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# SINGING FOR YEG TRAVELERS

Our Warburg School Librarian, Mrs. Sarvas, is an Airport Volunteer Ambassador at the Edmonton International Airport (YEG). When YEG staff asked for school choirs to participate in the School Holiday Choir program Mrs. Sarvas was

quick to alert our music teacher, Mrs. White, to submit the fantastic singing voices of our Warburg School students. Mrs. Slusarczyk and Mrs. Babcook's Grade 2 & 3 classes were chosen to perform for all of the travelers at Edmonton International Airport (and a few of our WS parents) on December 13th.

This was a great opportunity for the students to experience the airport environment and show their talents to the world!



# LIGHTING UP THORSBY

We may not see a white Christmas this year but it still feels like Christmas when driving the streets of Thorsby. Here are a couple of our favorites this year with some more pictures inside this issue. Pictures do not do any of them justice so go for a walk or drive and see if you can find these beautiful displays of festive cheer and so many more. Thank you for showing your holiday spirit for everyone to see!!

Also, don't miss out on Thorsby Lions
Winter Wonderland at the Lions
Campground going on right now from 69pm until December 23. Entry is a cash
donation to Christmas Elves. Parking
available at the top of the hill. A special
treat on December 23 with hot chocolate
and Santa Clause coming to visit from 68:30pm.

Thank you to the Volunteers for hosting this event in our community.



Happy Holidays from all of us at Connect 39!

Just a reminder, there will be NO CONNECT 39 ON DECEMBER 29. See you in the New Year!!!

# Classifieds

### **FOR SALE**

**20lb TURKEYS- FRESH FROZEN** for sale. \$60 each. Call 780-405-7380

SCHULER FEED WAGON for sale. Call 780-789-2151

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#### **WANTED**

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#### **WANTED CONCRETE RUBBLE**

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#### Classified Ads are \$7.50 for 2 weeks

(up to 30 words) GST included
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Street, Thorsby, call 780-499-9006 or email to
media@community39.com



# **Thorsby Ag Society AGM & Bylaw Update**

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 7:00pm at the Haymaker Centre Dianne 780.906.4520



Box 29 Warburg, Alberta TOC 2TO Phone: (780) 848-2841 FAX: (780) 848-2296 office@warburg.ca

#### PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Warburg will be hosting a Public Hearing on Monday, January  $8^{th}$ , 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Warburg Council Chambers (5212-50<sup>th</sup> Avenue) in regard to Bylaw 171/20: the Land Use Bylaw,

particular

Rezoning Lot 2, Block 3, Plan 1981 E.T. and Lot 10, Block 3, Plan 0822558 (Reclassification from R-2 General Residential, to P Public).

Any written submissions that are mailed, emailed, faxed, or delivered to the Village of Warburg by 12 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, will be included in the Council Agenda. Individuals wishing to make oral submissions at the public hearing are requested to register by the deadline indicated above.

Further information is available at the Village Office.

Village of Warburg
Attention: Christine Pankewitz
Development Officer
Box 29, 5212-50 Avenue
Warburg, Alberta
TOC 2TO
Phone: 780-848-2841 Fax: 780-848-2296
Email: office@warburg.ca

# "little papers...BIG RESULTS"

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Sudoku Answers from Dec<u>ember 15 Issue</u>

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 × 3 subgrids.



# **NOW HIRING!**

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

Part-Time (24 Hours/Week)

The Town of Thorsby is seeking a highly motivated and organized individual to join our team as a Community Programs Coordinator. In this role, you will play a key part in developing, implementing, and overseeing community programs that align with our organization's mission and values.

### Responsibilities

- Program Development:
  - <sup>o</sup> Collaborate with community members and stakeholders to identify needs and opportunities for community programs.
  - O Design, plan, and implement a variety of community programs, events, and activities.
- Community Engagement:
  - <sup>o</sup> Build and maintain strong relationships with community members, organizations, and partners.
- Budget Management:
  - Obevelop and manage budgets for community programs, ensuring resources are allocated effectively.
- Evaluation and Reporting:
  - <sup>o</sup> Monitor and evaluate the success of community programs, collecting feedback for continuous improvement.
  - <sup>o</sup> Prepare and present reports on program outcomes and impact.

