

CONNECT 39

Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

ALBERTA COLLEGE MIXED CURLING CHAMPS

Submitted by Gladys Meinczinger

Ayrwyn Cousins and Anthony Ogg (former Warburg junior curlers) were on the Concordia College Mixed Curling team (skipped by Sean Bokovic) which advanced to the provincial finals hosted by Red Deer Polytechnic at the Pidherny Curling Centre in Red Deer from February 7-9 this year.

They came home with GOLD winning the ACAC Provincial Mixed Curling Championship. Ayrwyn played lead and Anthony was second on the team. Third position was Hannah Miller.

Congratulations Ayrwyn and Anthony on winning the trophy and the banner! We hope you will continue your love of curling.



PINK SHIRT DAY

February 26, 2025

Be kind to each other and speak out when you see bullying happening.

PLAYOFFS FOR WEST 39 BUCKS

Submitted by Bobbie-Lee Bullock

Come out this weekend and support your local West 39 minor hockey teams for making it to playoffs. Here is the schedule for the upcoming weekend games from February 21-23.

U18 will play in Calmar at 7pm on Friday

U15-2 will play in Millet at 4pm on Saturday

U11-1 will play in Thorsby at 12:30pm on Saturday

U11-3 will play in Calmar at 5pm on Saturday

U13-1 will play in Warburg at 2pm on Sunday

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THORSBY SOCCER CLUB outdoor registration for U5 to U17 ages open until March 16. Visit our facebook page or contact thorsbysoccer@gmail.com for more info.

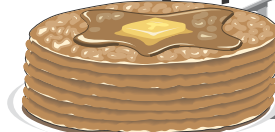
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*Sudoku Answers
from February 14 Issue*

*The object of the
puzzle is to fill the
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using all the numbers
1-9 exactly once in
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COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

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

February 21 - A Chillin Night at the Warburg Legion 5pm to Close. Dance, games, meat draws, raffle specials, bar service and hot roast beef sandwich. Everyone welcome.

February 22 - Pigeon Lake Poker Rally at Ma Me O Beach starting at 10am. Pre Event Friday 21. Fun for the whole family. Contact westof5thpokerrun@gmail.com for more info.

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 22 - Raise the Roof Comedy Night at Wilton Park Hall featuring Krissy Stark & Weird Grampa. Cocktails @ 5:30pm, Dinner @ 6:30pm and Show @ 8pm. \$60/ticket text 780-777-8642 for tickets.

February 22- 23 - Spiritual Psychological Warfare at the Warburg Cultural Centre held by Warburg Salt of the Earth Revival Church 10am - 6pm both days. Pizza lunch on Saturday and Chili on Sunday and a free will offering.

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.

February 24 - Baby Sign Language at Warburg Library from 10:30 - 11am. Learning the basics of signing. Free drop in.

February 26 - Pink Shirt Day, Stop by the Thorsby library or send a picture of your pink shirt.

February 26 - Community Crockpot Class at the Breton Community Center from 7pm - 8:30pm. \$5/person you are cooking for/session. Pre-registration required email manager@brighterfutures.ca

February 27, 28, March 1 - Fiddler on the Roof performed at Eleanor Pickup Centre in Drayton Valley at 6:30pm and Matinee at 1:30pm. Tickets on sale \$30 each

February 28 - Paint Night with MaryAnn at the Warburg Legion. Call 780-848-2923 for more info.

March 2 - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

March 4 - Pancake Supper at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church from 5-7pm. Everyone welcome and free will offering.

March 15 - Ice Golf Tournament at Mulhurst Bay from 10:30am - 4pm with dinner and dance to follow. Go to www.icegolf.ca for more information. Registration Required.

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March 15 - Tree of Life Suncatcher at Warburg Pioneer Rec Centre from 11am-3pm. Visit the Warburg town office, fcss@warburg.ca to register Deadline to register is March 5. Adult \$70, Kids age 10+ \$40, Kids under 7 \$20

March 15 - Thorsby's own wrestling sensation! Darren "Bacon" Letilly coming to Thorsby. Advance tickets available at Ruhr Valley Lumber Ltd. or call Marlene @ 780-217-9394 for tickets

March 16 - Community Crockpot Class at the Breton Community Center from 7pm - 8:30pm. \$5/person you are cooking for/session. Pre-registration required email manager@brighterfutures.ca

March 21 - Spring Fling Dance at the Breton Community, doors open at 7pm, pulled pork midnight lunch. Tickets are \$40 each. Ticket info coming soon.

