

# THORSBY TARGET

## Public input needed to help shape RCMP policing priorities

Local RCMP detachments are looking for public input to help set policing priorities for the year ahead.

Each year, RCMP from the Leduc and Thorsby/Breton detachments are tasked with establishing policing priorities to ensure that, in addition to responding to calls for service, members focus on the issues the public thinks is most important.

Residents in the Leduc County area -- including the City of Leduc, towns of Calmar and Thorsby, and Village of Warburg -- are encouraged to share their top three policing priorities in a three-minute online survey.

This feedback provides our members with a true understanding of the areas our citizens are most concerned about, so we can best direct our resources and build safer communities.  
Dale Kendall, Leduc RCMP inspector and detachment commander

Local policing priorities will be determined based on the feedback the RCMP receives from the communities it serves.

What works in one location might not work in the neighbouring town. Every community has different needs and this survey allows us to adapt our approach to the unique needs of the communities we serve. Harp Dhaliwal, Thorsby/Breton RCMP detachment commander

This survey has been conducted annually since 2015 and feedback has influenced policing priorities. The survey is open from Feb. 1 to 28 and can be accessed at [surveymonkey.com/RCMP2019](http://surveymonkey.com/RCMP2019); print copies are available at the Leduc and Thorsby/Breton RCMP stations.

The City of Leduc and Leduc County have partnered with the RCMP to conduct this brief survey to ensure that policing priorities align with those of the public.



Above: On December 6, 2018 Sew Heavenly Quilters invited Victim Services from Leduc to join them for a potluck at the Warburg Cultural Centre. After lunch, quilts and afghans were presented to Victim Services. A good time was had by all.

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Check-out Time is 5:30 p.m. (no later)

Cost is \$200 for a 2 person team plus a youth under the age of 16 and includes a chili supper and two tickets to the TFGA Annual Banquet held on March 30th, 2019.

**Participants must be a TFGA member. Memberships available before or on the morning of the hunt.**

All prizes awarded at the banquet.

**Do not delay in registering, space is limited!!!**

For more information please contact:

Darcy Colleton (780) 621-9497 or

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- The importance of written agreements
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*If you have a draft agreement that requires feedback, please bring it to the workshop; Janet will review it and provide comment at a later date.*

**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 21  
**Time:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Leduc County Community and Operations Centre Boardroom, 1105 – 5th Street, Nisku  
**Cost:** no charge

Limited space is available. For more information and to register, contact Kim at:

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## Help set priorities for Leduc and Thorsby RCMP

Leduc County and the City of Leduc have partnered with the RCMP to conduct a brief survey to ensure that RCMP priorities align with those of the public.

Take the survey at [surveymonkey.com/r/RCMP2019](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCMP2019) by Feb. 28 to let us know what you think the RCMP's top policing priorities should be!



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 Tuesday 19 | Council of the Whole Meeting  
 Tuesday 26 | Regular Council Meeting

**MARCH 2019**

Tuesday 5 | Council of the Whole Meeting  
 Tuesday 12 | Regular Council Meeting  
 Tuesday 19 | Council of the Whole Meeting  
 Tuesday 26 | Regular Council Meeting

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**Strawberry Hall Annual Meeting** Tuesday February 26, at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome! Call 780-789-2446 for information or 780-789-2180

**Thorsby Municipal Library Hours:** Tuesday 10 am- 7 pm, Wednesday Noon-7 pm, Thursday & Friday 10 am- 5 pm, Saturday 11 am-2 pm (closed Saturdays of long weekends) Questions/Feedback/RSVP contact us through Facebook (Thorsby Municipal Library) or call 780-789-3808. Winter Programming coming soon

**Community United Church** – Join us for worship, programs, community outreach. Sunday worship at 10:30 AM Telfordville: 2nd Sunday of each month Warburg: remaining Sundays of each month. 780-848-2227.

