

CONNECT 39

Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

HONORING LOCAL BUSINESS

by Shawna Ofstie, Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce President

The Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce hosted their 3rd Annual Christmas Gala on November 23. Another beautiful event with over 180 people in attendance.

Since we began the Gala in November of 2022, each year we have honored two local businesses who have been long time supporters and members of our Chamber of Commerce and our community. This year the Chamber chose Mel Ruff Enterprises (the late Mel Ruff) and Thorsby Village Supermarket (the Elkadri Family).

Here is a bit of background sent to us on each of this year's deserving recipients.

Mel Ruff Enterprises

"Mel was born and raised on a dairy farm beside Thorsby. When Mel was in his early teens his dad died and the family gave up dairy farming. Mel worked at the Tire Shop then tried going to the oil rigs but he wanted to be his own boss so he bought a gravel truck and started his own business. He stock piled sand and gravel and decorator rock. He bought a backhoe and a bobcat to reload from his own piles. He then added landscaping jobs to his list. Since he was an early riser he pushed snow for a lot of the businesses in town. He liked that job because he got free coffee and fresh homemade cookies. But he also did it for others too, some people got their driveway cleared because Mel knew it was a challenge for them. Mel also helped when the old grocery store on Hankin Street was burning down. The fire department asked him to use his backhoe to pull down some walls so they could get at the fire before all of Hankin Street burnt down. He did. He closed himself inside the backhoe, drove into the fire and pulled down the walls. He came out OK but the tires on the backhoe didn't survive"

Thorsby Village Supermarket

"For 28 years, Faysal and Iman dedicated their lives to Thorsby through their grocery store, Family Foods. More than a business, it became a welcoming space where the community came together. Now, as they are

honoured for their contributions at this year's Christmas Gala, we celebrate their remarkable story of service and love for the town they've called home since 1996. Faysal purchased the store with his cousin before taking over entirely in 1999. Together with his wife, Iman, the two worked tirelessly to serve Thorsby while raising their four children—Ghanem, Yousra, Laila, and Mohamed. The children grew up immersed in small-town life, attending playschool with Mrs. Powlik, making lifelong friends, and participating in sports and community events like the Thorsby Parade and Christmas in the Village. In 2017, Faysal passed the torch to his eldest son, Ghanem, who continued to run Family Foods with the same dedication and care. Ghanem did an outstanding job, building on his father's legacy and ensuring the store remained a cornerstone of the community. Reflecting on their journey, Faysal shared, "Thorsby has given us more than we could ever give back. It's been an honour to serve this town and watch our children grow up here."

Thank you to our board members and for the support of our businesses, community and sponsors!

Below: The Chamber Board presents Debe Ruff with a certificate honoring her late husband Mel Ruff. The Elkadri Family couldn't make it so James Fox, new owner of Thorsby Family Foods accepted the certificate on their behalf.



Left to right - Vice President Carrie Levins (CL DJ Services), President Shawna Ofstie (CE Media & Connect 39), Director Sharon Powlik (Darcy Powlik Realty), Debe Ruff (Mel Ruff Enterprises), Director Jackie Knopp (Thorsby Tire & Country Cuts), Honorary Secretary & Decorator Carol Rempel (Retired), Treasurer Lisa Ruhr, Director Matt Ruhr (Ruhr Valley Lumber)

Classifieds

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2014 NISSAN PATHFINDER, 4x4, black, black leather, 3rd row seating, 3.5LT engine, DVD, winter & summer wheels, excellent condition, non smoker, well maintained 207K, \$10,000. Call 780-789-3971

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Contact Alex 780-905-9200 or 780-789-3843

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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.

Classified Ads are \$7.50 for 2 weeks

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You can drop off your ads at:

CE Media - 4928 Hankin Street in Thorsby, Warburg Village Office, call 780-434-7446 or email media@community39.com



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Sudoku Answers
from November 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.



