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Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

BGSD SUPPORT WORKERS JOIN STRIKE

by Shawna Ofstie

On February 24, educational support workers from Black Gold School Division (BGSD) joined over 6,000 workers on strike in Edmonton, Calgary, Fort McMurray, Sturgeon and the Okotoks region. The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3484 group includes 570 Black Gold School Division employees.

RaeLyn McLellan, a Thorsby Elementary School Educational Assistant (EA) and Representative had this to say. *"We want to be back in the schools, we love our jobs, we love the kids, they are why we do this job, but the reality is our jobs have changed greatly over the past several years. We are tube feeding, toileting, dealing with more behaviours and more children to support. With the added responsibilities our pay has not changed. We are the lowest paid in the area. Edmonton Public gets paid \$5/hour more, Star Catholic gets paid \$5/hour more. We are just asking for a fair wage. We work 30 hours a week, 6 hours a day which means we are supposed to come after the kids come and leave before the kids are done. Three quarters of us don't do that. We come before the kids and leave after the kids so working at least a half an hour to 45 minutes every day unpaid so*

we can be prepared for the day. We have members working 2 or 3 jobs and its tough to give your all to these kids when you are working so many jobs."

According to CUPE, Alberta's average school support worker is \$34,500, and many have gone "almost a decade without a wage increase." Support staff includes jobs like education assistants, librarians, secretaries and more. Black Gold School Division Educational Assistants top pay (Level 3 - Certified 2 Years - \$25.03/hr x 6hr days x 180 days) is approximately \$28,000 per year which is below the Alberta average.

"It is about the kids, we work with the kids knowing that we get crappy wages but this is what we love to do" says Tricia Carstairs, EA at the Warburg Colony.

Sherri Dobko, Secretary and Library Clerk from Thorsby Elementary School added *"We miss the kids and don't want to be here because the kids are the ones who suffer but we can't go on like it is, it needs to change."*

Some of the secretaries also noted the lack of staffing in our small or rural schools making a larger workload. They noted that duties are similar in a small or large school but due to less staff they often don't get breaks or have time for training because their job comes first.

The Support Staff want to thank Kollbrook Esso and Twisted Laundry for allowing them to use their washrooms and the community for all their support.

More on the strike inside this issue....



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*Sudoku Answers
from February 21 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.*

Fraud Alert:

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.
- **Register:** contact Carla at **780-955-4554** or **Carla@leduc-county.com**, or visit **leduc-county.com/fraud-alert**



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PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION TITLE: PUBLIC WORKS / MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE

POSITION SUMMARY: - Responsible for efficient implementation of the overall upkeep, repair and replacement programs of all existing municipal property and facilities in the Village of Warburg.

The Village of Warburg is looking for a highly motivated and well-organized individual to fill this position in a team environment, to work with other Public Work Employees. The part-time position is based on 40 hours per every two weeks (alternate between 2 and 3 day weeks). Reporting to the Municipal Administrator, the individual will work in all aspects of daily operation of the Public Works Department in Warburg, including water, sewer, roads, parks, general and equipment maintenance. The candidate must possess a high school (grade 12) diploma or equivalency and a Class 5 Operator's License, have a good mechanical aptitude, be able to perform physical labour, and provide a Criminal Record Check. Applicant must be willing to get water and waste water certificates.

Applications will be accepted until March 17, 2025 or at such time that a suitable candidate is hired.

Applications can be sent to:

Attn: Chris Pankewitz Municipal
Administrator, Box 29, Warburg, AB T0C 2T0

or dropped off at
5212-50 Avenue, Warburg, AB T0C 2T0
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COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

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

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 Saturday only. 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 Hitchhiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

March 3 - AGM at Strawberry Hall at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

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

March 4 - Reduce Overthinking & Worrying session at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex. 18+, Registration required at 780-979-2385. Hosted by Leduc County FCSS.

