

THORSBY TARGET

WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS

Alberta's government will award a total of \$125,000 to young women pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

This second intake for the Women in STEM scholarship, which was introduced earlier this year, demonstrates the Alberta government's commitment to supporting women in pursuing rewarding careers in these fields. Each successful applicant will receive \$2,500 to support their studies. The scholarship is open to women currently studying in STEM fields.

"During the first intake, Alberta's government was able to support 50 young women pursuing studies in STEM. We are committed to supporting women and girls to succeed in whatever career path they choose, including STEM. This commitment is even more important now, as emerging technology and innovation play a significant part of Alberta's economic recovery and diversification. We want to inspire women and girls to write the next great chapter, code or formula in Alberta's story." Whitney Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women

"When we empower women and girls to enter STEM professions, we are investing in our future and tapping into a highly skilled workforce. As part of Alberta's Recovery Plan, I'm proud that we're investing in women and girls to pursue, impact and succeed in the fields of science, engineering, technology and math."

Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education

The deadline for applications is Dec. 31. Those interested in applying can visit the program website to find the scholarship criteria and applicant information.

[Women in STEM Scholarship](#)

Quick facts

The first intake of the Women in STEM scholarship closed on Feb. 21, 2021.

- The scholarship received 106 eligible applications.
- The majority of applicants were attending MacEwan University, Mount Royal University, the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary.

ONLINE SPECIAL EDITION on the upcoming election coming Friday night!

Interested in more about the Election and your local Candidates?

Community 39/CE Media Signs & Promotional are sponsoring a special Online edition that will have all you need to know about the local elections on October 18.

We will have unedited interview questions from many of our candidates, articles on the Referendum Questions, Senate, where to vote and more. Everything in one place!

This online edition will include all candidates that chose to participate from the Town of Thorsby, Leduc County Div 5, 6 & 7, Brazeau County Division 5, 6 and the Reeve, Village of Breton and Village of Warburg

It will be on our website www.community39.com and on CE Media's Facebook page @cemediasigns by tonight!

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Leduc County FCSS fall programs

ONLINE PROGRAMS

To register, call **780-979-2385** or visit **leduc-county.com/community-family** for more information.

Fraud & financial literacy

- ▶ RCMP Fraud Prevention - Wednesday, Oct. 20
- ▶ Making Cent\$ of Money: Budgeting 101 - Wednesday, Nov. 3
- ▶ Holiday Money Hangover - Wednesday, Dec. 1

Mental health & wellness

- ▶ Living Library - International Men's Day - Friday, Nov. 19
- ▶ Boundaries to the Rescue: discovering the power of living within your limits - Mondays, Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15

Parenting workshops

- ▶ Children in Change - Wednesdays, Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15

Seniors and older adult sessions

- ▶ Selling your first home for the last time (part three of three) - Weds., Nov. 10



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COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Restorative Yoga at Sunnybrook Community Hall every Tuesday at 7pm. October fees \$70. To register email foreverboredyoga@gmail.com or call Christina at 780.222.3458. Come rest, relax and rejuvenate with us!

Breton's Women's Wellness Day
Save the Date for our next Women's Wellness Day - Saturday October 16th. If you would like to be a vendor in our trade show area, please email jess@breton.ca for more information.

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

The Thorsby Library is now 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!

Thorsby Bingo is back!
Located at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Thursday evening starting at 7pm

Thorsby Seniors Potluck Suppers
Wednesdays at 6pm

BINGO IS BACK at the Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst every Tuesday at 7pm. Bring your Vaccination Card and a mask...see you there!!

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.

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

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Country Market October 16 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
10am - 2:30pm every Thursday at Leduc City Centre Mall (by Rexall Drug Store)

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store
Open Thursdays and Fridays 10am - 3pm. We are now accepting donations that are **CLEAN & RE-SELLABLE**

Treasures Thrift Shop in Warburg
IS NOW 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

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

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 your event placed on the sign call 780.789.4041

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- Kristen Jones -

NEW public drop-off area at regional landfill

The Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Facility provides residents with a cost-effective, environmentally-friendly way to manage waste.

Serving residents in Leduc, Beaumont, Devon, Leduc County and Calmar, the regional facility has been enhanced to offer a new public drop-off area that will reduce wait times, provide safer vehicle access and more opportunity to sort recyclables. It features a paved entry, new scale and circular exit route and will allow residents to have a cleaner, easier and faster experience.

Material Accepted:

- Residential & commercial waste
- General organics & yard waste
- Clean wood
- Blue bag recyclables
- Tires
- Household hazardous waste
- Used oil & oil filters
- E-waste
- Scrap metal & white goods
- Propane tanks



Fees: Waste disposal and recycling is free for residents of the five member municipalities with a resident card. Fees apply to special items, such as fridges. To learn more and to apply for a resident card, please visit leducregionallandfill.ca. Commercial and out-of-boundary fees also apply.

HOURS OF OPERATION

| | M / T | W | Th / F / S |
|--|-------|-----|------------|
| SUMMER (May 1 - Sept. 15) | 9-5 | 9-9 | 9-5 |
| WINTER (Sept. 16 - April 30) | 9-5 | 9-5 | 9-5 |
| Closed Sundays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day. Open 9-3 Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. | | | |

Location: 49444 Range Road 244, Leduc County – 1.6 km east of Leduc city limits along Rollyview Road and 0.8 km north on RR 244.



Questions? Call 780-612-8500 or visit leducregionallandfill.ca



COMMUNITY
EVENTS
& info continued

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 phone 780.848.7577, 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 - Supper meetings will now be held monthly in the Seniors's Centre (4812 - 51 Street) and are on the last Wednesday of every month at 6pm. 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 will host the next General Meeting on Monday Oct. 4th @ 7pm. New Members Welcome. Call: 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

Plan your Family Get Togethers safely! We have a 80 person safe capacity facility with full kitchen all for \$75.00 a day for Legion Members. 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. 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

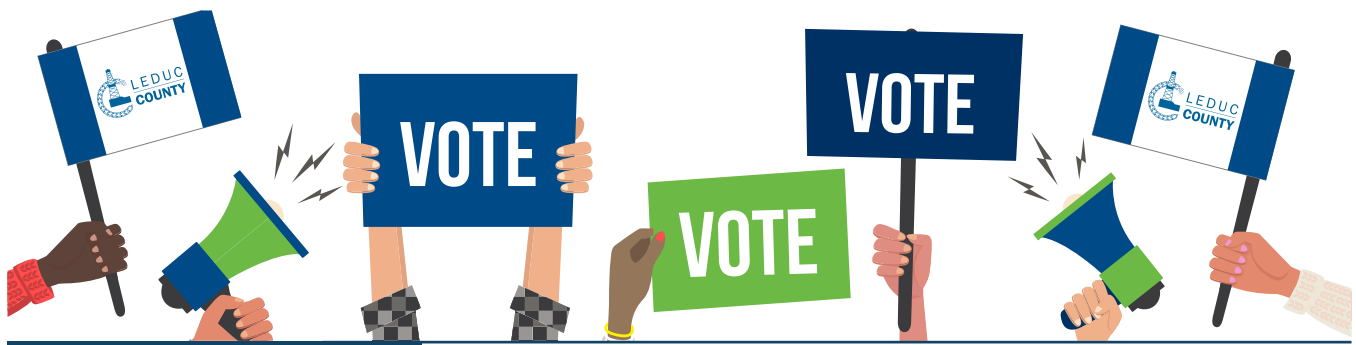
Thorsby Seniors Centre

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

Community Events & Information is FREE to advertise



ELECTION 2021

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IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Local Authorities Election Act (Section 35)

Eligible voters must provide proof of identity and current residence to vote for councillor, school trustee(s) and Senate.

