

CONNECT39

Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

LEDUC RCMP AND THORSBY BRETON RCMP INVESTIGATE RASH OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IN LEDUC COUNTY

Leduc County, Alta. – Leduc RCMP and Thorsby Breton RCMP are investigating a rash of theft from motor vehicles and theft of motor vehicles in Leduc County and seek public assistance to identify suspects involved.

Between the evening hours on Jan. 2, 2023 and the morning of Jan. 3, 2023, RCMP responded to multiple reports of suspicious activity in Leduc County south and south west of Calmar.

Police received information that unknown suspects were driving onto private property where they looked for unsecure properties, stole items from vehicles and stole at least two vehicles. It is believed that at least one of the stolen vehicles was left unlocked with keys inside. The two known stolen vehicles have since been recovered along with a third vehicle stolen out of Edmonton, Alta.

The investigation is ongoing. Leduc and Thorsby RCMP are requesting residents report any criminal or suspicious activity to police as soon as it occurs, as these reports tell us where to look, who to look for and where to patrol.

Leduc and Thorsby Breton RCMP would like to remind residents of some tips to keep their vehicles safe:

- If possible, look into command start options as a means to warm your vehicle
- Steering wheel locking devices are effective options that can help mitigate theft
- When starting your car, or allowing the engine

to warm up prior to driving, ensure that you are in the vehicle

- Never leave valuable items like purses, wallets, keys or change in an unoccupied vehicle
- Always place keys to vehicles in a safe place, out of plain sight and in a secure location
- Lock vehicle doors all the time, even if you are parked in your driveway or garage at home
- Never leave your vehicle unattended if it is running or the keys are in it

Leduc and Thorsby Breton RCMP are asking the public's assistance for any information in relation to these incidents and the identity of those responsible. Please contact Leduc RCMP at 780-980-7267, Thorsby Breton RCMP at 780-789-3950 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.



** Changes for 2023 – the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle will be combine as Connect 39. Deadlines for both papers will be 10am instead of noon but otherwise the Breton Booster will not be affected.*

Thank you for your understanding!

Classifieds

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*Sudoku Answers
from Dec 23 Issues*

The object of the puzzle is to fill the remaining squares, using all the numbers 1-9 exactly once in each row, column, and the nine 3 x 3 subgrids.

1	3	6	2	7	5	8	4	9	9	7	2	8	6	3	4	1	5
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Warburg Bugle

Thorsby Target

Thank You!

We would like to give all the responders who attend our house fire, a huge thank you for all you have done for us.

I would also like to thank every single person who has reached out and shown support. I am beyond overwhelmed at how our small community has come together. This obstacle is and has become a lot smaller with everyone's generosity and love. We love and thank everyone very much.

Morgan, Layne, Jakob Burnett



Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

Winners of January 2nd crin event:

1st - Orest Fitzowich. - 964

2nd - Marvin Wagar - 939

3rd - Marion Snider.- 905

High Hand of 20 tied by Sharon Anderson & Marvin Wagar

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE WINNERS!

Very nice to have previous Thorsby residents, Llyod & Marion, Visiting!

**Next crib playing event will be on
January 9th, Monday, 1:30 pm
Thorsby Seniors Center
Admission: \$6**

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CONTRACT BATTERY/FIELD OPERATORS

Aspenleaf Energy Limited (ALE) is a private oil and gas exploration and production company that is currently looking to fill contract battery/field operating positions in the Leduc, Alberta area. The company is focused on light oil opportunities and is led by a team of seasoned industry professionals with extensive operational experience.

Job Description:

- Reporting directly to the Shift Lead Operator you will be part of an active team responsible for the integrated oil field and sour gas plant operations. Your shifts will be organized with overtime and callouts shared amongst the team.
- Work within HSE standards and comply with all ALE rules, guidelines, policies and procedures. Conduct safety walk arounds, participate in formal safety audits, identify and complete hazard ID's...etc. • Maintain accurate daily production and equipment logs, records, production readings, and all electronic reporting formats. Assist the operations team in managing the day to day operations of the facilities and wells. Coordinate work with shift partner to complete monthly run tasks, required pigging/batching, and applicable documentation.
- Identify and contribute ideas to increase production, minimize operating costs and eliminate downtime • Conduct daily well testing as required, document and act on results
- Monitor and ensure regulatory compliance
- Execute day-to-day operations and ensure activities are focused on safety, compliance, production and aligned with business priorities
- Engage in troubleshooting opportunities to work with more experienced unit Operators to gain experience and confidence
- Initiate troubleshooting activities for all abnormal operational events and take corrective actions as necessary
- Support maintenance schedule by preparing equipment for scheduled work
- Ensure equipment, facilities and wells are maintained
- Responsible for creating a sustainable continuous improvement culture by continually seeking to improve performance and their work processes to be more efficient, effective, and safer. This includes challenging the status quo and identifying and executing both strategic and focused improvement efforts. • Engage with engineering and initiate MOC's
- Champion and drive the health and wellness of the organizations people in support of Aspenleaf's safety, culture and values
- Create an environment that nurtures and supports multi-disciplinary collaboration

Qualifications:

Applicants must have a **minimum of 5+ years' experience** in the following:

- Candidates must live within 30 min of Leduc/Devon area, or willing to relocate
- Oil Facility operations including, sour wells, compression, sour gas processing, satellites and batteries
- Working knowledge of pipeline gathering systems, pigging procedures and operations
- Previous sour gas plant operations experience including compression, amine sweetening, dehydration and acid gas disposal.
- Artificial lift systems including pump jacks and submersible pumps etc.
- Production monitoring systems such as Scada (Cygnet)
- Production reporting (ProdView, EZOps)
- Computer based programs and systems (Eg; Microsoft, Word & Excel, Roughneck)
- Issuing work permits and supervising work activities
- Operating waterflood/water injection systems
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To apply:

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

New Life Christian Fellowship is hosting a **GOSPEL MUSIC JAM** on Sunday, January 8th, at 2 pm. Free Admission! Bring a friend to listen or participate or just come to visit and enjoy the music. See you there!

The Morrowdale Community Centre invites everyone to its **CARD AND GAMES AFTERNOON** on January 8, 2023 from 2-5PM. Come beat the winter blues with some fun and great conversation at Morrowdale! For more information, call Bev at (780) 789-2571

U9 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT at Warburg Arena January 6-8. Come out and support our local U9 team.

