THE BRETON BOSTER

This being our first edition of the Booster we thought it fitting to pay tribute to Laurie Gellert, the reason the paper is now under new management. A kind soul who was taken away too soon. I couldn't have said it better so I am just going to start with some quotes from Laurie's memorial card.

"Laurie was a devoted and loving wife to Randy. Their dogs Diesel, Bear and Meadow were their furry family and they loved them intensely. The "kids" were a huge part of Laurie and Randy's lives and made their family complete.

She was fiercely proud of the papers she and Randy produced as owners of Community 39 Enterprises. She reached out to the communities and they responded by loving her papers and loving her. She charmed her clients with her easy-going attitude and her quick wit, then amazed them with her design talents.

She loved making miniature dollhouse furnishings, golfing, Ozzy Osbourne's music and gathering many precious friends as she lived her life to the fullest. Laurie was a hippie wanna-be, loving the music, styles and attitudes of the peace/love generation.

Family and friends meant everything to Laurie. She lit up any room she entered, and dark days and our lives with her "larger than life" exuberant personality and zest for life. You couldn't stay down when Laurie was around. Always a kind word, a helping hand and compassion as she went through days, always smiling, giving and caring: that was our Laurie"

We are so grateful to have known Laurie and Randy and to be given the opportunity to continue with these 3 "Little papers..Big Results". I remember

when Laurie was the recreation coordinator for the Thorsby Recreation Complex more than 15 years ago. She put on so many amazing events bringing the community together. My favorite was Halloween. She, with the help of her colleagues and friends, would put on the most amazing Halloween haunted houses. It was the highlight of the year. Laurie touched many lives in our community and wherever she went over her 54 years.

We are honored to continue her legacy. After her sudden passing, Laurie left a hole in so many hearts. I also want to say thank you to Randy Gellert for trusting us and being so wonderful during this difficult time.

In honor of Laurie, we have now dedicated the "smile" page to her. It will now be "Laurie's Laughs". The peace symbol and dog print in the heading are similar to 2 of her tattoos. I hope you enjoy it and it puts a smile on your face just like she did to so many.

Thank you from Shawna & Shane Ofstie CE Media Signs & Promotional



Laurie Lee Gellert July 22, 1967 - September 3, 2021

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Passionate about the library?

The Breton Municipal Library is looking for a dedicated individual to join the Library's board. This individual will believe in the importance of libraries and be committed to our vision and mission.

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Breton's Women's Wellness Day

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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

Thorsby Crib nights at the Seniors Centre runs every Friday night at 6:30pm. Everyone welcome!

Thorsby Bingo is back!

Located at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Thursday evening starting at 7pm

Thorsby Seniors Potluck Suppers

Wednesdays at 6pm

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at the Thorsby Seniors Centre - Mondays, weigh in at 9am to 9:15am, meetings at 9:15am to 9:45am. For more information call Jane 780.789.3789 or Elaine 780.221.3939

Local Event Coming up?

email me at media@community 39.com

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Country Market October 16 11-4pm at Sunnybrook Hall. Homemade Crafts, Baking, Farm Eggs and so much more. New and returning vendors.

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Treasures Thrift Shop in Warburg

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

Leduc Public Market

10am - 2:30pm every Thursday at Leduc City Centre Mall (by Rexall Drug Store)

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store

Open Thursdays and Fridays 10am - 3pm. We are now accepting donations that are CLEAN & RE-SELLABLE

COMMUNITYSUPPORTSERVICES

Breton & Area Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Please contact Deanne at 780.696.3636 or email fcss@breton.ca

Breton Food Bank

Call 780.696.36669 by Thursday 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 & Animal Control Officer Doris McAllister 780.719.6447

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WORSHIP

Breton Word of Faith Church - Southwest corner of town on Hwy 616. Each Sunday, 10:30am, you are welcome to join us! www.bwofc.com or call 780.898.4648

Community United Church - 5112-53 Street, Warburg Join us for Sunday morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30am. For more information please call the church office 780.848.2227

Faith Covenant Church - 4712 - 53 Avenue Breton

We meet together in person or by live stream to worship every Sunday morning at 11am. Check out our website www.faithcovenantchurch.ca for the live stream link.

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Warburg Alliance Church - 4628-55 Avenue, Warburg Open for 11am 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 - 5003-48 Street, Warburg. Saturday Sabbath School at 10am. Main Service 11:30am, Pastor Jason Williams. 780.848.2271



CLARK, Douglas Lyle May 8, 1950 – September 23, 2021

The family is saddened to announce that Doug passed away suddenly, but very peacefully, with family by his side at Red Deer Hospital.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Trevor (Jen) Pizzey and their children Shania & Tylor, Jason (Lenore) Pizzey and their children Lauren & Jennifer; sister Heather (Miles) Tomaszeski and their children Craig & Tanner; nephews Alex & Austin Clark, Greg (Brianna) Clark, nieces Tanya Clark and Stephanie (Ryley) Hickey, as well as numerous extended family and many, many close friends.

Predeceased by his wife Linda, parents Jim & Wahnita, brothers Jimmy, Paul (Evelyn) and nephew Tyler.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Doug's life will be planned for a future date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Doug's name to a charity of your choice.



TIPS From TOPS!

From P. Elson

Our meetings are designed to encourage weight loss, maintenance, to educate and to provide support. New members are welcome to attend a meeting with no obligation. Meet ings are held at the Thorsby Senior's Centre on Monday mornings with weigh in from 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. and the meeting following from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. There is an annual fee to TOPS International of \$48 and a monthly fee to the Thorsby Chapter #1694 of \$5. The first month chapter fees are free. Phone Jane at 780-789-3789 or Elaine at 780.221.3939 for more info.

