Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Warburg School Wall of Fame

by the Warburg Wall of Fame Comittee

Where is the Wall of Fame?

A whole wall in the open area in the high school is dedicated to honor past students who excelled in their chosen careers and were recognized nationally or internationally.

How did these people get on the Wall of Fame?

First of all, someone (a family member, friend, etc.) nominated that person.

Where do you get nomination forms?

Nomination forms are available on the Warburg School website or you can simply phone the school and pick up one there. Completed forms can be emailed to the school or dropped in person.

Who can be nominated?

The person to be nominated should have:

a) attended Warburg School and/or graduated from Warburg School.

b) received major recognition in one or more of the following categories

- academics
- science, medicine,
- technology, research
- sports
- politics, business
- fine arts
- military
- agriculture (new category)
- other categories reviewed and added by the committee.

What criteria is there for the display (plaque)?

Please check the guidelines on the school website.

Who pays for the plaque?

Nominee and /or family supply the write-up and picture in the framed display.

Who is on the Warburg School Wall of Fame?

We have former students who became distinguished in the following areas:

- a) authors
- b)gymnastics
- c) rodeo
- d) auctioneer
- e) politics
- f) police force
- g) helicopter pilot
- h) mathematical analyst

i) film maker j) hockey k) ski-doo racing l) chef m) oil industry n) medicine o) google

For a list of individual names, please contact the school.

Our most recent inductee was Valerie Free (Broadbent) an author.

<u>We wait to see who will come forward to be our next</u> <u>Warburg School Wall of Fame inductee.</u>

Thank you to Leduc County and the Village of Warburg for the cost-sharing grant that we received to have these induction ceremonies in the school. Without this grant we could not have the inductions.



picture above from www.ws.blackgold.ca/w-s-wall-of-fame

SEASONAL ROAD BANS

are applied each spring in Leduc County to protect road infrastructure. These seasonal bans started on Tuesday, April 1 at 8 a.m.

Classifieds

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Sudoku Answers from March 28 Issue

	The object of the
	puzzle is to fill the
	remaining squares,
	using all the numbers
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1	each row, column,
	and the nine 3 × 3
	subgrids.

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Qualifications

- Must be computer literate
- Experience with CorelDRAW, design and media an asset but will train
- Must have a valid drivers license
- Must have a keen eye for detail
- Must be able to work independently and as a team
- Must be local or connected to our local communities
- Must be a good communicator
- Must be able to write and edit stories
- Must be able to work under pressure to complete deadlines
- Must be able to prioritize
- Must be organized

Please drop off your resume in person at CE Media Signs & Promotional 4928 Hankin Street, Thorsby

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OR email your resume to media@community39.com

*Do not try to contact us or apply through Facebook. If you have questions email the above address or call our office at 780-434-7446.

**This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

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

April 4 - Breton Playschool Open House from 3:30-5pm. Email <u>bretonplayschool@hotmail.com</u> for more information.

April 4 & 5 - Warburg Ice Makers Revenge Bonspiel. Contact<u>warburgcurling@gmail.com</u> to register.

April 5 - Indoor Garage Sale & Small Business Market at Lakedell Ag Society in Pigeon Lake. 11am - 3pm

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

<u>April 5</u> - Breton Playschool Bottle Drive Fundraiser. Curbside or door pick up or drop off at the Breton Bottle Depot.

<u>April 6</u> - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

April 6 - Divine Liturgy on Sunday at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Thorsby at 12:00 p.m. For further information, contact Dan at 780 789-3698

April 7 - Lindale Hall AGM at 7pm at the Lindale Hall.

April 7 - **Early Childhood Resource Fair** at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Centre from 10am - noon. For parents and children 0-6. Registration not required, just join the fun! For more info email <u>fm@leduc-county.com</u>

April 7 - Paint Night at Winfield Hall at 6:30pm. \$45 Sign up by emailing winfieldagsociety@gmail.com

<u>April 8</u> - Attachment & Therapeutic Care Information Session at Beehive Support Services, Drayton Valley at 7pm. Free. Contact <u>stjosephshouseofrepose@gmail.com</u>

April 10, 11, 12 - Spring Cleaning Garage Sale hosted by the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex and Thorsby Municipal Library. Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-4, Saturday 10-3

<u>April 11</u> - Want to get involved in our local community with the Breton Ag Society? Join us Friday, April 11th at Funnell Hall for a meal at 6:00 and our monthly meeting at 7:00.

<u>April 12</u> - Women's Wellness Day hosted by Breton & Warburg FCSS. \$30 tickets, available for purchase online or through Breton & Warburg FCSS. 60% SOLD.

April 12 - Open Mic & Games Night at Winfield Hall at 7pm. Email <u>winfieldagsociety@gmail.com</u> to book your spot or just come and enjoy the entertainment.

<u>April 15</u> - Leduc Rural Crime Watch Annual General Meeting at Telford House Seniors Centre in Leduc at 7pm

April 17 - Easter Egg Party at the Thorsby Arctic Spas

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<u>April 17</u> - FireSmart Workshop: Fire proof your house, garden and community at 5 PM \$50/person with dinner included. Register by emailing <u>winfieldagsociety@gmail.com</u>

April 18 - Easter Egg Hunt and Activities at 2pm at the Breton Community Centre. Contact Breton Ag Society or Breton Elks or Breton FCSS for more info.

