

Well, there we have it, another month, another Zoom session.

from Allan Smith. Breton Elks Lodge #402

Hello everyone, hope you are all safe and in good health. Our winter weather is winding down for another season and along with it our good old Covid. There is, however, the looming threat of some cousins stepping in to keep us all tuned to extra safety.

Last month we recognized Health Care Workers, but there are many more to be recognized as well in the struggle to keep our world safe. Thank-you all education personnel, Law Enforcement, Emergency Responders. Thank you for great efforts and don't forget all our employees in the Food Industry, from cashiers in grocery stores to any other person involved with keeping the food chain moving.

In other news, the Ice Rink is still proving to be a popular attraction. Thank you to all the Brothers and Sister Elks and all non-members for the great effort in keeping the ice in great shape.

The R.V. Park was discussed, but no improvements can proceed until warmer weather arrives. Darren Aldous will be supplying wood for the guests for the coming year. Congratulations Darren and thank you for your interest in this project.

The Annual Provincial Conference is scheduled for June 3 – 5 in Brooks. This is not pending on weather but rather on health restrictions. Also the Elks

At this time no further news, but remember spring is upon us along with a lot of fun things like planting flowers, cutting grass, golfing and camping at our local R.V. Park. In the meantime, stay safe stay healthy. Take your vitamins, wash your hands, wear a mask, get a shot and not the bottle type.

-Chat next month

### New Club on the Block

Hello from the new club on the block! The West of the 5th Wranglers are a brand new 4H light horse club. Newly formed at the start of this 4H year, we are excited to have attracted members from Winfield, Breton, Buck Lake, Bluffton, Alder Flats and areas in between.

We have a great turnout for members this year, with fifteen regular members, and six children in our Cleaver group. Regular members are 9-21 years old, and have a minimum of one project horse in a year. Our Cleavers are the up and coming 4H'ers, ranging in age from 6 - 8 years old, and participate at an introductory level to 4H and horsemanship.

In addition to working on their horsemanship, the kids have certain requirements such as community service, a communication project and fundraising they must complete each 4H year.

We will be going door to door for a bottle drive on March 18th, and appreciate any donations you may have to support our club, and look forward to seeing you in the future!



### WANTED

WANTED: Arcade machines & equipment, pinballs, video games, other related arcade items, pool table, jukebox, etc. Parts, pieces, whole units, manuals, dead or alive - all considered. Text or call Steve

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**BENVIK, Mona Mae (nee Kiefert)** February 7, 1949 - February 21, 2021

Mona was born in Wetaskiwin to Anne and Rudolph Kiefert. On June 2, 1973 Mona married Otto Benvik and had her daughter Shauna and son Robert; both were born in Wetaskiwin. The two children finished and graduated from Wetaskiwin Composite High School. Shauna blessed her Mom and Dad with two sons, Joshua born in 1998 and Kevin born in 2001. Mona's husband Otto passed away

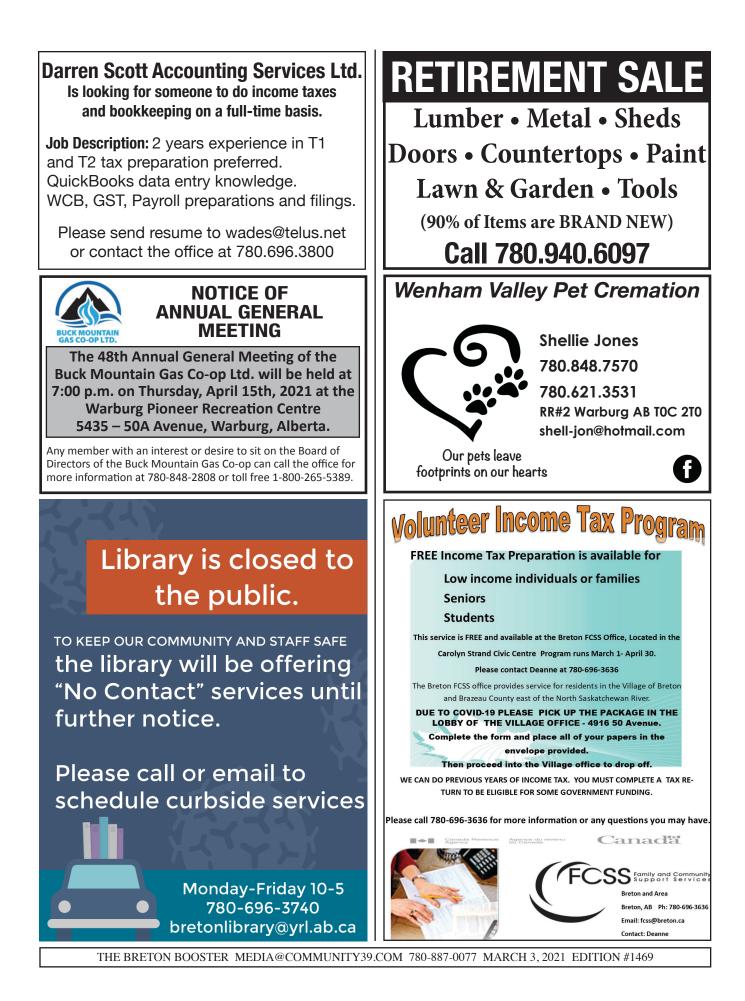
March 15, 2009. In 2005 the Winfield property was purchased. Shauna and her boys have lived on this farm with Mona. Here, Mona was a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion Winfield Branch while still remaining a Legion Wetaskiwin Ladies' Auxiliary Member for 40 years until her passing.

