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Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

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INFLATION RELIEF PORTAL AND PAYMENTS COMING SOON

Monthly \$100 affordability payments for families, seniors, and vulnerable Albertans will be released soon, and Albertans can act now to get ready.

Starting January 18, seniors 65 or older who are not receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit and eligible parents with children under 18 can apply online through the government portal or in person at locations across the province for \$600 in monthly affordability payments.

In order to use the portal, eligible parents and seniors will be required to have a Verified Account. To ensure that the application process is as smooth as possible, Albertans should sign-up for their Verified Account or confirm they have an existing Verified Account with accurate information as soon as possible.

Many Albertans receiving these targeted relief payments are automatically enrolled for the program and do not need to apply to receive the benefit.

Along with Foster and Kinship Caregivers, anyone currently receiving regular monthly benefits through Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), Income Support or Alberta Seniors Benefit, or receiving services through the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) program will automatically receive their first payment starting January 31.

Affordability payments for AISH, Income Support and PDD clients

All clients accessing AISH, Income Support or PDD are automatically enrolled in the program and do not need to sign up to receive their benefits. They will receive their first \$100 payments starting January 31.

- Payments will be delivered the same way as a client's regular monthly benefits, whether by automatic deposit or a physical cheque.
- Payments will be delivered by physical cheque for existing PDD clients who are not receiving AISH or Income Support benefits.
- Beneficiaries will also be notified directly about their enrollment in the payment program and related information.

- These payments will be treated as exempt income by the AISH and Income Support programs and will not impact eligibility or financial benefits.
- Parents in these programs with children under 18 can also receive \$600 in additional payments per child. They will need to apply online or in person for these payments starting January 18.

Affordability payments for seniors

All Albertans 65 or older with household incomes below \$180,000 will soon be eligible for \$600 over six months in monthly affordability payments.

Albertans receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit are automatically enrolled in the program and do not need to sign up to receive their benefits. The distribution of additional monthly payments will begin January 31.

Eligible seniors who are not receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit will need to apply for affordability payments by creating or confirming their Verified Account and applying for benefits via the online portal or in person at a registry office or through Alberta Supports when the portal opens on January 18.

Affordability payments for parents or guardians caring for children under 18

Families with household incomes below \$180,000 per year will soon receive a total of \$600 for each dependent child under 18 over six months. Eligible parents can apply for affordability payments by creating or confirming their Verified Account and applying for benefits via the online portal or in person at a registry office or through Alberta Supports when the portal opens on January 18.



Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT

Canline Pipeline Solutions is accepting resumes for a **PART-TIME SHOP HAND POSITION**, local to Breton, Alberta. Email info@canlinepipeline.com for resume submission and/or additional information.

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(up to 30 words) GST included



Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

January 9th crib scores:

1st - Marvin Wagar - 946
2nd - Orest Fitzowich - 930
3rd - Brenda Lickoch - 928
High Hand held by Eugene Senio of 24

CONGRATULATING ALL WINNERS!

Next crib games will be held on
January 16th, Monday, 1:30 pm
Thorsby Seniors Center Admission: \$6
Everyone is welcome to come!!

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*Sudoku Answers
from Jan 6 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.



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



NOW HIRING

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- utilities technician
- engineering student



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COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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 Kristin @ 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 50Ave. 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

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST: Community Social: Friday Jan. 27th @ 7pm

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

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

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

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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 new 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 February 4 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

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Tab's for tots collects the "tab off beverage cans as well as other recyclable metals. The collection is sold for scrap and the funds collected are allocated for helping local hospitals.



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NOW HIRING!

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
- Must be self-motivated and possess excellent communication, time management and organizational skills
- Contractor must have valid WCB, Insurance, and current oilfield competency training including: Solis/CMDs, First Aid/CPR, H2S Alive, WHMIS, TDG, EGSO

Wages are competitive

To apply:

Email: amy.mcleod@aspenleafenergy.com

FACILITY RENTALS

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Camp Bar V Nok - for bookings call Jason 780-990-4043 or email bookings@barvnok.com

Centrelodge Community Centre

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Genesee Community Hall

Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229

Glen Park Hall For bookings call Mike at 780-919-1250

John Turgeon Hall - Located in the Summer Village of Sundance Beach. For rental contact Shawna at 780-389-4409

Morrowdale Community Hall

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Mulhurst Bay Community Hall call 780-389-2455

Mulhurst Legion: Give Marie a call 780-361-7350

Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre For retreat or hall bookings call 780-389-2422 or email rent@rundlesmission.org.