As per Leduc County's Voter Identification Bylaw (Bylaw 5-13), voters must produce the following for inspection by a deputy returning officer of the voting station:

- ▶ **one piece** of valid government-issued identification containing the voter's photograph, current address and name

OR

- ▶ **two pieces** of identification from the following list:
 - ▶ Canadian military identification
 - ▶ birth certificate
 - ▶ Alberta Personal Health Card
 - ▶ baptismal certificate
 - ▶ Alberta identification card
 - ▶ Social Insurance Number card
 - ▶ certificate of Canadian citizenship
 - ▶ Royal Canadian Mounted Police identification card
 - ▶ Veteran's Affairs Canada identification card
 - ▶ Old Age Security (OAS) card
 - ▶ student identification card
 - ▶ credit/debit card
 - ▶ library card
 - ▶ hospital/medical card
 - ▶ fishing, trapping or hunting licence
 - ▶ marriage certificate
 - ▶ firearms licence possession - acquisition
 - ▶ firearms - possession only licence
 - ▶ any other piece of identification acceptable to the deputy returning officer

If the deputy returning officer is not satisfied that the identification verifies the identity and age of the person seeking to vote, they make the final decision as to whether or not the person is allowed to vote.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF GOLDEN DAYS

Leduc County will conduct the Senate election and provincial referendum vote for the Summer Village of Golden Days. Eligible voters can vote at the following voting station from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.:

- ▶ Sandholm Community Hall (47376 Range Road 12)

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Leduc County residents are eligible to vote if they:

- ▶ are 18 years old
- ▶ are a Canadian citizen
- ▶ are a resident of Leduc County on election day (Oct. 18)

Leduc County does not prepare a voter list. You must complete a declaration at the voting station that confirms you are eligible to vote. You can only vote in one jurisdiction, even if you have more than one residence.

NOTICE OF ELECTION – LEDUC COUNTY

Local Authorities Election Act (Section 35 and 46)

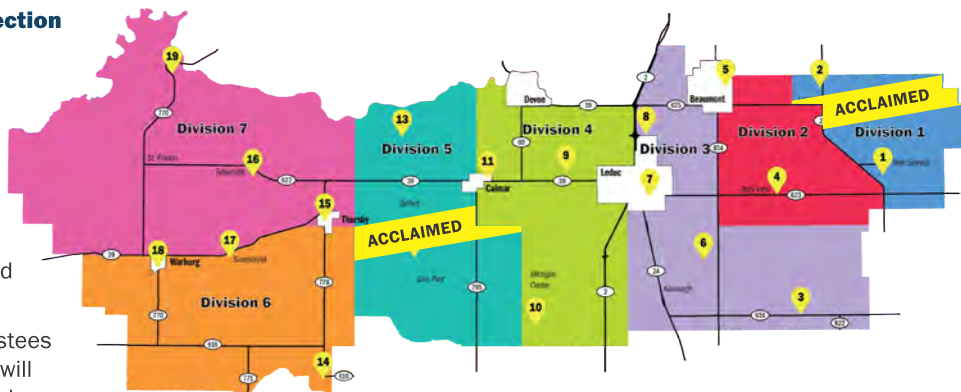
Notice is hereby given that an **election** will be held on:

► **Monday, Oct. 18**
from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Eligible voters will elect councillors in the following:

► Divisions 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7;
divisions 1 and 5 are acclaimed

You will vote for a Leduc County councillor, local school board trustees and Senate candidates, and you will respond to two provincial referendum questions.



CANDIDATES

*Incumbents are marked with **

Division 1

► Rick Smith* –
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Division 2

► Garry Ingbrigtson
► Kelly-Lynn Lewis*

Division 3

► Kelly Vandenberghe*
► Dal Virdi

Division 4

► Mel Kapicki
► Larry Wanchuk*

Division 5

► Tanni Doblanko* –
ACCLAIMED

Division 6

► Glenn Belozher*
► Sam Kobeluck

Division 7

► Pamela Fouillard
► Raymond Scobie*

WHERE TO VOTE

Division 1

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Division 2

1. New Sarepta Community High School (5150 Centre St.)
2. Looma Community Hall (160-50516 Highway 21)
3. Cloverlawn Community Hall (48203 Range Road 233)
4. Rolly View Community Hall (49402 Range Road 234)
5. Beaumont Community Centre (5204 50 Ave.)
6. First Baptist Church (Glen Park Road and Range Road 243)

Division 3

3. Cloverlawn Community Hall (48203 Range Road 233)
4. Rolly View Community Hall (49402 Range Road 234)
5. Beaumont Community Centre (5204 50 Ave.)
6. First Baptist Church (Glen Park Road and Range Road 243)
7. Leduc Fellowship Church (4401 Rolly View Road)
8. Coast Nisku Inn and Conference Centre (1101 4 St.)

Division 4

7. Leduc Fellowship Church (4401 Rolly View Road)
8. Coast Nisku Inn and Conference Centre (1101 4 St.)
9. Leduc West Antique Society (49559 Range Road 260)
10. Telford Community Hall (48142 Range Road 262)
11. Calmar Legion (4815 47 St.)

Division 5

ACCLAIMED

Division 6

14. Sandholm Community Hall (47376 Range Road 12)
15. Thorsby Junior/Senior High School (5306 48 Ave.)
17. Sunnybrook Community Hall (49019 Range Road 22)
18. Warburg Community Hall (5339 50 Ave.)

Division 7

13. Wilton Park Community Hall (27474 Township Road 502)
15. Thorsby Junior/Senior High School (5306 48 Ave.)
16. Telfordville Community Hall (170-2032 Highway 622)
17. Sunnybrook Community Hall (49019 Range Road 22)
18. Warburg Community Hall (5339 50 Ave.)
19. Genesee Community Hall (51020 Range Road 30)

Election contact

If you have any questions, contact Joyce Gavan, Returning Officer, at joyceg@leduc-county.com or **780-770-9259**. Find which division you live in using our online map at leduc-county.com/where-to-vote



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October 18, 2021

Division 7 Leduc County Council

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION SERIES

Compiled By Amissa Jablonski

**Please see the online election supplement for extended responses.*

Town of Thorsby - Mayor Candidates

What prompted you to run for mayor?

DARRYL HOSTYN - I am concerned about the state of affairs and after several people approached me to run for mayor I made up my mind to do so.

BARRY RASCH - I'm passionate and wish to make our community sustainable. Some are easy and others are complex to fix. By building a healthy team we can accomplish many things. We can't be dismissing concerns. I will go after community building initiatives as I did in the past. I will represent the rate payers with professionalism, integrity, and respectful debate. We need to give people a reason to move here that supports our tax base and businesses. We must solve problems rather than discredit the work of others. I will bring a positive, supportive approach to the chair.

ROD RAYMOND (incumbent) - The job this Council started is not done.

