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Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

GRAND OPENING ARENA PHASE 2

by Shawna Ofstie, editor

On Friday November 1, 2024, I attended the grand opening of Warburg & District Memorial Arena's \$2,650,000 phase 2 project. This project included a new ice plant for the arena which was nearing its life cycle and for the curling rink which would be obsolete in 2030. It also included the zamboni / control rooms and upgrades to the headers.

This true community project could not have happened without the partnership and funding from the Government of Alberta, Leduc County, Village of Warburg, Capital Power, and Fortis. The numerous hours of the Warburg Hockey & Skating Arena Club, the Warburg Curling Club and the Pioneer Ag Society volunteers were also huge contributors to this project. Numerous other businesses and contractors also made this projects a success including local contractor Apecs.

"We applied for the CFEP Grant June of 2022, many thanks to Leduc County and the Village of Warburg for their committed support through the recreation cost sharing with the County's portion being 74% and the Village's portion 26% of the balance" says Chris Pankewitz, CAO for the Village of Warburg and volunteer board member for the Warburg Hockey & Skating Arena

Club, the Warburg Curling Club and the Pioneer Ag Society.

The Arena board is already looking at moving forward with Phase 3 which would be the front end of the arena, moving the concession downstairs and adding a gym room. CAO, Christ Pankewitz anticipates they will be requesting funding for 2026/2027.

Great job Warburg!!



Ribbon cutting ceremony which included representatives from the Village of Warburg, Arena Board, Curling Club, Leduc County, Fortis, Select Engineering, Apecs, Icom Mechanical, Calanah. Capital Power sent regrets.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH BIBLE STUDY - Topic for November 12, 7pm (final session): "What the Scriptures Teach about the Christian Church" - All are welcome. Warburg Adventist Church, 5003 48 Street, Warburg. 780-848-2271.

HALLS FOR RENT

MORROWDALE HALL FOR RENT, 1478 TWP RD 482, Approx. 80-90 person capacity. Contact Brenda Lickoch at 587-336-4865 to book.

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(max. 4 lines or approx. 30 words) GST included

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Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

November 4 Crib scores:

1st Place: Nestor Dobko - 951

2nd Place: Brenda Lickoch - 950

3rd Place: Phyllis Yawney - 947

High Hand of 24 - Maurice Masyk

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

Next crib event:

Monday, November 11 at 1:30 pm

Thorsby Seniors Center / Admission: \$6

"little papers...BIG RESULTS"

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3	2	1	7	5	4	6	9	8

*Sudoku Answers
from November 1 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.



Thorsby Legion Branch No. 144

Submitted by Phyllis Madiuk

It's that time of year again, to pay tribute to our fallen heroes; our heroes who returned, and have since passed, and to wear a poppy. The Thorsby Royal Canadian Legion will do just that on Monday, November 11 at the Thorsby JR/SR High School at 10:00am.

We invite everyone to come and join us. Wreath laying will be at 11:00am at the cenotaph inside. Our MC again this year is L/COL (Ret) Al Bratland, and we are pleased to have our member of Parliament Mr. Gerald Soroka as our guest speaker. Also in attendance will be our MLA representative and Mayor Daryl Hostyn.

Lunch will be served after the service, and also lunch would be appreciated again this year.



Mulhurst Legion Branch No. 246

Submitted by David Mcannel

LEST WE FORGET

Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Mulhurst Branch No. 246 would like to invite anyone from the Mulhurst Bay and North Pigeon Lake area to attend our annual Remembrance Day Service.

To help us honour our fallen soldiers, active Armed Forces members, R.C.M.P. members and all of their families, we welcome you to attend our annual service.