General Service Worker - Cook Casual

Cloverleaf Manor – Warburg AB

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is looking for an enthusiastic individual who enjoys working in a team environment. This casual position will be required to work a **variety of shifts**. Shifts will include **afternoons** and **nights**. Applicants should be prepared and able to work all shifts. Duties may include kitchen-related responsibilities such as cleaning, cooking and food preparation or housekeeping responsibilities and other duties as assigned. A high standard of service is expected.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Housekeeping and/or food service experience in institution/hospitality industries.
2. Formal education in the area of housekeeping and/or food service would be beneficial.
3. W.H.M.I.S. Training
4. Strong English communication skills, both written and verbal is required.
5. Strong customer service skill including the ability to interact with everyone in a respectful manner.
6. Ability to perform work duties with a minimum of supervision.
7. Ability to work independently, as well as a team.
8. Ability to work a flexible schedule (evenings and weekends).
9. Satisfactory Criminal Records Check including Vulnerable Sector Check.
10. Experience working with and meeting the needs of seniors

*All employees will be required to have a Pre-Employment Fit to Work Assessment, and a clear criminal record with vulnerable sector check.

Please send your resume quoting job posting number 2024-CL-39 to:

Attn: Human Resources
Leduc Regional Housing Foundation
5118 – 50 Avenue, Leduc, Alberta, T9E 6V4
Fax: 780.986.4881 or
E-mail: hr@leducregionalhousing.ca

Posting to remain open until a suitable candidate is found.



UTILITY BILLS AMID CANADA POST STRIKE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Town of Thorsby has received information that Canada Post has changed their rules regarding local postage amidst the on-going strike. Canada Post has now determined that they will not deliver local mail to local Post Office boxes in addition to not delivering to non-local locations. *This decision has nothing to do with the Town of Thorsby.*

To receive your utility bills for December the following options are available:

1. Come into the Town Office to collect your monthly Utility Bill
2. Call the Town Office and we will, until the strike has concluded, email you a copy of your utility bill.

Please note, that all deadlines and penalties are still in effect during the strike.

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 780-789-3935.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

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

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.

December 1 - Christmas in the Valley at Telfordville Hall from 2-7pm. Potluck supper at 5pm. Free. Contact Ray 780-940-8499 or telfordvillecc@gmail.com for more info.

December 1 - Annual Christmas Potluck Supper at Morrowdale Community Centre. 5-7:30 PM. Bring your favourite dish to get in! Call Bev at 780-789-2571.

December 1 - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

December 1 - Christmas at the Funnell Hall from 1-4pm. Bake sale, photo ops, silent auction & raffle, crafts, hot chocolate around the fire. funnellhall@gmail.com or Facebook

December 2 - Thorsby PD Day Fieldtrip to the Telus World of Science 9am-4:30pm. Register online or call Thorsby Recreation Complex. \$60, 7yr+

December 2 - Outdoor Holiday Planter Workshop hosted by CIB at the Thorsby Seniors Centre. 6:30-8pm. \$55. Send payment or contact by Nov 22 to thorsbycib@gmail.com

December 2 - Christmas Concert at 7pm by the Lakeshore Singers community choir joined by the Falun Children's Choir at the Lakedell Ag Society large hall. Admission by donation

December 4 - Community Crockpot Cooking at the Breton Community Centre from 7-8:30pm. Must pre-register. Class is full but contact Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636 to be on wait list.

December 6 - Christmas Spirits: Holiday Cocktail Event at Warburg Library from 7-8:30 pm. Learn how to make holiday themed drinks. RSVP to shansontag@gmail.com by Dec 4.

December 7 - Breton's Annual Kick off to Christmas Santa's Workshop, visits with the jolly ole guy, children's activities, market and more. brandynbundt@gmail.com

December 7 - Firefighter Food Drive in Warburg at 10am for Christmas Elves. If you are not home leave on your step or drop off at one of the local businesses.

December 7 - Community Gym Night in the Warburg High School Gym from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Volleyball, floor hockey

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and other games. Open to everyone. Free. All ages welcome.

December 8 - Scoring day with the Thorsby & District Fish & Game Association. 10am - 2pm at the Warburg Legion. Coffee & Doughnuts. Everyone welcome to get their antlers scored.

