

# CONNECT39

Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

*previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle*

## PROVINCE-WIDE NON-EMERGENCY LINE LAUNCHED

*Media Relations RCMP, April 14, 2025*

### **Alberta RCMP marks National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and launches province-wide non-emergency line**

Edmonton – Your Alberta RCMP is recognizing the hard work of its Operational Communications Centres (OCC) and their operators during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, running April 13-19. OCC operators are the first point of contact for the public when seeking assistance from the police, in both emergencies and non-emergencies. They work day and night, 365 days a year, and are essential for ensuring public safety.

As a part of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, the Alberta RCMP is happy to announce that individuals in Alberta will now be able to make non-emergency police reports by calling 310-RCMP, or 310-7267. The new function is designed to streamline the reporting process, optimize early stages of investigations, and reduce unnecessary calls to 911.

*“310-RCMP was created to help eliminate confusion about which detachment someone should call if they experience a non-emergency that doesn’t require police attendance,” says Chris Spence, director of the Operational Communications Centre in Alberta. “We encourage people to report non-emergencies as this helps us focus frontline efforts on high-priority calls and deploy resources in areas that need it most.”*

RCMP Police Dispatchers determine when a non-emergency call should be dispatched to a detachment directly or to the Alberta RCMP's Call Back Unit (CBU). The CBU is a unit made up of police officers whose primary duty is to respond to and investigate files that do not require scene attendance by police officers. CBU officers will contact complainants and investigate the occurrence. If, during the investigation, there is need for further

investigation they will contact detachments or specialized units.

Long-distance charges do not apply, and no area code prefix required. The number is accessible to all Albertans within the province with a phone line or an active mobile phone with a cellular signal.

#### **Non-emergencies:**

- Do not pose an immediate or potential threat to life or public safety.
- Include crimes that have already taken place prior to being discovered.
- Often do not require police attendance, but do require police response

#### **Examples include but are not limited to:**

- Minor motor vehicle collisions.
- Break and enters that already took place.
- Scams in which money or personal information was not transferred or provided.
- Lost property.
- Property damage under \$5,000.
- Theft under \$5,000.

While these types of reports are important, they are not an emergency.

#### **Ways to report non-emergencies:**

- Call 310-RCMP (7267)
- To report online, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play. Alternatively, visit [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ab](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ab) and select Online Crime Reporting under quick links.

For more information on how to report both emergencies and non-emergencies, please visit the [Alberta RCMP website](http://www.alberta.rcmp.gc.ca).



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**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN GREAT OPPORTUNITY** to work with the mind and body and partner with other practitioners in massage therapy, holistic therapy and naturopathic medicine and alternative healing? If so, contact Brittany at 780-964-0042 / [bmj.mcc@gmail.com](mailto:bmj.mcc@gmail.com)

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## COMMUNITY / BUSINESS EVENTS

**NEW MOON GATHERING & POTLUCK LUNCH** on April 27. Renewal, reflection, and connection with ceremony, music, and community sharing. Bring your self, your family, your voice, and a nourishing dish to share. Learn more at [GuidedMeditation.ca](http://GuidedMeditation.ca)

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(max. 4 lines or approx. 30 words) GST included

Email [media@community39.com](mailto:media@community39.com)

## Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store

### Easter Weekend Hours

**OPEN - April 17**

**CLOSED - April 18 & 19.**

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7	9	5	3	1	4	2	8	6
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Sudoku Answers from  
April 11 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.*



## NOW HIRING

**Wilf Brandt Trucking Ltd.** is seeking Experienced Class 1 Oilfield Drivers, for Year-Round Production Fluid Hauling in the Warburg, Thorsby, Leduc, Drayton Valley and Pigeon Lake areas.

Current Oilfield Safety Tickets are a definite asset and willingness to work shift cycle a must.

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Please email resume along with a current drivers abstract to [info@wilfbrandttrucking.ca](mailto:info@wilfbrandttrucking.ca)

## Thorsby Tiny Tots Playschool

### Is looking for a Level 1 or 2 Early Childhood Educator

To work along side our current Level 3 teacher

#### Requirements:

- Level 1 or 2 Early Childhood Education
- First Aid
- Available to work Tuesday & Thursday
- Provide police background check

#### PLEASE SEND RESUME TO:

📧 [teachertinytots@gmail.com](mailto:teachertinytots@gmail.com)

Application deadline: April 30th

## We ♥ local art contest

Leduc County is running an art contest for local artists! A total of 24 winning pieces will be featured in an art display at our **Leduc County Days** events, which take place on **June 19** and **Aug. 14** and celebrate the Leduc County community.