#### Qualifications

- Post-secondary education in a related field or equivalent experience.
- Proven experience in program development, community engagement, or a related field.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Strong organizational and project management abilities.
- Ability to work collaboratively with diverse groups of individuals.

If you are passionate about community development and making a positive impact, we would love to hear from you! Please submit your resume and cover letter detailing your relevant experience and why you are the ideal candidate for the Community Programs Coordinator position to:

Kelley Probe, Recreation Manager

<u>kprobe@thorsby.ca</u>

Or drop off at Arctic Spas Recreation Complex
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### **UPCOMINGSPECIALEVENTS**

(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

<u>December 22</u> - Village of Warburg Christmas Open House from 3-6pm

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

<u>December 23</u> - Christmas Mass at Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church at 4pm

<u>December 23</u> - Mulhurst Bay Farmers Market last market of 2023. January 27 is the 1st one of the new year.

<u>December 23</u> - Thorsby Lions Winter Wonderland at the Lions Campground from 6-9pm. Hot Chocolate and Santa. Donations to Christmas Elves for entry.

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

<u>December 24</u> - Christmas Mass at Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church at 7pm

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

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

<u>December 31</u> - Out With The Old In With The New afternoon family dance at the Winfield Comm. Centre. Music by the No Hitchhiker Band. 1-4. Admission-donation. Please bring lunch

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

<u>January 6</u> - Bottle Drive in Warburg for Warburg SR High Boys Team. Bring them to the Warburg Bottle Depot or contact the school for another arrangement.

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

<u>January 20</u> - 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

<u>January 20</u> - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact <u>davidemolyneaux@live.com</u>

<u>January 25</u> - Wills & Estate Planning at the Wetaskiwin Ag Society Hall at 1pm or 7pm. FREE. Call FCSS 780-352-3321 or email <a href="mailto:resadmin@county10.ca">resadmin@county10.ca</a> for more information.

February 1 - Wills & Estate Planning at the Alder Flats

Seniors Centre at 1pm. FREE. Call FCSS 780-352-3321 or email <a href="mailto:resadmin@county10.ca">resadmin@county10.ca</a> for more information.

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

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

<u>February 17</u> - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact <u>davidemolyneaux@live.com</u>

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

# St.Matthew's invites you to Advent:

December 24 - 10:30 am Service

December 24 - 7:00 pm Special Candle Light Christmas Eve Service & Communion

December 31 - 10:30 am
Services of Lessons &
Carols

Come Let Us Adore Him!





# UCP<sup>2</sup> AGM<sup>2</sup>

Date: January 18th
Time: 7pm
CETC Address 5400 22 Avenue, Drayton Valley

Must have a valid UCP membership to attend and vote.

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# 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 adress 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**

<u>Bus To Drayton Valley (Aquasize or Walmart)</u> - 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

<u>Crib</u> at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Monday at 1:30pm

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

<u>Parent & Tot Drop In (Thorsby)</u> 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.

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

#### **TUESDAYS**

Bingo - NEXT BINGO FEB. 6/2024 @ 6:30 at the Mulhurst Legion #246.

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

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

<u>Pickle Ball</u> 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)

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

16+ Rec Volleyball drop in at Warburg School on Tuesdays from 7-9pm (\$2)

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

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

 $\underline{\underline{\textbf{Cards}}}$  at the Warburg Seniors Centre at 1pm every Wednesday

<u>Pickleball</u> - Every Wednesday from 7-9pm at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex

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

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

<u>Songs For Toddlers</u> on Wednesdays at 1pm at the Warburg library.

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

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

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

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

#### **THURSDAYS**

<u>Bingo</u> at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Thursday 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.

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

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

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

Parent & Tot Drop In (Warburg) - Thursday mornings from 9-11am in the Village of Warburg office basement.

<u>Pickleball</u> at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9:30am - 11:30am (\$5)

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

**Quilting at the Warburg Cultural Center:** on Thursdays from 10-4 contact Gail S at 789-995-2681

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

<u>Shinny</u> - 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.