December 8 - Thorsby / Warburg Indoor Soccer Registration Deadline. U5- U15. Visit Facebook or register at thorsbysoccer@gmail.com

December 10 - Magic of Lights Trip to the RAD Torque Raceway. Leaving Village of Breton office at 4:40. \$5. Please pre-register and pay prior to December 6 to Breton FCSS.

December 14 - Breton Community Christmas Supper at the Breton Community Centre. Free tickets at the Breton Village office, ATB or Darren Scott Accounting.

December 14 - Light the Night Winter Luminary at Rundle's Mission from 2-6pm. Celebrate the Christmas season with community. FREE. Contact 780-955-6410 for more info.

December 20-22 - Winter Wonderland at the Thorsby Lions Campground from 6-9pm. Hosted by the Thorsby Lions. Lights, hot chocolate, Santa, crafts and more.

December 20 - Cookies & Eggnog at Thorsby Recreation Centre from 3-4pm. FREE

January 18 - Community Gym Night in the Warburg High School Gym from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Volleyball, floor hockey and other games. Open to everyone. Free. All ages welcome.

January 25 - Ukrainian Malanka Festival at the Thorsby Hall. Call Marlene at 780-217-9394 or 780-789-3734 for tickets

*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....

WINTER 2025 INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION OPEN TILL DEC 8th



- Season runs Jan 13 to Mar 8, 2025 held in school gyms
- U5 (2020/2021) \$60
- U7 (2018/2019) \$65
 - U5 & U7 Practices Mon at 4:30
- U9 (2016/2017) \$110
- U11 (2014/2015) \$120
- U13 (2012/2013) \$130
 - U9 & U11 Practices Mon at 5:30, U13 Mon at 6:30
 - U9-U13 Games Sat mornings

- For more info and to register use the link <https://forms.gle/K9eKm5YD7887Qd2J7> or Scan the QR code



For more information visit "Thorsby Soccer Club" on Facebook, contact thorsbysoccer@gmail.com or Indoor Soccer Coordinator Mary Ann Rosenau at 780-691-2338.

Light the Night: Winter Luminary

SATURDAY, DEC. 14 | FREE
Rundle's Mission (47436 Range Road 15)

Let's celebrate the holiday season together while enjoying maple candy on snow, ice carving, cookie decorating and test out our toboggan run!

Bring the family for an afternoon of holiday cheer while listening to live music by Kim Gates and warm up and enjoy dinner on us from the complementary concession!

For the main event, create and decorate your own luminary and take a walk around the community trail after dark to see the luminary lights.

This is a free event – registration is not required!

For more information, contact
Parks and Recreation at
780-955-6410, or visit
leduc-county.com/recreation



Telfordville Community Centre presents Christmas in the Valley Community Christmas Party

December 1, 2024
2-7pm
Potluck Supper at 5pm



*Santa Claus
is coming!*



FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE! DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

For more information or to RSVP
Ray - 780-940-8499 or telfordvillecc@gmail.com

*Sponsored by
Telfordville Community Centre & Leduc County*

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 1:00pm

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)

Stirling Night on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the Warburg Curling Club. Contact Hugh 780-898-8651

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.

Open Gym Nights at the Thorsby Recreation Centre every second Wednesday from 5 - 6:30pm

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

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

Junior Curling - Wednesdays at the Warburg Curling Club. Contact Hugh 780-898-8651

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).

Mens Curling every Thursday at 10am at the Warburg Curling Rink. Contact Hugh 780-898-8651

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.

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

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

Pancake Breakfast by the Thorsby Lions Club the first Sunday of the month at the Senior's Centre 9am - 12pm.

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

Telfordville Community Centre

Coffee in the Valley



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Tuesday, 3 December 2024 at 7pm

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Winter Lights Competition



'TIS THE SEASON FOR BEAUTIFUL LIGHT DISPLAYS, AND WE WANT TO SEE THEM!

