THE BRETON BOOSTER

Bell Let's Talk Day Thursday, January 28

COVID-19 has affected every aspect of our lives, including our mental health. According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, 38% of Canadians say their mental health has declined due to COVID-19, and people already struggling with their mental health were 2 times more likely to say their mental health has declined due to the pandemic.

Since 2010, Canadians and people around the globe have joined in the world's largest conversation around mental health on Bell Let's Talk Day. Together we have taken big steps to reduce the stigma around mental health issues and inspire one another to take action and help create a Canada where everyone can access the mental health support they need. In a recent survey conducted by Nielsen Consumer Insights, 83% of Canadians now say they are comfortable speaking with others about mental health, compared to only 42% in 2012. By joining in and taking action, we are all helping to make a real difference.

This year's Bell Let's Talk Day campaign shines a light on the actions that we can all take, because now more than ever, mental health matters. Whether you're staying virtually connected with a family member, working directly with patients in recovery, investing in access

to care or even just taking care of your own mental health, every Canadian can play a part in their communities, workplaces, schools and at home.

When it comes to mental health, now more than ever, every action counts.

On Bell Let's Talk Day, Bell donates 5 cents to Canadian mental health programs for every applicable text, local or long distance call, tweet or TikTok video using #BellLetsTalk, every Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Snapchat, TikTok, Twitter and YouTube view of the Bell Let's Talk Day video, and every use of the Bell Let's Talk Facebook frame or Snapchat filter. All at no cost to participants beyond what they would normally pay their service provider for online or phone access.

You can also find resources, learn more about some of the organizations providing meaningful mental health supports and services throughout Canada and download the Bell Let's Talk toolkit to begin your own conversation about mental health at home, school or in the workplace.

Please join us this Bell Let's Talk Day by showing your support for all those who live with mental illness and those taking action to help them.

Visit letstalk.bell.ca for more information.



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Pasture Land Wanted to Rent - for the 2021 season. Call Kristen at 403.559.6863 (3-4)

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HELP- Looking for an instruction manual for an I-Phone 7. If you have one please call 780.898.3034 (1-2)

FOR SALE

HAY HAY - Winter's Here! 130 2nd cut alfalfa bales, large round, no rain - baled dry. Horse & dairy quality. Protein samples avail. \$85; 21 grass bales, baled dry, horse quality. \$45; 38 1st cut alfalfa, 70% alfalfa 30% timothy, large 1200lb-1400lb bales, good quality. \$60. All located in the Pigeon Lake area. 780.405.3260 (4-4)

Butcher ready pigs for sale. Must be picked up live. Contact Tyler at (780) 621-7120 (4-4kr)

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Newly remodelled 2 bedroom, open concept kitchen with island. Appliances supplied. Small pet could be considered. Rental incentive with a signed 1 year lease. \$895. 780 848-2628 (4-12)

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Classified Ads

- call or text 780-887-0077
- drop off your ad at The Breton Library
- email media@community39.com



Peter Kochansky February 22, 1936 – January 13, 2021

It is with sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Peter Kochansky on the evening of Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at Breton Long Term Care, where he resided for the past six years.

Pete's big smile and happy disposition will always be remembered.

Following cremation, Peter will rest in the Horen Cemetery, alongside his parents.

Peter is survived by his sister, Elsie Mielnichuk; brother, Walter Kochansky; sister-in-law, Olga Kochansky and numerous nieces and nephews.

Peter was predeceased by his parents, Andrew and Barbara Kochansky; brothers, Eric and William Kochansky; brother-in-law, Harry Mielnichuk; sister-in-law, Mary Kochansky and nephew, Andy Mielnichuk.

A private graveside service will be held, and Peter's life will be celebrated later this year. Peter's family would like to thank the entire team at Breton Long Term Care for the wonderful care provided throughout the years.

For those who so desire, memorial contributions in Peter's name may be made directly to the charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.affinityfuneralservice.ca



Arrangements in care of Joelle Valliere at:
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the library will be offering "No Contact" services until further notice.

Please call or email to schedule curbside services



Monday-Friday 10-5 780-696-3740 bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca

Pre-Selling 1 to 10 acre parcels in the Village of Warburg

Available in the spring of 2021. Residential and or commercial. Approx 40 acres to be subdivided. \$25,000 per acre. Lot sizes will vary but will be approx 280' X 775' (5 Acre) or 220' X 220' (1 acre). All services are at curb side on the newly constructed & paved 56th Avenue. Currently used for agricultures purposes.

