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Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTS ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Submitted by Deven Kumar, Communications Advisor, Black Gold School Division

At their regular meeting on December 14, 2023, the Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Cindi Vaselenak as the Acting Superintendent of Schools/CEO of the Black Gold School Division.

Dr. Vaselenak will take on the role starting January 1, 2024, until May 31 or until such time as Mr. Michael Borgfjord is able to begin his term as the new Superintendent of Schools/CEO. Dr. Vaselenak is taking over from current superintendent Bill Romanchuk, who retired on December 31, 2023, after 22 years of service to Black Gold.

"The Board has contracted Dr. Vaselenak for a couple of projects since the beginning of 2023," said Board Chair Esther Eckert. "We have an excellent working

relationship established with her, and she is already familiar with Black Gold through her work with us. We know she shares our vision and commitment, and will ensure that the Division continues to thrive under her leadership."

Dr. Vaselenak has worked for over 35 years as an

educator in the roles of teacher, curriculum coordinator, assistant principal, principal, deputy superintendent, and superintendent in Alberta. In 2019 she was named the Alberta Superintendent of the Year, receiving the provincial EXL Award for Excellence in School System Leadership. She currently consults for the Alberta School Boards Association, and serves as a sessional instructor at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Vaselenak has a solid background of research and practice in educational leadership. She holds a Bachelor of Education degree in secondary sciences, a Master of Science degree with a specialization in administration and instruction, and a Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership.

"I am honoured to support the Black Gold School Division in a new capacity as Acting Superintendent," said Dr. Vaselenak. "As a former chief superintendent in Alberta and the Northwest Territories, I am familiar with the roles and responsibilities required to support a Board through a transition in senior leadership. Black Gold has an excellent reputation in providing quality education to their school communities, and the current initiatives led by the Board and retiring Superintendent Romanchuk will continue."



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Every year you make a resolution to change yourself. This year, make a resolution to be yourself. *unknown*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INVITATION

PIGEON LAKE FEEDER COOP ASSOCIATION

DATE: Friday, January 12, 2024
LOCATION: Falun Community Centre Hall, 1 Mile West of Junc. Hwy 795 & Hwy 13
TIME: 7:30 pm

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Sudoku Answers
from December 22 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.



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UPCOMINGSPECIAL EVENTS

(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

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

January 7 - Family Dance at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Music by the No Hitchhiker Band. Admission by donation. Lunch donations appreciated.

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 14 - Beat the Winter Blues with a FREE afternoon of Card or Board Games at the Morrowdale Community Centre from 2-5pm. For more info, call Bev at 780-789-2571.

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 Liquored 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.

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- › Thorsby Town Office
- › Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex
- › Warburg Village Office

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- the municipalities of Breton, Brazeau County, Leduc County, Thorsby & Warburg
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Genesee and Sunnybrook Group Campgrounds

UPCOMING ONLINE RESERVATIONS

Mark your calendars to reserve a group campground!

Online reservations for Leduc County's group campgrounds – Genesee Park Group Campground and Sunnybrook Creek Park Group Campground – open on **Jan. 3, 2024**.

Learn more at leduc-county.com/campgrounds.



APPLY NOW FOR SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

Submitted by Leduc Community Hospital Foundation

The Leduc Community Hospital Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2024 scholarships and awards. Two (2) scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded annually to students from the Leduc region who are pursuing post-secondary healthcare-related studies. The deadline for the scholarship is January 31, annually.

The Foundation is also pleased to offer financial awards to help support continuing education and/or professional development opportunities, such as courses or seminars, for healthcare professionals working in the Leduc region. Two (2) awards of up to \$500 each will be awarded annually to eligible applicants. The awards deadline is February 15, annually.



Please visit lchfoundation.ca/about/scholarships-and-awards for full criteria and to apply.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION DU PUBLIC

PROPOSED ROGERS 37.8 METER WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS LATTICE TRI-POLE TOWER INSTALLATION

The proposed installation is composed of a 37.8-meter lattice tri-pole telecommunications tower, including the antennas, a lightning rod, and an obstruction light.