CAROL REMPEL - I am running for Mayor to encourage fair and transparent communication to listen to the concerns of the community, to value differences, and to create unity. My business background, facilitation skills, and chairing experience make me a perfect fit for Mayor.

What are your goals should you be elected?

HOSTYN - Address all resident concerns; prepare a plan for all streets and avenues that are unfinished; enhance bulk water sales and source out new customers; revitalize the use of Arctic Spas Recreation Complex; work to lower monthly water, sewage and garbage billing; and bring integrity to council and administration.

RASCH - Continued replacing infrastructure; look for efficiencies in operational and capital budgets; utilization of the water plant; main street revitalization; improve transparency and communication; create a more accessible community; and focus on economic development opportunities for our community.

RAYMOND - Deal with the water plant and finish the recreation center plan.

REMPEL - Be fiscally responsible, create partnerships, revisit a 5-year growth strategy, review bylaws and policies, upgrade aging infrastructure, encourage industrial park development, rejoin the 39/20 Alliance, unleash the potential of the Water Treatment Plant, and put the community first.

What is the greatest challenge facing Thorsby right now?

HOSTYN - Aging infrastructure (Water and sewer lines). Attracting new business to Thorsby.

RASCH - Operational and capital project expenses that continue to rise yearly.

RAYMOND - The financials and the future of the town.

REMPEL - The future of the Recreational Complex. It is imperative to work closely with Leduc County, advertising and marketing our facility to increase revenue. Many families, seniors and youth depend on the programs that it will offer. The Complex is one of our gems and the heart of Thorsby and used by many residents and visitors. It was built with grants and volunteers, and we must do whatever it takes to keep it running. Restoring respect, communication, and cooperation in all user groups and community members will be a start.

How are you going to work with neighbouring municipalities to provide what the community needs at a reasonable cost?

HOSTYN - Regular communication to share ideas and cost saving initiatives.

RASCH - Work with communities of similar size to secure savings to our ratepayers - equipment sharing, capital project tendering, and sharing staff; respecting views even if they may differ; restore the 39/20 Alliance; and work on regional partnerships with others.

RAYMOND - We actively collaborate with the region.

REMPEL - Working with neighbouring municipalities provides the community with services at a reasonable cost. The 39/20 Alliance gave us the opportunity to share our garbage disposal services at a much lower cost. Working closely with Leduc County also reduces costs.

How can Thorsby best navigate the ongoing pandemic in a way that supports development while keeping people safe?

HOSTYN - Support local business by shopping local and follow AHS protocols.

RASCH - Follow AHS Regulations.

RAYMOND - Take care of yourself, your family, and the community - do the right thing!

REMPEL - Following the Alberta Health Services protocol and supporting the businesses where possible. By shopping local we can help to keep the businesses alive. Encouraging outdoor activities will also help with depression and mental health of our community.

Full Answers in our special election edition online tonight!

What else would you like voters to know about you and your bid to be Mayor of Thorsby?

HOSTYN - Long-time third generation taxpayer and resident. Previous council experience. Previous Thorsby business owner.

RASCH - Work with Council to have full disclosure on planning that affects service delivery; restore FCSS and bylaw Services. I either led or was part of a dedicated group that delivered \$80,000 blue bin recycling/garbage can grant, \$5500 Fortis grant, \$7500 Jr/Sr High School/Industrial Arts Program, \$10,300 parking lot concert/trail development, Leduc County grants. I work hard and well with others.

RAYMOND - Not doing it for my ego, fame, friends, or the money.

REMPEL - Council and administration work hand-in-hand and must do so in a collaborative, positive, and effective manner while adhering to the budget. Communication with residents is key and the interests of the community must come first to ensure the progress of Thorsby.

What is your favourite breakfast food?

HOSTYN - Potato pancakes like my mom used to make and now my wife Kathy.

RASCH - Cottage cheese and eggs with pepper.

RAYMOND - I do intermittent fasting, so no breakfast.

REMPEL - Black coffee, toast, and eggs (any way).

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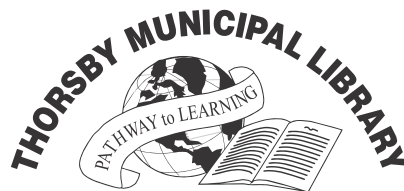
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Thorsby Library updates and reminders:
from Gayle Sacuta, MLIS

THORSBY LIBRARY BIG BOOK and DVD SALE! October 22 - October 28, 2021

The Library is having a BIG book sale! To participate, drop off your gently used books or DVDs at the library starting the week of October 19. The used book sale operates by donation, beginning Friday, October 22, at 1:00 PM, until October 28, 2021 (or until the books are gone). Fill up your tote bag, leave your donation on the way out, get set for winter! AHS restrictions of distancing, masking and capacity apply. All dates are tentative, depending on COVID-19. Saturday donations go to FCSS.

Take what you want! Pay what you can!

Book Sale Dates and Times:

Friday, October 22: 1:00 - 3:30 PM

Saturday, October 23: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Tuesday, October 26: 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday, October 27: 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Thursday, October 28: 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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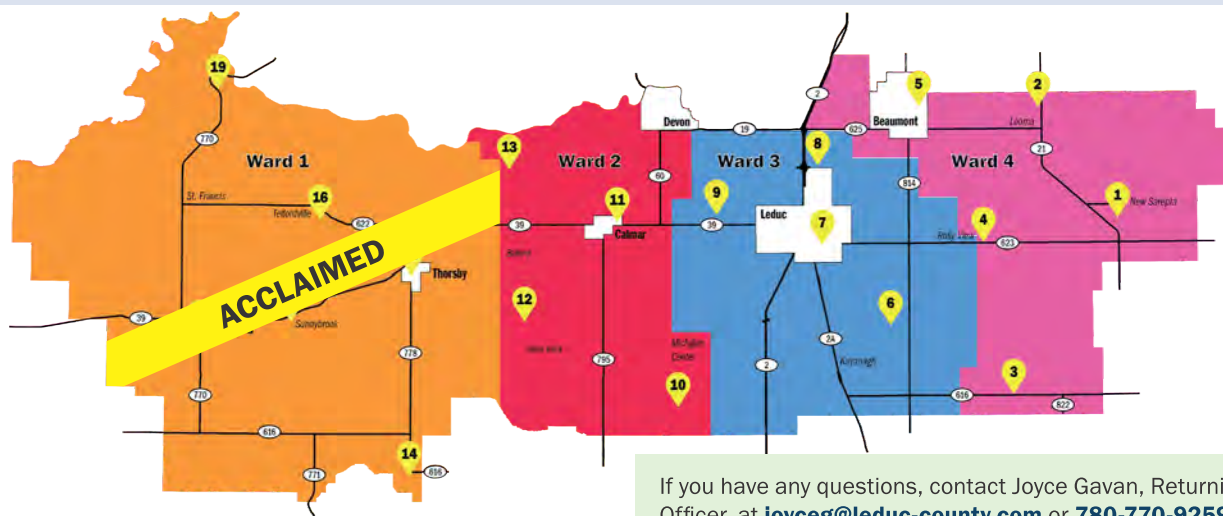
Notice is hereby given that an **election** will be held on:

► **Monday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Eligible voters will elect the following:

- Ward 1 – ACCLAIMED
- Ward 2: one trustee
- Ward 3: three trustees
- Ward 4: two trustees

You will vote for local school board trustees, a Leduc County councillor, and Senate candidates, and you will respond to two provincial referendum questions.