Land is located west of Martin John Deer and Buck Mountain Gas on 56th Avenue.

Visit the Village of Warburg for details on the services and amenities the Village offers. See signs at location. Call or text Bill at 780-218-5024.





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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Golden Spur Gymkhana Club Annual General Meeting on January 23, 2021 @ 1 pm, location TBA

Sunnybrook Community Hall yearly Membership Renewals are due. \$5 a person Or \$10 for a family. Payments can be done via etransfer to: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

Breton Golden Age Club: Cards (Whist) Mondays at 1 pm. \$3. Floor Curling on Tuesdays at 1 pm \$3. Crib Saturdays at 12:30 pm starting Oct. 17th. Minimal fee. Come join the fun! COVID protocols in place. Masks are optional. Until further notice the Breton Golden Age Club is NOT available for rent. For additional info you can contact Pat Monteith at 780.696.6557 or clwaymon@telus.net

Winfield Community Library is open *Please note we have new hours as of Sept. 6th* Wednesday nights 5 - 8 pm Saturdays 10- 2 pm. Restrictions are in place. No public access to the school, not even the bathrooms. Please call 780-682-2498 for more info.

Thorsby Bingo has been cancelled (due to COVID-19) until further notice.

"Busy Brushes" meet every Wednesday from 10-2, at the Warburg Cultural Centre. Everyone welcome! Come join us for some relaxing fun and art. Call Linda Mayr @780.848.7782 for more info.

MARKETS / THRIFT SHOPS (NON PROFIT)

Treasures Thrift Shop –IS NOW OPEN! (With restrictions) Please see signs at the store for everyone's safety. Wednesdays from 10 am - 4 pm. Donations will only be accepted during store hours, please ensure your donations are clean. 5112 - 53 Street Warburg.

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store will be OPEN again on January 14th - ALL COVID-19 regulations apply. Hours of operation: 10 am - 3 pm Thursdays and Fridays. We are accepting donations.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Breton & Area FCSS (Family & Community Support Services) Please contact Deanne at 780-696-3636 or email fcss@breton.ca

Breton Food Bank - Call 780-696-3669 by Thursday at noon to request a hamper. Please leave a message and a volunteer will contact you.

Meals on Wheels - Are you interested in receiving a hot nutritious meal? Please contact Deanne at 780-696-3636

Bylaw Enforcement Officer and Animal Control Officer - Doris McAllister 780-719-6447.

Does drinking affect your personal life in any way? Have friends or family expressed concerns towards your drinking habits? Have you ever tried to quit drinking, but could not manage to do so? AA can help! 5203 -54th Avenue Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00 pm 780-270-7903

WORSHIP

Faith Covenant Church - 4712 53rd Avenue Breton, Alberta T0C 0P0 office.faithcovenantchurch@gmail.com 780.696.3669

Community United Church – 5112 – 53 St., Warburg. Join us for Sunday morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10:30 AM. For information please phone the church office 780-848-2227.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Thorsby Mass Every Sunday 9:00 am, Father Arun Rodrigues. For more information call 780-987-2858 or visit www. olvthorsby.wordpress.com.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thorsby is holding in-Church SUSPENDED nday at 10:30 a.m. Following COVED protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on You Tube.

Alder Flats Community Bible Church - 780-388-0018, Pastor Samuel Hayford - 780-388-3926.

CELEBRATE Kindness

Breton and Area FCSS would like to help you celebrate those that have shown kindness to you in the past year.

Purchase a chocolate rose and write a message to show those that have been kind how much you appreciate them.

Reserve your "Rose" by calling Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636 or email fcss@breton.ca

"Roses" available February 9 - 11. Cost: \$1/ each Pick up at Breton FCSS Limited quantities.



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WORSHIP

Reg. Sunday Service & School - 11:00 am. Welcome to all!

Warburg Alliance Church is open. 11 a.m. worship service. For more information please phone 780-848-7577, check out our Facebook page or email us warburgalliance@gmail.com.

Warburg Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sat. Sabbath School 10 am, Main Service 11:30 am, Pastor Jason Williams 780-848-2271

COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

Village of Breton Council Meetings - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre.

Breton and District Historical Society Monthly Board meetings are held the 4th Monday of the Month at 7 PM at the Breton Museum. The Board meets January- June and September- November. New members welcomed. To confirm meeting dates and times Ph. 780 898 1155 and for more information go to www. bretonmuseum.ca

Breton Golden Age Club: Regular Monthly Meetings on the first Monday of the month at 11 am. Come see what we are up to!

