

# CONNECT 39

Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

*previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle*

## BUCKS WIN GOLD

The West 39 Bucks U13-1 team hit the road this past weekend for a tournament in Sparwood, BC. They brought home a gold medal and were undefeated in all 4 games they played. Congratulations to U13-1 Bucks for getting gold.

The U9B-White is having their home tournament this coming weekend in Warburg. Come out and support your local minor hockey teams this season.



## LIGHT THE NIGHT WINTER LUMINARY

Don't miss out on Leduc County's' Light the Night: Winter Luminary on Saturday, December 14 from 2-6pm at Rundle's Mission (47436 RR#15 Lakeshore Drive).



Celebrate the holiday season together while enjoying maple candy on snow, ice carving, cookie decorating and test out their 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!

Check out [www.leduc-county.com/recreation](http://www.leduc-county.com/recreation) for more information.

### Reminder for those stressing about Christmas



You don't need matching pyjamas to be happy.

Children need presence more than presents.

A Christmas movie night does not need to be on a 70" inch TV.

Colour coordinated decorations means nothing to children.

The number of presents isn't a reflection of you as a parent.

Your kids will grow up and remember the laugh and love.

**Due to the holidays, there will be NO  
CONNECT 39 ON DECEMBER 27, 2024!**

# Classifieds

## WANTED

**WESKAY CATTLE CO. IS CURRENTLY SEEKING PASTURE, HAY OR CROP LAND** to lease for the 2025 season and on, competitive prices, on time lease payments. Call Wesley 780-982-1093

## WANTED CONCRETE RUBBLE

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.

## SERVICES

### CAT 324 EXCAVATOR AND DOZER FOR HIRE

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Are you considering a separation or divorce? Get a personalized agreement for 80% less than court processes. Mike 780-515-0922.

[familymediationcentreofcanada.ca](http://familymediationcentreofcanada.ca)

## Classified Ads are \$7.50 for 2 weeks

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

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](mailto:media@community39.com)

If you'd like to get a link to the paper in your inbox you can subscribe online or email [media@community39.com](mailto:media@community39.com)



## BILAR'S GARAGE LTD.

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### Holiday Hours

December 24 - OPEN 8am-12pm

December 25-29 - CLOSED

December 30 - OPEN 8am - 5:30pm

December 31 - OPEN 8am - 12pm

January 1 - CLOSED

January 2 - OPEN 8am-5:30pm

## SPECIAL MEETING

### Thorsby Ag Society

*Special meeting to Approve the Year End Financials 2024.*

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

7:00pm at the Haymaker Centre

Dianne 780.906.4520

"little papers...BIG RESULTS"

5	3	8	7	1	9	6	4	2
9	4	6	2	5	8	1	3	7
2	7	1	6	3	4	9	8	5
3	1	4	8	9	7	5	2	6
7	5	9	3	6	2	4	1	8
6	8	2	5	4	1	7	9	3
4	6	5	9	2	3	8	7	1
1	2	7	4	8	5	3	6	9
8	9	3	1	7	6	2	5	4

Sudoku Answers  
from December 6 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.

# Give back. Get paid. **Make a difference.**

Leduc County is accepting applications for paid on-call firefighters!

Become a paid on-call firefighter in the Nisku, New Sarepta, Calmar, Thorsby and Warburg fire districts.

Apply by Dec. 31, 2024 at [leduc-county.com/recruitment](https://leduc-county.com/recruitment) or call 780-955-7099.







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## COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

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

**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 15 - Divine Liturgy on Sunday** at St. John The Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Thorsby at 12:00 p.m. For further information, contact Dan at 780-789-3698.

**December 15 - FREE Christmas Family Pancake Breakfast** at the Warburg Cultural Centre. 8:30am - 2pm. Everyone welcome.

**December 16 - Christmas Open House** hosted by the Village of Breton from 10am-2pm. Conversation & Cookies with Council at the Breton Village Office.

**December 16 - Christmas Drama Club Show** presented by the Breton Youth Centre Drama Club in the Breton High School Band room at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

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

**December 20 - Kick off Christmas Family Bowling Party** at Thorsby Recreation Complex.

**December 20 - FRN Gingerbread Houses** at the Breton Youth Centre from 3:30pm - 5pm.

**January 1 - PJ Day Movie-A-Thon** from 2-4pm & 5-7pm at the Breton Youth Centre

**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

**February 5 - Managing Menopause** class at the Warburg Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic from 6-8pm. Register with Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or email [fcss@warburg.ca](mailto:fcss@warburg.ca)

**February 15 - Comedy Night with the Pepper & Dylan Show's Rob Pepper** hosted by the Warburg playschool. Get your tickets at [www.funnyfundraising.ca](http://www.funnyfundraising.ca)

**February 22 - 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.

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### 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](http://www.community39.com)

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

Thorsby  
Lions Club



Winter  
Wonderland

Entry: CASH DONATION  
TOWARDS THORSBY  
CHRISTMAS ELVES

DEC 20-22 6PM-9PM

DECEMBER 21ST

- HOT CHOCOLATE
- VISITS WITH SANTA CLAUS
- PETTING ZOO

Spread the Joy!

