotional, Coffee Pucks & Poutine, Community 39 Enterprises, Community Voice, Direct Line Insurance, Dyck Insurance, G&N Contracting, HiWay 39 Motors (1988) Ltd, Ku's Family Restaurant, Proactive Lube Manager Inc, Ruhr Valley Lumber Ltd, SOS Bookkeeping & Taxes, Thorsby Bottle Depot, Thorsby Hotel, Bar & Grill, Thorsby Lions Campground, Thorsby PetroCanada, Thorsby Stockyards Inc, and Thorsby Tire Shop Ltd.

Last, and certainly not least, thank you to the fine people of the Thorsby community! Your generosity contributed \$1137.45 plus a big box of toys to the Thorsby Christmas Elves. This total came from the donation boxes found around town, the Christmas Market Vendor table fees, and Christmas Market Photo Booth donations. We were blown away by the kindness of this community! We hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and we'll see you in 2022!





On behalf of Council,
Administration and Staff



we would like to wish Thorsby a



MERRY
Christmas

& HAPPY NEW YEAR



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for details.



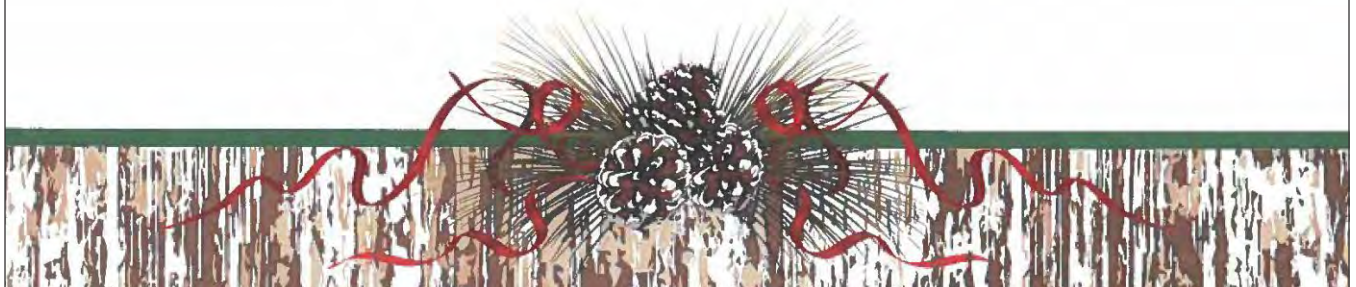


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**Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year**

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WINTER LUMINARY AT RUNDLE'S MISSION

by Audrey Brosseau

Leduc County hosted a great "Light the Night: Winter Luminary" event at Rundle's Mission on Sunday Dec. 19th. Participants were treated to many outdoor experiences including a bonfire, winter outdoor games, and hot chocolate. The "Canadian Maple Shack" was there and made Maple Taffy on Snow for all. There was an ice carver explaining how he does his carvings and he supplied the tools so you could try carving an ice block yourself. County Recreation staff helped people make their own 'luminary' as a craft. The afternoon ended with us all enjoying a winter walk at dusk, using the luminaries we had made to light our way along the trail that was lit with candles in the snow. A very neat winter experience for all! Thanks to the Leduc County Recreation staff for planning and hosting this event. We hope that it will become an annual event.



Wishing all of our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your business in 2021, we look forward to serving you in 2022.

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Lots 23-25

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Merry Christmas

Thank you
for
supporting
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Matt, Lisa & Ruhr Family





Genesee Battery Energy Storage System

Capital Power is sharing information about plans to develop a battery energy storage system ("BESS") at the Genesee Generating Station. We will be seeking regulatory approval from the Alberta Utility Commission in early 2022.

The BESS will be used to store, and later deploy, up to 210 MW of energy, using lithium-ion batteries. The project will use best-in-class battery storage technology and be amongst the first large-scale storage projects in Alberta.

Located entirely within the existing footprint of the Genesee Generating Station, the BESS will create no air emissions and will not require additional water supply during the electricity storage and deployment processes.

Stakeholder input is an important part of the process and we value your feedback. More information is available at www.capitalpower.com/operations/genesee-1-2/, including the project specific information package.

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With the Christmas Season fast upon us it seems that a present for the good folks of Thorsby is in order so here goes:

My name is Ivor Foster and I served as your councilor for the past four years. From the outset I have to say that it has been my pleasure and an honor to represent you and be part of a dynamic and motivated Thorsby Town Council. Our council has an impressive record of achievement over the past four years. I would like to present some hi-lights to clear up any misconceptions about our council's record that were spread by a few unknown voices during the last election.

Starting in 2017, after a long protracted process we were finally able to convince Alberta Transportation to install new signs on 778 South that seriously alleviated the noise levels of large transport trucks use of engine brakes because of the shorter 50 K sign just inside the town limits.