The Breton Agricultural Society meets every second Thursday of the month (except July and August) at 7 pm at the Breton Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Breton Royal Purple meetings are CHANGING starting in January 2021 to the third Thursday of the month (except in the months of July and August) at 7:30 p.m.

Breton Elks meetings are at 7:30 pm every third Thursday of the month at the Breton Community Hall, except for July & August.

Breton Municipal Library Board Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month except July and August and are open to the public. Meetings are at 7 PM in the Library.

The Breton Book Club has online Facebook Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month all day. All readers are welcome to join the conversation! Look for us at "Breton Book Club".

Buck Creek Community Assn. Meetings are held at the Buck Creek Hall the first Wednesday of every

month at 8 PM. Jam Dance and Cards Night the first Friday of every month.

Funnell Community Hall - No Meetings until further notice.

Thorsby & District Fish & Game Regular Meet ings are held on the third Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Warburg Village Office Basement (entrance through the back). Please join us. Contact Bruce at 780-848-2242 for more information.

Winfield & District Historical Society meets at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every onth at the Winfield Community Hall Meeting Room. New members always welcome!

FACILITY RENTALS

Breton Community Center- To rent the community center please visit our website www.bretonagsociety.com, call 780-696-3561 and leave a message or email us at bretonagsociety@gmail.com

Winfield Legion is available to rent. Rental Inquiries - Gordon 780-542-1243 or Mona 780-361-9558

Ashland Dam Park - For reservations call Bruce @ (780) 898-9636.

Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club 4916 - 50 Ave Calmar: hall rentals, please contact Marg Roskewich 780-985-3221. Rental Rates: 4 hr or less \$100 and more than 4 hrs \$200.00

Funnell Community Hall - For hall rental or more info contact Kelsev at 709.638.3689.

Genesee Community Hall - Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229.

Royal Canadian Legion #246 MULHURST Hall Rental Call: Marie @ 780-361-7350

Sunnybrook Community Hall Rentals: Contact Name: Mikayla, Phone Number: 306-307-2599, Email Address: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

Warburg Cultural Centre - For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths, phone Linda McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly.

Community Events are placed FREE OF CHARGE, thanks to the community commitment of







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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

On January 20, 2021, the Ag. Service Board of Brazeau County passed three motions to provide funds to land owners to assist in weed control. The motions included acreage owners as well as farmers and would subsidize 50% of chemical costs with no limit on the amount.

At no time did a single member of the ASB mention the word responsibility. Who is responsible for weed control? According to the Weed Control Act of Alberta (2008 W 5.1) Part 1 (2 and 3) makes it clear that an owner or occupier shall control noxious weeds and shall destroy prohibited weeds.

This raises the question as to why the public should be assisting in a landowner's responsibility to control his/her own weeds any more than to subsidize his/her vehicle insurance.

It seems that the net result of these motions is an upward flow of tax dollars to the largest land owners. Why should smaller operators subsidize large ones? Why does anyone need an incentive to control weeds any more than if you operate a vehicle; you do so according to the rules of the appropriate Act.

It is a no brainer and council should reject this initiative.

Lynn Oberle

All "Letters To The Editor" must be printed with the name of it's author. Letters To The Editor are the opinions of those who wrote them, not necessarily those of Community 39 Enterprises.



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Real Estate

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Fully renovated 2 bed + den bungalow in Breton with double tandem garage. Almost everything new, just move in. E4223936 \$175,000

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Lot with double garage. E4194826 \$35,000



WARBURG VACANT LOTS

Residential Lot 12 \$24,000

Lots 23-25 Your choice \$45,000

Commercial Lots 19 & 20 \$27,000 ea. Pie Lot In Cul de sac \$35,000 REDUCED \$29,000

OWNED LOT

2009 modular, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, paved driveway E4042452 \$180,000 REDUCED \$140,000



WARBURG



Own the lot, many upgrades, 2 bed, 1 bath, open concept, 2 sheds, apple tree. E4011044 \$99,000 REDUCED \$95,000

LOG HOME WITH 80 ACRES

Beautifully treed w/ pasture. 1998 -vaulted ceilings, wood burning stove, covered deck, walkout bsmt, in floor heat. 40'x40' shop with 8" structural cement floor, 3 phase hoist, two 14'x14' doors. E4162172 REDUCED \$649,000 \$624,900



