

# CONNECT39

Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

## CUPE LOCAL 3484 MEMBERS VOTE

by Shawna Ofstie

On Tuesday, March 19, the CUPE Local 3484 representatives reached a tentative agreement with the Black Gold School Division subject to ratification from their members. There were no picket lines on Wednesday, March 19 but the member vote for the CUPE Local 3484's 570 members was scheduled for Wednesday evening. If approved, members would return to work Thursday.

Tentative deals have already been reached with Edmonton Public Schools, Parkland School Division, Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District. Deals with Fort McMurray Catholic Schools and Fort McMurray Public Schools have been ratified. Foothills School Division remains the only striking local without a settlement - they bargained on Wednesday.

No other updates have been given since time of printing, more information will be printed next week.

Pictured below - On Tuesday March 18 local Black Gold Support Staff were blessed with a wonderful Pizza treat. According to Melodie Sibley (Warburg School, EA), Meagan Howard Lead Shop Steward for Edmonton East RSMC (Rural and Suburban Mail Carriers from CUPW) has travelled around to local business and purchased pizzas for the picketers. A motion was put forward in the RSMC last general meeting and she received \$1,000 from her local to support CUPE 3484 Support Staff picket lines. They want to thank Meagan and the Grasshopper restaurant in Calmar for the lovely treat!



## GRADE 2 STUDENTS SPREAD KINDNESS

submitted by Ginger Walker, TES Grade 2

In an inspiring display of kindness, the Grade 2 class at Thorsby Elementary School created "Kindness Bees" for New Sarepta High School. The bees were delivered by Mr. Hendrickson and given out to students in grade 11.

This initiative sparked an incredible response and in a heartwarming gesture, the grade 11 class created their own messages of kindness. This project was such a beautiful reminder of the simple power of kindness, and how a kind gesture can make an incredible impact.

# Classifieds

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Sudoku Answers from  
March 14 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.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY 2025/13 Equipment Operator

The **County of Wetaskiwin** is seeking applications for the permanent full-time position of Equipment Operator.

For further information and position requirements, visit our website  
[www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/jobs](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/jobs)

Applications, along with cover letter, can be emailed directly to [cbrooks@county10.ca](mailto:cbrooks@county10.ca).

Please include Posting Number on application.

**Deadline for Applications:**  
**Friday, April 4, 2025**  
**at noon.**



## CAREER OPPORTUNITY 2025/12 Utilities Operator

The **County of Wetaskiwin** is seeking applications for the permanent full-time position of Utilities Operator.

For further information and position requirements, visit our website  
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Applications, along with cover letter, can be emailed directly to [cbrooks@county10.ca](mailto:cbrooks@county10.ca).

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## FIRST AID TRAINING

Capital Power provides subsidized St. John Ambulance Standard First Aid training for residents of the surrounding Genesee community.

The two-day course is designed for those who need standard first aid knowledge and skills. A maximum of 18 spots are available and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

**Registration deadline is April 7, 2025.**

**When:** April 26, 2025 from 8 am – 5 pm  
April 27, 2025 from 8 am – 5 pm

**Where:** Genesee Hall

**Cost:** \$30 per person (includes lunch for both days)

**Register:** Email Megan Hill at [mhill@capitalpower.com](mailto:mhill@capitalpower.com)



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

**March 21 - Spring Fling Dance** at the Breton Community Centre, Doors open at 7pm, Tickets \$40 each. Available at Breton ATB or contact 780-202-0140 or 780-898-6898

**March 21 & 22 - Warburg Mixed Curling Bonspiel.** Contact [warburgcurling@gmail.com](mailto:warburgcurling@gmail.com) to register.

**March 24 - Tough Talks on Tariffs** at the Breton Community Centre Hall B at 7pm. With CFCW Financial expert Ron Hiebert. Hosted by the Breton Ag Society.

