

CONNECT 39

Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

TAKING ACTION ON DROUGHT IN ALBERTA

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas



Water is one of Alberta's most precious resources. We all use it, consume it, and rely on it.

Most of the water that Albertans use to drink, grow crops, run our businesses and sustain our environment comes from rain and melting snow. The last three years have brought droughts and water shortages in various parts of our province, including most of Southern Alberta this summer.

The world is also experiencing El Niño, a global phenomenon occurring for the first time in seven years. It's causing less snow and rain, along with higher temperatures, around the world this winter. Recent forecasts indicate that there is a 62 percent chance that the unusually warm and dry conditions that we have experienced could continue until June 2024.

Alberta has five stages in its water management plan. Ranging from Stage 1, which is a minor drought to Stage 5, which is a province-wide emergency. We are currently in Stage 4.

Our government is now preparing for the possibility of a serious drought next year. The good news is that Alberta is up to the challenge. This province has navigated droughts before and has a long, proud history of coming together during tough times.

Officials in the department of Environment and Protected Areas have stood up a Drought Command Team and work is underway to finalize a Drought Emergency Plan.

Meetings have been held with communities, farmers, businesses and others to prepare. Many have already taken action to implement conservation measures and adapt to reduced water levels. Our government has announced up to \$165 million in federal-provincial drought relief for livestock producers. And, this summer and fall, Calgary, Medicine Hat and other communities

adopted voluntary and mandatory restrictions on water use to help Alberta's stressed river basins.

I commend the collective actions taken so far by so many people throughout Alberta.

Over the coming months, we will be carefully monitoring snowpack, rainfall, river levels and actual water use to develop our early warning capacity. We will use this information and scientific modeling to assess the risk of drought next year. We have launched www.alberta.ca/drought to keep all Albertans updated as we take these steps.

Together with our partners, we are doing everything we can to be fully prepared for whatever next year brings. An advisory panel of experts to help provide advice will be formed in the months ahead. And we are preparing for the future, looking at what long-term infrastructure is needed to help manage water supplies for future generations.

We cannot make it rain or snow, but all of us have a role to play. Conserving water can help your community, as well as Albertans downstream from you. In the coming months, we will all have to pull together to secure our province's water supply. It is a challenge that I am confident Albertans will meet.



Mikayla from Thorsby FCSS with some Thorsby Elementary School students and staff and all of their Christmas elves donations. Mr. Warren's class won a pizza party for having the most donations.

Classifieds

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
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*Sudoku Answers
from December 8 Issue*

*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.*

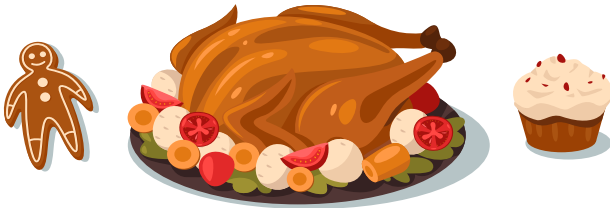


WARBURG SCHOOL

Community Christmas Dinner

December 22 @ 11 am.

Everyone is invited to attend!



Please RSVP to the school by December 18th so we can ensure we have enough turkey for everyone at 780-848-2822

PANTHER ATHLETICS

BOTTLE DRIVE

- January 6th, 2024
- Please save your holiday bottles to support our Panthers

The SR High Boys Team will be coming around to collect bottles

If you are unable to donate your bottles during that day and would still like to support, please feel free (if you are able) to bring them to the bottle depot in Warburg OR contact the school for another arrangement.

Give back. Get paid. Make a difference.



Leduc County is accepting applications for paid on-call firefighters!

Become a paid on-call firefighter in the Calmar, New Sarepta, Nisku, Thorsby or Warburg fire districts.

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UPCOMINGSPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

December 16 - Breton Community Christmas Supper at the Community Hall at 4pm. Sponsored by Breton Elks. FREE tickets at the Village office, ATB or Darren Scott Accounting.