Tomato season is here! Whether you love planting tomatoes or just have a ton of them at the moment, here are ten ideas for using one of summer's favorite fruits.

- 1. Toss with feta cheese, watermelon and diced cucumbers for a side
- 2. Use one in place of a hamburger bun as a low-carb alternative
- 3. Enjoy them with a pinch of kosher salt. Simple and delicious.
- 4. Top with parmesan cheese and roast
- 5. Add to frozen pizza
- 6. Slow roast in the oven or food dehydrator
- 7. Add to a pasta dish.
- 8. Pair the with your favorite herbs.
- 9. Enjoy with rotisserie chicken, greens and your favorite salad dressing.
- 10. Whip up pico de gallo





COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

Breton & District Historical Society - Monthly Board meetings are held the 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm at the Breton Museum. The Board meets Jan-June & September-November. New members welcomed. To confirm meeting dates and times phone 780.898.1155 and for more information go to www.bretonmuseum.ca

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

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

Breton Royal Purple - meetings are the third Thursday of the month (except July & August) at 7:30pm

Breton Elks meetings are at 7:30pm every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Breton Community Hall, except for July & August...

Breton Municipal Library - Board Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month except July & August and are open to the public. Meetings are at 7pm at 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 Association meetings are held at the Buck Creek Hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. Jam Dance & Cards Night the first Friday of every month

Funnell Community Hall - NO MEETINGS until further notice

Village of Breton Council Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Council Chambers of the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre.

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Breton Community Centre

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For bookings call Doris 780.389.2381

Strawberry Community Hall

Call Ollie at 780.789.2180

Sunnybrook Community Hall

For rentals contact Mikayla at 306.307.2599 or email sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

Telfordville Hall

For bookings call Tracy at 780.718.9549 after 5pm

Thorsby Community Center

Call Marlene at 780.789.3734 or text 780.217.9394 or email thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ThorsbyHistoricalSociety

ThorsbySeniors Centre

For rentals call Cathy Kuzio at 780.719.7124

Warburg Cultural Centre

For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths phone Linday McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly

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Well good day everyone. Hope everyone was able to take advantage of some great outdoor activities this past summer.

We need to begin with our Sincere Condolences to Laurie Gellert Family in the sudden passing of Laurie. I never had the opportunity to meet this fine lady in person, but have good reason to believe she was a great lady.

Moving forward we want to wish Shawna and Shane Ofstie all the best in their effort to carry the future of our local papers forward. We look forward to our continuing business experience.

The Breton Elks Lodge held another Zoom session September 9 due again to our beloved COVID situation. Business discussion began with a request from Breton Long Term Care for a donation of funds for the purchase of a lift system to assist staff in the lifting and care for patients. Donations that were approved. Elks Fund for Children, I Star, Elks Foundation and the Breton Library were on the receiving side for the total of \$5.500.00

This past summer a book exchange program was launched at Breton RV Park. Anyone with books that have been read and are now taking up valuable space are invited to consider donating to this exciting project. By all reports the RV Park was very busy throughout the entire camping season including our newly renovated sites. Many improvements have been completed, but there are still more to come.

In closing we want to wish everyone much Happiness and Good Health for the coming Autumn Season. Stay safe and get your shot if you haven't already and remember Crown Royal doesn't count.

Will chat again.

Allan

Village of Breton Council Candidate



My name is Shayanne Sheaves

I have resided in Breton for 18 years. After graduating from Breton High School in 2000 I moved away for a few years and attended college. I have been employed at Breton IDA for the past 7 years.

Now along with my husband, Lorne Sheaves, we are raising our two daughters in this village. They both attend school here, belong to local sports organizations and participate in village activities.

After being on the Breton Elementary School Council for the past 10 years I want to continue to help our village be a place for families to raise kids. I believe I can make a positive impact within our village. I want our girls to be proud of where they are raised. I believe in strong families, and a strong community foundation for my family and for all Breton and area residents.



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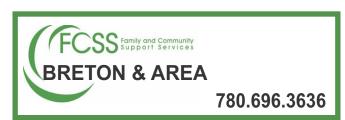
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FCSS NEWS from Deanne Young

National Truth and Reconciliation Day – In recognition of National Truth and Recognition Day Breton and Area FCSS has purchased several books for children, youth and adults addressing this time in our history. These books are available to sign out at the Breton Municipal Library, Breton Elementary School and Breton High School.

The Adult Exercise Program is returning on at the Breton Golden Age Club. This class runs from 10:30 – 11:30 am on Wednesday mornings. Equipment is provided. This class will focus on toning, balance, increased mobility, strength gains, and increased flexibility. Participants will be able to either do the exercise standing or sitting, which ever their ability will allow. This program is facilitated by Cassie Kreil a certified instructor. Participants will be asked to pay a small fee of \$1/class. Join today and start to get fit with friends. This is a drop-in group so you are welcome to start attending at any time throughout the year. PROOF OF FULL VACCINATION OR A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST DONE WITHIN 72 HOURS OF THE CLASS IS REQUIRED TO **PARTICIPATE**

McMann Family Resource Network – every second Wednesday, the program will run from 10:30am-12:00pm, Breton Community Room, in the Civic Centre – Rhymes, stories, crafts, snacks and a fun and social time for preschool children and their caregivers. Free – Call 780-202-3158 for more information. This is the group that offered Park Play over the summer. October and November dates are -

Older Adult Information Day – Unfortunately we had to postpone this event until the spring of 2022. If you would like to be notified of the new date (when it is chosen) please contact the Breton FCSS office. The day will be filled with speakers, learning, information booths, great food, entertainment and door prizes. We

welcome anyone from Breton, Brazeau Country, Wetaskiwn County, Leduc County and Drayton Valley. Watch for further information.