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

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

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

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

www.leduc-county.com/winter-lights-competition

You have until Dec. 13* to submit your
application. *The map will be available
mid-December.*

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





Connect with us!

Submitted by Town of Thorsby FCSS

Hey There, It's Mikayla, your Thorsby FCSS Coordinator!

Did you know I am a great source for resources, information, subsidies, and financial supports. You can find me in my office located at the Town Office, I am here Monday and Wednesday from 8:30am – 4:30pm so pop by and say hi!

Please call and book an appointment for any in person help. 780-789-4004 | mleibel@thorsby.ca

Leduc County 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.

Current FCSS Services Available:

- Subsidized Counselling Program for individuals, Couples, Families and Youth
- Home Support – light housekeeping services
- Assistance with forms
- Seniors Assistance Programs
- Volunteer income tax program.
- Meals on Wheels
- Drive Happiness, Assisted Transportation for Seniors

New information available regarding the Canadian Dental Care plan is up and available

www.canada.ca/dental

Make sure you follow Thorsby FCSS on Facebook, so you stay up to date! We hope to see you join us in our upcoming programs.



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OPPORTUNITIES:

Christmas Elves

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



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



Christmas Elves and Santa's Helpers

Do you or someone you know need a helping hand from the elves this holiday season? With the help of community donations, Christmas Elves and Santa's Helpers provide food and toys to people in need.

Make a confidential referral through the contacts below.

Calmar and area

Contact **780-985-3604**
ext. 233 or **mleibel@calmar.ca**
Intakes: Nov. 12 to Dec. 6

New Sarepta and area

Contact Lucille at
780-941-2382
Intakes: Nov. 12 to Dec. 13

Thorsby and area

Contact **780-789-4004** or
mleibel@thorsby.ca
Intakes: Nov. 12 to Dec. 6

Warburg and area

Contact Katlynn at
780-848-2828 or
fcss@warburg.ca
Intakes: Nov. 12 to Dec. 10

Beaumont/Nisku and area

Contact FCSS at **780-929-1006**
or **fcss@beaumont.ab.ca**
Intakes: Nov. 12 to Dec. 12

Leduc and District Food Bank

Contact Food Bank for food
hamper information at
780-986-5333

Devon (gift cards only)

Contact **825-967-0025** or visit
www.devonchristmaselves.com/referrals
Intakes: Nov. 12 to Dec. 6 at noon

Leduc Santa's Helpers (toys only)

Contact **825-995-1008** or visit
www.leducsantashelpers.ca/hamper-application
Intakes: Nov. 4 to Dec. 12



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Christmas mourning: Honouring grief during the holidays



However you celebrate the holidays, this season can be a difficult time. Christmas mourning is a gathering to provide support and comfort to those who are grieving during the holidays. This event offers a space for individuals to come together and remember their loved ones who have passed away and will include readings, reflection and an optional time of sharing.

Join us for this opportunity to honour and pay tribute to the memories of the loved ones you have lost.

Session is open to adults 18 years and older and will be facilitated by Registered Psychologist Amy Walton from Karunia Counselling in partnership with Leduc County Family and Community Support Services.

- **Date:** Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024
- **Time:** 10 to 11 a.m.
- **Location:** Calmar & District Senior Centre 4916 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB.
- **Registration:** contact Kristin at **780-955-6421**, by email at **Kristin@leduc-county.com** or online at **www.leduc-county.com/mourning**



Gerald Soroka, MP Yellowhead

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PRESS RELEASE Canada Summer Jobs Application for Employers

OTTAWA, ON – Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that Canada Summer Jobs 2025 application period for employers from not-for-profit organizations, and the public or private sectors is now open. To qualify, private sector employers must have 50 or fewer full-time employees across Canada when applying.

The application deadline is December 19, 2024, at 11:59pm (PST). Full-time jobs will become available starting on April 21, 2025.

Employers interested in applying for CSJ 2025 funding are encouraged to submit their applications electronically on the Grants and Contributions Online Services (GCOS) portal.

