

CONNECT 39

Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

ALBERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS EXHIBIT

Submitted by Janet Sarvas, Warburg School

...no end to our looking

'Still life' describes works of art that show inanimate objects that are natural or man-made such as fruit, flowers, dead animals and/or vessels like baskets or bowls. Still-life paintings had their origins in ancient times and though the importance of the 'still life' has changed over the centuries, it has remained a consistent subject of artistic exploration.

Warburg School is happy to be hosting the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition....no end to our looking, featuring works from the collection of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts,

explores the enduring legacy of still-life as this subject has been expressed by artists in Alberta over the past forty years. Presenting an eclectic mix of styles and media, this exhibition invites viewers to look long and hard at the objects around them: to put themselves in the place of the artist and consider the shapes, textures, colours and meanings of the material items which surround them and help define who they are as people.

This exhibition ...no end to our looking was curated by



Shane Golby and organized by the Art Gallery of Alberta for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program. The AFA Travelling Exhibition Program is financially supported by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.



WINTER FUN THIS WEEKEND IN LEDUC COUNTY

WIZARD LAKE

Bundle up and head out to the Wizard Lake on Saturday, February 10, 2024 for Leduc County's annual Winter Try It Festival. Try a variety of winter sports and activities including skating, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, curling, broomball, and ice fishing, plus enjoy free hot dogs, hot chocolate, coffee, sleigh rides, live music, door prizes, and more!

Register free here www.calendar.leduc-county.com/Default/Detail/2024-02-10-1100-Winter-Try-It-Festival

Leduc County Winter Try It Festival:

When: Saturday, February 10, 2024

Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Wizard Lake day-use area (Jubilee Park)

Address: 48044 Range Road 271, Leduc County, AB

RUNDLE'S MISSION

Enjoy a Winter Afternoon at Rundle's Mission on Sunday, February 11, 2024 from 1:00 - 4:00pm.

Enjoy the warmth of a campfire with a hot dog and hot chocolate that will be supplied. Talk a walk, snowshoe or cross-country ski on the trails but please bring your own equipment. There will also be a ski waxing clinic with Michael Black at 1:30pm. This ski waxing clinic is free. Everyone welcome.

Classifieds

FOR RENT

FOR RENT to quiet rural couple, 2 storey older farmhouse, 4 bedrooms, 2 stall garage, close to Leduc & Airport. 780-986-3828

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PINK LADY POTATOES - \$.50/lb Call Elijah at 780-691-1367

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LEAD BATTERIES & SCRAP VEHICLES Will buy your old lead batteries for recycling. Also **FREE** removal of scrap vehicles. We pay cash for both! 403-396-8629

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WANTED CONCRETE RUBBLE Contact Alex 780-905-9200 or 780-789-3843

LOOKING FOR PASTURE for cow/calf pairs. Also looking for hay land and grain land. Contact Levi at 780-312-9891

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*Sudoku Answers
from February 2 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.



WE ARE Join our team! HIRING!

**PART TIME STUDENT
LABOURER**

***MUST BE LICENSED
DRIVER**

***OPEN TO STUDENT
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SEND YOUR CV TO:

kyla@sunnybrookwelding.com
780-789-3855



Wilf Brandt Trucking Ltd. is seeking a **Shop Hand** for year round work in our Sunnybrook location.

Current Oilfield Safety Tickets are a definite asset, but are not a requirement to hire.

Successful candidates can expect year-round work, benefit package and excellent wages.

Pre-Employment Screening is a pre-requisite to hire.

Please email resume along with a current drivers abstract to resumeswbt@gmail.com

WE'RE HIRING!

Looking for a **summer job**? Join our team as a...

- utilities technician
- park maintenance worker
- park officer
- part-time park officer
- light equipment operator
- light equipment operator
- parks and recreation
- pesticide applicator
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UPCOMINGSPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

February 10 - Colour & Create Mini Love Gnome at the Warburg Library from 1-4pm. Call 780-848-2391 to register

February 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 - Dinner Theatre "Francine's Will" at Liberty Hall near Bluffton. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets are available for \$50 at www.showpass.com/francines-will/

February 10 - Winter Try It Festival at the Wizard lake day use area from 11am - 3pm. Winter sports and activities, sleigh rides, hot dogs, music.... FREE. Hosted by Leduc County and Wetaskiwin County

February 10 - 9th Annual Predator Hunt hosted by the Thorsby & District Fish & Game Association. For more info contact Brent Lee 780-898-5013 or Bruce 780-621-2200.