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CANDIDATES

Ward 1

- Michelle Martin – **ACCLAIMED**

Ward 2

- Devonna Klaassen
- Ron Patrick
- Mackenzie Woodcock

Ward 3

- Angie Charpentier
- Gary Dale Hansen
- Barb Martinson
- Emily Jean Meetsma
- Jenn Roach
- Rhonda L. Whitten

Ward 4

- Missy Chehayeb
- Esther Eckert
- Kimberly Lynn Murray
- Robyn Steed

WHERE TO VOTE

Ward 1

ACCLAIMED

Ward 2

- 9.** Leduc West Antique Society (49559 Range Road 260)
- 10.** Telford Community Hall (48142 Range Road 262)
- 11.** Calmar Legion (4815 47 St.)
- 12.** Glen Park Community Hall (49004 Range Road 274)
- 13.** Wilton Park Community Hall (27474 Township Road 502)
- 15.** Thorsby Junior/Senior High School (5306 48 Ave.)

Ward 3

- 3.** Cloverlawn Community Hall (48203 Range Road 233)
- 4.** Rolly View Community Hall (49402 Range Road 234)
- 6.** First Baptist Church (Glen Park Road and Range Road 243)
- 7.** Leduc Fellowship Church (4401 Rolly View Road)
- 8.** Coast Nisku Inn and Conference Centre (1101 4 St.)
- 9.** Leduc West Antique Society (49559 Range Road 260)
- 10.** Telford Community Hall (48142 Range Road 262)
- 11.** Calmar Legion (4815 47 St.)

Ward 4

- 1.** New Sarepta Community High School (5150 Centre St.)
- 2.** Looma Community Hall (160-50516 Highway 21)
- 3.** Cloverlawn Community Hall (48203 Range Road 233)
- 4.** Rolly View Community Hall (49402 Range Road 234)
- 5.** Beaumont Community Centre (5204 50 Ave.)



As we get ready to cast our votes, residents should reflect on candidates' platforms and decide how it best supports their family going forward in the community. Many of the candidates have tried to put their best foot forward and share a bit about themselves while others have taken a different approach. I personally encourage everyone to vote. The blame game of misinformation is unfortunate but a reality often in an election. I have regularly offered up information, shared development opportunities and grants to the current council. What they did with it was theirs to decide. Here are some ongoing unresolved questions residents should know about. I will only touch on three to keep the information sharing short.

The Council from 2014-2017 completed an Economic Development Plan on September 18, 2017 called "Town of Thorsby Success Through Intent". This grant application was a Coal Transition Grant that was given to select communities that were directly affected financially by the phase out of coal plants in their respected areas. The "Choose Local" plan was a golden opportunity to improve Economic Development in our community. We wanted to improve relationships with our business community, so we could all be successful together. We took valuable feedback and created a thoughtful and engaged plan. The completed grant application was submitted in late Oct early Nov of 2017. Thorsby received approval of **\$240,000** in 2018. Consultants began putting the pieces together as per grant. I personally attended several Open Houses to give feedback as others did at the Community Hall. In the last month remaining the consultants were all fired in March 2021. If we fast forward to now, why are we buying a \$70,000 LED Sign to go at the highway coming into town which was also not sourced locally? Is this what Economic Development looks like to Council? How does this help our businesses at all and where in the written feedback does it spell out, we need a \$70,000 LED sign. Where was the community feedback on the sign and where is the released report or at the very least an update to the community? I feel this Council has totally wasted a beautiful grant opportunity. We will never receive this amount of funding again.....

In 2015 the Council I was involved in started work to create a 5 – 10 year Capital Infrastructure Plan that considered Road, Water and Sewer Repairs in our community. This plan was built by Select Engineering, Public Works, our CAO, Resident Complaints and Council. The plan if followed delivered time lines and costing to future projects. Some were immediate, some were 5 –10 years away based on collected data that was completed. To my surprise I was taken back to see Capital Infrastructure Projects moved around and some moved to the front of the line in 2018/2019. If we aren't going to follow Engineering Recommendations, then why have a plan? Some of the work in question wasn't scheduled to be completed till 2021-2026. Some of the paving completed this year was also a deviation from the plan, why?

Lastly, before you vote remember what we lost from this term 2017-2021. Do you really want that again? Very little road and pothole repair 2017-2020, loss of programming for families, loss of support for events for families, Experienced Staff, Thorsby Thunder Days, No Housing Development, No Business Development, Strained Relationships with Leduc County, Warburg, Calmar, Breton, Communication Breakdown and Transparency, No Regular Bylaw Support. I can go on, but you get the point. Total Doom and Gloom isn't what this community needs to constantly hear. If you have questions, I'm happy to answer what I can 780-983-2096, barrythorsby@gmail.com
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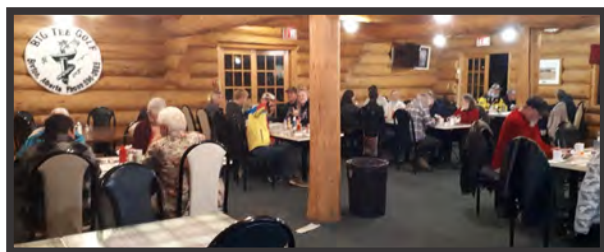


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From P. Elson

A good walk or workout is one of the best ways to start or break up a brisk fall day. Taking the time to cool down with light stretches afterward may prevent aches and pains and possibly even stop an injury from happening. Plus, it feels good! Have fun and wind down with the "Pumpkin Cool Down" below. Just make sure that your muscles are nice and warm before you start.

Try holding each stretch for 7 to 10 seconds, repeating 3 to 4 times.

P is for **PRESSING** your palms up overhead with your fingers interlaced.

U is for **UPPER-BACK** stretch. With fingers interlaced, push your palms forward while dropping your chin toward your chest. Gently spread shoulder blades apart as you push palms forward.

M is for **MAKING** gentle arm circles. Make 10 forward circles followed by 10 backward circles.

P is for **PULLING** a resistance band apart with your arms out in front of you, palms to the ceiling at shoulder height.

K is for gently hugging your right **KNEE** while you're seated. Keep your left foot planted on the ground while you perform a few hip circles, if it feels okay. Switch sides and repeat.

I is for taking a deep **INHALE** while you release your hands to your sides with your palms forward. Close your eyes and take a full deep breath in through your nose and an open mouth breath out.

N is for gentle **NECK** stretches. Sit up straight with your shoulders down and back and palms resting on your thighs. Slowly and gently bring your right ear towards your right shoulder, feeling a stretch along the left side of your neck. Switch sides and repeat.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION SERIES

continued

Compiled By Amissa Jablonski

**Please see the online election supplement for extended responses.*

Town of Thorsby - Councillor Candidates

What prompted you to run for town council?

IVOR FOSTER (incumbent) - It has been my pleasure and honor to represent Thorsby taxpayers. The Mayor, Councilors, and CAO have solved a number of problems facing the Town and I want an opportunity to finish the work we started.

CORY GILBERT (incumbent) - A desire to continue working on some of the solutions that we have started on this past term in council.

JILLIAN HALLIDAY - I am tired of sitting on the sidelines and not being heard. I have a passion for our community. The ideas and concerns of residents matter and I have a drive that can assist the changes needed for a positive future.