Location: 5032 52nd Street Warburg, AB

Objective: To improve wireless coverage to your community (along 52nd Street and 51st Avenue) and to meet rising demands for wireless services.

Details: An equipment shelter will also be installed at the base of the proposed tower and the entire site will be surrounded by a security fence with a locked gated access point.

The public is invited to provide written comments by end of business day on **4 February, 2024** to the contact information shown below. Please include a return address.

Tower Installation Project
Projet d'installation de communication sans fil
Reference: W6428 Warburg

Scott Telecom Services Ltd.
Agent for Rogers Communications Inc.
Michele Klein, Municipal Planner
900, 202 - 6 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 2R9
Phone: (403) 261-6514
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EMPLACEMENT PROPOSÉ PAR ROGERS POUR L'IMPLANTATION D'UNE TOUR TREILLIS TRIPOLAIRE D'ENVIRON 37.8 MÈTRES DE HAUTEUR

Le site de télécommunication proposé sera composé d'une tour de type treillis tripolaire d'une élévation hors-tout d'environ 37.8 mètres incluant les antennes, le balisage aérien et le parafoudre.

Lieu : 5032, 52 rue Warburg, AB

Objectif : Améliorer la couverture cellulaire dans votre secteur (délimité par la 52 rue et de la 51 avenue) et ainsi répondre à la demande sans cesse croissante pour les services sans fil.

Détails : Un cabinet d'équipements sera aussi aménagé à la base de la tour et l'ensemble du site sera ceinturé d'une clôture de sécurité et d'une entrée verrouillée.

Les citoyens sont invités à faire part de leurs commentaires, avant la fermeture des bureaux de Rogers le **4 février 2024**, soit à l'adresse indiquée (avec une adresse de retour).





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

****Please note - all events are subject to change**

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.

Parent & Tot Drop In (Thorsby) 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 - Next Bingo Feb. 6/2024 @ 6:30 at the Mulhurst Legion #246.

Curling (Stirling 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.

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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.

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

Pickleball 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

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.

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

FRIDAYS

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

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.

Pub Nights at Warburg Legion from 5pm - 10pm.

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.

SATURDAYS

Farmer's Market at the Mulhurst Bay Community Hall every Saturday 11-3pm. Contact Carol 587-920-2065. *Start up again Jan 27, 2024*

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 from 2-4pm. FREE includes light refreshments. Call 780-789-4171

Pancake Breakfasts by the Thorsby Lions Club the first Sunday of the month at the Senior's Centre 9am - 12pm. Call Mercedes 587-338-7065. NO BREAKFAST JANUARY 7!

Sunday School 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!



Harrison, Ruth (Wegner)

May 27, 1938 - December 9, 2023



It is with great sadness and much love that we announce the passing of our dear mother, grandmother, and oma. Remembered for her adventurous spirit, intellect, quick wit, kindness, and faith. Ruth will live on through her daughter, Shannon (David) and son, Russell (Deanna); cherished grandchildren Nathaniel (Charlene), Mackenzie, Kristen (Deena), Colin; and great-grandson, Elijah.