CALLING ALL YOUTH - program for adolescents in Thorsby on January 10 & Feb 7 www.leduc-county.com/FRN

SUNNYBROOK COMMUNITY HALL AGM 7pm on January 11 at the community hall

BLUE MONDAY ONLINE LIVE VARIETY SHOW! January 16 @ 6:30-8:30 with open mic to follow. Register at www.leduc-county.com/Blue-Monday or Karen @ 780-955-6421 or kristin@leduc-county.com

TOWN HALL MEETING hosted by Thorsby Breton Detachment at Buck Lake Seniors Centre on January 17th @ 6pm. Join us in conversation on crime trends in the area, policing priorities and crime reduction strategies.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (E-PREP) for Older Adults Tuesday January 17 9:30am - 12pm at Warburg Community Hall. Please contact Carla to Register 780-955-4554 or carla@leduc-county.com

FORGIVE TO LIVE GROUP WORKSHOP - Find healing and peace as you learn to rewrite your story of hurt. 6 sessions start Wed, Jan 18, 7pm, at Warburg Community Hall, 5335 50A Ave. RSVP by Jan 15 at www.HealthSeminars.ca, or 825-525-1368.

GLEN PARK HALL MUSIC JAM will resume on Saturday January 21 at 1:30 pm. Admission \$5. Singers, musicians & dancers are all welcome! For info contact Ollie: 780-789-2180

UKRAINIAN MALANKA FESTIVAL -Thorsby Community Centre on January 21 @ 5:30pm. \$48 per ticket for full Ukrainian Buffet Supper and Zirka dance performers. For tickets Call Marlene 780-217-9394 or Sam 780-721-2270

INTRODUCTION TO INFANT MASSAGE - Thursday, January 26 in Thorsby: www.leduc-county.com/FRN

U11 HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS in Warburg Arena and Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex Jan 27-29. Come out and support our local U11 teams.

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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST: FAMILY BINGO every Tue. at 6:30 pm will resume on Feb. 7th/2023

SANDHOLM SQUARE DANCE CLUB -Youth, couples & singles Thursdays, 7 to 9:30pm at Sandholm Hall (10 miles S of Thorsby). For info call 780-238-5844 or 780-389-2381.

SEW HEAVENLY QUILTERS meet at 10:00 am Thursdays at Warburg Cultural Centre. Call Peggy Lunde 780-789-2545

THORSBY PICKLE BALL on Tuesday & Thursday morning 9:30am to 11:30am and Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. \$5 drop in fee

THORSBY BINGO Located at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Thursday evening starting at 7pm.

THORSBY SENIORS SOUP & SANDWICHES at the Thorsby Seniors Centre on the 2nd Wed of each mth starting at 11:30am

THORSBY AFTERNOON CRIB at the Seniors Centre runs every Monday at 1:30pm Everyone welcome!

THORSBY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS - at Arctic Spas Rec Complex on Tuesdays 3:30-5pm

THORSBY ARCTIC SPAS REC COMPLEX - SHINNY ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY from 3:30-5:00pm / **FAMILY SKATE ON MONDAYS** from 5-6pm

THORSBY PARENT & TOT DROP IN PROGRAM Thursday's 10-11am at the FRN Site (Modular next to the Rec) Fun games, activities & making friends

TOBOGGANS/HOCKEY STICKS/SNOW SHOES available on loan at the Warburg Library, just bring your library card.

WARBURG ARENA - SHINNY ON MONDAYS from 3:45-5:15pm / **FAMILY SKATE ON WEDNESDAYS** from 3:45-5:15pm / **MOM & TOT'S ON FRIDAYS** from 10am - 2pm

WARBURG BUSY BRUSHES meet on Wednesdays at 10 am at the Warburg Cultural Centre. Call Linda Mayr 587-590-0378.

WARBURG CURLING CLUB SENIOR MEN'S DROP-IN - Thursday at 10am. \$5 drop-in fee. Call Les at 780-848-2661

WARBURG SONGS FOR TODDLERS at the Warburg Library on Wednesdays at 1pm at the library..

WARBURG MUSEUM - Pie & Coffee on the first Saturday of every month next one January 7 from 1pm - 4pm.

WARBURG SENIORS CENTRE CARDS at 1pm every Wednesday / **SOUP & SANDWICHES** January 18 starting at 12pm for \$10.00 / **TAI CHI** at 10am every Wednesday for \$2.00 / **QUILTING** on Tuesday & Thursdays @ 9:30 for \$2.00



Journeyman Plumber - 'A' Class Gas Fitter Full Time – Leduc AB

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is seeking an enthusiastic and motivated individual for a permanent, full-time Journeyman Plumber 'A' Class Gas Fitter position working 75 hours bi-weekly. Reporting to the Asset Manager, the Journeyman Plumber will be responsible for the installation, maintenance, repairs and emergencies associated with plumbing and heating requirements. This position is part of the maintenance team, that work together to maintain numerous buildings in the Leduc Region. The individual will be required to read blueprints and specifications to maintain plumbing systems. He or she will work using safe work practices on a wide range of HVAC related equipment such as hydronic boilers, make up air and air handling systems, air conditioning and troubleshooting for minor repairs to HVAC systems. The successful candidate will ensure that a high quality of service is provided to all internal and external customers.

Qualifications

- Journeyman Plumber Certificate (Red Seal) with 5 or more years in facility maintenance as a plumber and gas fitter
- Gas Fitter Class A Ticket required
- Minimum 2 years' experience in plant, building or routine maintenance operations · 5th Class Power Engineering certificate an asset
- Current Backflow certification an asset.
- Experience with commercial kitchen equipment, desired.
- Computer literate and experience with enterprise dispatch systems.
- Strong background in trouble shooting controls, HVAC and boilers, with 5 years experience required.
- Possess a valid class 5 driver's license and satisfactory Driver's Abstract · W.H.M.I.S. Certificate
- Standard First Aid Certificate.
- A sincere desire to work within the non-market housing industry to assist Leduc Regional Housing Foundation to achieve its Vision.

All employees will be required to have a Pre-Employment Fit to Work Assessment, a clear criminal record with vulnerable sector check.

Please send your resume quoting job posting number
2022 – CS – 06 to:

Human Resources
Leduc Regional Housing Foundation
5118 – 50 Avenue, Leduc, Alberta T9E 6V4
Fax: 780.986.4881 or
E-Mail: hr@leducregionalhousing.ca



NEUMAN, Gerhard

On Monday, November 28 Gerhard Neuman, devoted husband and loving father, passed away at age 78 in Edmonton.

Born to Olga and Ewald in northern Germany, Gerhard grew up in Thorsby where he became a dairy farmer and strong member of the community. He is survived by his loving wife Janice, and children Carol, Michael and Peter, his sister Hertha Scheetz and her family. He was predeceased by his parents, Olga and Ewald Neuman, brothers in laws, Alvin Scheetz and Arnold Schaber, and mother in law, Emma Hagan.