*\*Participants can submit more than one piece of art for this contest.*

#### APPLY TODAY AT:

[leduc-county.com/local-art-contest](http://leduc-county.com/local-art-contest)

Submit your art using our online form by May 18.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at [recprograms@leduc-county.com](mailto:recprograms@leduc-county.com) or **780-955-6410**.



## Village of Breton Employment Opportunity

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

*(Monday to Thursday 28hr/week)*

Reporting directly to the chief administrative officer, the administrative assistant will assist in the running of the Village of Breton office.

#### Duties and Responsibilities

- Excellent communication, organization and interpersonal skills
- Customer oriented
- Ability to work in a team environment
- General accounting experience
- Social Media management
- Event Planning
- Facility bookings (community centre and centraplex)
- Proficient in Microsoft Excel, Word and Outlook required

Salary depending on qualifications.

Please email cover letter and resume to [admin@breton.ca](mailto:admin@breton.ca).

*The posting will remain up until a suitable candidate is found.*



## COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

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

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

**April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt** at the Warburg Community Park at 1pm. Bring your own bag or basket.

**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.

**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 19 - Easter Egg-Stravaganza** at the Winfield Hall from 1-3pm. Duck hunt, Easter bingo, cookie decorating and crafts. FREE! 780-621-1125 or [winfieldagsociety@gmail.com](mailto:winfieldagsociety@gmail.com)

**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.

**April 23 - New Humble School Grade 7-9 Information Night** from 6-8pm. 48469 Hwy795. Burgers & refreshments served.

**April 24 - Robert Schmidt's Living Well Program** from 1-3pm at the Warburg Library. Contact the library for more info.

**April 25 & 26 - Country Market and Bake Sale** at Glen Park Hall. Friday from 3pm to 7pm & Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Hosted by the Glen Park Community Association.

**April 25 - Name That Tune "Grad Glam" Edition** at 7pm at the Winfield Hall. [www.winfieldagsociety.com](http://www.winfieldagsociety.com) or Facebook.

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

**April 26 - 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.

**April 26 - Kids Cooking Class** - two sessions to choose from; \$10 per child per session, must be 10 years or older. Register by emailing [winfieldagsociety@gmail.com](mailto:winfieldagsociety@gmail.com)

**April 27 - Potluck Supper** at the Winfield Legion. Doors open at 5pm. Supper 6pm. Come for supper and stay for Dance and Socializing. No Hitchhiker Band will be practising

**April 27 - Divine Liturgy on Sunday** at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Thorsby at 9:00 a.m. For further information, contact Dan at 780 789-3698

**April 30 - Thorsby Volunteer Appreciation** at the Thorsby Community Hall. Tickets \$20. Includes dinner and interactive

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**April 30 - Young Adult Book Club** hosted by Jaxon from 3:30 - 4:30 at the Warburg Library.

**May 2 - Warburg Volunteer Appreciation** at the Warburg Pioneer Rec Centre Doors Open at 5pm and Dinner 6pm. Hosted by Warburg FCSS. Tickets at Warburg Village Office.

**May 2 - Perogy Supper** at the Thorsby Community Centre from 5:30 - 7:30pm (while supplies last). \$15/plate. 6 & under \$7/plate. Hosted by the Thorsby Historical Society.

**May 2 & 3 - Thorsby Craft & Trade Spring Market** at the Thorsby Community Centre. Friday 5-8pm. Saturday 11-3pm. Hosted by the Thorsby Historical Society.

**May 3 - Mother's Day Class** - pressed flower glass vases at the Warburg Library from 10-11:30am. Cost \$15 for 2 vases. Pre-register by April 24 at the library.

## Congratulations Molly Wagar of Sweet Bakes, on receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal





# Village of Breton Employment Opportunity

## CUSTODIAN

**Part Time, Casual, 3-6 hrs per week**

Are you a highly organized individual with attention to detail? Are you looking for a part time position that offers flexibility, physical elements and variety in your work?

The Breton Community Centre and Centraplex Custodian is a year-round position required to ensure our facilities are maintained and safe for all users. Scheduled by the Village office and reporting to the CAO this position is occasionally responsible for assisting in event set up as well.

### **Operational Responsibilities**

- Assist as needed in the set up and tear down of functions.
- Ensure facilities are locked and secured when not in use.
- Adhere to all policies and procedures with respect to facility rentals.

