

# CONNECT39

Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

## UNSAFE ICE CONDITIONS

Media Relations RCMP Alberta, December 31, 2024

### Sylvan Lake RCMP warn public of unsafe ice conditions on Sylvan Lake - update

Sylvan Lake Alta.- On Dec. 30, 2024, RCMP received a report of a third vehicle breaking through the ice on Sylvan Lake. As with the previous two incidents, there were no injuries reported. When it comes to outdoor winter activities, ice safety is essential, especially when the weather fluctuates between extreme cold and warmer periods. Ice conditions can change rapidly, and these changes can be dangerous.

The Sylvan Lake RCMP offer these important tips to help ensure safety when venturing out onto ice covered ponds or lakes.

- Always check the thickness of the ice before venturing onto it. As a general rule, ice should be at least 20 cm (8 in) thick for walking or 25 cm (10 in) for snowmobiles.
- Use a tape measure, drill, or auger to make sure the ice is thick enough and check in multiple locations because ice can vary in thickness.
- Pay attention to fluctuating temperatures. Even if ice appears thick, warming weather can cause it to weaken. In early winter, ice may not be as strong due to variations in temperature, so caution is crucial.
- Stay away from cracks, pressure ridges, or areas with moving water, as these zones can compromise the integrity of the ice.
- If you're near a river or stream, be extra cautious, as moving water under the ice can erode it more quickly, creating dangerous spots that may not be visible.
- Never go out on ice at night and never go alone.
- Carry a rope or throw line, and know how to use it in case of an emergency.
- If temperatures have recently fluctuated, or the ice has visible cracks or slush on top, avoid it altogether.

- Ice can weaken and crack under the pressure of people, vehicles, or snow, so always stay alert to the conditions around you. Warm weather or heavy snow can create hidden slush pockets that might trap your vehicle, so proceed with caution.
- After a warming period, refrain from going onto ice in the early morning or late evening, as it may be weaker.

If you fall through the ice remember:

- Leave your vehicle right away. If you're in the water, move toward the edge of the ice and break through until you reach solid ice that can support your weight.
- Act quickly—every moment counts. Lie flat on your stomach and crawl onto the ice, distributing your weight as much as possible. Sharp objects like nails or spikes can help you grip the surface.
- Find warmth as soon as possible and remove wet clothing. This might mean heading to shore and starting a fire without delay.
- Keep in mind that hypothermia can set in rapidly, leaving you unable to help yourself. Act fast to stay safe.

*"Sylvan Lake is a popular destination for ice fishing, snowmobiling, ATV and UTV riding, skating, and other outdoor activities."* says Staff Sergeant Jay Peden, *"Please keep in mind that Sylvan Lake is a spring-fed body of water, which can cause ice thickness to vary from one area to another. If you are unsure whether the ice is safe, please err on the side of caution."*



picture found on Facebook



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# 2025

## SUNNYBROOK HALL



January 12 @ 2pm

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

Sudoku Answers  
from December 20 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.



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*\*Please provide a Development Plan along with your offer to purchase. The plan must include a commitment to develop the lot within one (1) year of the purchase date. Offers without a Development Plan will not be considered.*

Offers can be dropped off at the Village of Warburg Municipal Office or submitted via email or fax.

Attention: Christine Pankewitz

Development Officer

Box 29, 5212-50 Avenue

Warburg, Alberta

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Phone: 780-848-2841 Fax: 780-848-2296



## NOW HIRING

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

**January 8 - Village of Breton Town Hall Meeting** from 7-9pm at the Breton Community Centre. Email [admin@breton.ca](mailto:admin@breton.ca) prior to January 6 if you require childcare.

**January 11 - Molly's Comedy Cabaret** at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at Ticketpro 1-888-655-9090

**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 13 - Mulhurst Legion AGM** at 1pm

**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 24 - Ventriloquist Michael Harrison** at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at Ticketpro 1-888-655-9090

**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.

**February 23 - Canadian Country Music Legends** at the Thorsby Community Centre hosted by Thorsby Playschool. Advance Tickets \$30 at the Rec Complex, Thorsby Hotel or call Brodi at 780-721-4296 or \$40 at the door.