April 19 - **Easter in the Village of Pigeon Lake** at 10:30am. Register your child on Facebook. Cap of 250 kids aged 0-12. Egg hunt, free wagon rides, surprise visit from EB.

<u>April 19</u> - 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 19 - Easter Egg-Stravaganza at the Winfield Hall from 1-3pm. Duck hunt, Easter bingo, cookie decorating and crafts. FREE! 780-621-1125 or <u>winfieldagsociety@gmail.com</u>

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

<u>April 24</u> - Robert Schmidt's Living Well Program at the Warburg Library. Contact the library for more information.

<u>April 25</u> - Name That Tune "Grad Glam" Edition at 7pm at the Winfield Hall. 101 - 6 Street. For more information: <u>www.winfieldagsociety.com</u> or Facebook.

<u>April 26</u> - Quilt Show & Sale hosted by the Quilting Divas at the Wetaskiwin Multi-Plex from 10am-4pm. \$5 Admission.

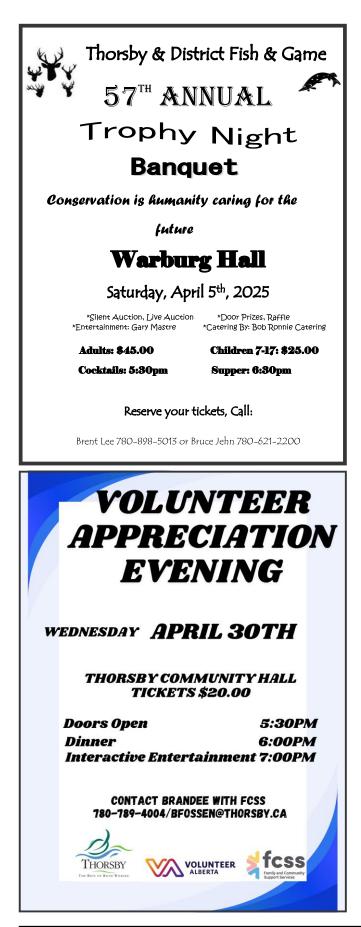
<u>April 26</u> - Rise of Robin Hood Junior Theatre Production by Miss Joanne's School of Dance at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley. Shows at 2pm & 7pm.

<u>April 26</u> - Kids Cooking Class - two sessions to choose from; Cajun (morning session) and French (afternoon session). \$10 per child per session, must be 10 years or older. Register by emailing winfieldagsociety@gmail.com

April 30 - Thorsby Volunteer Appreciation at the Thorsby Community Hall. Tickets \$20. Includes dinner and interactive entertainment. Contact Thorsby FCSS at 780-789-4004

Community Events & Information is <u>FREE</u> to advertise

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2025 Dust Control Program

Application deadline: Thursday, May 15

Leduc County is currently accepting applications for our 2025 dust control program. There are two product choices available:

1. Calcium chloride

Calcium chloride is a top shoot dust control product that is applied by spraying over the gravel surface.

- Two applications of product will be completed for every residence applying for this dust control product. The second application will be automatically applied approximately six-to-eight weeks after the first application (weather permitting).
- Residents desiring a calcium chloride dust control product on the County road adjacent to their residence will be required to complete an application form and must prepay a fee of \$640.45 for the first 122 metres (400 feet). Dust control requested beyond 122 metres (400 feet) will be charged an additional \$10.50/metre.

2. Incorporated petroleum

Incorporated dust control is a petroleum-based product that is applied to the road surface and mixed in and packed by graders.

- It is warrantied for one year from the date of application.
- Residents desiring an incorporated dust control product on the County road adjacent to their residence will be required to complete an application form and must prepay a fee of \$4,359.55 for the first 122 metres (400 feet). Dust control beyond 122 metres (400 feet) will be charged an additional \$40.98/metre.

Other information

- GST will be added to all prices listed above.
- The prices listed are after receiving a Leduc County subsidy of **\$640.45** per strip.
- This subsidy is provided to County residents living in permanent residences along a county gravel road.
- Businesses will be charged the full rate without subsidy.
- The dust control program begins as soon as possible after seasonal road bans have been lifted.

How to apply

- Apply and pay for dust control online at **leduc-county.com/dust-control.**
- Application forms are also available for pick up at our Road Operations department, located at 1103 5 Street in Nisku.
- For more information, call 780-979-6185.





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

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

MONDAYS

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

<u>**Crib**</u> at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Monday at 1:00pm

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

<u>Hero Kids</u> - Every 2nd Tuesday at Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex.

<u>Music Jam Session</u> 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)

<u>Quilting</u> at the Warburg Seniors Centre on Tuesdays from 9:30am-2pm. \$2. Contact Nancy 780-848-7756

<u>Seniors Bowling</u> - 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.

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

<u>Cards</u> 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.