### **Custodial Responsibilities**

- Occasional assistance with set-up and tear down of events per signed rental agreements.
- Ensure facilities are clean, stocked and equipment is in good working order per cleaning/event per cleaning guidelines prior and after events.
- Ensure sidewalks are clear of snow and ice prior to events.
- Continually act in a courteous and customer service orientated manner, while maintaining a fiduciary responsibility to the Village of Breton.

### **Key Competencies**

- Exceptional organizational and time management skills with the ability to prioritize projects and deadlines.
- Flexible with an ability to work in a team orientated community environment.
- Customer-centric with the ability to remain professional at all times.
- High attention to detail.
- Able to work independently and with community members.

### **Qualifications**

- Able to lift a minimum of 30lbs.
- Availability to work a non-traditional work schedule based on operational needs.
- Salary Range: \$20 - \$25 per hour.

**Interested applicants are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume to  
[admin@breton.ca](mailto:admin@breton.ca)**

*The posting will remain up until a suitable candidate is found*

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

### 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

**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

**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** every third Tuesday 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

**Stay n' Play** - Every Wednesday drop-in play, in the fieldhouse at the Thorsby Rec Complex from 9-11:30am. FREE. Snacks & Coffee. 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)

**Teen Time** at the Thorsby Library the 4th Wednesday of the month from 3:30 - 4:30pm until April 23.

**Thorsby Library After School Program** (K to age 6) 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:30 - 4:30pm until May 14.

**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

**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. **CLOSED APRIL 18 for EASTER!**

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

### 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 Seniors Thrift Store** - Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-3pm. 780-996-5131. **CLOSED APRIL 19 for EASTER!**

### 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.

### \*PLEASE NOTE:

All events are subject to change. Please email us at [media@community39.com](mailto:media@community39.com) or call 780-434-7446 to add an event or if we have incorrect information.

## 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.

**Seed Swap** - Head to the Thorsby Municipal Library or Warburg Municipal Library and take a package or two of seeds, and if you can, leave a package for someone else. Seeds available until May 10th.

*Community Events & Information  
is FREE to advertise*



Karra Kshyk, daughter of Wes and Amanda Bendza-Kshyk, is a Grade 8 student of Thorsby High School.

Karra, with the Stony Plain and Parkland Ukrainian dancers performed at the inaugural Shumka Dance Festival in Edmonton for a three day competition, April 11, 12 & 13. Dancers of all ages and from all over Canada competed.

Karra Kshyk's solo, Lemko, won High Gold, second high, on Thursday. Her solo performance was shown on Global TV, as well as online with the Edmonton Journal.

Karra's group of three dancers also won Gold 93 high, second highest.



**Love Dziadzia Peter and Babcia Kasia**

## *In Loving Memory*



### **Robert Ernest Swanson**

October 9, 1945 - April 16, 2024



This is the time for remembering...

what your father did and said

and all the times

you spent with him.

These memories are

a precious legacy

of your father -

his strength and his love.

*Missing you every day,*

*your wife Lori*

*and all your children and grandchildren*



## Connect with us!

Submitted by Town of Thorsby FCSS

by Brandee Fossen, FCSS Coordinator  
780-789-4004 / [bfossen@thorsby.ca](mailto:bfossen@thorsby.ca)

National Volunteer Week provides a chance to highlight the value of volunteers and their positive impact on society. Every April, Volunteer Canada leads the National Volunteer Week (NVW) campaign. This year's theme is **Volunteers Make Waves: Together, we create ripples of change.** It highlights the power, impact, and importance of individual and collective volunteer efforts across Canada. Like a wave, volunteering is movement building. Each individual volunteer contribution, big or small, creates momentum and has the power to influence and inspire, joining a wave of positive change. Let's celebrate the collective impact we make when we come together to contribute to and nurture the well-being of our communities.

Please attend the Volunteer Appreciation Evening on April 30th - details below

2025 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK | Volunteer  
Alberta

[www.volunteeralberta.ab.ca/for-organizations/national-volunteer-week/](http://www.volunteeralberta.ab.ca/for-organizations/national-volunteer-week/)

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 30TH**

**THORSBY COMMUNITY HALL  
TICKETS \$20.00**

**Doors Open 5:30PM  
Dinner 6:00PM  
Interactive Entertainment 7:00PM**

**CONTACT BRANDEE WITH FCSS  
780-789-4004/BFOSSSEN@THORSBY.CA**



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**Program Dates**  
**May 24, 31 & June 14, 2025**

**Saturday Mornings**  
**10am-12pm**

**Areas of Focus:**

- Social Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Emotional Regulation
- Collaborative Work & Play
- Connection
- Conversation Skills

Registration Deadline is May 16, 2025

For More Information & Registration:  
Amy Paris  
780-619-1536  
[ntherapyinc@gmail.com](mailto:ntherapyinc@gmail.com)

**Arctic Spas Rec Complex**

## BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION COURSE

Register today for our Canada Safety Council babysitting training course, and become a certified babysitter.