JASON KINSWATER - It is time to bring some new ideas to old problems of Thorsby. Being disappointed with the lack of progress in infrastructure repairs and business development, I can use my education to implement a basic economic plan with a focus on population density.

JOHNATHAN MILLER - I wanted to run for Council because working out of town made me miss a lot of my children growing up. I want to be more involved in shaping their future and giving them a great community to grow up in.

TRACY MUSSON - Others believe I am a good fit for the role and, having attended Council meetings, I am familiar with the work. I am concerned that the lines of communication are not efficient. We need our town to thrive.

KENNETH POFFENROTH (incumbent) - Four years ago I was unhappy with my taxes going up because of what I believe was mismanagement and inexperienced persons making costly decisions. Our town debt was run up in great jumps being passed on to us taxpayers. I wanted some say in reducing or eliminating these costly decisions. Secondly the town water system.

FRANCESCO (Frank) RAFFA - Thorsby needs something better compared to the current state as there is so much potential in this community. The bullying and negativity need to stop in order to foster a successful and thriving town. We can do this through teamwork.

SHELLEY RASCH - A lack of communication from Council and Administration; huge turnover of staff; the disrespectful way residents and businesses are treated by the CAO and Council; the lack of FCSS, and

the poor management of the rec centre.

NATHANIEL (Nathan) RAYMOND (incumbent) - The pandemic forced us to delay many projects, especially in recreation and activities. Infrastructure projects were also delayed along with intermunicipal collaboration agreements.

AUDREY WATSON - Having worked for the town for many years, I've heard a lot of negativity about how and what is going on. I felt that maybe I could help to make changes for the better.

BARBARA WORSHEK - It's time for change. Council needs to listen to the concerns of the people and businesses with respect and consideration, not with threats of legal action.

What are your goals should you be elected?

FOSTER - Infrastructure remediation with the help of the financially-minded CAO; reviving May Long Weekend activities when it is safe to do so; reinvigorating a Thorsby Community Advisory Board to build community; maximize the potential of the rec centre; attract developers; and address the water treatment plant.

GILBERT - Taxes need to be further reduced in a sustainable manner; eliminate franchise fees: (hidden municipal tax that is added to your power and gas bill); continue to work on infrastructure projects; and ensure that Thorsby has good policies that are consistently and fairly practiced.

HALLIDAY - Reopening and revamping the programs at the recreation center; build a community my kids want to return to after their post-secondary education; upgrade buildings; and foster better lines of communication with residents.

KINSWATER - Bring respect and integrity back to Council; build a relationship of trust with the community; create lines of communication to the community; evaluate and reduce bylaws to reflect need; establish a cost-effective infrastructure plan; reinvigorate youth programming at the Complex; and implement small business strategies to reduce water costs.

MILLER - Find out what youth programs the Council was working on and see what can be improved and actioned; solve the Taylor Park issue; pave all unpaved roads; and better leverage the potential of the water treatment facility to benefit Thorsby.

MUSSON - Repairing relationships between CAO, Council, residents, and businesses - right now citizens feeling unheard or ignored. The Rec Complex needs to start pumping again - activities bring people together, which is a joy of small town life!

POFFENROTH - Apply sound management experience and decision making. Continue to reduce taxes and town debt as we have for the last four years while delivering affordable service. That is why taxes were reduced some 20% in the last two years.

RAFFA - Better reputation and relationship with the

community; work with neighbouring communities; more community events; more youth activities; better facility usage; build a balanced tax plan; address infrastructure issues; foster growth and development; locally source staff and tenders; and foster students' academic endeavours.

RASCH - Reestablish relationships with businesses, community groups, and surrounding communities through communication; be respectful, transparent, and honest; get the recreation centre and programming back on track; work with CAO to reevaluate staffing; address the water plan; evaluate infrastructure priorities in the coming years; and business development.

RAYMOND - Work with Council to achieve the best outcomes for our Town; always be available to our residents; and supporting youth in town as I pledged to make them feel as important as the rest of our residents.

WATSON - Having everyone feel that their voices will be heard.

WORSHEK - Address the school's concerns on our children's safety, our safety, and the safety of the community at large; address the debt; focus on infrastructure; have something viable in place for youth recreation; understand what has happened to our Complex; and conduct a viability report.

What is the greatest challenge facing Thorsby right now?

FOSTER - Negotiating a reasonable contract with the union is quite challenging. The reality of the unrealized potential of the water treatment plan and aging infrastructure. Maximizing the potential usage of our Recreation Centre.

GILBERT - Water. We have spent a great deal of time seeking out options to address this issue and a number of possible solutions are available. But it is a complicated problem with complicated solutions so it is important to get it right rather than do it fast.

HALLIDAY - The greatest challenge I believe we have, is our infrastructure. We need to take a hard look at the condition of some of the roads, the water infrastructure, and costs.

KINSWATER - Building a new relationship with the people of this community. Visitors to the Town Office should feel that our town is being honest, respectful, and answering questions or concerns in a timely manner. It will be a major challenge to repair this broken relationship.

MILLER - In my opinion, the waste and misuses of our town's budget and resources. The miscommunication or lack of communication. There is more of a blame game than a transparent problem solving mentality.

MUSSON - High taxes and water fees. Filling our empty lots with homes and attracting sustainable businesses, could lead to more affordable taxes. The businesses and people we have in Thorsby are great,

there is plenty of room for more!

POFFENROTH - Our unaffordable water system with crumbling infrastructure below ground. Over many years the underground system was not maintained and here we are trying to slowly rectify the neglect. Secondly would be electing unproven management to council.

RAFFA - The division between management, Council and the people. The cost of living should be the biggest challenge, but this lack of unity is a pressing issue. Working as a team, we can create a better, more affordable Thorsby.

RASCH - The rising costs of repairing and building new infrastructure, roads, and sidewalks; and encouraging businesses and new builds to Thorsby.

RAYMOND - The greatest challenge facing Thorsby right now is our failing underground infrastructure, and our liability of the water system, if there were to be a failure the cost would be astronomical.

WATSON - Encouraging businesses to come to our town; making water rates that are more affordable; better usage of our recreation facilities; and more accountability for money spent.

WORSHEK - Dealing with debt and infrastructure.

More on your candidates later in this edition.

Election day is October 18

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- 1) Work with Administration to put a Water Corporation together so water rates will go down over time. 100% Owned by the Taxpayers of Thorsby.
- 2) Continue with the Rec Center Plan: More Programs
- 3) Continue with Current Five Year Infrastructure Plan: Roads, Water, Sewer Sidewalks and Curbs.
- 4) Continue with the (FREE) Collaboration Program: City of Beaumont, City of Leduc, County of Leduc, Town of Devon, Town of Calmar, Town of Thorsby, Village of Warburg. To Bring Regional Economic Development and Tourism
- 5) Work with Council and Administration on Bylaws and Policies
- 6) Continue to Work with Administration to seek Grants Instead of Financing Capital Plans
- 7) Work with Council, Administration and The Lions to Expand and Upgrade the Campground
- 8) Continue to Work with Volunteer Groups for an Organized Common Approach
- 9) Continue with Efficiency Upgrades and Environment Programs
- 10) Work with Council, Administration to Keep Costs Down, and on Budget for the Thorsby Tax Payers.
- 11) Continue to Work with Council and Administration to Improve Lines of Communication.
- 12) Continue to Listen to Town Residents and Respond Accordingly.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION SERIES

Town of Thorsby - Councillor Candidates (continued)

How are you going to work with neighbouring municipalities to provide what the community needs at a reasonable cost?