Sandholm Community Hall Call Doris 780-389-2381

Strawberry Community Hall

For booking contact Cindy Miller at 780-789-2446

Sunnybrook Community Hall - For rentals email sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

Telfordville Hall Call Tracy at 780-718-9549 after 5pm

Thorsby Community Center Call Marlene at 780-789-3734 or text 780-217-9394 or thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

ThorsbySeniors Centre

For rentals call Dora Shier at 780-662-2066

Warburg Cultural Centre - For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths phone Linda McLaughlin at 780-848-2916.

Warburg Legion Hall rentals available at ½ day and full day rates. Please call Deb and Max Mellafont 780 848 2923

Warburg Pioneer Recreation Centre For hall rental contact the Village of Warburg Office at 780-848-2841

Warburg Seniors Centre for rental. Contact Allan or Nancy at 780-848-7756

Wilton Park Community Centre for booking text Aileen @ 587-930-2519.

MARKETS/THRIFT SHOPS(NONPROFIT)

MULHURST BAY FARMERS MARKET at the Mulhurst Bay Community Hall (3802 50 Ave) every Saturday 10-2pm. Carol 587-920-2065.

THORSBY SENIORS THRIFT STORE Open Thursdays and Fridays 10am-3pm

TREASURES THRIFT SHOP IN WARBURG

Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm. 5112 - 53 Street, Warburg

Community Events & Information
is **FREE** to advertise

COMMUNITYSUPPORTSERVICES

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ALBERTA MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE is a 24 hour, 7 day a week confidential service 1-877-303-2642

ALBERTA NON-PROFIT LEARNING CENTRE - provides resources on important concepts in governance of non-profits to support their role in the delivery of their programs and services in their communities. 780-963-2281 Toll free: 310-0000 before the phone # communitydevelopment@gov.ab.ca

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS)

Leduc County - 780-979-2385 / Thorsby - 780-789-4004 or email fcss@thorsby.ca / Warburg - 780-848-2828 or email fcss@warburg.ca

LEDUC COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK IN THORSBY

- Located at 4908 48 St. in the modular building across from the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Open Tuesdays 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Closed for supper 4 to 5 p.m. Open Thursdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed for lunch noon to 1 p.m. Call 780-979-2385 or email frn@leduc-county.com

LEDUC & DISTRICT VICTIM SERVICES - assisting victims of Crime & Trauma in partnership with the RCMP. Call 780-980-7232 or www.leducvictimservices.ca

FOOT CARE NURSE will be in Thorsby on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Please call Irene at 780-789-3176

SUBSIDIZED COUNSELLING PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, FAMILIES AND YOUTH - Call 1-800-379-9052 ext 6421 or 780-955-6421 for more information

DID YOU KNOW?

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.

Go to www.community39.com

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

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





BERG, Walter John

October 6, 1939 – January 6, 2023



Born a premature lightweight on Oct 6, 1939 in Lacombe, Alberta, Walter John Berg entered the world tiny but a fighter. Walter would be the second of 10 children blessed to Charlie and Myrtle Berg of Winfield. In those early years, money was hard to come by but there was always plenty of love. The era of his youth taught Walt to become a very dedicated and proud worker. As a teenager alongside his dad, he became a catskiner breaking farmland in Central Alberta. Later as a young adult, Walter went to work on the rigs in the Alberta oil patch. He received awards for his leadership and garnered many lifelong friends. Walter found that the long weeks away were hard on his young family so he, his brother Chuck and brother-in-law Marvin started WMC Sandblasting & Painting in Edmonton's west end. The WMC shop became a gathering place for friends and business associates alike. Everyone "earned" a nickname along with friendly teasing and perpetual pranks. He loved the friendship and comradery.

In his early fifties, Walt was looking to "retire" so purchased a small farm between Thorsby and Pigeon Lake. He always had cattle (his babies), a dog, a fishpond, and an enormous garden to feed an army—a lifestyle and home he loved and resided at until his final days.

Walt loved and was loved. He was fortunate to find partners-in-life who would take great care of him and share in his love for gardening, camping, dining and especially, cards and more cards. He was deeply proud of his family, too.

Walter is survived by his loving partner Janet Helfrich; his children Grant (Rhonda) Berg, Warren Berg, Cheryl McCartney (Leigh), and their mother Gloria; Delvin (Deanna) Lindsey, and Annette Cowie. Grandchildren include Jared and Regan Berg; Cole, Trey and Keegan McCartney; Chantry, Caleb, Dayton and Kyra-Lee Lindsey; Tyler, Jordon and Lance Cowie. Also, Janet's children, Curtis (Emelie) Helfrich, Travis (Tracy) Helfrich and her grandchildren. Together they had numerous great-grandchildren.