December 16 - Annual Christmas Potluck at Morrowdale Community Centre from 5 - 7:30 pm. Bring your favourite dish to get in. Door prizes and goodie bags. Bev 780- 789-2571.

December 16 - Christmas at the Breton Museum from 1-3pm. Music, refreshments, children's crafts & Santa. Featuring music by the No Hitch Hiker Band. FREE for all ages.

December 16 - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact dauidemolyneaux@live.com

December 17 - Thorsby Fish and Game Scoring Day at Warburg Legion from 9am - 1pm followed by AGM held at 3:30pm and dinner at 5:30pm

December 18 - Village of Breton Christmas Open House from 10am - 2pm. Stop into the Village Office for Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

December 22 - Warburg School Community Christmas Dinner at 11am. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to the school by December 18th. 780-848-2822

December 22 - Village of Warburg Christmas Open House from 3-6pm

December 22 - Christmas Open House with MLA Andrew Boitchenko from 1-7pm at 5136B 52 Ave, Drayton Valley.

December 23 - Christmas Mass at Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church at 4pm

December 24 - Special Christmas Eve Service at the Warburg Community United Church at 2pm.

December 24 - Christmas Mass at Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church at 7pm

December 31 - New Years Eve Mass at Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church at 9am

December 31 - 70th Anniversary Celebration of the Village of Warburg. 5:30pm - 12:30am Supper & Dance at the Community Centre. Tickets at the Warburg Village Office.

January 1 - New Years Mass at Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church at 11am

January 8 - Winfield Ag Society AGM at 7:30pm at the Winfield Ag Hall. Dinner at 6pm provided by the Buck Lake Grad Class. www.winfieldagsociety.com

January 20 - Thorsby Ukrainian Malanka Festival. Dinner @ 6:30pm followed by Zirka Dance Performers at 9:30pm. Call Marlene for tickets at 780-217-9394 or 780-789-3734

January 20 - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact dauidemolyneaux@live.com

January 25 - Wills & Estate Planning at the Wetaskiwin Ag Society Hall at 1pm or 7pm. FREE. Call FCSS 780-352-3321 or email fcssadmin@county10.ca for more information.

February 1 - Wills & Estate Planning at the Alder Flats Seniors Centre at 1pm. FREE. Call FCSS 780-352-3321 or email fcssadmin@county10.ca for more information.

February 2 - Wellbeing Workshop at the Winfield Agri-Plex from 9:30am - 2:30pm. FREE. Email fcssadmin@county10.ca or call FCSS 780-352-3321 for more information.

February 11 - Aaron Pritchett Liqueured Up Tour at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre, 5144 - 51 St, Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available 1-888-655-9090 or www.ticketpro.ca

February 17 - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact dauidemolyneaux@live.com

February 24 - Zirka Zabava at Devon Community Hall. Zirka performance, Ukrainian dinner by Saskitoba and dance. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

Community Events & Information is FREE to advertise



Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

December 11th crib scores:

- 1st - Orest Fitzowich - 950
 - 2nd - Nicole Whalley - 931
 - 3rd - Maurice Masyk - 919
- High Hand of 21 was held by Rod Blair & Orest Fitzowich

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

The next crib event will be held on
December 18th, Monday, 1:30 pm
Thorsby Seniors Center, Admission: \$6
Join in the fun with friends & a cookie!



BREAKING NEWS!!

HOLIDAY
Opening Hours

DEC 22	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
DEC 24	CLOSED
DEC 25	CLOSED
DEC 26	CLOSED
DEC 27	CLOSED
DEC 28	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
DEC 29	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
DEC 30	CLOSED
DEC 31	CLOSED
JAN 1	CLOSED
JAN 2	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

THORSBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, Dec 19th | Regular | 7 - 8:30pm

Tuesday, Jan 9th | COW | 7 - 8:00pm

December Meetings Dates have been adjusted to account for Christmas holidays.



Town of Thorsby
4917 Hankin Street, Box 297
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www.thorsby.ca

SENIORS GRANT PROGRAM

For community-based projects

The seniors grant program supports projects/programs/events that enrich the quality of life and enhance the health and well-being of seniors within Leduc County. The program is designed to provide funding support to organizations and volunteer groups who will create opportunities for Leduc County seniors to connect, engage and contribute to their communities. For the purpose of this grant, the term “senior” will refer to any person of, or over the age of 55.