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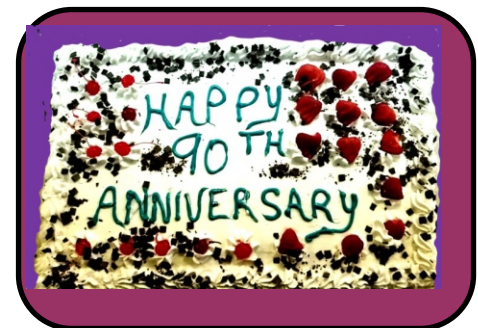
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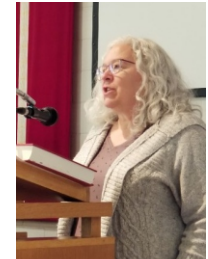


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What's New @ Thorsby Municipal Library

by Susan Parkinson

Holiday Season at Thorsby Municipal Library

As we prepare for the holiday season, don't forget to
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Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

November 25 Crib scores:

1st Place: Marie Gutenberg - 946

2nd Place: Larry Kilgrain - 942

3rd Place: Lloyd Snider - 929

High Hand of 24: Nester Dobko

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Submitted by Gail O'Neil

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The Library's Annual Christmas Draw is up and running, once again the draw is a 50/50 and assorted gift baskets, tickets are: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 8 for \$20, 40 for \$100. Tickets can be purchased thru the library, call library staff at 780-848-2391 and e-transfer warburglibrary@yrl.ab.ca. This draw supports the Library's programs and equipment purchases.

Thank you to all the donators to the Christmas draw: The Tran family, the Duiker family, 3-D Line Locating Ltd, Burns Wood Products, Leduc County, Pauline Brandt, Christina McDowell, the Sontag family, the O'Neil family, TWA dug farms, Willow Valley Greenhouse, Quilt: Marg and the Sew Heavenly quilters. There are gift donations still to be added as these are dropped off.

Christmas Spirits: Holiday Cocktail Event at

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From Pearl Elson

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THE TOPS TEN

Tips for Healthy Dining Out

- Don't drink your calories.** A large size (32 oz) non diet soda is more than 300 calories. Mixed alcoholic drinks can be even higher in calories. Best choices are water, diet soda, unsweetened tea, coffee, light beer or a small glass of wine. Calories saved by choosing a small glass of wine instead of a margarita = 250 calories.
- Prioritize your indulgences.** Decide which item you really want and stick with just that. If you're craving the huge burger, skip the appetizer and dessert, choose healthy side and enjoy your burger until you're full. Calories saved by skipping the appetizer chips (half basket) = 300 calories
- Ask for sandwiches to be made without mayonnaise-based sauces.** Just 1 tablespoon adds 100 calories and 11 grams of unneeded fat. Calories saved by a sandwich made without 2 tablespoons mayonnaise = 200 calories.
- Portions are key!** Many restaurants' meals provide enough food for two to three people. Split the meal with a friend or take half home. It saves calories and money. Calories saved by splitting the typical casual dining meal = 700 calories
- Have a plan.** Look at the restaurant's nutrition information online prior to going out and decide what you are going to order before sitting down with the menu full of tempting choices.
- Decode the menu.** Avoid any dishes described with the words fried, batter dipped, creamy, cream sauce, scalloped, au gratin, crispy, butter sauce, cheesy or alfredo. These words generally indicate that the meal is higher in fat and calories. Calories saved by ordering the pasta with marinara sauce instead of alfredo sauce = 750 calories.
- At pizza restaurants, choose a thin crust with lower calorie toppings** such as Canadian bacon, chicken, pineapple or vegetables. Calories saved by choosing two slices (large) thin crust pizza instead of hand tossed = 120 calories. Calories saved by choosing two slices of all veggie pizza instead of meat = 400 calories.
- At Mexican restaurants, go easy on the cheese, sour cream and fried tortilla chips.** Add plenty of salsa - it's low in calories and counts as a vegetable serving. Calories saved by 2 tablespoons of salsa instead of sour cream = 45 calories.
- Dessert anyone? Share one dessert per table.** Take a bite or two and pass it on.
- Don't go out to eat when you're starving.** Before leaving, eat a small snack like an apple; it will take the edge off your hunger. You will be less likely to overeat at the restaurant.