He is survived by siblings Evelyn Huff, Fay Miller, Charles Berg (Marion Wuetherick), Darlene Berg, Linda (Stephen) Hunter, Kathy Berg, Janice Russell, Jim (Sue) Berg and sister-in-law Joanne Berg, plus numerous nieces and nephews and cousins in whom he always took great pride. Last, but not least, his beloved dog and side-kick, Katie.

Walter was predeceased by his parents Charlie and Myrtle Berg, partner Diane Fitzpatrick, brother Ray, niece Michelle Berg and great-nephews, Jesse Miller and Danny Lints plus cherished brothers-in-law Norman Larsen Sr, Marvin Huff and Craig Russell.

**A memorial service for the late Walter Berg (aka Gator, Walt-Bob, Insta-gator, Sir Donut) will be held at the Best Western Denham Banquet Hall in Leduc on Friday, January 13, 2023 at 1:00pm.
Hot lunch to follow.**

Cremation has taken place and interment will follow in the Spring at the Bunker Hill Cemetery near Winfield, Alberta.

*Thank you to the wonderful staff at the Devon Hospital for their caring hands and hearts in Walter's final weeks. Also, thanks to dad's neighbors Barb and Doug Crow, Janet's family, and Evelyn and her friend Larry, who were always there to lend a hand or for one more game of cards over the last couple years during his health challenges. Finally, our special thanks to Janet for her unwavering and selfless devotion to Walt, especially during these last few months.
. We will always be grateful.*



Condolences: www.serenity.ca
Serenity Funeral Service, Leduc (780) 980-3688

Connect with us!

Submitted by Leduc County FRN



Alberta

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Resource Networks

FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK DROP-IN SESSIONS

Did you know the Leduc County Family Resource Network (FRN) offers drop-in sessions in the modular located next to the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex?

If you've noticed the open sign and are unsure of what to expect, take a chance and come on in! Everyone is welcome to visit our free, family friendly environment.

All families are welcome to drop in and join FRN staff for:

- coffee and snacks
- resources and referrals
- monthly prize draws
- free Wi-Fi and computer use
- games and crafts
- programs and supports

FRN facility locations

Devon: 5 Jasper Court in the Old Robina Baker School

- Open Mondays from 2 to 8 p.m.

Thorsby: 4908 48 St. in the modular building across from the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex

- Open Tuesdays from 2 to 8 p.m.
- Open Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Leduc County FRN at 780-979-2385 or frn@leduc-county.com

"When you realize that you can learn something from everyone, everyone will become someone." - author unknown

A quote for the week
Carol Rempel, Thorsby's Mental Health Animator

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NOTICE OF INCREASE TO THE FRANCHISE FEE ON NATURAL GAS BILLINGS

The Town of Thorsby is proposing to increase the natural gas distribution franchise fee which it charges ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. for the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Thorsby and for use of municipal lands for its natural gas lines, effective March 1st, 2023. The franchise fee applies to all customers that receive gas services in Thorsby and is required to be billed as a separate charge on gas billings.

The current franchise fee is set at 20% of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. delivery revenues and will increase to 35% effective March 1, 2023. For an average residential customer using 115 GJs per year, this will result in an annual increase of approximately \$99.10 from the average that would otherwise be paid in 2023. The franchise fee is anticipated to account for approximately \$231.23 of the average annual residential bill in 2023.

For questions or concerns please contact:

Cindy Van Leest
Chief Financial Officer
Mail: P.O. Box 297, Thorsby AB, T0C 2P0
Telephone: 780-789-3935 ext. 24
Fax: 780-789-3779
Email: cvanleest@thorsby.ca



Thorsby Town Council Meetings

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

Tuesday, January 24 | Regular | 7 - 9pm

Tuesday, February 14 | COW | 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

Fri: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Sat-Sun: CLOSED

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Counselling fees are determined on a sliding scale based on family income and family size. In order to be eligible for subsidy, your family income must be less than \$75,000 per year.

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**.



INFLATION RELIEF PORTAL AND PAYMENTS COMING SOON

continued from front page

Affordability payments for foster and kinship caregivers caring for children under 18

Eligible kinship or foster caregivers caring for a child under the age of 18 are automatically enrolled in the program and do not need to sign up to receive their affordability payments. They will receive their first payments at the end of January.

- Payments will be delivered the same way as regular monthly benefits, whether by automatic deposit or physical cheque.
- Monthly payments will be rolled out starting January 31.

Alberta's government is delivering immediate cost of living and inflation relief while also working to support long-term affordability. Albertans can learn more about all the broad-based and targeted affordability relief programs online.