FOSTER - The 39/20 Alliance cost \$5000/year for little benefit so Council sought out its own agreements with neighbouring communities to realize greater savings. The provincial government may require municipal resource sharing and our prior work puts us ahead of the curve.

GILBERT - The best intermunicipal agreements we have that result in a net benefit to Thorsby have come through open communication and a willingness to cooperate, which does not cost the taxpayer anything.

HALLIDAY - As I do feel Thorsby is the best, I believe that with a close working relationship with surrounding communities, we can, and will, only get better.

KINSWATER - More cost-sharing opportunities need to occur. There may be ways for all of our communities to share public works equipment during maintenance or breakdowns. Group costs could be reduced by bidding together on garbage and recycling programs. Friendly recreational competitions with other communities could be fun.

MILLER - Well, I would have to get voted in first, but discussing with the new Council, reviewing the areas we could improve on, and how we could come to a plan that will work for everyone.

MUSSON - I believe that as a small town we need to work jointly in agreements with neighboring communities to which would benefit all. eg. The same garbage contractor may give premium rates if utilized in close proximity.

POFFENROTH - We have, over the last couple of years, put together a large working relationship with all the large municipalities south and west of Edmonton. We now have agreements on emergency services, sharing of information on major issues and agreements allowing purchase of equipment before it goes up for public sale.

RAFFA - Working with neighbouring municipalities adds to our collective ability to host events, gain buying power, and apply for grants, etc. Starting with a needs assessment, we can keep costs reasonable by working together and increase community spirit.

RASCH - Reestablish the broken relationship with the 39/20 Alliance and encourage joint communication with neighbouring communities, look at cost sharing, and the sharing of ideas/plans.

RAYMOND - We have during this term signed multiple intermunicipal agreements (including emergency management, development) and intermunicipal collaboration frameworks that give us the opportunity to share services and attain affordable capital assets. Continuity of this process and our ability to have good working relationships is ongoing.

WATSON - I feel that this is a mayoral question but that

I would be very happy to work with the municipalities and surrounding communities in sharing our resources - be it recreation facilities, park spaces, or infrastructure assets to help reduce costs for everyone.

WORSHEK - Become again a partner of the 39/20 Alliance for businesses and for the sharing of assets and equipment to benefit all the communities involved. Engagement of trust and sharing makes all our communities stronger, safer and more fiscally responsible.

How can Thorsby best navigate the ongoing pandemic in a way that supports development while keeping people safe?

FOSTER - We followed AHS rules by closing out our recreation centre. It was reassuring to see the townspeople following reintroduced guidelines this fall. If I am reelected, I would definitely be in favour of a cautious reopening approach.

GILBERT - Continue a gradual reintroduction of service which can be managed, monitored, and adjusted up or down modestly to adapt to changes. The Town needs to provide consistency and predictability. The slow and measured approach can provide a stronger base to build back up from and avoid making knee-jerk reactions and unforeseen consequences.

HALLIDAY - For us to best navigate the ongoing pandemic we need to make sure that we are adhering to the safety guidelines that we are provided with.

KINSWATER - The number one priority of any council should be to maintain the safety of all its citizens by following the most current Alberta Health guidelines to the best of their ability. It's up to the Council to give its community and local business more support.

MILLER - Everyone wants to be safe but they also want to live their lives and do what's best for their families. AHS sets most policies. Cover when coughing or sneezing, wash your hands frequently, respect others boundaries, and if you're sick or showing symptoms stay home.

MUSSON - Ultimately, following AHS rules, of course. There is no reason that we can't offer programming, new businesses, new construction of homes, etc. If this is our new normal, carry on, continue living!

POFFENROTH - COVID is now a world problem with no end in sight. We must follow Alberta guidelines so there is no choice there. We also have a union contract to work with on starting-stopping services. This means layoffs and restarts can be costly and slower than other municipalities.

RAFFA - Addressing the fears that the big media has been pushing on people as a whole. There are communities that are operating without segregating people and allowing people to determine their own safety measures according to their personal conditions.

RASCH - We continue to keep open for business and programming while following AHS guidelines.

RAYMOND - We have to continue supporting provincial mandates and provide direction within the community on how best to deal with the situation, as it has changed so many times, it may change again in a blink of an eye.

WATSON - If we follow the AHS guidelines there should be no problems with welcoming businesses and everyone to our town. Our recreation centre stayed open during the last complete shut down until the last possible moment. With proper procedures for cleaning in place and protocols followed there should be no problems in reopening.

WORSHEK - Each individual has their own right to decisions they make for themselves. We need to join together for the good of all. Businesses need respect from their community so they can serve us during this, and all, times. Development will come if we support each other.

What else would you like voters to know about you and your bid to be a Town Councillor?

FOSTER - I am thankful for the trust that citizens placed in our council and we can be reelected to finish the work. I am a good listener and have always believed in the goodness and fairness of my fellow man.

GILBERT - Aside from my background in business and the trades, I also have a post-secondary education in political science which I find is very helpful in being effective on Council.

HALLIDAY - I feel the love, hear the concerns, and want to be part of growth. I am able to listen with an open mind and use my voice when needed. I would consider myself a town resident before being a councillor.

KINSWATER - I grew up just outside Town and my wife, Katie, and I moved back 16 years ago to start our family, which reengaged me in the community. I was involved in a workplace accident and am working on my Business Administration-Entrepreneur designation.

MILLER - I believe Council needs to be transparent with the community, ensuring residents are both informed and included. The Town Office should be able to help residents find the information they need and everyone should be treated fairly.

MUSSON - To anybody that does not know me, I can assure you that I will be trustworthy, accountable, responsible, ethical and make decisions which will impact others with a clear conscience.

POFFENROTH - I want our voters to know my experience and success is top notch. I have 50 years of manufacturing management experience. I have spent years on various boards like PSAC Argus Machine, and Stoneham Drilling (a TSX corporation). Can other candidates match it?

RAFFA - I am here to help, learn, and grow with this community. I am open to discussing ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Voters can contact me at CR Thorsby/Pet Necessities (780.789.0147), on

Facebook, or by emailing raffa.thorsbycouncil@gmail.com.

RASCH - My background in finance and HR, being a people person and a hard worker, and having an analytical and logical mind make me well suited to consider matters that would come before Council and carry out the duties required.

RAYMOND - I am always available to discuss residents' concerns through various methods of communication. I am a Commissioner of Oaths to help the community and will continue this along with all my other activities. I had lots to do, and I'm not done yet!

WATSON - Worked for the Stollery pediatric OR for 26 years and have worked at the Thorsby recreation centre for 10. I was raised in the Glen Park area and remember Thorsby's history. Hopefully, we can work together to make Thorsby great again.

WORSHEK - I think of running for Council as a volunteer position - many hard hours for the benefit of a community I love. It is a huge commitment and I have experience helping out with many organizations after 34 year in this community.

What is your favourite breakfast food?

FOSTER - Ultimate Omelet at Denny's.