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NURSE PRACTITIONERS EXPAND PRIMARY CARE ACCESS

Alberta News, November 20, 2024

The Alberta government's Nurse Practitioner Primary Care program is showing early signs of success, with 33 nurse practitioners already practising independently in communities across the province.

Alberta's government is committed to strengthening Alberta's primary health care system, recognizing that innovative approaches are essential to improving access. To further this commitment, the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program was launched in April, allowing nurse practitioners to practise comprehensive patient care autonomously, either by operating their own practices or working independently within existing primary care settings.

Since being announced, the program has garnered a promising response. A total of 67 applications have been submitted, with 56 approved. Of those, 33 nurse practitioners are now practising autonomously in communities throughout Alberta, including in rural locations such as Beaverlodge, Coaldale, Cold Lake, Consort, Morley, Picture Butte, Three Hills, Two Hills, Vegreville and Vermilion.

"I am thrilled about the interest in this program, as nurse practitioners are a key part of the solution to provide Albertans with greater access to the primary health care services they need." Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

To participate in the program, nurse practitioners are required to commit to providing a set number of hours of medically necessary primary care services, maintain a panel size of at least 900 patients, offer after-hours access on weekends, evenings or holidays, and accept walk-in appointments until a panel size reaches 900 patients.

With 33 nurse practitioners practising independently, about 30,000 more Albertans will have access to the primary health care they need. Once the remaining 23 approved applicants begin practising, primary health care access will expand to almost 21,000 more Albertans.

"Enabling nurse practitioners to practise independently is great news for rural Alberta. This is one more way our government is ensuring communities will have access to the care they need, closer to home." Martin Long, parliamentary secretary for rural health

"Nurse practitioners are highly skilled health care professionals and an invaluable part of our health care system. The Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program is the right step to ensuring all Albertans can receive care where and when they need it." Chelsae Petrovic, parliamentary secretary for health workforce engagement

"The NPAA wishes to thank the Alberta government for recognizing the vital role NPs play in the health care system. Nurse practitioners have long advocated to operate their own practices and are ready to meet the growing health care needs of Albertans. This initiative will ensure that more people receive the timely and comprehensive care they deserve." Jennifer Mador, president, Nurse Practitioner Association of Alberta

The Nurse Practitioner Primary Care program not only expands access to primary care services across the province but also enables nurse practitioners to practise to their full scope, providing another vital access point for Albertans to receive timely, high-quality care when and where they need it most.

Quick facts

- Through the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program, nurse practitioners receive about 80 per cent of the compensation that fee-for-service family physicians earn for providing comprehensive primary care.
 - Compensation for nurse practitioners is determined based on panel size (the number of patients under their care) and the number of patient care hours provided.
- Nurse practitioners have completed graduate studies and are regulated by the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta.
- For the second consecutive year, a record number of registrants renewed their permits with the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CRNA) to continue practising nursing in Alberta.
 - There were more than 44,798 registrants and a 15 per cent increase in nurse practitioners.
- Data from the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program show:
 - Nine applicants plan to work on First Nations reserves or Metis Settlements.
 - Parts of the province where nurse practitioners are practising: Calgary (12), Edmonton (five), central (six), north (three) and south (seven).
- Participating nurse practitioners who practise in eligible communities for the Rural, Remote and Northern Program will be provided funding as an incentive to practise in rural or remote areas.
- Participating nurse practitioners are also eligible for the Panel Management Support Program, which helps offset costs for physicians and nurse practitioners to provide comprehensive care as their patient panels grow.

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**multi-ads - \$85.50 + GST

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Thorsby, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby
Arctic Spas Rec Complex and the Warburg Village Office
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**You will find information on our local communities
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WINFIELD
\$99,500
.42 acre lot, older 3 bed 1 bath WinAlta mfg home. Updates furnace (2014), roof (2002), HWT (2020), flooring (2021).