March 5 - Thorsby Soccer Club In Person Registration Night from 6-8pm at the Arctic Spas Rec Complex. Registration closes March 16. www.thorsbysoccerclub.ca

March 9 - Warburg Skating Club presents 'Skating with Pixar' at the Warburg Arena at 1pm.

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.

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 or call Marlene at 780-217-9394.

March 19 - 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 28 - Fraud Alert: Protecting yourself from Fraud & Deception at the Calmar Legion. Registration required at 780-979-2385. Hosted by Leduc County FCSS.

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

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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

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Walking with Grief: Grief Support Group at the Calmar Program Centre. Registration required at 780-979-2385. Hosted by Leduc County FCSS.

*Community Events & Information
is FREE to advertise*



Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

February 24 Crib scores:

(was cancelled but Rescheduled)

1st Place: Lloyd Snider - 950

2nd Place: Marie Gutenberg - 945

3rd Place: Marion Snider - 930

*High Hand of 24: Aime Brosseau, Nestor Dobko,
Marion Snider*

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

Next crib event:

Monday, March 3 at 1:00 pm

Thorsby Seniors Center / Admission \$7.00

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....



VILLAGE OF WARBURG

Join the Regional Assessment Review Board –Make a Difference in Your Community!

The Village of Warburg is seeking dedicated community members to serve on the Regional Assessment Review Board. This is a great opportunity to get involved, represent your community, and gain valuable experience.

What's involved?

- Serve as a panel member for the Regional Assessment Review Board.
- Receive specialized training under the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and Matters Relating to Assessment Complaints Regulation (MRAC).
- Commit to a three-year term, contributing to fair and impartial assessment reviews.

If you're passionate about community engagement and decision-making, we'd love to hear from you! Apply today and play a key role in shaping local governance.

Apply at the Village of Warburg
5212-50th Avenue, Box 29, Warburg, AB T0C 2T0
Telephone: 780-848-2841
Fax: 780-848-2296

Emails can be sent to: cao@warburg.ca

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE Supper



5115 - 48 Ave.

**St Matthew's
Lutheran Church Thorsby
4th March 2025
5:00 - 7:00 pm**

All are Welcome - Free will offering



Chester Joseph Drewniak

October 8, 1934 - February 19, 2025

The family of Chester Drewniak is saddened to announce that Chester passed away peacefully on February 19, 2025 with his loving family by his side.

Chester is survived by his wife of 59 years Stephie; sons Carnel (Angie), Bradley (Monique), Darren (Connie); grandchildren Kodi, Clinton and Clayton; sister Jean Cowie; brother Adolph Drewniak; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Chester was predeceased by his parents Joseph and Stella Drewniak, sisters Angie Heinz and Wanda Jenson.

Born in Telfordville on October 8, 1934, Chester was passionate about farming and being with his grandchildren. Chester also enjoyed his many holiday trips they had gone on, and also having coffee with his friends.

**Funeral Service will be held on Saturday,
March 8, 2025 at 11am at Our Lady of
Victory Parish Thorsby, Alberta.
Luncheon to follow the interment at the
Thorsby Community Centre.**

*In lieu of flowers donations can be made to
STARS.*

Serenity Funeral Service in care of arrangements.



Condolences: www.serenity.ca
Serenity Funeral Service, Leduc (780) 980-3688

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 6:30 pm

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)

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.

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. Age 0-5 with caregiver

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.

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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"BEE" KIND MESSAGES

Black Gold School Division Facebook

Grade 2 students at Thorsby Elementary have been busy spreading kindness with a special project, "Bee" Messages!

Led by the fantastic Kindness Queens, Grade 2 teacher Ms. Walker & Ms. Hailey (MHCB), the Grade 2 kindness crew created handmade, heartfelt messages to brighten the day for the big kids at New Sarepta Community High School. No matter how old you are, kindness goes a long way.