Eligible organizations or groups can apply for funding for projects/programs/events that are either led by seniors or driven by seniors’ ideas and interests.

A maximum of \$15,000 base funding will be provided by Leduc County to be distributed to suitable applicants. The amount per funding request is not capped; however, we suggest requesting an amount that is consistent with the size of the project/program/event and the number of people positively impacted.

**Please note that projects, programs and events must be provided to seniors within Leduc County.*

Grant applications must address one of the following priorities:

- ▶ Aging well
- ▶ Inclusion and diversity
- ▶ Connection and engagement

Applications will be accepted from **Jan. 2 to Jan. 31, 2024**. You can learn more about the program – including how to apply – at leduc-county.com/grants.

Please reach out to discuss your idea prior to applying. We will support groups to submit successful applications!

Contact Sara Russell at **780-955-6424** or sara@leduc-county.com.



PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS
(Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

***Please note - all events are subject to change and may not be offered during the Christmas Holidays!*

MONDAYS

Bus To Drayton Valley (Aquasize or Walmart) - Leaving Warburg & Breton on Monday mornings. Registration must be completed prior to the Monday trip. Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or Breton FCSS 780-696-3636 to register

Crib at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Monday at 1:30pm

Curling - Monday & Thursday at the Warburg Curling Club at 7pm. Call Rob Tessier 780-789-3723.

Moms & Tots Drop In Program on Mondays from 10-11am at the FRN Site in Thorsby. Games, activities & more.

Shinny - Every Monday from 3:45-5:15 at the Warburg Arena.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Mondays at 9am, Thorsby Seniors Centre. Jane 780-789-3789 or Cheryl 780-848-7673

TUESDAYS

Bingo every Tuesday at 6:30pm at the Mulhurst Royal Canadian Legion #246. Randal's Homemade soup and bun \$5. Last Bingo of 2023 is Dec. 12th - start up again Feb. 2024

Curling (Sturling Night) - at the Warburg Curling Club on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Contact Rob at 780-789-3723

Music Jam Session on 4th Tuesday of the month at the Calmar Seniors Centre 1-4pm. 4916-50 Ave

Pickle Ball at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9:30am - 11:30am (\$5)

Quilting at the Warburg Seniors Centre on Tuesdays at 9:30am (\$2)

Shinny - Every Tuesday from 3:30 - 5 at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Helmets mandatory.

Volleyball drop in at Warburg School on Tuesdays from 6-8pm

WEDNESDAYS

Busy Brushes - Every Wednesday from 10-2 pm at the Warburg Cultural Center. \$5/class. Linda at 587-590-0378.

Cards at the Warburg Seniors Centre at 1pm every Wednesday

Pickleball - Every Wednesday from 7-9pm at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex

Public Skate - Every Wednesday from 3:30 - 5 at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Helmets mandatory.

Public Skate - Every Wednesday from 3:45-5:15 at the Warburg Arena. No sticks and helmets mandatory.

Songs For Toddlers on Wednesdays at 1pm at the Warburg library.

Soup & Sandwiches at the Thorsby Seniors Centre starting at 11:30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Soup & Sandwiches at the Warburg Seniors Centre every 3rd Wednesday at 12pm (\$10)

Tai Chi at the Warburg Seniors Center, running every Wednesday from 10-11 (\$2). This program is open everyone!

Warburg Treasure's Thrift Shop is Open Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm at the Warburg Community United Church.

THURSDAYS

Bingo at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Thursday evening at 7pm

Bus to Leduc from Cloverleaf: (\$8) Bus leaves from Cloverleaf to Leduc the third Thursday of the month at 9:00am. Call Kim at Cloverleaf to book your spot! 780-848-7717.

Curling - Monday & Thursday at the Warburg Curling Club at 7pm. Call Rob Tessier 780-789-3723.