GILBERT - I don't eat breakfast.

HALLIDAY - An egg sandwich with lots of bacon and runny yolk.

KINSWATER - French toast.

MILLER - Traditional French toast with icing sugar.

MUSSON - A McGriddle.

POFFENROTH - Bacon and eggs are great. Smoked salmon would be good. Maybe just a Muffin.

RAFFA - Blueberry, banana, chocolate chip waffles with natural maple syrup, breakfast sausages, poached eggs, with some avocado pear.

RASCH - Scrambled eggs with lots of fried vegetables.

RAYMOND - I go through a lot of bacon!

WATSON - Pancakes.

WORSHEK - Spuds and eggs.

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Moving Forward To A Bright Future

I don't think I have to introduce myself, but I was part of the most dynamic council the Town of Thorsby has had in a long time.

I have spent most of my life in service to others as a teacher, ski patroller, ski instructor, volunteer ski host in Marmot Basin, and passenger service agent with Wardair Canada. In business I was a partner in a pre-landscaping company, and manager of an RV dealership that was brought back from a potential closure in the course of three years of a five year commitment.

Following is a list of projects that are proposed or in progress.

- We have produced a comprehensive photo record of every foot of Thorsby sidewalks that need replacement or repair. A remediation schedule for prioritizing the work must be undertaken by the new council.
- Infrastructure remediation will proceed with MSI funding and other grants. we cannot raise taxes or borrow money.
- Our CAO has done a remarkable job in gaining efficiencies in our budget. her diligent work will continue.
- The water plant, a financial drain, already in discussion, must be addressed next council.
- Efforts have been made and will continue to get legitimate developers and intransigent landowners together to attract more people to live in Thorsby. Remember: more citizens, more tax revenue, more reason to attract business to Hankin Street. A win-win!
- Re-start the pre-Pandemic discussions meant to form a working group of citizens to undertake projects that will be an asset to our community.
- Our new and personable Recreation Manager has already formulated a management plan and will welcome community input.
- The Mayor/CAO monthly working meetings with other Leduc County municipalities has already borne financial fruit in cost savings for Thorsby and will continue in the future at no cost to the community.
- We will continue posting budgets and quarterly financial snapshots on our website.
- We will continue to work on the issue of transparency. Our council meetings have always been open to the public and we encourage public interaction and visitor engagement during meetings.
- More emphasis is being taken on enhancing communication. Installation of the electronic sign beside the Chamber of Commerce sign has officially been approved by the Alberta Transportation and construction will be started before freeze-up.
- We are presently waiting for approval of our \$900,000.00 accessibility grants for the Recreation Centre.
- We will continue to fine-tune our by-laws and policies where necessary.

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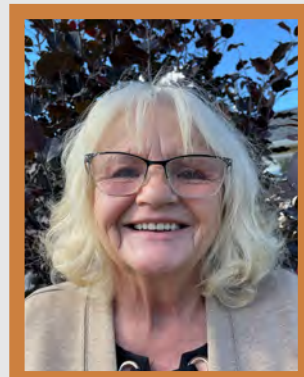
VOTE

**AUDREY
WATSON**

FOR COUNCILLOR

"A VOICE OF REASON"

**BEST OF LUCK TO
ALL CANDIDATES**



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are printed in the order they are received

Accountability and transparency according to Rod Raymond

No one toots their horn about transparency more than Mayor Rod Raymond. Under his watch, the Town is being run the way it should be—the Rod way. Everything runs fine as long as you don't argue, don't ask questions, and don't look too closely at how the town is mismanaged.

Most municipalities require quotes and do not sole-source contracts. Not in Thorsby. Take GWI, or Gilbert Williams Industry, a local heating and plumbing company. If the company's name sounds familiar, it's because Councillor Cory Gilbert is one of its owners. Under Mayor Rod, it seems business naturally flows to GWI. Now I get it, we should all support local businesses, but I have a problem when some businesses get special treatment. And, I seriously question whether we, the taxpayers, are getting value for the money being spent to maintain and operate Arctic Spa Recreation Centre.

After four years in office, it appears Mayor Rod Raymond is unfamiliar with the *Municipal Government Act*. It states: Although there is no prohibition on doing business with the municipality when you are a member of council, every contract or agreement with the municipality in which you have an interest must be approved by council (section 173 of the MGA). Allow me to explain this to you, Rod. Under the MGA, Council needs to approve any contract involving a Councillor's business. You cannot make up your own rules. If you really believed about accountability and transparency (rather than just talking about it on Facebook), you would publicly disclose which member(s) of Council have a business relationship with the Town and how much money they have received to date.

It appears there is an uneven playing field when it comes to issuing work in Thorsby. Some companies do not have to provide estimates and

compete for tendering of contracts, small and large. This creates major accountability issues. For example, if there is any deficiency in the work done by a Councillor's company, it is highly unlikely that the Town Manager, who reports to the Council, will risk a confrontation with the Councillor. I get nervous when companies owned by elected officials get business with no quotes, no agreements, and no contracts. They simply get paid.

Ask yourself, should the Mayor follow the rules in the *Municipal Government Act* or be allowed to make his own? Should a Councillor's company receive preferential treatment for work in the town? And, when a Councillor has a pecuniary (financial) interest involving the Town, should it be publicly declared?

The Rod way is to look the other way. Remember that on October 18th.

Jason Harley

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in Thorsby all my life. I have worked and voted in many elections, and I have never been so disappointed in any previous elections as I am with this one.

Previously there was no Facebook or Rant & Rave for people to nit-pick but we had more respect for the candidates who ran for council. The hurtful things written in the Target's "Letter to the editor" were unnecessary. perhaps COVID-19 is making us all angry. But why? Water, taxes, streets and even the Complex were headaches for us when I was on council 35 years ago. They are the problems of today and will be for future councils as well.

Running a Village is not a game, but very complex, regardless of the size. Having a CAO, who is knowledgeable in accounting, etc etc, is a valuable asset to the town, as well as to the councillors to keep a town viable.

I hope that common sense will prevail and that all of you voters will think long and hard before you vote for the candidate you think will do the best job for the next four long years remember Mon, Oct 18th is a day to vote.

Phyllis Madiuk

Letter the Editor:

For some unfathomable reason, some individual or individuals have taken great pleasure in targeting certain political signs in place in our community. Some even have been deliberately run over by a vehicle. And it appears that I have been deliberately targeted for reasons that I cannot fathom. My count is now at two stolen, three damaged (probably kicked over) and one deliberately made unusable. At first I was angry, but then on reflection, I began to feel great pity for someone who felt they could stroke their inadequate egos by doing something as dumb as this.

At this time I would like to respond to the unfounded statements to the unfounded statements by the mysterious J.Harley.

I can assure you and Mr.Hintz that if the topic of advanced polls had come up in August that it would have been considered by the Returning Officer.

Thorsby's audited financial statements are on the town's website.

Have you looked up the dictionary meaning of "vandalism"?

What service levels are lower?

We inherited the "bull in the china shop" water treatment plant and resultant budget killing debt from previous councils. The Pandemic forced a delay in discussion but in recent months with the assistance of our CAO we have resumed investigating the options that must be pursued by the next council.

