

# CONNECT39

Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

*previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle*

## CALMAR COLLEGIATE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

*Black Gold School Division, December 16, 2024*

Progress is underway at Calmar Collegiate Secondary School as construction moves full steam ahead toward its Fall 2025 opening, and with programming plans nearly finalized, the school is on track to become a hub for hands-on learning and career preparation for students to thrive in Alberta's booming trades sector.

Current developments include the installation of the main structural beam and the construction of a connecting piece from the new addition to the main school. Once this connection is complete the pre-engineered building will be added and then the concrete floors will be poured. Work on the interior of the addition, classrooms, offices, and washrooms will follow. The aim is to have the building ready by the spring, with equipment installation beginning soon thereafter.

The Collegiate school will house innovative programming tailored for students in Grades 10-12, focusing on three skilled trades – carpentry, electrical, and pipe trades:

- Grade 10 students will be introduced to the three trades, and will participate in off-site visits to shops throughout the year to gain real-world insights, to complement their core academic studies.
- Grade 11 will feature hands-on learning in a trimester system, which will give students the

opportunity to more deeply explore the three trades while working together.

- Grade 12 students can enroll in pre-apprenticeship programs, which offer 12 weeks of full-day technical training to prepare them for First Period apprenticeship exams.

Once they graduate, students can enter the workforce and continue their journey from apprenticeship to journeyman.

Students will learn from industry professionals alongside certified teachers, thanks to the Black Gold School Division's strong partnerships with Northern Lakes College, the Building Trades of Alberta, and the Educational Partnership Foundation.



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

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[media@community39.com](mailto:media@community39.com)

## SEW HEAVENLY QUILTERS



of Warburg were very pleased to donate 31 quilts to Victim Services.



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Thank you for your support and all the best in 2025!



**Dawn Heisler 780-619-2564 (cell)**

780-986-2900 (office) [www.dawnheisler.remax.ca](http://www.dawnheisler.remax.ca)

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5	9	7	1	3	4	2	8	6

Sudoku Answers  
from December 13 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.



## NOW HIRING

**Wilf Brandt Trucking Ltd.** is seeking Experienced Class 1 Oilfield Drivers, for Year-Round Production Fluid Hauling in the Warburg, Thorsby, Leduc, Drayton Valley and Pigeon Lake areas.

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## Youth directory



We all need a bit of help and direction sometimes and that's totally okay.

Featuring various supports and resources, the youth directory is designed for youth in our community.

It has contact and web information for a variety of services to help ensure they are getting the support they need.

Check it out at [www.leduc-county.com/youth-directory](http://www.leduc-county.com/youth-directory) or scan the QR code to access information, resources and support.



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

**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 from 3-8pm.

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

**December 29 - Pancake Breakfast** at the Warburg Legion from 8:30am - 11:30am. \$10 per plate. Kids under 5 free.

**December 29 - 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

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

**January 12 - Pancake Breakfast** at the Warburg Legion from 8:30am - 11:30am. \$10 per plate. Kids under 5 free.

**January 12 - Sunnybrook Hall AGM** at 2pm

**January 14 - Diamond Art Class** at the Thorsby Seniors Centre at 1pm.

**January 17 - Drumming Circle** at the Thorsby Seniors Centre. Free to members, \$10 for non-members. Pre-register.

**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 21 - Coffee Get Together** at the Thorsby Seniors Centre at 1pm

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

**January 25 - Newfoundland Kitchen Party** at the Warburg Legion at 6pm. \$30 per ticket (pre-sale). For tickets contact Deb at 780-848-2923

**January 29 - Thorsby Seniors Meeting.** Potluck lunch at 12pm and meeting starts at 1pm

**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.

### 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....**

The Warburg Legion Branch No. 205

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

*Sunday, December 29, 2024*

*8:30am - 11:30am*

*@ Warburg Legion, Warburg, AB*



*Coffee Pot is on!  
Special features!  
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*\$10 per plate. Kids under 5 free*

*Come Visit us!*

*\*Legion members and invited guests*



OFFICIAL LETTER

# SANTA CLAUS

December 21st, 2024

Dear Town of Thorsby

Ho ho ho! I'm excited to announce that I will be visiting the Thorsby Lions Winter Wonderland on December 21st from 6 PM to 9 PM! I'll be bringing along free hot chocolate for everyone to enjoy while we celebrate the holiday season together.