Floor Curling at the Warburg Hall. Every Thursday at 1pm (\$2)

Leduc Public Market at City Centre Mall. Thursdays from 10-2

Men's Morning Curling - Thursday at the Warburg Curling Club on Thursdays at 10am. Contact Les at 780-848-2661

Parent & Tot Group - Thursday mornings from 9-11am in the Village of Warburg office basement. Everyone welcome.

Pickle Ball at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9:30am - 11:30am (\$5)

Sew Heavenly Quilters meet Thursdays at 10am at Warburg Cultural Centre. Call Peggy 780-789-2545

Pickleball Thursdays from 6-8pm (\$2). Warburg School Gym. Register at the Warburg Village office or call 780-848-2828

Sandholm Square Dance Club - on Thursdays 7 - 9:30pm at the Sandholm Hall. Contact 780-238-5844 or 780-389-2381.

Shinny - Every Thursday from 3:30 - 4:45 at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Helmets mandatory.

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store - Open Thursdays from 10am-3pm. Call 780-996-5131. Open Friday, December 1, Xmas in the Village from 6-9pm.

Warburg Girl Guides - at the Warburg Community Hall, Thursdays from 5:30pm - 7pm. Contact 780-999-3913.

FRIDAYS

Community Socials on the Last Friday of the month at 7pm at the Mulhurst Royal Canadian Legion #246. Meat Draws, 50/50

Connect with Other Young People on Fridays from 7-9pm Thorsby New Life Fellowship Church - Ages 11-18. Contact Katie at 780-241-0715 or kpollard2007@outlook.com

Fun with Friends Story time at the Thorsby Municipal Library every Friday from 10:30am - 11:15am.

Music Jam - at the Warburg Seniors Centre on the 1st Friday of the month from 1-4pm by donation. Call 780-389-4104

Parent & Tot Skating every Friday at the Warburg Arena from 10am - 12pm. No Sticks allowed.

Shinny - Every Friday from 3:30 - 4:45 at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Helmets mandatory.

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store - Open Fridays from 10am-3pm. Call 780-996-5131. Open Friday, December 1, Xmas in the Village from 6-9pm.

SATURDAYS

Farmer's Market at the Mulhurst Bay Community Hall (3802 50 Ave) every Saturday 11-3pm. Contact Carol 587-920-2065

Pie & Coffee from 1pm - 4pm at the Warburg Museum on the first Saturday of every month. Or arrange a tour through Susie 780-848-2507 or Joan 780-621-7174

Thorsby Music Jam - at Thorsby Community Centre on the 3rd Saturday of the month (except January) from 1-4pm. Coffee & light lunch. Call 780-789-2180.

SUNDAYS

Gospel Music Jam - at New Life Christian Fellowship on the 1st Sunday of the month (except December) from 2-4pm. FREE includes light refreshments. Call 780-789-4171

Pancake Breakfasts hosted by the Thorsby Lions Club the first Sunday of the month at the Senior's Centre 9am - 12pm. Call Mercedes 587-338-7065

Sunday School at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church the second Sunday of each month at 10:30am for ages 5-12 - under 5 accompanied by an adult. Contact Ebeline at 780-389-4100



OHRN, Doris Ethel

October 24, 1927 – November 25, 2023

On a winter's evening Mom made the journey home to be with Dad at the age of 96 and 1 month. She spent her final days surrounded by the love and laughter of grandchildren and children.

Left to mourn and hold dear the memories of a life so very well lived are her daughter Ingrid (Paul), son Norman (Carol), grandchildren Caitlin (Darren), Spencer (Kathleen), Darren (Laura), Kristen (Brett), and five great grandchildren Brayden, Clara, Aubrey, Addalyn and Maddison. She will also be remembered by her sisters-in-law, Mary Ohrn, Brenda Campbell and many nieces and nephews. Mom was predeceased by her parents Edward and Ethel Campbell, her sister Ainslie, brother-in-law Ves, brother Hugh, sister-in-law Margaret, brother-in-law Ralph, niece Vicki and nephew Doug.