**Thorsby Senior’s Thrift Store** Regular Hours Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm. Donations accepted and appreciated. Dollar Days still on! 4812 - 51 Street Thorsby (south of Esso)

**Treasures Thrift Shop** located in Community United Church, 5112-53 St. Warburg, is open every Wednesday from 10 am - 4 pm. Gratefully accepting donations of clean, gently used clothing and small household items on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

**FUN AND EXERCISE Sandholm Modern Square dance club** welcomes NEW MEMBERS, youth, couples and singles. THURSDAYS started Oct. 4th at 7 p.m. at Sandholm Hall (10 miles south of Thorsby) First night for New Dancers FREE. For more information contact Dave 780-238-5844 or Doris 780 389-2381.

**Crib Nights** - Run every Wednesday night at Arctic Spas Recreation Complex from 6 - 9 pm. New players are always welcome!

**Thorsby Senior’s Soup & Sandwich Day** at the Senior’s Centre is on the second Wednesday of every month. Five dollars will buy you a bowl of soup, a sandwich, a coffee, tea, or juice. Enjoy all this between

11:30-1:30 pm. Birthday Party follows at 1:30 pm. Everyone Welcome!

**Leduc Public Market** runs every Thursday 10-3 in the City Center Mall (Ken’s Furniture) 5201 50 Street. Lots of vendors with a wide variety of items. For tables or info call Jenna 780-868-7616.

**St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church** - Sunday Worship @10:30 a.m., Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month; Confirmation and Adult study on Tuesdays; Bible study 1,3,5, sundays of the month. Pastor Ron Flamand, interim pastor. Call 780-789-3873

**“Busy Brushes”** meet every Wednesday from 10-2, at the Warburg Cultural Centre. Everyone welcome! Come join us for some relaxing fun and art. Call Linda Mayr @780 848 7782 for more info.

**Monthly Jam Sessions** - Wilton Park Community Ctr. 4th Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm October - April (excl. Dec.) Everyone welcome! For more info call 780.985.2478

**Winfield Legion** monthly potluck and dance is last Thursday of the month. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Supper is 6:00 PM. Everyone welcome.

**Volunteers with Dogs Wanted** to visit seniors in the Warburg area. Dogs must have a friendly disposition and be well groomed. There will be an interview process. Call Elizabeth for more info! 780.848.1015.

**Thorsby Bingo** Bingo is held every Thursday evening at the Senior’s Centre 4812-51st Street. Regular Bingo starts at 7:15 p.m. Early Bird is at 7:00 p.m. Loonie Pots and Progressive Bingos.

**Thorsby Senior’s Supper Meetings** These monthly meetings will now be held in the Senior’s Centre (4812-51st Street) and are on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Members are requested to bring a potluck dish. Memberships are available for \$10 from Elaine Warnock at 780.221.3939.

**Thorsby & District Lions’ Club** (non-profit organization serving Thorsby & District), Meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Lions’ Den in Community Hall Basement at 7:00 pm. For information

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**Foot Care Nurse** will be at the Thorsby Recreation Centre on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Please call Irene at 780-789-3176 to make an appointment or for information.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** at Thorsby Fire Hall - Mondays, weigh in at 9:00 to 9:15 am, meetings 9:15 - 9:45 am, for more info call Sherilyn 780-621-3461 or Elaine 780-221-3939.

**Ashland Dam Park** - For reservations call Kelly or Glenn @ (780) 898-9636.

**Breton Golden Age Club** - Cards every Monday at 1 pm. Floor Curling every Tuesday at 1 pm. Last Monday of every month is Potluck at 11:30 am with cards to follow. Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of every month, everyone including new members welcome!

**Thorsby Community Centre** - For bookings call Marlene at 780-789-3734 or text 780-217-9394 or email [thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com). Visit our website [tcahs.yolasite.com](http://tcahs.yolasite.com).

