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BREAK AND ENTER TO DIRECT LINE INSURANCE IN WARBURG CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE



Warburg, Alta. — On Nov. 28, 2021, shortly before 3 a.m., Breton and Thorsby RCMP received a report of a break and enter in progress to a bank on 50 Street in Warburg. Heavy duty equipment was used by suspects to ram the side of the building causing significant damage. Three suspects fled the scene making off with an undisclosed amount of Canadian currency in a dark dually style pick-up truck.

Breton and Thorsby RCMP attended the scene to find the building significantly damaged and, after searching the building and immediate surroundings, that the suspects had fled. The investigation then proceeded to a nearby business from which the front end loader was stolen. Suspects had forced entry into that building. RCMP Forensic Identification Section examined both scenes for evidence.

SUSPECTS & STOLEN VEHICLE DESCRIPTION LATER IN THIS ISSUE!



In a media release from president Gord Enders on November 29, he states "The building is currently not usable however, insurance and banking operations are currently operating remotely - all phone numbers and emails remain the same but fax is unavailable.

In person consultations for insurance and banking are available through Direct-Line Insurance's location in Calmar located at 4950 - 50th Avenue in Calmar, Alberta Registry Services are currently unavailable but Direct-Line anticipates this line of business being operational in the coming days

Direct-Line would like to thank the RCMP for their diligent work on tracking down the suspects."

THORSBY POST OFFICE RE-OPENS



Many residents were shocked earlier this week when they saw this sign on the door entering the Thorsby Post Office. It was reported that Lamont, AB and a few other Canada Post Offices were also closed

It is unclear whether the shutdown in Thorsby was due to shortage of staff after the Federal government, including Canada Post, mandated employees to be vaccinated or be placed on leave without pay or if the staff were fighting for solidarity for those people being placed on leave. Whatever the reason, there were many angry residents wondering why they were being punished for something the Federal government was responsible for.

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Sudoku Answers from Nov 26 Issue

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Leduc Public Market

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Lakedell Christmas Market -

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Thorsby Bylaw Enforcement - for concerns or inquiries contact Barry Rasch at bylaw@thorsby.ca or 780.233.4151

Community Events Sign is Free to Non-Profit Organizations on a first come, first served basis for a period of one week or less. To have you event placed on the sign call 780.789.4041

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St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Thorsby Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy, Friday, Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. EVERYONE WELCOME! COVID restrictions apply. For further information contact Dan @ 780-789-3698.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church - 5115-48 Avenue, Thorsby In-Church Worship every Sunday at 10:30am. Following COVID Protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on You Tube

COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

Thorsby Agricultural Society - Regular meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Haymakers Arena. www.thorsbyhaymakers.com or call 780.789.3829

Thorsby Seniors - Meetings held monthly in the Seniors's Centre (4812 - 51 Street) and are on the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Memberships are available for \$10 from Elaine Warnock at 780.221.3939

Thorsby & District Fish & Game - Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of each month @7pm at the Warburg Village Office Basement (entrance through the back). Please join us. Contact Bruce at 780.848.2242 for more information.

Thorsby & District Lions Club - (non-profit organization serving Thorsby & District). Meeting the 2nd and the 4th Monday of the month at the Lions' Den in the Community Hall basement at 7pm. For information or membership, call 780.903.1695

The Royal Canadian Legion Pioneer Branch #144 Thorsby is wanting more members. Meetings are every third Wednesday of the month, except July & August at the Thorsby Seniors Centre 4812 - 51 Street at 9:30am. For Membership contact Doreen Mackenzie at 780,789,3812

The Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst

Next General Meeting will be January 10th, 2022 @ 7pm New Members welcome. Marion 780-935-6281

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at the Thorsby Seniors Centre - Mondays, weigh in at 9am to 9:15am, meetings at 9:15am to 9:45am. For more information call Jane 780.789.3789 or Elaine 780.221.3939

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Mulhurst Legion #246

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ThorsbySeniors Centre

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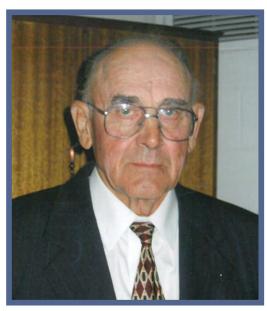
A year ago God called Art home, but it seems only like yesterday.