**Saturday May 24th and Sunday May 25th, from 10am-3pm.**

Learn safe babysitting practices such as basic first aid, healthy play time, and meal safety. Participants will be formally instructed by a certified instructor for the two day course; each participant will receive a babysitting certificate after they successfully completing their final examination.

To register visit [thorsby.ca/recreation](http://thorsby.ca/recreation). Cost of registration is \$60, ages 11+.  
Lunch will be provided for all participants.

**Register required\***

780-789-4041  
4901-48 Ave. Thorsby AB  
[thorsby.ca/recreation](http://thorsby.ca/recreation)  
[sdumont@thorsby.ca](mailto:sdumont@thorsby.ca)

## 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**.



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# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Easter Sunday, April 20 | 8-10 a.m.  
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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## RE: Closure of Community United Church in Warburg and Dissolution of the Telfordville Pastoral Charge

*April 27, 2025 10:30 am*

A congregational meeting will be held following the 10:30am worship service to begin the process of closure of Community United Church and dissolution of the Telfordville Pastoral Charge.

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- **Date:** Monday, May 5, 2025, from noon to 1 p.m.
- **Location:** Zoom (online)
- **Registration:** contact Sara at **780-955-6424**, by email at [Sara@leduc-county.com](mailto:Sara@leduc-county.com) or online at [www.leduc-county.com/e-prep](http://www.leduc-county.com/e-prep).





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*By Ken Bishop (aka: PK)*

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Sometimes a loss comes as a result of a fire, storm or a flood. As bad as this is, it is most often considered an act of nature, not by the willful act of someone.

There are so many stories about how people have been devastated by a great loss, yet in time, have been able to rebuild or replace the items stolen or destroyed. Even those who have lost photos have been able to find other family members with similar photos that they can duplicate. It is never exactly the same of course, but it is at least a recovery in part.

Wildfires have demolished homes and uprooted people's lives, yet these warriors have fought back, with the help of others, and have been able to rebuild their dreams.

Of all the losses that we can face in life, the biggest losses of all come in the form of time. Something that you cannot buy or ever replace. When time passes it is gone forever. How many lives have been robbed by time? How many times have we robbed others of time by not being there for them when they needed us most? Unforgiveness is a thief that loves to steal away hours, days and years from those willing to allow this thief entrance into their lives.

We need time theft protection. We need to be vigilant in sensing and understanding this destructive intruder. When time is stolen from you or from those you love, or those who love you, that time can never be replaced. Cherish the time that has been given to you. Guard it closely in your heart.



## Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

### April 14 Crib scores:

1st Place: George Yawney - 953

2nd Place: Elaine Blair - 940

3rd Place: Nestor Dobko - 916

*High Hand of 20: Elaine Blair and Phyllis Yawney*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!**

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# EXPLORING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN WATER SECURITY

*submitted by the County of Wetaskiwin, April 10, 2025*

For Immediate Release – The Town of Thorsby and the County of Wetaskiwin are excited to announce the exploration of a new collaborative effort aimed at enhancing water services and ensuring robust water security for our region. Thorsby's sophisticated water system is at the heart of this initiative, which seeks to provide enhanced water options for County residents, businesses and the agricultural sector, both now and in the future.

Currently, Thorsby and the County of Wetaskiwin are assessing the feasibility of a collaborative water distribution model. This proactive effort aims to identify a more secure and sustainable water source in response to the County's current dependence on wells. This initiative is designed to secure a reliable water supply that meets immediate needs and supports future growth throughout the greater region.

*"Without a glacier fed waterbody within our municipality, water security is critical to the success of the County of Wetaskiwin," stated Reeve Josh Bishop. "This opportunity could increase the efficiency of the water systems within both municipalities. We commend Thorsby for their forward-thinking approach and look forward to working together in building a strong and profitable system that will achieve the scale necessary to become self sustaining."*

*"Thorsby's future success has always been about marketing and distributing its water," stated Mayor Hostyn. "I along with our Council and administration have been diligently setting the groundwork to make this a reality. We are so pleased to be working closely with the County of Wetaskiwin exploring options that could benefit the residents, agriculture, and businesses in both municipalities for economic success."*

We invite all stakeholders—residents, businesses, and neighboring communities—to engage with us as we explore future development of critical water services. This collaboration represents a unique opportunity for everyone to contribute to ensuring our region has the

water it needs to grow and prosper safely.