Ruth was born to Adolph and Martha Wegner and was the youngest of ten children. She will be missed by her remaining sister, nieces and nephews. Ruth was married to Clifford Russel Harrison in 1958 who predeceased her on December 8, 2014. Ruth was always planning and thinking ahead, energetic, courageous, resourceful, and curious. Blessed with a brilliant and creative mind; her only valued possessions were her books, her own paintings, and collection of artwork. In 1956, Ruth was valedictorian of her graduating high school class, and she was determined to put herself through university to become a teacher. She was passionate about teaching, and the joy of learning. She was a gifted writer with published works such as newspaper articles, a community newsletter, short stories, and a cookbook. Her love of learning served her well when she lived in Libya 1969-1979. While overseas, her love of art, music, and travel flourished. Ruth was the travel agent and guide for her family to many countries in Europe and the Middle East, churches, museums, and culturally important sites. On the top of her bucket list was to tour Israel and the Holy Land. She greatly enjoyed the different languages, cultures, foods, people, and the unique challenges that living abroad offered. Ruth was very entrepreneurial and enjoyed co-owning the family business in the Libyan oil patch. Upon returning to Canada in 1979, her life became devoted to farming, charity and volunteering thousands of hours in the community. Ruth was an enthusiastic long-standing member of thirty-seven years in the Alberta Fish and Game Association. She was always a very passionate conservationist, and protector of wildlife, natural habitats, and watersheds. She was very dedicated and hardworking in her roles as president and secretary of the Thorsby Fish and Game. Ruth was very proud of her accomplishments as a volunteer, and as a Division 6 Councillor for the County of Leduc for nine years. While on council, Ruth served on thirteen committees such as: present member of Alberta Lake Management Society, lifetime member – Alberta Wilderness Association, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Pigeon Lake Watershed Alliance, North Saskatchewan Alliance, Recycling Council of Alberta, and Rundle's Mission Society. Ruth loved giving back to the community and making a difference. Ruth was a supportive colleague, and a loyal, cherished friend to many. She will be deeply missed.

We love you, Mum, and you will be forever in our hearts. We are so grateful for all that you have done for our family. We will miss your smile, laugh, support, sage advice, and delicious home cooked meals. You were an incredible role model who taught us about strength, to always push ourselves to learn more, and to believe in ourselves. We are blessed by, and can find comfort in, that your life was well lived.

As per Mum's request, there will be no service. In honour of Mum, memorial donations can be made in her name to any of her favorite charities:

The Alberta Fish and Game Association – 13045 - 156 St NW Edmonton, AB T5V 0A2

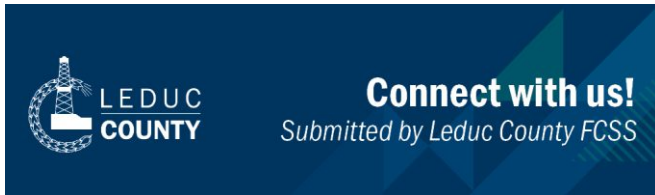
Alberta Habitat Fund – Charitable # 106693351 Rr0001

Website: <https://www.afga.org/>

Pigeon Lake Watershed Association – Box 219 Mulhurst Bay, AB T0C 2C0

PLWA Charitable BN/Registration Number 85541 4785 RR0001

Rundle's Mission Retreat Center – Box 12 Site 8 RR#1 Thorsby, AB T0C 2P0



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Seniors Grant Program

The seniors grant program supports projects, programs and events that enrich the quality of life and enhance the health and well-being of seniors within Leduc County. Up to \$15,000 will be distributed across Leduc County to organizations and volunteer groups who will create opportunities for Leduc County seniors to connect, engage and contribute to their communities.

Grant applications must address one of the following priorities:

- aging well
- inclusion and diversity
- connection and engagement

Examples:

- Community social luncheons with a guest speaker on scams and frauds targeting seniors.
- Fitness classes focused on aging and mobility.
- Intergenerational paint nights for seniors and youth.
- Programs to teach seniors digital literacy and online safety.
- Reducing fees for seniors to encourage more participation in community events.
- Developing a new program to engage new senior volunteers.

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. For more details and to apply for the seniors grant program visit www.leduc-county.com/grants. Applications will be accepted from Jan. 2 to 31, 2024.

Upcoming sessions

Contact Kristin at 780-955-6421 or Kristin@leduc-county.com to register for any of the below upcoming sessions.

Budget breakers

“Where did all of my money go this month?” Does this question sound familiar? Ever wondered how you can still have more month to go, but not enough money to

cover the expenses that come with it? It's become common and normal to feel broke, like you never seem to have enough. It's also common and normal to feel like you're not sure what the solution is. We can help you to stick to your budget by helping you to understand what you need to account for in your spending plan. We can also give you the education and the support you need to learn what you should keep your eye on to avoid breaking your budget. This session is facilitated by Credit Counselling Society.

