

THE WARBURG BUGLE



We Are Working On A Garden Project! From Deb Mellafont

Well, it has been a little while since we have updated you on what is happening with the Legion!

The Warburg Legion has received a grant from the Senior Horizons Grant Program. This grant entails two projects and the one we are working on now is The Garden Project for the Cloverleaf Manor!

To date, the residents and staff have been busy planting so they could start their gardens this spring. They have been a big part of how this garden project will work for them. This project started in 2019 -2020 but we received extension for another year due to Covid protocols. They will be receiving a greenhouse, planter gardens and barrels as well as plants for them to enjoy and enhance their existing gardens. Part of this grant requires volunteer time with the community, (all ages) so we are hoping to set up some work bees to help set up these gardens so the residents can enjoy the foliage, vegetables and working with it all. Family members are welcome to join. Work bees must be small groups as per Protocols with Covid plan. We are focusing on supporting local businesses and groups to help with this project. Masks must be worn and social distancing will be followed.

The work that needs to be done:

Help set up barrels with dirt mixture, peat moss and soil to put into their greenhouse. Fill garden planters which are barrels, so they can have gardens to plant vegetables and flowers. This is where a bobcat could be of assistance. There are 4 garden boxes where the dirt is old and needs to be dug out,

replaced with a new mixture of soil so plants will be available to be put in these garden boxes. Help with any pruning as needed. We will be replacing some bushes to improve some gardens with new foliage and dirt buildup and some landscaping. Hanging baskets when weather turns for the better.

So, we are reaching out to groups & businesses who can be of assistance to us. Can you share your talent with this project? We are looking for approx. 4 hrs of time for a bobcat to move dirt to the planters and move some barrels around. This is volunteer time. If you can spare 2 or 3 hours here or there, please contact Deb Mellafont at 780-848-2923 or Allan Gruninger at 780-848-7756 to set up a work bee to complete this project. Acknowledgement will be recognized for all who participate.

To date we owe a lot of thanks to:

Whitecap Resources Inc. for donation of barrels for our garden planters and a donation of funds for the residents to purchase plants and vegetables for this new venture. Ruhr Valley Lumber Ltd. in Thorsby for lumber supplies for garden planters and equipment for working on their project. Thorsby Home Hardware for tools for gardening. Shaun Meier Trucking for hauling in some black soil for us. Our Legion Member, Allan Gruninger for building the garden planters. Daisy Mae Greenhouse for donation of small planters to start it all off. My Own Greenhouse for the purchase of a greenhouse for The Cloverleaf Manor. The Warburg Bugle and The Leduc Representative for our articles.

Happenings with this project:

Mr. Gerald Soroka, our MP Yellowhead will be visiting the Project site on May 17th at 3:00 PM to check on us as he is very much involved with us receiving this grant.

CLASSIFIEDS

GIVEAWAY

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Yard Sale – Shop tools, kids ride-ons, furnishings, misc household, 4x4 quad and much more! May 15th and 16th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cash or E-Transfers accepted. Rain or Shine. 49116 RR45 – 3.2 km north of Hwy 39 on Sardine Lake Road. (1-1)

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Gordon William Schnick

July 5, 1938 – April 27, 2021



Gordie always said, “When it’s time, I don’t want to linger. If I’m lying there drooling, get out the ball peen hammer and finish me off.” He complained little but we knew he hated it when creaky bones limited his range, his time in the saddle, his hours on the chainsaw, the extent of his travels and his nights at the crib table. He wanted to go out at the top of his game, with all his faculties intact, on his own terms, without suffering, and without fanfare.

And he did – except for a bit of fanfare. Sorry dad, we can’t let you off that easy.

Gord and his brother Wilf inherited Warburg Lumber and turned it into a going concern. They worked hard to serve customers from Calmar to Drayton Valley, from Pigeon Lake to the North Saskatchewan River. But besides the staples that make a good business, Warburg Lumber had personality – where else could you get a good deal and a B.S. session at closing time, and then almost get run over by an underaged forklift driver? The annual Christmas parties quite often ran a whole week, a customer appreciation event adorned with kubasa and Crown Royal.