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Family home, almost 2000 sq.ft. of developed space, plus basement, 4 bed, 3 bath, double garage - all on a large pie lot! E4222769 \$260,000

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5 minutes to Calmar in Buford on half acre. 2 bed bungalow with attached garage built in 1950**SOL** E4215566 \$140,000 REDUCED NOW ONLY \$120,000





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UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- February 2 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- February 4 | Alternative Land Use Services PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- February 15 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed
- February 16 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

RCMP POLICING PRIORITIES



The RCMP is committed to preserving the peace, upholding the law and providing quality service in partnership with the communities it serves. The purpose of this brief, seven-question survey is to ensure the public has a say in what the RCMP priorities are for the region. This is not a crime reporting tool but allows the public to provide input into how policing priorities are formed.

Each year, RCMP from the Drayton Valley and Breton detachments establish policing priorities to ensure that, in addition to responding to calls for service, members focus on the policing issues identified by the public as being the most important. These priorities are determined based on the feedback the RCMP receives from the municipalities and communities they serve.

Brazeau County, the Town of Drayton Valley, and Parkland County have partnered with the RCMP to conduct this brief survey to ensure that RCMP priorities align with those of the public. Information collected from this survey will be reviewed and considered by the RCMP, County and Town Councils. Please note, Tomahawk is served by the Drayton Valley RCMP detachment and this survey is intended for residents of Tomahawk and the immediate area only.

This survey will remain open until February 8th, 2021.

This survey can be taken online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8J8LJVD

Alternatively, surveys can be dropped off in-person or mailed to any of the addresses found below.

Drayton Valley RCMP 5409 Industrial Roa

5409 Industrial Road Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R6 Brazeau County Administration Building Box 77, 7401 Twp Rd 494 Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R1 Drayton Valley
Civic Centre
5120-52 Street
Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1A1





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THE EASYFORD AND MODESTE GROUP CAMPGROUND LOTTERY IS BACK!

Enter the lottery between
February 1 and February 5 by 3:00 P.M.
Lottery forms will be available
on our website on February 1
County will contact all entrants on February 8 to book

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BRAZEAU COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Brazeau County will offer for sale, by Public Auction, at the County Office, 7401 - Twp Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., the following lands:

LotBlockPlanC of T No.Location89802 2429142274804Rocky Rapids

Manufactured Homes only: situated on the following rented lots

Legal Description Mobilehome Park Site # NW 18-49-7-W5 Countrystyle MHP 10

Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

The land is being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and Brazeau County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use distracting, building and developing conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser. No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms and conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by Brazeau County. No further information is available at the auction regarding the lands to be sold.

Brazeau County may, after the public auction become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.

In the event that payment of the arrears of taxes and costs is received by the County prior to the Public Auction the property in question will not be offered for sale. There is no right to pay tax arrears after the property is declared sold.

Terms: Cash or certified cheque. Parcel will be sold "AS IS".

Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Drayton Valley, Alberta, January 5, 2021 Jocelyn Whaley – Chief Administrative Officer

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Wintertime Blues - Now that the holidays are over and we still have some restrictions in place we want to help with your Wintertime Blues. Write a paragraph of what you like about where you live Village of Breton or Brazeau County. Submit your paragraph and we will reward you with a new board game or puzzle. Submissions can be made by email - fcss@breton.ca, Fax - 780-696-3590 or dropped off at our office at 4916-50Avenue in the Village of Breton Office. Limited to one per household. Please list your top three choices of games/ puzzles with your application. Choices can be found in our ad in the Booster or on our Facebook page - Breton and Area FCSS. Submission are being accepted now. Games/puzzles will start to be handed out after January 18th. We have had some wonderful applications already submitted. Let us know what you love about the community you live in!

Bell Let's Talk Day

Bell Let's Talk Day is January 28 and we're encouraging you to help create positive change.

Mental illness affects people of all ages and from all walks of life. According to the Mental Health Commission of Canada, one in five people in Canada will experience a mental health issue or illness in any given year. Over the past 9 years, Canadians and people around the globe have joined in the world's largest conversation around mental health on Bell Let's Talk Day. Together we have taken big steps to reduce the stigma around mental health issues.

In a recent survey conducted by Nielsen Consumer Insights in 2019, 84% of Canadians now say they are comfortable speaking with others about mental health, compared to only 42% in 2012.