Mom was a much-loved educator in the Leduc district and touched many lives throughout her 36 years as a teacher. She began her teaching career at Progress School in 1946 and then moved to Dniester School for two years. After that, Mom taught six years at Thorsby High School and finished her career at Humble School in 1982. She consistently strived for excellence and brought the best of herself to the students she taught. The classroom was her second home, and she welcomed each student with open arms.

Alongside this very demanding career Mom married her sweetheart, Don in 1950, and began her second career as a farm wife and mother to which she also dedicated her significant energies. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were her pride and joy throughout her life.

The service to celebrate the life of Doris Ethel Ohrn was held at Hainstocks Funeral Home, Edmonton, AB.

Connect with us!

Submitted by Leduc County FRN



Alberta Provincial Family Resource Networks

Welcome Winter!

It's that time of year when we dust off our winter gear and adjust our attitudes in preparation for another Alberta winter. We are fortunate to live in an area of the world that allows us to experience the beauty of a fresh snowfall and all it has to offer. This winter the Family Resource Network challenges you to get out and embrace what nature has to offer us. Here are a few activities that we are sure all ages can enjoy!

- Make a snow angel.
- Hit the slopes.
- Go snowshoeing.
- Watch the snow falling.
- Catch snowflakes on a black piece of paper. Can you find two the same?
- Snow painting.
- Build a snow fort.
- Make a birdfeeder of pinecones, peanut butter and birdseed—and place it near your window for a show.
- Make paper snowflake cutouts.
- Build a snowman!
- Go sledding.
- Try ice fishing.
- Go skating outdoors.

For more information on Family Resource Network programs, call 780-979-2385, email frn@leduc-county.com or drop in at one of our two Family Resource Network (FRN) sites.

Our Thursby site is located at 4908 48 St. in the modular across from the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. It is open on Tuesdays from 2 to 8 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Our Devon site is located at 5 Jasper Court and is open on Mondays from 2 to 8 p.m.

For more information and to register for upcoming programs, visit www.leduc-county.com/frn or scan the QR code.



Winter Lights Competition

'Tis the season for beautiful light displays, and we want to see them!

To help spread holiday cheer, Leduc County businesses and residents are encouraged to submit an application to have their winter light displays shared on an online map.

In December, the map will be shared so residents can tour the County, view the light displays and vote for their favourites!

Please note, you must be a Leduc County resident or business located within Leduc County to participate in the contest.

▶ Apply to be listed on the map

If you would like to be listed on the map, you need to fill out an online form.

leduc-county.com/winter-lights-competition

You have until Dec. 16* to submit your application. The map will be available beginning in December.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at **780-955-6410** or parksandrec@leduc-county.com.



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WARBURG SCHOOL NEWS



Warburg School is always a buzz of activity during December. Our K-6 classes are busy preparing for the Christmas Concert on the evening of December 21st, high school students are helping our community 'light up' the park and our WS Events calendar is showing activities every day!

Our Grades 1-6 were invited to participate in the Drayton Valley Thunder Hockey Hooky event on Friday, December 1st. Our students' had a wonderful time cheering on the team! Thank you to the Drayton Valley community sponsors for helping to make this event happen for the kids in our region.



Panther Club on December 5th saw a large turnout of students making soap and playing gym games. We anticipate there will be hand-made soap in some of the family gifts this year. December 12th the Panther Club participants made Christmas ornaments or played floor hockey. Thank you to our staff volunteers for organizing these super after school events.

Our Senior High boys basketball team is making the rounds in their league play under the guidance of Coach Arnold. The Junior High girls basketball team is practicing regularly with Ms. D. with great plans to make an impact in their league play. Thank you to Mrs. Gidosh for coaching our elementary boys basketball team. Much skill and fun was had by the boys in their practices and games.

Our Family Fun Night saw around 150 Warburg family members come for pizza and gingerbread

house making. It was so great to see everyone enjoying themselves. Almost every table had a kid from another family join them. This speaks to the family, community spirit we have at our school. Thank you to our BGSD Mental Health Capacity Building Team!



