

What's Going On at the Library?

From Gail O'Neil

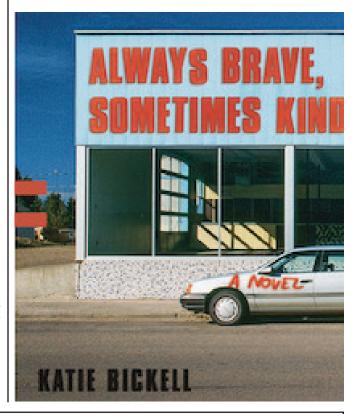
Happy St. Patrick's Day! As I write this article, it is the day of Irish Blessings. I have the Library decorated in four leaf clovers and leprechauns and the end of the rainbow lands on all Library's and is filled with wonderful treasures of books, magazines and friendly staff.

An activity to look forward to on April the 20th at 7:30 pm is Author Katie Bickell's reading from her book "Always Brave, Sometimes Kind". I have read this book and enjoyed it, the storyline is from around Alberta and you will recognize a lot of these places, all the stories connect together and Katie's writing is amazing and engaging! To register for this reading? Email your name and email address to warburglibrary@yrl.ab.ca and I will send this on to Katie and she will send a link to the reading closer to the event.

Thanks to everyone who came out Saturday, March 13th, to the reading of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and made pinwheels and bird feeder crafts, we hope you enjoyed the event as much as our staff did. Everyone is so crafty and had great ideas for improving on the pinwheel designs. And all those googly eyes on the bird feeders were awesome, I hope they don't scare the birds away!

The Library is open to in library use, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 10 am-6 pm and Saturdays Noon-4 pm (exceptions are long weekends). Curbside service is still available to patrons and as always, home delivery. Call 780-848-2391 to talk to staff.

New Books: Buckskin by Robert B. Parker, Branded by Eric Red, News of the World by Paulette Jiles, The Trail's End by Ralph Compton, Always Brave, Sometimes Kind by Katie Bickell





WANTED

WANTED: Arcade machines & equipment, pinballs, video games, other related arcade items, pool table, jukebox, etc. Parts, pieces, whole units, manuals, dead or alive - all considered. Text or call Steve 780.918.8495 (2-2)

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Round Straw & Hay Bales; \$30 - \$45.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 48th Annual General Meeting of the Buck Mountain Gas Co-op Ltd. will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15th, 2021 at the Warburg Pioneer Recreation Centre 5435 – 50A Avenue, Warburg, Alberta.

Any member with an interest or desire to sit on the Board of Directors of the Buck Mountain Gas Co-op can call the office for more information at 780-848-2808 or toll free 1-800-265-5389.



Jim Simmers 1949 - 2021

Jim Simmers passed away peacefully March 6th, 2021 after a brief illness.

He is preceded in death by his wife Eileen Simmers and his father Sandy Simmers.

He is survived by his son Scott Simmers, partner Paula Schnick, mother Rosie and brothers Gordon (Audrey), Allister (Liz), Eric (Lorna) and Graham (Gina).

Jim's love of all things mechanical is legendary.

He inspired many friends and relatives in
Canada and Scotland with his kindness, quiet
leadership, and his strength. His life was full
of joy these last few years, splitting time between
all three of his homes - Scotland, Alberta, and
Mount Hinton in the Yukon, at a gold mine full
of yellow and black equipment to fix.

His gloves will be hard to fill.

His family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff of Westview Health Center for their exceptional care during his stay.

There will be no funeral or memorial service.

Donations in honour of Jim can be made to the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association,

Annex D, Saint-Vincent Hospital,

60 Cambridge Street North, Ottawa, ON, K1R 7A5 or local charities of your choice.



ZUKOWSKI, Keegan Kenneth Dale March 2, 2003 ~ March 1, 2021

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Keegan Zukowski at the age of 17 years.

