

THE WARBURG BUGLE



Public health measures in Leduc County

Buildings closed, meetings cancelled to help
stop the spread of COVID-19

Dec. 9, 2020

As a result of the Government of Alberta's stronger public health measures implemented yesterday to help stop the spread of COVID-19, Leduc County is closing some administrative buildings and cancelling in-person meetings, events and programs.

These below measures align with those imposed by the province to minimize in-person gatherings.

The following measures will remain in effect until at least Jan. 11, 2021:

Effective Monday, Dec. 14, the Services Building and Community and Operations Centre in Nisku will be closed to the public. This means Leduc County Centre is the only municipal building open for in-person drop-in service. Our fire stations were closed to the public on Nov. 13, and our public works shops are open to the public by appointment only. Despite the building closures, our services remain unaffected; we are committed to delivering high-quality municipal services, and these services will still be provided.

Public meetings, including council meetings and committee meetings, have been cancelled. Due to the upcoming holidays, this resulted in the cancellation of only two public meetings: Public Works Committee and Subdivision Authority.

Public events and programs have moved to virtual-only delivery; no in-person events or programs will be offered.

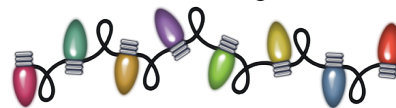
Leduc County continues to support the measures imposed by the Government of Alberta and will take the necessary steps to protect the health of staff and members of the public. For the latest information on the impacts COVID-19 and related public health measures are having on municipal services, visit leduc-county.com/COVID-19.

Warburg Bugle Holiday Schedule

**The office of the papers will be closed
December 24th – January 3**

**The next Warburg Bugle
will be published on January 8th.
Deadline is January 6th.**

*We wish you all
a wonderful Christmas
season and the happiest
of the new year.*



CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

HORSE WANTED: 11 year old girl wants a horse to love and spoil. Reasonably priced please.

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Call Tammy 780.984.0855 (1-1kr)

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Glenn Kenneth Prysko

September 2, 1948 - December 16, 2003

Memories...
and even after 17 years,
it seems like yesterday
I said good bye...
Still Missing You.

Love Always Judy



Thorsby & Breton
RCMP Detachments

HOLIDAY HOURS

The members and staff of the Thorsby & Breton RCMP Detachments would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

For the holiday season, our office hours will be as follows:

December 24, 2020 – CLOSED at noon

December 25 & 28, 2020 – CLOSED

December 31, 2020 – CLOSED at noon

January 1, 2021 - CLOSED

Complaints can be made 24 hours a day by contacting the complaint lines at:

THORSBY - (780)789-3950

BRETON - (780)696-3502



LIBA, BARBARA ELLEN (HALLADAY)

October 14, 1936 – November 18, 2020

Home at last...

Barbara was predeceased by her father, Arthur Halladay and mother Olive Halladay, sister Gladys Suecroft, brothers, John, Harold, Ralph and Vernon Halladay. Two sons, Jonathan and Tom Liba and daughter-in-law Lorna Liba and son-in-law Reg Pomeranz.

She leaves her loving husband of 63 years, Zoltan Liba as well as her children, Tim (Chris), Peggy-Sue (Kim) Cropley, Russell (Joanne), Sheri (Rick) Meinczinger and Lorelei Pomeranz. She also leaves to mourn 12 grandchildren Julianne (Bradly) Geiger, Warren (Stephanie) Liba, Alanna (Kris) Mosiuk, Cody (Kari) Cropley, Sean (Jodi) Cropley, Lacey-Jay Cropley, Tara Meinzinger (Tony Simpson), Larissa and (Stephan Vanderwerf), Mark and (Lacey Weeks), Kristina Weeks-Wright (Christopher Picher), Shelby Pomeranz (Colin Strand), Brooke Pomeranz and 13 great grandchildren Lily, Alice, Grady Geiger, Tanner, Luke Cropley, Felix, Elliot, Quinn Cropley, Emma, Kye Picher, Ryver, Phoenix Weeks and Lars Liba. She also leaves a brother Lawrence (Lil) Halladay and sister Kathleen Cartier and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will be having a private function for her and they ask any donations go to the Community United Church of Warburg.