Mona leaves her daughter, Shauna; grandsons, Joshua and Kevin; son, Robert; sister, Dana (Ken) Cherniak; nephew, Ian (Kim) Kreutz; great-nephew, Dillan Kreutz; nephew, Neil (Narissa) Kreutz; great-niece, Evangeline Kreutz; great-nephew, Lucas Kreutz; nephew, Joseph Cherniak; brother-in-law, John Benvick; nephew, Tim Benvick; nephew, Ted Benvick; sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy (Dan) Claypool and family, Margaret Heinz and family, Edwin (Linda) Benvik, and Axel (Barb) Benvik.

Mona was predeceased by her parents, Anne and Rudolph Kiefert; husband, Otto Benvik; sister, Shirley Benvick; mother and father-in-law, Mabelle and Arnie (Carl) Benvik; brothers-in-law, Ken Heinz, Eugene Ziebarth, William Benvik; nephew, Darren Ziebarth, and sister-in-law, Astrid Ziebarth.

Donations may be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Wetaskiwin, or the Royal Canadian Legion Winfield Branch.

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# COMMUNITY & info

### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

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

World Day of Prayer 2021 worship service is now available as video on www.wicc.org for anyone to view as there will be no in-person service this year.

### **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.

### 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 is OPEN again - ALL COVID-19 regulations apply. Hours of operation: 10 am - 3 pm Thursdays and Fridays. PLEASE NOTE: We will only accept donations during store hours. We do not accept mattresses, car seats, strollers, cribs, or furniture. All donations MUST BE CLEAN AND RE-SELL-ABLE. Thank You!

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### **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 Worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Following COVID 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.

### **Pre-K Programming at BES**

As we look to start planning for the next school year, Breton Elementary is wanting to expand its Pre-K program. While this year was successful, in consulting with other schools in our division and looking at research, we **feel a separate Pre-K program would be more beneficial for students.** 

Should there be enough interest, our Pre-K program would **run separately from the Kindergarten program. It would run 4 days a week** (Monday to Thursday) from approximately 8:30 - 11:45 and the Pre-K would have it's own classroom, as well as its own certified teacher. Much like other community pre- or play-school programs, we would **need to charge a monthly fee in order to make this happen.** The fee would be \$100 per month (Fees may be reduced to \$50 per month for children with delays or academic enrichment needs).

While that may seem like a lot, it is not significantly more than similar community programs, and it **allows children to have the following benefits**:

- quality instruction and play based programming implemented by a certified teacher
- 4 days a week allows for more consistent exposure to a language rich, play-based learning environment
- this programming will enhance your child's social, emotional, motor, and early literacy skills
- the richness of this program will help develop independence, problem solving skills as well as foster a sense of belonging and well being in your child
- a professional screening is completed to ensure that adequate support is provided in speech, language and motor skills
- children will have access to programming support from qualified Speech and Language Pathologist, as well as an Occupational Therapist (for motor skill support).

In order for this program to be able to stay at Breton Elementary **we would need 18 students enrolled.** This program is open to children who are 4 years of age by December 31. If you are interested in enrolling your child, or finding out more, we will be hosting a "virtual open house" in March (date to be determined) to allow parents to ask questions and get a better idea of what the program is about.



### 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

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 Kelsey 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.





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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

My Letter to Jason Kenney. Office of the Premier

Dear Albertans,

Re: The Alberta School Curriculum

From October to November 2016, Albertans were invited by the NDP government to participate in a Provincial Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K–12) Curriculum Survey. Results from a closed-ended survey of Albertans in 2016 indicated strong support for much of the content in the then-current curriculum across all subjects.

However, recently the UCP decided to review the curriculum once more. Recently a leaked document outlining proposed changes to the Alberta K to 12 curriculum came to my attention. The proposed changes are regressive, racist, not backed up by research and vastly out of step with education in most of North America. Since it is apparent that most Albertans were happy with the current school curriculum why is our government revising it?