Just In Case – One of the sessions that we were going to hold at the Older Adult Information Day was a session on information you may need when a loved one is unable to communicate with you or passes on. We are putting together this binder or information for you to fill out, use and share with important people in your life. If you would like one of the binders, please contact us or come into the Breton FCSS Office at 4916 50th Avenue. The resource binders will be available after October 12th.

Breton Women's Wellness Day – Postponed until Spring If you would like to be notified when our new date is chosen to be a participant or a vendor in our trade show area, please email fcss@breton.ca or call 780-696-3636 for more information.

Wellness Kit - Fall Craft – Due to being unable to host our Women's Wellness Day and having already purchased the supplies, we are offering a Wellness Kit (craft). The kit includes the supplies to make wooden pumpkins. There are a limited amount and will be available on a first come first served basis starting October 7th.

Halloween Yard Celebration – Halloween is just a few weeks away. We think this would be a great time to show us your community spirit and your spooky creativity by decorating your yard. Send us a picture of your creation by November 15th and you will be entered for participation prizes. We are also encouraging community members to walk or drive around the community on Halloween night to see all of the homes that are participating. This is open to all community members in the Village of Breton and Divisions 5 & 6 in Brazeau County. Pictures can be sent to fcss@breton.ca or dropped off at the Breton FCSS Office at 4916 50th Avenue, Breton.

Santa's Workshop – Together with the Breton Agriculture Society we are planning on hosting a Santa's Workshop on Sunday November 28th. This will be an area that children are able to shop in for their parents, grandparents and siblings. We are also hoping to have additional activities for the children to participate in. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Breton FCSS at fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636

FCSS NEWS continued

Thank You – Breton and Area FCSS would like to thank Janet Young for her time on our Board. Janet has decided not to run for the Village of Breton Council in this municipal election. We appreciate all of her years of service to council and especially the Breton FCSS Advisory Board. We will announce the new FCSS advisory Board following the municipal election and the appointments made by the Village of Breton Council and Brazeau County Council.

"Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much" Helen Keller



LANDGRAF, Clark Frederick

Born January 20, 1935 and passed away September 28, 2021 peacefully in his sleep. Clark was predeceased by his first love and wife Irmy Landgraf, July 2001. He is survived by his second love and wife of 19 years Hazel Landgraf and their children, and many grandchildren, great grandchildren of their blended family.

Clark's first career was as an educator. In retirement he became a massage therapist. A couple of Clark's hobbies and passions was raising a variety of birds and gardening. Clark was known for his faith and love of people. He will be missed.

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UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- September 30 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed Truth & Reconciliation Day
- October 5 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- October 6 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- October 7 | Alternative Land Use Services PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- October 11 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed Thanksgiving
- October 18 | Municipal Election Day
- November 2 | Organizational Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- November 11 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed Remembrance Day
- November 16 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- November 17 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9:00 a.m.

2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION ADVANCE VOTES

Advance votes for the 2021 Municipal Election, Senate Election and Provincial Referendum Questions will be held in Brazeau County on the following days.

OCTOBER 6 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. – Breton Community Centre (4715 – 50 Avenue, Breton)

OCTOBER 14 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. – Brazeau County Administration Office (7401 Twp Road 494)

Any eligible voter in Brazeau County may vote in either advance vote. Voters will be required to sign the voter register and provide a piece of approved identification prior to being issued a ballot. Do not forget to bring your identification with proof of residence (such as a drivers license) with you to the voting station. A full list of approved identification can be found at brazeau.ab.ca/election

*As per provincial health orders **MASKS ARE MANDATORY** while in voting stations*



BRAZEAU COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HEREBY GIVES NOTICE :

A. That an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

| Office | Number of Positions | Electoral Division | |
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| Councillor | 3 | 1, 4, 6 | |

- B. That an election will be held for the selection of a Senate nominee for the purposes of the Alberta Senate Election Act.
- C. That a vote of the electors will be held on the following referendum questions under the Referendum Act:
 - Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the constitution?
 - Do you want Alberta to adopt year-round Daylight Saving Time, which is summer hours, eliminating the need to change our clocks twice a year?

Voting will take place on the 18th day of October 2021, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Voting stations will be located at:

| voting stations v | viii be located at. | | |
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| | Easyford Community Hall – 8502 Twp Rd 501 | | |
| DIVISION 2 | Lodgepole Community Hall – 4501 52 Ave., Lodgepole | | |
| | Violet Grove Community Hall – 4706 50 Ave., Violet Grove | | |
| DIVISION 3 | Brazeau County Administration Office - 7401, Twp Rd 494 | | |
| DIVISION 4 | Whitby Community Hall – 6523 Twp Rd 502 | | |
| DIVISION 5 | Lindale Community Hall - 5424 Twp Rd 494 | | |
| | Berrymoor 3Bs Centre – 6120 Twp Rd 500 | | |
| DIVISION 6 | Breton Community Centre – 4715 50 Ave, Village of Breton | | |
| | Buck Creek Community Hall – 5302 50 Ave., Buck Creek | | |
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In order to vote electors must sign the Elector Register and produce identification for inspection. The identification must be one or more of the following:

- Driver's License or ID card issued by, or on behalf of, the Province of Alberta
- Bank or credit card statement or personal cheque
- Correspondence issued by a school, college or university.
- Government cheque or cheque stub.
 Income or property tax assessment notice.
- Income or property tax assessment no
 Insurance policy or coverage card.
- Letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee.
- Pension plan statement of benefits, contributions or participation.
- Residential lease or mortgage statement.
- Statement of government benefits (for example, employment insurance, old-age security, social assistance, disability support or child tax benefit).
- Utility bill (for example, telephone, public utilities commission, television, hydro, gas or water).
- Vehicle ownership, registration or insurance certificate.
- Proof of Identity and Ordinary Residence for Tenant Elector issued by the authorized representative of a commercial property management company.
- Proof of Identity and Ordinary Residence issued by the authorized representative of a First Nations band or reserve.
- Proof of Identity and Ordinary Residence for Post-Secondary Student Elector in Residence issued by the authorized representative of a post-secondary institution.
- Proof of Identity and Ordinary Residence for Homeless Elector issued by the authorized representative of a facility that provides services to the homeless.
- Proof of Identity and Ordinary Residence for Elector in Long Term Care or Supportive Living Facility issued by the authorized representative of a supportive living facility or treatment centre.