In Memoriam

Anne Hinds

b. February 22, 1932 – d. December 11, 2019

Wife, Mom, Grama, Sister, Auntie, Friend...
All we want for Christmas this year is for our Mom and Grama in heaven to know how much we love and miss her with all our hearts.
~Bill, Sonya, Kevin, Kim, Nelda, Chris and Meagan

The little things

Now that you are gone
All I think about are the little things

The easy smile
The laughter
No tears as you didn't cry

The way you liked my hair short
The way you played the piano by ear
The way you cooked - not the best

You taught me to be humble
You taught me to be kind
You taught me the word halitosis

You and dad had 4 children
Who are your living legacy
And you loved us all equally

Many a time we would go exploring
Finding cool places to have
A picnic and check things out

You liked to make up stories
About strangers and help
To solve problems when life got rough

Writing was a favourite pastime,
Letters and cards to friends and relatives
Stories about past experiences

Even when your memory faded
And your body misbehaved
You were still the best you could be

As I sort through your things
To find addresses of friends to
Notify I think of the little things

You had a wonderful life.

~ written by Sonya Hinds

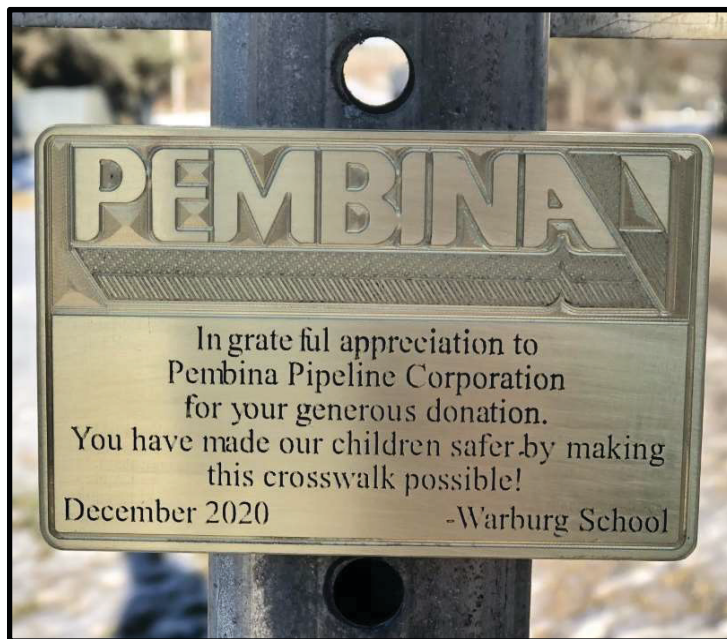
Thank You



It is with sincere appreciation that we say THANK YOU to **Pembina Pipeline Corporation** for their generous donation.

For many years, we have worked to get crosswalks installed to keep our community safe while crossing the busy highway 770 that runs through town. **Pembina** donated **all** of the funds needed to purchase a set of cross-walk lights.

The lights were installed October 2020 and have been a great benefit to so many, especially our young school aged children. We want to formally recognize Pembina for supporting this great safety initiative!



Also, a special THANK YOU to **Al and Louise McBeath Schoepp** for creating this beautiful plaque as a tribute to Pembina.

The Warburg Legion, Branch No. 205 would like to acknowledge
the business sector, community groups, schools, village and town service
centers for their support of the Poppy Fund Campaign,
Wreath Rental Service and Poppy Trays

Thank you.



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Community Events Page

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Golden Spur Gymkhana Club Annual General Meeting on January 23, 2021 @ 1 pm, location TBA

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST: CANCELLING all Bingo's due to Covid restrictions. (commencing again Tues. Feb. 2nd 2021 at 7pm). We extend best wishes for the holiday season and, may the New Year be kinder to us all.. stay safe!

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store will be open for Christmas Shopping! one Saturday! Christmas Clearance 50 % OFF! Regular hours remain: Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am - 3 pm. All COVID-19 regulations apply when shopping.

Thorsby Bingo CANCELLED due to rise in COVID.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thorsby is holding in-Church Worship **SUSPENDED** 10:30 a.m. Following **COVID protocols.** Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on You Tube.