We also have a delightful petting zoo that evening, where everyone can meet some furry friends! And that's not all! The Lions Club is planning a spectacular fireworks display near the campground at 9 PM on the same night. It will be a magical evening filled with joy, laughter, and festive cheer.

I can't wait to see all the smiling faces in Thorsby!

yours truly, *Santa Claus*

**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**

**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 Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15pm.

**Soup & Sandwiches** at the Thorsby Seniors Centre starting at 11:30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the mth 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 will be back January 9.

**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.

**Sew Heavenly Quilters** meet at 10am on Thursdays at the Warburg Cultural Centre.

**Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store** - CLOSED from December 21 - January 9 for the holidays.

**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. NO SOCIAL IN DECEMBER

**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** - CLOSED from December 21 - January 9 for the holidays.

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

**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** - CLOSED until January 9.

**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.





## Kathryn (Klymko) Pankewitz

February 24, 1927 – December 7, 2024



Kathryn (Kay) passed away peacefully on December 7th, 2024, after living a full and healthy life. Born on February 24th, 1927, in Mlyn, Poland, first daughter of her parents, Peter and Mary Klymko, she was one year old when her father, Peter, emigrated by himself to Canada in search of a new life for his family in the farming communities of the prairies in western Canada. After four years of saving every penny, Peter had earned enough money to bring his wife, Mary, and daughter, Kay, to Canada aboard the ship Montcalm, landing in Montreal in 1931, and then across Canada by rail. Peter and Mary worked at various farms in the Calmar area, and a second daughter, Jeannette was born in 1936. Finally in 1940, they had saved enough to buy their own farm, just east of Sunnybrook, and in 1942, a third daughter, Elizabeth arrived. This farm has remained in the family today.

Kay and her sisters worked hard along with their parents supporting the farm. Kay attended school up to grade 9.

In 1946, Kay married John Pankewitz. They settled in Sunnybrook where she worked with John in their garage known as the Sunnybrook Service Station and supported John in Panky's Sand and Gravel.

Kay and John were blessed with four children : Reginald (Linda), Sylvia (Pierre Crevolin) Judy, Danny (Chris); seven grandchildren : Jeffrey, Chad, Michelle (Spencer), Patrick (Maggie), Catrina (Lee), Tyler (Megan) and Tiffany (Jesse); and fourteen great grandchildren : Noella, Isaac, Max, Owen, Miles, Reid, Xavier, Greta, Jax, Tayze, Blaze, Breely, Kace, and Whitley.

Kay was predeceased by John in 1994, and brother-in-law Glen Smith in 2022. She is survived by all of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, sister Jeanette, sister Elizabeth (George Ostapchuk), numerous nieces and nephews, and cousin Katarzyna Kowala in Poland.

Kay lived a healthy life. She was an awesome cook, known for her cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, head cheese and her renowned poppyseed chiffon cake. She was a hard working lady and loved spending time outside with a large garden, plenty of potatoes, carrots, and peas. She loved her roses, dahlias and other flowers.

In her last few weeks, Kay fell ill and was not able to live on her own. She realized she would lose her hard-fought independence, and her family is comforted to know that she left this life on her own terms.