February 11 - Matinee Dinner Theatre "Francine's Will" at Liberty Hall near Bluffton. Doors open at noon. Tickets are available for \$50 at www.showpass.com/francines-will/

February 11 - Winter Afternoon at Rundle's Mission, 1-4 pm. Ski wax clinic 1:30. Fire with free hot dogs and hot choc, Ski, snowshoe, sled, walk trails (bring own equipment).

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 11 - Sunnybrook Hall AGM at 2pm. Coffee and dessert provided.

February 11 - Pancake Breakfast at the Warburg Legion from 8:30-11:30am. Everyone welcome. Kids under 5 FREE

February 12 - All things Ag: Producer to Producer Talk...Solar is it for you?, 7:30 - 9:30pm at the Breton Community Centre. Presented by Breton Ag Society

February 13 - Winfield Legion Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, from 5-7pm, \$8 per person. 10years old and under free. See you there.

February 13 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Thorsby from 5-7pm. All welcome. No charge but a free-will offering will be taken.

February 16 - Camo & Bling Fundraiser presented by the Breton Ag Society. Get your tickets at the Breton ATB or by calling Mark @ 780-542-0637 or Bonnie @ 780-514-5501.

February 16 - Pub Night hosted by Warburg Legion. Let's rock the 1950's with 50/50 Draw for best outfit, dance and song.

February 16, 17, 19 - Escape Room at Thorsby Library. Call 780-789-3808 or stop in to Register. Times: 16th - 3:30 - 7pm, 17th - 10am - 3:15pm, and 19th - 11am - 3:15pm

February 17 - "Raise the Roof" Comedy Night at Wilton Park Hall. Dinner & Show. \$50 per ticket. Tickets available through www.tickettailor.com or call 587-581-0404.

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

February 19 - Family Day Pancake Breakfast at the Thorsby Community Centre from 9am - noon. Hosted by the Thorsby & District Cultural & Historical Society.

February 17-19 - Escape Room at the Thorsby Library. Confirmed details and dates to come.

February 19 - Family Day event in Breton including a pancake breakfast hosted by the Breton Elks and wagon rides around the village. More details to come.

February 19 - Family Day with the Lakedell Ag Society from 4-7pm, Indoor & Outdoor Fun, Sleigh/Wagon Rides, Wiener Roast, Fireworks at 7pm, Free, 461043 Range Road 12

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

February 25 - Black History Month Performance at the Faith Covenant Church in Warburg @ 1:30pm. Admission is by donation. Also, collecting donations for the food bank

March 2 - Andrew Boitchenko's coming to the Warburg museum @ 2:00pm

March 16 - Off to the Races Fundraiser at the Mackenzie Centre in Drayton Valley for the CSTS Society. Contact Krista 780-898-2903, Mandy 780-621-6262 or csts1992@gmail.com

April 6 - Gord Bamford Canadian Dirt Tour 2024 at Warburg Community Center. Go to www.showpass.com/gord-bamford-canadian-dirt-tour-warburg-ab/ to purchase tickets.

April 13 - Breton/Warburg Women's Wellness Day - a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, fabulous food and a vendor market to shop! More information available soon!

Community Events & Information is FREE to advertise

Our FREE Community Connections booklet is available for pick up or go online to

www.community39.com



9th Annual



TFGA PREDATOR HUNT

9th Annual Predator
Hunt on Saturday,
February 10, 2024

Registration 6:00 - 7:00am
at Warburg Legion Hall
Check-out Time is 5:30pm (no later)

Cost is \$200 for a 2 person team plus a youth under the age of 16 which includes a chili supper and two tickets to the TFGA Annual Banquet held in April of 2024.

Participants must be a TFGA member. Memberships available before or on the morning of the hunt.
All prizes awarded at the banquet.

Do not delay in registering, space is limited!!!

For more information please contact:
Brent Lee (780) 898-5013 or
Bruce (780) 621-2200



AGM 2024 SUNNYBROOK HALL

February 11th @ 2pm

Help vote in the board

Hear the exciting events
planned for 2024

Coffee and dessert provided

**Buy your 2024 memberships
\$10 Family or \$5 individual**



NOW HIRING

**Permanent Position available
for 35 - 40 hours a week.**

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8:30am - 4:30pm.**

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- › Making decals, signs, banners, t-shirts etc.
- › Moving, lifting and cutting of signs and substrates
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 - › Customer Service
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 - › Assist in installations
 - › Keeping work areas clean
 - › Other duties as required

QUALIFICATIONS

- › Attention to detail is a MUST
- › Must be self motivated
- › Must be willing to learn
- › Experience with Corel Draw an Asset
- › Must have valid Class 5 Drivers License

HOW TO APPLY

Please email your resume to Shane at info@cemedial.ca or drop off at CE Media, 4928 Hankin Street, Thorsby.