We remember and cherish Art for the way he lived his life. He was a man of faith and a kind and gentle soul. He loved family gatherings and delighted in any celebration that brought people together, from community and sporting events to get-togethers with friends and neighbours.

Art was a hard worker and enjoyed many careers over his 95 years. He was a meticulous master plasterer and stuccoer, stone mason, logger, sawyer, custodian and a respected lifelong farmer. He also held a love for music and played his trumpet until the age of 90.

We miss him so much and he is always in our thoughts and conversations. We are so thankful to have had Art as our remarkable husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He truly was a role model to all who knew him. Our wonderful memories help us through our pain until we meet again.

Your loving wife, Irma and all your family







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MORE INFORMATION AND SUSPECTS IN WARBURG DIRECT LINE INSURANCE BREAK-IN

The investigation has identified the pick-up truck used to flee the scene as one was reported stolen on Nov. 28, 2021, at approximately 8:30 a.m., in Warburg. The stolen pick-up truck is described as a black, 2007, Ford, F350 dually with Alberta licence plate VBK19.

Suspect #1 is described as:

- Male, 6' tall and heavy set
- Wide, thick shoulders,
- Light brown bib style coveralls;
- Black sweater with hood up;
- Dark hat with possibly a headlamp
- Dark gloves
- Grey/light coloured mask/face warmer
- Light brown/leather coloured skate board

Suspect #2 is described as:

- Male, 6' tall and skinny build
- Dark colored boots,
- Dark colored pants
- Black softshell jacket with white lettering on left and right breast
- Jacket hood up
- Masked
- Blue latex glove on right hand, white glove with possible black writing/logo on back of left hand

The third suspect was not observed outside of the vehicle.



Breton RCMP continue to investigate this incident and are seeking the public's assistance for any information in relation to this incident. Please contact Breton RCMP at 780-696-3520 or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

THORSBY RCMP INVESTIGATE FATAL COLLISION ON HIGHWAY 39

Leduc County, Alta. – On Nov. 30, 2021 at 11:50 a.m., Thorsby and Breton RCMP received a request for assistance from Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at a single vehicle collision on Highway 39 near Range Road 281 in Leduc County.

Thorsby and Breton RCMP attended the scene and EMS was already on site. Stars air ambulance was in the area and attended the scene.

The 44-year-old male driver from Edmonton was declared deceased on scene.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a van was travelling westbound on Highway 39 when the vehicle went off the roadway and came to a stop in an open field.

Thorsby RCMP with the assistance of the RCMP Collision Analyst continue to investigate the cause of the collision.

No further updates are anticipated and the name of the deceased will not be released.



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The farm slowly grew into so much more. Currently you can have your own pig raised, butchered and inspected for high quality Kune Kune Meat. We also raise other animals for meat including chicken, duck, and rabbit.

In addition, to meat sales we do sell our best of the best animals as breeders. If the Kune Kune is for you reach out as we will have piglets ready to go in February.

As time went on we have found our passion was in raising Registered Nigerian Dwarf Goats. These loving animals have stolen our hearts, as well as, provided us with our very own milk, cheese, ice cream and more. Our herd has strong milk lines that any breeder or hobbist would be happy to own. Kids are available throughout the year for purchase and waitlists for 2022 have begun.





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Christina also found that making handcrafted goat milk soap bars was another great way to use up the luxurious goat milk. Beautiful artisan soap creations that are great for cleaning and also provide an extra bit of beauty to a time where it seems all we do is wash our hands.

Forever Bored Market was established as a way to avoid travel, and provide local artisans, farms, and crafters a place to go right here in the west of Leduc County. A place where customers could trust in the products and vendors approved by Alberta Health Services similar to Leduc or Drayton Valley Farmers Markets.

We have chosen the Sunnybrook Community Hall as a home for our market to support local. There is no better way to support a community hall then to rent it. The hall being right here in our hamlet and off the highway was a perfect fit for our market.

The market has begun as a local country craft and bake sale with plans to add additional dates for a full-fledged Alberta approved farmers market in spring of 2022. Vendor Applications are now being accepted for both the Crafters and Farmers Market. Preference will be given to local artisans, bakers and farms.

Our journey began with Forever Bored Acres, expanded into Forever Bored Soapery, Forever Bored Yoga was then added, followed by Forever Bored Market. Who knows what will be next but it is amazing what a little bit of boredom and a drive to be challenged can do. Maybe a beehive? Follow us on our journey on Facebook to find out!