This year's service will be held at the Mulhurst Bay Community Hall on Monday November 11 at 10:30 am. We ask that you be in your seats by 10:45. There will be a light lunch supplied after the service to anyone interested. This will give everyone an opportunity to share stories and visit with the Legion members.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a wreath for a past family member or loved one is asked to contact our Branch Poppy Chairperson Glen Slater at sarge24101962@gmail.com



Warburg Legion Branch No. 205

Submitted by Deb Mellafonte

THE WARBURG LEGION #205 2024 POPPY CAMPAIGN

**Remembrance Day Service
@ Pioneer Agriculture Center
November 11, 2024**

**Doors open at 10:30am
Please be seated by 10:45am
Parade and Service to follow.**

**Luncheon at 12:30PM
Please help yourself**

**Information desk available
Poppies, Memberships & Information**

**Open House @ Legion 3:00PM
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COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

November 11 - Remembrance Day Services

Mulhurst Legion at 10:45am at the Mulhurst Bay Community Hall. Lunch to follow.

Thorsby Legion at 10am at the Thorsby Jr/Sr High School. 11am at the Cenotaph. Potluck lunch to follow.

Warburg Legion at 10:45am at the Warburg Hall. Luncheon at 12:30pm. Open House at Warburg Legion at 3pm.

Winfield Legion at 10:30am at the Winfield Recreation Centre. Potluck Lunch to follow.

Village of Breton Wreath Laying Service at 10:45am at the Breton Cenotaph.

November 12 - Brazeau County Council & RCMP Open House in the Council Chambers from 6-9pm. Beef on a bun.

November 13 - Community Crockpot Cooking at the Breton Community Centre from 7-8:30pm. Must pre-register. Contact Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636 for more info

November 13 - Paint Class at the Warburg Hall. Kids 7+ from 1-2:30pm and adult/kid 12+ from 4-6:30pm. Pre-register with Warburg FCSS or at the Warburg Village office.

November 13 - Preparing for Farm Retirement at the Lakedell Community Hall from 9 - 3:30pm. FREE. Register by Nov 6 at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca or call 780-352-3321.

November 14 - Yoga for Kids at the Warburg Village Office in the basement. Preregister at the Village Office. Ages 5-11 from 10-10:45am, Ages 12-17 from 11-11:45am.

November 15 - FRN Crafts at the Breton Youth Centre. Grades 6-12.

November 15 - Comedian Jimmy the Janitor at the Thorsby Community Centre. Cash bar. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets \$30 at Ruhr Lumber, CE Media, IDA or call 780-217-9394.

November 16 - Warburg Library Open for this Saturday only from noon - 4pm. Everyone welcome!

November 16 - Thorsby Music Jam from 1-4 at the Community Centre. Entertainers, visitors and dancers welcome. Refreshments and lunch. Future Jams January 18, February 15 & March 15. Information 780-789-2180

November 20 - Morrowdale Community Centre AGM at 7pm with the regular board meeting to follow. For more information, call Bev at 780-789-2571.

November 23 - Annual Old Fashioned Christmas at the Yeoford hall from 12-3pm. Live dessert auction at 2pm. Free admission. Hosted by the Yeoford Homeschoolers.

November 23 - Warburg's Annual Christmas Bazaar from 10am - 2pm at the Warburg Pioneer Recreation Centre.

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November 23 - Warburg Treasure's Gift Shop at the Community United Church open from 10am - 2pm.

November 24 - 90th Anniversary of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Thorsby. 10:30am service of celebration followed by presentations & banquet. Limited tickets 780-224-8527

November 24 - Market on Main Christmas Market at the Calmar Legion (4815 - 47 St) from 11am - 3pm.

November 24 - Annual Ending and Beginnings Program at the Community United Church in Warburg at 1:30pm. Phone 780-696-3808 if you wish to light a candle for your loved one.

November 26 - Thorsby Christmas Elves Food Drive from 7-9pm. If you wish to donate, have your items bagged and ready for our team.

November 29 - Jack Semple plays Lightfoot at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at ticketpro 1-888-655-9090.

November 29 - Meal Night at the Breton Youth Centre with award winning Chili from 3-5pm. Grades 6-12.

November 29 - Xmas Light Up at the Warburg Culture centre from 6-9pm. Santa in the Park, Bonfire, Free hot chocolate, hot dogs & cookies

November 29 - PD Day Program at the Breton Municipal Library from 11am - 4pm. Ages 6-12. Must pre-register at the Library or Breton FCSS.

November 29 & 30 - Mulhurst Christmas Market on Friday from 4-7pm and Saturday from 10-5pm at the Community Hall.