<u>Soup & Sandwiches</u> at the Warburg Seniors Centre every 3rd Wednesday at 12pm except July & August(\$10)

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

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

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

<u>Slow & Strong Yoga</u> - 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).

<u>Pickleball</u> at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9:30am - 11:30am

<u>Pickleball</u> drop in at the Warburg High School Gym from 7-9pm \$2

<u>Sandholm Square Dance Club</u> - on Thursdays 7 - 9:30pm at the Sandholm Hall. Contact 780-238-5844 or 780-389-2381.

<u>Sew Heavenly Quilters</u> 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

<u>Community Socials</u> 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

<u>Music Jam Sessions</u> 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.

<u>Warburg Legion</u> - 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

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

SUNDAYS

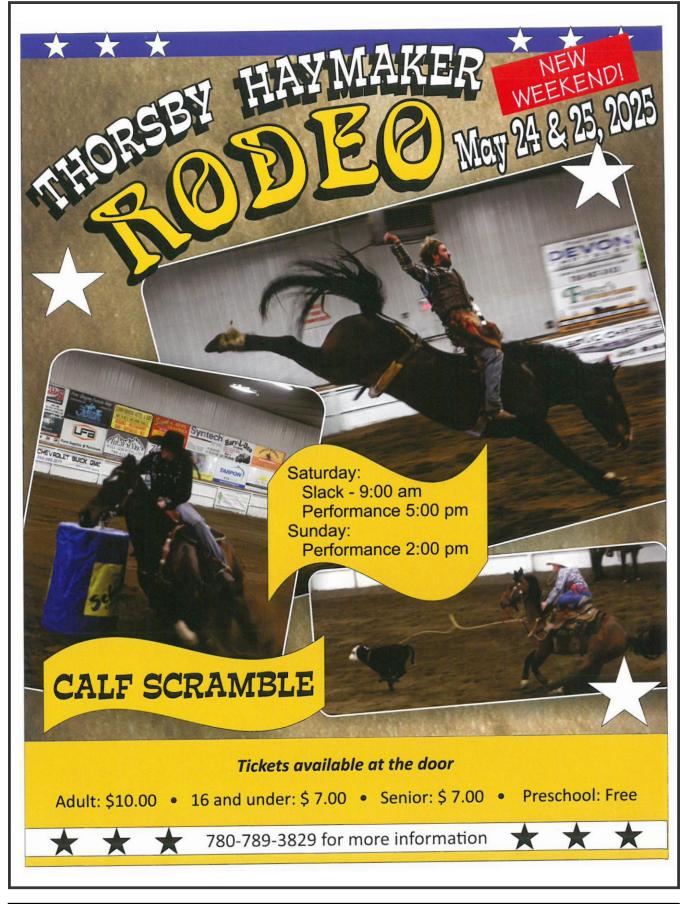
<u>Gospel Music Jam</u> at New Life Christian Fellowship on the 1st Sunday of the month from 2 - 4pm. Call 780-789-4171

Pancake Breakfast by the Thorsby Lions Club the first Sunday of the month at the Senior's Centre 9am - 12pm.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

Our FREE Community Connections booklet is available for pick up or go online to www.community39.com



Connect with us!



The Feelings Wheel: strengthen emotional expression within your family

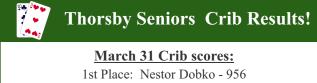
The Feelings Wheel is a psychological tool designed to help individuals identify, understand and articulate their emotions with greater clarity. Created by Dr. Gloria Wilcox, it visually categorizes emotions into primary, secondary and tertiary levels, allowing users to pinpoint nuanced feelings beyond broad terms like happy or sad.

This tool is especially beneficial for improving emotional intelligence, fostering self-awareness and enhancing communication in both personal and professional relationships. By using the Feelings Wheel, individuals can better process their emotions, regulate their responses and express themselves more effectively, leading to improved mental well-being and deeper connections with others. It is particularly useful in therapy, conflict resolution, personal growth and empowering people to navigate their emotional world with greater confidence and understanding.

Using the Feelings Wheel with your family is a great way to promote healthy emotional expression.

To learn more about the Feelings wheel, and to access Leduc County's Wellness tool kit, please visit <u>www.leduc-</u> <u>county.com/health-and-</u> <u>wellness</u> or stop by one of our Family Resource Network sites in Thorsby or Devon during drop in times in April to pick up a print copy for your family.