From the TES hive to NSCHS, we hope these messages continue to bring smiles and remind everyone that kindness is contagious!



Working Well online workshop

[Understand why it's important to care for and maintain your water well.](#)

Join Leduc County and the County of Wetaskiwin for an online workshop about water wells. During the online workshop, you will learn:

- ▶ The basics of groundwater and how your well works
- ▶ How to protect your well from contamination
- ▶ How to test your well water
- ▶ How to properly operate and maintain your well
- ▶ What to do with old, abandoned wells

▶ **Date:** Tuesday, March 18, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

▶ **Location:** online via Zoom

▶ **Register online:** leduc-county.com/working-well





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Submitted by Leduc County FCSS

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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.

How to reduce overthinking and worrying

Stuck in the cycle of overthinking and worrying? Join us and explore how these mental patterns affect our well-being, relationships and productivity. Participants will learn effective strategies and practical tools to help break the cycle of overthinking and cultivate a more positive mindset.

Adults 18 years and older are welcome to join in to learn how to manage worries and embrace a calmer, more focused approach to life.

Date: Tuesday, Mar. 4, 2025

Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Location: Arctic Spas Recreation Complex
4901 48 Ave. Thorsby, AB.

Understanding Bias and Micro-inequities

Presented by the Centre for Race and Culture, everyone is welcome to join in to explore how personal biases are formed and how they can lead to harmful micro-inequities, which are subtle, indirect, and often unintentional practices or behaviours that communicate bias and prejudice against members of marginalized groups.

Through discussion and activities, participants will learn:

- What bias is, how it is formed and its potential dangers
- What micro-inequities and microaggressions are
- How to recognize and unmask them
- Why and how they are harmful
- Strategies for intervening in them (as bystanders, allies and targets)

Date: Wednesday, Mar. 19, 2025

Time: 1 to 4 p.m. (doors at 12:30 p.m.)

Location: Coast Nisku Inn & Conference Centre (1101 4 St. Nisku, AB.)

Fraud Alert: Protecting yourself from scams and deception

March is Fraud Prevention Month, and we welcome you to join us for a day of engaging presentations delivered by the TELUS Wise team, Calmar BMO representatives, RCMP, local peace officers and our keynote speaker, Consumer Protection Expert & Fraud Prevention Educator, Julie Matthews.

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, Mar. 28, 2025

Time: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Calmar Legion, 4815 47 Street, Calmar, AB.

Walking with Grief: Grief support group

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Join us for a free in-person grief support group where you will learn about the nature of the grief process, emotion and healing. You will learn to build a community with individuals experiencing similar challenges, gain practical strategies for navigating grief and emerge with a clearer direction for moving forward. In partnership with Karunia Counselling, this five-week session will be facilitated by a Registered Psychologist and a Registered Social Worker.

Dates: Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Calmar Program Centre 4815 49 Street, Calmar, AB.

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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**.



THORSBY SOCCER CLUB

In Person Registration Night

March 5th 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Arctic Spas Rec Complex



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Registration closes March 16th

Scan the QR code, visit us on Facebook or email thorsbysoccer@gmail.com

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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**

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Wednesday & Thursday 12pm - 6pm, Friday 10am - 5pm

What's New @ Thorsby Municipal Library

By Susan Parkinson

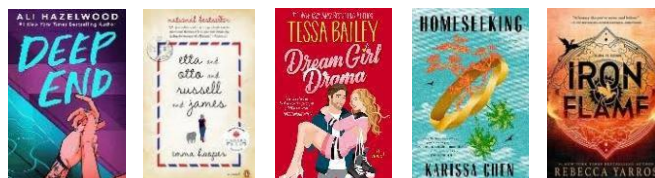
WELCOME TO MARCH!

I hope you got a chance to take part in the Escape Room. A huge thank you to Mary Ann and all the volunteers who helped!