March 30 - Reckless Ranch Rendering - at Warburg Pioneer Ag Society from 1-3pm. Turn fat into tallow. Purchase tickets in advance at www.recklessranch.ca

April 12 - Women's Wellness Day hosted by Breton & Warburg FCSS. \$30 tickets, available for purchase online or through Breton & Warburg FCSS starting March 3.

May 2 - Volunteer Appreciation at the Warburg Pioneer Rec Centre Doors Open at 5pm and Dinner 6pm

FREE

**Community Events
& Information
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Pick up your **FREE** "Community Connections" booklet

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

Or go online to www.community39.com

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



Need to talk? We can help!

FREE COUNSELLING SESSIONS

The cost of counselling can be a barrier for many individuals and families. Leduc County FCSS offers access to free counselling sessions to eligible individuals, couples, and/or families who are struggling with common, every day issues.

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- ▶ Improve relationships with better communication skills or conflict resolution;
- ▶ Improve mood with anger management and emotional support;
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- ▶ Learn new skills and behaviours

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Each household approved for free subsidized counselling may choose from the following options:

- ▶ 3 individual sessions per person, or
- ▶ 6 couple sessions, or
- ▶ 9 family sessions, or
- ▶ 7 group sessions per person.

Counselling services are short-term, skill based and preventative. Find out if these services are a fit for you. For more information and to be assessed for eligibility call **780-955-6421** or visit leduc-county.com/counselling.



MARCEL LOUIS MICHAUD

April 14th, 1945 – February 11th, 2025



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Marcel Louis Michaud, 79, of Warburg, Alberta, February 11th, 2025.

A beloved Father, Grandfather, Husband, Brother, and friend- Marcel, or “Big Mac” as he was affectionately known, will always be remembered for his willingness to lend a helping hand and his mischievous smile.

Born April 14th, 1945, in St. Paul, Alberta- Marcel grew up one of seven children to Napoleon and Rita Michaud.

His early adult years brought him to work in a small sawmill town of Upper Fraser B.C, where he met the love of his life Sharon (Hern)Michaud, with whom he would spend the better part of 4 decades with, 25 of those years settled in the home they shared in Warburg, until her passing December 6th, 2014. Marcel was a “Jack of all trades” and had such incredible vision, he truly made that home their oasis.

His hard-working personality and incredible sense of humour will be warmly remembered and sorely missed by all who knew him.

Marcel is lovingly remembered by his 4 sons, 7 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and numerous other extended family members and wonderful friends.

A celebration of Marcel's life will be held at a later date- details are to be announced by his family.

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

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

MONDAYS

Bus To Drayton Valley (Aquasize or Walmart) Must pre-register. Contact Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828

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 - Tuesday nights at the Mulhurst Legion Hall. Games start at 6:30pm

Hero Kids - Every 2nd Tuesday at Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex.

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

Pickup Basketball (16+) on Tuesday Evening at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex. (\$5)

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parent & Tots Group - Every Wednesday from 9-11:30am at the FRN Modular next to Arctic Spas Rec Complex in Thorsby Ages 0-6 years old.

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

Teen Time at the Thorsby Library the 4th Wednesday of the month from 3:30 - 4:30pm

Thorsby Library After School Program (Kindergarten to age 6) 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:30 - 4:30pm

Warburg Treasure's Thrift Shop is Open Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm at the Warburg Community United Church.

Slow & Strong Yoga - Every Wednesday morning from 10 11:30am in the dance studio at Arctic Spas rec complex. \$15 drop in per class.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Music Jam - on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Thorsby Community Hall **CANCELLED FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH**

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.