The residents of the Cloverleaf Manor were happy to have a visit from our Grade 2 & 3 holiday choir. The students enjoyed this shared experience very much and we look forward to continuing on with this holiday tradition.

The very popular, much anticipated WS Community Christmas dinner has returned! This event will be held on Friday, December 22nd at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to our school office by December 18th so that we can make preparations for you!



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Warburg, AB



Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year

from Darcy, Sharon, Brandon,
Sarah and Kade Powlik



*Thank you to all our
customers who supported us
over this past year!*



HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Leduc County offices will be closed on the following dates this holiday season:

- ▶ Monday, Dec. 25
- ▶ Tuesday, Dec. 26
- ▶ Friday, Dec. 29
- ▶ Monday, Jan. 1

Leduc County transfer stations are unaffected by holiday hours this year, and will remain open on the following dates:

- ▶ Saturday, Dec. 23 – all sites open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶ Wednesday, Dec. 27 – New Sarepta, Wizard Lake, Mission Beach and Sunnybrook open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶ Thursday, Dec. 28 – Looma, Rolly View, Thorsby, Sunnybrook and Warburg open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, Dec. 30 – all sites open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



4901-48 Avenue, Thorsby, AB
780-789-3808

Thorsby Library
updates & reminders:

submitted by Paula Bosse

Please visit us during our weekday hours of Tuesday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Wednesday 12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM, Thursday 12:00 Noon - 7:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Saturdays 10:00am - 1:00pm.

The library will be closed for the holidays from December 23 through January 2. We will reopen with regular hours January 3.

When Giving Is All We Have

by Alberto Ríos

*One river gives
Its journey to the next.*

We give because someone gave to us.
We give because nobody gave to us.

We give because giving has changed us.
We give because giving could have changed us.

We have been better for it,
We have been wounded by it—

Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,
Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.

Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,
But we read this book, anyway, over and again:

Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,
Mine to yours, yours to mine.

You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.
Together we are simple green. You gave me

What you did not have, and I gave you
What I had to give—together, we made

Something greater from the difference.

**Merry Christmas from the Board and Staff of
Thorsby Municipal Library**

*P.S. - Stop by the library for a special makerspace,
December 19 through the 22 and decorate an ornament
for your tree.*



LET'S JOIN
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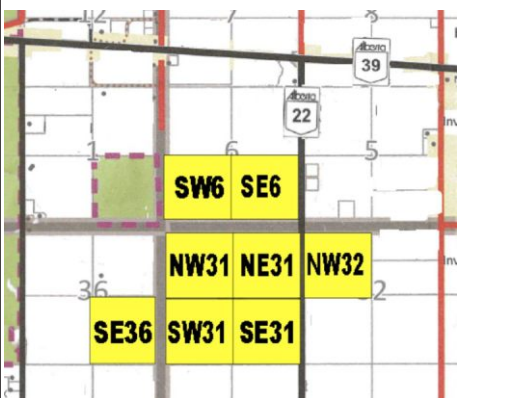
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FAVORITE CHRISTMAS RECIPES



Candied Christmas Cookies

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1 tablespoon rum
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 cups candied cherries
- 3 cups dates, pitted and chopped
- 4 cups chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease cookie sheets. In large mixing bowl, cream together eggs, butter and brown sugar. Mix baking soda with the milk and add to mixture. Stir in orange juice and rum. In a small bowl, lightly toss candied fruits with a small amount of flour until fruits separate easily. Add to mixture. Add flour, dates and pecans. Stir until well blended.

Drop by teaspoons about 2 inches apart onto cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely

Christmas Creamy Egg Nog

- 4 egg yolks
- 1 (5 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 1/2 cups milk
- 4 egg whites
- 1 fluid ounce rum or rum flavouring to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

In a large mixing bowl, beat egg yolks until they are thickened and light. Gradually stir in condensed milk, sugar, vanilla and milk. Beat the egg whites until stiff, then add them to the milk mixture. Stir rum into the mixture (to taste). Garnish with nutmeg.

Chocolate Cookie Mix in a Jar

“This is a great Christmas gift!”