**Warburg Alliance Church** Fall Worship Service 11 am. Sunday School 9:45 am. (Summer Worship Service 10:30 am) (No Sunday School for the summer) Bible Studies. Do you need prayer? Please call 780-848-7577

**Telfordville Hall** - For bookings call Tracy at 780-718-9549 after 5:00 pm.

**Sunnybrook Hall** - For bookings call Cheryl Krawiec @ 780-789-3193 or 780-920-1950. Sunnybrook Hall Meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

**Morrowdale Community Hall** - For bookings call Elaine at 780-789-2104.

**Mulhurst Legion Hall:** For Hall Bookings call Marie: 780-361-7350

**Centreldge Community Centre** - For bookings call Caroline 780-789-3089.

**Glen Park Hall** - For bookings call Mike at 780-919-1250.

**Sandholm Community Hall** - For hall bookings call Doris 780-389-2381.

**Rundle's Mission** - For hall bookings call 780-389-2422 or [www.rundlesmission.org](http://www.rundlesmission.org).

**Strawberry Community Hall** - Call Ollie at 780-789-2180.

**Warburg Cultural Society** meets quarterly at the Warburg Cultural Centre at 7:00 pm. Our meet-

ings are Feb 18, 2019 (AGM); May 20, 2019. Call Linda McLaughlin @780 848 2916 or Helen Spasoff @780 848 2944. Call Helen for rental of the facility, tables, tablecloths, wine glasses. Call us to see our new kitchen and other renovations!

**Wilton Park Community Centre** - For Hall Bookings Call Deneice Gibb 780-777-8642.

**Genesee Community Hall** - Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229.

**Breton Golden Age Centre Rentals** - \$10 / hour with \$25.00 for use of kitchen or \$15/day. Deposit of \$50 required. **Call Pat at 780.696.2056**

**Breton Crib Tournaments** will be held every Saturday at the **Breton Golden Age Centre** - Starting January 5th at 12:30 p.m. except July & August.

**Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club Quarterly General Meetings and Birthday Celebrations** will be held on the second Tuesday of March, June, September and December at 1:00 PM. A birthday cake will be provided by the club, however if you wish to bring a treat to help celebrate your birthday you are welcome to do so.

**Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club 4916** - 50 Ave Calmar **hosts Music Jammers** on the fourth Tuesday of every month ( except July, August and December). Cost is \$7.00 per person, a light lunch is served. (It has been rumoured that this is the best lunch in the county for this event).

**Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club 4916** - 50 Ave Calmar: **hall rentals**, please contact Marg Roskewich 780-985-3221. Rental Rates: 4 hr or less \$100 and more than 4 hrs \$200.00

**Warburg Legion Hall** is available for rent at \$75.00 for a full day, \$50.00 for ½ day, deposit of \$50 refundable upon inspection. For Hall rental please contact Tina Tollenaar at 780.848.2469. For events, meetings or information, please call Max at 780 848.2923.

**Warburg Museum** - Open every Saturday from 1 pm - 4 pm, excluding holiday weekends. Homemade pie & beverage only \$4.00! New members always welcome and appreciated! Susie 780.848.2507

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## Straight Out of Thorsby

*From the County of Leduc, from Alberta and Canada, from Singapore to the U.K., from Australia to Holland, from the USA to Panama, Thorsby graduates are making a difference. This is the eleventh installment in a series of profiles which indicate what a small school and community can produce.*

*The people who conduct the interviews are Audrey Brosseau and John Elson. If you have suggestions please contact John at 780-789-3822 or Audrey at 780-886-0658.*

ALLAN THERIAULT

I grew up on a small farm in the Telfordville Valley and attended school in Thorsby, graduating in 1973. Telfordville was a wonderful place to live as I was close to nature. There was freedom to explore and there was Strawberry Creek running through the land. I would skate on the creek ice in the winter and imagined I would be a great NHL star.

My grandparents and an uncle lived within walking distance. There was a country store and a gas station close by and it was great to go to both. Thorsby was the big town and we could go there for other shopping and business.

A yellow bus, driven by Eddy Alton and later, Johnny Rovinsky, would faithfully pick me up at the road and take me to school. I really appreciated the kindness and patience of my bus drivers. Riding the bus helped me to learn the importance of punctuality and to cultivate the skill of interacting with people.

At school, I remember great times spent at recess playing soccer in the snow and building friendships. I recall great times with classmates, playing cards at lunch and participating in ball games outdoors. Class sizes were small at Thorsby and we had lots of individual attention and we had great teachers.