Quick facts:

- Alberta's government will use CRA 2021 tax data to verify eligibility based on income.
- Applications can be submitted until June 30, with payments being retroactive to include previous months when a person was eligible.
- Once the application process is successfully completed, most Albertans will receive payments at the end of that month. Exact timing will vary for each individual.
- Alberta has had verified accounts since 2015 as a way for Albertans to safely and securely access a growing number of government services.
- As with all online accounts, Albertans should use strong passwords and not share their password with anyone else. Tips on how to create a strong password are available on the Government of Alberta site.
- The Alberta government will not send texts or emails asking Albertans to submit personal or banking information to receive payments.

Additional information, including a video and answers to questions, is available at www.alberta.ca/affordable



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2023 LEDUC COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Leduc County invites county residents to apply for the following positions by **4:30 p.m. on Jan. 31**. Mileage and an honorarium may be provided to committee/board members.

LEDUC COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Manages, regulates and controls municipal library services. The committee is comprised of six members of the New Sarepta library region and two Leduc County Councillors. *This is a voluntary position; no per diem or mileage is provided.*

- **Positions available:** three
- **Term:** three years ending Dec. 31, 2025
- **Meeting frequency:** four times per year on Mondays commencing at 6:30 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Acts in an advisory capacity to Council.

- **Positions available:** one (from Warburg region)
- **Term:** two years ending Dec. 31, 2024
- **Meeting frequency:** four times per year on Wednesdays commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Persons appointed by Council will serve along with six members of the community and two Council members.

If you have an interest in serving and are a County resident residing within the New Sarepta library region for the Leduc County Library Board or reside within the Warburg region for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee please contact 780-770-9259 or submit your resume to the undersigned by **Jan. 31, at 4:30 p.m.** to:

JOYCE GAVAN, Legislative Coordinator
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Thorsby Library updates and reminders:
from the Thorsby Library Staff

submitted by Gayle Sacuta

Happy January! Enter our draw for Lunar New Year by naming your favourite holiday food and or tradition and tag #TMLLunarNewYear on social media. Or come into the library and let us know in person about great ideas and recipes for celebrating on January 22, 2023. We have a modest gift card from Thorsby Village Supermarket to give away.

Recurring free Library Events are:

- weekly Friday Storytime at 10:30 AM for ages 0-5 and their grown ups.
- monthly Library Teen-time, (snacks 'n stacks) 3:30-4:30 on Wednesday, January 25.
- monthly Library Afterschool Adventure program with Audrey from 3:30-4:30 on Tuesday, Jan 31.

Library hours remain:

Tue:10:00-6:00 Thu:12:00-7:00

Wed:12:00-6:00 Fri:10:00-5:00

Sat: 10:00-1:00

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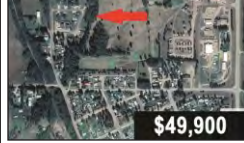
Sunset Bay: 4 bed, 3 bath home, walkout ICF basement, deck, view of lake. Share in community lakefront & dock slip - annual fee.

DRAYTON VALLEY**\$275,000**

5528 46 Ave - 4 bed 2 bath updated home, Kitchen, windows, siding, shingles & more. Insulated, heated double garage.

LOTS IN BRETON at DEER CROSSING ESTATES

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BRETON**\$49,900**

12 Fraser Drive - large lot backs onto golf course - 159 ft golf course frontage. No time restrictions to build. GST included.

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**

60x130 lot. Natural gas & drilled well on property. Power & sewer at lot line. Zoned Hamlet Residential. Mfg homes permitted.

**BUCK LAKE****\$198,000**

GREYSTONES Lakeview 1.13 acre, services - power, well, nat gas riser. 40 ft Jayco RV with 3 slides. Shed.

BUCK LAKE**\$379,900**

Sunset Bay: 4 bed, 3 bath home, walkout ICF basement, deck, view of lake. Share in community lakefront & dock slip - annual fee.

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AMAZING 316 ACRES at TOMAHAWK

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Rural Real Estate

Thorsby Council Notes COW - January 10, 2023

by Carol Rempel

WATER MAIN BREAKS

On New Years Eve on 47 ave., in front of the Mayor's residence there was a water main break. CB Max and Spartan Hydro-vac were on station quickly. The issue was a bead break. The CAO was also there and assisted in delivering water to the affected residents, chatting with them and the crews, and making sure they had hot food. Mayor Hostyn offered his garage for warming and for the crews to come in and eat. Thanks to our Mayor, our CAO and Public Works for their hard work in the cold. Two other breaks were by the trailer park and 53 Ave. Broken valves, cracked sewer lines were the cause. Each time there is a call about a water break, first to call it in, then to locate the break, dig around the area, fix the break, it takes approximately 12 hours each time. The cold weather was a huge factor but our capable crew managed to fix the problems. Thanks again to our trained workers!