Winfield Public Market is back for the last 3 markets of the year! Next markets: Nov 15 & Dec 13. 11 am-2 pm. Call or text Carla for info 780-621-1285.

Community United Church – 5112 – 53 St., Warburg. Join us for Sunday morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10:30 AM. For information please phone the church office 780-848-2227.

Warburg Alliance Church is open. 11 a.m. 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, Sat. Sabbath School 10 am, Main Service 11:30 am, Pastor Jason Williams 780-848-2271

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Thorsby Seniors Cente - Mondays, weigh in at 9:00 to 9:15 am, meetings 9:15 - 9:45 am, for more info call Jane 780-

789-37891 or Elaine 780-221-3939

Warburg Museum - CLOSED due to COVID-19.

Does drinking affect your personal life in any way? Have friends or family expressed concerns towards your drinking habits? Have you ever tried to quit drinking, but could not manage to do so? AA can help! 5203 -54th Avenue Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00 pm 780-270-7903

Sunnybrook Community Hall Rentals: Contact Name: Mikayla, Phone Number: 306-307-2599, Email Address: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

Lindale Hall Jam Sessions are held the **4th Friday** of every month (excl. Dec.) at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Mulhurst Legion #246 Rentals Call: Marie 780-361-7350

CANCELLED - 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!

Winfield Legion is available to rent. Rental Inquiries - Gordon 780-542-1243 or Mona 780-361-9558

"Sew Heavenly Quilters" meet every Thursday at the Warburg Cultural Centre, from 10:00 to 4:00. Everyone welcome to join. Call Peggy Lunde @ 780.789.2545 for more info.

Parent Link – Stay 'n Play held every Thursday from 9:30 am – Noon at the Warburg Village Office. Join us for some play time with your child!

Ashland Dam Park - For reservations call Bruce @ (780) 898-9636.

Breton Community Center- To rent the community center please visit our website www.bretonagsociety.com, call 780-696-3561 and leave a message or email us at bretonagsociety@gmail.com

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The Golden Spur Gymkhana Club would like to send a **HUGE THANK YOU**
 to the following businesses and individuals for their
 support and contributions towards our 2020 season.

Donations/Sponsors:

- Village of Breton
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- Urban Habitat

THANK YOU!

Please Note: Annual General Meeting - January 23, 2021 @ 1 pm Location: TBA



Community Events Page

Camp Barvnok - For bookings, call Walter 7807172432, or Jason 7809904043, or email bookings@barvnok.com

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

Warburg Bloomin' Buddies Meetings - Please contact Linda McLaughlin @ 780 848 2916 for information re meeting dates and times.

Warburg Legion Hall is available for rent at \$75.00/full day and \$50.00/half day with a deposit of \$50.00 that is refundable upon inspection. For Hall rental, please contact Deb/Max 780 848 2923 or (780) 264 9217 or Nancy/Allan 780 848 7756.

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

Warburg Senior's Centre rentals. Call Nancy/Allan Gruninger 780-848-7756. \$75 per rental, \$50.00 damage deposit refundable after inspection - no exceptions!

Warburg Pioneer Ag Society & Hall - hall rental \$300, phone 780-848-2841 (non-smoking, 350 capacity), Meetings 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst hall rental: Call Marie @ 780-362-7350

Thorsby Senior's Centre rentals. Call Cathy Kuzio 780-789-2423 / 780-719-7124.

Thorsby & District Fish & Game Regular Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Warburg Village Office Basement (entrance through the back). Please join us. Contact Bruce at 780-848-2242 for more information.

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.

Weekly Bingo at Mulhurst Legion - Every Tuesday, 7:15 pm. Family Bingo! Everyone Welcome! 780-935-6281

Centrelodge Community Centre - For bookings call Caroline 780-789-3089.

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

Mulhurst Legion Hall: For Hall Bookings call

Marie: 780-362-7350

Telfordville Hall - For bookings call Tracy at 780-718-9549.

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

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

Funnell Community Hall - Christine Burton @ 780-898-6598 for bookings Hall Rent - \$50/day.

Calmar Bingo - Every Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm at the Calmar Legion (4815-47 Street). Wheel Chair Accessible. Concession Available.