*Community Events & Information
is FREE to advertise*

Pick up your FREE 2024/2025 "Community Connections" booklet

at the Breton Village Office, Brazeau County Office, CE Media Thorsby, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex and the Warburg Village Office

Or go online to www.community39.com

You will find information on our local communities including maps, contacts, rental facilities, community groups and supports and more....

Thank You

From the
Warburg Senior's

Thank you Leduc County
for the Rec Grant.



Thanks to CE Media for
advertising, Ranchland
Meats donation, Thorsby
Supermarket donation,
Tasha Harrop, James Watt
and Charlene Przytula for
prizes.

and thank you for all the
helpers with prep and clean
up for our Oktoberfest on
September 28.

HAPPY 61st ANNIVERSARY

Nestor
&
Eleanor
Dobko!



From the Thorsby Senior Crib Group

St Matthew's

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thorsby

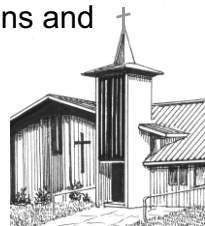
Celebrating
90th Anniversary on
Sunday - 24 November

All are welcome

10:30 Service of Celebration
followed by Presentations and

Banquet

Limited Tickets Available
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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS (Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

****Please note - all events are subject to change. Please email us at media@community39.com or call 780-434-7446 if we have incorrect information.**

MONDAYS

Bus To Drayton Valley (AquaSize or Walmart) Must pre-register. Contact Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828 or Breton FCSS 780-696-3636

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

Community Skate every Monday from 3:45-5:15pm at the Warburg Arena

Lego Club at the Thorsby Recreation Centre from 3-4:30pm.

Mom Group (Warburg) on Monday mornings from 9:30am - 11am in the Village of Warburg office basement.

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

TUESDAYS

Family Bingo - Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the Mulhurst Legion #246.

Adventure Story Club at the Thorsby Recreation Centre from 3-4:30pm every second Tuesday.

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

Pickle Ball every Tuesday at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9:30am - 11:30am

Quilting at the Warburg Seniors Centre on Tuesdays from 9:30am-2pm. Contact Nancy 780-848-7756

Seniors Bowling - Tuesdays at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex at 1pm (\$5)

Volleyball (16+) drop in at Warburg High School Gym on Tuesdays from 7-9pm (\$2). Contact fcss@warburg.ca

WEDNESDAYS

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

Gymnasium Games at the Thorsby Recreation Centre from 5-6:30pm (children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult)

Cards at the Warburg Seniors Centre at 1pm every Wednesday (\$2)

English Language Conversation Circle every Wednesday at 6pm at the Thorsby Municipal Library.

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

Shinny at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 - 5pm.

Shinny at the Warburg Arena on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15pm.

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 except July & August (\$10)

Tai Chi at the Warburg Community Hall, Wednesdays 10am to 11am, \$2. 780-848-2841 or office@warburg.ca

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) weekly on Thursday at 9:00am. Call Kim at 780-848-7717 to register prior to leaving.

Floor Curling at the Warburg Pioneer Centre at 1pm on Thursdays (\$2).

Pickleball at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9:30am - 11:30am

Pickleball drop in at the Warburg High School Gym from 7-9pm \$2

Public Skating at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex on Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:45pm.

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

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store - Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-3pm. 780-996-5131.

FRIDAYS

Coffee in the Valley at Telfordville Community Centre on the first and third Friday of each month from 9-11am. No charge.

Community Socials are held the last Friday of each month at the Mulhurst Legion #246 at 7pm

Friends Fridays at the Thorsby Recreation Centre every second Friday from 3-4:30pm.

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

Music Jam Sessions at the Warburg Seniors Drop in Centre the 2nd Friday of the month 1-4pm. All are welcome.

Shinny at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 - 5pm.

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store - Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-3pm. 780-996-5131.

Warburg Legion - Open Fridays from 5-10pm. Pub Night on the 3rd Friday of the month. Call Max 780-263-0350 for info.