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- **Date:** Tuesday, Mar. 4, 2025
- **Time:** 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Location:** Arctic Spas Recreation Complex
4901 48 Ave. Thorsby, AB.
- **Registration:** contact Kristin at [780-955-6421](tel:780-955-6421), by email at Kristin@leduc-county.com or online at www.leduc-county.com/reduceworry



Grazers information session

Learn more about funding opportunities, nutrition and management tools and tap into the expertise of our featured speaker, Steve Kenyon from Greener Pastures Ranching Ltd.

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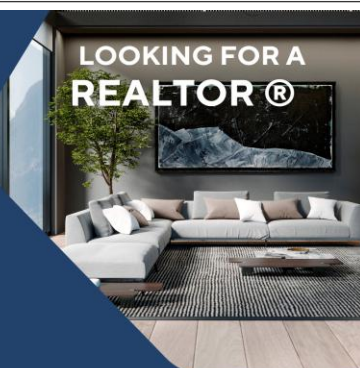
- **Date:** Friday, March 7, 2025
- **Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Location:** Lakedell Agricultural Society
461043 Range Road 12, Westeros
- **Register:** visit www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/grazer-session or call Kim at **780-387-6182**



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Warburg Legion Branch No. 205

Good Morning all, how are you all doing in this crazy world of so many things happening.

We are staying grounded, supporting our local merchants and businesses - making Canada Strong,

Well we are just about thru Feb – are you coming to the Chillin night at the Legion Friday starts at 5pm - featuring Hot Roast Beef Sandwich, meat draws from our local vendors, a dj who cant wait to have some fun with you all and featuring our latest raffle Chase the Ace is launched tonight.

March is looming soon and it's gonna be busy. We are finding dart nights are really taking off a lot of talent in our communities. Watch for further information on supporting the community – this is going to be a project.

Watch for further info on our program Memorial for veterans.

So if you're needing a hall rental, please call Dorothy at 780-691-3833. You can view the hall ahead of time as well.

Membership and more about the legion, check out www.legion.ca

Veterans in our communities, please keep note we will bring in a speaker for you. Watch for further dates. Any questions, call Deb 780-848-2923.

Interesting facts – we have diverse communities with a lot who have come here to make Canada their home, if you get a chance to hear their stories amazing!

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

COMMERCIAL

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

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

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

THORSBY - 1149 sq/ft solid renovated building on main street. Wheel chair accessible. Newer roof, furnace, and hot water on demand. **\$134,000**

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WARBURG SCHOOL WELCOMES BRETON STUDENTS

Information and pictures submitted by Breton High School principal, Shannon Gallant

Warburg School was over the top welcoming when Breton High students arrived for their first day in their temporary location on February 11. They were welcomed with signs made by Warburg Elementary students and treat bags made by Warburg Students which were on all Breton High desks.

Breton/Warburg ran a joint assembly with both schools. 300 students played Rock/Paper/Scissors and then teachers from each school participated in minute to win it games. Warburg won the "trophy" and there will be more competitions in the future to compete for it again.



DK Energy and RPM sponsored lunch for staff and students from both schools, feeding 450 people. They supported both communities by ordering pizza from Breton Family Dining, Salt n' Pepper and Warburg Corner Restaurant.

Minor hiccups the first week with scheduling and parking but overall a great experience. The students have been

pleasantly surprised at the amount of space they have access to in this location and they still have the ability to take the courses they have at Breton such as band, foods, and construction.



Black Gold Division Principal Chris Stiles and Wild Rose Superintendent Brad Volkmann attended the first day.



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FUNDRAISING NEWS

Warburg Parent School Society
Fundraising News



Warburg School Council is a structured group of parents, the school principal, teachers, students and community members whose purpose is to advise the principal and school board in matters relating to the school. It is a means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning.

Warburg Parent School Society is the fundraising branch of Warburg School Council and meets immediately after the council. Its primary directive is to raise funds to purchase items that benefit all students of the school. For example, in the past the Society has purchased a large laminator, STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Math) items, an electric pottery kiln, 60 pairs of snowshoes, chromebooks and the flashing light crosswalk. WPSS fundraising was instrumental in buying a large number of items to begin the coding and robotics programme at the school and substantial funds were raised to purchase and install the new Apollo playground structure. The current major goal of the Society is raising necessary funds for the Demi project - the creation of an outdoor classroom at Warburg School, a space where all students can learn about growing their food, Nature, their environment and the benefits of being outside in the fresh air. Meetings are held monthly at Warburg School. All are welcome to attend. The next meeting is **Monday 3rd March, 3:30pm** in the school and also online. Childcare is available.