Thank you to the staff of the University of Alberta Hospital and St Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital for their compassionate care during his critical accident and final chapter of his life.



In lieu of flowers, the family asks that those who are able and inclined to instead make a donation to: One to One Literacy; St. Matthews Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund; or to the Palliative Care Unit at St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital in Edmonton.

**Visitation for friends on Friday, January 6
from 5-8pm at Pointe West Cremation &
Funeral Home at 15305 - 112 Ave NW,
Edmonton**

**Gerhard's life will be celebrated at a closed
service at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in
Thorsby on January 7 at 1pm. For those
wishing to view the service, please watch at
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COMMUNITY GROUPS & MEETINGS

BURNT WOOD "06" METIS LOCAL monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the Wetaskiwin Moose Lodge. Call Rose @ 780-361-6019 for more information.

MULHURST BAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE - Meeting the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm. 780-389-4268 for more info.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST:
Next General Meeting: Jan. 9th @ 7pm

RUNDLE'S MISSION SOCIETY

For info email info@rundlesmission.org or phone 780-389-2422 www.rundlesmission.org Facebook: Rundle's Mission

THORSBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS - Regular Council meetings are on 4th Tuesday of the month & COW meeting are the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Council Chambers

THORSBY & DISTRICT CULTURAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Regular meetings held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm at the Thorsby Community Hall. Everyone welcome. Email thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

THORSBY & DISTRICT FISH & GAME - Regular meetings held on the 3rd Monday of each month @7pm at the Warburg Village Office Basement (entrance through the back). Contact Bruce at 780-848-2242 for more info.

THORSBY & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB - Meeting the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at the Lions' Den in the Community Hall basement at 7pm. For info or membership, call 780-903-1695

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 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Rec Complex. Call 780-499-9006 or email thorsbyabchamber@gmail.com

THORSBY COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM SOCIETY - Contact Barry Rasch 780-983-2096 or barrythorsby@gmail.com

THORSBY JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PTA - Next meeting on Monday Jan 16 @ 7pm at the school

THORSBY MINOR HOCKEY - to register or for more information email registrar@thorsbymha.org

THORSBY MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact the manager at yatmgsacuta@yrl.ab.ca for more information.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION PIONEER BRANCH #144 THORSBY meetings are the third Wednesday of every month, except July & Aug at the Thorsby Seniors Centre at 9:30am. For Membership contact Doreen Mackenzie at 780-789-3812

THORSBY SENIORS - Meetings last Wed of every month in the Seniors's Centre. Coffee meetings at 1pm (Winter Hours). Memberships available from Janice Zydek at 780-239-4595

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Thorsby Seniors Centre - Mondays, weigh in (9am-9:15am), meetings (9:15am -9:45am) For more info call Jane 780-789-3789 or Elaine 780-221-3939

WARBURG BLOOMIN' BUDDIES Meetings

Please contact Linda McLaughlin @ 780-848-2916 for information regarding meeting dates and times.

WARBURG PIONEER AG SOCIETY - Meetings 2nd Wednesday of each month. Phone 780-848-2841

WARBURG COUNCIL MEETING - are the second Monday of the month @ 7pm in Council chambers in the basement of the Village Office. Open to the public

WARBURG CURLING CLUB LEAGUE PLAY - Pre-season begins the week of October 11. warburgcurling@gmail.com or call Rob at 780-789-3723. FB or www.warburgcurlingclub.ca

WARBURG GIRL GUIDES - at the Warburg Community Hall. Register online www.girlguides.ca. Call Shelley 780-999-3913 or Kayla 780-920-9358

WARBURG MINOR HOCKEY - contact registrar Amanda Musser adkmusser@gmail.com for more information.

WARBURG MUNICIPAL LIBRARY - Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6pm at the library.

WARBURG PARENT SCHOOL SOCIETY Next meeting, January 26 at 3:30pm at the school. For volunteering opportunities or info, email: warburgparentsociety@gmail.com

WARBURG PLAYSCHOOL - for 3 & 4 yr olds, Tuesdays & Thursdays at Warburg School. Contact Lacey at 780-898-5556

THE WARBURG LEGION hold their meetings every second Wednesday each month @7PM. Memberships are available for 2023 with Membership Perks!

WARBURG SKATING CLUB - call 780-887-4440 for more information

Community Events & Information is FREE to advertise

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Our Calendar and Connections for Breton, Warburg, Thorsby & Surrounding areas are on our website under "Community"

This includes community group contacts, facilities for rent, churches and other local information.

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You will also find more information on how to advertise, submit an article and previous editions of our papers.

Don't like going online?

A complete listing will be printed in Connect 39 once a month.





Barbara A. Bensen
April 7, 1940 – December 21, 2022



Barbara Anne Bensen passed away peacefully in Calgary, Alberta, on December 21, 2022 at the age of 82 years.

Barb was born and spent her formative years in Gull Lake, Saskatchewan on a farm with her parents Ted and Caroline Lyngstad. She met and married a dashing young gentleman, Walter Bensen, in 1956 and after several years of living the nomadic lifestyle of drilling companies in southern Alberta and Saskatchewan, they settled in Thorsby, Alberta in 1965 to start the new UFA where they remained until their retirement in 1999. Customers were greeted by Barb's ever present smile in the UFA office where innumerable cups of coffee were drank over their 34 years of business. Barb was an active member of TOPS, the Thorsby Legion, and a longtime volunteer fixture in the United Church Thrift Store.

She was predeceased by her parents and husband, and lovingly remembered by her four children Randy (Aline) of Washington, Crystal of Oregon, Dana of Calgary, Alberta, and Jason (Tammy) of California; grandchildren Cory (Emma), and Karla of Vancouver, British Columbia; and two great-grandchildren Emilia, and Vincent.

A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

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Robert "Bob" Arnold Geilen
July 14, 1942 – December 20, 2022

Robert "Bob" Arnold Geilen of the Breton, Alberta area went peacefully to heaven on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. He passed away at Villa Caritas in Edmonton at the age of 80 years.

Bob will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife Marguerite; his children Janette (Scott) Langford, Bob Jr., Debbie Mellor, Leona (Mike) Williamson, Lorie (Sean) Jarvis, and Tammy Dianocky (Jason); as well as his grandchildren Courtney, Lucas, Reid, Alicia, Samantha, Sarah, Beth, James, Hope, Ashley, and Evan; and one great-granddaughter Annika. He will also be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his sisters Bella (Gus) Soudant, Elsie (Pete) Willems, Corrie (Rod) Leroy, Theresa (Martin) Van Sloun, and Louise Allen; his brother John Geilen; in addition to numerous nieces and nephews, other family members, and many friends. Bob was predeceased by his parents Hubert Hein and Louise; two brothers Paul and Joe; and one sister Mary Willems.