**March 26 - Morrowdale Community Centre is having a General Meeting** at 7pm. New Members Welcome!

**March 25 & 26 - Spring Break Activities with Breton FCSS.** Ages 7-13. Pre-register, limited spaces. Contact 780-696-3636 or [fcss@breton.ca](mailto:fcss@breton.ca) for more information.

**March 28 - Rum Ragged** presented by the Eleanor Pickup Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at ticketpro 1-888-655-9090 or DV Value Drug Mart.

**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 29 - Raise the Roof Comedy Night** at Wilton Park Hall, starring Krissy Stark and Weird Grampa. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6, Show at 8, Tickets \$60, [www.wphcc.ca](http://www.wphcc.ca) for tickets

**March 29 - Pot Luck Supper at the Winfield Legion.** Doors open at 5pm. No Hitchhiker Band will be practicing.

**March 29 - Family Disking Bonspiel** at Hoadley Hall. Starts at 9:30am. Everyone Welcome. \$5. Register by Tuesday, March 25 with Catrien 403-843-4137 or Leslie 705-325-4947.

**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](http://www.recklessranch.ca)

**March 31 - Owl Cup Clay by Clay for Kids** from 3-5pm at the Warburg Hall. \$25. Pre-register at the Warburg Village office or call 780-848-2828.

**March 31 - Lantern with Fused Glass Panels by Clay for Kids** from 3-5pm at the Warburg Hall. Pre-register at the Warburg Village office or call 780-848-2828.

**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.

**April 3 - Floor Curling for the Kids** presented by Warburg Floor Curling at Warburg Hall from 1-3pm. FREE

**April 3 - Yoga for kids ages 3-7** at the Warburg Village Office

basement. Preregister at [fcss@warburg.ca](mailto:fcss@warburg.ca) or call the office at 780-848-2828

**April 4 - Breton Playschool Open House** from 3:30-5pm. Email [bretonplayschool@hotmail.com](mailto:bretonplayschool@hotmail.com) for more information.

**April 4 & 5 - Warburg Ice Makers Revenge Bonspiel.** Contact [warburgcurling@gmail.com](mailto:warburgcurling@gmail.com) to register.

**April 5 - Annual Trophy Night & Banquet** hosted by Thorsby & District Fish & Game at Warburg Hall. Call 780-898-5013 or 780-621-2200 for tickets

**April 7 - Early Childhood Resource Fair** at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Centre. For parents and children 0-6. Registration not required, just join the fun! For more info email [fm@leduc-county.com](mailto:fm@leduc-county.com)

**April 8 - Attachment & Therapeutic Care Information Session** at Beehive Support Services, Drayton Valley at 7pm. Free. Contact [stjosephshouseofrepose@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephshouseofrepose@gmail.com)

**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.

**April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt** hosted by the Thorsby Lions at the Thorsby Rec Centre Field House. 12-2pm. Check out their Facebook Page for more information.

**April 22 - Go Girl 2025** at the Thorsby Recreation Complex from 9am - 4:30pm. Girls aged 7-17. \$60 per participant. Go to [www.thorsby.ca/recreation](http://www.thorsby.ca/recreation) or call 780-789-4041 to register.

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### Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

#### March 17 Crib scores:

1st Place: Marie Gutenberg - 911

2nd Place: Maurice Masyk - 908

3rd Place: Orest Fitzowich - 907

*High Hand of 24: Elaine Blair, Glenn Gutenberg and Eugene Senio*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!**

#### Next crib event:

**Monday, March 24 at 1:00 pm**

**Thorsby Seniors Center / Admission \$7.00**





## *Shirley Lillian Richter*

### **Entered Into Rest**

March 5, 2025  
at 88 years of age

### **Celebration of Life**

Thursday, April 3, 2025  
2:00 pm at First Baptist Church  
Olds, AB

### **Officiating**

Pastor Norm Tauber

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## 2025 ANNUAL THORSBY HAYMAKER RODEO

**MAY 24 & 25, 2025**

Howdy Folks!