### 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

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### Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

#### December 23 Crib scores:

1st Place: Lloyd Snider 952  
2nd Place: Jean Kile 946  
3rd Place: Marie Gutenberg 936

*High Hand of 24: Elaine Blair, Jean Kile and Lloyd Snider*

#### December 30 Crib scores:

1st Place: Cathy Dahl 960  
2nd Place: Phyllis Yawney 945  
3rd Place: Lloyd Snider 929

*High Hand of 24: Eugene Senio, Lloyd Snider and Jean Kile*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!**

#### Next crib event:

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



# 2025 LEDUC COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Leduc County invites County residents to apply for the following board and committee positions by **4:30 p.m. on Jan. 17**. Mileage and an honorarium may be provided to committee/board members.

## AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

Acts in an advisory capacity to Council on matters in accordance with duties, powers and functions outlined in the *Agricultural Service Board Act* and in support of the *Weed Control Act*, *Soil Conservation Act*, *Agricultural Pests Act*, *Livestock Diseases Act* and *Water Act*. Applicants should be familiar with agricultural issues and concerns to provide advice on agricultural policies.

- ▶ **Positions available:** two members at large
- ▶ **Term:** two years ending Dec. 31, 2026
- ▶ **Meeting frequency:** Seven times per year on the second Monday of January, March, April, June, September, November and December at 10 a.m. or at the call of the Chair

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Acts in an advisory capacity to Council. The committee is comprised of one community member from the rural east region, one community member from the rural west region, two Leduc County Council representatives, and Council representatives from Calmar, Thorsby and Warburg.

- ▶ **Positions available:** one member at large from the rural west region
- ▶ **Term:** two years ending Dec. 31, 2026
- ▶ **Meeting frequency:** four times per year on Wednesdays commencing at 5 p.m.

## LEDUC COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Acts in an advisory capacity to Council. The committee is comprised of six members of the community and two Leduc County Council members.

- ▶ **Positions available:** two members at large
- ▶ **Term:** three years ending Dec. 31, 2027
- ▶ **Meeting frequency:** meets up to four times per year in the evenings in New Sarepta

## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Acts in an advisory capacity to Council. The committee is comprised of six members of the community and two Leduc County Council members.

- ▶ **Positions available:** three members at large, with one representative each for the Warburg, Leduc and New Sarepta areas
- ▶ **Term:** two years ending Dec. 31, 2026
- ▶ **Meeting frequency:** four times per year on Wednesdays commencing at 6:30 p.m.

## EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Noise Advisory Committee is managed by the Edmonton Regional Airports Authority for the purpose of reviewing complaints related to aircraft noise. The committee is comprised of members from adjacent and nearby municipalities, Transport Canada, NAV Canada, airline representative(s) and Edmonton Airports.

- ▶ **Positions available:** one member at large
- ▶ **Term:** two years ending Dec. 31, 2026
- ▶ **Meeting frequency:** as needed

If you have an interest in serving, please call 780-770-9259 or submit your resume to the undersigned by **Jan. 17, at 4:30 p.m.** to:

**Lisa Brown, Legislative Coordinator**  
**780-770-9259**  
**legservices@leduc-county.com**  
**101, 1101 5 St.**  
**Nisku, AB T9E 2X3**



## 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. No Market in January, back February 8, 2025.

**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.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Drive happiness** is a non-profit organization that provides assisted transportation services to older adults through the help of volunteer drivers. We have riders in Calmar, Devon, Leduc, Leduc County, Thorsby & Warburg and need drivers. Call 780-424-5438 or 1-888-336-4503 or contact your local FCSS for info.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS & MEETINGS

(Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

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### MONDAYS

**Mulhurst Community League** Meetings at 7:30pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Call 780-389-4268

**Mulhurst Royal Canadian Legion #246** - General Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the Month.

**Thorsby & District Cultural & Historical Society** - Regular meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm at the Community Hall. [thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

**Thorsby & District Fish & Game** - Regular meetings held on the 3rd Monday of each month @ 7pm at the Warburg Village Office Basement. Bruce at 780-848-2242

**Thorsby & District Lions Club** - Meetings the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the Lions Den (Community Hall Basement). Mercedes 587-338-7065

**Thorsby Communities in Bloom Society** - Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7pm. Contact Barry Rasch 780-983-2096 or [barrythorsby@gmail.com](mailto:barrythorsby@gmail.com)

**Village of Warburg Town Council** - Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7pm.

### TUESDAYS

**Town of Thorsby Council** - COW Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday and Regular Council the 4th Tuesday of the Month