A Gathering of Family and Friends to Celebrate Bob's Life will take place in the summer, at the Yeoford Community Hall on Saturday, July 15, 2023. He will be laid to rest in the Bunker Hill Cemetery, Winfield at a later date. If friends desire, memorial tributes in Bob's memory may be made directly to the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute, c/o University Hospital Foundation, Donor Office – Room 1H1.91, WMC 8440 – 112 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2B7 (www.givetouhf.ca). Condolence messages may be forwarded to the family by visiting: www.ofc-ltd.ca

Cremation Arrangements for the Late Robert "Bob" Arnold Geilen entrusted to the care of

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Submitted by Leduc County FCSS

What is FCSS?

Family and Community Support Services – or FCSS – is a partnership between Leduc County, the towns of Calmar and Thorsby and the Village of Warburg to provide voluntary support to adults, families, children, youth and seniors. FCSS is your source for information on topics such as housing, transportation, mental health, resources for seniors and financial supports. We support people to access local resources and assist in coordinating services. We provide assistance with applications for all government pensions and subsidies.

We offer subsidies to assist with:

- housekeeping services for seniors and adults with disabilities
- counselling services

We provide assistance to file simple income tax returns for seniors, students and individuals or families with low to moderate income.

Upcoming events

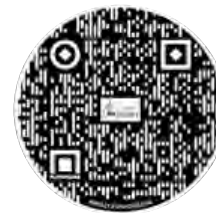
On Monday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m., we are hosting our third annual Blue Monday event – an online variety show you can enjoy from the comfort of your home! January can be dark and depressing; this is a fun event with many different performances to brighten and lighten our spirits. There will be poetry, music, story telling and laughter. We hope you'll join us. Register online at www.leduc-county.com/blue-monday or contact Kristin at 780-955-6421 or kristin@leduc-county.com

On Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 9:30 a.m., Emergency Preparedness (E-Prep) for Older Adults will be held at the Warburg Community Hall. Are you prepared for a crisis or disaster? What skills can you practice and what resources can you depend on? Join us at this workshop to discover the tools you need and uncover the tools you already have. E-Prep focuses on personal preparedness and emotional resilience during times of crisis. Register online at www.leduc-county.com/e-prep or contact Carla at 780-955-4554 or carla@leduc-county.com

Learn about other upcoming programs, workshops and events at www.leduc-county.com/community-family and sign up to receive FCSS email updates!

Contact FCSS

Leduc County 780-979-2385
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Rural wedding and agricultural event facilities

Leduc County is currently reviewing the Land Use Bylaw and is considering making amendments with respect to **rural wedding and agricultural event facilities**.

This land use is defined within Part 11 of the Land Use Bylaw as follows:

an indoor facility, accessory and incidental to the primary use that provides for an alternative of venue for events within a traditional rural setting, and is not intended to locate development that would be better located within defined business and commercial areas.

Any use and/or development considered under this definition shall be designed to be agriculturally harmonious by way of design, appearance, scale and form and shall not detract from the rural and agricultural context of the site or its surroundings.

Uses may include, but are not limited to: weddings, meetings, seminars, farmers markets and trade fairs.

This is listed as a discretionary use within the AG – Agricultural and AG/CR TR – Agricultural/Country Residential Transitional land use districts.

Within these two districts, the County is considering how these facilities are regulated, what amendments may be necessary to address concerns related to land-use compatibility with surrounding agricultural areas, and the future of such facilities in Leduc County.

But first, we want feedback from County residents and landowners on rural wedding and agricultural event facilities.

Let us know what you think

Submit your comments on our public participation opportunities web page, by email to **development@leduc-county.com**, by mail to 101-1101 5 Street, Nisku, AB T9E 2X3, or by fax to 780-955-8866.

Comments must be received by Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Karen Mercer, Planner, Development Services at **780-979-6177** or **karen@leduc-county.com**.

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*.



MLA REPORT

from The Office of MLA Mark Smith,
Member of the Legislative Assembly
for Drayton Valley - Devon

December 27, 2022

As the MLA for Drayton Valley - Devon, I had the distinct honour of awarding the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal to 18 deserving recipients in our constituency.

I would like to pay tribute to those who have given of their time and talents in service to their communities, our province and our country.

As you know, Alberta's Platinum Jubilee Medal commemorates the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada upon the death of her father, King George VI, on February 6, 1952.

Her Majesty was crowned on June 2, 1953, during Her Coronation ceremony, which was held at Westminster Abbey, as Coronations have been for 900 years. Steeped in this rich history, Her Majesty's Coronation made history as the first ever to be televised and was watched by 27 million people in the UK alone and millions more around the world.

And so, with Her Majesty representing both the storied past of Britain, as well as the modern-day world, she has dedicated more than 70 remarkable years of continuous service to Canada, the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. This extraordinary achievement makes her Britain's longest reigning and longest-lived monarch.

Her Majesty has expressed her wish that Jubilee events be an occasion for enjoying a sense of togetherness and optimism about the future which makes this the perfect opportunity to celebrate the achievements of people who make our community better.

Our medal recipients lead rather than wait to be led. They tackle challenges head-on. They see problems as opportunities instead of obstacles. I would like to congratulate the following outstanding individuals on receiving this special distinction in the Drayton Valley – Devon constituency.

Dale Babuik
Audrey Brosseau
Lorne Clemens (awarded posthumously)
Katie Conner
Ariel Delaney
Tanya Hines
Matt MacDonald
Sean MacIntyre
H. Jean McCulloch
Shawna Ofstie
Denis Preece (awarded posthumously)
Barry Rasch

Jewel Reiersen
Richard Skermer
Jeannette Vatter
Don Yez
Grant Little

Congratulations to all recipients,

January 3, 2023

Happy New Year and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. As we move into the New Year it is often important to take stock of where we are as people and I believe as a province. If we just look at the past three months we will see that Alberta has welcomed 58,203 new people. This represents a population increase of around 1.3 per cent, the largest growth our province has ever seen.

There are a lot of reasons why people are flocking to Alberta right now: an abundance of good jobs, affordable homes, and a quality of life that is second to none. But our low-tax advantage remains a tremendous draw for families in search of hope, opportunity, and a better life.

Alberta is the only province in Canada without a provincial sales tax. This means big savings for Albertans on vehicles, hockey equipment, clothes, furniture, tools, and so much more. Our lack of a sales tax isn't just good for families, it's good for businesses who can lower their overhead and attract customers from other provinces, in addition to Alberta.