Gord worked hard and played hard in those days. It was curling, hockey, snowmobiling, camping, canoeing and socializing that occupied his down time – oh, and raising a family. Dad was instrumental in starting the 1st minor hockey program in Warburg, a key figure in getting the arena built, and Papa Grizz to the 1st men’s beer-league team, an honour that lasted 30 years or more. After selling the lumber yard in 1993 was able to really indulge in his favorite hobbies. He started driving horses, kept raising a few head of cattle, dabbled black-smithing and timber supply, read non-fiction voraciously, worked the curling circuit, made the local morning coffee rounds and travelled extensively with Phyllis, including their annual pilgrimage to their hacienda in Maricopa, AZ..

In those years, ‘dad’ became more ‘Gordie’ to us children. It was truly a gift to hang out with him as a buddy, like all his many other buddies. He didn’t like emotional baggage, so if there was something to criticize about our choices, he never judged. He strove for the moment – no regrets, no agenda, just the purity of whatever engagement it was. He hated taking life too seriously, and to take sport too seriously was just idiotic. If there is one endearing memory of all the kids he coached in hockey, it is “joke-time” in intermission. He loathed the pressure put on youngsters – life was too short not to have a laugh and enjoy yourself. You just might win.

I still can’t believe he is gone – and I’m sure it’s the same with many of us. He was able to live the way he wanted to the end so it kind of surprised us. He made a unique impression, mostly good, occasionally bad, on everyone he met. He and my mom made many life-long friends, true got-your-back folks, who they helped, who now help us. He loved his family; he stood up for us; he forgave us for our sins without really having to say much. Dad’s view on life is fresh in our minds, it was hard not to pick up on it. He let loose on hypocrites and had little time for buffoons. He was sharp, and could speak fluently on many subjects. But most of all, I still hear his outrageous hyena laugh, which brought tears to his eyes and whatever he was drinking came out his nostrils.

To know someone who lived as he did is to have them live an eternity your heart.

Regrettably, a traditional funeral was not possible but Gordie was not much for them anyways. He always said, “you know, I expect a few tears when I go but what I really want is a big party with lots of good laughs and stories”. A celebration of life befitting his wishes is planned for late August. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Warburg Union Cemetery or STARS Ambulance.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Phyllis, sons Derek (Shawna) and Danny (Alina), granddaughter Jordyn, brother Wilfred (Sylvia), sisters Eleanor and Carolyn (Ken) and numerous kin. He was predeceased by his son Roddy (1983), granddaughter Camryn (2003), sister Linda (2013) and brother-in-laws Kurt (2016) and Keith (2019).

Please find many family photos and memories, a video the family service held for him, and information regarding his Celebration this summer on the Hainstock & Sons Leduc website. The video of our small service held in our back yard can be viewed on YouTube.



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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

Warburg Museum - CLOSED due to COVID-19.

Thorsby Bingo **CANCELLED** due to rise in COVID.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST: Will remain closed due to Covid restrictions: Sorry no Bingo, social's or meetings at this time. Please stay safe, wear a mask and we hope to see you soon. Marion 780-935-6281

"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!

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 - PLEASE NOTE: We will be **CLOSED** this month through **May 26th** due to the rise in Covid Cases. We plan to be open May27th & 28th 10 am -3. **PLEASE HOLD DONATIONS UNTIL THEN.**

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.

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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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.olvtorsby.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. JOHN THE BAPTIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - Divine Liturgy, Saturday, May 22 @ 5:00 p.m. Masks are mandatory and all COVID restrictions apply. For any further information contact Dan @ 780-789-3698.

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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Services are provided by local counsellors and are available in person, over the phone or virtually.

For more information and to be assessed for subsidy, call **1-800-379-9052 ext. 6421** or **780-955-6421**.



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Employment date starts May 15, 2021 until September 15, 2021. Accommodations (RV) would be required, along with a generator.

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- Register and take payment from guests and day use patrons
- Fire wood sales and delivery
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- Clean sites, garbage and fire pits when campers check out
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Musings from the East End Scriptorium

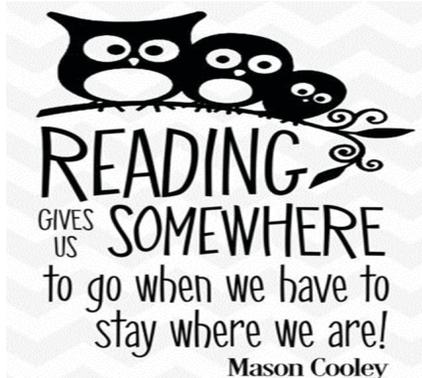
by Elizabeth Emond
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It's spring, and time for some light reading. When I was young (around the time of the American Civil War), I used to enjoy science fiction, but now that I'm actually living in the 21st century, I find that The Future is both more wonderful and more mundane than anyone imagined. Even the Jetsons didn't have the Internet. (On the other hand, they didn't have spam.) I'll admit that I'm kind of relieved that we don't all have to wear tight shimmery silver jumpsuits and boots, but on the whole, I feel disenchanted.