**Burnt Wood '06' Metis Local** have monthly meetings the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Wetaskiwin Moose Lodge. Rose at 780-361-6019 for more info.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Thorsby Agricultural Society** - Regular meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the Haymakers Arena. Ph: 780-789-3829

**Thorsby Municipal Library Board** - Meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Library. Contact Paula at 780-789-3808 or [thorsbypublib@yrl.ab.ca](mailto:thorsbypublib@yrl.ab.ca)

**Thorsby Royal Canadian Legion Pioneer Branch #144** - Meetings the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:30am, except July & Aug at the Seniors Centre. 780-789-3812

**Thorsby Seniors** - Meetings last Wed of every month in the Seniors's Centre. 780-239-4595

**Warburg Legion Branch #205** - Meetings are at 7pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month (Sept to June) at the Legion Hall. Ph: 780-848-2923 or [warburg205general@gmail.com](mailto:warburg205general@gmail.com)

**Warburg Municipal Library Board** meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm at the library. The public is welcome as a Guest at these meetings.

**Warburg Pioneer Ag Society** - Meetings 2nd Wednesday of each month. Phone 780-848-2841

**Warburg Seniors** - Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

### THURSDAYS

**Thorsby Chamber Of Commerce** - monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Contact Shawna at 780-499-9006 or [thorsbyabchamber@gmail.com](mailto:thorsbyabchamber@gmail.com)

### SUNDAYS

**Sunnybrook Athletic Association** - Contact 587-920-6917 [sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com](mailto:sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com)

The Warburg Legion Branch No. 205

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:30am - 11:30am

@ Warburg Legion, Warburg, AB



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

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## 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

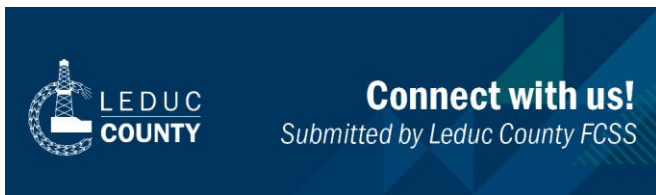
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WELCOMED & APPRECIATED**

## 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





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### 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)

#### Volunteer Opportunity

Do you have experience in accounting or finance? Have some free time to help your community? We are looking for an individual to fill the role of Volunteer Tax Preparer. The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) helps Canadians who have low income and a simple tax situation to prepare and file their income tax return.

You must be available for a few hours each week during regular office hours for the months of March and April to complete tax returns. Hours are flexible. This is a volunteer-from-home opportunity for someone with the right skillset. Volunteers will complete and file income taxes using UFile. Volunteers must have intermediate computer skills and a personal computer or laptop. Previous experience filing personal income tax returns is an asset. Training is provided.

Applicants must provide two references and a police records check. Successful applicants will be required to register with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as a volunteer and sign up for CRA's My Account for Individuals. For more information or to apply, contact Sara Russell at 780-955-6424 or [sara@leduc-county.com](mailto:sara@leduc-county.com)

#### Aging well in Leduc County Toolkit

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Visit [www.leduc-county.com/grants](http://www.leduc-county.com/grants) to learn more about eligibility and the application process.

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Warburg Legion Branch No. 205

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- Yes, there is an increase in **hall rentals**, but we do consider some situations personal and serviceable. Talk to us, we are here to help make your experience with us a good one. Please call Dorothy at 780-691-3833

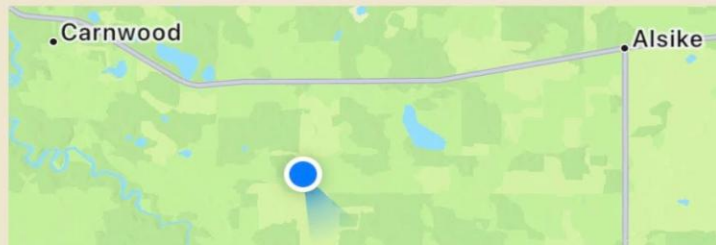
Finally, the **Next Pancake Breakfast is January 12, 2025**, at the Legion with Max and his team from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Thanks to all who attended on December 29, 2024, it was fun!



**Fun Fact:** When one is the cause of local gossip, it's a floating story of who knows what, but if you are curious, come down to the Legion and we will tell you the truth! Let's have a conversation, a laugh and good times. We are a branch of The Royal Canadian Legion!