*Expressions of gratitude and love are graciously extended to the staff and residents of the Cloverleaf Manor who were always checking in and helping to make Kay's final days pleasant. The family would also like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Devon Hospital for their care of Kay during her short time in the hospital.*

**A private family gathering celebrating Kay's life will be held at a later date.**





## Connect with us!

Submitted by Village of Warburg FCSS

**Have questions? Need support? Contact Warburg FCSS – Katlynn Prenioslo 780-848-2828**

**In office Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8:30am- 5pm**

### Upcoming Registered Sessions

Registration is required for all upcoming sessions and space is limited. Call 780-979-2385 or 1-888-301-FCSS to learn more.

### Holiday Money Hangover

The holidays are a special time for friends and family but can bring financial stress. Many people face a “holiday hangover” when credit card bills arrive. If you would rather save for what matters to you, join this informative session. With the right support, you can pay off holiday debts and plan for the year to come. Give yourself a future without the holiday hangover, so it can be more enjoyable knowing the bills are paid!

**Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025

**Time:** 12 to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom online

### Managing Menopause

Dealing with hot flashes, night sweats, trouble sleeping or mood swings related to menopause? Discover ways to help manage these symptoms through lifestyle changes, pelvic floor therapy, non-prescription and prescription therapy options including a detailed discussion on hormone therapy. Sessions will be facilitated by Melissa, a registered nurse at the Leduc Beaumont Devon Primary Care Network. She grew up on a farm in Leduc County and has built her career in rural nursing.

Two options: attend in person or online!

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025

**Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.

**Location:** Warburg Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic (5212 50 Ave. Warburg)

**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025

**Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom online

### Home Alone – parent & child

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

This workshop focuses on home alone skills and readiness, as well as emergencies, back up plans and scenario practices.

Children must be a minimum of nine years old to attend. A parent or caregiver must be in attendance.

**Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025

**Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.

**Location:** Warburg Village Office basement (5212 50 ave. Warburg)

**Our office will be CLOSED December 25, 26, 27 & January 1, 2, 3 for the Holidays!**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
wishing you a season full of love, laughter  
and joy!**



## Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

### December 16 Crib scores:

1st Place: Rod Blair 948

2nd Place: Marion Snider 946

3rd Place: Phyllis Yawney 931

*High Hand of 24: Eleanore Dobko*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!**

### Next crib event:

**Monday, December 23 at 1:00 pm**

**Thorsby Seniors Center / Admission: \$6**

**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  
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circle. let gate attendant know! Date/Time may be subject to  
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**See you there!**

# 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.







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  
the Thorsby Tire Shop**

**780-789-3975**



## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

### Leduc County offices:

- ▶ Dec. 24 — open 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ Dec. 25, 26 and 27 — closed
- ▶ Dec. 31 — open 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ Jan. 1, 2025 — closed
- ▶ Jan. 2, 2025 — open (regular business hours)

### Waste transfer stations:

- ▶ Dec. 25 — closed
- ▶ Dec. 26 — open
- ▶ Jan. 1, 2025 — closed
- ▶ Jan. 2, 2025 — open

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### Warburg's Annual Christmas draw was a success!

Thanks to the amazing community members  
and businesses who donated such wonderful  
prizes and **EVERYONE** who bought a ticket.

**A big Thank you to all of the Donators who  
helped make this a very successful draw!**

- \* The Tran Family (large gift basket of assorted deluxe chocolates,
- \* 3-D Line Locating Ltd ( large assorted gift basket)
- \* Burns Wood products (1 bundle of firewood)
- \* Leduc County (fleece blanket reading basket)
- \* Pauline Brandt (Woman's basket)
- \* Chris Sarvas (Yoga mat in a carry bag)
- \* Christina McDowell (Young Living diffuser and oil)
- \* The Duiker Family (Woman's Avon so soft basket)
- \* The Sontag Family (Chapters gift card)
- \* Twa Dug Farms (wooden Christmas decorations)
- \* Sew Heavenly Quilters (Quilt)
- \* Warburg Village Market (Munchies basket)
- \* Willow Valley Greenhouse (\$25.00 gift certificate)
- \* Warburg Village Office (insulated soft bag and queen size sherpa blanket)
- \* Young at Heart Quilters (Quilt)