At Thorsby Lions Campground  
Walk Through Display parking available at top of hill  
If handicap injured senior etc you may drive around the  
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See you there!





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### 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](mailto:hr@leducregionalhousing.ca)

**Posting to remain open until a suitable candidate is found.**

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

**\*\*Please note - all events are subject to change. Please email us at [media@community39.com](mailto: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

**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.

**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)

**Sturling 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](mailto: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 except December.

**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](mailto: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

**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.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Drive happiness** a non-profit organization that provides assisted transportation services to older adults through the help of volunteer drivers. Call 780-424-5438 or 1-888-336-4503 or contact your local FCSS for info.

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SOCIETY ANNUAL **FREE** CHRISTMAS  
FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 15 in the Warburg  
Cultural Center**

**8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME**





## Connect with us!

Submitted by Leduc County FRN



Alberta Provincial Family Resource Networks

### Creating memories this holiday season

Do you remember the gifts you got when you were five? How about eight? Or 15? Or even last year? Christmas with kids is often flooded with toys that soon get tossed aside and forgotten about.

There are many ways to celebrate the season including balancing a few toys with gifts that give experiences instead. Christmas can be about spending time together and creating memories your family will remember for years to come.

Below is a list of experience-based gifts to give loved ones to create a memorable season this year:

- Go to the movies
- Make a recipe together
- Get tickets to a live show
- Let them pick where to eat out
- Go to an indoor play place
- Take a trip to the zoo or local amusement park
- Give them a camera to take pictures of their experiences
- Get science experiment book with some supplies
- Go for ice cream
- Spend a night at a hotel
- Go for a train ride
- Create a gardening kit – gloves, gardening tools, and seeds
- Go indoor rock climbing
- Get tickets to a sports game
- Get supplies for a pet fish and go pick out a fish together
- Have a board games night and snacks
- Go mini golfing, go-karting or laser tag
- Put together a family scavenger hunt
- Have a baking day with grandma
- Build a birdhouse with grandpa
- Create a favourite memories jar
- Create a video tribute for a friend or loved one
- Put a time capsule together
- Visit your local library
- Make slime or playdough together

However you celebrate, we hope you enjoy the togetherness of family and the spirit of the season this year. **Happy holidays from the Leduc County Family Resource Network!**

For more information on child development, our programs and other learning activities visit us at our Thorsby Family Resource Network (FRN) site located at 4908 48 St. in the modular across from the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex.

We are open for drop in on Tuesdays from 2 – 8 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Reach us at **780-979-2385** or [frn@leduc-county.com](mailto:frn@leduc-county.com) for any questions.



### Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

#### December 9 Crib scores:

1st Place: Eugene Senio - 947  
2nd Place: Aime Brosseau - 946  
3rd Place: Nestor Dobko - 933

*High Hand of 24: Eleanore Dobko, Orest Fitzowich,  
Joan Hunt and Eugene Senio*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!**

#### Next crib event: NOTE NEW TIME!

**Monday, December 16 at 1:00 pm**  
**Thorsby Seniors Center / Admission: \$6**

**McDonald's can get your order wrong 1,000 times and you still support it..... But when a local business makes a mistake once....you criticize it for life.**

**Walmart can raise prices overnight and you still shop. A small business owner gives you their price, and you always want a discount or question the price.**

**Don't be that person  
Let's support small entrepreneurs**





Merry  
Christmas

Happy New Year

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Our Office will be closed from **12:00pm**  
**December 24th to January 1st** for  
the holidays!

Normal hours resume January 2, 2025.

Have a safe & happy  
Holiday season from our family to yours!

**IMPORTANT NOTE FROM**  
**Community**<sup>39</sup>  
Enterprises

a division of CE Media Signs & Promotional

The last issue for 2024 of the Breton Booster for December 25 will be delivered December 24 & the last issue for 2024 of Connect 39 will be the December 20th issue.

There will be **NO Connect 39 on December 27** or **NO Breton Booster on January 1, 2025.**

Connect 39 will resume January 3, 2025 (*deadline December 31 at noon*) and the Breton Booster will resume January 8, 2025.