Keegan will be lovingly remembered by mother Natasha (Jeff); sisters Ava, Blake & Kysa (Jesse); sister Adria (Heather & Kali); father Dustin (Amanda, sister Aylee & Robert); grandparents Colleen (Jake), Dale (Leanne), Shelly, May, Ed (Pat), Marlene (Ron), Robin (Dennis), Caroline; aunts Suzanne (Chad), Elaura, Amber, Sydelle, Callie, Cadence, Brenda; uncles Steve, Phil, Kenny, Kohl; cousins Peyton, Emery, Reese, Annika, Winter; Saber & Gauge; as well as numerous relatives and friends.

Keegan was predeceased by Grandfathers, Art O'Neil & Kenn Wolf; Grandpa & Grandma Eklund; Grandpa & Grandma Rovensky; and Ralph Halladay.

A private family memorial service will be held on March 20, 2021.

Donations in Keegan's memory can be made to Kids With Cancer Society.

Our Family would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support and thoughtfulness over the last 11 years from Keegans Doctors and nurses. As well as The Stollery Oncology Team, Child Life and Kids With Cancer Society. We will never be able to truly express how grateful we are.



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Leduc County Scavenger Hunt APRIL 1 to 30

Taking place throughout the month of April, our Scavenger Hunt will take you across the county in search of challenges. This family-friendly activity is meant for all ages and it's easy to participate.

How it works

- First, view our Scavenger Hunt map, which has challenge locations marked throughout Leduc County.
- Each time you complete a challenge, submit your answers to us using an online form.
- If you solve five challenges, you will win a family prize.

View the map and full details, including how to submit your answers, at **leduc-county.com/scavenger-hunt.**





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SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

WARBURG ANNUAL EASTER EGG "HUNT"

The Pioneer Agricultural Society is SO excited to announce that we are able to once again host an Easter Event for all the Children in our wonderful community!!! We know the last year has been so hard on so many, and the littles are no exception. FROM 1-3 PM on April 3rd, we invite all families down to the Warburg Community Park for Hot Dogs, Juice Boxes, a Visit with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter Goodie bag!!! All Alberta Health Services Guidelines that are relevant on the day of the event will be adhered to, so please stay tuned for any updates on the Village of Warburg Facebook Page. We have plenty of goodies and the Easter Bunny will be there right from 1-3, so please stop by at your own convenience!

The Ag society will graciously accept donations for the Easter bags (candies, chocolates, etc.) and any donations for Easter Prize Baskets! Our wonderful volunteers will be stuffing the bags on March 25th, to ensure that they are then left untouched for an appropriate amount of time prior to hand-out. Any donations can be dropped off at the Village Office!!!



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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST BRANCH: General meeting for March has been cancelled.

Regular weekly BINGO's are still on hold and Socials held the end of each month are also ON HOLD until the restrictions have been lifted. In the meantime, stay safe, wear that mask and give me a call if you have any questions. Marion 780-935-6281

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

Warburg Museum - CLOSED due to COV-ID-19.

Thorsby Bingo CANCELLED due to rise in COVID.

"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!

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.

MARKETS / THRIFT SHOPS (NON PROFIT)

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.

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store is OPEN again - ALL

COVID-19 regulations apply. Hours of operation: 10 am - 3 pm Thursdays and Fridays. **PLEASE NOTE:** We will only accept donations during store hours. We do not accept mattresses, car seats, strollers, cribs, or furniture. All donations MUST BE CLEAN AND RE-SELLABLE. Thank You!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Warburg Family and Community Support Services (FCSS): Tami Tubbs 780.848.2828 or email fcss@warburg.ca

Warburg Village Office: 780.848.2841 ore email village@warburg.ca

Village of Warburg Bylaw Enforcement: 780.983.2096 or brasch@gmail.com

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.

COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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.

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

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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

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.

Join Us In Worshipping the Lord - Faith Evangelical Covenant Church Breton- Worship Service 11:00 am, Mid Week Adult Bible Study & Youth Groups. Please Call 780-696-3669.