Date: Friday, Jan. 12, 2024.

Time: 1 to 2 p.m.

Location: Online


Home alone – parent and child

Do you think your child is ready to start staying home alone occasionally for short periods of time? Does your child have some experience being home alone? No matter what your situation, this workshop will enhance your child's skill and confidence to stay home alone while giving you the knowledge about what your child needs in order to be ready.

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024.

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: Calmar Public Library



BREAKING NEWS!!

THORSBY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, Jan 9th | C.O.W | 7:00-8:30pm

Tuesday, Jan 23rd | Regular | 7:00-8:30pm


*This meeting is **open** to the public, and we encourage all Thorsby residents to participate!*

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

The office is now open during Lunch!

Town of Thorsby
4917 Hankin Street, Box 297
Thorsby, AB T0C 2P0
TEL: 780.789.3935 www.thorsby.ca



COMMUNITY GROUPS & MEETINGS

(Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

Mulhurst Community League Meetings at 7:30pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Call 780-389-4268

Mulhurst Royal Canadian Legion #246 - General Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the Month. Next Mtg: Jan 8 @ 7pm

Thorsby & District Cultural & Historical Society - Regular meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm at the Community Hall. thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Thorsby & District Fish & Game - Regular meetings held on the 3rd Monday of each month @ 7pm at the Warburg Village Office Basement. Bruce at 780-848-2242

Thorsby & District Lions Club - Meetings the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the Lions Den (Community Hall Basement). Mercedes 587-338-7065

Thorsby Communities in Bloom Society - Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7pm. Contact Barry Rasch 780-983-2096 or barythorsby@gmail.com

Village of Warburg Town Council - Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7pm.

TUESDAYS

Town of Thorsby Council - COW Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday and Regular Council the 4th Tuesday of the Month

Burnt Wood '06' Metis Local have monthly meetings the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Wetaskiwin Moose Lodge. Rose at 780-361-6019 for more info.

WEDNESDAYS

Sunnybrook Athletic Association - Meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Sunnybrook Hall. 587-920-6917 sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

Thorsby Agricultural Society - Regular meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the Haymakers Arena. Ph: 780-789-3829

Thorsby Municipal Library Board - Meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Library. Contact Paula at 780-789-3808 or thorsbypublib@yrl.ab.ca

Thorsby Royal Canadian Legion Pioneer Branch #144 - Meetings the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:30am, except July & Aug at the Seniors Centre. 780-789-3812

Thorsby Seniors - Meetings last Wed of every month in the Seniors's Centre. 780-239-4595

Warburg Legion Branch #205 - Meetings are at 7pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month (Sept to June) at the Legion Hall. Ph: 780-848-2923 or warburg205general@gmail.com

Warburg Municipal Library Board meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm at the library. The public is welcome as a Guest at these meetings.

Warburg Pioneer Ag Society - Meetings 2nd Wednesday of each month. Phone 780-848-2841

Warburg Seniors - Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

THURSDAYS

Thorsby Chamber Of Commerce - monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Arctic Spas Rec Complex. 780-499-9006 or thorsbyabchamber@gmail.com.



Need to talk? We can help!

FREE COUNSELLING SESSIONS

The cost of counselling can be a barrier for many individuals and families. Leduc County FCSS offers access to free counselling sessions to eligible individuals, couples, and/or families who are struggling with common, every day issues.

Counselling services are provided by local counsellors who are either be marital and family therapists, psychologists or masters level student interns under professional supervision.