**Applications accepted until February 23.*

***Interviews for those selected will be February 26 - 28.*

WWW.CEMEDIA.CA

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

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

MONDAYS

Bus To Drayton Valley (Aguasize 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

Family Bingo - Tuesdays @ 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 & Fridays 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

Coffee in the Valley on the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month from 9-11am at Telfordville Community Centre. Coffee and visit with your neighbors. No charge.

Community Socials are held the last Friday of each month at the Mulhurst Legion #246 at 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 Thursdays & 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.

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 from 1-4pm. Coffee & light lunch. Call 780-789-2180. NEXT ONE FEBRUARY 17.

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.

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

"little papers...BIG RESULTS"

SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE
 Supper



St Matthew's
 Lutheran Church Thorsby

13th FEB 2024

5:00 - 7:00 pm

All are Welcome - Free will offering

Telfordville Community Centre

Coffee in the Valley



Come join your
 neighbors for a coffee
 and visit the 1st and
 3rd Friday of each
 month from 9-11am
 at Telfordville Hall.

Starting on February 16th.

No Charge/ Donations
 will be accepted.

Sponsored by:
 Telfordville Community
 Centre and Leduc
 County.



Lorne Alvin Lawrence

February 1, 1944 – February 1, 2024

It is with broken hearts and extreme sadness that we announce the passing of Lorne Lawrence at the age of 80 years. He passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital in Edmonton with family at his side.

Lorne will be forever & lovingly remembered by his wife of 55 years, Sharon, his sons Curtis (Lori), Spruce Grove, Alta, and Corey (Tracy) Genesee, Alta,. His very precious grandchildren; Brianne (Tanner), Justin (Brianne), Jorgia, Jaiden and Jenna, his siblings; Elaine (John) Stony Plain, Alta, Marlene (Dwayne) Thorsby, Alta. and Glen (Helen) Leduc, Alta, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends. He will also be missed by the friends he made in the short time he lived at Telford Mews, Leduc Alta..

Lorne was predeceased by his parents Bill and Irene Lawrence, his brothers Fred and Mervin, sister Nellie and husband Jim.

Thank you to the staff at the Grey Nuns Hospital where Lorne was for 4 months and at St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital for the last 4 months, for all their care and compassion.

If you would like to bring a picture of yourselves and Lorne to share at the Celebration of life, please do.

Memorial donations may be made in Lorne's name to The Alberta Diabetes Foundation or the Charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday February 9, 2024 at 12:30 pm at the Genesee Community Hall. 51020 Range Road 30 Leduc County, AB T9E 5X7

Connect with us!

Submitted by Leduc County FRN



Alberta Provincial Family Resource Networks

WINTER WALKING ACTIVITY

Safe winter TRAVEL starts with you!

Walking together as a family is a great way to stay active in the winter, continue to make connections and bond with your family members. Use the sheet below to play Bingo, I Spy, or to create a scavenger hunt when you are


out for a walk – the tool is intended as a conversation starter. Ask your children how and why each item helps them to feel safe in their community and discuss in more detail.

For younger children, plan a route with your family for a 30-minute walk and see how many items you can spot during this time.

For older children, plan a route and challenge children to find: one row/column,

two rows/columns, a diagonal line, an X, four corners or as many squares as they can!

Once you have completed this as a family, send an email to frn@leduc-county.com for a chance to win a family prize.

A pedestrian looking both ways before crossing a road	A marked crosswalk (may include signs, painted road lines, lights etc.)	A stop sign	Sidewalks cleared of snow and ice	Block Parent Program signs
A safe place to go for help, if needed	Lights along sidewalks and pathways	A person wearing bright, reflective clothing	Traffic lights with pedestrian signals	A shared or multi-use pathway, away from road traffic
A winter cyclist wearing a helmet	A person walking a dog on a leash		A bridge or crossing over water or ice	A vehicle that has been cleared of snow and ice
A driver stopped for pedestrians at a crosswalk or intersection	A person dressed for winter weather	Two or more people walking or cycling together	A backpack equipped with a light or a reflective strip	A recognizable landmark (to mark where we are)
Vehicles being driven at a safe speed	A police officer or peace officer	An adult holding a child's hand to cross the street	A vehicle parked five metres from a stop sign	A person cycling or walking without distractions



BREAKING NEWS!!