The Thorsby Haymaker Rodeo Association would like to take this time to invite you and your company to participate as a sponsor in the upcoming Thorsby Haymaker Rodeo that will be held on May 24 & 25, 2025

Our energetic committee has been working hard behind the scenes to coordinate the contractor, the cowboys, and the stock to provide you with yet another exciting rodeo! Without the help of our volunteers and sponsor support, Rodeo would not be what it is today.

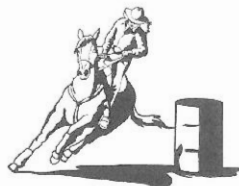
We ask that you take the time to peruse the attached Sponsorship Selections sheet. If there is no selection which meets your needs, please contact us.

If you have chosen to become a sponsor, your company name will appear in our Rodeo program, around the inside of the arena and will be announced throughout the Rodeo weekend.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to participate in our rodeo, both in sponsorship and support!

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**to**

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### **Rodeo Events**

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Team Roping

Novice Horse Riding

Bull Riding

Jr. Steer Riding

Ladies Barrel Racing

Jr. Barrel Racing

Pee Wee Barrel Racing

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**\*\*Please Indicate Your Selection\*\***

**\*\*Make Cheques Payable to Thorsby AG Society\*\***

**\*\*Mail To: Thorsby AG Society, Box 16, Thorsby, AB, T0C 2P0\*\***

**Thank you once again for Sponsoring your Local Rodeo!**

## 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 (Aqasize or Walmart)** Must pre-register. Contact Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828

**Crib** at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Monday at 1:00pm

**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. \$2. Contact Nancy 780-848-7756

**Seniors Bowling** - Tuesdays at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex at 1pm (\$5)

**Seniors Coffee & Craft** at the Thorsby Seniors Centre from 1-3pm. Open to all seniors.

**Volleyball** (18+) 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.

**Coffee Time** at Rundle's Mission every Wed. 9:30-11 am. Come meet your neighbors and socialize. All welcome!

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

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

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

**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.

**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)

**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).

**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

**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. \$5

**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.

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

**Warburg Legion** - Open every Friday from 5-10 pm for Pub Night. Games, bar service ... Call Max at 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.

## 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.



## Diana Renee McLellan

October 22, 1981 - March 7, 2025

Diana Renee McLellan, born on October 22, 1981, in Saskatoon, left this world peacefully on March 7, 2025, in Drayton Valley. Diana's life was a beautiful tapestry, woven with threads of love, joy, and a profound passion for the great outdoors.

A devoted wife to husband Daniel Heaton, Diana filled the roles of wife and mother with unwavering dedication and affection. She was the proud mother of three spirited children, Joseline and Brayden McLellan and Lanny Bishop, who brought endless laughter and light into her life. As a mother, Diana was a source of strength and kindness, instilling in her children the values of compassion and perseverance.

Diana's family extended far beyond her immediate household. She is survived by her beloved siblings: Jeannie (CJ) Rip, Bonnie Peters, Wesley (Connie) Peters, and Ben Peters. Each shared cherished memories with her, highlighting the bonds that only siblings can create. Diana held a special appreciation for her sister Jeannie, whose loving care during her final days will forever remain a testament to their deep connection. She is also survived by the fathers of her children, Shawn McLellan and Jason Bishop.

Additionally, Diana's warmth and humor made her an adored figure among her extended family. She leaves behind beloved relatives including Travis, Ryan, and Keith Peters, as well as Shelby and Nathan Peters. The joy she brought to family gatherings and the love she shared created memories that will linger, held close in the hearts of all who knew her.

Diana was a passionate lover of nature, often retreating to the mountains that she adored hiking. She found solace in the great outdoors, where her spirit soared among the trees and valleys. Her garden was a labor of love, blossoming with flowers that she tended with enthusiasm and care. Known for her culinary skills, Diana was also a good cook, bringing family and friends together around the dinner table to share special moments over homemade meals.