If you want to:

- ▶ Improve relationships with better communication skills or conflict resolution;
- ▶ Improve mood with anger management and emotional support;
- ▶ Enhance personal growth with creativity, spirituality, self esteem, self awareness, goal setting;
- ▶ Improve parenting skills by focusing on attachment;
- ▶ Reduce stress with life balance; and/or
- ▶ Learn new skills and behaviours

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RCMP COMMUNITY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023

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

Total Calls for Service	271
Suspicious Persons/ Vehicle	3
Collisions	48
Vehicle Theft	6
Fraud	1
Break and Enter	9
Assault	2
Impaired	3
Recovered Vehicles	3
Missing Person	3

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

December 6, 2023 – Area of Wetaskiwin County

Thorsby/Breton RCMP responded to a report of a break and enter to a lease site. RCMP attended and were successful in deploying a tire deflation device on the suspect vehicle. The vehicle was located abandoned shortly after. With the help of Police Dog Services, RCMP were able to locate the male suspect in the nearby wooded area. Guy ROASTING (26), a resident of Wetaskiwin, Alta, was arrested and remanded into custody. ROASTING was charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000
- Mischief, damage to property over \$5,000
- Fail to comply with release order
- Possession of break in tools
- Theft over \$5,000

ROASTING was held for a bail hearing and transported to Edmonton Remand Centre.

December 6, 2023 – Area of Leduc County

Thorsby RCMP were conducting proactive patrols on Hwy 616 and located a Ford F350 with an unregistered license plate. RCMP learned the Ford F350 was reported stolen earlier that day. The male driver of the vehicle was arrested and held for a bail hearing. Lloyd HANDBURY (40), a resident of Winfield, Alta, was charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000
- Fail to comply with release order
- Drive while prohibited

HANDBURY was held for a bail hearing and transported to Edmonton Remand Centre.

December 11, 2023 – Area of Wetaskiwin County

Thorsby/Breton RCMP received a report that two abandoned trucks were located in a wooded area. RCMP attended and located the vehicles running and observed two males on scene. One male fled into the bush, and the other was arrested on site. Police Dog Services attended, but the track for the second male was unsuccessful. Jason ROY (36), a resident of Alder Flats, Alta, was charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 (X3)
- Possession of a controlled substance - Cocaine
- Possession of a controlled substance - Fentanyl
- Possession of a controlled substance - Methamphetamine
- Mischief, Damage to property over \$5,000
- Fail to comply with release order

ROY was held for a bail hearing and transported to Edmonton Remand Centre.

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SENIORS GRANT PROGRAM

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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
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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

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Happy New Year! As the Library enters into a new year, Staff is busy finishing up 2023 so we can start a new year. We all look forward to new adventures, programs, seeing Patrons who will want new books to read. 2023 was a good year and we hope 2024 is even better!

The Public Library Association has published a 2024 Early Literacy activities Calendar, Yellowhead Regional Library has purchased these for all the Yellowhead Regional Library's. If you would like a free copy, stop by your local Library and Staff will help you with this. These Activity calendars are also available online.



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- ▶ **Date:** Feb. 29, 2024
- ▶ **Time:** 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. (doors open at 2 p.m.)
- ▶ **Location:** Council Chambers, County Centre, 1101-5 Street, Nisku AB
- ▶ **Register:** contact Carla at **780-955-4554** or carla@leduc-county.com or online at leduc-county.com/Mastering-the-Art-of-Simplicity
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ABOUT US

We are very proud of what our legion stands for and what we can do in the community. Our members are a diverse group that contributes so much and in many ways.

Our Charter started in June 1946 and over the years a lot has happened in our legion as well as the world. The history we have is monumental. We have family members who came to see us during Legion week, Remembrance Day telling stories of family members and what they did for The Warburg Legion. Even this building is a legacy for what has come through our doors. One Life Member once told us a story about *“leaving the trenches during war and coming home to Canada was like a dream and being able to walk any legion, yes ours, and feeling so comfortable to speak with veterans, old and young members was one of the highlights to being home once more.”*

When they say there is history in our walls, and we have the pictures to prove it. Our memoirs are carefully being reviewed so we can show families of veterans who walked our floors that this is a place to be proud of. Another community project we will be implementing this spring is placing Poppy Markers at various veteran’s graveyard sites.

Being a member at our Legion is only a step in your walk with The Royal Canadian Legion which is Canada wide.

Please go to www.Legion.ca for...

- Facts about the Royal Canadian Legion and what we do.
- Membership opportunities for involvement.
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- History and more

Memberships for 2024 are available to those who

would like to become a member or for existing members to renew.