GO GREEN: BATTERY RECYCLING NOW AVAILABLE AT ARCTIC SPAS RECREATION CENTRE AND TOWN OFFICE.

Residents of our community now have a convenient and eco-friendly way to dispose of used batteries, thanks to the introduction of battery recycling drop-off boxes at the Arctic Spas Recreation Centre and the Town Office. This initiative aims to promote environmental responsibility and reduce the harmful impact of improper battery disposal.

When dropping off batteries, please make sure the terminals on any end of the battery are taped before disposal. These disposal boxes are only for small batteries, but car batteries and lawnmower batteries can be dropped off at Public Works, please place them outside the Public Works Office door.



ONLINE BANKING REMINDER:

This is a friendly reminder from the Town Council and Administration regarding utility bill payments made via online banking. To ensure timely processing and avoid penalties for late payments, please remember to submit your payments 2-3 days prior to the due date. Banks indicate that this is necessary for timely processing.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Love is in the air in our wonderful town! ♡ As we celebrate Valentine's Day, the Town Council and Administration extend warm wishes to all our residents and visitors.

This special day is a reminder to cherish the love that surrounds us, whether it's shared with a partner, family member, friend, or even a beloved pet. Let's take this opportunity to express gratitude for the bonds that enrich our lives and make our community stronger.

May your day be filled with love, laughter, and joy. Happy Valentine's Day from all of us at the Town Council and Administration!



THORSBY OFFICE 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 OPEN during Lunch!

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, February 13th | COW |
7pm - 8:30pm

Tuesday, February 27th | Regular |
7pm - 8:30pm

The public is welcomed to all Council Meetings



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RESIDENTIAL, FARMS & ACREAGES

THORSBY (5222 - 53 Avenue) - 4 bedrooms - finished basement - 50' x 150' corner lot - 20' x 32' detached shop - all in pristine condition. ~~\$289,900~~ **\$279,900** **REDUCED**

THORSBY (4508 - 49 Avenue) - 3 bedroom Bungalow on large fenced lot - heated basement and DRIVEWAY - Finished basement. ~~\$369,900~~ **\$299,900** **REDUCED**

SUNDANCE BEACH - .54 Acres mature corner lot - 1000 sq ft 4 square foot bungalow and attached garage - 2 bedrooms - no basement. ~~\$349,900~~ **\$339,000** **REDUCED**

THORSBY (4807 & 4805 Hankin St) - House and Shop on two lots located on Main Street Thorsby! Beautiful 30x30 metal cladded shop with a heated cement floor, 220 power, and two 10 x 10 power overhead doors! **\$289,900**

WARBURG (5027 - 54 Ave) - Cute and cozy bungalow located on a quiet street across from Warburg School. **\$99,000**

PIGEON LAKE (4802 - 30 St) - Acreage right at Pigeon Lake! 1159 sq/ft house with a 24x24 double attached garage on 1.12 Acres! **\$329,000**

PIGEON LAKE (4902 - 30 St) - 43.72 Acres at Pigeon Lake! This unique property has a clean well built 1010 sq/ft 1960 home. Along side HWY 616. **\$469,000**

VILLAGE WEST (40038 TWP RD 470) - 5.02 Acre property located just off of Hwy 20. 1595 sq/ft 4 bedroom 2 bathroom renovated home. BEAUTIFUL SHOP & BARN! Set up for animals. **\$459,000**

RURAL LEDUC COUNTY (48327 Rge Rd 33) - Large 2421.90 sq/ft fully finished bungalow that is just one of the many buildings on this 24.09 acre property. The indoor heated pool building is the largest and is surrounded by bunk houses, gazebo, BBQ Building and more. \$4500+/- yearly oil revenue! **\$699,000**

RURAL WETASKIWIN COUNTY (274043 TWP RD 480) - Private beautiful 160+/- acres with 1012 sq/ft fully finished home, 60x40 fully finished shop, and a private Lake! **\$1,100,000**

RURAL WETASKIWIN COUNTY (75040 B & C TWP RD 451) -property is completely isolated, secluded yard site (on dead end road).Stunning 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathrooms, 2328 sq. ft. Bungalow built in 2016 on 80 acres zoned Agricultural. 26' x 34' double attached garage. Shop is 40'x 34' & living area is 40' x 27'. Boiler heat – in-floor & forced air, central vac, washer & dryer, 3 piece bathroom, one bedroom, kitchen, dining. 13'x45' cold storage garage, 57' x 22' storage & hobby shop. Cold storage building and cabins. **\$1,149,000**

COMMERCIAL

THORSBY - 2.39 acres industrial commercial lot located at the north end of Thorsby. Very visible Highway 39 exposure with high traffic count. Prime Highway 39 exposure. **\$69,900**

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**Thorsby Library
updates & reminders:**

submitted by Paula Bosse

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With warmer weather and talk of drought, many of us are worrying about what lies ahead.