*Merry Christmas*  
*& Happy New Year*



from Darcy, Sharon, Brandon,  
Sarah, Kade & Lane Powlik



*Thank you to all our  
customers who supported us  
over this past year!*



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Very Merry Christmas and all  
the best in the New Year!*

*\* Thank you for your  
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Our Holiday hours will be:

**OPEN**

December 23 & 24, 2024

8am to 4:30pm

**CLOSED**

December 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2024

**OPEN**

December 30 & 31, 2024

8am to 4:30 pm

**CLOSED**

January 1, 2025

Phone No. 780-848-2365

[warscp@gmail.com](mailto:warscp@gmail.com)

[www.warburgseed.com](http://www.warburgseed.com)

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Warburg  
Public Library

[www.warburglibrary.ca](http://www.warburglibrary.ca)

## UPDATE

Submitted by Gail O'Neil

Ph: 780-848-2391 / Fax: 780-848-2296

[warburglibrary@yr1.ab.ca](mailto:warburglibrary@yr1.ab.ca)

the Library is also on FB and Instagram

OPEN Monday - Thursdays 10am - 5pm

Friday - Sunday CLOSED

### WARBURG LIBRARY'S DECEMBER HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 10am – 5pm, Friday – Sunday  
closed. Holidays Hours: December 24-January 1  
closed, January 2nd back to regular hours

### Christmas Spirits event:

On December 6, the library hosted their first Christmas Spirits event. A group of 25 community members came together to sample six different holiday cocktails and mocktails. There was also demonstrations on how to make the drinks. It was a very successful event with many people saying they enjoyed the evening. Thank you for everyone that came and special thanks to Shannon, Robyn and Christina for organizing and putting on the event.



**Warburg Public Library 2024 Christmas draw:** 50/50 and more prizes, gift baskets, gift cards, donations coming in weekly, lots to win and support the library's programs and furniture purchases. Draw was held Wednesday December 18. You do not need to be present to win, Staff will call you.



### Extended December Shopping Hours!

Mondays 12-5pm

Tuesdays 12-5pm

Wednesdays 12-5pm

Thursdays 11-7pm

Fridays 11-7pm

Saturdays 10-5pm

Sundays 10-5pm



We are open 12-3pm Christmas Eve December 24



We are closed December 25, December 26,  
and January 1.



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780-985-2522

open 7 days/week 12-5 pm  
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lots of Vintage Christmas goods in stock,  
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Warm wishes

# **Thorsby Tire Shop**

**We wish you peace and good tidings this holiday season, and our sincerest thanks for working with us this year. We appreciate your business and looking forward to serving you again in 2025.**

**Derryl & Jackie, Emil & Irene and all the staff at  
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**780-789-3975**





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# CANADA POST STRIKE

*Alberta News, December 11, 2024*

**Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade Matt Jones issued the following statement on the Canada Post strike:**

"Alberta's government is deeply concerned by the lack of progress in negotiations between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

"While our government fully respects the collective bargaining process, after considerable feedback from Alberta's charities and small businesses, we have heard clearly that reliable postal services are essential to both Canada's and Alberta's economies.

"This strike has already had serious and far-reaching effects on Albertans, from individuals waiting for personal mail during the Christmas season, to businesses that depend on timely deliveries to successfully operate and remain profitable.

"According to the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, the Canada Post strike costs small- and medium-sized businesses in Canada \$76 million per day. As of today, it is estimated the Canada Post strike has cost Canadian businesses over \$2 billion.

"Small- and medium-sized businesses make up 99.8 per cent of all businesses in Alberta, representing 13 per cent of Canada's small- and medium-sized businesses. Each day this situation goes unresolved, it intensifies the long-term challenges for Alberta's businesses, consumers and the economy.

"The strike has also severely disrupted the ability for charities to receive donations and communicate with supporters, jeopardizing their critical work in communities across Alberta.

"The federal government must use every tool at its disposal and take immediate action to end this strike before it harms more Canadians and further damages the livelihoods of countless Albertans and Alberta's economy."

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES DECLARATION

#### SERVICE ALBERTA AND RED TAPE REDUCTION

Due to the Canada Post mail strike, expiry dates for the interim driver's licence issued from November 1, 2024 to January 14, 2025 are extended to expire on February 15, 2025. Albertans with interim driver's licences can continue to operate a motor vehicle while awaiting the final driver's licence card once mail service is reinstated. Motor Vehicle Services continue to be delivered through Alberta's Registry Agents and online.