HAPPENING RIGHT NOW!

Buy a 50/50 ticket and support Warburg School!

On 17th March we will draw our St Patrick's Day 50/50 cash raffle. Tickets are on sale right now for \$10 each so snap yours up now for a chance at half that Pot of Gold! Go to www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/warburgparentss to buy your tickets.

Order your garden seeds now!

We have partnered with Canadian seed company "Make It Sow" to offer flower and vegetable seeds for sale, with 40% of the profit coming to the school. Order now, closing date is 24th February, seeds arrive the week of 3rd to 7th March. Engage! Go online to place your order at www.makeitsow.com/shop/#code-submission (use Group code WPSS_2025)

COMING UP NEXT!

One of our main goals this year is to fund the creation and ongoing maintenance of an outdoor classroom at Warburg School, and what better way to raise those funds than with seeds and plants! As well as our seed fundraiser with "Make It Sow", we will be offering:

Growing Smiles Spring flowers & Plants

Back by popular demand, and because they provide beautiful plants and flowers, in April, we will be advertising our Spring flower sale, with delivery requested to be the week before Mother's Day. Watch our Facebook page for confirmed dates, prices and information on the Spring plants we will be selling this year, including hanging baskets, ferns, planters, geraniums, roses and marigolds.

Giftcards for Local Greenhouses

Three local businesses are taking part in our giftcard fundraiser again this year.

We will be selling giftcards to use at Cross Roads Farm & Greenhouse, Willow Valley Greenhouse and J-G Greenhouse in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100, with 20% of the proceeds being kindly donated back to the school. Thank you to these local businesses for their generosity in offering this once more!

Giftcards on sale 3rd March to 24th April

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING THIS YEAR?

Our great Fun Lunch and Hotdog programmes also continue, thanks to our amazing volunteers. If you have some spare hours, please consider volunteering so programs like these continue.

*****Executive Positions Needed*****

Next school year, we need to replace the following executive positions

**1. President 2. Vice President 3. Treasurer
*Come to our meetings to hear what's involved.***

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. It's the best way to know what is going on with our school and to be involved. Watch for meetings scheduled on the school events calendar or "Like" our Warburg School Parent Council page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/warburg.parent.school.society The next meeting is: 24th February 3.30pm, in school.

Do you have ideas for future fundraisers or are you interested in volunteering? If so, please contact a current Warburg Parent School Society member or email the Society at: warburgparentsociety@gmail.com

Don't forget to save your Boston Pizza receipts so the school can receive a 5% rebate. Please hand in your receipts at the school office!



Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

February 17 Crib scores:

1st Place: Elaine Blair - 957
2nd Place: Marvin Wagar - 953
3rd Place: Jean Kile - 922

High Hand of 17: Nestor Dobko and Marie Gutenberg

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

Next crib event:

February 24 Crib Cancelled Monday, March 3 at 1:00 pm
Thorsby Seniors Center /

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Protecting yourself from scams and deception

This event is designed to empower older adults with knowledge and tools to prevent scams and fraud. Join in for enlightening discussions and a catered lunch while sharpening your skills on staying ahead of scammers!

- **Date:** Friday, March 28, 2025
- **Time:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Calmar Legion 4815 47 Street, Calmar, AB.
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ADVANCING MIDWIFERY ACCESS IN ALBERTA

Alberta News February 13, 2025

Alberta's government is advancing a midwifery strategy to attract more midwives and improve access to maternal health services across Alberta.

As of January 2025, 181 midwives were practising across the province, reflecting a 26 per cent increase from 2020. Midwives play a crucial role in improving health outcomes for women, newborns and families by bringing maternal care closer to home. They build strong relationships with families, provide emotional support, help manage pregnancy risks and make referrals when needed.