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And finally, if you are seeking serenity and contemplation, take a moment to enjoy the lovely drawings of English Church brass rubbings that John Hawtin has so generously shared. These representations of very ancient memorials are both lovely and thought-provoking.

See you at the library!



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- ▶ Assistance with forms and applications.
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HELPING COMMUNITIES REDUCE EMISSIONS, ENERGY COSTS

February 1, 2024 Alberta News

New funding will help rural and urban communities across the province become more energy efficient and reduce costs.

With high inflation and energy costs, many Alberta municipalities are looking for ways to improve energy efficiency and save money. However, upgrades and improvements are often expensive or otherwise challenging to put in place.

Using Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) program funding, Alberta is investing \$18 million to help communities hire staff, replace windows, upgrade lights and make practical improvements to arenas, community centres and other buildings. This funding will allow the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) to build on its suite of programs, helping Alberta municipalities save energy, lower costs and reduce emissions.

This is part of the government's Emissions Reduction and Energy Development Plan, reducing emissions while creating jobs and supporting a strong economy.

In 2022, the MCCAC's Recreation Conservation Program helped complete upgrades at the Max Bell Centre, saving the facility \$7,000 a year while producing 43 fewer tonnes of emissions annually.

Additionally, the Town of Barrhead completed an ice plant replacement for Barrhead Arena, saving more than \$22,800 per year while reducing emissions by 37 per cent compared with the previous system.

The new \$18 million in funding will enable programs to help Alberta's communities access supports for energy conservation, energy management, outreach and engagement, and more, all through the MCCAC. A capacity-building initiative is currently underway, a new Municipal Energy Management Program will launch this spring and a program for energy efficiency upgrades in community buildings is expected to open this summer.

More information on these and other programs will be announced as they launch in the coming months.



Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

February 5th crib scores:

1st - Dora Shier - 940

2nd - Rod Blair - 936

3rd - Joan Hunt - 928

High Hand of 20 was held by Joan Hunt

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Warburg Public Library Update

Submitted by Gail O'Neil

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It's coming to you to think about and jump on it! Looking at all the facts, it's a no brainer, because it is saving you travel and big meal costs. You have time to consider whether it's a good deal or not. This is endless.

Well, The Warburg Legion is bringing you an opportunity in your vicinity or IN YOUR BACKYARD....a Concert for all ages to attend. Yup, Gord Bamford tour is coming to visit us on April 6, 2024. They will be putting on a show for all ages - Babes to Grandparents and because it's in Warburg, we wanted to let Breton, Warburg, Thorsby or Calmar and the surrounding area all about it. Now here is the best part: there are a lot of ways you can get your ticket! Buying online - some like it and some don't...that's ok. Go to www.gordbamford.com you will come to a poster, scroll down to the gold box press on it to "get tickets now" This takes you to a list of shows, simply click on the right of Warburg, April 6, 2024. Your options are buy tickets now, buy a VIP table or a Meet and Greet with Gord Bamford. Pick your choice and follow all directions after. Or You can call Tina @ 1-403-588-6286 and purchase your ticket with her over the phone.

OR You can call Deb M at 780 848 2923 and purchase your ticket locally. OR You can click on this link and purchase

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Well, do we have you thinking....Here is more information. The show will be at the Pioneer Agricultural Center – Community center in Warburg. It starts at 7:30pm, there is a concession, 50/50 draw, silent auction and many more surprises for the evening for all ages. It will be a night of FUN!

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Total Calls for Service	261
Suspicious Persons/ Vehicle	7
Collisions	40
Vehicle Theft	3
Fraud	8
Break and Enter	10
Assault	4
Impaired	2
Recovered Vehicles	7
Missing Person	1

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

January 18, 2024 – Warburg, AB

Thorsby/Breton RCMP with the assistance of Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit attempted to apprehend a male on outstanding warrants. Police attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle, and the truck failed to stop. The truck was later located at a residence in the area, and confirmed to be stolen. Logan DAVIS (28), a resident of Warburg, Alta, and Pauline HAMPEL, a resident of Warburg, Alta, were arrested on scene.