Unfortunately we failed to convince the authorities that a school zone was appropriate for the crossing at 48th Avenue and Highway 778. However, signage was improved to make it safer to cross 778 at all times.

A Ride-For-Dad event garnered a great deal of favorable publicity for Thorsby as the town and volunteers played host to more than five hundred motorcycles and riders. **Who says there is no volunteer commitment in our town?**

A request to the Ag Society to take part in their May long weekend festivities was accepted and as a result we can look forward to a long successful partnership in the future. In addition we should be extending an invitation to our First Nation neighbors to add their color and customs as well.

In the summer of 2018 we acted on past council's list of major infrastructure projects. First was 54th Avenue. A massive repair bill the winter before (3 repairs that cost the town over \$100,000) ensured that immediate remediation was necessary and was completed before winter.

At the same time remediation was completed on a segment of 47th street between 49th avenue and 50th avenue.

In addition, the intersection at Hankin and 48th Ave as well as lower Hankin past Happy Haven and 48th Ave to 51 street was completed. A happy note saw the curbs redone and the boulevard was sodded instead

of seeded. The result was a complete new look and still looks good today.

Unfortunately, the impending Coronavirus Pandemic forced the closure of the recreation center. A wise and necessary plan formulated by Alberta Health Service meant that all further use of the center had to be put aside for the duration of the emergency. As a result and in keeping with other municipalities the FCSS office was re-located to space in the administration building.

In the following months a number of changes were introduced to soften the Pandemic effect on our population. Among them was a reduction in taxes, and changes to the payment system to allow more time to pay.

The Pandemic also gave council a chance to examine our by-laws to make them more efficient and closer to the reality of day-to-day operations. **And I would like to make it clear that the by-laws we inherited only required minor tweaking here and there**

The resignation of our CFO (for medical reasons) and our Public Works Manager was followed closely by the retirement of our CAO (Christine Burke). Our search for a replacement for Christine was unsuccessful until our newly hired CFO (Tamara Sloboda) threw her hat-in-the-ring (so to speak) and was accepted in her present role as CAO. With her professional credentials (CPA) and the business focus of our council we have made great strides in gaining efficiency in all matters of budget and operations. **(No one could possibly disagree with the result of gaining a million dollars worth of infrastructure this year without borrowing money or increasing taxes.)**

Further emphasis on by-law enforcement continued with a sharing agreement with the Town of Millet and the acquisition of a dedicated patrol vehicle from Brazeau County. At this time following the departure of our most recent By-Law Officer no replacement (during our mandate) had been hired.

An arborist inventory of type, condition, and number of trees on municipal property was conducted, followed closely by the examination and condition of sidewalks in Thorsby. A catalog of photographs detailing various conditions requiring remedial action led to a plan for repair and replacement. At this time the decision on what must be addressed as soon as possible and what could be put off to a later date must be made by the new council

Covid 19 restrictions resulted in an increased

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use of electronic communications including Webinar and Zoom in particular. In spite of limited capacity for visitors in the council chambers we were able to accommodate the interests of town and county residents in the interactive process. In all cases the management of council matters was open to the scrutiny of all interested parties unless in some cases the issues required the use of in-camera sessions.

Although the Pandemic forced the closure of the Rec Center and placed limits on other activities, 'business as usual' continued with great work from our Public Works staff, the addition of office staff, and a constant search for efficiencies in operation budgets. In addition it was decided that in order assure the future needs of the Library the ability to expand would always be there.

The town was finally able to start work on Taylor Park after ownership approval was granted by Land Titles. Much work had been done prior to a dedication date but discovery of three fuel tanks buried under the sidewalk put further work on hold. **Remediation that should have been accomplished years ago needed to be taken care of now.** The good news is that the work may not cost more than the \$50,000.00 that had been approved. Unfortunately the discovery of two more tanks pushed the cost to \$80,000 plus. The bad news will depend on whether there is further contamination beneath Taylor Park itself.

Whatever the result, the Taylor Park Committee can take a measure of pride in the fact that with completion and final dedication of the Park, their initial vision, will still be there for all our citizens to enjoy.

Efforts to gain an audit of 3920 accounts were turned down, with the result that we refused to pay the annual fee of \$5,000.00. Having already spent thousand of dollars, the only tangible result was a cost saving in the area of 50 cents per household for a garbage contract that benefitted all 3920 municipal members. The contract lapsed in 2020 with the result that a new contract for Thorsby was signed at a better rate.

Monthly meeting of County officials has resulted in a great deal of savings in operation equipment and promises greater municipal co-operation in the future.