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

#### **FRIDAYS**

<u>Community Socials</u> are held the last Friday of each month at the Mulhurst Legion #246. Next Social: Jan. 26/2024 @ 7PM

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

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

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

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

<u>Shinny</u> - 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 every Saturday 11-3pm. Contact Carol 587-920-2065. Last one of 2023 is Dec 23 & start up again Jan 27, 2024

<u>Pie & Coffee</u> 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

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

<u>Sunday School</u> at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church the 2nd Sunday of mth at 10:30am. Contact Ebeline at 780-389-4100

\*\*Street hockey sticks/Badminton set/spike ball/various games available at the Warburg Library! All you need is your library card to rent out!



## 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.





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## Connect with us!

Submitted by Village of Warburg FCSS

Have questions? Need support? Contact Warburg FCSS - Shauna Schwindt 780-848-2828

In office Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-4:30 p.m.

Please keep your eyes open for events in our Warburg FCSS / Recreation Newsletter!

If you need anything, please feel free to stop into the Village of Warburg Office!

**Parent & Tot program (THORSBY):** Enjoy drop in stay & play Monday 10 -11am at the Thorsby FRN site (modular next to the Rec Centre) fun games, activities and making new friends!

Parent & Tot Drop In (WARBURG) Will return January 8th. Casual drop in running every Thursday in the Village Office Basement 9-11am. Please enter through the back entrance (PCN entrance) If you feel like bringing treats you are more than welcome to.

**16+ Rec Volleyball** - Adults and youth 16+ beach volleyball. Every Tuesday at Warburg School (NW community access doors) from 7-9pm. (\$2)

Street hockey sticks/Badminton set/spike ball/various games available at the Warburg Library! All you need is your library card to rent out! Warburg Library hours are Tues/Wed/Thurs 10 am-6 pm

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

**Quilting at the Cultural Center:** (Thurs) Quilting from 10-4. Contact Gail S at 789-995-2681

**Warburg Museum:** Pie & Coffee, the 1st Saturday of every month. Stop in and enjoy a treat and some history! Tour inquiries please contact Susie @ 780-848-2507 or Joan @780-621-7174.

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

**Bus to Leduc from Cloverleaf:** (\$8) Bus leaves from Cloverleaf to Leduc. Need to get groceries, have a Dr. Appt, just want to get out and about here is an affordable way to get to Leduc! Please call Kim at Cloverleaf to book your spot! 780-848-7717.

Bus To Aqua size (Drayton Valley) - Will return January 8th if it becomes high demand, we are hoping it will run every Monday. Bus leaving from Warburg Village office @8:50, stopping in Breton at 9:10 to head to Drayton Valley gentle Aqua size class or if swimming is not your thing, a one-hour trip to Walmart if you need any groceries. 5 punch and 10 punch card passes will be available at the Village of Warburg Office. Registration must be completed the Friday prior to the Monday trip so

we can ensure we have enough people and secure Bus Driver. Please contact Shauna at 780-848-2828 for further information (punch card passes can be used to go to either Drayton Valley or Leduc) We have received funding from the Warburg Seniors Club, for a limited time bus passes for Warburg and Leduc county residents are subsidized. Please take advantage of this amazing opportunity! !The fee to attend the aqua size class is separate from the fee of the bus (please contact Ricochet Aquatic Centre for more information @ 780-515-7946. 10 card punch pass is \$70.65 roughly/\$7 class for seniors.

Child Safety Seats for Families (Free online workshop) This interactive workshop will provide information and answer questions about choosing, installing and using child safety seats, booster seats and seat belts.

**Leduc County Grants!** Leduc County grant season is almost upon us. Parks and recreation offer recreation, arts, sports, and culture grant funding. Applications will be available online Sept 1,2023. For more information, please visit <a href="www.leduc-county.com/grants">www.leduc-county.com/grants</a> or contact Andrea Oneski @ 780-770-9264 or <a href="mailto:recgrants@leduc-county.com">recgrants@leduc-county.com</a>.

**Drive Happiness: is looking for volunteer drivers in Leduc County!** Drive Happiness is a non-profit organization which provides low-cost, volunteer-based assisted transportation to older Albertans. Our volunteer position gives you the flexibility to pick rides that work for your schedule, meet amazing people, and even receive a fuel reimbursement!