*We sincerely apologize if we missed anyone.*

### WARBURG LIBRARY'S DECEMBER HOURS

Monday – Thursday 10am – 5pm

Friday – Sunday closed

### HOLIDAY HOURS

December 24-January 1 **CLOSED**

January 2nd back to regular hours



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**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  
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## 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

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INVITATION

### PIGEON LAKE FEEDER CO-OP ASSOCIATION

**DATE:** Friday, January 10th, 2025  
**LOCATION:** Falun Community Centre Hall,  
1 Mile West of Junc. Hwy 795 & Hwy 13  
**TIME:** 7:30 pm

**YOUR ATTENDANCE IS  
WELCOMED & APPRECIATED**

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## Thorsby Elementary School December-Updates



### Story time in 1N with Mr. Hendrickson



### Dallas Arcand-Hoop Dancer



### November Student of the Month Recipients



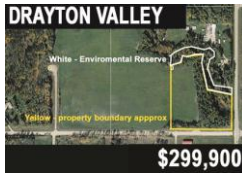




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# CANADA POST BACK TO WORK

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## Resuming operations: Important information for customers

Canada Post will restart operations on Tuesday, December 17 and begin the process of safely ramping up and stabilizing operations across the country. With our large, integrated network of processing plants, depots and post offices, stabilizing operations will take time and we ask for your patience as we do this safely.

We will start by working through the mail and parcels trapped in the system since the strike began on November 15. **New commercial volumes will not be accepted into the network until Thursday, December 19. This means we will not pick up or accept mail or parcels at our plants or depots for the first 48 hours.** These first two days will give us the time we need to safely reopen facilities, restart machines and vehicles that have been idle for weeks, and begin working through the volumes in our network.

As new volumes are accepted, mail and parcels will be secured and delivered on a first-in, first-out basis. **Customers should expect delivery delays through the remainder of 2024 and into January 2025.**

### What this means for customers

To help customers better plan and prepare, here is some information on what they can expect in the days ahead:

#### Parcels

- Customers should expect delays and restrictions as we stabilize our operations, including for pickups, drop-offs and delivery.
- Scheduled pickups will start on December 19, but it will take several days to process items. We will make a best effort to collect all items at the time of the pickup; if that is not possible due to volumes or equipment availability, we will return to pick up the remaining items either the same day or next day.
- On-demand pickups will not be available until Monday, December 23.

#### On-time service guarantees

- Service guarantees are suspended as the company ramps up operations.
- Once the network is stabilized, we will notify customers when on-time service guarantees are reinstated.

#### Return labels and call-for items

- All return labels created on or after October 15 will remain valid for up to 45 days until our operations stabilize.

- We will also restart the clock on all items currently held for customer pick-up at post offices, regardless of whether the office was open or closed during the strike.
- Beginning December 17, consumers will have 15 days to pick up their parcel before it is returned to the sender.

#### Parcel Redirection service

- If customers leveraged Parcel Redirection during the strike, we will do our best to locate and redirect their parcel. However, our ability to fulfill Parcel Redirection requests will be limited until operations stabilize.

#### International mail and parcels

- Canada Post will work to process a significant accumulation of international mail and parcels currently queued up to enter the postal system.
- Customers should expect delays into 2025.
- The postal system will start accepting new international mail on Monday, December 23.

#### Neighbourhood Mail

- Date-specific Neighbourhood Mail is not currently available. The service will resume once our operations and volumes have stabilized.
- We will notify customers as soon as we are able to resume date-specific Neighbourhood Mail.
- All other Neighbourhood Mail in our system will be delivered as upon receipt.

#### Transaction Mail

- Service standards for Transaction Mail will be affected in the short term.
- Transaction Mail trapped in the network by the strike will be processed and delivered on a first-in, first-out basis.
- We will work to move new volume as quickly as possible.
- We'll notify customers when service standards return to normal.