Youth Group on Fridays from 7-9pm for ages 11-18 Thorsby New Life Fellowship Church - . Contact Katie at 780-241-0715

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 & third Saturday of every month. Or arrange a tour through Susie 780-848-2507 or Joan 780-621-7174

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store - Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-3pm. 780-996-5131.

SUNDAYS

Gospel Music Jam at New Life Christian Fellowship on the 1st Sunday of the month from 2-4pm. Call 780-789-4171

Sunday School at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church the 2nd Sunday of month at 10:30am until Dec. 780-389-4100

OTHER STUFF FOR KIDS

Warburg Playschool - Year Round Registration for 3 & 4 year olds. Tuesday & Thursday at Warburg School. Contact danielletessier05@gmail.com or 780-863-8620

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Leduc County Family Resource Network (FRN) Building Drop-In Hours: Located in the modular beside the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Open Tuesdays from 2pm - 8pm and Thursdays from 9am - 4pm.

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Thorsby Community Centre

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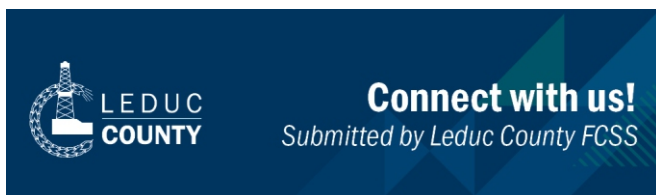
Doors/Cash Bar at 6:30 - Show 7:30pm

Tickets \$30 available at Ruhr Valley Lumber;

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Sponsored by Thorsby & District Cultural & Historical Society

Members and Invited Guests



There are a number of events coming up designed for our community. Everyone is welcome to attend; however, registration is required and space is limited. Call us at 780-979-2385 or 1-888-301-FCSS to learn more.

Looking for monthly updates by email? Sign up by sending us an email to fcssinfo@leduc-county.com and ask to subscribe to our email distribution list.

UPCOMING SESSIONS

How to estate plan... and what happens if you don't

Learn the essential aspects of pre-planning your funeral and estate, and the potential complications and challenges that may arise without them. Discover how planning a funeral today can give your family peace of mind while locking in prices at current rates, safeguarding against future inflation. Also, gain expert legal insights into wills, navigating probate and other critical components of estate planning. Session facilitated by Jeanni Guenther, Hainstock and Son Funeral Chapel and Jenela K. Francisco, Lawyer, Jaswal Law.

Date: Friday, Nov. 22, 2024

Time: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom online

D-Stress: Stress management in challenging times

D-Stress is an interactive workshop from Alberta Health Services that focuses on stress and how we can recognize when it becomes a problem for our health. Participants will learn ways to identify and manage stress and come away with a personal stress reduction action plan, which may include stress management techniques.

Session facilitated by Leduc County FCSS.

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: Zoom online

Christmas Mourning: Honouring Grief During the Holidays

This gathering will provide support and comfort to those who are grieving during the holiday season. However you celebrate the holidays, this season can be a difficult time for those who are grieving. This event offers a space for individuals to come together and remember their loved ones who have passed away. This ceremony will include readings, reflection and an optional time of sharing. Open to adults ages 18 and older, this session will be facilitated by Registered Psychologist Amy Walton from Karunia Counselling in partnership with Leduc County FCSS.

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024

Time: 10 to 11 a.m.

Location: Calmar & District Senior Citizen Centre

November is Financial Literacy Month

Talking about money remains a taboo in our society. People can find it difficult to discuss financial matters, such as personal debt with family and friends. Many feel shame, embarrassment or worry about being judged. Research shows that talking about money builds financial confidence and can lead to better financial outcomes. Let's talk about it.

Our free and confidential Financial Empowerment Program allows you to explore how you can pay your bills, manage your debt, afford basic necessities and get ahead. Our trained staff are here to listen and learn about what is important to you, offer you options and provide information based on your needs and interests. You take the lead and set the pace. Your knowledge and living experience is unique to you. Call 780-955-6421 to make an appointment.

What to do in times of crisis

Our mental health affects how we feel, how we think and how we act. It's important to take care of ourselves and know where to find help when we, or someone else, needs it.