Alberta's government is committed to ensuring Albertans can access high-quality maternal health care anywhere in the province. To help achieve this goal, \$10 million is being invested over three years to implement the comprehensive new Alberta Midwifery Strategy.

"Midwives play an important role in delivering primary health care to Albertans. Our goal is to continue leading the way in women's and children's health programs, and implementing initiatives through our midwifery strategy is an important part of achieving this goal." Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

The midwifery strategy outlines short-, medium-, and long-term goals to strengthen care and support midwifery pathways to practice. In the short term, the focus is on enhancing care for Indigenous populations through provider and community engagement. Medium-term efforts aim to address midwifery attrition and identify the supports needed to sustain the workforce. Long term, the strategy seeks to formalize guidelines and processes to integrate midwifery practice while monitoring supply and demand.

First Nations, Métis and Inuit families have emphasized that increased access to midwifery services is critical, especially in rural and remote areas of the province. They believe that improved midwifery access will help to address physical, emotional and cultural barriers that affect health outcomes for mothers, babies and communities.

"Implementing this strategy will support midwifery practice and improve rural Albertans' access to the maternity services they need." Martin Long, parliamentary secretary for rural health

Funding will support engagement with Indigenous communities and birth workers, pilot innovative projects within Indigenous populations, assess data gaps and develop resources to provide midwifery services effectively. Additionally, it will help attract and retain

internationally educated midwives and promote the integration of midwifery practice in team-based primary care.

"The Alberta Association of Midwives values the government's commitment to supporting midwifery in Alberta through the provincial midwifery strategy. We look forward to collaborating on initiatives to grow and sustain midwifery in our province." Marita Obst, president, Alberta Association of Midwives

Midwifery services are in high demand across Alberta, and Alberta's government recognizes the need to expand options and improve access to maternal care. This strategy will help ensure families receive the care they need, when and where they need it.

Quick facts

- Alberta's government is investing \$2 million for midwifery projects in 2024-25, followed by \$3 million in 2025-26 and \$5 million in 2026-27.
- Alberta's government worked with the Alberta Association of Midwives, the College of Midwives of Alberta, Mount Royal University, Alberta Health Services and internal stakeholders to develop the midwifery strategy.
- Midwifery is a publicly funded service in Alberta.
- Midwives are regulated by the College of Midwives of Alberta under the Health Professions Act and must complete formal education in midwifery and pass written and practical examinations before practising in Alberta.
- Midwives provide comprehensive care to individuals with low-risk pregnancies through labour and birth, continuing to support the health and safety of mothers and babies until six weeks after birth.



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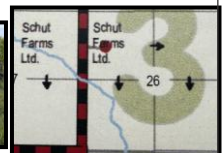
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DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Run for Council

from Village of Warburg FCSS/Recreation Newsletter

Village of Warburg residents should plan to vote on October 20th, 2025, in Warburg's upcoming municipal election.

As a resident, this upcoming municipal election is a chance for you to exercise your right to vote and directly shape the direction of the Village of Warburg for the next four years.

Four Councillors and a Mayor will be elected to serve a four-year term on the Village of Warburg Council.

Prospective candidates: Are you interested in running for Village of Warburg Council and shaping the direction of the Village for the next 4 years? If so, you are encouraged to become a candidate!

Eligibility - You are qualified to become a candidate if you are:

- at least 18 years of age on nomination day
- a Canadian citizen
- a resident in the Village for the six consecutive months preceding nomination day
- your current property taxes are no more than \$50 in arrears

You are **Not Eligible** to become a candidate if:

- You are the auditor of the municipality
- Your current property taxes are more than \$50 in arrears
- You are in default for any other debt to the municipality in excess of \$500 for more 90 days; or
- You have been convicted of any offense under the Local Authorities Election Act or the Canada Elections Act in the previous 10 years.

Involvement - Council members have the opportunity to significantly influence the future of the Village of Warburg; this is an important and demanding job. If you are elected, you will hold office for a four-year term and will be required to attend the following:

- regular and special council meetings
- council committee meetings
- meetings of other boards and agencies to which you are appointed as a council representative
- conferences, conventions, seminars and workshops for training and discussion
- other events promoting our municipality

Time must also be spent reading agenda material and speaking with residents, the chief administrative officer

and other relevant stakeholders in order to make informed decisions at meetings.