DAVIS was charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000
- Operate a motor vehicle while prohibited

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

HAMPEL was charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000

HAMPEL was released on scene, and scheduled to appear at Breton Provincial Court on February 14, 2024.

January 25, 2024 – Area of Brazeau County, AB

Thorsby/Breton RCMP attended a call for service involving multiple vehicles in the ditch along Highway 39 where a slippery substance was reported to have covered the road. Police intercepted a tanker truck southbound on Highway 20 that was deemed to be responsible, as it was determined the tanker cap was not properly secured causing the entire tank to spill onto the highway. The tanker was carrying VGO oil that is non-toxic, but extremely slippery. Highway 39 was closed, but has since been reopened. As of this writing, Highway 20 is still closed between Highway 39 and Winfield, Alta. Cleanup is ongoing, and crews are working to get the road reopened as soon as possible.



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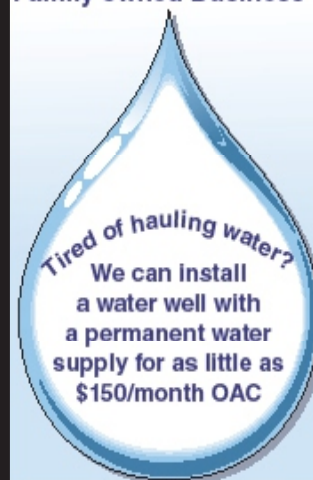
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PRESERVING CHOICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

February 1, 2024 Alberta News

Alberta's government is introducing policies to make sure children are supported as they grow into adults to become the people they want to be.

The government is introducing policies across several ministries to preserve the choices children and youth have before potentially making life-altering and often irreversible adult decisions involving the alteration of their biological sex while also ensuring women and girls have the opportunity to participate safely and meaningfully in sport. In addition, the government will improve access to health services for Alberta's transgender community and social supports for children identifying as transgender and their families.

Supports for transgender adults

Health care supports for transgender Albertans are critically important, which is why the government is working to bring medical professionals who specialize in pre- and post-operative transgender care for adults to Alberta. Having this expertise in the province will ensure transitioning Albertans have improved access to an Alberta-based medical expert to assist them with their unique and complex medical needs without having to travel to Quebec, which is currently the practice.

In addition, Alberta Health will develop a private registry of medical professionals who specialize in this field to make it easier for transgender Albertans to access needed medical treatment and care.

Child-and youth-centred policies

In the coming months, Alberta's government will implement the following health policies related to children identifying as transgender:

- All gender reassignment surgeries for minors aged 17 and under will be prohibited.
- The use of puberty blockers and hormone therapies for the purpose of gender reassignment or affirmation will not be permitted for children aged 15 and under, except for those who have already commenced treatment.
- Mature teens, aged 16 and 17, may only choose to commence puberty blockers and hormone therapies for gender reassignment and affirmation purposes with parental, physician and psychologist approval.

As it relates to Alberta's education system, the following reforms will be implemented:

- Parents must be notified and opt in to any instance when a teacher provides formal instruction on subject matter involving gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality.

- All third-party resource materials or presentations related to gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality available in Alberta classrooms must be pre-approved by the Ministry of Education to ensure they are age-appropriate.
- Parents must consent for their child aged 15 and under to alter their name or pronouns used by school teachers, administration and other educational staff.
- Parents must be notified for their child aged 16 or 17 to alter their name or pronouns used by school teachers, administration and other educational staff.

Alberta's government is also developing a counselling pilot project to help youth identifying as transgender and their families work through often difficult and complex issues and discussions.

Women, girls and transgender athletes

Finally, as it relates to women, girls and transgender female athletes, Alberta's government will work with sporting organizations in the province to ensure biologically born female athletes are able to compete in a biological female-only division without having to compete against transgender female athletes while also expanding co-ed or other gender-neutral divisions for athletic competitions to ensure that transgender athletes are able to meaningfully participate in the sport of their choice.





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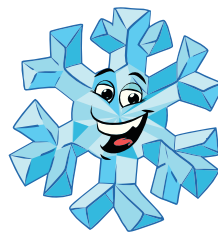
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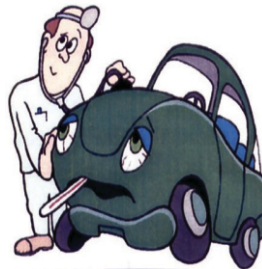
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EARLIER BENEFIT PAYMENT DATES

January 26, 2024 Alberta News

Albertans who rely on the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) and Income Support programs will now receive their payment four business days prior to the first of the month.