Always call 9-1-1 in an emergency. If someone is a danger to themselves or others, getting the right kind of help quickly is vital.

For serious mental health concerns, there are several crisis lines available as listed below.

Access 24/7

780-424-2424

Provides 24/7 telephone support, in-person assessment, crisis outreach and patient stabilization.

Mental Health Help Line

1-877-303-2642

Provides a 24/7 confidential service that offers support, information and referrals to Albertans experiencing mental health concerns.

Suicide Crisis Helpline

9-8-8

Whether you are thinking about suicide or worried about someone else, call or text 9-8-8 toll free, any time — lines are open 24/7/365.

Distress Line

780-482-4357 (HELP)

Provides 24/7 confidential, non-judgmental and short-term crisis intervention, emotional support and resources to people in crisis or distress, as well as to family, friends and caregivers of those in crisis.

Dial 211 for social resources 24/7. Have questions? Call 1-888-301-FCSS for answers.

Need more crisis resources? Scan the QR code or visit www.leduc-county.com/community-family today.



THORSBY FCSS UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Do you or someone you know need a helping hand this Christmas Season?

Christmas Elves is a program designed to provide Christmas hampers & gifts to families who are under financial strain. This program is made possible by all our amazing and generous community members, so we thank them graciously!!

Donations will be accepted at the FCSS Office located in Town Office.

You will also be able to find cash donation boxes located around Town.

Donations that are needed can be anything from food, new toys, gift cards & toiletries. All items are greatly appreciated!

Contact Thorsby FCSS for a CONFIDENTIAL appointment
780-789-4004 | mleibel@thorsby.ca

Referrals Start: Nov. 12
Deadline For Referrals: Dec. 6
Pick-up or Delivery: Dec. 18

Thorsby Christmas Elves Food Drive

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26
7PM - 9PM

IF YOU WISH TO DONATE PLEASE HAVE YOUR ITEMS BAGGED AND READY FOR OUR TEAM.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:
NON-PERISHABLES AS WELL AS CASH DONATIONS.

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OPPORTUNITIES:

Christmas Elves

- Donation Sorting
- Hamper Preparation
- Food Drive
- Hamper Delivery
- Snow Angels
- Community Tax Program
- And Much More!



Snow Angels

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THORSBY'S CHRISTMAS MARKET & PEROGY SALE

Hosted by the Thorsby & District Historical Society



Betty has been making and selling jam for 50 years!

You can also find Betty's delicious Jam and other local vendors at the Leduc Public Market in the City Center Mall every Thursday from 10am - 2pm and at the Mulhurst Farmers Market every Saturday from 11am - 3pm.



2024 Winter Machinery & Feed Consignment Auction

Rimbey Sales Yard - Dec 6th to Dec 10th, 2024 - Rimbey Office: (403) 843-2747

East Central Sales Yard - December 6th to December 9th, 2024 - East Central Office: (780) 208-2503

Toll Free 1-855-783-0556

We are now accepting Listings for this Sale. Any items prelisted by November 8th will be included in our Sales Posters, Newspaper & Radio Advertising, Web Page, Social Media and extensive mailing lists. Selling equipment to all four Western Provinces and the Northern USA.

Already Listed 4 Quarters of Land

Due to winter conditions, we will be unable to accept Miscellaneous Items.

Whether you have one piece or a complete line of machinery give Allen a call at (403) 783-0556 or Aaron at (403) 913-9644 to discuss the best option for you to realize top dollars.

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COTTAGE IN THE WOODS



Cozy fully serviced cabin, log beams, modern kitchen, vaulted ceiling, sunroom, workshop/shed, private and treed **E4399644 \$349,000 \$329,000**

WARBURG



3 bedroom spacious 1200 sq.ft. **SOLD!** huge lot. Metal roof, **E4406685 \$139,500.**

WARBURG

2 bedroom, 1 bath, large kitchen, **SOLD!** full allow. Detached garage. **E4385711 \$165,000 \$157,500**



WARBURG

2 bed + den, 2 bath large bungalow, **SOLD!** oversized lot, many upgrades **E4401469 \$199,000 \$179,000**



VACANT LOTS IN WARBURG



75' wide serviced lots on pavement. 3 left to choose from. **\$40,000**

RARE VISITOR COMES TO THORSBY

Last Thursday, a very unusual visitor showed up at a bird feeder near Thorsby.