According to a new report from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, Alberta shoppers saved a whopping \$184 million over the Christmas shopping season, due to the fact we do not have a sales tax, while shoppers in other provinces paid hundreds of millions more.

"Sometimes I think it can be taken for granted, not having a PST," said Kris Sims, the Alberta director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. "When we have that savings across Alberta for our shoppers, I think it's important to point it out because other folks don't have those savings. I think that's one of the reasons Alberta has an advantage."

According to Sims, Albertans' massive holiday savings broke down to about \$80 per person, while the average Ontario shopper paid about \$90 more, and the average Quebec shopper paid about \$112 more.

Albertans pay the lowest taxes in the country and protecting Alberta's low-tax advantage is one of our United Conservative government's top priorities. Premier Danielle Smith even signed a pledge not to implement a sales tax in our province. This is great news for all Albertans, who benefit from our province's low taxes.

Despite the fact Albertans pay the lowest taxes in the country, all while our economy is booming and our budget is balanced – the NDP have a very different perspective on taxes. They want to raise them, and they're not shy about saying so.

When the NDP was last in government, one of their first actions was increasing businesses taxes. This turned out to be an ill-advised move, as the NDP took in less and less revenue as jobs, investment, and capital fled the province. Now they are promising to raise business taxes again.

The previous NDP government also implemented a job-killing provincial carbon tax (one they failed to mention in their election platform), which was the largest tax increase in the history of our province. Now they support Justin Trudeau's plan to increase the federal carbon tax by a massive 300 per cent, which will raise the price of everything from fuel to heat to groceries for all Albertans.

Our United Conservative government cut taxes for families and business, and as a result we're bringing in more revenue as businesses invest here and families move here. This is the path towards building a strong, resilient, and diversified economy – not raising taxes like the NDP did and wants to do again.

Alberta is back and Albertans can trust our United Conservative government to protect our province's low-taxes advantage, now and for years to come.

I can be reached at the main constituency office in Drayton Valley at 1-800-542-7307 toll-free. The office is open Monday to Friday. The Devon constituency office is open every Wednesday and the phones are manned Tuesday to Friday at 780-987-3666 or I can be emailed at draytonvalley.devon@assembly.ab.ca anytime.



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JANUARY 1, 2023

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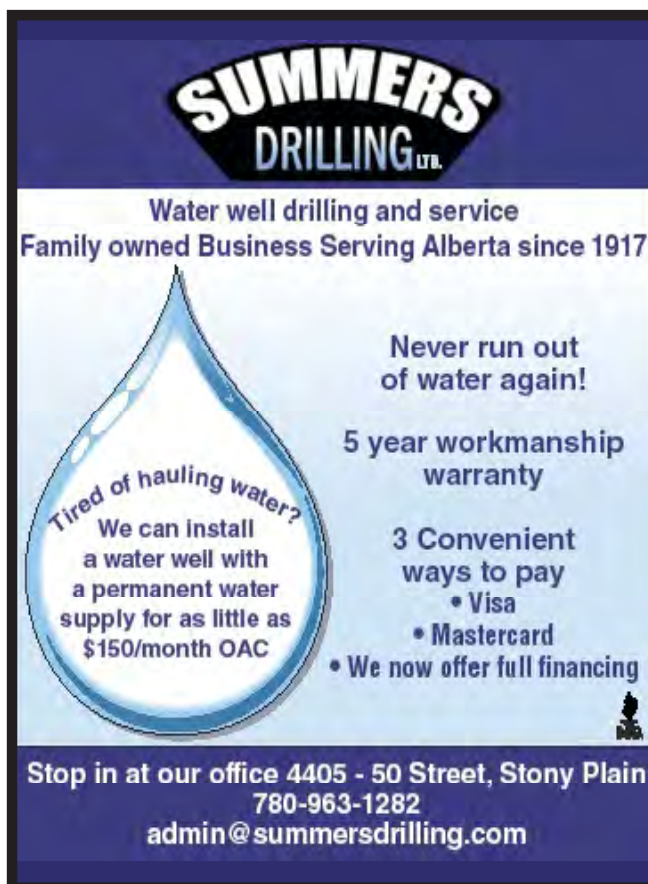
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We appreciate businesses and residents doing their part to make Thorsby sidewalks safe and encourage continued efforts. All snow and ice must be removed within 48 hours.

More information can be found in our Traffic Bylaw #2006-05 sections 7.11-7.15 and 7.18. Thank you very much!



Emergency Preparedness (E-Prep) for Older Adults When individuals are prepared, communities are prepared!



Emergencies happen. Let us help you take control! Join Leduc County and Alberta Health Services for a step-by-step empowering workshop that is interactive, educational and fun!

During this 2.5 hour workshop, you will develop your own personal emergency preparedness plan. Following the guidance of trained facilitators, we will focus on the importance of emotional and practical preparedness from an all-hazards approach. Door prizes and snacks included! **Registration closes January 4; spaces are limited!**



Two sessions: one in west Leduc County and one in east Leduc County

Leduc County west

- **Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 17
- **Time:** 9:30 a.m. to noon
- **Location:** Warburg Community Hall
- **Register:** contact Carla at **780-955-4554** or carla@leduc-county.com or online at www.leduc-county.com/e-prep
- **Spaces available:** minimum of 6 registrants; maximum of 20

Leduc County east

- **Date:** Thursday, Jan. 19
- **Time:** 1:30 to 4 p.m.
- **Location:** New Sarepta Seniors Centre
- **Register:** contact Carla at **780-955-4554** or carla@leduc-county.com or online at www.leduc-county.com/e-prep
- **Spaces available:** minimum of 6 registrants; maximum of 20



TOWN HALL MEETING HOSTED BY THORSBY BRETON DETACHMENT

WHEN:
January 17,
2023
6:00 p.m.

WHERE:
Buck Lake
Seniors'
Drop In
Centre

JOIN US FOR A
CONVERSATION ON
CRIME TRENDS IN THE
AREA, POLICING
PRIORITIES AND CRIME
REDUCTION
STRATEGIES

S/SGT DWAYNE MOORE,
CPL BRYAN MACHUK &
CPL ROB GILLIES WILL
BE IN ATTENDANCE
ALONG WITH SGT KELLY
KRAAL (CENTRAL
ALBERTA DISTRICT
CRIME REDUCTION
UNIT)

Thorsby Town Council Meetings

(all meetings are held
at the Town Office
in the Council
Chambers)

Tuesday, January 10 |
COW | 7 - 9pm
Tuesday, January 24 |
Regular | 7 - 9pm

Thorsby Town Office Regular Hours

Mon: 8:30am – 4:30pm
Tues: 8:30am – 4:30pm
Weds: 8:30am – 4:30pm
Thurs: 8:30am – 4:30pm
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BRETON**\$389,000**

10 ± acres, 3 bedroom home, 3 season sunroom, 32x40 metal clad shop. Subject to final subdivision approval.