This change, based on feedback from Albertans who receive AISH and Income Support payments, will give individuals more time to pay their bills and help prevent unnecessary late charges. The new payment date will begin with the March 2024 payment cycle.

“We know how important it is to alleviate financial pressures for individuals who rely on these benefits. This move aims to provide people with additional time to pay rent, manage their financial obligations and avoid incurring any unnecessary late charges.” Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services

All clients will receive notice to update any automatic bill payments when they receive their February 2024 direct deposit slip/cheque. This ensures that they will have the time necessary to change any automatic payments from their accounts. Clients can also find the full payment date schedule online so they can plan accordingly.

“I am pleased that the Government of Alberta has listened to Albertans who receive AISH or Income Support by changing the benefit payment date. Since 2020, payments on the first of the month created financial challenges for many Albertans. Implementing this change will greatly assist people in meeting their financial obligations.” Greg McMeekin, Advocate for Persons with Disabilities

“This decision by the Government of Alberta is a positive and very welcome change. Reverting to the previous approach to benefit payment dates will significantly reduce the stress and trauma experienced by already vulnerable individuals. Individuals will now have funds, as well as time to resolve any payment issues, in order to pay bills that are often due on the first of the month.” Tricia Smith, executive director, Radius Health

“This is a welcome and positive change for AISH and Income Support recipients who are working with a fixed income. I commend The Government of Alberta's decision to adjust the date in which benefits are received and for listening to Albertans to inform that decision. This change means individuals who rely on these benefits can worry less about having their fixed income reduced by avoiding and preventing any possible late payment fees.” Joy Bowen-Eyre, chief executive officer, The Alex Community Health Centre

Quick facts

- About 76,000 Albertans receive AISH benefits.
- About 50,000 Albertans receive Income Support benefits.

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JOSH AND JESS TUBING

My kids were the kind of kids that believed anything could be done, and they would try just about anything. After all, I have said for years that you are only as limited as your imagination. I remember coming home one day and seeing heads on the other side of the house roof as I looked up. It turns out that some of the kids were using the roof as a platform to jump onto the trampoline from. They could not understand why I was so firm telling them that they could not do that again. Nor could they double bounce the neighbour kid like that anymore. My heart went in my mouth when I saw the little neighbour boy falling back through the clouds. Sure I am exaggerating, but not by that much. Twenty-five feet up can sure seem like that high.

There wasn't a season that I can think of which never brought its challenges. One particular spring, after a huge dump of snow, the sun was out as bright and warm as a summer day. The yard had become a swimming pool of small icebergs and unstable land, a pirate's delight I suppose. If we never had company over I would have been in the yard helping to navigate or build a ship of some kind. I had two or three huge tubes blown up that were now floating in the yard. These were multipurpose tubes apparently because they were the tubes that we had to go downhill in the winter only a month before. There were ropes tied to the tubes so that we could pull them back up the hill, at times by the snowmobile. That was so much fun, but that is another story.

The kids had been told to play nice and to stay dry. Parents can say the strangest things can't they. There are ponds of water all over the yard, and you let your kids go out in their rubber boots and basically challenge them to stay dry. Like that's going to work!

During a Sunday afternoon visit with some friends in our living room, Josh, who was ten, came in a few times with the same request. He wanted permission for him and his seven year old sister, Jess, to float on the tubes. There is no harm in that I thought, but I made it very clear that they are to stay in the yard and that he is to watch his younger sister. Before I had finished the sentence he was off and you could hear the excitement in his voice as he bounded around the corner to their private lake in the backyard. We all watched them for a while from the back deck. They were having so much fun. After about a half an hour had passed, all of that was going to change.

A few houses up from our yard was a drainage spillway which allowed all of the excess water an avenue of escape. It plummeted down about ten feet through an iron gate and onto the large shards of ice pointing toward the sunny sky. A couple hundred yards up from this was the main road and a large culvert that ran under the road.

The water was coming through this culvert like a white water river in the mountains.

Joel had apparently heard the screams and had gone to investigate what was going on. He ran back to the house and said that Jess was stuck in the ice, and then he turned and ran back. Needless to say I was out of there in no time. I grabbed some ropes at the side of the house and splashing through the water and ice in the backyard, where they were supposed to be, I followed the yelling and came to the rushing waters at the end of the alley. There in the middle, sitting precariously on this tire tube, was my little five year old girl. "It's ok Jess, daddy's here". The only thing that stopped her from going over into the iron grate and the waterfall was the eight feet of ice that was slowly breaking up. I told her not to move, realizing that if she fell off into this torrent that she would be swept under the ice and held under the ice with great pressure against this grate.