In her final days, Diana was not alone; her faithful dog Cocoa provided companionship and comfort, a loyal friend who stood by her through life's challenges.

The impact Diana had on those around her is immeasurable. Her vibrant spirit and devotion to family and friends will be deeply missed, leaving a void that will not easily be filled. Diana Renee McLellan may have departed from this world, but the legacy of love she leaves behind will endure, cherished in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to have shared in her life.

**Cremation has taken place and her family will honor her with a private memorial service at a later date.**

Arrangements in care of Colleen Sekura 587 673-1688



Thorsby Funeral Services, 4826 Hankin Street,  
Thorsby, Alberta T0C 2P0





## Connect with us!

Submitted by Town of Thorsby FCSS

My name is Brandee Fossen and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the FCSS Coordinator for the Town of Thorsby.

I have a deep understanding of the "grass roots and heart" of rural communities, as I have always lived and worked rurally, and appreciate the strengths of rural communities and the residents in these communities. I have worked with Leduc County FCSS as a Family Support Worker supporting individuals throughout the county, and I also have experience in planning events such as the Camrose Walk for ALS, Edmonton Walk for ALS, and various other events.

I am also passionate about families and communities having the support they need to thrive as healthy families and communities. I look forward to learning more about Thorsby through engaging with community members. Through this engagement and guidance of the community members, I look forward to contributing to the continued success of the community of Thorsby



I will currently be working 2 days a week, and can be reached at [bfossen@thorsby.ca](mailto:bfossen@thorsby.ca) or 780-789-4004.



## Dawn Heisler

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seed*

*Various varieties of Pedigreed seed available*

*Retailer for Proven Seed, Inland Plastics, Union  
Forage (swath grazing) & PowerRich Fertilizer*



Thorsby & District Fish & Game



## 57<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Trophy Night Banquet

*Conservation is humanity caring for the  
future*

**Warburg Hall**

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

\*Silent Auction, Live Auction  
\*Entertainment: Gary Mastre

\*Door Prizes, Raffle  
\*Catering By: Bob Ronnie Catering

**Adults: \$45.00**

**Children 7-17: \$25.00**

**Cocktails: 5:30pm**

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# STAY INFORMED ABOUT MEASLES IN ALBERTA

Alberta News, March 14, 2025

**Alberta's government is asking Albertans to be aware of measles symptoms and to access resources to protect themselves and prevent further spread.**

Measles cases are increasing globally, with numerous countries and travel destinations reporting outbreaks. Cases have been identified in several Canadian provinces, including an outbreak recently identified in northern Alberta.

As of March 13, health officials have confirmed six cases of measles in the province, and although these cases are all part of a single household, this does raise concerns about the potential for further spread of this highly contagious disease.

Measles is an extremely contagious disease and spreads easily through the air. People born in or since 1970 who have received fewer than two doses of measles-containing vaccine are susceptible to infection. Those who have received fewer than two doses of measles-containing vaccine and are pregnant, under one year of age, are adults and/or have a weakened immune system are at most risk of complications from measles.

*"Measles is not just a mild childhood illness – it is a serious, highly infectious disease that can have devastating consequences. Thankfully, we have a highly effective vaccine with a long-proven track record of safety. Everyone should take the time to check their immunization record to ensure they are fully immunized. No one should have to endure the consequences of a disease we can prevent."* Dr. Mark Joffe, chief medical officer of health

The measles vaccine is highly effective at preventing infection and complications. In Alberta, measles vaccine is offered free of charge to eligible Albertans through Alberta's publicly funded immunization program.

If symptoms of measles do develop, individuals are advised to stay home and call Health Link at 811 before visiting any health care facility or provider, including a family physician clinic or pharmacy.