40 YEARS OF NEGLECTED MECHANICAL CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE AT THE RECREATION CENTRE

During the month of December, the lobby side of the building struggled to maintain suitable temperatures. A number of issues contributed to the problem. The main boiler was leaking, a city water line was disconnected, and the expansion tank was waterlogged causing the heating issues. There was no record of the reheat coils and the ducting ever being cleaned. This was a 6 day project that was tackled over the Christmas break resulting in the lobby side of the building being closed from December 24 to January 3. All reheat coils and ducting were extremely dirty and covered with silt. The library reheat coil, the front entrance and offices were completely plugged. The fire rated spring and clamp for the offices were not in place plus the damper was closed so no air would flow through. The arena furnaces were completely blocked so no heat was getting through to the upstairs dance studio and meeting room. Fortunately, most areas have been addressed and a schedule for maintenance and cleaning will be determined so the system will be fully operational.

FIRE QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Administration assisted Leduc County Fire Inspector with our fire Quality Management Plan to figure out all builds in Thorsby and their fire inspection history. Buildings now have been located and subject to regular inspections. This process will be set up with a policy and rectified.

NEW MUNICIPAL CLERK

Cheryl Filipic has joined the team as a Municipal Clerk. It is a financial position that was introduced in the New

Year after the last clerk gave her notice. The CAO, CFO, and Jesse have shared the extra duties to ensure that residents were not impacted by the absence of a clerk.

RCMP TOWN HALL MEETING

Join the Thorsby and Breton detachment on January 17 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Buck Lake Seniors' Drop in Centre to discuss crime trends in the area, policing priorities and crime reduction strategies.

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by Oprah Winfrey



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THORSBY BUNGALOW



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2700 sq.ft commercial building with full basement **E4316643 \$149,900**



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Residential Lot 12 **\$24,000**

Lots 23-25 Your choice **\$45,000**

NEW MOBILE

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ACREAGE IN WARBURG



Home on 1 acre in town, single detached garage, storage sheds, private. **E4322584 \$175,000**

APARTMENTS

2 x 4-plexes in Warburg. Total of 8 units. **E4321594 \$800,000**



WARBURG



Solid 2+2 bedroom bungalow, south backyard, front and back alley access. **E4307702 \$175,000**

DOUBLE LOT IN WARBURG

3 bed, 2 bath bungalow style, large deck, fenced, RV parking **E4311132 \$280,000**



SECLUDED 4.27 ACRE



5 bed, 3 bath, walkout basement, 32x48' shop, barn **E4318673 \$525,000 \$499,000**

WARBURG MOBILE

2007 on private lot. 1500 sq.ft. 3 bed, 2 bath, large deck **E4297369 \$125,000 \$120,000**



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ADDRESSING CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT IN ALBERTA

By Carolyn McTighe
Crime Prevention Liaison-K Division

Catalytic converter theft is an ongoing concern across Alberta and a problem the RCMP are proactively looking for ways to combat. New crime prevention initiatives like You Etch It. We Catch It, a program created by Leduc RCMP in collaboration with the City of Leduc, are being developed to educate not only vehicle owners, but also vehicle dealerships and service shops on the benefit of ID etching.

The program gives customers the ability to have the last digits of their VIN etched into their catalytic converter by their dealership or auto repair shop, at no additional charge.

This identifying mark allows for any stolen converter to be traced back to the victim, and also acts as a deterrent as metal scrap recycling shops are aware of the program and look to identify these marked converters, which are then reported to police.

What makes a catalytic converter so desirable is that within its design are valuable metal components made out of platinum, rhodium and palladium. These metals have a high value and the converters are relatively easy to locate and remove from vehicles.

By September 2022 Alberta RCMP reported the theft of 1,302 converters, a concerning trend considering that 2021 alone had a total of 1,452 thefts. These thefts span all the areas currently under RCMP jurisdiction, and exclude most of the major metropolitan centers.

With the success of this program in Leduc there is hope that other businesses across the province will adopt a similar service for customers to further aid in the fight against catalytic converter theft. In Calgary, two local businesses have begun to provide their own solutions to the problem.

Big House Converters, a converter, battery and non-ferrous materials recycler, currently offers laser etching to customers. While Minute Muffler, in northeast Calgary, is offering a slightly different approach.

The business currently books appointments to wrap converters in wire cabling to inhibit the ability for thieves to steal converters easily and quickly.

Both businesses do charge for the service and an estimate can be provided by contacting the companies directly.

The Alberta government is also working toward finding a solution to this ever growing concern. In 2020 Alberta passed the Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act.