If a voter's identification shows a post office box, it can be accepted as verification of current address if it is in reasonable distance to the Voting Division in which they live.

As required by Section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act

Dated at Brazeau County, in the Province of Alberta on the 27th of September, 2021.





Preacher's Point

from Pastor Jeff Gooderham

A few years ago, a couple of adventurers tried to become the first to circle the globe in a hot air balloon. They took off from St. Louis, Missouri, rose to 24,000 feet, and started eastward across the Atlantic Ocean toward Africa. The prevailing winds carried the balloonists on a direct course for Libya, which was a big problem. Libya, at the time, was ruled by a dictator who hates Americans and doesn't want American balloons flying over his country. There was a pretty good chance that the balloon would be shot down if it crossed Libyan air space.

This brings up another big problem. Hot air balloons aren't easy to turn. In fact, they can't be turned at all. They're at the mercy of the wind. But they can find different winds. This is done by changing altitude. At a higher or lower altitude, a balloonist can usually find a crosswind blowing in a different direction. So the guick thinking adventurers started letting hot air out of their balloon and dropped 6,000 feet. At that altitude, they found a wind that was blowing south rather than east. Once they were safely to the south of Libya and its missiles, they heated up the balloon, rose almost 10,000 feet, and caught another wind that was blowing eastward toward their destination. What is your destination? In Proverbs chapter 14 verse 12 the Bible says; "There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death." Knowing our destination is very important. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life!" We can choose to change directions from one of death to one of life! God says; "Choose life!!"



FORM 7RSE

Notice of Election

Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)
Alberta Senate Election Act (Sections 5, 37)
Referendum Act (Section 7)

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| Notice is herel | by given: | | | | | | |
| A. That a | n election wi | l be held for the filling of the fo | llowing offices: | | | | |
| Office | Office(s) | | Number of Vacancies | Ward or Electoral Division Number (if applicable) | | | |
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| B. That ar | n election will | be held for the election of a Sena | ate nominee for the purposes | of the Alberta Senate Election Act; | | | |
| C. That a | vote of the e | lectors will be held on the follow | wing referendum question(s) | under the Referendum Act; | | | |
| | a. Should Section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 – Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the Constitution? | | | | | | |
| | b. Do you want Alberta to adopt year-round Daylight Saving Time, which is summer hours, eliminating the need to change our clocks twice a year? | | | | | | |
| Voting will take Voting stations | | e <u>18th</u> day of <u>October</u> 20 <u>21</u> , bet ed at: | ween the hours of <u>10:00 am</u> | and <u>8:00 pm</u> . | | | |
| Breton Comm | nunity Centre | 4715 – 50 Avenue | | | | | |
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In order to vote, you must produce identification for inspection. The identification must be one or more of:

Government issued identification with a photograph, your name and proof of current residence

As required by section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act.

DATED at the Village of Breton, in the Province of Alberta,

this 4th day of October, 2021.

Therese Wiebe Returning Officer

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2021 Municipal Elections



Voters will also be able to cast their ballots in the provincial Senate election and to answer two provincial referendum questions.

There will be a total of five (5) Councillors elected for the Village of Breton

Barker, James Alan
Barrett, Heather
Ferri, Dominic Raphael
Parkyn, Robert Joseph
Pritchard, Lynn M (incumbent)
Sheaves, Shayanne
Simpson, Patricia (incumbent)
Tornack, Glory Jean

Village of Breton residents will cast their vote at the New Community Centre in Breton



Electors will vote for the position of Reeve and for a councilor in 3 of Brazeau County's 6 divisions.

REEVE

Guyon, Bart (incumbent) Kennedy, Jason Mosicki, Don

DIVISION 1

Beliveau, Joe Swap, Randy

DIVISION 2

Wiltse, Donna (incumbent) - ACCLAIMED

DIVISION 3

Brooks, Cody - ACCLAIMED

DIVISION 4

Frost, Georgia Westerlund, Kara (incumbent)

DIVISION 5

Heinrich, Anthony (incumbent) - ACCLAIMED

DIVISION 6

Ekstrom, Dallas Wheale, Sara (incumbent)

Brazeau County resident will cast their vote at voting stations in each of Brazeau County's six divisions (more information in our next issue)



Gerald Soroka, MP OP-ED



September 25, 2021

MP Soroka Expresses His Grief Over the Tragic Loss of Mchale Busch and Noah McConnell

As the Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, I am completely heartbroken over the heinous crimes that took place in our community of Hinton. I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mchale Busch and Noah McConnell.

Knowing that a convicted sex offender had the freedom to commit two counts of second-degree murder and take two innocent lives is a complete failure of our justice system. This tragedy has highlighted the need for stricter laws surrounding the parole of sex offenders.

Cody Lee McConnell (spouse/father), started a petition on Change.org that will call on the government to:

Amend the Criminal Code of Canada sentencing provisions for repeat sexual offenders by requiring mandatory minimum sentences for offenders with multiple sexual assault convictions who are designated to be at high risk to reoffend and lifelong parole.