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup dark brown sugar

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Combine all-purpose flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside. In a 1 quart wide mouth canning jar, layer dark brown sugar, white sugar, cocoa, chopped pecans, and chocolate chips. Pack everything down firmly before you add flour mixture, it will be a snug fit.

Attach a tag with the following instructions: Chocolate Cookie Mix in a Jar: 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) 2. Empty cookie mix into large bowl. Thoroughly blend mixture with hands. Mix in 3/4 cup softened butter or margarine, 1 egg, slightly beaten, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Shape into walnut size balls, and place 2 inches apart on a parchment lined baking sheet. 3. Bake for 11 to 13 minutes. Cool 5 minutes on baking sheet, then move to wire racks.

Brownies in a Jar

“Another great Christmas gift idea!”

- 2 1/4 cups white sugar
- 2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Pour sugar into a clean and dry one quart jar. Press down firmly. Add cocoa powder and press down firmly. Pour in chopped pecans, making sure pecans are evenly layered in the jar. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Pour into jar and seal.

Attach the following directions to the jar: Empty mix into large bowl. Use your hands to mix thoroughly. Add 3/4 cup of butter or margarine and 4 slightly beaten eggs. Mix until completely blended. Spread batter into a lightly greased or sprayed 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees F (180 degrees C) for 30 minutes or until done. Cool in pan. Cut into 2 inch squares.

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**Warburg
Public Library**

Update

Submitted by Gail O'Neil

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*the Library is also on FB and
Instagram*

*Library Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
10 am – 6 pm and Saturdays Noon – 4 pm
(exceptions are long weekends, closed).*

**The Library's Christmas hours will be:
Closed December 22 to January 1,
The Library reopens Tuesday January 2, 2024,
10 am to 6 pm.**

The Warburg Library's Annual Christmas draw has started! Staff have tickets to sell and tickets can be purchased at the Library.

The draw is a 50/50 and there are a lot of wonderful prizes donated by Local Business owners and Individuals, these are: 1 septic service donated by Kelln's Septic service, Assorted flavored honey gift basket donated by Wild Hive Apiary, Godiva Chocolate gift basket donated by the Tran Family, 1 Quilt and 1 Table runner donated by the Young at Heart Quilters Group, 1 David's tea basket donated by The Sontag Family, there are 4 individual baskets with a variety of items in each, donated by the Warburg Library Board Members.

To view these amazing prizes come to The Warburg Library, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 10 am – 6 pm or Saturdays Noon – 4 pm.

Thank you to Everyone who has so thoughtfully donated to the Library, the Monies raised go towards Library programming.

Tickets cost: 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00, 8 for \$20.00, and 40 for \$100.00, e-transfer is available: warburglibrary@yrl.ab.ca (call 780-848-2391 and Staff will take orders for tickets)



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AHS wants Albertans to get the right care in the right place. There are many options to receive the care you need. Make sure you know all the care options available and choose the one that suits you and your family.

Some of your care options include:

- A community clinic
- Health Link at 811
- Your local pharmacist

In many instances, self-care can also help you cope with non-severe symptoms of seasonal illness. If you're unsure, call Health Link at 811 or visit a family doctor, pharmacist or community physician. AHS also has information that can help parents and caregivers know when to seek medical attention and when they can provide care at home to sick or injured children. This information is available at www.ahs.ca/heal

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Make note of this new resource number...it's 988

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SMALL BATTERY RECYCLING

by Carol Rempel

Pearl Elson was a delegate at the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting on December 12. She proposed that the Town of Thorsby become a collection site for recycled small batteries and she would be responsible for the disposing of them either in Leduc at Rona, Rexall or Staples collection site. She mentioned that Sunnybrook charges a \$25 disposal fee.

Councillor Cory Gilbert made a motion that the administration find a solution or a short term strategy for the disposal of small batteries. All councillors were in favor. Check out www.call2recycle.ca

Alberta has no laws regarding battery recycling but they are currently working on policies.

We all know the hazards of disposing small batteries in the garbage. They are certainly not environmentally friendly. Would the community encourage the recycling of small batteries?



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