This legislation was created to ensure that scrap metal dealers work with local law enforcement to report transactions and ensure that transactions are done




using traceable currency such as cheques and electronic transfers, rather than cash. The act also outlines that sellers must provide government issued ID and that this information along with the transaction details needs to be kept by the dealer.

The hope is that with new police created initiatives, government legislation and consumer and business support, theft of catalytic converters will begin to decline and this continuing problem will begin to see improvement.

RCMP would like to remind the public, that if they see suspicious activity, or hear sawing/grinding noises at night, or witness a crime in progress, call 911 immediately.

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- **Date:** Tuesday Jan. 31
- **Time:** 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Glen Park Hall 49004 Range Road 274 Leduc County
- **Register:** Free registration online at www.greywoodedforageassociation.com/events or call Kim Barkwell at **780-387-6182** or West Central Forage Association Kennedy Dereg at **780-621-8670** or call **403-844-2645**





We want your input

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**.

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Message from
Gerald Soroka, MP



Community Services Recovery Fund

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise the Community Services Recovery Fund is open. This fund is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to help community service organizations to adapt, to modernize and to be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility, and sustainability of the community services that they provide.

The application process is managed by National Funders: Canadian Red Cross, Community Foundations of Canada, and United Way Centraide Canada, to reach a broad and diverse range of community service organizations, including non-profits, charities, and Indigenous governing bodies.

Organizations are encouraged to register to participate in a webinar and complete an interactive quiz to determine where and how to apply for funding. Additional information can also be found on the Community Services Recovery Fund website.

The deadline for funding is February 21, 2023.

National Funders' Community Services Recovery Fund website
www.communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca/

Community Services Recovery Fund interactive quiz
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Working with Change from the Inside Out

Three-session series for adults 50+

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Linda Kondratski

Please join Leduc County Family and Community Support Services and Linda Kondratski, Registered Provisional Psychologist, for this three-session series that invites you to know yourself better - from the inside out. Learn to develop skills for an improved connection to self, loved ones and what matters most.

Please note that you must be aged 50+ and a resident of Warburg, Thorsby, Calmar, New Sarepta or rural Leduc County, and you must register for all three sessions.

- ▶ **Date:** Feb. 9, 16 and 23
- ▶ **Time:** 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Location:** online via Zoom
- ▶ **Technology needed:** internet access by computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone
- ▶ **Register:** contact Carla at **780-955-4554** or carla@leduc-county.com or register online at www.leduc-county.com/working-with-change
- ▶ **Spaces available:** minimum of 6 registrants; maximum of 15



Seniors Grant Program

Apply for funding for community-based projects

The seniors grant program for community-based projects supports programs and events that are designed by seniors for seniors! This program funds projects that empower seniors to connect, engage and contribute to their communities, thereby improving their health and well-being. For the purpose of this grant a "senior" will refer to any person of, or over the age of 55.

Eligible organizations or groups can apply for grant funding* for projects that are led by, or for seniors and are volunteer-based. Consideration will be given to those groups that are not solely senior led, with the condition that the planning process collects seniors' feedback from the community. *Programs and services must be provided to seniors within Leduc County.*



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

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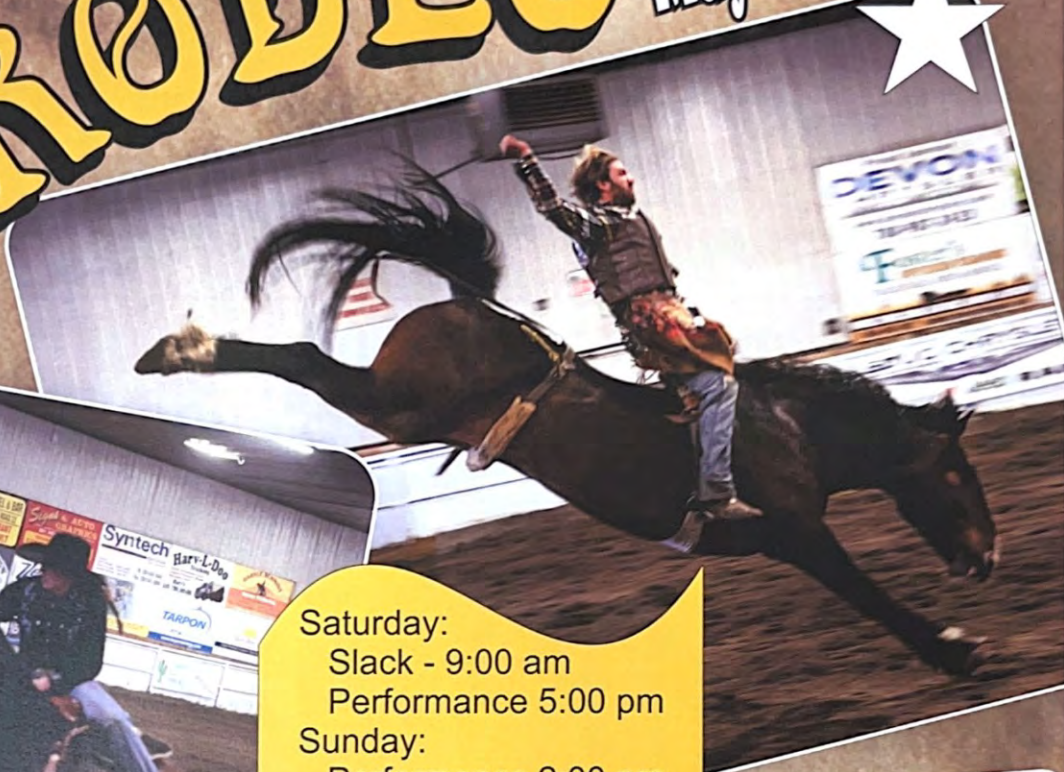
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MLA REPORT