Symptoms of measles include:

- fever of 38.3° C or higher
- cough, runny nose and/or red eyes
- a red, blotchy rash that appears three to seven days after fever starts, typically beginning behind the ears and on the face and spreading down the body and then to the arms and legs

Albertans uncertain of their immunization history, or their child's immunization history, can text "vaccine record" to 88111, call Health Link at 811 or their local public health office. Albertans can also text "measles" to 88111 to get measles health information texted to their mobile device. Please contact your primary care provider for advice on what immunizations are best for you.

For further information on routine childhood immunization, visit [www.ahs.ca/immunize](http://www.ahs.ca/immunize).

For additional information on measles disease, please visit [www.ahs.ca/measles](http://www.ahs.ca/measles).

## Quick Facts

- Measles can be dangerous because:
  - One in 10 people with measles will get middle ear or lung infections.
  - One in 1,000 people with measles will get encephalitis (swelling of the brain), which can lead to seizures, deafness or brain damage.
  - One to three of every 1,000 people with measles will die.
- More than 90 per cent of people who are not immune to measles and who come into contact with the virus will become infected.
- Children in Alberta typically receive their first dose of measles-containing vaccine at 12 months of age, and their second dose at 18 months of age. Children who received two doses of vaccine are considered protected.
- Adults born in 1970 or later should have a documented history of two lifetime doses of measles-containing vaccine spaced at least four weeks apart if they do not have a history of lab-confirmed disease or serological evidence of measles immunity.
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# WARBURG JUNIOR CURLING

submitted by Gladys Meinczinger

Once again we have a junior curling league in Warburg. Regular sessions were held on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Over 20 enthusiastic juniors ranging in age from 5-11 registered to curl this season. Our certified coaches, Michelle Gidosh and Megan Prins along with assistant coaches Lynn Cherwonka, Laura Mitchell and Gladys Meinczinger, taught the basics skills of curling. Our ice maker, Kyle Townsend, even made an extra house closer to the hacks for the "little ones" to use. Coach Megan brought the junior rocks from Calmar, which weigh considerably less, for the young curlers to throw. Later they were able to throw the big rocks.

We entered two U10 teams in the Calmar Junior Non-competitive Curling Bonspiel held from February 28 - March 2. There were 2 pools of U10's with 4 teams in each pool. One of our teams was in Pool A and they won all 3 of their games. The other team was in Pool B and they won 2 games and lost 1. In the finals. Pool A played against Pool B. Both of our teams lost in these playoffs, but they all got cash prizes and a box of candy for their efforts. Overall our teams placed 2nd and 5th. All of our curlers reported having a great time at the bonspiel. Thank you for the great support from family and friends.

From the time the juniors started curling in November until now they showed tremendous growth in their skills and knowledge of the game. They should be very proud of themselves for their accomplishments.

On March 5 we had the windup for the juniors with siblings, parents and grandparents invited to take part. Teams were picked to curl with juniors, parents and grandparents participating. The juniors showed off their skills and in some cases instructed parents the basics of curling. They even had a fun game of "King's Corner".

Next was the pizza party. Yum-yum! Each curler received a Warburg Juniors Water Bottle with the Warburg Curling Club logo on it. The cups were filled with candy which no curler refused. Congratulations juniors on a great season of curling!



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# THE PUPPETEER

by Ken Bishop (a.k.a: PK)

People have asked me in recent years, "why do you still do puppets?" When I stop and think about it, I estimate that I have performed approximately 4,000 live shows and 80 tv shows over my decades of entertaining kids and families. Festivals, schools, libraries, teaching seminars and churches are some of the places where I have had the pleasure of performing.

When you have been entertaining for as long as I have, a lot of things become second nature. When I have certain characters on my hand, I don't have to think about what I should say or how the character will react to things, it is natural. It really is as if they have a life of their own.