If you or someone you know living in Leduc County is interested in this unique volunteer opportunity, give us a call today at 780-424-5438 or visit our website for more information about getting involved www.drivehappiness.ca/

Seniors Grant Program- (For Community-Based Programs) Supports projects, programs and events that enrich the quality of life and enhance the health and wellbeing of Seniors within Leduc County. Grant applications must address one of the following priorities (Aging well, inclusion & diversity and connection & engagement) for more details and how to apply please visit <a href="www.leduc-county.com/grants">www.leduc-county.com/grants</a> or contact Sara at 780-955-6424 or sara@leduc-county.com

New information available in regard to the Canadian Dental Care plan at <a href="https://www.canada.ca/dental">www.canada.ca/dental</a>

Please stay tuned for many programs that will be offered throughout the County in January!

#### Current programming and services available:

- Subsidized Counselling Program for individuals, Couples, Families and Youth
- Home Support light housekeeping services
- · Assistance with forms, information etc.
- Seniors Assistance Programs
- Meals on Wheels



# **BREAKING NEWS!!**

# FROM OUR COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION FAMILY TO YOURS:

Mayor Hostyn and Council, CAO Donna and Administration thank you all for your hard work in the community this year, for your generosity to your neighbours, and for all the great visits, requests, concerns and support you have provided to Administration.

We wish all of you the very best Christmas and New year season. It's a time to chill and be with your family and friends, or folks that care about you.

We look forward to serving you in 2024.

Be safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





# THORSBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Tuesday, January 9th** | Committee of the Whole (COW) | 7 - 8:30pm

Tuesday, January 23rd | Regular Meeting | 7 - 8:30pm

#### **Town of Thorsby**

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# **TIPS**From TOPS!

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

From Pearl Elson

Our meetings are designed to encourage weight loss, maintenance, to educate and to provide support. New members are welcome to attend a meeting with no obligation. Meetings are held at the Thorsby Senior's Centre on Monday mornings with weigh in from 9am to 9:15am and the meeting following from 9:15am to 9:45am. There is an annual fee to TOPS International of \$49 and a monthly fee to the Thorsby Chapter #1694 of \$5. The first month chapter fees are free. Phone Jane at 780-789-3789 or Cheryl at 780-848-7673 for more info.

# Dash Away All

'Twas the day of the meeting, when all through the town, TOPS members were hoping their weight would be down.

Because they'd learn on the scale at TOPS Club that night if will power had won over "good" appetite.

Their calorie count had been kept with great care in hope that the secret of weight loss lay there.

I'd cleaned up my house, and I'd made all the beds while visions of slenderness, danced in my head.

I dreamed of how nice 'twould be if I were thin-of wearing a crown, and the trophies I'd win.

When out of the street there arose such a clatter, I sprang toward the sound to see what the matter was.

I raced through the house-at my weight, pretty fast and I managed to get to the front yard at last.

When what should appear to my wandering eyes. But a bakery truck filled with breads, cake and pies.

With a driver whose wares held such wild fascination, I knew in a moment his name was Temptation!

He went through his goodies with pride and acclaim as he whistled and shouted and called them by name.

I jumped back to my porch. With resolve I stood tall-Then yelled, "Dash away, dash away, dash away all!

You'll not tempt me with high cal-rie delights. I've got to weigh in at my TOPS Club tonight!

So off down the street the big truck fairly flew with Mr. Temptation and his cargo too.

Had I eaten his offerings I'd have to explain how I happened to weigh in that night with a gain.

At the meeting that evening it was plain to see the Weight Record Keepers were busy as bees.

The weigher said, "Come on, you're next", There's no doubt. I was feeling so nervous I thought I'd pass out. But a wink of her eye and a nod of her head soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

She spoke not a word but went straight to her work and wrote down my loss. Then I turned with a jerk.

I gave a big sigh and a long, happy whistle, and I pranced on my toes like the down from a thistle.

And all heard me exclaim as I smiled with delight, "I lose and I'll lose again next meeting night!"



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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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# FEDERAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE MANDATE

Premier Danielle Smith issued this response to the federal zero-emission vehicle mandate:

"Alberta's government supports reducing emissions from the transportation sector and supporting Albertans who wish to drive lower-emissions vehicles. However, these efforts must be led by and support consumers and businesses, and the federal government has no legal or moral authority to tell Albertans what vehicles they can and cannot buy.