Our current focus includes optimizing water management strategies and maintaining water infrastructure to ensure safe, reliable water services for everyone, including residents, businesses, and industry. This initiative not only addresses the diverse water needs across our region but also promotes sustainable development and equitable resource access

By working together, we can bring our overhead costs down, increase capacity and spur industrial and commercial growth. This strategic approach enhances the potential for new investments in emerging sectors, strengthening Alberta's economy and supporting long-term sustainable development.

For more information or to get involved, please contact:

- Reeve Josh Bishop and CAO Scott MacDougall at the County of Wetaskiwin: 780.352.3321

- Mayor Darryl Hostyn and CAO Donna Tona at the Town of Thorsby: 780.789.3935

Let's work together to secure a prosperous and water-secure future for our region. To stay up to date on this project visit [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/regional-water](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/regional-water)



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## What's New @ Thorsby Municipal Library

By Susan Parkinson

### Seed Swap

Planting the seeds of success, one crop at a time!

**Thorsby Community in Bloom** has once again generously provided seeds to share with the community. Come down to the library and take a package or two, and if you can, leave a package for someone else. If you can't leave a package, that's fine too! The seeds will be available from April 2nd to May 10th, 2025. Enjoy and Happy Seeding.

### Monthly Programs

#### Library After-School Program

(Kindergarten to age 6)

2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM. **Last one May 14th. We will be taking a break for the summer.**

#### Teen Time

4th Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM. Teens can gather for games, crafts, and more. **No program in April. Last one May 28th. We will be taking a break for the summer.**

#### Fun with Friends: Story Time

Children ages 0-5 with their caregivers. Every Friday from 10:30-11:30 AM.

### Save the Date

Thursday, May 15th: Mortgage 101 with Laura Cooke

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[warburglibrary.ab.ca](http://warburglibrary.ab.ca)

## UPDATE

Submitted by Gail O'Neil

Ph: 780-848-2391 / Fax: 780-848-2296

[warburglibrary@yrl.ab.ca](mailto:warburglibrary@yrl.ab.ca)

the Library is also on FB and Instagram

OPEN Monday - Thursdays 10am - 5pm

Friday - Sunday CLOSED

Warburg Library is excited to announce a **Young Adult book club** hosted by Jaxon, every second month on a Wednesday 3:30 to 4:30pm. The **first one will be April 30**, book choice to be announced.

**Thursday, April 24, 1-3 pm Robert Schmidt's Living Well Sprouting Program** will be at the Warburg Library.

**Pre-registration for the Mother's day craft is Thursday April 24** call 780-848-2391 to register. The day of **the craft is Saturday May 3, 10 am to 11:30 am, hosted by Robin Duiker**, everything needed to make these beautiful pressed flower containers is supplied. Two containers cost \$15.00, this includes pressed flowers and supplies.

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# SHOW YOUR ALBERTA SIDE. BUY LOCAL.

Alberta News, April 14, 2025

**When the going gets tough, Albertans stick together. That's why Alberta's government is launching a new campaign to benefit hard-working Albertans.**

Global uncertainty is threatening the livelihoods of hard-working Alberta farmers, ranchers, processors and their families. The 'Buy Local' campaign, recently launched by Alberta's government, encourages consumers to eat, drink and buy local to show our unified support for the province's agriculture and food industry.

The government's 'Buy Local' campaign encourages consumers to buy products from Alberta's hard-working farmers, ranchers and food processors that produce safe, nutritious food for Albertans, Canadians and the world.

*"It's time to let these hard-working Albertans know we have their back. Now, more than ever, we need to shop local and buy made-in-Alberta products. The next time you are grocery shopping or go out for dinner or a drink with your friends or family, support local to demonstrate your Alberta pride. We are pleased tariffs don't impact the ag industry right now and will keep advocating for our ag industry."* RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

Alberta's government supports consumer choice. We are providing tools to help folks easily identify Alberta- and Canadian-made foods and products. Choosing local products keeps Albertans' hard-earned dollars in our province. Whether it is farm-fresh vegetables, potatoes, honey, craft beer, frozen food or our world-renowned beef, Alberta has an abundance of fresh foods produced right on our doorstep.