Further, require registered offenders to update their personal information, including address and contact information every month or face jail time.

I strongly support this petition and encourage everyone to take the time to sign it. These are reasonable amendments to the Criminal Code, and I promise to take these much-needed changes to Parliament.

I will be consulting with the Parliamentary Law Clerk and our Conservative Shadow Ministers for Justice and Public Safety and with their support I plan on introducing a Private Member's Bill entitled 'Noah's Law'. I will work towards all party support so that the law is changed once and for all.

Until then, I hope the family and friends of Mchale, and Noah can take solace as our community rallies around them offering our comfort and support in this agonizing times.



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2 bed plus den bungalow. Finished basement. Double garage. Upgraded shingle: SOLD! siding, windows.

E4236973 \$130,000





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*served one term as village councilor 2004 *resident for over 25 years *volunteer minded

VOTE

Glory Tornack

For village council

STRENGTHS

- Recently retired from 10 years of managing a 93 unit apartment complex.
- We have been residents of Breton since 1996, when my husband was transferred here with the RCMP
- Property management has taught me a strong commitment to the residents that I serve
- I have created and worked within an annual budget and won a company award for economic excellence
- I am a firm believer in community organizations working together to create a better place for all citizens
- I owned my own business in the village for over 10 years and understand the challenges of small business.

Vote October 18, 2021 at the Breton Community Center

Candidate Hopes to Bring Wealth of Experience to Reeve's Chair

By Amissa Jablonski

Candidate Don Mosicki is ready to use his extensive experience and interest in municipal government should the residents of Brazeau County elect him Reeve on October 18.

Mr. Mosicki has always had an interest in municipal politics. He feels that he could make a positive contribution to the County because of his extensive experience with this type of work. Previously, he served two terms as a councillor for Leduc County and one term as a Village of Warburg councillor. Additionally, Mr. Mosicki was involved with governance in industry, having served two terms as a Board Director for the Alberta Cattle Commission and another term when the Commission became the Alberta Beef Producers. These opportunities have given the candidate a strong understanding of what it takes to be a productive contributor to a governing body.

Should the citizens of Brazeau County elect him Reeve, Mr. Mosicki would be committed to strong communication with them. He believes that elected representatives need to really listen to their constituents ideas and concerns and not simply hear what they are saying. His approach to elected office does not involve coming with a personal agenda as he understands that the electorate are his bosses and not the other way around.

When reflecting on the challenges currently facing Brazeau County, Mr. Mosicki feels that there is a need to elevate the transparency around its budget. The County is facing financial challenges and it needs to be able to deliver services efficiently to make the best use of taxpayer dollars, especially in light of the downloading of costs by the provincial government. There is a lot of potential for the County in its agricultural, forestry, and oil sectors and Mr. Mosicki feels that, when leveraged appropriately, they can help the County cruise along to prosperity.

Realizing how important relationships with neighbouring municipalities are to the role of Reeve, he knows that representatives need to be honest with each other as a basic starting point. Agreements can work well so long as each municipality pays its fair share and cost-sharing is an effective tool for managing budgets, where appropriate. Mr. Mosicki feels that having to go to arbitration to negotiate agreements defeats the purpose of attempting to cost share in the first place as any savings realized go to pay arbitrators instead of back into the County. Additionally, arbitration can create hard feelings between municipalities, which can make future negotiations and collaboration more difficult.

Mr. Mosicki wants electors to know he is not afraid to make decisions. He believes that even no decision, in and of itself, is still inherently a decision and would not take such an approach to the Reeve's office. Up for any challenge, he likes to solve problems and is a student of holistic management, an approach championed by Stan Parsons, which is a way of looking at the whole system to better raise cattle. Mr. Mosicki would apply what he has learned from this approach to the work of Reeve. He knows that some decisions may not be perfect for everyone but are necessary for the overall success of the County and that, while County Council must listen to a wide range of perspectives from residents, ultimately, the health of the municipality is paramount.

Voters who would like to speak with Mr. Mosicki about his campaign can reach out to him at 780.696.6533. Keeping the lighter side of things in mind, he also indicated he favourite breakfast is two fried eggs, over easy, a slice of multigrain toast, and crispy hash browns, with specific emphasis on the 'crispy.'



The Breton Brothers Adventures in Alberta Chapter 3

From Allan Goddard

I left off the second installment about the Breton's after their return from serving in WW1. Basil Breton moved to Vancouver Island to manage a hotel. Douglas, Laurence and Billie Breton joined forces in operating the Telfordville store, post office and cream station. Billie and Laurence ran the store, with Laurence being the chief cream tester. Billie would continue to operate the store for the next 20 years. Douglas looked after the post office, bookkeeping and hauling freight from Leduc. Also, Douglas was becoming involved in local politics, lobbying for the extension of the railroad through the area. In 1922, the Alberta Government announced the Lacombe & North Western Railway would be extended from Rimbey to Hoadley. Lobbying continued through the UFA Local 1053, with Douglas acting as spokesperson: meetings were held, petitions circulated and delegations to Provincial ministers arranged, but with little success from 1922-1924. A break came in February 1925 when it was announced the railway would be extended 22 miles north from Hoadley, establishing a new rail terminal, and a yet to be named hamlet. It would be December 1926 before the line was put into service. The new hamlet was named "Breton" in appreciation of the work carried out by Douglas Breton. In June 1926, Douglas Breton was elected as MLA for the Leduc constituency. While the extension of the railway to Breton was gratifying to Douglas, there was still work to be done to link the railway to Leduc. Douglas could now press for the extension of the railway from within the government.