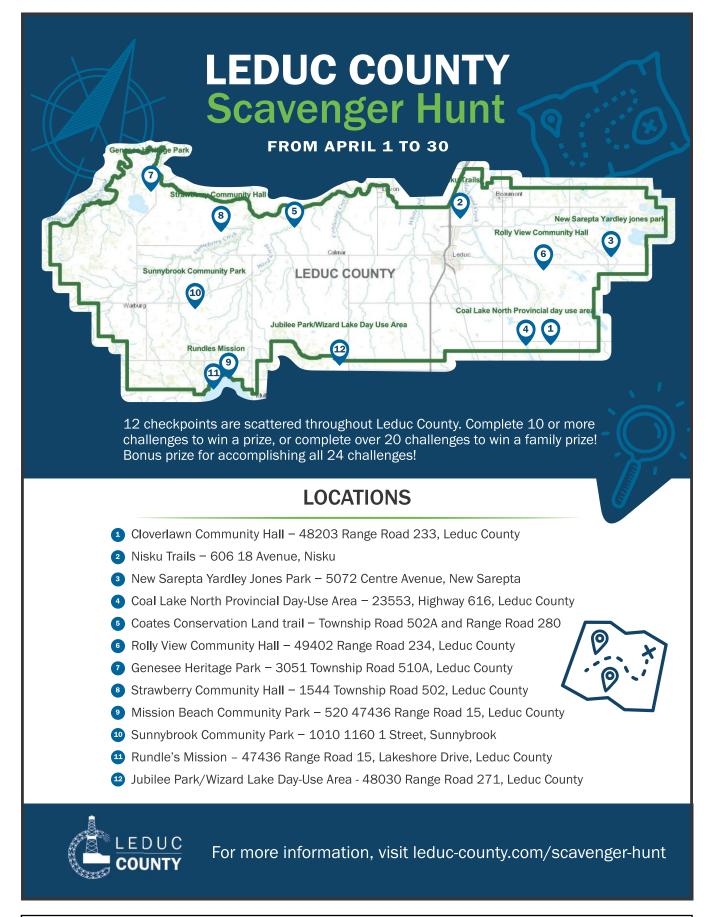


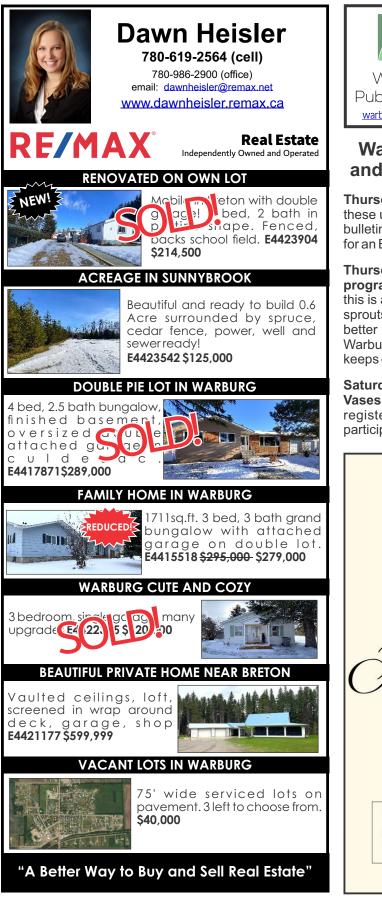
2nd Place: Jean Kile - 955 3rd Place: Eugene Senio - 953 *High Hand of 17: Rod Blair*

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

<u>Next crib event:</u> Monday, April 7 at 1:00 pm Thorsby Seniors Center / Admission \$7.00









Warburg Library's April programs and May program pre-registrations:

Thursday, April 17, Color an Easter picture (pick these up at Warburg Library). Staff will post these on the bulletin board and April 17 your name gets put into a draw for an Easter gift basket.

Thursday, April 24, Robert Schmidt's Living Well program, times will be announced closer to the day and this is a drop in program where Robert will show how He sprouts, bakes sprouted bread, juicing and how to live a better life with better food choices. This is the 3rd year Warburg Library has run this program and every year it keeps growing.

Saturday May 3, Mother's Day Pressed Flower Glass Vases Class from 10am - 11:30am. (see below) preregister at the library by April 25. Minimum of 5 participants needed to run the class.



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Volunteer Income Tax Program Now completing 2024 income taxes

The **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** (**CVITP**) is now completing 2024 income taxes freeof-charge for people with low to modest income and a simple tax situation. This can include seniors, students, social assistance recipients and newcomers to Canada. The volunteer program does not complete returns for people who are deceased, bankrupt, or have business, farming or rental income. Assistance to complete past year tax returns is also available.

In order to be eligible to receive the **Guaranteed** Income Supplement, GST Tax Credit, Canada Child Benefit, Canada Workers Benefit or the Canada Carbon Rebate, your 2024 tax return must be filed. Income taxes are due by April 30.

To find out if you are eligible for this program or to make an appointment, please contact your local CVITP Coordinator:

Leduc County or Thorsby: 780-979-2385 New Sarepta: 780-941-2382 Calmar: 780-985-3604 ext. 233 Warburg: 780-848-2828 City of Leduc: 780-980-7109





DID YOU NOTICE THE PRICE OF FUEL IS DOWN?

THE CONSUMER CARBON TAX IS GONE

Alberta News, April 1, 2025

Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction Dale Nally issued the following statement on the elimination of federal carbon taxes on fuel:

"The time has come. After years of relentless pressure from our government, the federal conservatives and other provincial governments across Canada, the federal government has finally scrapped its punishing consumer carbon tax that has wreaked havoc on Canadians' personal finances.

"With the removal of this costly tax, Alberta drivers will save an average of \$215 per year at the pumps. Our government expects that retailers will pass these tax savings on to Albertans in full.