I also spent many years enjoying fantasy fiction, and even wrote my share for a role-playing game one summer. However, it became harder and harder to wrap my mind around worlds where you can make a dent in the Forces of Evil by, say, throwing a ring in a volcano. Eventually, I abandoned the genre.

Then my nephew Sam recommended the Discworld books by Terry Pratchett. If you were sorting books, you'd have to put them in the Fantasy and Science Fiction box, but they're delightfully different and irresistibly funny. There are over three dozen books in the series, but you don't have to read them in order. If you want to, though, start with The Colour of Magic. The first one I read was Going Postal, and I was hooked. You're certain to find some Discworld books at your local library, so give them a try.

Enjoy!



Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) programs

Online and telephone programs for seniors and older adults

Leduc County FCSS is hosting a number of online programs this spring. Participation requires internet access by computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. If you don't have access to the necessary technology, contact us for access to resources that could help! Never used Zoom? We're here to help with that too! Please note, the programs are open to residents of Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg and New Sarepta.

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

What to know: conversations with your doctor as you age

- Wednesday, May 19
- 1 to 2 p.m.

2021 Seniors' Appreciation Week

- Entertainment from Aloha Dancers YEG
- Friday, June 11
- 6 to 6:45 p.m.

2021 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

- Responses to elder abuse according to the law
- Tuesday, June 15
- 10 to 11 a.m.

Building personal and family relationships: what is the role of the law?

- Tuesday, June 15
- 2 to 3:30 p.m.



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Online Timed Consignment Auction

Starting: Fri, May 21st @ 8:00 PM

Starting to Close: Tues, May 25th @ 6:00 PM

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(Rural Address 6412 SH616) - WATCH FOR SIGNS

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**Taking Major Consignments until Wednesday, May 19th from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM
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Please regularly monitor our online site as items for the auction will be added as they are consigned.

If you are not familiar with online auctions, you can view the items at our yard and leave an absentee bid at the office.

VIEWING: Thursday, May 20th - Tuesday, May 25th from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM

SELLING:

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JUNE 10th until JUNE 13th**Online Timed Farm Sale for Karen GIBB & the Estate of Greg GIBB of Entwistle
JUNE 17th until JUNE 20th**Online Timed Farm Sale for Martha KRAUSE of Hoadley
JUNE 30th until JULY 4th**Online Timed Farm Sale for LeRoy & Donna MARTIN—Leemar Charolais of Thorsby
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Library Chatter

From Gail O'Neil

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Books at WPL: Tamera Alexander Book 1 Rekindled and Book 2 Revealed

Jay Onrait, Anchorboy: True Tales from the World of Sportscasting

Harriet Brown, Brave Girl Eating: A Family's Struggle with Anorexia

Laurie David, The Family Dinner: great ways to connect with your kids, one meal at a time.

Picture Book by Mike Leonetti, Wendel and the Great One (Wayne Gretzky)

Don Baskins, Western Horseman: Well- Shod: Horseshoeing Guide for Owners and Farriers

Jean Pare, Company's Coming Most Loved Stir-fries.

Reki Kawahara, books 1-6 of the Sword Art Online Aincrad, these are graphic novels

Paperbacks: The Mother in Law by Sally Hepworth

The Country Guesthouse by Robyn Carr

Starborn & Godsons by Larry Niven

Blood, Guts, and Glory: Smoke Jensen, American Legend by William W. Johnstone

The Last Emperox by John Scalzi

Closeup by Amanda Quick

Castaway Resolution by Ryk E. Spoor

Mirage by Julie E. Czerneda

The Nemesis Manifesto by Eric Van Lustbader

Happy reading!

Warburg Village Market

The month of May, such an inspirational time of year when anything seems possible. Yes you can try new things, that recipe that scared you? Now is the time to crush it! Get your ingredients at Warburg Village Market. Stepping out of our comfort zone is the basis for incredible personal growth.