"Alberta has already purchased and is working with municipalities and industry to explore the use of hydrogen-powered vehicles in our provincial transportation fleet and evaluating options to increase hydrogen fuelling stations across Alberta. We're funding pilots that are testing long-range hydrogen trucks for industry and buses in major cities. We're working with the same partners to improve access to EV charging stations. The federal government should rein back its failed command economy tactics and work with us on a consumer-based market approach that is achievable and doesn't hurt people.

"And yet, in another show of total disregard for the wellbeing of Canadians, the federal government has unilaterally imposed an unconstitutional edict with a bizarrely impossible timeline that will result in massive increases in the cost of vehicles and utility bills, vehicle rationing and wait lists, increased costs to businesses and elevated difficulty and safety risk for hundreds of thousands of Albertans and Canadians just trying to get to work and family activities in our unpredictable, and often cold, climate.

"The sheer hypocrisy of this announcement is astounding. To date, the federal government's EV approach has been a disaster. The independent federal commissioner of the environment and sustainable development found Ottawa is failing to meet its current target of making 80 per cent of the federal government's fleet vehicles net zero by 2030. The federal commissioner found that if progress continues at the current rate, the federal government will reach only one per cent of its target by 2030. Not only are there not enough electric vehicle chargers, Ottawa doesn't even know where EV chargers are needed. The federal government will fail to hit its target even where it has complete discretion, and yet it plans to mandate similar targets on consumers throughout all of Canada.

"Although it seems rather obvious to say, emissions targets and regulations must be realistic, achievable, and cannot result in multiple severe harms to millions of Canadians. A federal government that can't transition its own fleet to EVs should not be telling Albertans and Canadians to do what even it is unable to do.

"It's also deeply concerning that Ottawa is trying to force increased demands on the electricity grid while simultaneously weakening Alberta's and other provinces' grids through their federal electricity regulations. Our electric grids are not equipped to handle the massive demand surge that a forced full-scale transition to EVs would need to accommodate the delusional timelines in Ottawa's regulations, and the federal government has not provided remotely enough financial assistance to assist provincial grids to meet this mandated electricity demand.

"Further, these new regulations will result in a shortage and rationing of traditional vehicles starting in 2026 and even earlier, as millions of consumers in need of combustion engine vehicles, especially those living in smaller municipalities that commute long distances, will be unable to power or afford an EV but also won't be able to find an appropriate vehicle to drive in their circumstances. Apparently, the federal government doesn't understand that freezing with their families in -30 C on the side of a rural road is not an option for Albertans.

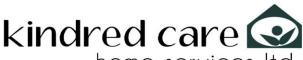
"There is a way to encourage Canadians to drive more EVs, hydrogen-powered cars and other low-emission vehicles. Instead of telling Canadians how to spend their money and lining up for the right to purchase what they need, the federal government should focus on helping provinces develop infrastructure and advance technologies that are more suitable to Canada's long distances and cold weather.

"Canadians deserve more than destructive virtuesignalling regulations and unachievable targets. Unfortunately, this federal government continues to show that it is all rhetoric and no substance. This approach does not serve Canadians and it won't protect the environment.

"The Government of Alberta will do everything within its legal jurisdiction to thwart implementation of these unconstitutional regulations in our province."



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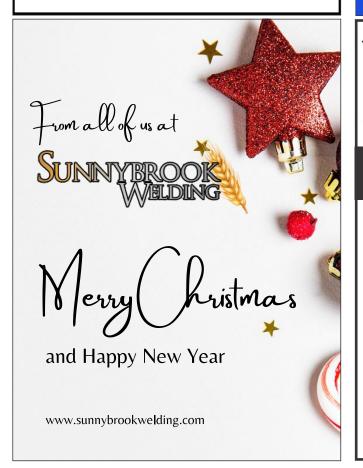
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## Warburg Public Library *Update*

Submitted by Gail O'Neil

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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.