New Items

Check out some of the new items at the library:

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March Programs

Library After-School Program (Kindergarten to age 6)
2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM. *Next one March 12, 2025*

Teen Time

4th Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM. Teens can gather for games, crafts, and more. *Next one March 26, 2025*

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BGSD SUPPORT WORKERS JOIN STRIKE continued...

by Shawna Ofstie

Here is some information from the Black Gold School Division Website. For more information go to www.blackgold.ca/labour-action-updates

Program Changes

The Pre-Kindergarten program will be paused from February 24th to February 28th to allow schools to enact part-time learning plans. Following the five-day pause, children enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten will return on a part-time basis with learning from home for the remainder of their schedule.

Background

BGSD and CUPE Local 3484 ratified their last collective agreement in June 2024, which covers the period from September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2024. Negotiations for a new agreement began earlier this school year. After initial discussions, the Union identified areas of disagreement between itself and the Division.

BGSD recently tabled a 10% increase in compensation over the next four years (3% in the first year, 3% in the second year, 2% in the third year, and 2% in the fourth year). BGSD made progress and continued to resolve some of the Union's outstanding issues, but could not reach an agreement on the monetary items.

The Division deeply appreciates the contributions of its support staff and recognizes their essential role in schools. BGSD remains fully committed to ongoing negotiations with CUPE Local 3484, and continues to work towards a resolution that is fair and balanced to all parties while also safeguarding the best interests of our students.



Kasey Clarke (third from left), a student at Warburg School cannot go to school without our support staff so she chose to support our EAs and their efforts on the picket line.

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From Pearl Elson

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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

As the next federal election approaches, I want to take a moment to share some personal news with you. Following the Conservative nomination process this past summer, I was not selected to represent the Yellowhead riding once again. As a result, I will not be running in the upcoming federal election for Yellowhead. While this means my time as your Member of Parliament will soon come to an end, I remain deeply grateful for the incredible privilege of serving you over the past five-plus years.

Since 2019, my goal has always been to ensure the voices of Yellowhead were heard loud and clear in Ottawa. Whether advocating for our farmers, protecting the energy sector that powers our economy, pushing for a low-tax, high-growth economy, or standing up for rural communities, I have taken on this role knowing how vital it is to represent the values and concerns of the people who call this incredible region home.

Public service has been a defining part of my life for decades, first as a Councillor, then as Mayor, and most recently as your Member of Parliament. Every step of the way, I have been inspired by your resilience, kindness, and determination. Together, we have faced challenges and celebrated successes, and I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished. To each of you who shared your stories, voiced your concerns, or simply offered a kind word along the way—thank you. You have not only guided my work but have reminded me why this community is so special. Representing you in Parliament and fighting for what matters most to our families, businesses, and future generations has been the greatest honour of my life.

I also want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to my partner, Susan, and my family for their unwavering support and sacrifices. They have stood by me, offered advice, attended events, and have been my greatest supporters. Their encouragement has meant the world to me, and I cannot thank them enough.

A special thank you as well to my office teams, both in the Riding and Ottawa, for their incredible dedication. Jeannette and Annette, who have been with me from the very beginning, and Bonnie and Aidan, who have continued to support me in my work—your efforts in assisting constituents, managing schedules, and ensuring effective communication have been invaluable. I am truly grateful to have worked with such an outstanding team.

Although I will not be your MP after the next election, it has been an incredible experience for me. Representing the riding, has been an extraordinary honour and privilege. Along the way, I have built lasting friendships and formed meaningful relationships that I will always treasure.