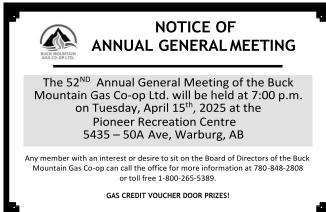
"We do not want the removal of the federal government's consumer carbon tax to be a phony tax, so we will continue to use every tool at our disposal to ensure Alberta drivers are not being gouged at the pumps.

"We will be monitoring and reviewing pump prices for any wrongdoing, and take action if needed. Businesses found guilty of price gouging can be fined by the courts up to \$300,000 or receive up to two years of jail time."

Quick Facts:

• Albertans can report suspected unfair practices to the Report a Rip-off line at 1-877-427-4088.

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LIFE AND TIMES OF A GRANDFATHER

submitted by Phil Pawlyk

Yupper.

I thought I was finished going to arenas and ball fields. Started coaching ball and hockey in 1966 in Edmonton and sort of ended in 2010, after eating cold hamburgers and soggy fries from a lot of arenas. But then it started again with the grandkids, it brought back a lot of memories.

I told the kids a while ago I miled out three trucks and a lifetime of savings in fuel. If I had the money back I'd be in a different place right now, maybe, but not to worry I made it through the winter, holidaying in just about every arena north of Red Deer. Things have changed a little bit now it's the grandkids whether to a soccer, ball, or hockey game. I'm on the move again, sometimes driving in the daylight, coming home at night in a winter storm that snuck up on me while at the arena, or watching the ball game and then having to take cover because of torrential rains. As time progresses things are getting better just like this past week with the spring dump that got us all by surprise, making travel just about impossible, couldn't go to Drumheller or Peace River. With technology today now, it makes it easy, I didn't have to leave my house between my computer, my telephone, and internet, I could watch the provincials of my grandkids that were at two different ends of the province, one day they played the same time, I had one on my phone the other on the computer, and I watched them both.



circled - son, Assistant Coach David Pawlyk and grandson, Blake Pawlyk (#4)

One of my grandsons Blake was playing in Drumheller even though he's not 16 yet he's been playing with the U18 B team out of St Paul. He holds his own on defence; he's got size and the smarts to match with the rest of the squad. They played teams from Vegreville, Lloydminster, Killam, Vermilion, and Drayton Valley, Whitecourt, and Athabasca during the year to make the trip, and Beaverlodge, Drumheller, and Hanna at the tournament. His Squad had some tough games at provincials, losing in the semi-final by one goal, keeping them from further play in the tournament. With the loss, a 4th overall placing in the province was the final outcome. I look at it this way: he's got 4 years in this group to get all he wants. This young man gained a lot of experience from this tournament. There's always next year as I see it.



circled - grandson, Michael Pawlyk (#12)

Now the team New Sarepta, another grandson Michael plays on, playing teams like Sylvan Lake, Rocky, Battle River, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin, Camrose, Thorsby / Warburg / Calmar combined then landed a zone final taking on Thorsby/W/C. Canmore. Coaldale. Airdrie. and Ponoka. This gave them a birth in the provincials up in Peace River, against teams like Devon, Barrhead, Valley View, Sherwood Park, Calgary, Mayerthorpe, and Peace River. They went through the tournament of 8 teams undefeated, with a plus 17 goal average overall, tied for second place in least penalty minutes, and the highest shots per game count. Michael ended up in third place in the scoring of the team, and tied for 5th in the top 10 of the 8 tournament in Peace River. The team brought home the Zone banner and the provincial Banner which was the first provincial banner "I think" that New Sarepta U18C hockey has achieved, should be a good celebration coming soon. Michael will not be playing next year seeing as how he'll be over age for that team next year, I wish him well wherever he goes and watching my grandsons was very intense in some of the games, but I made it without too much stress. It's just another "mark off" on the bucket list. Already gearing up for ball season.

I also have a granddaughter who is a fastball pitcher at 17 pitching for a 18-21 year old senior ladies ball team. Also not to forget granddaughter, the gymnast, winning competitions all over the province, western Canada, and the USA, honing her talents to maybe be a participant in the next Olympics in Los Angeles, California.

I'd just like to say I'm proud of my family and their accomplishments, something new everyday.



Early Childhood Resource Fair

Calling all parents with children 0 to 6 years of age!

Our Early Childhood Resource Fair offers a FREE fun-filled morning that includes a bouncy castle, snacks and smoothies, door prizes and draws for everyone! There will be resource tables with information along with special activities such as story times, puppet shows, infant and toddler massage and more!

- Date: Monday, April 7, 2025
- Time: 10 a.m. to noon
- Location: Thorsby Arctic Spa Recreation Centre
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Bylaw #2025-03 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw #2017-02

Council will hold a Public Hearing for Bylaw #2025-03, an Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw #2017-02, in which any person may ask questions or make comments. The Public Hearing is scheduled for **April 22nd at 7:00pm** and will be located in the Council Chambers at 4917 Hankin Street, Thorsby AB, TOC 2P0.