I also knew that time was of the essence and she was too far out to reach. There was a rope tied to her tube but if she were to try to manipulate this she could lose her balance and fall in or flip the tube. The only thing that I could think of was to throw her a rope. "Now hold it tight and try not to move to your left or to your right. Daddy's going to pull you closer so you can get out. You are going to be alright". I prayed and began to pull her. The tube was being pressured by the incredible force and I knew I had to pull harder. I prayed that she would not go under and I also knew that if she did that I would be going in after her. By this time the whole family and some neighbours were watching. I pulled again and she came within grabbing distance and that is what I did. We all had a hugging time as the reality of what could have been came to life. I still get a strange sensation thinking about how all of this could have unfolded.

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VALENTINE'S DAY

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Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14th, is a special occasion dedicated to expressing love and affection to those closest to our hearts. It's a day when people exchange tokens of love, affectionate messages, and acts of kindness with their loved ones. In this article, we'll explore what Valentine's Day is all about, when it takes place, its history, how to celebrate, and some popular hashtags to join the online celebration.

What is Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day, also known as Saint Valentine's Day, is a celebration of love and affection. It's a time when people express their feelings to their romantic partners, friends, family members, and even pets. Traditionally, it's associated with the exchange of cards, gifts, and romantic gestures to show appreciation and affection.

When is Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day is celebrated annually on February 14th. It's a day when love is in the air, and people around the world take the opportunity to celebrate their relationships and express their love and admiration for one another.

History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day has a rich history dating back to ancient Rome. The holiday is named after Saint Valentine, a Christian martyr who lived during the Roman Empire. While there are several legends and stories associated with Saint Valentine, one common narrative is that he secretly performed marriages for Roman soldiers, defying Emperor Claudius II's ban on marriage for young men. Saint Valentine's actions were driven by his belief in love and marriage, leading to his eventual martyrdom.

How to Celebrate Valentine's Day

Celebrating Valentine's Day can be a personalized and heartfelt experience. Here are some popular ways to celebrate the day:

- **Exchange Gifts:** Surprise your loved ones with thoughtful gifts, such as chocolates, flowers, jewelry, or personalized presents that have sentimental value.
- **Write Love Letters:** Express your feelings in handwritten love letters or heartfelt cards. Share your appreciation and what makes your relationship special.
- **Cook a Romantic Meal:** Prepare a delicious dinner at home or make reservations at a cozy restaurant. Sharing a meal is a classic way to celebrate love.
- **Enjoy Quality Time:** Spend quality time together, whether it's watching a romantic movie, going for a scenic walk, or planning a weekend getaway.

Popular Hashtags for Valentine's Day

Engage in the online celebration of Valentine's Day by using popular hashtags on social media platforms. Here are some hashtags to consider:

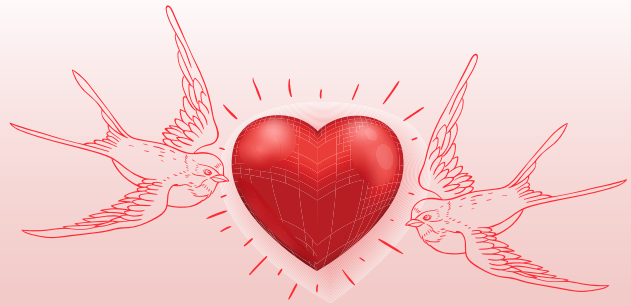
- ValentinesDay

- LevelsInTheAir
- RomanticMoments
- SpreadLove
- CupidStrikes

Conclusion

Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate love and affection, whether it's romantic love, friendship, or familial bonds. It's an opportunity to express appreciation for the special people in your life and create cherished memories. However you choose to celebrate, make it a day filled with love, kindness, and joy.

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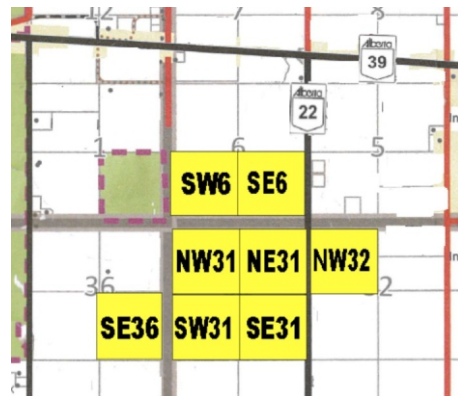
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