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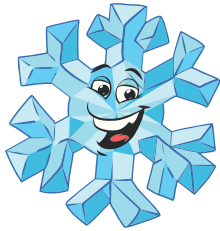
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# ALBERTA'S YEAR-END ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

December 27, 2024 Alberta News

## Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade Matt Jones issued the following statement on Alberta's economic success in 2024:

"Over the course of the year, Alberta has continued to cement its position as the economic engine of Canada due to our highly skilled workforce, business-friendly environment, low taxes and diversified economy. It is clear that our government has set the foundation for Alberta's economic success for many years to come.

"Alberta continues to drive national employment growth with Alberta's private sector. A remarkable 40 per cent of Canada's private sector employment growth came from our province.

"Our government's policies are further building the Alberta Advantage and strengthening our reputation as a world-class investment destination. We are highly competitive and attracting investors from around the world.

"This year was another one for the books, with our province landing major projects like Linde's \$2-billion clean hydrogen facility, which will supply Dow's \$11.6-billion net-zero petrochemical project. These major investments show that our government's policies are helping attract big investments and creating high-quality jobs, with major economic output for Albertans.

"Through our Investment and Growth Fund, our province closed the deal on three major investments in 2024, including Fortinet's cybersecurity facility in Calgary, Logistik Unicorn's hemp processing facility in Elk Point and NewCold's food storage facility in Coaldale, which are projected to support a combined 176 full time and 330 temporary jobs for Albertans. These initial investments will help boost local economies across Alberta and provide more job opportunities as these companies continue to prosper and grow.

"Our recently updated Film and Television Tax Credit program is also making our province an even more attractive place to do business. Productions such as the much-anticipated Season 2 of My Life with the Walter Boys are revitalizing communities across the province, investing in hospitality and backing Alberta jobs. This calendar year, the government authorized 34 productions through the program. These productions are estimated to spend \$29.1 million in Alberta that will generate \$72.32 million in GDP and support 1,124 jobs. On top of attracting world-class, job-creating investments, this program has been successful in telling Alberta's story on the world stage.

"Alberta's diversified economy is driving global opportunities for our province. I joined more than 100 Alberta companies on trade missions to Japan, the UK, Argentina, UAE, Indonesia and the Philippines, boosting Alberta's leadership in agri-food, energy and tech while strengthening ties for future business and investment growth. As Alberta's international trade influence expands, we are shining the spotlight on our expanding trade and investment opportunities, worldwide.

"Alberta's strong economy is attracting people, businesses and investors in record numbers, driving a surge in housing starts and major projects. This directly translates to a growing demand for skilled workers. In response, Alberta's government launched the third phase of the Alberta is Calling campaign and a \$5,000 moving bonus to draw skilled workers from across Canada to help build our expanding infrastructure.

"Last month, we also introduced the Alberta Industry Skills Grant to tackle workforce challenges and skill shortages in key sectors like aviation, aerospace, construction and technology through a \$5-million grant program for employers. More jobs and opportunities for our workforce help to build the homes and infrastructure our province needs while addressing skill shortages in key industries.

"Alberta's government has our sights set on the future. As Alberta's diversified economy and labour market continue to grow and evolve, our government's policies and programs evolve with it.

"As we wrap up 2024, Alberta's economy is finishing strong, setting the stage for even bigger opportunities in 2025."

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Author Unknown

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No one dared to move. Suddenly, a man jumped into the water, and desperately swam, and made it to the shore, while being chased by all the crocodiles.

The owner announced, *"We have a brave winner!!"*

After the man collected his reward, he and his wife returned to the hotel.

Upon arrival, the manager told him that he had been very brave to jump. To which the man replied, *"I didn't jump, someone pushed me!"* His wife smiled.....

**MORAL**  
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woman who  
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## Youth directory



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

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

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# HELPING NON-PROFITS ACCESS VITAL INFO

December 23, 2024 Alberta News

## Albertans now have easier access to information about non-profits registered in Alberta through an online tool.

The Alberta Non-profit Listing Dashboard is an interactive, searchable database using the official records of the Alberta Corporate Registry. Albertans can search for the location, type and incorporation status of non-profit organizations across the province. Users also have access to charts and graphs of important data that may inform operations and program development.