Full information packages are available at the Village Office

Important dates to remember:

- All candidates are required to **file nomination papers prior to September 15th, 2025**, the nomination day deadline. Candidates are encouraged to deliver his/her papers in person; however, anyone may file nomination papers on the candidates' behalf. Nomination papers must be signed by at least five voters eligible to vote in the election and who reside in the same electoral division as the candidate.
- **Nomination day deadline: September 15th, 2025, 12:00 pm noon**
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Beginning March 1, apply for your free rural burn permit online



Leduc County issues free fire permits to rural residents conducting open burns between March 1 and Oct. 31. Beginning March 1, 2025, rural residents will be able to apply for open burn fire permits using a new online system, located at **lcfs.burnpermits.com**.

The online system will allow users to select the type of burn permit they are applying for, including:

- ▶ fires smaller than 100 square feet (automatic approval)
- ▶ fires larger than 100 square feet (site visit required)

Prior to applying for a burn permit online, residents will have to create a user account. Instructions on how to create your account, including a how-to guide, are available at **leduc-county.com/burn-permits**.



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DISTRACTED DRIVING

FEBRUARY TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

Alberta News February 14, 2025

**Be safe, focus on the road because
distracted driving continues to be a
significant cause of preventable motor
vehicle collisions on all Alberta roads.**

Research shows that up to 30 per cent of all motor vehicle collisions are caused by distracted drivers. Looking at the phone, emailing, texting and other distracted behaviors while driving can result in tragic consequences that are totally preventable.

Alberta's distracted driving law restricts drivers from doing any of the following, even while stopped at red lights:

- Using hand-held cell phones, including texting or emailing.
- Using electronic devices such as laptop computers, video games, cameras, video entertainment displays and programming portable audio players such as MP3 players.
- Entering information on GPS units.
- Reading printed materials.
- Writing, printing or sketching.
- Personal grooming such as brushing and flossing teeth, putting on makeup, curling hair, clipping nails or shaving.

Quick facts

- There were 11,314 convictions for distracted driving between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024.
- 93 per cent of distracted driving convictions were for using a hand-held electronic device while driving.
- Distracted driving related penalties include:
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Alberta News February 19, 2025

Dive deep into the stories and science that surround the magnificent orca at the Royal Alberta Museum.

This spring, meet the rulers of the ocean as Alberta's government, in cooperation with the Royal BC Museum and MuseumsPartner, present Orcas: Our Shared Future, opening May 16.

Alberta's government is committed to supporting the province's world-class museums and historic sites that tell our story to the world and provide all Albertans and visitors with immersive experiences. As one of the province's major museums, the Royal Alberta Museum has entertained and educated visitors with engaging exhibitions for more than 57 years.

"Orcas are some of the most fascinating creatures on earth, and I am thrilled that the Royal Alberta Museum is giving visitors the opportunity to learn more about these intelligent animals. Museums in our province offer countless memorable opportunities for learning and I know this much-anticipated exhibition will be sure to spark curiosity, while offering a deeper understanding of orcas." Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

The newest feature exhibition coming to the Royal Alberta Museum will be immersive and interactive, featuring life-size orca replicas, fossils, films, objects from popular culture and original artwork from the Indigenous peoples of the North American west coast.

Long feared in Western cultures as "killer whales," the exhibition traces the evolution of our beliefs about orcas, from fear to admiration and awe. Visitors will gain a new appreciation of these sophisticated animals, their complex social structures, stunning intelligence and the consequences of captivity.

"We're excited to once again fill our feature gallery with unique stories our visitors won't find in our permanent exhibits. We look forward to bringing a bit of the ocean to Alberta and fostering a greater understanding and appreciation of the incredible world of orcas." Meaghan Patterson, executive director, Royal Alberta Museum

Quick facts

- Orcas: Our Shared Future opens May 16 and runs until Oct. 19.
- Entry to the exhibition is included with general admission, which can be purchased through the

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- The previous feature exhibition, Angkor: The Lost Empire of Cambodia, welcomed more than 161,000 visitors.



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