## Quick Facts

- This summer, Albertans can support local at more than 150 farmers' markets across the province and meet the folks who make, bake and grow our food.
- In March 2023, the Alberta government launched the '**Made in Alberta**' voluntary food and beverage labelling program to support local agriculture and food sectors.
- Through direct connections with processors, the program has created the momentum to continue expanding consumer awareness about the 'Made in Alberta' label to help shoppers quickly identify foods and beverages produced in our province.

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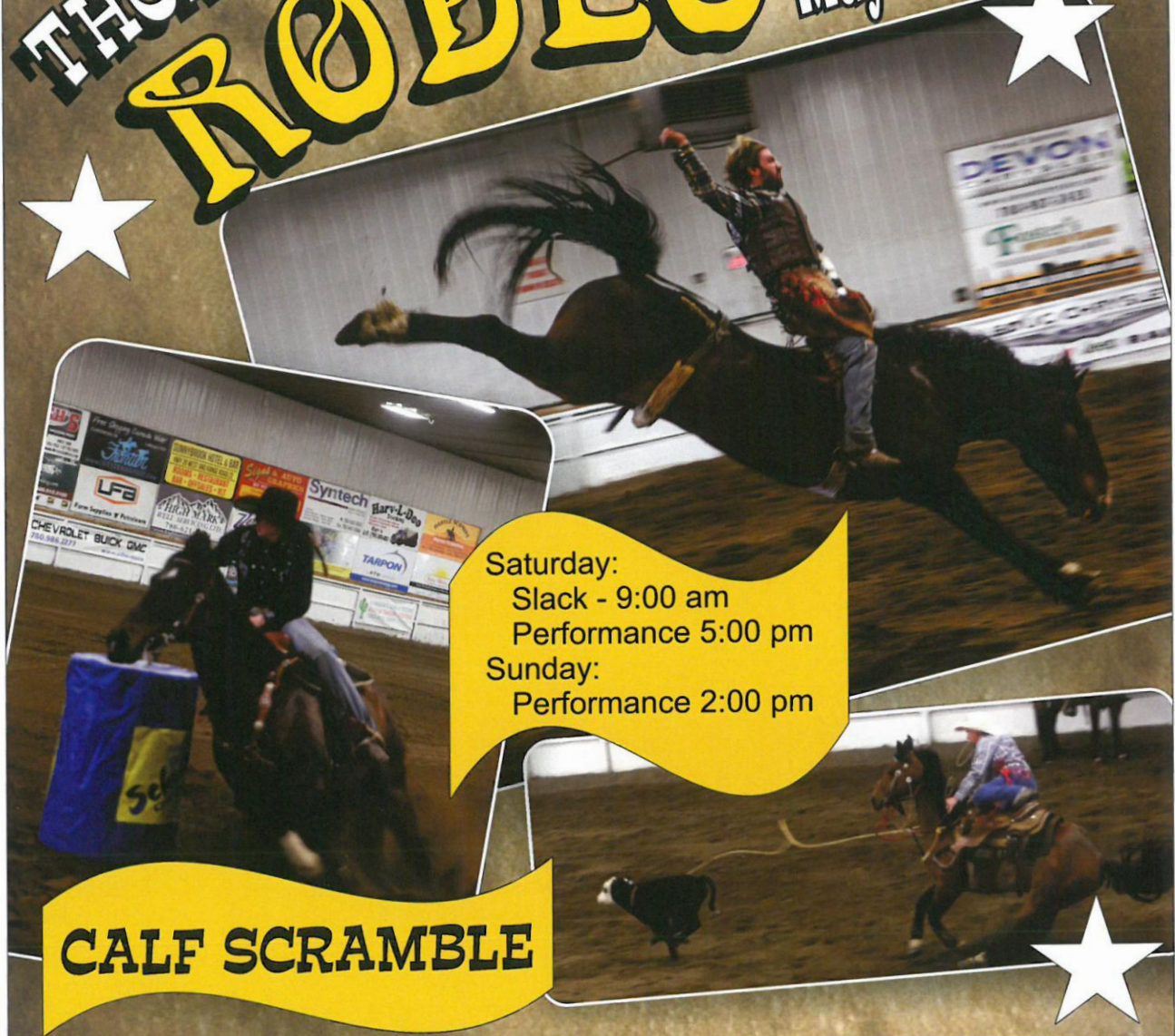
### How to apply

Contact Drive Happiness at **780-424-5438** or **1-888-336-4503**, or fill out an application at your local FCSS office. Learn more at [leduc-county.com/seniors-transportation](http://leduc-county.com/seniors-transportation).