*"Non-profits are the lifeblood of Alberta's communities and need quick and easy access to information that will make their incredible programs and services even better. The new Alberta Non-profit Listing Dashboard will help all Albertans access helpful information about non-profit organizations in our province."* Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

The dashboard is part of the Alberta government's commitment to providing non-profit organizations with data to make informed decisions that will improve the services and supports they offer to Albertans. The dashboard also modernizes access to information about Alberta's non-profit organizations and reduces the burden of red tape, making it easier for Albertans to find similar organizations within an area or look for potential partnerships. Albertans eager to volunteer are now empowered with an easier way to identify local non-profit groups that they can get involved with or support.

#### Quick facts

- Alberta is home to about 27,000 non-profit organizations and registered charities.
- Community-based non-profits employ almost 84,000 Albertans and contribute nearly \$5.7 billion to the provincial GDP (Statistics Canada, 2022).



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*Cst. J. Conway, Thorsby/Breton  
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<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>232</b>
Suspicious Persons/ Vehicle	8
Collisions	27
Vehicle Theft	3
Fraud	7
Break and Enter	7
Assault	7
Impaired	0
Recovered Vehicles	5
Missing Person	0

### DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

#### Thorsby/Breton RCMP urges safe driving this holiday season

At Thorsby/Breton Alta. – As Albertans prepare for holiday festivities, the RCMP is reminding everyone to make responsible choices and to not drive impaired. Impaired driving is entirely preventable, and with a little planning, you can ensure everyone arrives home safely this season.

Thorsby/Breton RCMP offers the following safety tips to help you stay safe and avoid impaired driving while enjoying the holiday season:

- If you know that you'll be drinking alcohol or using substances, plan your transportation in advance. Arrange for a taxi, rideshare, or public transportation to take you to and from your destination.
- If you're attending an event with friends or family, establish a designated driver who will remain sober and responsible for getting everyone home safely.
- If you're celebrating at a friend's house, consider

asking if you can stay overnight rather than risk driving home impaired.

- If you're hosting a holiday gathering, be mindful of your guests' alcohol consumption and offer non-alcoholic beverages for those who are driving.
- If you notice that a friend or family member has had too much to drink, don't let them drive. Instead, offer to help them find alternative transportation.
- If you take on the role of designated driver, be sure to stay alcohol-free for the entire event, and take pride in knowing that you're helping friends and family get home safely.
- It's important to note that impaired driving is not limited to alcohol consumption. Driving under the influence of cannabis or prescription drugs can also impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely.

#### Thorsby/Breton RCMP Warns of Increased Mail Theft During Holiday Season

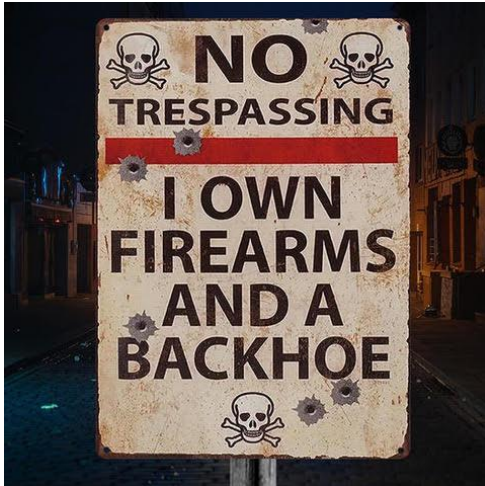
Many Albertans are still busy shopping with online orders, which means increased parcel deliveries and, in turn, the opportunity for mail theft from porches and community mailboxes.

Thorsby/Breton RCMP recommends the following strategies to safeguard your deliveries and ensure your packages arrive securely:

- When possible, arrange for packages to be delivered on days when you are home, or request that items be delivered to a trusted neighbour or friend who can receive them on your behalf.
- Some delivery services offer secure parcel lockers where you can pick up your package at a nearby location. Alternatively, installing a secure drop box at your home can provide a safe place for deliveries if you are not available to receive them.
- Visible security cameras and doorbell cameras act as a deterrent to potential thieves. They also provide useful footage if a theft does occur, aiding in investigations and recovery efforts.
- If you're expecting a valuable item, request a signature upon delivery. This ensures that your package will not be left unattended and susceptible to theft.
- For those with community mailboxes, make a habit of checking your mailbox regularly and removing mail promptly.
- Always report any damage or signs of tampering to your local postal service.
- Ensure that your mail key is stored in a safe place and not left unattended in vehicles or public spaces.

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# Laurie's Laughs



She just texted me  
and said I can still  
smell your COLON  
on my pillow ,,  
and this is why  
spelling matters



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Answers will be published in the next issue!



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