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

FACILITY RENTALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre: 780.389.2422 or rent@rundlesmission.org, you can also visit our website at www.rundlesmission.org

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

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

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

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Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food: Ag Tour



IN SEARCH OF: DIRECT MARKET PRODUCERS

In summer 2021, Leduc County is hosting two local agriculture tours, and we are looking for direct-market producers to participate. One tour will take place east of Highway 2 and one will take place west of Highway 2.

GET INVOLVED

If you are a local direct-market producer and want to get involved, please contact Sharon at **sharon@leduc-county.com** or **780-770-9271**.

All interested producers must fill out an application form for pre-approval. The registration deadline is April 9.





Take the survey by March 31

Leduc County is conducting its first-ever Citizen Satisfaction Survey. This survey is an opportunity for residential citizens – including property owners and renters – to provide input on the services and programs they receive, and share what they think the county should prioritize.

You must have your unique survey code to take the survey. A survey code was sent to each residential **property owner** via letter in late February. If you haven't received a code, misplaced your code or are a **renter**, call 780-979-2391 or email meganc@leduc-county.com.

The anonymous online survey is open until **March 31** and takes 10-to-15 minutes to complete.

Learn more at leduc-county.com/citizen-survey





NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Community Standards Bylaw

The proposed Community Standards Bylaw helps address unsightly premises in Leduc County. The purpose of the bylaw is to prevent unsightly premises from developing by outlining clear expectations and standards to citizens, and to provide an enforcement mechanism to address them when they occur.

The proposed bylaw applies to properties in hamlets, subdivisions and other identified areas. The proposed bylaw **does not** apply to agricultural, farming, commercial or industrial lands.

View the proposed bylaw at leduc-county.com/community-standards

Public hearing on May 11

This public hearing is an opportunity for members of the public who believe they are affected to provide feedback to council. Council will listen to/review your input, and consider it before deciding the future of the proposed bylaw.

The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 1:45 p.m.** in the council chamber of Leduc County Centre (101, 1101 5 St. in Nisku). These details are subject to change to ensure we comply with public health guidelines; any changes will be shared on **leduc-county.com/community-standards** and with those who have registered to speak at the public hearing.

You can take any of the following actions by **May 5** to submit your input:

- register to make a submission at the public hearing, either in person or via teleconference, by visiting **leduc-county.com/community-standards**
- submit your input using our online comment form at leduc-county.com/community-standards
- ▶ mail your submission to: Leduc County | Re: Community Standards Bylaw | 101, 1101 5 St. | Nisku, AB | T9E 2X3
- email your submission to clarence@leduc-county.com
- fax your submission to 780-955-5557

If you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Contact

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Leduc County is beginning an update of the Land Use Bylaw and we need your input to shape the future landscape of our county.

What's a land use bylaw?

The Land Use Bylaw is the primary document we use to guide decisions on planning applications for everything from building a shed to building a shopping mall. It outlines what types of development is allowed on each parcel of land in the county.

Why are we updating it?

We want to create a user-friendly, comprehensive document that supports growth in the county, streamlines processes and protects our resources.

To make our goal a reality, your input is vital.

If you own land in Leduc County, the outcome of this project could affect you.

From **March 1 to April 12** we want to hear your comments, suggestions or past experiences with planning in Leduc County.

Visit leduc-county.com/shapingyourcounty to learn how you can get involved and to sign up for project updates.

For more information call us at 780-979-6180 or email the project team at shapingyourcounty@leduc-county.com.





Secure your cargo

As a driver, you are responsible for making sure the cargo you are carrying is secured to your vehicle.