Bylaw #2025-03 proposed to amend the land use bylaw to

Redesignate Lot 4, Block 4, Plan 3473EO from C1 to PS



A copy of Bylaw #2025-03, amendment to Land Use Bylaw #2017-02, may be picked up or inspected at the Town of Thorsby Administration office, during regular office hours, or by email at: info@thorsby.ca.

Written or verbal submissions can be made by any person who claims to be affected, or from any other person the council agrees to hear from. Written submissions regarding Bylaw #2025-03 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw #2017-02 will be accepted on or before **April 15th at 4:30pm**.

Comments and letters relating to this Bylaw may emailed to *jcarleton@thorsby.ca* or be mailed to:

Town of Thorsby P.O. Box 297 Thorsby, AB TOC 2P0

If you want to speak at the public hearing you must pre-register by **April 15th at 4:30pm or at the start of the public hearing if you are attending in-person.** You can pre-register by contacting the legislative clerk at 780-789-3935 extension 27 or by emailing jcarleton@thorsby.ca.

If you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*



THE END OF AN ERA

www.drumhellerchamber.com/blog-post/drumhellersworlds-largest-dinosaur-to-say-goodbye-in-2029

Beloved Drumheller attraction announces closure in 2029, marking the end of an era

Drumheller, AB - March 26, 2025 - The Drumheller & District Chamber of Commerce (The Chamber) today announced that the iconic World's Largest Dinosaur (WLD), known affectionately as Tyra, along with its adjoining gift shop and visitor information centre, will close at the end of the current lease term in December 2029. This decision follows a strategic planning process conducted by the Chamber.

For 25years, Tyra has been a towering symbol of Drumheller's rich connection to dinosaur history and tourism, attracting visitors from around the world. Tyra weighs in at 65 tonnes and stands at 25 metres, more than four times bigger than a real Tyrannosaurus Rex.

"While this announcement is a difficult one, it's also an opportunity for the Chamber to refocus on our core mission: supporting local businesses, advocating on their behalf and fostering economic growth in Drumheller," said Lana Phillips, President of the Chamber. "We invite the community and visitors to make the most of the remaining years to create lasting memories with Tyra."

Over the coming years, the Chamber will work with Travel Drumheller, The Town of Drumheller, businesses and residents to commemorate Tyra in the community and work to ensure that visitors continue to come to Drumheller and support local businesses.

Preserving Tyra's Legacy

Since its construction in 2000. the World's Largest Dinosaur has been more than a tourist attraction-it has been a community cornerstone. Through the WLD Legacy Fund, proceeds from admissions and gift shop sales

have been reinvested into local community projects, with \$40,000 contributed in 2024 alone. The Chamber is committed to working with partners to explore ways to preserve this legacy even after the attraction's closure.

"Tyra's story isn't ending—it's evolving," said Heather Bitz, Executive Director of the Chamber. "We'll be looking for ways to honour the memories, stories, and community impact that Tyra has created over the years."

The Chamber will ensure that Tyra's legacy continues to benefit Drumheller long after her final visitors. The Chamber will explore ways to memorialize Tyra's impact through community initiatives, storytelling and potential commemorative projects. By preserving the stories and symbols tied to Tyra, the Chamber aims to create lasting reminders of her role in shaping Drumheller's identity, growth and support for local businesses.

Here are a few of the Frequently Asked Questions updated March 28, 2025. To read more go to www.drumhellerchamber.com

Q: Why can't the Chamber continue to occupy the WLD and Visitor Information Centre site after 2029?

A: While the Chamber lease has been extended to 2029 by the Town of Drumheller, the Chamber will not seek a lease renewal past the end of 2029. This timing aligns with decisions made in our strategic planning process. The Chamber will be proactive over the coming five vears to plan and will announce its next steps once details have been finalized. Questions about the land use beyond 2029 may be directed to the Town of Drumheller.

Q: Can Tyra be moved to another site within the town?

A: Tyra, the World's Largest Dinosaur, is indeed large. She is 25 metres tall and weighs 65 tonnes. To put that into perspective, she is 4.5 times bigger than a real T-Rex. Further, the steel and aging fiberglass construction makes the dinosaur even more difficult to move. We are

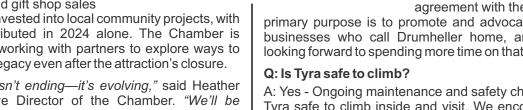
not exploring re-location options at this time.

Q: Why does the management of the World's Largest Dinosaur, Visitor Information Centre and gift shop fall under the mandate of the Chamber?