WINFIELD
\$360,000
Over 90m of Modeste Creek frontage. 59.82 acre parcel has approx. 9 acres open with the balance being a mix of spruce,



BRETON
\$225,000
For your business! Office building on main street, attractive street frontage, wheel chair access. Front reception area, office areas



BRETON
\$174,900
Private 30 acres, trees, small pond, open area. Ideal for retreat or your dream home. Approx 10 min to Breton, 30 min to Drayton



BRETON
\$199,500
3 bedroom home, finished basement, deck, firepit, storage shed. Upgrades incl: flooring, kitchen cabinets, dishwasher, shingles.



ALDER FLATS
\$179,900
Completely Renovated
2 bed, 1 bath. new flooring, counters, backsplash, doors, SS appliances, lighting, furnace, electric panel, Hardie Board siding



BUCK LAKE
\$399,900
Beautiful home, natural woodwork, 3 bed 1 bath, hot tub, firepit, double detached garage, share in community dock for your boat.

VACANT LOT
Large lot backs onto golf course with 159 ft of golf course frontage. Natural trees for privacy. Newer neighborhood, no time restrictions to build, modular homes are acceptable (restrictive covenant applies). GST included
BRETON \$49,900

RV LOTS on Pigeon Lake
Own your own RV lot with direct access to Pigeon Lake in a gated, private community. 1.63 acre lots. Condominium Property with natural gas, electricity and sewer at the lot line. Common property includes road and lake front area with 240' of lake frontage. Low condo fees of \$50/mo. Great Opportunity to Be at the Lake at a Great Value! GST applies to purchase price
4 Lots offered at \$130,500 to \$157,500 + GST per lot



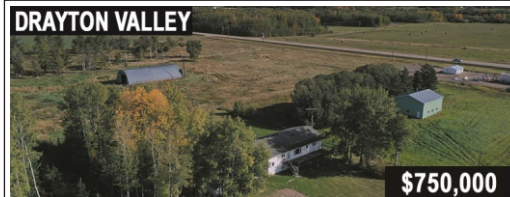
DRAYTON VALLEY
\$299,900
NEW
9 acres - building spot for your dream home. Located just minutes west of Drayton Valley. Creek in enviro res north boundary



DRAYTON VALLEY
\$689,000
NEW
126 acres west of Drayton Valley. Mix of hay land, trees and creek. Annual surface lease revenue \$6552—amount being verified.



BUCK LAKE
\$339,900
0.5 acre, recently completely 2 bed, 2 bath cabin with loft. Short walk to Buck Lake & boat launch. Water well & septic new 2022.



DRAYTON VALLEY
\$750,000
11 ARCES - Spacious bi-level family home w/ partially finished basement (2 bedrms up/2 bedrms down). Heated shop, quonset (power & concrete floor), 2 automatic waterers. Annual surface lease revenue.



161 acres, Modeste Creek, sense of privacy, serene atmosphere, 2 ponds & a meadow, haven for birds, wildlife, a nature oasis. 4 bedrm, 3 1/2 bath home, ICF walkout basement. Easy care landscaping, fire pit/picnic spot by large pond, trails thru trees, a heated insulated shop, w/att 3-bay garage (3-pce bath), storage sheds, older garage, log cabin. Antique machinery, lawn benches & tables included. Most household furniture can be included with the property, making it a truly remarkable and turnkey opportunity for the next owner. Located west of Breton



MULHURST BAY
\$239,000
5.07 acre parcel, partially treed, triple bay, insulated garage, Pond. Your own private campground or build your dream home



DRAYTON VALLEY
\$895,000
Awaiting your development - 10 acre parcel zoned Rural Industrial minutes east of Drayton Valley with great access to Hwy39/22.



WINFIELD LIQUOR LOFT
Opportunity knocks in the community of Winfield, Alberta. Be your own boss of this Liquor Store. The Winfield Liquor Loft has been serving the community & surrounding areas for 12+ years. Buyer needs to obtain their own liquor license from AGLC.

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