Community Bible Church - Alder Flats. Pastor Samuel Hayford 780-388-3926. Sunday Service & Sunday School at 11 am. 780-388-0018.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Thorsby Mass Every Sunday 9:00 am, Father Arun Rodrigues. For more information call 780-987-2858 or visit www.olvthorsby.wordpress.com.

Community Events are placed
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thanks to the community
commitment of



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Businesses have faced an
extremely difficult year as a result
of COVID. This holiday season let's
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Gerald Soroka, MP
Yellowhead

BRED COW / HEIFER SALES

- ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE FOR THESE SALES -



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FRIDAY, DEC 11 – 12 NOON

Dale H & Joan Martinson

- 100 home raised Simmental Simmental/Angus X cows
- Simmental bulls out May 1st
- 8-way, Scour Guard 4 – Yearly
- Bovishield 5 in April, Ivomec in April 2020

Don Sachs

- 49 Angus Simmental X Heifers
- All from 1 home (Rod Jordan)
- 35 Red / RBF
- 11 Black
- 3 Tan
- Exposed to proven red Angus heifer bull on June 16th
- Vaccinated as calves and at weaning, given 8-Way & Ivomec in May

Del Lange Dispersal – Millet

- 25 Black, BBF bred heifers
- 25 Black, BBF bred 2nd calvers
- 25 Black, BBF bred 3rd calvers
- 25 Black, BBF bred Mature cows
- 100 % home raised, very quiet herd
- Exposed to black Simmental bulls for April calving

Doug Hughes

- 10 head of Red Simm X heifers.
- Bred to low birth weight 70lb Red Angus bulls
- Bulls out June 4 to July 22
- Heifers had Ivomec Oct 31

R5 Farming Complete Dispersal

- 38 Red Angus cows coming with 3rd calf
- 22 Black Angus cows 4 years old and older
- Bred to black Angus bulls for Mid-January calving
- 16 black heifers due March 20
- Vaccinated with Tasvax 8, Scour Boss, Virashield 6 & Solvent on Nov 30th



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Rimbey AB

FRIDAY, DEC 18 – 12 NOON

Bred Cow Sale - Final Sale of 2020!

Sargeant Cattle Heifers

- All home raised full health, safeguard and boss this fall
- 9 - Red 1/2 to 3/4 Simmental
- Bred Red Angus same bull we used on our purbred heifers. To start March 23rd
- 34 - Black Angus 1/4 to 1/8 Simmental
- Bred Black Angus 72 and 74 lb bw bulls
- To start April 1
- Both groups 70 day breeding period

Darcy McDonagh

- 10 cows
- 8 year old cows bred to Red Simmental bulls
- Start calving Feb 1st

Medicine Ranch

- 35 really good black Angus heifers
- Super quiet, good sized heifers, mostly solid black heifers
- Exposed June 1st to black Angus bulls (79 & 84 lbs)
- 1st scour boss shot, preg checked at home



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Library Chatter

From Gail O'Neil

Premier Kenney has announced today that as of Sunday, December 13th at 12:01 am all public libraries must close to the public. This means that the last day of in-person public library service will be Saturday, December 12th. This closure will be in place for at least four weeks. These measures are put in place to help curb the spread of Covid-19. We appreciate your patience as the Library Board figures out how this will look for staff and making sure patrons have access to library services.

Update Dec 9: Curbside pick-up of library materials can continue or be implemented during this closure. Curbside service must be designed to have no physical contact with patrons. Patrons should not take materials from staff or vice versa. Patrons cannot come into the library building. Social distancing, mask-wearing, and sanitization practices must be adhered to.

Warburg Public Library:
Telephone: 780-848-2391
Email: warburglibrary@yrl.ab.ca
Website: Warburg Library (google this Lol!)

Hoopla: borrow 10 free downloads a month of ebooks, movies using your tracpac card, hopefully more downloads will be made available like the last time we had to isolate at home.