She is a female summer tanager, and should be hanging out in the Southern U.S.

This is the twelfth confirmed sighting of this kind of bird in our province, and only the third seen at this time of year.

She arrived cold and hungry, and has been busy building up strength munching on black oil sunflower seeds, a highly nutritious food for a wide variety of birds.

She is a "vagabond", a bird who has wandered far away from her usual home. She may stay up to two weeks before continuing her journey.

The bird's photo and probable identification was posted on the Alberta Bird Facebook page, and generated a lot of interest.

The Alberta Bird Record Committee confirmed the sighting, and has kindly helped manage the considerable interest this little lady has generated.

So far, four small groups of birdwatchers have visited, bearing gifts of suet, dried mealworm, and donations for the Christmas Elves. The entire experience has been remarkable.

Some things you might want to know if an unusual bird shows up in your yard:

- The "Merlin" app can help you identify an unfamiliar bird by song or by image.
- A wandering bird does not necessarily need rescuing. Unless it is visibly distressed, showing signs of illness or injury, safe access to good food and water are usually enough to support the visitor.
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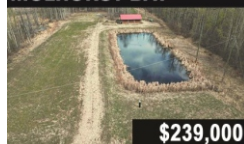
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Thorsby's Christmas in the Village legacy has come to an end.....

You may remember our last article in the September 27 issue of Connect 39 when our Chamber was looking for a person or group to take over Thorsby's Christmas in the Village. Unfortunately, after 30 years, this tradition will come to an end. Nobody has come forward so we had no choice but to cancel the 2024 event. We hope in the future the town will reignite this event with a new group of eager individuals with fresh ideas.

All is not lost for those looking for some Christmas cheer, the Thorsby Lions have informed us that they will be putting on their Winter Wonderland at the Lions Park around the middle of December and have plans to include some Christmas in the Village traditions and favorites. Keep an eye out for more information to come from the Lions.

Update on Thor & Taylor Park

Well Thor has attracted visitors to Thorsby just like intended! We have seen many new faces taking pictures with Thor and met people from all over Alberta. Even some of our local



businesses have reported they had customers that traveled here to see Thor and thought they would stop and check out what Thorsby has to offer.

Huge thank you to Thorsby Communities in Bloom for contributing once again to our project. They have donated \$2,000 to help with some of the unanticipated costs incurred to finish Taylor Park. Our Chamber also has plans to work together with Communities in Bloom in the spring to add even more plants and trees to the already beautiful space so our CIB group can do what they love again.

Also, thank you to Thorsby IDA Pharmacy who has been so accommodating and helpful, paying and letting us use their water to water the sod and helping us out at every turn when we need something.

Just to make it clear once again, Taylor Park & Thor was

done 100% by volunteers and fundraised money and not taxpayer dollars. We are not responsible for the roads, that's the Town of Thorsby's responsibility. Our project cost approximately \$40,000 from donations and fundraisers since 2021 including our May Long weekend event and our Chamber Gala. We also had approximately \$100,000 in in-kind donations / volunteer time from local businesses and individuals who contributed to the park. Thank you to everyone who supported our project including our Thorsby Chamber of Commerce team!



Left to Right - Thorsby Chamber of Commerce president Shawna Ofstie, Communities in Bloom (CIB) Vice President Kim Brightman, CIB member and Town of Thorsby Councillor Tracy Musson and CIB member Elaine Blair.

Chamber Gala

We have a few tickets left but the deadline is Friday, November 8 so we can let the caterers know how many. You don't want to miss this great event with great food and entertainment featuring "The Whisky Boyz". Contact Sharon at 780-719-5110 or Jackie at 780-991-7330.

If you want to become part of the Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce or have ideas for future projects to support our community, please email us at thorsbyabchamber@gmail.com.