My answer to the question, "why do you still perform?" is easy. If you could see the expressions on the faces of the children from my perspective, you would understand. Wide-eyed and huge smiles. The innocence and imagination of the kids is priceless. If you are able to do something that you are passionate about, it turns labour into joy.

If you find yourself feeling down and out, try encouraging someone else. You might just find that this is what you needed to do to bring light into your own life as well.



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## Girls in STEM Day Inspires Students at Black Gold Schools

Nisku, Alberta (March 14, 2025) – The Black Gold School Division (BGSD) brought together about 140 girls and gender-diverse students from Grades 8–12 for its biennial Girls in STEM Day on March 10, 2025. The event, held this year at Ohpaho Secondary School, aimed to promote gender diversity in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by exposing girls and gender-diverse students to the wide range of career opportunities in these fields.

*"Today was our fifth Girls in STEM," said Tarynne Cable, Girls in STEM Day organizer and Assistant Principal at École Leduc Estates School. "The focus of the day was to expose these girls to all the different opportunities that are out there that they might not have known were even an opportunity for them."*

The keynote presenter for this year's event was Jillian Kowalchuk, an AI researcher at the Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute (Amii). Kowalchuk is a strong advocate for increasing diversity in STEM fields and shared insights on how artificial intelligence is shaping the future. Students had the opportunity to engage with her when she hosted an AI challenge, where teams identified a real-world problem and had to create a hypothetical strategic plan that using AI to help companies solve these problems.

Kowalchuk highlighted the ongoing need for more diversity in STEM fields. *"It's so important to have events like this because we know that there aren't enough diverse voices in STEM still, even to this day,"* she said. *"I shared a statistic with the girls and gender-diverse students that only 22% of the AI talent pool globally is comprised of women."*

Students also participated in interactive, hands-on sessions designed to spark their interest in STEM fields, including creating solar-powered lanterns, building hydrogen fuel cell mini-cars, and other problem-solving exercises that highlighted real-world applications of

STEM knowledge.

The middle portion of the event featured a lunch and learn session. Here, the participants engaged in more hands-on activities with STEM leaders from different industries, including engineers from the University of Alberta, Innotech, ConocoPhillips, and others. Students had the opportunity to control robotic arms, fly drones, and analyze soil samples.

These sessions were led by industry professionals, post-secondary educators, and community partners, all committed to encouraging more young women to explore careers in STEM. The sponsors who made this year's event possible were Enbridge; the Rotary Club of Nisku and Leduc; The Lions Club of Leduc; the American Welding Society; Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Inside Education, Science & Technology (WISEST); and ConocoPhillips.

In addition to the keynote and hands-on activities, students had the chance to speak directly with women working in STEM industries, including engineers, scientists, and technology experts. These role models shared their personal career journeys, challenges they have faced, and the rewards of working in STEM.

*"It has been great to see all the people who also like STEM,"* said Sahra, a Grade 11 student from École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School. *"I like that I got to see everybody's ideas and how they found a problem and created a solution during the first session."*

Girls in STEM Day has continued to grow in both scope and impact over the years. By providing students with direct access to industry professionals and engaging STEM experiences, the event aims to challenge stereotypes and inspire young women to see themselves as future leaders in science and technology.

*"We want to encourage you to continue to think about what you want [and] your opportunities,"* said BGSD Superintendent Michael Borgfjord, speaking to attendees. *"Nobody can stop any of you from doing what you want. We're very proud to have this [event] for all of you."*





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**\$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 woodwork, 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**

**ALDER FLATS**

**\$210,000**

**NEW**

1.46 acres, 3 bedroom, 1 bath home on full unfinished basement. Entryway added at back door. 3 car garage. Sheds.

**ALDER FLATS**

**\$199,500**

**NEW**

Completely remodelled 2 bedroom, 2 bath home. new trusses, insulation, shingles, windows, flooring, kitchen, baths, addition.

**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**

**\$895,000**

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

**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.

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.

**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**

**\$2,900,000**

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

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