When it was time to graduate from high school, I recall being very confused as to what to do next. I was ready to explore and move on, but I wasn't quite convinced four more years of education were in the cards for me. In consulting my classmates I found one was going to NAIT to be a Heavy Duty Mechanic. Another was going to NAIT to study Oil and Gas Technology. Others were going to study Drafting and Business and it seemed they were all going to NAIT. NAIT, apparently, was the place to be – obtain some specialized training and move on. I applied to a NAIT program in Biological Science where you could be close to nature and become a wildlife officer. Sadly,

there were limited seats available and my grades were not quite good enough. Forestry at NAIT was my second choice but it was full. I chose Surveying Technology next as an opportunity to get studies that were outdoors related. I was successful in this attempt. Though I didn't get into my first two choices, it turned out that Surveying Technology would be my niche.

At NAIT there were wonderful instructors and small class sizes. I graduated in 1975 and took a job with Alberta Transportation Property Services as Assistant District Surveyor. We were initially based in Spirit River where I worked on legal surveys for widening roads in the Peace Country. I liked the fact that we were always moving around and seeing new places. Later, our crew moved to Edson and we worked in the Edson-Hinton-Whitecourt area surveying for roads. In this job, we were always looking for old survey posts, placed by others many decades ago, on which to base our surveys. One aspect of my job that I truly enjoyed was that we were always searching and exploring.

Edson was also where I met my future wife, Pat. She was teaching school there and I met her through a friend teaching in the same school. Being close to the mountains, we were able to enjoy skiing.

After working as a Survey Technologist for three years, I took a trip to New Zealand. There, I was presented with an opportunity to move to South Africa to survey in mine sites; however, I declined and chose to return to Edson and propose marriage to Pat instead. Best decision ever! I also decided to upgrade my education and I enrolled in the Civil Engineering Degree program at the University of Alberta. Besides the studies being intensive, I was challenged by the fact I had been out of the study routine for several years. My NAIT training and surveying experience helped me obtain good paying and relevant jobs in the summers. One particularly interesting summer job was spent helping to survey the CN railway main line from Biggar, Saskatchewan to Vancouver B.C. using new satellite surveying methods.

In 1983, when I graduated with a B. Sc. In Engineering, Alberta was in the middle of a recession and unemployment was high. There were no job opportunities to be had locally. However, I was offered a scholarship to help me continue in graduate studies. I carried on and obtained a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering with a specialization in Transportation Engineering. My research was related to the impact of the Edmonton LRT system. I also completed the academic requirements to become an Alberta Land Surveyor at the same time.

Opportunities started to present themselves and

in 1985 I started to work as a junior engineer in Edmonton at Stewart, Weir and Co. Ltd. I worked on the Transportation and Utility Corridors surrounding Edmonton and Calgary, helping the government to determine how much land would be needed. As time went by, I got involved in numerous highway design and construction projects and I was also able to use my Alberta Land Surveyors designation within the company. There was very little shortage of work and long hours were involved.

In the early 1990's I received a call from a professor at the U of A because they needed someone to teach a highway design course as a sessional lecturer for the Civil Engineering Department. With my employer's permission, I accepted and soon was preparing lessons. I did this for a few years and found teaching was a good fit for me. In 1996, I received another call from one of my former NAIT instructors informing me there was an opening to teach there and wondered if I was interested. The timing was right as I was enjoying teaching at the U of A and felt that perhaps this would be a good change. I would be able to spend more time with my family.

I applied for the position at NAIT and I was accepted as an Instructor in the NAIT Civil Engineering Technology program in 1996. The work was challenging but very rewarding. Four years later, I became the program Head of the Geomatics Engineering Technology Program and I stayed in administration there for 14 years. I have been working at NAIT since then and am now back to teaching as an instructor, which is what I like best. Retirement is in my near future.