Once the location of the new terminal and hamlet was determined, businesses started to establish. One of the first was the Laurence Breton family, who moved from Telfordville in April 1926 to open a grocery store. For the next ten years Laurence would operate the Red and White grocery store. The Depression

of the 1930's took a toll on many businesses, and in 1936 Laurence sold the grocery store. Laurence and family would leave Breton moving to Campbell River, BC, where he was employed in a department store. Laurence passed away in 1965 at the age of 80. In 1927 Douglas again tried to get the railway extended without success. It is interesting to note that the UFA Government of Alberta was in serious financial trouble at the time ... sound a little bit familiar. However, in 1928 the government announced they had accepted the offer from the CPR to purchase the Lacombe & North Western, and by 1932 the railway reached Leduc.

Douglas would run for re-election in 1930, but lost his seat to Liberal Arthur Mitchell. He returned to Telfordville to farm, and as secretary - treasurer for the MD of Pioneer. In 1934 the decision was made to return to England, where he took up farming again. During WWII Douglas served as a training officer with the Royal Air Force and after the war worked for Army Records, as well as farming. Douglas Breton passed away in 1953 at the age 70. His daughter wrote of his death ... "He died in 1953 with so much of his heart and dreams still in the Canadian west". While Douglas Breton would not return to Canada his name does live on in the name of our Village.



Douglas C. Breton Circa 1926

HEATHER BARRETT FOR COUNCILLOR

Hello Village of Breton Residents, my name is Heather Barrett and I have lived in Breton my entire life. I am married to Rod (47 years) and have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. I have thought about running for counsel in the past but timing wasn't quite right. This time, I feel like I have the time to be able to available for what the position as a counsellor might require.

There are many ideas and thoughts, that come to mind just as a resident of the Village. I know many ideas & changes are not always as they might quite seem ,and there is often certain roadblocks that slow processes in getting things done. I am hoping ,if I am chosen, that I can provide you with being open with all residents. I want to be able to listen and take your concerns seriously. I am certainly not aware of all the issues within the Village, but I truly would love to be given the opportunity to make a positive difference. I think we have a great little Village, but I also know if we can work together its advantageous for all.

Unfortunately, due to Covid19 I have not be made aware that there will be any open house for a question and answer period but you can certainly contact me at anytime by calling 780 621 6919 and I would be happy to try and answer any questions you have. If I don't have the answer I will surely do my best to get them for you.

Some of the challenges facing Breton, are old challenges but maybe looking through a new lens that will help. I think finding balance is very important, including if elected when sitting around the counsel table. I know that growth in any Village/Town is very important to the tax base especially when it comes to industrial and commercial to broaden the tax base. I feel like again "balance" is the approach to attain this. Growth brings increase in assessment and than in turn revenue which in turns helps to balance out needs and wants. How we achieve this takes work/committement/and ensuring the Village is sharing what is available here.

If elected I would like the opportunity to sit on the Recruitment and Retention Committee for Physicians have managed the Malone Medical Clinic for the last 32 years and assisted in recruiting 27 Doctors to the area. I would hope we can maintain some type of medical services to the Village of Breton and have a keen interest in this.

This will be my first time running for councillor and if I do get elected I cannot promise you I have all the answers, but I will promise you I will try and find the answers to any questions you have. Thank you for your consideration and I hope you get out to vote on October 18, 2021. Good luck to all the candidates, I think its great you have 8 candidates to chose form.

Heather Barrett





MLA REPORT

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

Society has always had to struggle with the issue of individual freedom versus societal control. Our individual actions always have consequences to the people that we live with and there is always a tension as to when society should step in and control individual choices. The truth is we want both freedom and control, but where to draw the line is often a subjective decision. Should we allow dangerous recreational pursuits like extreme sports to occur? Where do we limit the consumption of alcohol or drugs? What ideas should be allowed to propagate within society? The list could go on because all of these personal decisions will impact the wider society and it is our health care system, police system, education system, etc. that have to pick up the pieces.

The past 16 months or so has forced every Albertan to reconsider some of our answers regarding freedom and control and what kind of a society we want to live in now that we face Covid-19. Quite frankly, the discussion has often become very divisive. We find ourselves today in a situation where we have a pandemic of the unvaccinated and a health care system that is struggling to deal with the very serious consequences of that reality.

On so many other issues we have landed on the side of individual freedom of choice, often with some societal control. Take for instance the issue of extreme sports. Some people like to jump off the sides of mountains wearing nothing but what I can only describe as a squirrel suit—yet it is obvious to everyone that if anything goes wrong the person will either die or be hospitalized. Either way it is loved ones and society that have to pay for the consequences of that free choice. Yet how far do we go? Do we stop people from mountaineering, skiing, riding ATVs? Generally, we have said that we want to be able to make our own choices regarding recreation and so as a society we are prepared to pay the price for what may be seen as some pretty dangerous choices.

Many Albertans have historically believed that in a free society, individual citizens are best placed to decide if they need to be vaccinated with the result being that the Alberta Government has never mandated vaccines. Yet most of us are willing to entertain the idea that there might come a time when mandatory vaccinations, at least for some segments of society, might be necessary. The government recently repealed the law that would have allowed mandatory vaccinations. Yet that has not

stopped businesses and most recently AHS from saying that a Covid 19 vaccine is a condition of employment. This has left some Albertans in a crisis of conscience. They are unwilling to give up their personal liberty and conscience to be vaccinated. They wonder where their freedom of choice has gone, and other Albertans are left wondering how the unvaccinated can justify endangering vulnerable Albertans and threatening the capacity of our health care system.