May you be forever bored.

You can reach us by email at the below:

<u>foreverboredmarket@gmail.com</u> - to become a vendor or more information on dates

<u>foreverboredsoapery@gmail.com</u> - Goat Milk Soap, Bath and Beauty products

foreverboredacres@gmail.com - Farm Fresh Egg Sales, Registered Nigerian Dwarf Kids(Waitlist has begun for 2022), purchase Kune Kune piglets or have raised for you.

<u>foreverboredyoga@gmail.com</u> - Restorative Yoga at Sunnybrook Community Hall and Goat Yoga in the spring



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November 26, Friday Crib Results

Winner results:

1st place - Marvin Wagar - 913 2nd place - Phyllis Yawney - 908 3rd place - George Yawney - 897

High Hand - Marie Guttenburg - 28

Congratulations to all the winners!

NEW DATE CHANGE

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Talk About Reading at Thorsby Library

by Gayle Sacuta, Library Manager

Next time you visit the library, ask about our reading-nook book pick. A title will be showcased in the library each month, many with challenging themes. We can talk about reading via Zoom, or as the weather comes around, outdoors in the Reading Nook, the gazebo at the side of the library at the Recreation Centre in Thorsby. The first title is Small Reckonings, by Kaarin Melberg Schwier, see below.

Thorsby Library's Plan of Service includes the goal of knowing our community. Respectful dialogue about challenging topics is one way to learn. At the library, I have heard many conversations about vaccines, reconciliation, politics, climate change, advanced care planning, and more. I feel hopeful when people have a chance to be heard and when they listen to others who may disagree. (In a calm but sometimes fiery way). This happens regularly in our Thorsby Library.

I recently participated in a Zoom program presented by the Town of Calmar and RealTalk (https://realtalk.sagesse.org/) an organization out of Calgary which educates on domestic violence. My hope was to connect with other community members and to update my knowledge. Over thirty years ago, well before working at a library, I helped found a group in central Alberta supporting domestic violence education and awareness. At the Zoom presentation last week, I learned some new things about domestic violence, but I was saddened that only 6 people including the organizers showed up.

The startling statistics around intimate partner violence indicate the problem is getting worse, but we don't hear much conversation about this problem. Just this week I have been listening to A Better Man, an audio book by Louise Penny. As I listened, I was reminded of what a powerful force fiction can be in helping understand complex issues. Over the next year, the library hopes to open more avenues for people to talk about

books and reading, including tough reads, through the reading nook book club.

Each month going forward, Thorsby Library will have a different title available from our grab-andgo book club shelf for any community member to borrow for three weeks. Some of the books will have challenging themes. You do not have to commit to meeting or discussing or even finishing the title. We will have a zoom chat if numbers warrant, or when the weather warms up, we will discuss the title or the reading experience in general, in the outside reading nook.

Book #1 available now at the library: Small Reckonings, by Kaarin Melberg Schwier. A historical drama that broaches the current conversations around trauma, consent and sexual assault. Small Reckonings is a work of historical prairie fiction set in the 1920s and 30s, in depression-era rural Saskatchewan. Violet, the child born 'feebleminded,' plunges her mother Louise--a woman burdened with a secret--back to a time of guilt and regret. To register for a Zoom chat on Sunday, January 22 from 4:30 – 5:30, send an email with "Small Reckonings" in the subject line to yatmgsacuta@yrl.ab.ca. 5 people minimum.

Thorsby Library is located in the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Centre. Hours remain Tuesday 10-6, Wednesday 12-6, Thursday 12-6 and Friday 10-4. Thorsby Library will be closed December 18 and reopen on Tuesday, January 4. Our Board meets Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 PM. Contact the manager for more information. To reach us, phone 780-789-3808, find us on Facebook, or email thorsbypublic@yrl.ab.ca. Visit our website

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Community

By Amissa Jablonski

COMMUNITY - a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common; a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals (from Oxford Languages).

'Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Thorsby's the greatest and we're going to shout it!' Any Thorsby Elementary alumnus will remember this as the opening line to the school's cheer. For this alumna, it means much more. For me, it represents the potential I see in this place. Thorsby really can be the greatest if ALL of its community members pull together to make it so.