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LEDUC COUNTY HISTORY

In 1991 the County of Leduc No. 25 under the direction of History Book Committee - Marjorie Bilar, Edward Chubocha, Robert MacDonald and Phyllis Schnick published **"County of Leduc No. 25 History - A Pictorial and Anecdotal Collection"** by Katheryn McNalley. Thank you to Leduc County for granting me permission to quote excerpts to share with our Leduc County residents. Here is another excerpt:

To Serve your Country

*excerpts from pages 66--70
"County of Leduc No. 25 History"*

Many North Americans were dealt a dreadful blow with the outbreak of World War II. World War I was known as the war to end all wars and had been trusted to live up to its promise. However, Albertans reacted to the new call to service with typical responsibility, and the final tabulation showed that 78,000 men and 4,500 women had served.

This devastating world conflict profoundly affected the entire population, but none more so than the active participants.

In response to a plebiscite in 1942, Liberal Prime Minister Mackenzie King repealed his party's solemn promise that there would be no conscription. Conscripts however, were not to be sent overseas. By 1944 it became evident that replacement troops were needed in Europe, and Mackenzie King again changed his stance. The first conscripts were sent in action that year.

Conscription led to severe labor shortages on the home front. The unemployment rate in Canada dropped from 11.4 percent in 1939 to 1.6 percent in 1945. This translated to manpower shortages in the agricultural industry and directly affected the County of Leduc area. Provision was made in the conscription process designating certain family members to remain at home to operate the farm. Farms were still dismally short of help and women were pressed into service.

The Representative

Three Women Driving Taxis In Edmonton

Another masculine stronghold has fallen. Edmonton has at least three women taxi drivers. They are Ruth Limb, 27; Regina Spönnel, 22; and Irene Arndt, 19; and all doing nicely, thank you.

How do they stack up against the male driver? According to W. S. Miller, their boss, the girls are more careful, more punctual and more conscientious than their male predecessors.

And what do the girls think of their jobs?

"The work is just fine," Regina said. "We wonder why no one thought of it before."

The girls work the daytime shift, but according to Irene, they are prepared to venture out at night.

So far they have had no trouble with males. As Ruth put it "most passengers are merely surprised to see a women driving a taxi."

Taxi drivers must have a license. The girls said the police were glad to give them a chance at the wheel.

Women already are working in Edmonton's aircraft repair depot; in garages, on bread delivery wagons, and are making good at their jobs.

*Courtesy Leduc Representative
July 30, 1942.*

Road Maintenance Men Help In Harvest

Carl Kropp and his road maintenance crew (about a dozen strong) invaded the local harvest fields on Saturday shortly after noon, and showed that the great majority of them at least have not forgotten the technique of "stooking." With plenty of material on hand, there was no let-up in their activity until "the retreat" was sounded at about 7:00 p.m., after which refreshments were served.

Bob Bannerman, on whose farm the action took place, wishes to go on record as more than satisfied with the amount of work done (about 4 acres were stooked), and the spirit of co-operation shown by the men in helping to solve the labor shortage in harvesting operations.

The evening ended with one of the roadmakers staging a bronco-taming exhibition.

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- **Date:** Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024
- **Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Location:** Zoom online
- **Register:** contact Kristin at [780-955-6421](tel:780-955-6421) or kristin@leduc-county.com or register online at www.leduc-county.com/d-stress



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WARBURG SENIORS UPDATE

submitted by Beatrice Moore

Our Oktoberfest on September 28 was a success. Thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen with prep and clean up. Without the support of the Warburg community and the area communities we would not be able to continue with our activities at the Drop In Centre.

Special thanks to: Leduc County, CE Media, Ranchland Meats, Thorsby Supermarket, Tasha Harrop and James Watt for their on going support with their donations. The Seniors of Warburg really appreciate it.

Our Music Jams have started! On the 2nd Friday of the month please come and join us for some good country classic music. Whether you are an entertainer, dancer, or listener all are welcome. This event is from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon so you can travel in daylight. See you then.

Our 3rd Wednesday of the month is our meetings as well as our soup and sandwich day. The meeting is at 10:00 am and lunch starts at Noon. The soup and sandwich is what is keeping our Centre open. Lunch is \$10.00.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Quilting has started at the Centre once again every Tuesday. For more information about this activity please call Nancy Gruning at 780-848-7756.