#### Stay informed

Continue to visit our website for the latest information on negotiations and updates on strike activity.



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## THORSBY SENIORS CENTER NEWS

Submitted by Shirley Dool

Merry Christmas everyone. Another year has passed us by so quickly. We have had a lot of great times this past year with weiner roasts at the Lions Park, trips to Jubilation Theater and the Mayfield Inn, and enjoying functions at the Community Hall in town. We also tried out various wines at our first Wine and Cheese party. We had a great time visiting the New Humble school this spring, where we enjoyed a lovely meal, and were given a potting plant by the students. Part of the costs to these events are covered by the club, and transportation is provided free.

If you are a senior over the age of 55 years, you can participate in all this fun, by becoming a member for only \$10.00 for the year. Our meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month, preceeding with a potluck meal. During the winter months we meet at noon for lunch, meeting starts at 1:00 PM. In the spring, summer and fall, we have supper at 6:00 PM with the meeting beginning at 7:00PM.

In January there are several upcoming events. On January 14th there will be a Diamond Art class with kits available, at 1:00PM.

On January 17th, we are holding a Drumming Circle at 1:00 PM. This is free to members, and \$10.00 fee to non members. Please pre-register to participate in this event.

On January 21st, there will be a coffee get together at 1:00 PM. Bring any crafts, puzzles, cards or yourself for a visit to chase away those winter blues and boredom.

Soup and Sandwich, Bingo and the Thrift Store will all reopen the second week in January. The next Seniors meeting will be held January 29th, with potluck lunch at 12:00 and meeting starts at 1:00 PM.

Mark your next years calendar and come join us! Happy Holidays everyone!



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## Perfume & Axle Grease

by Shirley Dool

Merry Christmas everyone. It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. Perhaps it is part of growing older, that the world zooms around us at jet speed.

Christmas has a different vibe for our family these days, as a vital piece of our family was lost five years ago in January 2020.

I have been thinking about some past Christmases in my life, and have had a few chuckles. You might get a chuckle as well.

While my Grandma Piel was alive, her house was always the center of family celebrations. I was probably around 3 or 4 at the time, and someone in the family got the idea to play Santa. The masks in those early 50's were not exactly the prettiest, so Santa was more terrifying than jolly. I remember sitting in grandma's rocking chair, rocking away, minding my own business, when I heard a knock on the window. I saw this terrifying bearded face looking directly at me! I let out a scream and ran into grandma's bedroom and hid. It took a lot of convincing to get me out from under the bed.

My folks always had a hired hand, and the one who lived with us the longest was Claus Johnson. One year, when I was eleven or so, he gave me a box of Japanese oranges, of my very own, for a Christmas gift. He knew that I loved these Christmas oranges, and I still do.

My dad was Swedish, and for years our family belonged to the Nordstarjanen Vasa club. Every Christmas, the Vasa had a Christmas concert everyone could participate in. I sang and played my instruments and participated in skits until I had children and grandchildren. Then they carried on with the tradition. My granddaughters have played St Lucia in the pageants and the grandsons dressed as Tom Tom's (elf's) over the years. After the concert we would all dance around the Christmas Tree until Santa came to hand out bags of treats. Then, the tree was moved out of the center of the dance floor, and the adults would dance the Hunger March. The potluck supper followed. Our Vasa disbanded a few years ago and I sure miss it.

The Vasa would also have a lutefisk supper in January. Lutefisk is dried cod, soaked in lye, then soaked again until the lye is out. To cook it, you can boil it, or steam it in the oven. I tried making Lutefisk the first Christmas after my mom passed. I didn't pay attention when she used to cook it, so I guessed how it was done. I boiled it too long, and I got the fishiest pot of glue in the world. Lutefisk is hard to acquire and costs more than lobster, so I tried to eat it, but to no avail. It was disgusting!

Nobody in the family likes Lutefisk except my late mom, me and my son-in-law. Lawrence, my husband, would tell me to go cook it outside because it also has a strong odor. While I was growing up, Lutefisk was our "turkey,"

the special event meal.