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2009 modular, 3 bed, 2 bath, paved driveway E4042452
REDUCED ~~\$180,000~~ \$140,000



WARBURG



Own the lot, many upgrades, 2 bed, 1 bath, open concept, 2 sheds, apple tree. E4011044 ~~\$99,000~~
REDUCED \$95,000

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Beautifully treed w/ pasture. 1998 - vaulted ceilings, wood burning stove, covered deck, walkout bsemt, in floor heat. 40'x40' shop with 8" structural cement floor, 3 phase hoist, two 14'x14' doors. E4162172
REDUCED ~~\$649,000~~ \$624,900



WARBURG HUGE YARD

3 bed, 2 bath modular on a large private lot. 2007 with many renovations. AIR CONDITIONING, 2 sheds, fenced, large deck. RV parking. Lot lease \$280/month. E4170794 ~~\$104,000~~ REDUCED \$98,000



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and an amazing
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*from all of us at
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Merry Christmas!!
2020 was a challenge. Thank you for your support! If nothing more it is a time for reflection. During this season of giving let us take time to slow down and enjoy the simple things. We hope this wonderful time of year will touch your heart in a special way! Wishing you much happiness today and throughout the New Year from the staff at Warburg Village Market.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Dec 24	Christmas Eve	8:30 - 4:00
Dec 25	Christmas Day	Closed
Dec 26	Boxing Day	Closed
Dec 31	New Years Eve	8:30 - 4:00
Jan 1	New Years Day	Closed

Capital Power announces plans to be off coal in 2023

Submitted by Capital Power

Capital Power announced on December 3, 2020 that it will stop using coal as a fuel at the Genesee Generating Station in 2023. This step follows earlier news of the repowering of Genesee Units 1 & 2 to best-in-class natural gas combined cycle technology, pending regulatory approval. The decision emerges from our commitment to delivering competitive, reliable and responsible baseload power to Albertans from the Genesee site.

“Capital Power has been following a strategy towards a low carbon future with a target to be net carbon neutral before 2050,” said Brian Vaasjo, President and CEO of Capital Power. “With the repowering of the Genesee 1 and 2 units utilizing best-in-class technology, they will be the most efficient natural gas combined cycle units in Canada, allowing us to be off-coal in 2023 and directly delivering 3.4 megatonnes of annual carbon emission reductions at Genesee. As we progress towards a low carbon future, Capital Power will provide support for the Genesee community and employees as the Genesee facility transitions to a natural gas facility.”

Earlier this year, we began the process of seeking regulatory approval for the repowering project. The two repowered units will provide an additional 560 megawatts of net capacity totalling 1,360 MW and will also be carbon conversion ready and 30% hydrogen ready when repowering is complete and upgradable to 95% in the future.

Pending a successful outcome of the regulatory review, we expect construction to begin in August 2021, with an anticipated in-service date in late 2023 for the repowered Genesee Unit 1 and 2024 for Genesee Unit 2. The project is located within the existing Genesee footprint.

As we work toward transitioning Genesee Units 1 and 2 to combined cycle units, we will continue down the path of converting Genesee Unit 3 to a dual fuel unit that will transition off coal to 100% natural gas when we end coal operations by the end of 2023.

The Genesee Generating Station has been part of the community for more than 30 years. This announcement ensures the facility will continue to contribute to Leduc County and the surrounding communities for many more years to come.

For more information about the repowering project, visit capitalpower.com/repowering or contact us at canadadevelopment@capitalpower.com or 1-855-703-5005.

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Making the Most of Masks

By Barbara Gregory

With every negative comes a positive. It's simple algebra - right? To curtail the spread of sneezed or coughed or moistly spoken breath, citizens world wide have donned masks. Other than providing continued anonymity for bank robbers, masks have created positive outcomes in other instances as well.

Take, for example, the savings in lipstick and concealer alone. Under a mask, lips can be chapped or left uncolored, and face flaws can stay hidden without harsh cosmetics or expensive creams. Cold sore sufferers are the big winners with masks. While red, painful boils have kept some people too embarrassed to leave their homes, wearing a mask allows for healing without rude stares.

Another advantage to wearing a mask is especially noted by lovers of spinach salad. No longer must they rush to a mirror to check for green

specks stuck in their incisors. In fact, any food stuck in pearly whites can be successfully hidden till a more convenient time allows for brushing and flossing. And unsightly moustaches, worn by men or women, can stay out of sight, too.

With the variety of designs blossoming as mask-wearing becomes more common-place, so too are mask-wearing fashionistas free to explore and show their creativity and daily mood. Funky, fun colors can express a joyful countenance while a black mask can provide an air of solemnity. Maple leaf motifs can be worn for national pride while cheeky sayings can initiate interesting conversations.