May flowers! Yes, we are bringing some in soon. Tomato plants are also on the schedule. For now pick up your garden seeds here. Lets get growing Together.

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When: Ongoing

Who: Any child age 3 by September 1st until age 5 or Kindergarten

Days: Tuesday and/or Thursdays 8:45 – 11:45 am

Our program runs September through May and operates out of Room 1 in the Winfield Elementary School. Parents are an important team player in the success of their child's learning and growth; parent volunteers are a necessary part of our program. We look forward to seeing you.



Thank you,
Winfield Pre-Kindergarten Association

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Jensen
(403) 998-9477
or email your questions to: sajensen@cciwireless.ca



** Thanks to County of Wetaskiwin FCSS for providing us with a grant that partially funds materials and costs associated with our program **

Try a Trail

Did you know there are several trails located throughout Leduc County that are available for families to access? Trails provide a great way to get exercise and spend time outdoors.

Our Try a Trail program features eight trails you can visit in the county. We've gathered all of the information you'll need to get hiking, including how to access the trails, trail maps, trail guides and more.

Learn more about the program at www.leduc-county.com/recreation.



Club Activities Resume! Lakedell Lighthouse Club Report

Submitted by: Payton Schwindt,
Kamryn Tabler and Emersyn Tabler

For about six weeks now, we have been able to do in person activities, while following the AHS protocols for COVID-19. We have been social distancing, masking and sanitizing to keep members and their families safe! Although we can do in person activities with projects, in very small groups, we have still been having our meetings online through Zoom. Hopefully we can have them in person again soon! It would be nice to see all our friends again.

The Lighthouse portion of the club has been able to resume our Thursday night rides with Teri Larsgard. The first ride back was March 4. We ride in two groups; Group A and Group B to have smaller groups to maintain AHS guidelines. Every group rides every second Thursday. On March 6, we had our first equine clinic since we had to shut down back in November. The instructor was Lindsey Kuefler and Elvin Kopp. Although we had to make adjustments to the schedule to make sure everyone was safe, it was really nice to see everyone in person again! Each member was put into small groups, rode for two hours and then went home. We had our April clinic on April 17 and 18th. We split into two groups; one group went on Saturday and one on Sunday to reduce capacity. The mounted clinician was Frank Nesvadba. Thanks so much Frank, we all learned so much from you. Thank you to Amy Belec and Geneva Rodin for helping with showmanship and trail throughout the day! It was a lot of fun! The snow that came overnight on Saturday, meant that the groups from Sunday didn't get to work on the outdoor trail course, but we were able to get some work done on our Assessments books.

Canine projects have also resumed. We have

changed nights so that everyone can follow Covid protocols. Monday, March 8 was the first canine session since lockdown. Sherry Howey does a great job working with us, doing training sessions on agility as well as just basic training and simple commands. We get to have our training sessions at the Lakedell Arena, in two different groups, 2 Mondays a month! The dogs are really starting to show improvements since the beginning of the year.

Unfortunately, the West Central Regional Horse Show for the 2021 year has been cancelled due to COVID-19. It is very sad to have the show cancelled again, but hopefully we can have the show next year! We are planning our Achievement Day for the end of the year where everyone completes their goals from this year. Hopefully it can be in person!

Happy riding, stay safe!



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Pigeon Lake Environment Gets A Boost From Technology

May 2021 - The Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan, an innovative environmental strategy and 2021 Emerald Award nominee, will soon get a significant boost from technology.

A “smart buoy” with satellite communication capabilities will be able to provide information every 15 minutes about key air and water column conditions like air temperature, barometric pressure, wind speed and direction, and water dissolved oxygen levels, temperature, clarity and total algae using a weather station mounted above the water, and sensors that measure variables below the water all the way down to the bottom of the lake. With the Pigeon Lake smart buoy providing essential data to understand lake health, the lake community can not only apply targeted measures to help Pigeon Lake, but the information could help all Alberta lakes.

The buoy project is the result of the collaborative work to implement the Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan, in particular the “In-lake technical committee” of the Alliance of Pigeon Lake Municipalities (APLM). The initiative is being funded by the Summer Village of Crystal Springs through a Community Partnership Grant from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

The buoy is the latest innovation in an aggressive program by area residents to implement the landmark 2019 report that contained some 46 science-based recommendations to improve conditions in the lake and watershed.

Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver said, “Albertans treasure their environment and so does their government. We’re proud to work with the community by providing technical advice and \$200,000 in funding. This smart buoy will help us be even better stewards of our land so that residents can continue to enjoy places

like Pigeon Lake for generations to come.”

Crystal Springs Mayor and project lead Ian Rawlinson said the buoy initiative “should indeed have potential value to every Alberta lake, but it is also another significant step in Pigeon Lake’s drive to become Alberta’s premier recreational lake”. “The project speaks to the potential of technology in understanding lake health and the value in community/government partnerships.”

For more information, contact Mayor Ian Rawlinson @ 403-896-7897

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Thorsby Rcmp Arrest Two Males For Break And Enter And Theft Of Atm

Thorsby, Alta. – May 13, 2021 - After a lengthy investigation conducted by the Thorsby/Breton RCMP, two males have been arrested in relation to several reported break and enters in the Town of Thorsby, Alta.

On October 6, 2019, Thorsby RCMP responded to multiple break and enters including the theft of an ATM from the Esso fuel station in Thorsby. Police also investigated an attempted theft of an ATM from the Thorsby Village Supermarket.

On March 19, 2021, one male (30) of Edmonton, Alta. was arrested and charged with:

Theft of Truck (x2)
Mischief over \$5000 (x3)
Break and enter (x3)
Possession of break in tools (x3)
Wear a disguise committing an offence
Possession of stolen property

He has been released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Breton Provincial Court on May 26, 2021.

On April 30, 2021, an additional male (32) of Edmonton, Alta. was arrested and charged with:

Theft of Truck (x2)
Mischief over \$5000 (x3)
Break and enter (x3)
Possession of break in tools (x3)
Wear a disguise committing an offence
Possession of stolen property
Operate motor vehicle while prohibited

He remains in custody and is scheduled to appear in Breton Provincial Court on May 26,

2021.

“As a result of these arrests several outstanding files have now been brought before the courts,” said S/Sgt. Dwayne Moore, Thorsby RCMP Detachment Commander. “We will continue to strategically focus on property crime offenders in keeping with our crime reduction strategies.”

If anyone has any information regarding this incident or any other crime, please contact the Thorsby RCMP at (780) 789-3950. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com (<http://www.p3tips.com/>) or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

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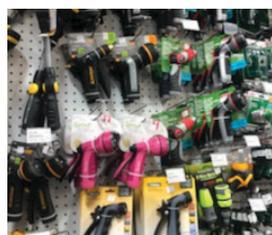
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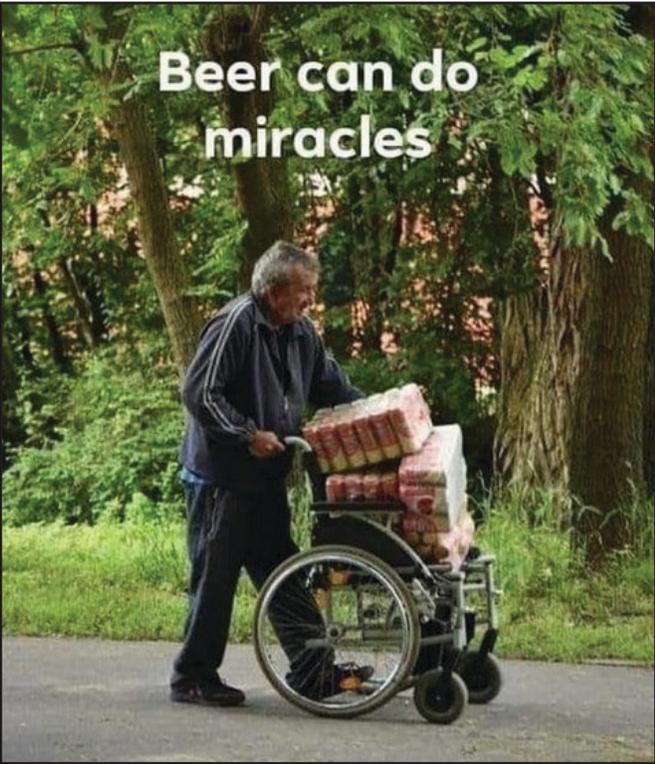
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