However, there is still work to be done to ensure all Canadians have access to the mental health support they need. This year, on Bell Let's Talk Day Canadians are encouraged to share the actions, large and small, that they are taking to improve the

lives of people living with mental health issues.

When it comes to mental health, every action counts. On Bell Let's Talk Day, for every text, mobile and long distance call made on the Bell network, tweet using #BellLetsTalk, social media video view, or use of the Facebook frame or Snapchat filter, Bell will contribute 5 cents more to Canadian mental health programs.

You can also learn more about some of the organizations providing meaningful mental health supports and services throughout Canada and download the Bell Let's Talk toolkit to begin your own conversation about mental health at home, school or in the workplace. Join in to as we work together to improve the lives of Canadians living with mental health issues and help create positive change.

HOME ALONE - Online Course - This safety program is ideally suited for children aged 9-12 years old. Safety and accident prevention are the common themes throughout the program. The information is relevant and current to today's young learners. Course content includes:Street smarts and bike safety, People safety ("Tricky People" and Safe strangers), Online and internet safety, Snacking and kitchen safety, Home fire safety, Sibling rivalry, Preventing accidents, How to handle emergencies and other situations, Basic first aid skills

Cost- \$10 - two weeks to complete from the time of registration. Please contact our office to register for the course. Payment can be made at our office or on your credit card through Option Pay on our website at www.breton.ca

Counselling Subsidies – ALL Fees Waived Until March 31. Breton and Area FCSS is pleased to offer Counselling Services

A subsidy is available for individuals, couples and/ or families who are struggling with common, everyday issues to access short-term preventative counselling services. The goal is to:

- o Improve relationships with better communication and conflict resolution skills;
- Improve mood with anger management and emotional support;
- o Enhance personal growth with creativity, spirituality, self-esteem, self-awareness, goal setting;
- o Improve parenting skills by focusing on at-

tachment:

- o Reduce stress with life balance; and/or
- Learn new skills and behaviors

The cost of counselling can be a barrier for many individuals and families. This subsidy is available to those who do not have access to coverage through health benefits or employee benefits, such as an Employee Assistance Plan (EAP), and whose family income is less than \$75,000 per year. Fees are determined according to a sliding scale based on income and family size. Fees ranging from \$15 per session to \$50 per session will be reimbursed upon receipt of attending the appointment. This will be in effect until March 31, 2021 Counselling services are provided through a partnership with Karunia Counselling from Leduc.

We know that in this current environment many may have additional stress and anxiety. We also know that transportation may be an added barrier. These sessions can be arranged to be in person in the Karunia offices in Leduc, over the phone in your own safe environment or virtually on your computer.

To apply for the subsidy services, application forms are available through the Breton FCSS Office at 4916 50th Avenue or by contacting them at fcss@ breton.ca or calling 780-696-3636. ALL APPLICATIONS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. Please contact the Breton FCSS Office and we can discuss your individual situation.

Dr. Jody Carrington – FREE ONLINE COURSE – Self paced – "Kids These Days"- If you own a kid, work with a kid, or love a kid, you will find something inspiring and practical in this course. Dare I say game-changing. (Dr. Jody Carrington's words) This course was born from the hundreds of stories of kids, their families, and their support systems I was lucky to meet as I worked across Canada and the USA. Regardless of who I met or where I met them, the message was always the same: our kids are okay ONLY if those of us holding them are okay.

During the developmental years, schools—and educators—are the most significant connection point to most every child on this continent. But are the educators okay? I believe that most of the great educators want to make a difference. Many tell me, however, that they are finding it more and more difficult "these days" to love what they do. I think it's time we did a better job of looking after them. First. Plain and simple. This course is for the

parents and educators: our teachers, bus drivers, administrators, educational assistants, librarians, administrative assistants, and custodians, parents, grandparents, caregivers. And anyone who leads, loves, and supports them. If that's you, we invite you to sign up for this self-paced online course. This FREE course is available to anyone in the Village of Breton or Brazeau County. Please contact Breton FCSS to register at 780-696-3636 or email fcss@breton.ca. If you do not have an iPad, we can make arrangements for you to borrow one to do the course with.

Celebrate Kindness – We would like to help you celebrate those that have shown kindness to you in the past year. Purchase a chocolate rose and write a message to show those that have been kind how much you appreciate them. Reserve your "Rose" by calling Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636 or email fcss@breton.ca "Roses" available February 9 - 11. Cost: \$1/ each. Pick up at Breton FCSS. Limited quantities.