BUCK LAKE**\$199,000**

1 bedroom 1 bath cabin built 1988, 0.8 acre lot. Wood stove, full kitchen, 4 pce bath, Drilled well, 2000 gal septic tank & power

LODGEPOLE**\$35,000**

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JANUARY 2023 COMMUNITIES CALENDAR

*More information on these events are in the Breton Booster, Connect 39 (Thorsby, Warburg & Area) and on our website "Community Connections"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	2 *NO SCHOOL BGSD & WRSD *BRETON Golden Age Meeting 11am	3 *NO SCHOOL BGSD & WRSD	4 *NO SCHOOL BGSD & WRSD *BUCK CREEK Comm. Assoc. Meeting 8pm *THORSBY AG Society Meeting 7pm *THORSBY - Foot Care Nurse	5 *NO SCHOOL BGSD & WRSD *BRAZEAU COUNTY ALUS PAC Meeting 9am *BRETON - Art Attack 1pm	6 *NO SCHOOL BGSD & WRSD *BUCK CREEK Jam Dance & Cards 8pm *WARBURG - U9 Hockey Tournament	7 *WARBURG Museum - Pie & Coffee 1-4pm *WARBURG - U9 Hockey Tournament
8 *THORSBY - NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN Gospel Music Jam 2:00 pm *MORROWDALE - Card & Games afternoon from 2-5pm *WARBURG - U9 Hockey Tournament	9 *BGSD & WRSD SCHOOL RESUMES *BRETON - Lego Club 4:45pm *MULHURST Legion #246 Meeting 7pm *THORSBY Cultural Historical Society Meeting 7pm *THORSBY & District Lions Club Meeting 7pm *WARBURG - Council Meeting 7pm	10 *BRAZEAU COUNTY Municipal Planning Commission Meeting 1pm *THORSBY - Calling all Youth program by Leduc County *THORSBY - Town COW Meeting 7pm	11 *BRETON Village Council Meeting 7pm *BRETON Book Club 7:30pm *SUNNYBROOK Community Hall AGM 7pm *THORSBY Seniors Soup & Sandwich 11:30am *WARBURG Pioneer AG Society Meeting *WARBURG Legion#205 Meeting 7pm	12 *BRETON Ag Society Meeting 7pm *BRAZEAU COUNTY Agricultural Services Board Meeting 1pm	13	14 National Children's Day
15	16 *BRETON Royal Purple Meeting 7:30pm *BUCK LAKE Town Hall Meeting by Thorsby/Breton RCMP at 6pm *MULHURST BAY Community League Meeting 7:30pm *ONLINE - BLUE MONDAY Live Show 6:30-8:30 *THORSBY & District Fish & Game Meeting 7pm *THORSBY- PTA Meeting High School 7pm	17 *BRAZEAU COUNTY Meeting 9am *BUCK LAKE - RCMP Town Hall Meeting 6pm *WARBURG Emergency Preparedness (E-Prep) 9:30am *WETASKIWIN Burntwood '06' Metis Local Meeting 7pm	18 *BRETON Library Board Meeting 7pm *THORSBY Library Board Meeting 7pm *THORSBY Legion #144 Meeting 9:30am *WARBURG Seniors Centre Soup & Sandwich 12pm *WARBURG Library Board Meeting 6pm *WARBURG - Forgive to Live Workshop 7pm	19 *BRETON Elks Meeting Community Hall 7:30pm *THORSBY Chamber Meeting 6:30PM	20	21 Lunar New Year's Eve *GLEN PARK HALL Music Jam 1:30pm *THORSBY - Ukrainian Malanka Festival 5:30pm
22 Lunar New Year's Day	23 *BRETON -Historical Society Meeting 7pm *THORSBY & District Lions Club Meeting 7pm	24 *THORSBY - Council Meeting 7pm	25 *BRETON - Taste Around the World 3:45pm *THORSBY Seniors Meeting 1pm *WINFIELD - Lions Club Seniors FREE Supper 4:30pm	26 *THORSBY - Introduction to Infant Massage by Leduc County *WARBURG- PTA Meeting 7pm	27 *THORSBY - U11 Hockey Tournament *WARBURG - U11 Hockey Tournament	28 *THORSBY - U11 Hockey Tournament *WARBURG - U11 Hockey Tournament
29 *THORSBY - U11 Hockey Tournament *WARBURG - U11 Hockey Tournament	30 *NO SCHOOL BGSD & WRSD	31	New Year's Resolutions Week : January 1 - 7 <i>Communities Calendar will be in the newspaper once per month and available to view anytime online at www.community39.com or on our FB Page</i> <i>*Dates are updated as needed</i>			
MONDAYS *BRETON - Golden Age Club Cards 1pm *THORSBY- Afternoon Crib @ Seniors Centre 1:30pm *THORSBY- TOPS 9am *WARBURG - Arena Shiny 3:45-5:15pm	TUESDAYS *BRETON Stay & Play Gym Time 10-11:30am *BRETON - Golden Age Club Floor Curling 1pm *THORSBY - Pickleball 9:30-11:30am *THORSBY- After School Programs 3:30-5:00pm *WARBURG - Seniors Centre Quilting 9:30am *WARBURG - Girl Guides 5:30-7pm	WEDNESDAYS *BRETON Low Impact Exercise Class 10-11am *WARBURG - Treasures Thrift Shop 10am-4pm *WARBURG- Busy Brushes 10am *WARBURG - Seniors Centre Cards at 1pm *WARBURG - Arena Family Skate 3:45-5:15pm *WARBURG - Seniors Centre TAI CHI 10-11am *WARBURG Library Songs for Toddlers 1pm	THURSDAYS *SANDHOLM Square Dance Club 7pm to 9:30pm *THORSBY Seniors Bingo 7pm *THORSBY Seniors Thrift Store 10am-3pm *THORSBY - Pickleball 9:30-11:30am & 7-9pm *THORSBY-Parent & Tot Drop in 10-11am	FRIDAYS *WARBURG HALL - Floor Curling 1pm *WARBURG - Seniors Centre Quilting 9:30am *WARBURG Curling Club Senior Men's drop in 10am *WARBURG Sew Heavenly Quilters 10am	SATURDAYS *BRETON - Golden Age Club Crib 12:30pm *MULHURST BAY Farmers Market 10am-2pm	
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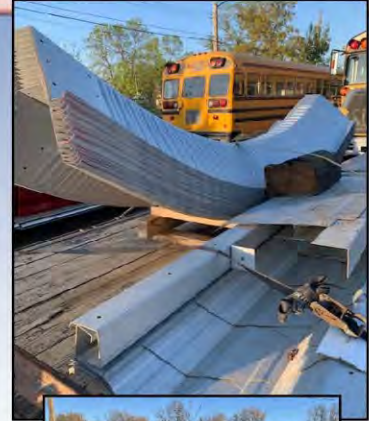
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THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL RECIPIENTS (Alberta)

Along with 7,000 other Albertans, these recipients have been recognized for their contributions to their community and our province. Here are some key points from their nominations about our local recipients in the Drayton Valley-Devon constituency awarded by MLA Mark Smith. Congratulations to all of the recipients and thank you to everyone who contributes to the well being of our province and local communities!