As a Conservative I believe that government needs to respect individual rights and freedoms and I tend to land on the side of individual choice rather than societal control. At the same time, I understand the need for society to sometimes intervene in my personal decisions. On this issue, I hope companies and organizations consider individual circumstances before deciding whether to mandate vaccinations for each and every employee, as some people have valid reasons for not wanting vaccines, including health, religion and conscience rights. Liberty is important and, on this issue, starts with the ability to decide what drugs you will allow to be put into your body. But that does not abrogate the individual from the responsibility that they have to the society. You need to make an informed decision. You need to consider not only the consequences of your decisions on yourself but also on the rest of society. For those who truly cannot in full conscience take a Covid 19 vaccine then we in the wider society must be prepared to accommodate and find work arounds that respect their rights and protect the society.

I would also challenge those Albertans who have not yet been vaccinated. Unless you have a conscience issue or a medical reason for not getting vaccinated, please go get vaccinated and do so quickly. Should this 4th wave or any future waves threaten our hospital system with the inability to treat Albertans and be overwhelmed by Covid 19 I will understand why those of conscience are not vaccinated but I will have a much harder time understanding why those who have no such issues, the procrastinators, are prepared to endanger their own lives, our health care system and those who are dependent upon it.

Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley - Devon

I can be reached at the main constituency office in Drayton Valley at 1-800-542-7307 toll-free. The office is open Monday to Friday. The Devon constituency office is open every Wednesday and the phones are manned Tuesday to Friday at 780-987-3666 or I can be emailed at draytonvalley.devon@assembly.ab.ca anytime.

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PATRICIA SIMPSON

For

COUNCILOR

Election time for the village of Breton this fall in October. I would like to make the citizens of Breton aware that I will be seeking reelection for council. I have just finished a two year term, I have learned a lot about municipal governing and have enjoyed my position.

During my first term on council, there were a lot of changes. The loss of our Chief Administrative Officer and the hiring of a replacement. The huge project of the construction of a new hall met with many ups and downs but we were able to keep on budget and not increase any taxes.

I look forward to another term of keeping our village going forward, keeping taxes reasonable. I am committed to getting our community hall operating. I am free to talk about any concerns citizens of Breton have at any time. Please remember council meeting are always open to the public.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Recently, two articles were published by two County councillors (Wheale, Guyon), the result of which presents an interesting dichotomy.

On the one hand, Mr. Guyon states "... we have a strong financial foundation." On the other, Ms. Wheale states that "... newly elected councillors will need to take a very careful look to ensure that reserve savings are not being used to prop up day-to-day operational cost..."

Given that the county has reduced their "reserve" funds from \$20 million to about \$5 million in 4 years may suggest to you who is the more believable.

In terms of transparency as stated by Mr. Guyon, one might keep in mind how the "pool" funding (\$5 million) came to be approved--no plebiscite and no official public input. My recollection is that there was no "pro forma" provided; that is, what is it going to cost us to run the facility, who is going to run it, and where is the money coming from. Since we are currently in litigation with the Town over transfer payments, the pool operations could be a problem.

Consider also the "Fiscal Energy" proposal in front of staff and/or council for 18 months (as stated by Fiscal representatives). Why did the public not find out about this until 3 weeks ago--transparency?

L. Oberle

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Provincial Referendum Vote - Equalization

By Amissa Jablonski

Referendum Question - Should section 36(2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982* - Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments - be removed from the constitution?

What is Equalization?

Equalization is a program, first introduced in 1957 and later enshrined in legislation by the *Constitution Act, 1982,* that aims to ensure all Canadians receive relatively the same level of services for approximately the same level of taxation, regardless of where in the country they live. The legislation recognizes that various areas of the country have different resources and economic potential and seeks to accommodate those differences by the redistribution of tax dollars, based on need.

How does it work?

When Canadians pay their taxes each year, a portion of those monies go into a federal equalization pool. This pool is then divided up amongst all provinces (territories are not part of the program) based upon need. The goal is to raise the fiscal capacity of provinces that lie below the national average so they are able to offer a more equitable level of public services. These funds are also provided to the provinces in an unrestricted manner so can be used however premiers and their governments see fit.

The federal government uses a complex formula to determine how much each province gets in what are sometimes called 'transfer payments.' It takes into account a number of factors including personal income taxes, business income taxes, consumption taxes, property taxes and natural resource revenues and are calculated on a per capita basis. Natural resource revenues are only partially considered, however, so as not to unduly punish provinces with large amounts of income from this source (before 2004, this was not the case).

The equalization formula is amended by the federal government in consultation with the premiers. The current formula was negotiated in 2007 by then Prime Minister Stephen Harper and

his cabinet (which included Premier Jason Kenney), and the premiers and their cabinets, with a small change coming in 2009 to limit the total amount a province could receive. In 2018, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his cabinet proposed the extension of the current formula, to which the premiers largely agreed, save for Alberta and Saskatchewan who felt not enough consultation had taken place.

Equalization creates the concept of 'have' and 'have not' provinces. A 'have' province is a province whose taxpayers contribute more to the program than the province receives from the federal government or is a net contributor. A 'have not' province has its taxpayers contribute less to equalization than is paid by the feds to the provincial government, making it a net receiver. Under no circumstances does a 'have' province cut a cheque and send it to a 'have not' province-all transfer payments come from the federal government and every province receives some money.

Who has the power to make change suggested in the referendum questions?

While the principle of equalization is enshrined in the constitution, the specifics of how the program works is flexible, allowing it to evolve with the nation. The referendum question, however, does not ask about changing the formula, rather, it asks about amending the constitution. To do this, an amendment must have the agreement of the House of Commons, the Senate, and a minimum number of provincial legislatures, which means at least seven provinces representing at least 50% of Canada's population, referred to as the 7+50 rule.