Yes, wearing a mask, cloth or paper, for 12 hours a day can be onerous and become tedious, and downright annoying. But other than the reasons already suggested, wearing a mask shows solidarity during this time of uncertainty. Wearing a mask indicates caring for others when we ourselves feel fearful. And wearing a mask provides hopeful positiveness for a healthier future.



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Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) winter programs

Online and telephone programs

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Available workshops include, but are not limited to:

Financial literacy sessions

- Holiday Money Hangover
- Organizing Your Finances in One Month
- Slam the Scam

Seniors sessions

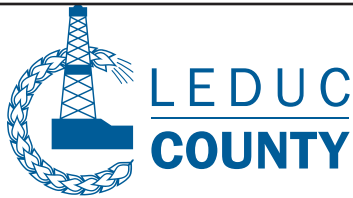
- Alberta Blue Cross for Seniors
- Wills, Personal Directives and Power of Attorneys

Sessions for adults

- Blue Monday
- Stress Strategies for Tough Times



For more information on any of the above-listed workshops, call 780-979-2385. A complete listing of all workshops is available online at www.leduc-county.com/community-family.



SUPPORTING RURAL MENTAL HEALTH

This past year has been a challenge. A global pandemic, economic uncertainties, financial stress and changes to our everyday routines has been a lot to deal with and can result in increased stress and feeling overwhelmed. An important step in mental health is watching out for each other. Sometimes it can be hard to know what to do, and you may not be aware of the resources available that can help.

Signs that someone may need help:

- ▶ consistently expressing sadness or hopelessness
- ▶ unable to concentrate or focus
- ▶ constantly exhausted
- ▶ unusual irritability

How you can help:

- ▶ Ask the person what they need
- ▶ Ask if they have someone they can talk to, such as a friend, spouse or doctor
- ▶ Use the tips listed under *reducing stigma*
- ▶ Contact Leduc County FCSS to learn more

What is stigma?*

Stigma is when someone views you in a negative way because you have a distinguishing characteristic or personal trait that's thought to be, or actually is, a disadvantage (a negative stereotype). **information from MayoClinic.org*

How to reduce stigma:*

- ▶ Treat everyone with respect.
 - ▶ Be warm, caring and non-judgmental.
 - ▶ Challenge stigma when you see it.
 - ▶ Watch your language.
 - ▶ Learn the facts about mental health and mental illness.
 - ▶ Help raise awareness about mental health.
- *information from Bell Let's Talk*

Mental health resources - ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1 IN AN EMERGENCY

- ▶ Leduc County FCSS: **780-979-2385**
- ▶ 211: call **2-1-1** for information on social supports 24 hours per day, seven days a week.
- ▶ Access 24/7: **780-424-2424**: provides 24/7 telephone support, in-person assessment, crisis outreach and patient stabilization.
- ▶ Mental Health Help Line: **1-877-303-2642**
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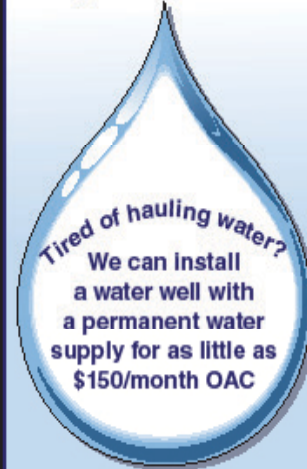
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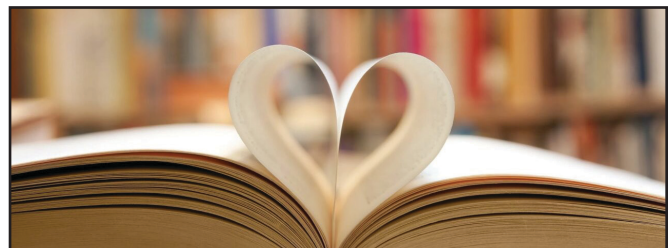
Have you ever read a telephone book? There it sat, a permanent fixture on the counter in front of the clock radio, when I was little, wispy pages wrinkled and edge-torn by the time next year's version was released. White pages at one end, yellow at the other, and a skinny blue section filled with public service information such as call before you dig, emergency phone numbers and standard first aid. All the phone numbers with the prefix (579) fit on only a few columns. Our community was so tiny we knew every family within. But today I'm writing about a different telephone book.