My Thorsby is a Thorsby filled with people who care deeply about the long term success and sustainability of the town. A community beginning to heal. My Thorsby is not about to whom you pay your municipal taxes, but rather about valuing the time and talent offered by its members in service of others. A community that understands that critiques and questions should not automatically be viewed as spreading negativity but instead be seen as seeking to understand and desiring to make things better.

As we wrap up 2021, it is the perfect time to reflect on what we community members desire this place to be and to brainstorm strategies to activate that potential so many of us see. Consider letting go of the (justifiably) hurt feelings caused by past actions. Think twice before posting a scathing comment in anger or malice. Join a community group that does something you are interested in or have always wanted to help out with. Help make Thorsby 'a place to learn' and a 'place to grow.'

This community can build back the good will and comradery that has been eroded over recent years. It can be a welcoming place to newcomers while upholding the traditions of the past. It can celebrate its rich history while looking forward to what awaits in the future. It can be innovative, creative, bold, and, above all, it can be kind.

By remembering that this community is a special

place, we can take Thorsby beyond just a group of people living in the same place and create a feeling of fellowship rooted in common interests and goals. Fostering vibrancy in the community allows a new generation of kids to make wonderful memories that will make them want to raise their kids here - ensuring the town's long term sustainability. Heck, that's why I help out even though I do not live here full time. I want my niblings to be able to look back on their formative years and say, 'Hey, we had it pretty good in Thorsby!'

So, the next time you are asked to give your time in service of the community, step up and help out. If you have an idea for something to improve the town, seek out a group to help you make it a reality. By working together, we can put 'a smile on everyone's face' and show that 'Thorsby... is a wonderful place!'

Thank you to Mrs. Brosseau for the TES Cookbook that helps keep the cheer close to my heart, to Mary Pinkoski for elevating my writing, and to Shawna for indulging me with a personal essay submission to the Target.



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The Bible Truth Page No Free Rides on The Salvation Train

Jesus gave His life for us and suffered a horrible death to take the punishment that we deserve. By taking the punishment that we deserve He made it possible for us to be saved and healed. He took our punishment so that we could have life, and live with and for Him on friendly terms free from condemnation.

If we have made Jesus our Lord, our life should be very different than it was before. If we believe in Jesus as Lord we will:

- 1. Love Him with all our heart and love other people.
 - 2. Dedicate the rest of our life to following Him as our Lord
 - 3. Be His disciple, and allow Him to teach us and lead us into all truth
 - 4. Fellowship with Him by reading His word, meditating on His word, talking to Him, listening for a response, and by praising and worshipping Him.
 - 5. Study His word, commands, and actions so that we will know what he wants us to do.
 - 6. Obey His word, and commands.
 - 7. Do the works that He did and greater
 - 8. Make disciples by teaching others to follow Jesus, and helping them along the way
 - 9. Trust Him to do what He said He would do; He is not a liar.
 - 10. Fear, reverence, honour, and respect Him

#2 The Creator of Heaven and Earth has given us salvation as a gift. It is not possible for us to earn it, no matter how many good deeds we do. However, we are obligated, and should desire, to dedicate the rest of our life on earth to following Him as our Lord. Here is what Jesus said about it in John 12:25-26; "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me; let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour." What He is telling us here in verse 25 is that we should hate and turn away from our old lifestyle, and live for God instead, and we will then have life eternal. In verse 26 He makes it very clear that if we claim to be a Christian, we should follow Him, and when we do we will be with Him, and The Father will honour us. Jesus emphasises the point again in Luke 9:59-62, "And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. [60] Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. [61] And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. [62] And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Salvation is given to us as a gift, but we are not offered a free ride. 2 Peter 2:20-22 KJV "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. [21] For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. [22] But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

God the Father sacrificed His own Son so that we might have everlasting life, as a gift. In order to accept the gift we must give up living our life our way and live the rest of our life on earth following Him. There are no free rides on the salvation train.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to connect with us, please email Tyler, Breton Lifeteam Leader with John G. Lake Ministries, at tbu.lifeteam@gmail.com



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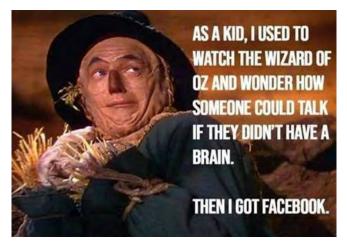


Local Rural Thorsby resident Michelle sent me Honey the donkey who loves the new babies and is very gentle with them

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