With sincere gratitude,
Gerald Soroka

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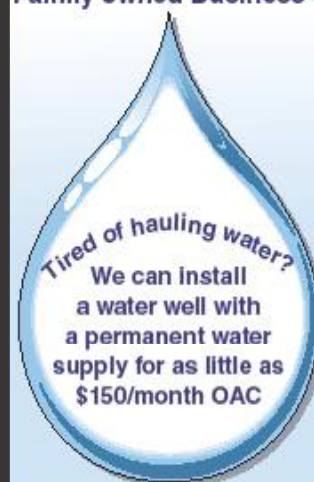
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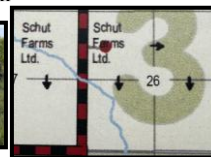
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UPDATE

Submitted by Gail O'Neil

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the Library is also on FB and Instagram

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Did you know? Public Library's lend out some very interesting items: At Warburg Library there is outdoor equipment: 5 pairs of snow shoes, Toboggans, street hockey sticks with balls, lacrosse sticks with balls, these items can be checked out with a valid in good standing TRACPAC card and persons 18 plus. There are also indoor and summer items: volleyball setups, badminton setups, horseshoes, can jams, these items need to be picked up at Warburg Library as these items are too big for the van run.

The Library has information on learning basic sign language, call 780-848-2391 and Staff can send the information to your email.

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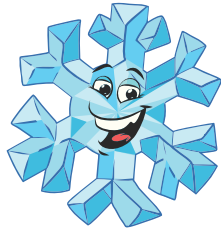
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Alberta News, February 24, 2025

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

SENIORS BEWARE

While in the hospital February 1/25. With my 3rd broken bone in 9 years, it was brought to my attention by a hospital pharmacist the side effects of a drug I had been on for 20 years. I said yes I had read about this and was very concerned, he said I'm taking you off right now.

The side effects brittle wrists, hips and spine plus many others that are possibly affecting my health. In 9 years I've had 2 broken wrists and now a broken hip.

The drug Pantoprazole. Just saying please read all the side effects of the drugs you take.

Olivia Richter
Thorsby, Alberta

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I told my daughter to check her attitude, and she responded, 'For complaints about attitude, please contact the manufacturer.'



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BRETON



\$218,000

3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Up-dates: Vinyl windows, flooring, both bathrooms, shingles. Decks added recent years. Garage

BRETON



\$115,000

15 acres, no time requirement to build. Fenced on two sides. Ample space to have some animals.

BRETON



\$225,000

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

BRETON



\$159,900

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

LOTS IN BRETON at DEER CROSSING ESTATES

2 lots still available.
No time requirement to build,
GST included in price.
\$35,000/lot

BUCK LAKE



\$184,900

.66 acre lot at Oakes Bay Estates. Gas, power, water well, septic tank, screened gazebo, storage shed.

BUCK LAKE



\$399,900

Beautiful home, natural wood-work, 3 bed 1 bath, hot tub, firepit, double detached garage, share in community dock for your boat.

BUCK LAKE



\$339,900

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

MULHURST BAY



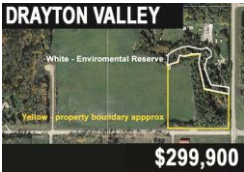
\$239,000

5.07 acre parcel, partially treed, triple bay, insulated garage, Pond. Your own private campground or build your dream home

VACANT LOT

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

DRAYTON VALLEY



\$299,900

9 acres - building spot for your dream home. Located just minutes west of Drayton Valley. Creek in enviro res north boundary

DRAYTON VALLEY



\$689,000

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

DRAYTON VALLEY



\$749,000

1.1 acre lot comes with a 9000+ sq ft building with 3 office bays each with its own shop bay. Adjacent 1.1 acre lot also for sale.

DRAYTON VALLEY



\$895,000

Awaiting your development - 10 acre parcel zoned Rural Industrial minutes east of Drayton Valley with great access to Hwy39/22.

DRAYTON VALLEY



\$2,900,000

Office bldg, full basement, 3 bay heated garage. Reception, multiple offices, boardroom w/ kitchenette, 2 executive offices, crew rooms



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

RV LOTS on Pigeon Lake

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

4 Lots offered at \$130,500 to
\$157,500 + GST per lot

DRAYTON VALLEY



\$750,000

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



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