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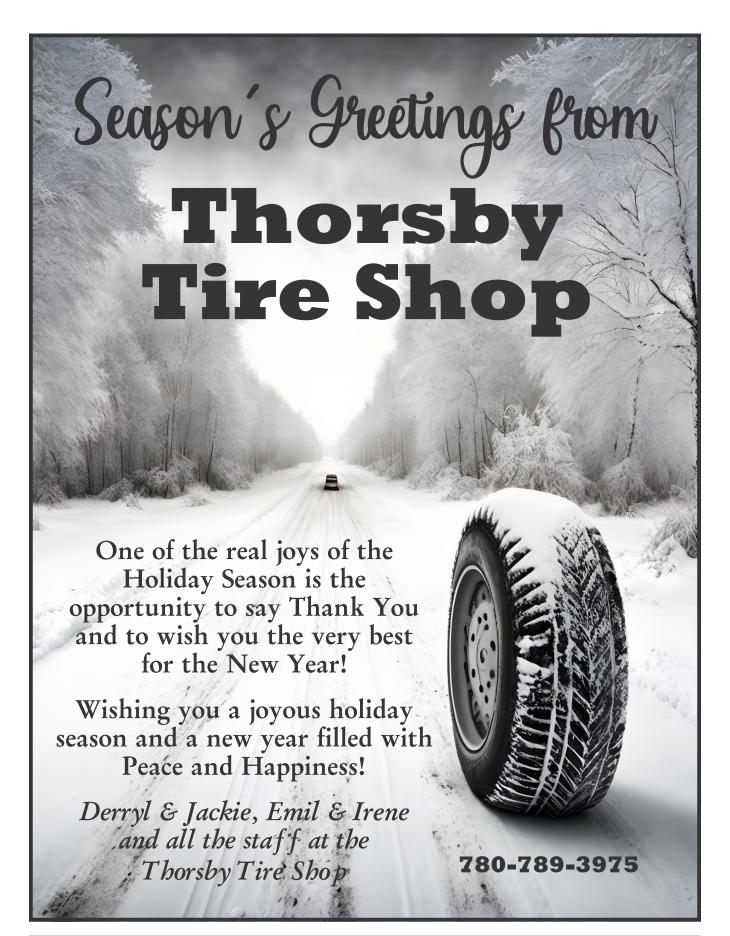
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# Stories of Life by PK

# WHAT KIND OF GIFT ARE YOU GIVING?

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Gift giving has always been such an important expression at Christmas, a way of telling someone that we love them and that they are an important piece of our

What kind of gift are you giving this year? There seems to be a few types of gifts that can be given.

- 1. There is the "give to get" kind. The kind of gift that you give someone early so that they will have the time to go and get one for you in return. The purpose of giving this kind of gift is obviously the give-to-get kind.
- 2. Then there is the "giving out of duty" kind. "Well I have to give this gift to my boss, even though I can't stand him." This is the begrudging gift.
- 3. Then there is the "gift for future favours" one. There may be a layoff coming up and maybe this will spare me. This gift is given with a "now they owe me" attitude or expectation. The gift is often received with complete surprise by the recipient, since they have not ever seen your kindness before. But what they do not know is that in four weeks you are going to be moving across town, and their large cargo trailer would be perfect for the job. That is, if they would consider lending it to a Christmas gift-giving friend.
- 4. Now, here is the gift that I trust that we will all be giving this year, "the gift from the heart" kind. The unconditional gift that is given with no thought of reciprocation, no hidden agenda attached under all the pretty paper. Given out of love and respect. A gift that doesn't cry out, "this is going to cost you!"

At this time of year our hearts go out to those less fortunate than ourselves. It seems that a lot of hard hearts are softened for a time. My prayer is that the true meaning of Christmas will penetrate your heart and speak directly to you this Christmas. We set this day aside as the day that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. We must remember that this birth, besides being a miracle, was truly God's ultimate gift to us. A gift that has never stopped giving. This is summed up perfectly by the well-known scripture, "For God so loved the world that He GAVE!" He "gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." By the way, you are a whosoever! Allow God to make this your best Christmas of your life. Under its wrapping is the gift of life forever. Truly, the gift that keeps on giving!

# Laurie's Laughs



The biggest step in any relationship isn't the first kiss...

It's the first fart.



Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.



last Christmas I gave you my heart, and the very next day you texted me "k".

Gonna go lay under the Christmas tree to remind my family that I'm a gift.

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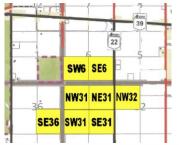
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