Lawrence proposed to me on December 23rd, 1968. He asked my mom and dad permission to marry me. To celebrate our engagement, my mom and dad invited all of Lawrence's family; parents, siblings, uncles and aunts from Thorsby, to their home.

My mom was German, my dad was Swedish and Lawrence's family were Ukrainian. There were many different traditions and food choices that our families were about to meet.

Of course, this being a very, very special occasion, Lutefisk must be served. Mom had cabbage rolls, German style, with hamburger. That was different! Sweet potatoes, swimming in butter and slightly caramelized, but what was a sweet potato? She had turkey and dressing and cranberries, phew, but the best of the best was the Lutefisk!

As this was the piece de resistance, it was presented with smile's and anticipation. Each Ukrainian future in-law looked at one another then at the fragrant fishy item before them. Mom explained what Lutefisk was, and how you could eat it with melted butter or white sauce and a bit of allspice. Uncle Metro took some first. He had eaten Lutefisk in Norway, while stationed with the army. My future husband took a sniff and just said nope, and in our fifty years of marriage never tried it. Some of the braver ones took a teeny tiny sliver, and then ate something else. Uncle Steve said he liked all fish, and took a good helping. He then proceeded to use every type of sauce, gravy, and finally ketchup to get his fish down. He never had lutefisk again.

Meanwhile, my family enjoyed every morsel and licked our lips. I'm pretty sure first impressions were a bit tainted over this meal.

In conclusion, Merry Christmas!

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season, filled with good memories, lots of laughter, few tears and great food. Maybe, if you are Scandinavian, Lutefisk will be in Santa's sack, although you will be able to smell it before it gets under your tree.



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## MULHURST LEGION BRANCH NO. 246 2024 YEAR END WRAP UP

As 2024 comes to an end, the members of the Mulhurst Legion No. 246 would like to thank everyone that has helped with making 2024 a successful year.

We would first like to thank all of our Veterans, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, R.C.M.P. members and all of their families for what they continue to give to a grateful nation.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that have helped with Legion events over the year. From Kate and Sandra H. running our monthly socials, to Yvonne, Bodil, Terri, David M. and Marie at our weekly Bingos, Dianna and Ken with our Peace Hills Bingo events, Ben and Bodil as Hospitality Chairpersons, Don D. organizing our pancake breakfast and Dave H. and Wayne running our monthly Games Day, we could not run a Legion Branch without such wonderful volunteers.

Every member that helps with weekly Bingo call back, Wetaskiwin Bingo, social events, our August long weekend Pancake breakfast, helping host our District 4 sporting events, Remembrance Day, the spring Ice Golf tournament and our Christmas Gala and Awards Night is very much appreciated.

We would like to give a huge thank you to the Mulhurst Bay Community League for their support and use of their Community Hall for our August long weekend Pancake Breakfast, our Remembrance Day Service and our Christmas Gala and Awards Night. Many members of the Community League help the Legion host these key events.

The Mulhurst Legion would like to thank Tammy and her crew at the Sandholm Corner Store for their support selling our Christmas Dinner and raffle tickets. Their continued support of the Legion Poppy Campaign is greatly appreciated.

Mostly, we would like to thank all of the area residents, from near and afar, that support our Legion events. Without your support the Legion would not be able to give assistance to our Veterans and local charities.

We would also like to thank the Pipestone School students that participated in the Legion's Poster and Essay Contest. We need to keep the youth involved with remembering our Country's past.

This year, we were able to donate to the Kipnes Centre for Veterans, Valour Place and the Veteran's Association Food Bank in Edmonton.

Our next General Meeting will take place January 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Mulhurst Legion. We will be planning our goals for the upcoming year and swearing in our newly elected Executive members.

If you are interested in becoming a Legion member, please attend our meeting or check out the web site [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca) for more information.



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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.