One reason seems to be that the government wants religion back in the schools, not just any religion but the particular narrow school of thought known as Dominion Theology that many of the UCP ministers and supporters believe they have been "called" to champion and spread. However, Alberta is a liberal democracy that accepts and protects freedom of religion (and freedom from religion), supported by a political divide between the spiritual and temporal.

Since the UCP is being paid by the citizens of Alberta why are they implementing policies which clearly do not represent the views of most Albertans? Why are we paying for a curriculum review that is not needed and that we don't want? Why are non-Albertans being paid to review our curriculum when Alberta Education already has an excellent program of studies which is respected around the world and is the program of choice for international schools?

Albertans deserve a government that respects democracy, public education and freedom of religion, a government that represents Albertans. They need to focus on the very critical issues facing our province rather than on their secretive, authoritarian I urge you to challenge your premier and your MLAs to preserve our excellent curriculum and our strong public education system.

Sincerely, Carolyn Schoepp

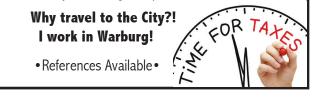
CC: Leader of the Opposition, Adrianna LaGrange, Education Critic, SOS Alberta

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.

### Income Taxes prepared and Netfiled!

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- Angry
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**Breton and Area FCSS is now offering Counselling Subsidies** for services with Karunia Counselling in Leduc.

> Appointments are available by phone, virtual meetings online or in person.

Individual

**Couples** Family Sessions

ALL FEES COVERED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT **BRETON FCSS AT 780.696.3636**

The Virtual and In person Mental Health Wellness Support Program is supported by the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund and the Drayton Valley Community Foundation in partnership with Breton and Area FCSS

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### **UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS**

- March 17 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 1:30 p.m.
- March 23 | Special Council Meeting | 1:00 p.m.
- April 1 | Alternative Land Use Services PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- April 2 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed
- April 5 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed
- April 6 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- April 7 | Budget meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- April 8 | Budget meeting | 9:00 a.m.

### The Brazeau County Mobile App is here!



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### Pollinator Projects Putting the Buzz in Pasture Management Webinar

### March 31st 10:00am

#### Learn more about

The value of pollinators and the benefits of establishing pollinator projects

Identifying locations for pollinator projects on marginal lands

Forage species selection, establishment, management & longevity

Funding options for pollinator projects

With speakers Grant Lastiwka, Forage Specialist & Luke Wonneck, Agroforestry Project Specialist

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### THE RECOGNITION ITEMS FOR THE CITIZEN APPRECIATION PROGRAM HAVE ARRIVED!

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Need A Holiday – Let's Go To Mexico with our Arm Chair Travel Kit – Call into our office or email us at fcss@breton.ca to claim your Arm Chair Travel Kit. These kits are filled with instructions and supplies for you and your family to experience Mexico. In each kit you will find a cultural experience designed to take you on a trip without ever leaving your living room. Experience the sights, sounds, smells and tastes or Mexico. Crank up the heat, find your summer clothes and enjoy a winter get away.

Wintertime Blues - We have received lots of wonderful paragraphs about our communities. We still have some prizes to give away if you would like to participate 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. Submissions are being accepted now. We have had some wonderful applications already submitted. Let us know what you love about the community you live in!

**Snowman Kit** – For the first time in many years we are not able to host our Family Day Celebrations. We would like to celebrate the families in our community this month. To learn about your family, we are encouraging you to pick up a snowman kit from our office. Use it and any other items to build a snowman (family) that shows the heritage or uniqueness of your family. Email pictures of your creation to be entered in our prize draw. Entries will be shared on our social media account. Random draws for the prizes will happen in March.

**Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** – FREE INCOME TAX PREPERATION - For Low Income Persons, Families, seniors and students. We will begin taking information for tax season on March 1. Although this is something, that most of us would like to avoid thinking about and doing, I am afraid that this is unavoidable. You need to file your income tax each year, even if you have no income to report. By doing this you may receive benefits that you did not know you were eligible for. Also, in the event of the death of your spouse, benefits can easily be transferred to you, if you have filled a return for the last calendar year. If you did not file a tax return in 2020 you may not be receiving benefits from the government that you are eligible for. The focus of the Community Volunteer Tax Program is to assist those individuals who have limited income. This includes seniors, families and students. If your income was in one of the following categories you may qualify for assistance.

1 person	30,000
2 person family	37,000
3 person family	40,500
4 person family	43,500

We are not able to complete returns with income from the following sources:

Capital Gains or Losses, Farming Income, Rental Income, Self-Employment, Interest exceeding \$1, 000, Bankruptcies, Deceased Persons

This service is FREE to those who qualify. If you require this service, please gather your information and bring it to the Village of Breton office Monday to Thursday between 8:30 - 4:00. Clients will be notified when your return is completed. The program will run from March 1 - April 30, 2021

We require the following information in order to complete your return:

Personal Information (Social Insurance Number, Birth date, Marital Status, Address)

Dependant's information – spouse/ children's names, birthdates.