Why are we having this referendum?

Premier Jason Kenney, as indicated above, feels that the current system is unfair to Alberta as a 'have' province. He is seeking the negotiating leverage that a 'yes' result might confer. However, given the challenging constitutional amending formula, it is unclear whether it would make any difference on actually removing section 32(2) from the constitution.

"Loyalty to country always. Loyalty to government, when it deserves it."

Mark Twain

To the Brazeau County Voters:

The following objectives are what the public expects of councillors.

Over the years, this writer has noticed a serious lack of defined "objectives" for local councillors. Due to a probable lack of "open houses" to hear/meet candidates this year, the following is proposed for voters to contact their candidates to find out where they stand.

My list of councillor qualifications, expectations, job description (no particular order) is as follows:

- Have ability to willingly read and write at least at grade 12 level as there are often over 100 pages of agenda as well as reports to be written concerning out-of-province conferences (which should be submitted for all conferences);
- 2. Return/don't receive \$1400 if commitments are not met; i.e., timely filing of reports from conventions or conferences;
- 3. Understand and apply the concept of the "greatest good for the greatest number;
- 4. Willing to evaluate policy (see #1);
- 5. Take and successfully complete post-secondary courses (when and where offered) related to local government (at own expense) and lobby the RMA to promote the same;
- Lobby the Province to enact and enforce a code of ethics for councillors and lobby the RMA to do the same (perhaps based on Victoria, BC code);
- 7. Lobby the Province to conduct random unannounced corporate reviews with the results made public and lobby the RMA to do the same;
- 8. Internalize democratic values and act accordingly; see #3 and 4 above, including transparency; and use plebiscites for big ticket items;
- 9. Follow policy or change it based on democratic values for the common good;
- 10. Read the MGA.

L. Oberle

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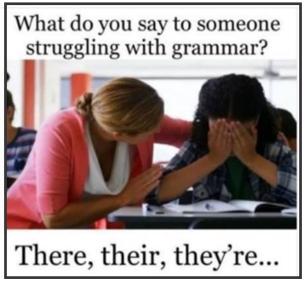


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15 acres, 6 bed 2.5 bath home. walkout basement, Shop - gravel floor, barn, older garage. Fenced, cross fenced. On Hwy 616



3 bed 2bath 1998 mfg home, w/ deck. Adjacent to Centennial Park. Shingles new 2019, 16x26 workshop/garage. Storage shed



3 bedroom 1 bath home with partially finished basement. Many updates since 2009. Across street from school & playground.



160 rolling acres of poplar forest, sprinkle of 12x20 cal area f crown land imm property



15 ACRES, gently rolling meadow, treed ravine along west boundary. Carnwood \$119,000

58 ACRES Incredible natural spring. Pasture gently slopes from south to north. Winfield \$250,000

130 ACRES with mix of open & treed pasture, surface lease revenue, dugout. Along Hwy 22 north of Buck Creek Buck Creek \$324,900

297.84 ACRES mainly treed, beaver dam, small ponds & approx 50 acre hay land ,\$9000 annual lease revenue. Buck Creek

156 ACRES for the outdoorsman, scenic rolling and former farm site with power & well. Winfield \$495,000



3 bed 2 bath bungalow on double

2 lots still available No time requirement to build. GST included in price. Village will put in driveway.



Many upgrades & renos in past 20 years include exterior, hotel rooms, remodeling kitchen with new wiring and new plumbing.

NEW PRICE

143.55 ACRES, Creek, beaver dams, primarily treed. Annual surface lease revenue \$3.775. Quarter to north also available. Buck Lake \$265,000

157 ACRES, Creek, beaver dam, primarily mixed forest. spruce trees. Small meadow. Annual surface lease revenue \$3300. Quarter to south also available. Buck Lake \$349,000



Cozy 3 bed, 1 bath upgraded 11/2 storey home on double lot, Rebuilt entry/utility room, upgraded vinyl windows, furnace, HWT



Half acre lot, 3 bed, 2 bath home. Loads of upgrades. Recent: family room floor& ceiling,& garage shingles, insulated, sheeted



-Storage shed

Country Retreat - 1800 sq ft 2 bed 3 bath home, attached 2 car garage. 4' concrete crawlspace. In Alder Flats - close to crown land.



Alder Flats. Grove of mature trees. 3 sides fenced. Power at lot line. Municipal sewer available



12.9 acres 4 bedrm home, living room w/wood burning stove, patio doors & skylight. Private, treed setting, Storage sheds, workshop



Great Opportunity! Undeveloped 35.18 acres only 10 minutes SW of Leduc. Seeded to grass currently used for pasture



125 acres with creek winding thru, 11/2 storey 3 bed, 3 bath home, fully finished heated garage, 55± cultivated acres, balanced treed.



159.97 acres scenic rolling land at the end of the fail of ad. Pasture, hay land, Totalto al. W. u decide! Adjacent quarter available



Nature's Haven- Towering spruce, mixed forest, rustic cabin, well, surrounded by miles of crown land. Fish pond



LAKEFRONT 3600 ± sq ft home w/ attached shop/garage completed to lockup stage. Power, well, sewer RV sites, guest cabin.



Lakefront - 4 bed 4 bath hillside walkout bungalow on 0.82 acre lot in Hiland Estates. 3 bay garage with 3 pc bath



At the lake - 4 bed 2 bath home with log & stone accents. Backs onto the community lakefront area with launch & dock, Oakes Bay



2 bedroom cottage, in-floor heat granite counters, maple cabinets Solid fence. Tarp garage.



BUCK LAKE ESTATES Phase 2 Your choice of 4 beautifully treed 2 acre lots Boat launch at subdivision entry. \$157,500/ lot

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