Diligent efforts by our CAO enabled us to fund remediation projects at no additional cost to our taxpayers. Much of the work involved road surface repair, some of it on 778 despite the fact that Alberta Transportation declined our request to share the cost.

The list also included curb replacement between Hankin and 48th street.

Hankin street was refurbished along with 48th avenue between Hankin and 778. Long needed surface repairs were also undertaken on 49th avenue between 48th street and 50th avenue. Re-surfacing of parts of the Community Hall parking were completed as well as new bridges and railing were installed at the rec-centre and library entrances.

Paving was completed on 49th avenue between 48th Street and 46th street. MCI commitment precluded spending the money on any other project.

Other work included re-paving and fencing the tennis courts, with the subsequent repainting lines for pickle ball, tennis and basketball delayed till the spring of 2022.

The playground at the Rec Centre was re-dedicated to the Kuzio family.

A grant for \$903,000.00 was applied for and if approved will go a long way to allow the disabled access to all areas of the Rec. Centre.

The voters concern for more communication with the community resulted in a new Website that is completely interactive and offers a great deal of information. In addition, a new electronic sign to be installed at the North entrance to town was purchased for \$70,000. The money was from the Coal Transition Grant, earmarked for economic development. Finally, following a long delay by Alberta Transportation, the project was allowed to go ahead. The sign when erected in the spring will be available for Thorsby administration and community groups to advertise events, etc.

On a final note, it must be expressed at this point, that employing the efforts of CFO/CAO Sloboda came at the precise time that Thorsby needed her expertise in the worst way. With her due diligence and 14-16 hour work days, she was able to accomplish a great deal on budget and operational concerns that helped us back away from the highest debt load for a community of our size. And yes, we still have a long way to go. But there is still room for improvement, one of which must be a solution to the '*elephant in the china shop*' water treatment plant. We started the dialogue and it is in the best interest of the town of Thorsby to continue.

**Finally, at this time I would like to offer
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season and a successful new year**

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The Bible Truth Page

Physical Healing

I have heard it said that Jesus died for our spiritual healing. This statement is not at all true. Jesus died so that we could have forgiveness of sins and be made righteous, the same as He is righteous. In the process we also receive a new spirit and physical healing. This is plain to see in the Bible if we are willing to read it as written. Let's start with 1 Peter 2:24. **"He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. 'By His wounds you were healed'"** (Modern English Version 1 Peter 2:24). Notice especially the last part of that verse, "By His wounds you were healed". The wounds Peter is referring to are the wounds that Jesus received when He was whipped before He was crucified (Matt. 27:26). He took those wounds for our physical healing. Peter is actually quoting a prophesy about Jesus from the Old Testament book of Isaiah. **"Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed"** (Isaiah 53:4-5). The Hebrew word used for *grief* in this passage includes sickness, disease, and calamity, as well as grief. The Hebrew word that *sorrow* is translated from means physical pain, mental pain, affliction, and sorrow. *Healed* is translated from a Hebrew word that means to cure, to heal, make healthful and make whole. When we accept these scriptures as written we can clearly see that they are talking about physical healing.

I have one last nail to drive into the spiritual healing coffin, and that is Matthew 8:14-17. **"When Jesus entered Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother, lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she rose and served them. When the evening came, they brought to Him many who were possessed with demons. And He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all who were sick, to fulfill what was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, 'He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses'"** (Matt. 8:14-17). This short passage removes any doubt as to the context of 1 Peter 2:24 and Isaiah 53:4-5. The Word of God means what it says. Jesus cast out demons and physically healed all who were sick to fulfill the prophesy in Isaiah 53:4-5. That is the same physical healing Peter referred to when he wrote "By His wounds you were healed". Also notice that he said *were*. That word is past tense. Peter wrote this letter after Jesus had been whipped for our healing. We were healed when Jesus was whipped; our healing has already been provided. All we have to do is believe Jesus and take a stand against the devil who stole our healing from us.

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The TOPS Ten Situations When Ordering a Salad Doesn't Count

Ah salad, the successful dieter's dream food-so low cal, so healthy, so *absolutely not true in many cases*. Do you recognize any of these salad scenarios?

1. You drown it in high-fat dressing.
2. You take the fries off of your dinner date's plate.
3. It has words like "explosion", "Monster", or "annihilation" in the name.
4. It comes with bread sticks.
5. It's the part of the three-course meal after the loaded potato skins and before the brownie volcano eruption.
6. You wash it down with a jumbo margarita.
7. It comes in a deep-fried bowl. (yes, portion size *does* matter)
8. You go home and eat everything in sight later because it didn't satisfy you.
9. You only ordered it because it has bacon.
10. You didn't really want a salad, but you thought you were being "good".



Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

Winners of the Monday afternoon crib club!

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1st place - Phyllis Yawney - 953
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