Pat and I have two children and we are very proud of them both. Jennifer earned a degree from the School of Business at the University of Alberta and is now living in Stockholm, Sweden, working as a Business Analyst for Telia, a large Swedish Telecom company. Jeffrey earned an Engineering degree, also from the University of Alberta and lives in Edmonton, working as a Computer Engineer for Bioware, which is an Electronic Arts Inc. gaming studio. Pat and I enjoy travelling and we have been to Sweden many times to see our daughter and grandchildren. We have made several trips to Ireland to see where Pat's grandparents lived before they emigrated to Canada. We also enjoy traveling to the Maritimes and the last time we were there, we spent some time investigating my Acadien\* heritage on my paternal grandfather's side. Thank you, Thorsby, for good memories and for the great start.

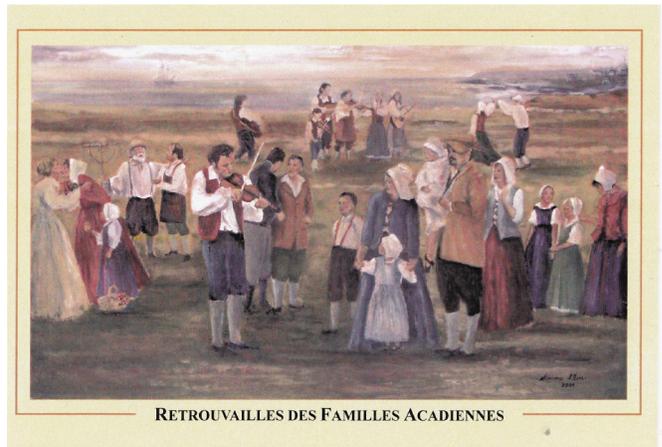
\*Editor's note by Laurie Gellert:

Acadia was the name given to what now comprises the Maritime provinces of Canada at a time when

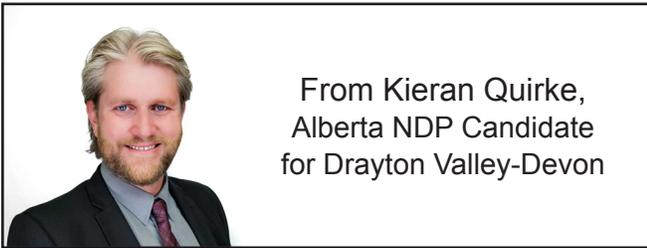
the area was part of the French Colonial Empire in North America. The first settlers arrived in the 17th century. Wars with Britain resulted in the deportation of at least 10,000 Acadians from the area in the 18th century. They were sent to France, the New England colonies and Louisiana (where they became known as Cajuns). With a lull in the fighting many made their way back to what is now New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and P.E.I. Their lands had been taken over by English colonists and life was difficult but they were a particularly hardy group. Descendants are still many (think: Allan Theriault) and in the previously mentioned provinces the Acadien flag is still flown in front of many homes and businesses.



Pictured Above:  
NAIT Head of Geomatics Engineering Technology Allan Theriault. He administered this program for fourteen years. In this picture he is holidaying at Cinque Terre, Italy.



Pictured Above:  
Reunion of the Acadiens upon arrival back in their Maritime homeland.



From Kieran Quirke,  
Alberta NDP Candidate  
for Drayton Valley-Devon

## Why the Supreme Court of Canada decision on Orphan Well Cleanup is Good for Alberta

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled in favour of the “polluter-pays” principle with the decision that Energy companies must fulfill their environmental obligations before paying back creditors in the case of their insolvency or bankruptcy.

This is critical to Alberta’s role as a responsible energy producer. I believe that when properly interpreted, the federal Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act does not permit an oil and gas license holder to walk away from end-of-life obligations. The vast majority of companies are responsible and play by the rules, but we need to be protected from those few that don’t.

This decision means Albertans are protected from irresponsible operators, and working families won’t have to pay for the financial and environmental liabilities left behind when companies walk away from their social, economic, and environmental obligations.

The Alberta Government, the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER), the Orphan Well Association (OWA), and the Warburg Pembina Surface Rights Group, among others, still have to complete a thorough review of this decision, but all are pleased by this progress.

I talked with Karl Zajes, President of the Warburg Pembina Surface Rights Group, who said, “This is an important, positive decision with beneficial changes for landowners across Alberta.”