New members have the option of a digital card or regular membership card. Simply go to www.Legion.ca and follow directions from there. It is quite easy. Your other option simply call our membership chair at 780-848-2923.

Existing members can renew online at www.Legion.ca or at our local branch.

First of the year watch for more information on –

- Meeting on January 10, 2024, at 7PM at the Warburg Legion
- Friday Night Bar nights from 5pm to 10pm. Watch for further information on marketplace, our website and join in on the fun! It all happens at the Warburg Legion.
- Friday Night Pub night January 19, 2024, Name that Tune & 50/50 draw. Come out for an evening of good food, good fun! Watch for further advertising in the Breton Booster and Connect 39 papers as well as social media.

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- ▶ **Location:** online
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- ▶ **Spaces available:** minimum five registrants; maximum 50

Susan Malek

Susan is a Behavioural Health Consultant and has been at the PCN (Primary Care Network) for 5 years. Susan has a Bachelor of Social Work Degree and is a Registered Social Worker.

Melissa Jordan

Melissa is a Registered Nurse at the PCN and has been there for one year. Melissa has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Alberta and was born and raised in Leduc County.

Both Susan and Melissa see patients at the PCN Office in Leduc and work within some member clinics; as well as facilitating group classes there.



ALBERTA RCMP REMINDS CITIZENS ABOUT ICE SAFETY

The Alberta RCMP is issuing a warning to the public reminding them to practice ice safety this winter. With the changing weather conditions and above average temperatures, it is hard to tell the strength or thickness of ice by its appearance.

RCMP have responded to multiple occurrences over this past weekend and want to remind the all Albertans the dangers of unpredictable thin ice and open water. If you choose to go out on the ice, keep in mind the following safety tips:

Consider Conditions: Keep a close eye on the weather, changing weather can make ice surfaces unpredictable. Do not travel over ice in early and late winter when conditions are more likely to be dangerous. Avoid slushy, thawed, recently refrozen ice, or ice near moving water. Avoid going on the ice at night as reduced visibility increases the risk of falling through.

Always check the ice for thickness and stability. The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength – clear blue to black ice is strongest, and likely the deepest. You should only skate or walk on ice that is 15+ cm thick, 20+ cm for a group of people and 25+ cm for off highway vehicles. White opaque or snow ice should be avoided, grey ice indicates the presence of water and is unsafe to stand on.

Plan Ahead: Don't travel on the ice alone. Leave a trip plan with someone that includes where you're going, for how long, and when you will be back. If you are unable to leave a trip plan with someone, leave a note on your car windshield. Don't drink alcohol and travel on ice, alcohol impairs judgment and reduces your ability to stay warm in cold conditions.

Safety: When spending time on the ice, you should always be prepared for the worst-case scenario and have an emergency plan.

Be Prepared: Carry a personal safety kit that includes:

- a lighter
- waterproof matches
- fire starting materials
- pocket knife
- whistle
- cellphone in a waterproof pouch

Carry a fully-charged GPS, a compass and map as a backup, and know how to use them. Familiarize yourself with your buckles, bindings, and belts on equipment so they can be removed quickly if needed. Changing weather conditions can also affect ice from day to day. So, remember, if in doubt, don't go out! Should you need emergency services, dial 911.

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From Pearl Elson

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VERY CLEVER WORD USE

1. I once dated a guy who broke up with me because I only had 9 toes. Yes, he was lack toes intolerant.
2. I've started telling everyone about the benefit of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.
3. I've started investing in stocks: beef, vegetable, chicken. One day I hope to be a bouillainaire.
4. If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughingstock. Now that's humerus.
5. I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.
6. Did you know muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven.
7. I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to a local tribe leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!" He replied, "That's not a lizard. He's a stand-up chameleon."
8. I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I thought I nailed it but nobody saw it.
9. Singing in the shower is fine until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.
10. The Black-Eyed Peas can sing us a song but the chick peas can only hummus one.
11. Then there was the time Fruit of the Loom took Hanes to court...it was a brief case.
12. How much does a chimney cost? Nothing, it's on the house.
13. My friend said she wouldn't eat a cow's tongue because it came out of a cow's mouth, so I gave her an egg.
14. Once upon a time there was a King who was only

12 inches tall. He was a terrible King but made a great ruler.