2021 Programs – Please watch our Breton and Area FCSS Facebook page and the Breton Booster for information on programs and activities that are scheduled for 2021. We are waiting for announcements on allowable programs within COVID-19 restrictions.



Covenant Corner

from Pastor Jeff Gooderham

The great composer Ludwig van Beethoven, lived much of his life in fear of deafness. He was very concerned about his hearing because he felt it was essential to creating music of lasting value.

When Beethoven discovered that the thing he feared most was coming rapidly upon him, he was almost frantic with anxiety. He consulted doctors and tried every possible remedy. But the deafness increased until at last all hearing was gone.

Beethoven finally found the strength he needed to go on despite his great loss. To everyone's amazement, he wrote some of his grandest music after he became totally deaf. With all distractions shut out, melodies flooded in on him as fast as his pen could write them down. His deafness became a great asset.

One thing we know in life; the greatest things, the most valuable things cost the most. Jesus tells us in Luke chapter 9 verse 24; "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it." Our life is precious to us. It is very valuable. To lay it down seems far to costly, until we understand exactly what Jesus is saying. Giving up this life, this temporal, fleeting life is hard. We want to have our own control, but Jesus says to be His disciple we must die to our life and allow Him to live in us and through us. Giving up this life may seem costly, but not giving it up costs far, far more. To give up this life, we receive the life of Christ which is eternal, and instead of dying we live forever. Like Beethoven's deafness becoming his greatest asset, our death becomes our greatest life!



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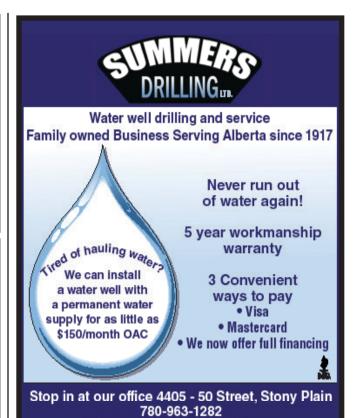
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MLA REPORT

from The Office of MLA Mark Smith, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Drayton Valley - Devon

Supporting responsible resource development and protecting the environment

As you may know, on June 1, 2020, the Government of Alberta rescinded the 1976 Coal Policy. The old policy had become outdated and new environmental policies and land use planning have taken its place to better protect our air, water, land and wild species. Stronger regulation and modern protections include the Environmental Enhancement Act, the Eastern Slopes Policy, Integrated Resource Plans, regional plans and sub-regional plans.

While there are many important discussions to be had on coal and the future of the industry in our province, it is critical that we have factual debates in order to get the best possible outcomes for Albertans. For instance, Alberta isn't just on pace to phase out emissions from coal used for heating purposes by 2030, we are ahead of schedule. While there is movement away from coal used for heating purposes it is a fact that the world relies heavily on metallurgical coal as a primary component in the production of steel, which is used to build everything from buildings to bridges. Alberta has significant coal resources that provide thousands of jobs in several communities across Alberta.

Recently in the news some would have you believe lands that used to be protected are now open to development, when in fact coal development continues to be restricted in former Category 1 public lands, many of which are automatically protected because they are national parks, provincial parks or other pro-

tected areas.

Some people think that recent coal policy changes means an end to restrictions on Category 2 and 3 lands, when in fact responsible coal development was always permitted on these lands, subject to environmental considerations. The Alberta Energy Regulator is a world-class organization, and will continue to work tirelessly to ensure our air, water (including our headwaters) land and wild species are protected from harm. Responsible coal development will not change our mountain landscapes as companies must adhere to strict rules around land reclamation and environmental effects; and the Piikani nation, whose people have been stewarding the eastern slopes for a millenia, recently offered their full endorsement for the Grassy Mountain Coal project, which has been under review since 2015.

We know this is an important issue to Albertans. To ensure Albertans are heard, Alberta's government has cancelled 11 leases issued in December 2020. I strongly encourage you to visit CoalHardFacts.ca to find out the facts on coal, share your thoughts and concerns, and learn more about coal and its role in our province

Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley – Devon

I can be reached at the main constituency office in Drayton Valley at 1-800-542-7307 tollfree Monday to Friday, the Devon constituency office at 780-987-3666 Wednesdays and Thursdays or emailed at draytonvalley.devon@ assembly.ab.ca anytime.



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45.22 acres

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spring. Land gently slopes from south to north. Mostly open pasture. Along Hwy 20



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