Our Annual Meeting will be January 15, 2025 at 10:00 am. All members are encouraged to attend.

If you would like or need a ride to any of the activities at the Centre please give Elaine Prenioslo a call to arrange a ride. Her number is 780-848-2554.

Til next article, enjoy the snow. It's easier to shovel snow than it is to shovel rain!!

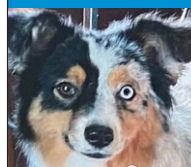
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- **Date:** Friday, Nov. 22, 2024
- **Time:** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Zoom online
- **Spaces available:** minimum of eight registrants
- **Register:**
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UPDATE

Submitted by Gail O'Neil

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the Library is also on FB and Instagram

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Saturday November 16 - Warburg Library will be open for a Hockey Tournament that the Arena is hosting, the hours will be Noon to 4 pm, this is a one Saturday only day, all Community Members and Patrons are welcome too.

Wednesday November 20 is the **Library Board Meeting** in the Library at 2:30 pm, all public are welcome to attend as guests.

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What's New @ Thorsby Municipal Library by Susan Parkinson

Remembrance Day Tribute

Each year on Remembrance Day, we pause to honor the brave individuals who sacrificed their lives in service to our country. It's a day for reflection, gratitude, and unity as we remember those who stood for freedom, enduring unimaginable hardships to protect the values we hold dear.

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In honoring their legacy, we not only remember those who served in past conflicts but also recognize the enduring strength of our veterans and active service members today. Their courage, resilience, and dedication are woven into the fabric of our shared history, inspiring us to continue working toward a world of

peace and understanding.

As we wear our poppies and observe moments of silence, may we pledge to keep their memory alive—not only today but every day. Let us remember the lessons they imparted and work to create a future that honors their sacrifice with our actions and our compassion.

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Stay tuned for more exciting news and updates.

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RESIDENTIAL, FARMS & ACREAGES

THORSBY - New level, 1036 sq ft., 3 bedroom, double detach garage with in floor heat, heated driveway **\$297,900** **SOLD**

THORSBY - Fully finished, 3 bedroom, renovated kitchen, 20'x24' detached garage, fenced yard. **\$264,900** **SOLD**

THORSBY - 13.24 Acres with newly updated 3 bedroom mobile home, fenced and all services in place. Close to Pigeon Lake & Thorsby **\$369,900.00**

THORSBY - 2.32 Acres south of Warburg- drilled well and storage shed. Great building site. **\$99,900**

COMMERCIAL

CALMAR - 45.26m x 37.42m well kept lot in Street Calmar. High traffic volume from Hwy 39. Taxes to be determined but will be \$2800 +/- Great opportunity. Zoned C1 Commercial District. **\$285,000** **PENDING**

MULHURST - 39.5' x 100' vacant lot located water front on Pigeon Lake at Mulhurst Bay. Zoned Urban Commercial. Adjoining lot for sale as well. **\$179,900**

TELFORDVILLE (2047 Twp Rd 495 Rd 495 A) - This 35.12 acres hosts a 1506 sq/ft house with a 20x28 attached garage with a creek behind it and sheltered from the industrial yard. 50x29 heated and insulated quonset with power and a cement floor. A 40x80 finished Shop metal clad inside and out with 2 overhead doors (12x14 and 16x14), heated, insulated, power, mezzanine, 3pc bathroom, with offices and lunch room in the front. A 50x80 drive through shop (18x14 doors) with power, heat, fully insulated with an mezzanine, spray booth, and office with two more overhead doors off the side. A 12x16 power shed/office with 200 amp 3 phase power and a 40x14 open faced metal storage shed. **\$1,250,000** **PENDING**

THORSBY - Mini storage business and office building. Storage units are all rented. Land and buildings **\$299,900**

RAW LAND & VACANT LOTS

THORSBY - 10.43 Acres located along Hwy 39 and Hwy 13. Power Pole installed and on site just needs to be energized. Land currently being rented out to **\$144,900** **SOLD**



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