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

Alberta's job numbers are soaring.

According to Statistics Canada's latest labour force survey, our province created 41,200 full-time jobs in December, capping off a year of strong provincial job growth.

In total, our province created 88,800 new jobs in 2022, and we have created a whopping 221,000 new jobs since 2021. This has more than replaced all the jobs lost during the pandemic and under the NDP. Alberta is truly back.

This kind of tremendous job growth doesn't happen by accident. Our United Conservative government has spurred this growth by implementing the right policies that support Alberta job-creators, entrepreneurs, and innovators in doing what they do best – building our province.

By cutting taxes, balancing the budget, reducing red tape, making life more affordable, and supporting pro-growth policies, we have re-established Alberta as a top destination for businesses and families to invest.

According to numbers recently released by Statistics Canada, interprovincial migration to Alberta has surged, with our province's population increasing by 119,000 since the first quarter of 2022, and 135,190 since the fourth quarter of 2021. The numbers aren't slowing down either. Over the past three months, we've welcomed 58,203 new people to our province, an increase of 1.3 per cent – the highest rate of population growth in Canada.

This influx of people is needed to meet growing labour demands in a diverse field of industries. Over the past few years, we've seen major investments from companies like Telus, Mphasis, Amazon, Walmart, Air Products, Dow, PIP International, de Havilland, Phyto Organix Foods, and more. Opportunities are abounding for workers in manufacturing, technology, food processing, film and television, and other diverse Industries.

When Rachel Notley and the NDP were in government, their first order of business was raising taxes on businesses. The move was so short-sighted, they took in less and less business

tax revenue, as investment fled the province to other jurisdictions across Canada, North America, and the world. In total, Alberta lost 180,000 jobs under the NDP – who nearly drove our economy off a cliff with their disastrous policies.

Alberta's tremendous job numbers aren't just theoretical. These new jobs mean regular paycheques that everyday families can count on to buy groceries, pay hockey registration fees, and take vacations.

You can see Alberta's economic recovery taking shape across our region, with people going back to work in a wide variety of fields, industries, and sectors. In every corner of the province and in all sectors of the economy, optimism is growing for the future – and our United Conservative government is working tirelessly to make sure Albertans are going back to work and participating in this renewed Alberta Advantage.

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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Sunday, January 15, 2023

First session 10:30 am – noon

Free Lunch noon – 1:30 pm

Second session 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

You are welcome to join us for both sessions and lunch or come for your choice of session

Guest Speakers Dana & Liz Nile



From Ends of the Earth Ministries

Dana and Liz began full time ministry in 1984, when they accepted a four-year missionary assignment to Nepal and moved to a remote Himalayan region previously unreached by the Gospel. They ended up in a village area that was two days walk from the nearest road. During their time in Nepal, the Lord supernaturally directed them to a Nepali baby and Lydia Subhadra was added to the family.

In 1989, Dana Liz and Lydia moved back to Montana and pastored a church in their home town of Forsyth. In 1991, the family grew to four as the Lord brought them a Korean baby boy, whom they named Jonathan Lee Nile.

1993 brought a move to Tulsa, Oklahoma for two years of intense study at Rhema Bible Training Center and the beginning of ministry to the former Soviet Union. Also, while at Rhema the family grew to six, with the addition of another adopted son, Josiah, and the miracle of a biological daughter, Lura after eighteen years of marriage. After graduation in 1995, Ends of the Earth Ministries was born, sending the family to Omsk, Russia and a Siberian winter of pastoral ministry. Their time there was cut short when their son Josiah was found with a rare heart tumor, and after an epic fight for his life, went home to heaven from Helsinki, Finland. They then returned to America and to itinerant ministry that took them around the states and frequently back to Russia.