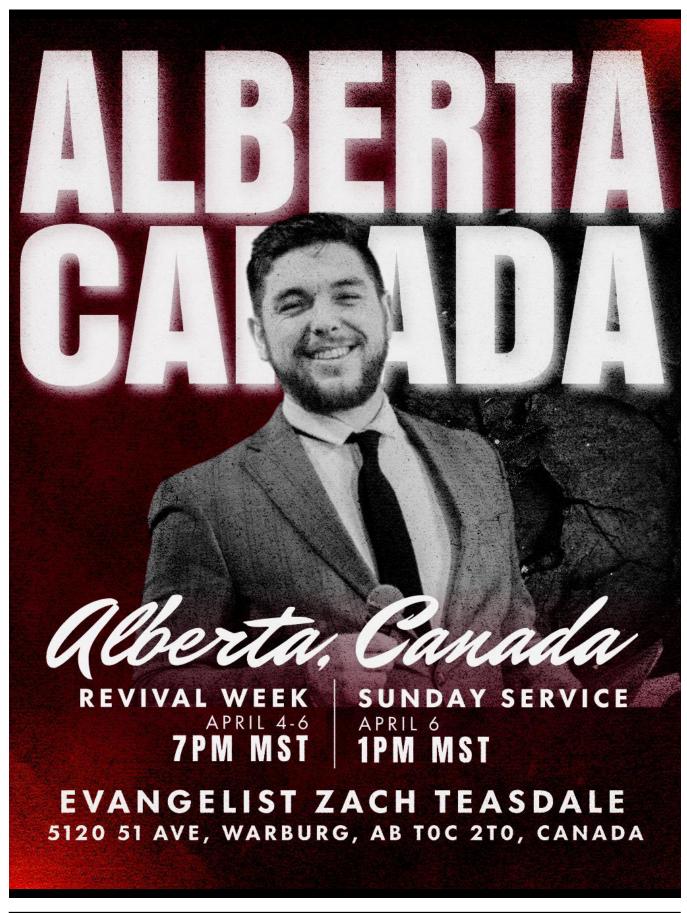
A: This was a decision made many years ago with the construction of the World's Largest Dinosaur in 2000. Since that time, the Chamber has owned the World's Largest Dinosaur and the gift shop and we have operated the Visitor Information Centre as part of a fee-for-service agreement with the town. Our

primary purpose is to promote and advocate for local businesses who call Drumheller home, and we are looking forward to spending more time on that focus.

A: Yes - Ongoing maintenance and safety checks make Tyra safe to climb inside and visit. We encourage and invite all to continue to visit.







Agricultural workshop topics of interest engagement now open

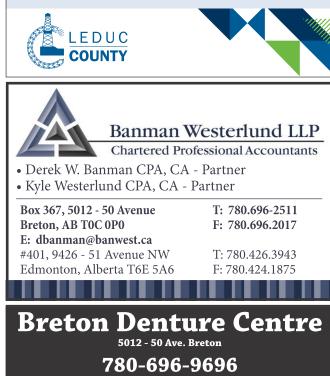
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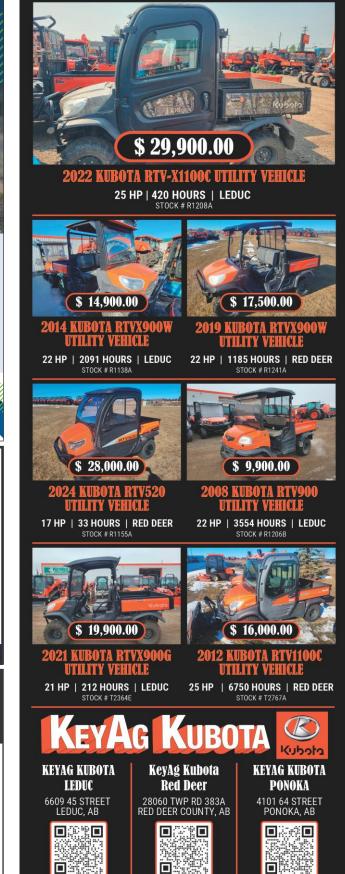
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NEW LEARNING PATHWAY TO A CAREER AS A TRUCK DRIVER

Alberta News, March 31, 2025

Alberta's Class 1 Learning Pathway and grant program will improve safety on our roads and make it easier and more affordable to start a career as a truck driver.

In March 2024, Alberta's government announced changes to Class 1 drivers' licensing and training to ensure commercial truck drivers in Alberta have the right mix of competencies and licensing to perform their jobs professionally, safely and efficiently.

Starting April 1, drivers are required to complete Class 1 driver's licence training through the new made-in-Alberta Class 1 Learning Pathway, which uses a flexible, apprenticeship-style approach to training. The complete Class 1 Learning Pathway includes up to 133 hours of instruction, including air brake training, offering more hands-on skills and safety training than the former 113hour Mandatory Entry Level Training Program. Enhanced in-cab training will provide learners with more hands-on experience and practical, competency-based learning.

Budget 2025, if passed, invests \$54.1 million over three years in the Class 1 Learning Pathway grant program to support training and transferability, and to attract and retain new commercial drivers in Alberta. The new grant program uses an employer-driven and industry-led model that will help employers invest in their workforce and build capacity in the transportation industry to address challenges related to the commercial driver shortage in the province.

"Alberta needs more truck drivers. With this historic investment, we are ensuring Albertans get the training they need to become highly skilled commercial drivers, increasing safety on our roads, and helping them build long-lasting careers." Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

"Alberta relies on its commercial truckers to deliver goods from one corner of the province to the other, representing a crucial component of our economy. This investment will ensure that Alberta continues to attract and retain reliable, safe and educated commercial truckers that have the right training and skills to continue driving our province forward." Rick Wilson, MLA for Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin

The competency-based Class 1 training includes content specific to the unique terrain, weather, cargo and equipment in Alberta's commercial driving industry.