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# GRANDPARENT SCAM ALERT:

## What Alberta Families Need to Know *from the Alberta Crime Watch Association*

The call comes in the middle of the afternoon. "Grandma, it's me. I'm in trouble." They then say they need your help because there was an accident or maybe they have been arrested. You're asked to quickly send money to get them out of trouble. This call could potentially be a "Grandparent Scam."

The Grandparent Scam preys on seniors' generosity, trust, and love for their families. Unfortunately, this scam has seen a rise, with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre reporting \$9.2 million in reported losses across Canada in 2022. New technology and access to social media are making it easier for criminals to make these scams even more believable.

### How the Grandparent Scam Works

Understanding how these scammers operate is the first step towards stopping them in their tracks. The Grandparent Scam typically follows a predictable pattern.

#### **Making Initial Contact**

Scammers call seniors, typically during daytime hours when they're likely to be alone. They open with a vague greeting like "Hi Grandpa, do you know who this is?" – prompting the senior to volunteer a name, like "Is that you, Jeremy?".

They may sound a little different, but that's because they have a poor connection, an injury making their voice appear off, or they have a cold. These are common excuses for why the voice doesn't sound quite right.

#### **They Create a Crisis Scenario**

Once they have a name, the scammer claims to be in an emergency requiring immediate financial assistance. Common scenarios include:

- A car accident
- Arrest and need for bail money
- Medical emergencies
- Being stranded while travelling
- Legal troubles requiring attorney fees

#### **The Urgency Factor**

The scammer pushes you to send money right away, claiming it's the only way to avoid terrible consequences. This kind of pressure makes you feel panicked and that you must act fast. The combination of concern for your family member and the time crunch has your emotions overriding your rational thoughts. You need to take a step back and think things through instead of rushing into a scam.

#### **They Request You Keep It Secret**

Your supposed grandchild insists that it's important for you to keep it a secret between you and them. They

claim to be embarrassed or don't want to get in trouble with their parents. In reality, you can't confirm their story, and you aren't able to double-check with someone before you send the money off.

#### **Unusual Payment Methods**

They tell you the payment has to come through wire transfers, gift cards, or cryptocurrencies. They may even tell you that a courier will pick up the money. These payment methods and instructions make it difficult for the scammer to be tracked. You should be aware that legitimate organizations, lawyers and the police will never request payments of this type.

### Red Flags to Watch For

Protecting yourself and your loved ones starts with recognizing the warning signs of a Grandparent Scam. Be on the alert for these common red flags:

- Urgent requests for money
- Unusual payment methods
- Insistence on secrecy: "Don't tell Mom and Dad"
- Poor connection and audio quality disguise voice differences and create confusion
- Resists requests to call back at a known number or speak with others involved
- Unable to answer specific personal questions your family would know

### Technology is Making the Scam More Believable

Scammers often research their targets beforehand. They gather information from social media and public records to make their stories more convincing. They can see posts you make about your grandchild's recent graduation from high school or family photos tagging all your family members. That is why it is important to be careful about what you share online. It is even a good practice to make your social media profile private so only your friends can view your posts.

But scammers go beyond just finding your family's names online. They can take recordings of your family's voices if there's a video or audio and use AI to mimic their voices.

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# GRANDPARENT SCAM ALERT:

## What Alberta Families Need to Know

*continued*

### Prevention Strategies for Families

Taking proactive steps can dramatically reduce the risk of falling victim to these scams. It is important for your whole family to be aware of these scams and to work together.

#### **Implement a "Call-Back" Protocol**

Agree as a family that you will not send money without first ending the call and calling back on the person's known number. Legitimate emergencies can almost always wait for this step.

#### **Limit Personal Information Online**

Review privacy settings on social media accounts, including yours and your whole family's. Information like vacation plans, family relationships, and personal details are gold mines for scammers to build believable stories.

#### **Consider Technology Solutions**

Call-blocking technology, caller ID services, and verification apps can provide additional layers of protection.

#### **Discuss the Scam with Your Family**

Make the Grandparent Scam and other scams a topic of regular family discussion. Awareness is a powerful preventative tool.

#### **Establish a Family Code Word**

Create a simple word or phrase that family members can use during emergency calls. If the caller doesn't know the code word, it's a clear indication something is wrong.

Similar to a code word, prepare questions that only actual family members would know the answers to, such as childhood memories or family traditions, rather than easily researched information like birthdates.

### What to Do If You've Been Targeted

Taking immediate action is crucial if you suspect you've been the victim of a Grandparent Scam.

#### **End the Conversation**

End the call as soon as you suspect something is wrong. Continuing the conversation only gives the scammer more opportunities to manipulate you.