Visit [Alberta.ca](https://alberta.ca) for additional information

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5105 47 Ave, Wetaskiwin  
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TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

## TIPS From TOPS!

From Pearl Elson

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

### I BELIEVE

**I Believe ...** That just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other: And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do love each other.

**I Believe ...** That we don't have to change friends, if we understand that friends change

**I Believe ...** That no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you once in a while, and you must forgive them for that.

**I Believe ...** That true friendship continues to grow even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

**I Believe ...** That you can do something in an instant, that will give you heartache for life.

**I Believe ...** That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

**I Believe ...** That you can keep going long after you think you can't.

**I Believe ...** That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

**I Believe ...** That either you control your attitude, or it controls you.

**I Believe ...** That heroes are the people who do what must be done, when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

**I Believe ...** That my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best of time.

**I Believe ...** That sometimes, the people you expect to kick you when you're down, may be the ones to help you get back up.

**I Believe ...** That sometimes when I'm angry, I have the right to be angry but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

**I Believe ...** That maturity has more to do with what type of experiences you've had, and what you've learned from them, and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated

**I Believe ..** That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

**I Believe ...** That no matter how bad your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop you for your grief.

**I Believe ...** That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

**I Believe ...** That you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life forever.

**I Believe ...** Two people can look at the exact same thing, and see something totally different.

**I Believe ...** That your life can be changed in a matter of hours, by people who don't even know you.

**I Believe ...** That even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength to help.

**I Believe ...** Those credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

**I Believe ...** That the people you care about most in life, are taken from you too soon

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December 25	Closed	Closed	9am - 5pm
December 26	Closed	Closed	9am - 5pm
December 27	9am - 5pm	9am - 4:30pm	8am - 8pm
December 28	10am - 5pm	10am - 4:30pm	9am - 5pm
December 29	Closed	Closed	9am - 5pm
December 30	9am - 5pm	9am - 4:30pm	8am - 8pm
December 31	Closed 12pm	Closed 12pm	9am - 5pm
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## Eggnog

### Ingredients

- 2 eggs, separated
- 1/4 cup sugar, divided
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup rum, bourbon or brandy
- Garnish: grated nutmeg

### Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat the egg yolks with 3 tablespoons of the sugar until fluffy.
2. Stir in the milk, heavy cream and your spirit of choice.
3. In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites with the remaining 1 tablespoon of sugar until soft peaks form.
4. Fold the egg whites into the yolk mixture.
5. Divide between four rocks glasses or punch or tea cups.
6. Garnish each with freshly grated nutmeg

## Irish Coffee

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 ounces Irish whiskey
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- Hot brewed coffee, to top
- Garnish: whipped cream

### Directions

1. Fill an Irish Coffee mug with hot water, let sit for 2 minutes, then discard the water.
2. Add the whiskey and sugar to the heated glass, fill with the coffee, and stir.
3. Top with an inch of unsweetened lightly whipped cream.

## Under the Mistletoe

### Ingredients

- 4 cranberries
- 2 orange half-wheels
- 1/2 ounce simple syrup
- 2 ounces London dry gin
- Cranberry juice, to top
- Club soda, chilled, to top
- Garnish: thyme sprig
- Garnish: 3 cranberries

### Directions

1. In a Collins glass, muddle the cranberries and orange half-wheels with the simple syrup.
2. Fill the glass with ice and add the gin.
3. Top with a mixture of two parts cranberry juice to one part club soda.
4. Stir with a thyme sprig, leaving it in the glass, and garnish with three additional cranberries.

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### What's New @ Thorsby Municipal Library by Susan Parkinson



from the  
Thorsby Municipal Library Board  
and Staff

The New Year is just around the corner, and we're excited about the opportunities it brings! At Thorsby Municipal Library, we're busy planning programs and exploring new ways to serve our community. Stay in the loop by visiting our webpage and following us

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# Stories of Life by PK

## CHRISTMAS GIFT

Each Christmas it is a family tradition to give those who you love a Christmas gift. It doesn't have to be a big expense gift, just something given with a smile and a reminder that they are important in your life. Some people struggle for hours, days, or even weeks, wondering what to get. How much to spend? Who to buy something for? There are other people who try to recall who gave them a gift last year, so that they can be sure to reciprocate this year.

Gifts are especially appreciate by the kids and grandkids. Remember the days of wide-eyed excitement and anticipation? What was in that brightly decorated box under the tree, with your name on it? Remember shaking it on the days leading up to Christmas morning and guessing what it might be? Those days were truly magical.