Safety, wellness and responsibility are also foundational to the new Class 1 training curriculum, with additional content focused on personal health and well-being, workplace safety and incident response.

The Class 1 Learning Pathway also focuses on improving safety on Alberta's roads through enhanced accountability to increase consistency in how licensed driver training schools, carriers, instructors and examiners meet training, examination and operational standards. The new accountability framework includes oversight measures, as well as a progressive discipline policy for cases where one of these entities is not providing training to an acceptable standard.

"The new learning pathway will not only develop new Class 1 drivers but also strengthen industry-specific training, preparing them for diverse employment opportunities. Equipping drivers with the skills needed for Alberta's transportation demands, this program will support a more resilient commercial driving workforce." Darryl Addison, general manager, SATO Canada Inc.

"The new Class 1 Learning Pathway establishes a clear path for those new to the industry to receive regulatory and employable skill training that leads them to economically secure commercial driving careers. As a result, this pathway will help put more women behind the wheel, helping ensure Alberta's economy keeps rolling. Women Building Futures is grateful for the government's collaborative approach in the pathway design and looks forward to a continued partnership."Carol Moen, president and CEO, Women Building Futures

A total of \$30 million over three years is allocated for the Employment Pathway Grant which provides funding for eligible employers in the commercial driving industry to cover the costs of training and onboarding for new and future Class 1 drivers, leading to the direct employment of new Class 1 drivers in Alberta's commercial transportation industry.

The Industry Advancement Grant will provide \$24.1 million over three years in funding for eligible projects from organizations in the commercial transportation industry to support industry-driven solutions to increase employment, attraction and retention. These projects will provide solutions while improving employer hiring practices and building partnerships with Indigenous communities. This funding also includes \$1.5 million over three years for education grants to support Class 2 and Class 4 school bus driver competencies.

"Alberta's new Class 1 Learning Pathway and grant program mark a significant step forward for the province's commercial transportation industry. This is a great opportunity for Alberta to develop a highly skilled workforce, create jobs and enhance road safety while making commercial driving more accessible and affordable." Carmela Gennaro, president/general manager, Gennaro Transport Training, Gennaro Express Lines Ltd.

NEW LEARNING PATHWAY TO A CAREER AS A TRUCK DRIVER

continued

Alberta is an economic engine in this country, and our economy depends on the safe, efficient delivery of goods. Through this enhanced focus on training, oversight and improved road safety, the province is taking an important step forward to ensure the commercial trucking sector will thrive and grow. The additional financial support for new commercial drivers will help incentivize employment and create new opportunities for drivers in this important profession." Tim Morrison, director of government relations western and pacific, Insurance Bureau of Canada

Additionally, Alberta's government is increasing access to training and testing for Class 1 commercial drivers' licences and Class 6 motorcycle drivers' licences through a reciprocal agreement with the Northwest Territories. The agreement allows for reciprocal training and testing for Class 1 (including air brake) and Class 6 drivers' licences starting April 1, 2025. Northwest Territories residents who take Class 1 driver training and testing in Alberta will also be licensed in the Northwest Territories. Albertans can also take Class 1 driver training and testing in the Northwest Territories and be licensed in Alberta.

Budget 2025 is meeting the challenge faced by Alberta with continued investments in education and health, lower taxes for families and a focus on the economy.

Quick Facts

- Application intake for the Employment Pathway Grant will open on April 1. This program will:
 - reimburse eligible employers for up to \$10,000 for their training costs for new Class 1 drivers
 - offer an onboarding incentive of up to \$10,000 for hiring new Class 1 drivers with less than two years of experience in a Class 1 driving position
 - provide an additional \$5,000 for Class 1 driver professional development to ensure Alberta's commercial drivers are the best on the road
- The Industry Advancement Grant launches April 15, with the 2025 call for expressions of interest closing May 16.
 - Eligible industry projects targeting Class 3 commercial driving are included in this grant stream as Class 1 drivers often begin their careers driving Class 3 trucks (vehicles which have three or more axles).
 - An education grant of \$500,000 is included in this program to support Class 2 and 4 school bus driver competencies.
- There are more than 149,000 licensed Class 1 drivers in Alberta, yet only 31 per cent are employed as truck drivers.

- According to Statistics Canada, there are 4,260 commercial truck driver vacancies in Alberta (Quarter 3, 2023) which accounts for 20 per cent of the vacancies in Canada.
- As of the end of January 2025, we have 19,431 commercial carriers:
 - operating federally: 6,782
 - operating only in Alberta: 12,649

We must all do our part for the planet. The other day I unplugged a row of electric cars nobody was using.



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Laurie's ***** Laughs



The USA's stock market is crashing so badly, it's almost as if the country is being run by someone who went bankrupt 6 times.



When you're young and you drop something, you just pick it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for a while, wondering if you actually need it anymore.

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I had a thought... and then I had another thought...



They bounced off each other and now I can't find either one.

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