#### **Verify the Request**

Call your family member directly using their known phone number – not a number provided by the caller. If you can't reach them, contact other family members who might know their whereabouts.

#### **Document Everything**

Keep notes about the call, including the time, what was said, and any suspicious details. This information can be valuable to investigators.

#### **Explore Financial Recovery Options**

If you've sent money, contact your financial institution immediately. While recovering your money is difficult with some payment methods, being quick to take action can sometimes stop or reverse transactions.

#### **Report to Authorities**

You can report the scam to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre and your local police detachment. Every report helps build a more complete picture of scam activities in Alberta. Be prepared to provide:

- The phone number that called you
- Details of the conversation
- Any information about requested payment methods
- Times and dates of contact

The Grandparent Scam is one of the most emotionally manipulative fraud schemes. By exploiting the concern grandparents have for their grandchildren, these scammers cause not only financial damage but emotional trauma as well.

Staying safe starts with awareness and continues with open family communication. All families should discuss this scam openly, establish verification protocols, and remember that checking facts is not a lack of trust in your family – it's to keep you safe.

And if you've been targeted by a Grandparent Scam, report it regardless of whether you lost money. Each report helps authorities track patterns and ultimately bring scammers to justice.

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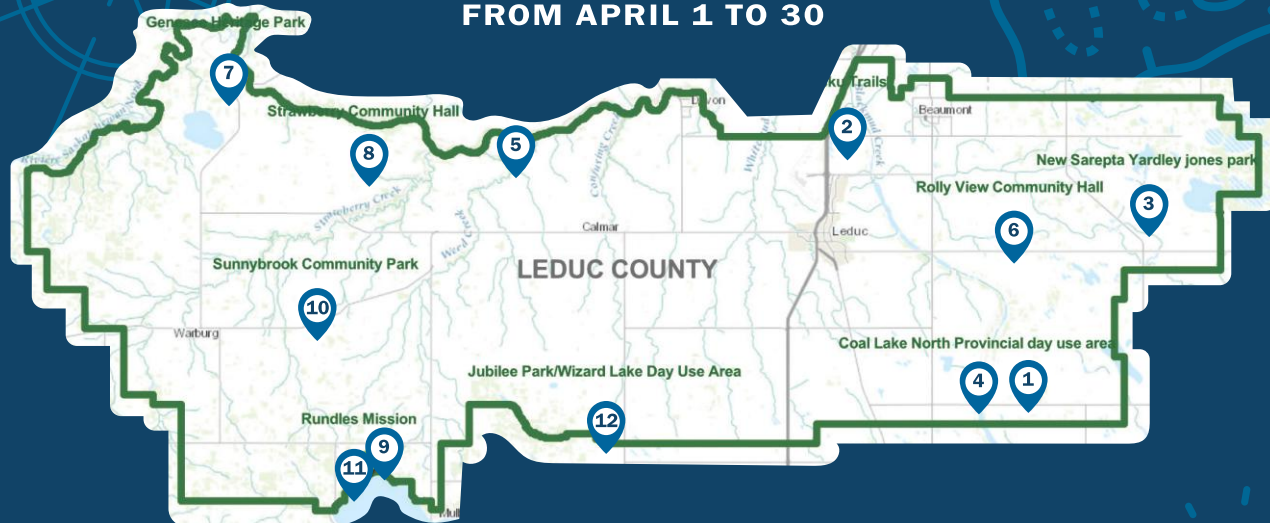
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- 10 Sunnybrook Community Park – 1010 1160 1 Street, Sunnybrook
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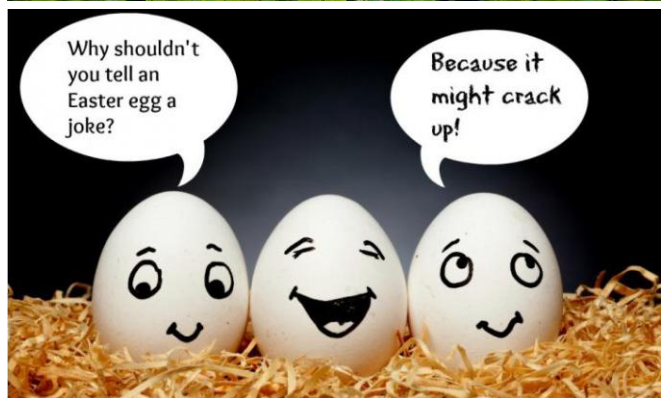
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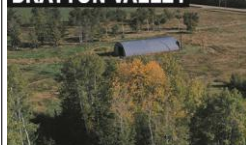
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