This government has been cleaning up orphan wells faster than ever before. In December 2017, the Alberta Government provided a \$235M loan to support and increase OWA’s efforts, to be repaid by the OWA through the annual Orphan Fund Levy starting this year. So far, over 2,400 wells have been cleaned up, creating over 1,600 jobs through over 200 Alberta contractors.

And, this government tightened up the rules by closing a loophole to keep the few irresponsible companies off the landscape – known as AER Directive 67.

This included fixing the system for assessing corporate risk, ensuring companies that don’t play by the rules, or get behind on payments to landowners, are flagged and tagged sooner. It also takes a thorough look at hard timelines and targets for operators to clean wells. This was important considering some have been inactive for over a decade.

The Notley government also made it easier for communities and industry to work together on cleaning up more sites in a single area for the same amount of money by introducing the Area-based Closure System. It has also given landowners more of a voice if inactive

wells near them are posing a problem.

Overall, this decision from the Supreme Court of Canada is good for industry, good for landowners, and good for the environment. It’s how business and community should work together.

As your Alberta NDP Candidate for Drayton Valley-Devon, I’m always happy to speak with you about the issues that matter in rural Alberta and in our communities. I want to hear your thoughts on issues and plans that will affect our province, our community, and your family.

If you have any questions or concerns, or you would like to get involved, please write to me at [DraytonValley-Devon@albertaNDP.ca](mailto:DraytonValley-Devon@albertaNDP.ca) I look forward to hearing from you!



The Thorsby 4-H Multi Club has been busy the last few months doing club activities and working on their projects. In November we did a Stawnichy’s fundraiser. On December 6, the club had their Christmas party at the Arctic Spa’s Rec Center. We played in the field house, had a pizza party and did a Chinese gift exchange. In November and December members volunteered with the fireman’s food drive and visited seniors at Happy Haven in Thorsby, Cloverleaf Manor in Warburg and the Devon Hospital.

On January 6, the club had their Public Speaking Competition where members could either write a speech or do a presentation. Everyone did a fantastic job and another thanks goes out to all the judges. The winners were: Junior Speech: 1st - Justin Kronschnabl, 2nd - Joseph Saarela; Junior Presentation: 1st - Kaleb de Boer, 2nd - Lauren Saarela; Intermediate Speech: 1st - Colby Borys, 2nd - Stefanie Wegner; Intermediate Present: 1st - Ashton & Ethan Dobko, 2nd - Shaylin Wegner; Senior Speech: 1st - Amanda Harakal, 2nd - Josh Borys; Senior Presentation: 1st - Jaeden de Boer, 2nd - Alanna Wegner. Congratulations to these members.

February is a busy month as there are numerous events happening at both the district and club level. Feb. 8 is district curling at the Calmar Curling Rink and Feb. 9 is the district public speaking competition at Cloverlawn Community Hall. Hope members have fun and good luck to those representing the club at public speaking. The beef club is having a calf tour day on Feb 10, where members will get to check out each others animals and see how they are doing. Looking forward to these events and what’s coming up in the future months. Stay tuned...

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Some other 4-H activities we will be doing in the next couple months will be going to the Camrose Ski Hill and trying Luge as well as Laser Tag in Red Deer.

Our Communication Competition is also coming up on February 3, 2019 and we want to wish everyone good luck on their speeches and presentations.



**February is:**  
**Heart Month and**  
**Black History Month**  
**-check out the Breton Booster for**  
**Black History events!**



## Crib Results

The winners of the January 30th Crib Night were:

- 1st Place - Eugene Senio - 933
- 2nd Place - Marvin Wager - 926
- 3rd Place - Orest Fitzowich - 921
- Low - Lloyd Snider - 843
- High Hand - Lynn Watson with 21

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### Eat these to beat cravings BY MARYGRACE TAYLOR

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#### START THE DAY OFF RIGHT

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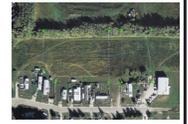
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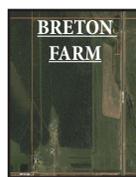
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