Dale Babuik is a retired Deputy Chief of Devon-Parkland Fire Department and dedicated volunteer with 37 years of service. Dale has assisted with training recruits, finding the best equipment the department could afford and is also a safety codes officer and fire investigator.

Audrey Brosseau is a retired teacher who taught for 40 years, 33 of them at Thorsby Elementary. Volunteer with Rundle Mission, teaches ESL to refugees and immigrants, delivers books to house bound residents and writes community articles for the local paper.

Lorne Clemens (awarded posthumously) at 98, Lorne "Bill" Clemens was honored as one of our last WW2 Veterans and for his lengthy contributions to the Devon Legion 247. Instrumental in the development of the Devon Public Library with a suitcase full of books.

Katie Conner has dedicated much of her adult life to the empowerment of youth. Katie of Devon, is the Executive director of Local Youth Experience, and has created a space that is welcoming and safe. She encourages volunteerism in all youth and is a loyal supporter of the community at large.

Ariel Delaney who grew up in the Parkland County area is the founder and operator of Pack a Care Kit Association. This organization was created to help less fortunate and homeless individuals with hygiene needs. This organization became a fully registered non-profit in July.

Tanya Hines is a dedicated professional and compassionate registered nurse. She has been a volunteer in the Drayton Valley community in various roles for over 25 years including as a youth volleyball coach and volunteer in youth and amateur rodeo events.

Grant Little is a retired 27 year RCMP member and 30 year old Alberta resident who resides near Thorsby. He was an Emergency Response Team (SWAT) leader and K9 Drug Detection Handler. Grant volunteers his time as a support person for military veterans, first responders and their families coping with mental health challenges.

Matt MacDonald has been an active member of Brazeau Regional Search and Rescue since 2014 and has been serving as president since 2020. Despite many obstacles, Mr. MacDonald has continued to promote, encourage and enable

his team to remain operationally active and continue to be of service to the community when called upon.

Sean MacIntyre has been an active member of Brazeau Regional Search and Rescue since 2014 and has been serving in an executive capacity since 2016, most recently as training coordinator. Despite many obstacles, Mr MacIntyre has found creative ways to continue training the team in preparation for deployment on operations, in service to the community.

H. Jean McCulloch has been a member of the Breton Royal Purple since 1968. Her volunteer work includes but is not limited to helping friends and neighbors, working casinos, bingos, helping with meals for events, maintaining the ice for the Breton outdoor skating rink and volunteering with the Curling Clubs.

Shawna Ofstie is the president of the Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce. She has volunteered for many local organizations and applied for and received various grants for community projects including the TES Playground. A former Black Gold School Trustee and Chair of the Medical Attraction / Retention committee who assisted in bringing the Nurse Practitioner to Thorsby & Warburg.

Denis Preece (awarded posthumously) was an active member of the Devon Legion/Lions Club. He volunteered at the Bissell Centre, Salvation Army and gave rides to people undergoing cancer treatments. A former Town of Devon Town Councillor and active and integral member of the Devon Historical Society.

Barry Rasch is the president of Thorsby Communities in Bloom which he formed in 2005. He has applied for and received grants for recycling programs, mental health awareness, CIB and the Network of Trails. He has spearheaded the Networks of Trails improvements and many community projects. Barry was Thorsby's youngest elected official serving 4 terms with 2 of them as mayor.

Jewel Reiersen has been an active member of Brazeau Regional Search and Rescue since 2018 and has been serving as Treasurer since 2020. In spite of the obstacles, Mrs. Reiersen never wavered in her commitment to not only fulfill her regular duties as a volunteer searcher and Treasurer but was a source of knowledge and inspiration to the team through a most strenuous time.

Richard Skermer of Genesee is the President, CEO and Producer of the Alberta International Airshow which showcases Alberta's aerospace industry. Richard is a builder for this province, attracting investment and creating a unique tourist product that will draw business leaders from around the globe.

Jeannette Vatter has been an active volunteer in the Drayton Valley community for almost 60 years. She has worked for various groups including the Rotary Club, Cardium Region Victim Services, Pembina Physicians Recruitment and Retention Committee, the Oil Wives Club and more.

Don Yez has been on the Devon Fire Department for 42 years, and at 66 years of age is still serving. Don has done many things for the community and one of his biggest accomplishments is his dedication to the mental well-being of residents and fellow first responders.

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FARMS & ACREAGES

MULHURST BAY - 4 bedroom bi-level on 1.82 Acres (E4315509) nice yard, on pavement **\$449,000**

PIGEON LAKE - 32.67 Acres close to Johnsonia Beach(E4313307) great building spots **\$299,000**

PIGEON LAKE - 20 Acres on Pavement (E4316699) close to Johnsonia Beach, great building spots **\$199,500**

LEDUC COUNTY- 2.97 Acres on pavement (E4305521) solid 3 bedroom home, double detached garage, amazing mature yard **\$399,000**

WARBURG - 39.56 Acres (E4271943) set up for horse & cattle. 2814 sq ft house with finished basement and numerous out buildings. ~~\$729,000~~ **\$699,000** **REDUCED**

GLEN PARK - 1/2 Acre (E4267406) on 1/2 acre 560 square feet bungalow with older outbuildings ~~\$169,000~~ **\$149,000** **REDUCED**

RAW LAND

THORSBY - 68.81 Acres (E4261453) close to North Saskatchewan River - 8000+/- planted trees, good building sites - power - tons of wild game. **\$450,000**

COMMERCIAL

THORSBY - 2500 sqft building on Main Street (E4308509) A/c, newer furnace, good condition **\$129,000**

THORSBY - 5300 sqft building on Main Street (E4268265) corner lot, lots of parking, loading dock ~~\$249,000~~ **\$199,000** **REDUCED**



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From Pearl Elson

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MEN ARE JUST HAPPY PEOPLE

This needs no explanation and is a fun read. NO MATTER YOUR GENDER

Men are just happier people! Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park. Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress-\$5,000 Tux rental-\$100. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds-flat. You know stuff about tans. A five day holiday requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars.