The escalation of this Covid business means spending time in remote areas is for the fool hearty, risk takers, or those with no other option. The Covid virus has been taking its toll in our rural communities in more ways than we care to think about, making it harder to connect with loved ones living in special areas. A couple of months back, Mom, a senior over 80 years old, ended up in hospital for three weeks. She needed significant care on return to her condo, lest she be forced to transition to an assisted living situation. My siblings and I stayed night and day for 6 weeks until her confidence returned to be on her own again. We too needed to return to our daily routines. I was looking for a way to spend time together, but apart, especially the first few nights alone. I remembered an idea I had from the past but had never taken up and now seemed like a good time to take it for a drive—the telephone book club, for two.

I learned of this idea a few years back while living in Lethbridge with an elderly room mate, Dorine, who is vision impaired. I walked to work every day to the public library. Every night after dinner, Dorine would slip into the sitting room for a phone call from Atlanta, Georgia, from her son. They read a book together over the

phone lines and I thought, what a good idea, and tucked it away. Now I'm doing the same thing. Every day Mom and I call in the morning and ask, do we want to read that night? If so, we set a time. In the evening, then I read to her for 15-30 minutes from a work of fiction. What happens during that time? I feel close even though we are miles apart, Mom has my undivided attention for a full 30 minutes. I learn things about her that I never knew when we talk about the story and she helps me with vocabulary. It's a moment of tenderness between mother and daughter who much of the time have diverse tastes and interests. It builds trust every day when we show up for the story. It can be hard to talk about such strong feelings as love and worry, but we know it when we feel close. Mom looks forward to hearing what happens. We get to know each other through story, a welcome activity, so needed at a time when other areas of life seem less hopeful.

Our telephone book is "The Pull of the Stars," by Canadian author, Emma Donoghue. Set in a maternity ward in a hospital in 1918 during the flu epidemic and WWI, it is full of death, delirium, and highly relevant today. Language style and specifics from history give the opportunity to test each other on bits of trivia we can look up during the day on the Internet. I have the opportunity to put myself in the shoes of pregnant women from historical Ireland, who may have been my grandmothers or great grandmothers, and to vicariously share of that experience with ancestors I will never know personally. I hope this story encourages you to try it, if you have a loved one from whom you are isolated, ask them to read a telephone book with you! Set a date and time, find a good story, and get reading.



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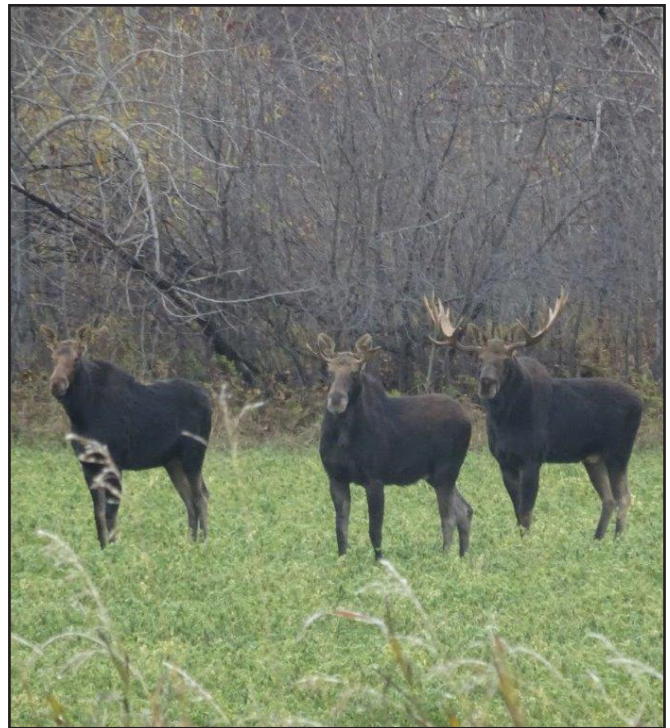
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