- ▶ Use tie-down straps to properly secure objects.
- ▶ Place light objects lower in the container instead of on the top, to prevent them from exiting the container.
- ▶ Tie large items, like mattresses and construction equipment, directly to your vehicle with appropriate tie-down straps.
- ▶ Put loose items, like garbage and yard waste, in a covered container so they are easier to secure.
- Attach a safety flag to any items that extend beyond the back of your vehicle so they are more visible to other motorists.
- ▶ Place a tarp over loose items or those that billow in the wind to ensure they don't fall from your vehicle.
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In order to be eligible to receive the **Guaranteed Income Supplement**, **GST Tax Credit**, **Canada Child Benefit**, **Canada Workers Benefit or the Climate Action Incentive**, your 2020 tax return must be filed. Income taxes are due by April 30.

To find out if you are eligible for this program or to make an appointment, please contact your local Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) office:

- Leduc County, New Sarepta and Thorsby: 780-770-9254
- · Calmar: 780-985-3191 | Warburg: 780-848-2828 | City of Leduc: 780-980-7109



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Have you ever wondered whether you could learn to prepare and file your own simple income tax return? If you have thought about filing your own taxes but are worried that you might make a mistake, the Supported Self-File Tax Program is for you!

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Upcoming virtual clinic dates:

- Saturday, March 20 at 11 a.m.
- Friday, March 26 at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 31 at 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 6 at 7 p.m.

For more information or to sign up for a virtual clinic, contact **Eugena** at **780-955-6421** or **eugena@leduc-county.com**.

Telephone-only support is also available.

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Financial moves for the recently divorced

Divorce is common in our society, but that doesn't make it any easier to navigate. If you've recently finalized a divorce, you've likely been coping with uncertainty and tension, but you can still avoid turning an already difficult situation into one that's even more challenging. How? By making the right financial and investment moves, including the following:

Establish your separate financial presence

Even when you were married, you and your spouse might have maintained some separate accounts. But if you only had joint accounts, now is the time to open your own chequing, savings and credit accounts.

Update your budget

It's likely your budget needs updating. Your household income may be lower or may need to be adjusted for alimony or child support (paid or received). Additionally, your living expenses may have shifted, either higher because you're no longer splitting expenses such as housing or utilities, or possibly lower because you're no longer supporting your ex's spending habits. Understanding your new budget will help you feel better informed about your financials options and more in control of your new situation.

Prioritize emergency savings

Divorce is expensive and may have depleted your savings. To get back on your feet, you may want to build an easily accessible source of funds for unexpected drops in income and/or spikes in expenses. If you're not retired, you may want to keep three to six months' worth of expenses in emergency savings, although even much smaller amounts can boost your feelings of financial security.

Evaluate your retirement plan contributions

When you were married, you may have been counting on sharing resources and expenses with your spouse in retirement. But now, you may be solely responsible for your retirement, so if you can afford it, you may want to ramp up your retirement plan contributions. You may want to consult a financial professional about setting and achieving new goals.

Think about Canada Pension Plan (CPP)

Your divorce could play a role in the benefits you can receive. The CPP contributions you and your spouse or common law partner made during the time you lived together can be divided after a separation or divorce. To request a "credit split" you or your legal representative will need to complete and submit the required documentation to the Service Canada. Since rules can be complicated, look for additional information at www. sevicecanada.gc.ca to better understand your situation, and keep a record of your ex's Social Insurance number.

Review your beneficiary designations and legal documents

You'll likely need to revise the beneficiary designations on your retirement accounts and life insurance policies. These designations carry a lot of weight and can even supersede the instructions in your will. And, speaking of your will, you'll likely need to revise it too, along with other legal documents, such as a Power of Attorney for Property. Consult with your legal professional to make these revisions.

It can feel like a long road to stability after a divorce – but by following the above suggestions, you may be able to make the trip a little less bumpy – and hopefully shorter – as well.

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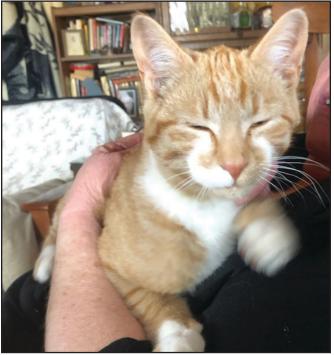
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