I am sorry you have failed to take the time to walk around our town and see for yourself what has been accomplished in infrastructure mediation in three of the past four years. And for your information 54th avenue was on the list identified by the last council. Certainly the \$140,000.00 spent on three repairs during the winter 2017/18 had a lot to do with why it rose to the top of the list.

The council has no need to reply to an unfounded claim of patronism since this charge has no foundation in truth. Please take the time to

look up the meaning of the word "innuendo".

As for the council bragging, I am proud of my contribution to the overall positive performance of this council.

Finally, in response to the baseless complaints about our lack of transparency. Our council meetings, unlike that those of the last council have from the beginning of our term been open to the public, even during the Pandemic. Ask around and you will find that we encourage interaction with the public in attendance,(even those partaking via ZOOM), unheard of in the previous council.

Respectfully submitted

Ivor D. Foster, Councilor

Letter to the Editor

In reply to the letter to the editor by J.Harley. Is this the same person as Jason Harley? Much of what you wrote is pure hogwash. I can show you numerous acts of vandalism. Taylor Park is not one of them.

I ask you in my last letter to come and meet with me to discuss these issues. No response Mr.Harley or is it Mrs?

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene MacPherson

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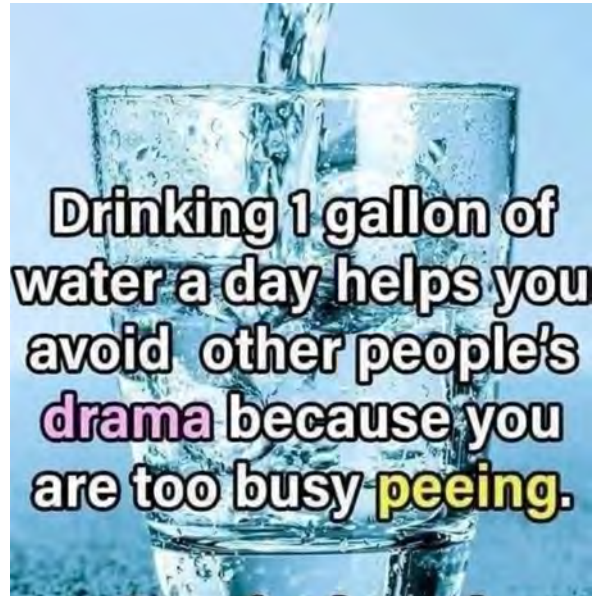
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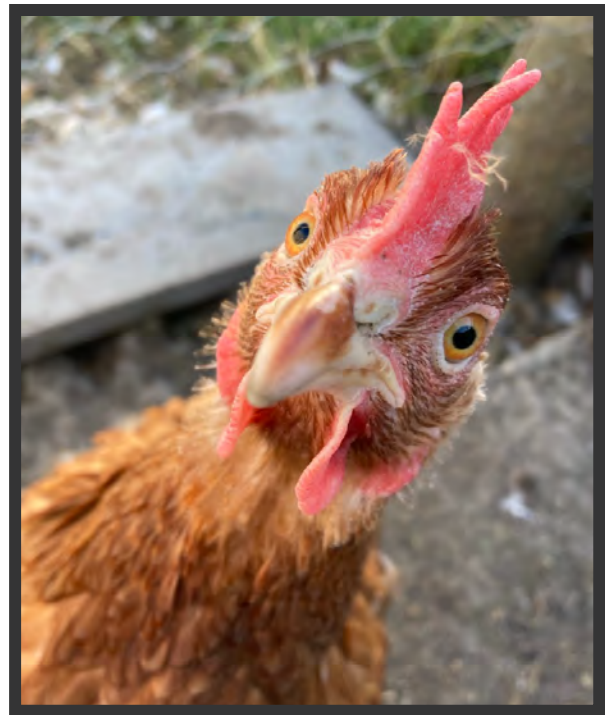
Why did the chicken
cross the playground?
To get to the other *slide*!

**Sometimes when you cry
nobody sees your tears...**

**Sometimes when you're hurt
nobody sees your pain...**

**Sometimes when you're sad
nobody sees your sorrow...**

BUT FART JUST ONE TIME...



This is Larissa's feathered pet "Nugget"!

Have a cute or funny pet or wildlife picture from the
area that you'd like to share?

Email it to media@community39.com
or text 780.499.9006

what did the
evil chicken lay?



deviled eggs



VOTE

CAROL REMPEL

for **MAYOR of THORSBY**

I decided to run for mayor to encourage meaningful communication in a fair and transparent manner between the council and residents, to listen to the concerns of the community, to **Value differences and Create Unity**. Having a business background, owning Warburg Lumber, Kara Consulting (a bookkeeping co.) and Apollo Concrete besides taking Economics at University, facilitating a communications workshop, chairing many committees, has given me the tools to be a sincere and positive leader for Thorsby.

We want a sense of community pride, and our community spirit back!

As past Executive Director of a large Chamber of Commerce I enhanced my marketing skills and through positive communication, I maintained a growing and effective working relationship with businesses and organizations. My knowledge of finances, budgets and working with the public gave me the skills necessary for governance, and the ability to chair the council meetings in an organized and timely manner. Partnerships benefit everyone not only with cost reduction but with relationships. As a volunteer with FCSS, Xmas Elves, Capital Power, Leduc Foundations, and the Spirit of Thorsby Fundraising Committee, also gave me the opportunity to collaborate with passionate people.

***Teamwork is coming together, keeping together,
and working together. That's success!***

Valuing Differences, Creating Unity

**I would like to congratulate all candidates for running in the
election and wish everyone the best of luck**



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~~\$320,000~~ REDUCED \$299,000



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 porch addition, wood stove,
 2 bedroom. E4260303 \$72,000



WARBURG BUNGALOW



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 basement, double garage,
 hot tub, huge deck and more.
 E4254675 \$345,000

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 2 bath, replace,
 double garage,
 air conditioning
 \$439,000. E4258936

WARBURG SPECIAL

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 tear down and build?
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WARBURG GARAGE

22'x24' double garage built in 1986
 on 45x115 foot lot. No power.
 Partially fenced. Great for storage.
 E4194826 \$35,000



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Residential Lot 12
 \$24,000
 Lots 23-25
 Your choice \$45,000

Commercial Lot
~~\$27,000 ea.~~ REDUCED \$15,000
Pie Lot In Cul de sac
~~\$35,000~~
 REDUCED \$29,000

BRETON



Large bungalow, 3 bed, 2
 bath, 20x26 double garage,
 RV parking. E4258843
~~\$170,000~~ REDUCED \$150,000

OWNED LOT

2009 modular, 3 bedroom,
 2 bath, private driveway
 E4044911 ~~\$180,000~~
 REDUCED \$140,000

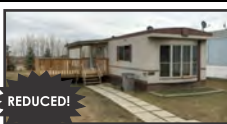


54 ACRES

Nicely set up 2003 modular, 3
 bed, 2 bath, 24x32' shop, small
 barn, fenced, corrals. E4249752
~~\$485,231~~ REDUCED \$421,231



WARBURG



Own the lot, many upgrades,
 2 bed, 1 bath, open concept,
 2 sheds, apple tree. E4011044
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 street, fenced, back lane
 access. E4255633 \$100,000

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 E4254590 \$319,000



BRETON

2 bed plus den bungalow.
 Finished basement. Double
 garage. Upgraded shingle
 siding, windows.
 E4236973 \$130,000