All "T" Slips (T4's, T4A, OAS ect.)

All Forms, Schedules, and Labels you have received from Revenue Canada.

Receipts for any expenses such as medical, moving, tuition, sporting activities. Printouts from your pharmacist are available for those with numerous prescriptions. Previous year's tax returns

**Counselling Subsidies** – Fully paid subsidies until March 31. Breton and Area FCSS is pleased to offer Counselling Subsidies.

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;

o 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 attachment;

o Reduce stress with life balance; and/or

Learn new skills and behaviors

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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 normally range from \$15 per session to \$50 per session but all fees will be covered for appointments held before March 31. The maximum number of sessions available is seven for individuals and nine for couples or families. 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 STRICT-LY CONFIDENTIAL.

Breton and Area FCSS will be doing the intake of the applications. Counselling services are provided by Karunia Counselling by Registered Psychologists, Registered Provisional Psychologists, Canadian Certified Counsellors and Masters or PhD level student interns under the supervision of a qualified psychologist. All applications will be kept in strict confidence. This program is being made available through funding from the Government of Canada's Emergency Support Fund, the Drayton Valley Community Foundation and Breton and Area FCSS.

**Community Easter Egg Hunt** – Friday April 2, 2021 - The Breton Agriculture Society and Breton and Area FCSS will be hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt (within AHS COVID-19 guidelines). We are excited to offer this event to community members of all ages. Save the date and watch for further details. If you would like to be involved, contact Bonnie or Wendy at ATB or Deanne at Breton FCSS. Ways that you can help:

Donate items or make a monetary donation for additional prizes for the kids to find

Assistance with egg filling

Assistance on the day of the event

#### **Current Services and Programs Available**

Fully Subsidized Counselling Services for individuals, families and youth – Until March 31, 2021. Counselling is through Karunia Counselling in Leduc. Appointments can be in person, over the phone or internet.

Online Course – Kids These Days with Dr. Jody Carrington – Self paced course for anyone who has children, grandchildren, or works with children. FREE

Online Course – Home Alone – aimed at youth 10 and older to learn skills to be Home Alone for short periods of time. - \$10

Home Support Services – light household cleaning services to those that require assistance due to mobility, injury, age. Rates are income based

For more information on these and additional resources, please contact the Breton and Area FCSS Office at 780-696-3636 or email fcss@breton.ca







### The Lucky Winner! From Payton Schwindt and Emersyn and Kamryn Tabler Lakedell 4-H Light Horse Club

Our cash raffle was a huge success! We were able to raise \$5,000.00 for our club to put towards creating learning opportunities for our members! Our lucky winner was Jackie Lacey of Turner Valley, who won \$5,000.00!

Thank you to Gracie and Nova for selling the most tickets for our club! Great job guys! We would also like to thank Sylvia Schnick of Warburg, for donating a prize to the members who sold the most tickets. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to help support us! We greatly appreciate our community for all your your support!

This year the club's public speaking looked a little different. Members had the options of doing a prepared non-competitive or a prepared competitive speech, a member led workshop of their choice, a virtual interview, a debate, a monologue or a video of their choice. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our judges for the competitive speeches, our judges were: Sheri Harink, Reiden Hodgetts, Brieanne Chapman, Carmen Biggelaar, Michelle James and Kasha Levie.

The winners for our club competition were:

Juniors:

- o 1st- Reese Stone
- o 2nd- Sara Shaver

o 3rd-Aspen Fiveland Intermediate:

- o 1st- Jenna Boyce
- o 2nd- Emersyn Tabler

Due to the enhanced public health measures to help prevent the spread of COVID, we are not able to meet in person, but our club has been busy "Learning to do by doing" and our mem-

bers are trying to stay connected through our virtual mentor meetings. Every second Thursday, older and more experienced members are paired with younger or new members to get together and learn more about 4-H, horses and dogs and to have fun and interact with one another.

We are hoping to get back as soon as possible to in person activities once it is safe enough to do soon, but until then we will continue with our fun new ways of learning and enjoying each other.

Happy Riding, Stay Safe!

### **Covenant Corner**

from Pastor Jeff Gooderham

Out of the Darkness Out of the dark forbidding soil The pure white lilies grow. Out of the black and murky clouds, Descends the stainless snow. Out of the crawling earth-bound worm A butterfly is born. Out of the somber shrouded night, Behold! A golden morn! Out of the pain and stress of life, The peace of God pours down. Out of the nails -- the spear -- the cross, Redemption -- and a crown!

"Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, and when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy!" 1st Peter 4:12-13









Male pheasant along range road 15 just south of Glen Park Road. Thanks for sharing Gail M! Have a cute or funny pet picture or a wildlife picture taken in the area? Email it to media@community39.com or text to 780.887.0088



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