Dana and Liz then answered a call to pastor at Today's Harvest Church in N. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. 1998 to 2013 brought fifteen years of rewarding pastoral ministry. Hundreds of people were impacted by the Word and the Spirit of God. People were born again and helped to become fully functioning followers of Jesus. Close to fifty people graduated from the AFCM Bible School, most of whom went with either Dana or Liz on short term mission trips.

We will be having free refreshments and lunch. Please come out and join us as we learn to live in the Power of God.

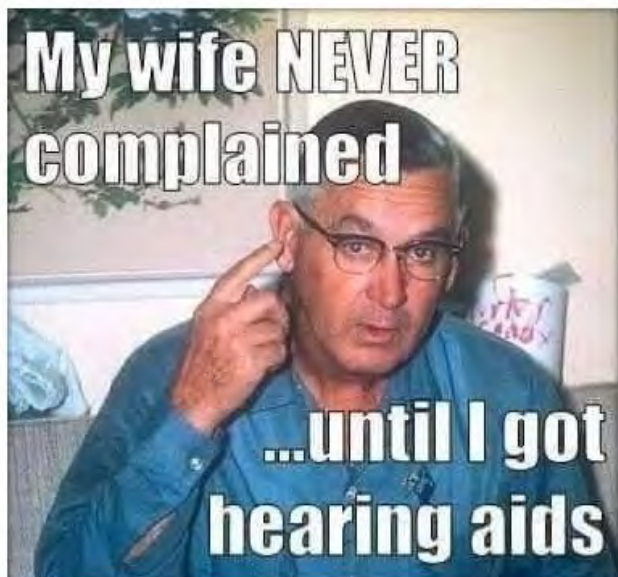
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me.- I don't know.



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PIGEON LAKE- Mature lot with buildings at Mission Beach! (E4314329) **\$139,900**

PIGEON LAKE- 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Bi-level on 1.82 Acres close to Mulhurst! (E4315509) **\$449,000**

LEDUC COUNTY- 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 1683 Sq.Ft 2013 Bungalow on 9.9 Acres close to Calmar! (E4320298) **\$749,000**

LEDUC COUNTY- 1400 Sq.Ft House on 70 Acres with Riding Arena, Barn, Quonset, Oil Revenue and More! Close to Calmar! (E4303894) **\$949,000**

LEDUC COUNTY- 39.56 Acres with 2841 Sq.Ft, 6 Bed, with 4 Bathrooms recently renovated house! Lots of Buildings, Shelters, and Corrals! Close to Warburg! (E4308413) **\$699,000**

RAW LAND & VACANT LOTS

BRAZEAU COUNTY- 14.93 acres of rolling land which is partially treed. Located on pavement close to Hwy 39. Many great building sites. Room for animals! (E4289275) **\$149,900**

BRAZEAU COUNTY- 2 LOTS, 15.05 acres of treed rolling land. 232 meters x 262.50 meters. Great building sites with treed privacy. Very private and quiet. Services are close. Located at the corner of RR 60 and Twp 484. (E4323597)(E4323598) **\$149,000**

LEDUC COUNTY- 32.67 acres right at Pigeon Lake, close to Johnsonia & Itaska Beach. Great place to store your toys from the lake. Land can be rented out to local farmers for hay and crop production. Zoned Pigeon Lake Watershed. (E4313307) **\$299,000**

LEDUC COUNTY- Beautiful 20.02 acre parcel that shows views of the lake from high areas. Lots of great building sites, potential for walk out. Zoned Lake Watershed. Located on pavement and very close to Pigeon Lake & Johnsonia Beach. The 20.02 acre parcel backs onto 32.67 acres which is closer to the lake and is also for sale. (E4316699) **\$199,500**

LEDUC COUNTY- 73.11 acres of good quality farm land, zoned Agriculture. Located on the corner of RR 272 & Highway 39. Two miles west of Calmar on Highway 39. Good producing soil. (E4323202) **\$575,000**

LEDUC COUNTY- 3 Lots Close to Wizard lake at BRIGHT FUTURE ESTATES- 3.51 Acres (E4323542) **\$198,500** - 3.31 Acres (E4323539) **\$159,000** - 3.51 Acres (E4323544) **\$179,550**

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THORSBY- 2497 Sq.Ft. Free standing commercial building located on Thorsby's main street, a very high traffic area. (E4308509) **\$120,000**

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