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Two pairs of shoes are more than enough. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.

Everything on your face stays its original colour. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck. You can play with toys all your life. One wallet and one pair of shoes-one colour for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

You can do your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes. No wonder men are happier.

NICKNAME If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah. If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubbs, and Wild Man.

EATING OUT when the bill arrives Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back. When the girls get their bill, out comes the pocket calculators.

MONEY A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs. A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

BATHROOMS A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel. The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

FUTURE A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

MARRIAGE A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

DRESSING UP A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book and get the mail. A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

OFFSPRING Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She know about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favourite foods, secret fears, and hopes and dreams. A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing! So, send this to the women who have a sense of humor—and to the men who will enjoy reading.



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*Leduc County suggests a funding request of approximately \$2,000.

Applications will be available from Jan. 2 to 31, 2023.

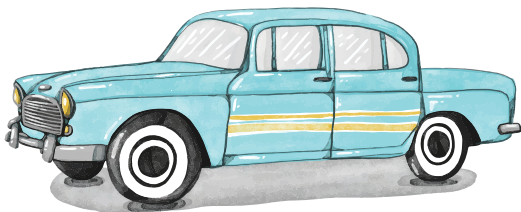
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RCMP COMMUNITY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022

*Cst. J. Conway, Thorsby/Breton
RCMP Detachment*

Total Calls for Service	278
Suspicious Persons/ Vehicle	7
Collisions	44
Vehicle Theft	0
Fraud	4
Break and Enter	14
Assault	5
Impaired	4
Recovered Vehicles	5
Missing Person	1

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

December 7, 2022 Area of Lindale

Breton RCMP received a report of a male outside a home in Lindale with a shotgun firing shots and shouting threats to the residents. The male then used a 2x4 to smash the homeowner's vehicle. RCMP attended and located the male who was arrested without incident.

Evert MILLER (60), a resident of Lindale, was charged with the following:

- Careless use of a firearm
- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose
- Mischief causing damage to property not exceeding \$5000
- Uttering threats

MILLER's next court date is January 11, 2023 in Breton, AB.

December 12, 2022 Area of Warburg

Thorsby RCMP responded to multiple reports of an erratic driver eastbound on Highway 39. RCMP located the vehicle in the ditch, and the driver was arrested. Clay CUNNINGHAM (40), a resident of Parkland County, was charged with Operation while impaired.

December 24, 2022 Area of Leduc County

Thorsby RCMP attended a property for a report of a suspicious vehicle. Members located two males and a stolen vehicle. RCMP arrested both males.

Michael GILCHRIST (36), a resident of Devon, and Chad SANDE (35), a resident of Leduc County, were both charged with the following:

- Possession of a break-in instrument
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000
- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose
- Trespass at night

GILCHRIST and SANDE are scheduled for court on February 8, 2023 in Breton, AB.

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Whether managing benefits, finding affordable housing and child care or renewing a driver's licence, Albertans are using digital solutions more than ever.

Alberta's technology and innovation sector is a driving force in the province's economic diversification. It is critical that government keeps pace with technology, so Alberta's government is developing a digital strategy to modernize its services. The strategy will harness innovation and digital technologies across government to deliver better, faster and smarter services.

In addition to the public online survey, Alberta's government will reach out to technology industry leaders, post-secondary institutions, health organizations and Indigenous communities to hear their thoughts on how they can better interact with Alberta's government departments. Insights gathered will help shape Alberta's Digital Strategy.

The survey will be available for Albertans to complete until Jan. 24.

Quick facts

- Alberta's Digital Strategy will guide the province in modernizing technical teams, processes and the government's overall approach to technology and innovation.
- Online services save Albertans time and money by eliminating the need to book time off work and make travel and child-care arrangements.
- There are currently more than 70 online government services available to Albertans any time, anywhere, using any device.
 - Since spring 2019, 30 government services have moved online.
 - Currently, Technology and Innovation is working with other departments to bring more than 20 additional services online in the coming year.
 - From January to December 2021, use of government services through alberta.ca surged by more than 300 per cent, with access from a mobile device up by 500 per cent.
 - Recent research shows 75 per cent of Canadians indicate that government services should be available online.



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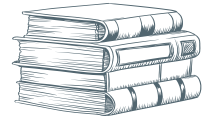
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Warburg Public Library *Update*



Happy New Year! 2023, wow how wonderful to start off the new year in such beautiful weather thru the day and the full moon at night!

The Library's hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 10 am to 6 pm and Saturdays Noon to 4 pm (exceptions stat holidays, closed, this is posted in the Connect 39, FCSS newsletter and on Social Media). Saturdays at the Library are craft and activities day, this is a drop in program, Staff will have a table setup with materials for specific crafts and materials for creating your own craft.

Contact information: phone: 780-848-2391, Fax: 780-848-2296, email: warburglibrary@yrl.ab.ca, Website: www.warburglibrary.ab.ca

January is Braille month, I have ordered some braille kits on tracpac for Patrons to look at here and get an idea of how braille looks and feels.

Board Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month, January's meeting is Wednesday January 18 at 6 pm.

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Through powerful and inspiring performances, we will honour the melancholy and welcome the new year with some optimism and anticipation. Everyone is welcome to sit back, relax and enjoy the variety show from the comfort of home!

Featured artists include Susan Sneath, Erin Dingle, Kristopher Marks and Ky Perraun.

- **Date:** Monday, Jan. 16
- **Time:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with open mic to follow
- **Location:** online. Internet access by computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone is required.
- **Register:** online at www.leduc-county.com/Blue-Monday or contact Kristin at 780-955-6421 or kristin@leduc-county.com.
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Laurie's Laughs

In Memory of



My wife yelled from upstairs and asked, "Do you ever get a shooting pain across your body, like someone's got a voodoo doll of you and they're stabbing it?"

I replied "No..."

She responded: "How about now?"



My friend:
"What do you call those things you blow and make a wish?"

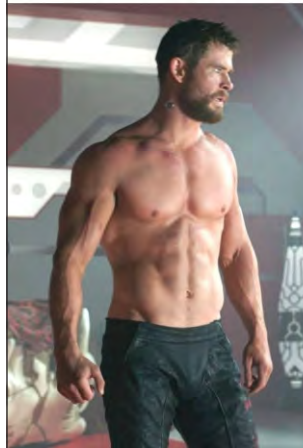
Me: "Breathalyzer?" 

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How I wanted vs How I actually to end the year. ended the year.



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Answers will be published in the next issue!

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