15. My friend Jack says he can communicate with vegetables. That's right Jack and the beans talk.
16. I was struggling to understand how lightning works and then it struck me.
17. Six cows were smoking joints and playing poker. That's right. The steaks were pretty high.
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THERE'S A PARTY IN THE HOUSE!

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The noise level is about ten, but nobody seems to mind. Amidst the partying a strange noise is heard by some of the people who pause and look around the room for a moment to see what it was. Apparently it was nothing they surmised and the party continued deeper into the night. The host of the party calls everyone to gather around the large banquet table and to lock arms together as they form in a large circle.

One of the young men, dubbed the life of the party, decides that everyone should sway from side to side like a rolling wave. The laughter and the fun that they are having together would warm the heart of anyone. Just then, another noise is heard, but this time by more people. "Just ignore it," someone laughed, "it's just that crazy wind outside." The party continued on and the laughter filled the place. Everyone was having far too much fun to even think of going home now.

But where is this party? What is making the noises? Well, it's time we knew. The noises that some are hearing are the cries of people and the sound of boats that are being dashed on the rocks. The party is being held within the lighthouse. In the celebration and the excitement of being together, the people forgot to turn the bright searchlight on. While they were having the time of their lives in the comfort and safety of the lighthouse, others were being lost and destroyed by the violent storms of life.

If we are not mindful of others and we focus only on our own wants and needs, it is easy to overlook the people around us that are needing our help. If we would all listen to the pulse of our communities and encourage one another, the world would truly be a brighter place.

Let's go out into the communities and invite others to this banquet. I thank God for the lighthouse. I will leave all the other analogies to you. FLIP THE SWITCH - SHINE BRIGHT!

Andrew Boitchenko, MLA

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BUCK LAKE



\$345,000

0.5 acre, recently completely 2 bed, 2 bath cabin with loft. Short walk to BA uck Lake & boat launch. Water well & septic new 2022.



15 acre hobby farm, 15 minute from Leduc. 2977 sq. ft. 3 bed 3 bath home. 4 season rustic cabin, greenhouse, 2 chicken coops, barn with lean-to, outdoor riding

MILLET



\$649,000

arena, round pen. garage/shop attached to barn, 2 storage sheds, 2x 20' seacans. Ample pasture

BUCK LAKE



\$314,000

0.85 acre, Oakes Bay, knotty pine cabin, 1 bed, 1 bath, loft, 2 tiered front deck, sauna, firepit, 24x26 garage. 30 amp breaker for RV

DRAYTON VALLEY



\$2,900,000

2 storey office bldg, full basement, 3 bay heated garage. Multiple offices, boardroom w/ kitchenette, 2 executive offices



DRAYTON VALLEY



\$1,200,000

2 Acs. 5,160 sq ft industrial bldg. 2 drive thru bays, 3rd bay (not drive thru), 100' drive thru wash bay, offices. Chain link fence.

BUCK LAKE



\$165,000

Highland Spruce Estates - 1.28 acre. 7 RV sites, underground power, sewer, water, fenced, insulated shed, wood shed.

RIMBEY



\$190,000

Triplex unit in central Rimbey - close to schools. 2 beds, 2 bath. Fenced back yard. Covered patio. Attached water, slight car garage.

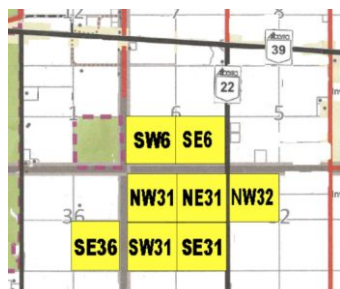
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ROCKY RAPIDS



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WINFIELD



\$949,000

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