If I were to ask you, what was the gift that you received when you were ten, I am guessing that you wouldn't remember. OK, how about the gift you got that Christmas morning when you were 14? How about when you were 24? 32? 40? So, what is the point of these questions? The point is this, you may have received a gift that you loved, years ago, but can no longer recall what it was. The probability is much higher that you remember receiving it from a particular person though. The real "gift" I would say, is the love that accompanies the gift from the giver.

That being said, my challenge this Christmas is to focus more on the purpose of giving. The thing that will be remembered most is your love, your kindness, and your forgiveness. Perhaps you have been hurt by a family member or a friend and have decided to exclude them from your Christmas list. For some, Christmas is a hard time because of these situations and times when all is supposed to be "merry and bright". To you, it is anything but a joyful time.

My Christmas wish for you is that you will be released from this sadness and be able to rise above it by extending love to those who have hurt or wronged you. The reason that I wish this for you is that it will free you up to truly enjoy the season. You are worth it! By releasing others, it releases you too. Romans 5:8 *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* I am thinking that the best Christmas gift you can give this year is a little love and forgiveness, wrapped in a smile.

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## Warburg Legion Branch No. 205

### The Warburg Legion Newsletter December 2024

As we finish up the Poppy Campaign, we are very excited to name our winners for The Poster & Literacy Contest. This event has us so excited as the entries were all winners. However, the kind folks who came out to help judge each level were amazed at all the work of the kids from four schools, their task was not easy. So, students be very proud of yourselves!

#### **Breton Elementary**

##### **Primary – Color Poster**

Kason Wollen - First Place

Chloe Hanna - Second Place

Madelyn Shell - Third Place

##### **Junior – Color Poster**

Lily Scott - First Place

Eva Foort-Tytiandsvik - Second Place

Nova Olson - Third Place

#### **Breton High School**

##### **Intermediate – Poem**

Chantell Campbell - First Place

Madelyn Emmonds - Second Place

Maysen Belland - Third Place

##### **Intermediate- Essay**

Rylin Krel - First Place

Sara Gillis - Second Place

Payton Baker - Third Place

#### **Warburg School**

##### **Primary – Color Poster**

Lily Anne Mass - First Place

Ryker Prenioslo - Second Place

Taron Blakewiez - Third Place

##### **Junior – Color Poster**

Eeshoor Muthali - First Place

Elliott Cropley - Second Place

Ellicia Baisa - Third Place

##### **Junior – Black & White Poster**

Theodore Tran - First Place

##### **Senior - Color Poster**

*(Judges felt these two needed to be first – tie)*

Freya Abram – First Place

Breanna Vultur -First Place

#### **Warburg Colony School**

##### **Primary – Color Poster**

Logan Wipf – First Place

Kelvin Wipf – Second Place

Aalijah Wipf - Third Place

##### **Junior – Color Poster**

Jediah Wipf – First Place

Jackson Wipf – Second Place

Ivan Wipf – Third Place

##### **Intermediate – Color Poster**

Amy Wipf – First Place

Elijah Wipf – Second Place

Megan Wipf – Third Place

##### **Senior - Black & White Poster**

Johannes Wipf – First Place



Here is a picture from our Remembrance Day! This picture has a group walk of all our visitors doing a final salute on our cenotaph.

We had the honor of Squadron 1 CMG HQ & Sig Sqn Based at CFB Edmonton. This team provides various communications programs for their commander keeping lines of communication for service, supporting domestic communications links between civil officials and supporting government agencies when services were cut in emergency services as well helping during the Pandemic with medical aid. It is a special honor for them to visit schools and communities to celebrate commemorations or Remembrance Day!

We are so thankful to have them visit us as well as supervisors from our Fire and Ambulance Service. We are also pleased to have a retired Veteran & Legion Speaker CPO 2nd Class Sargent Tracy Schultz speak to us on PTSD. Cadets, Officers, Dignitaries and Legion Members all share this walk.

This was a special year for us, having finished phase 1 and bringing the Warburg Legion 205 to code and the hard work of our volunteers and community supporters.

##### **Lets look ahead.....**

We are looking for someone who will teach line dancing at the Legion to a bunch of us who like to dance. Please call Dorothy 780-691-3833.

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Watch for January 2024 Highlights! Merry Xmas to All from the members of the Warburg Legion 205!

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# Laurie's Laughs



**WHEN I WAS A KID, THIS IS  
HOW CHRISTMAS TREES LOOKED**



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

How to decorate a Christmas tree when you have cats. 🐱



Here's a marriage tip, if you need a new can opener just get a new can opener. Don't give one to your wife for Christmas.

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Answers will be published in the next issue!



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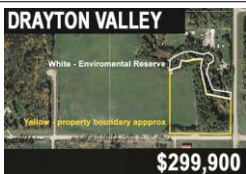
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