

THE BRETON BOOSTER

A MESSAGE FROM BRAZEAU COUNTY

While the majority of residents who were evacuated due to the Buck Creek wildfire have not returned home, it's important to remember that a number of residences in Brazeau County are still evacuated, and that the fire is still burning. Smoke and flames will still be visible.

The fire is expected to burn for months, even if responders are confident that it will not grow. Fire crews continue to work in the area, and it is crucial to remain out of the evacuated and burned areas for a couple of reasons.

The first is that it is extremely dangerous. Trees are a deadly hazard. Some trees may still be smouldering/burning within the active fire zone. Tree roots have been severely compromised by fire damage, and they may topple unpredictably, causing serious injury or fatalities. Under no circumstances should anyone approach, climb, or attempt to remove or clear any trees from the fire area. The fire is expected to remain active for several months.

Ash pits are areas of land that have been burned and are full of hot ashes. They may look like residue but can be very dangerous and can cause serious burns. Please stay away from these areas for your safety.

The second reason is that fire crews are still working in the fire area. For their safety and yours, please give them plenty of space to work. Firefighting equipment can be very dangerous. If you see equipment in the area, please do not touch it. Helicopters may still be operating in the area as well. Keep a safe distance and don't approach

them.

It's illegal to fly a drone over a wildfire. When you fly a drone over or near an Alberta wildfire, you're breaking the law, endangering firefighting personnel and may cause firefighting operations to stop.

Your support for firefighters has been amazing and appreciated. Please continue to show your support by keeping your distance from the fire area.



Classifieds

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Breton West Herefords has both **HORNED & POLLED BULLS** for sale. Call or text Leonard at 780-898-9590

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If you'd like to get a link to the paper in your inbox you can subscribe online or email media@community39.com



Student Welder Award Contest



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To be eligible to apply you must submit an essay detailing why you have chosen to be a welder as well as proof of enrollment in the RAP Welder program. Submissions can be made to Sunnybrook Welding.

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Sudoku Answers from May 17 Issue

3	4	7	2	6	8	1	9	5
9	6	1	7	3	5	2	8	4
5	2	8	9	4	1	7	6	3
1	8	9	6	2	4	3	5	7
2	7	3	1	5	9	8	4	6
4	5	6	8	7	3	9	2	1
7	3	2	5	8	6	4	1	9
8	9	5	4	1	7	6	3	2
6	1	4	3	9	2	5	7	8

The object of the puzzle is to fill the remaining squares, using all the numbers 1-9 exactly once in each row, column, and the nine 3 x 3 subgrids.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

UPCOMINGSPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

BRETON - 2023 Golden Spur Gymkhana Buckle Series on May 25, June 8, 29, July 13, 27, Aug 10, and 17 (Finals). Gates @ 6pm, Starts @ 7pm. For more info or membership package Email: goldenspurgymkhana@hotmail.com

MULHURST Legion - Community Socials the last Friday of the Month: NEXT SOCIAL **May 26 @ 7pm**

WARBURG - "You Are Not Alone", It Is Written TV Hosts Mike & René Lemon at Warburg Pioneer Hall on **Friday, May 26, 7pm, and Saturday, May 27, 11:15am & 2:30pm**. Inspiring music. Free admission. Luncheon provided for attendees.

THORSBY Haymaker Rodeo May 27 & 28. Tickets available at the door. Call 780-789-3829 for more information.

DEVON - Tom's Walk for Mental Health on **May 27** from 12-4pm go to www.tomswalk.ca for more info

PIGEON LAKE Regional High School 50-year High School Reunion, for classmates of 1972, 1973 & 1974, **May 27** at Mulhurst Bay Community Hall. Please email PLRHS2023@Outlook.com to purchase tickets.

SANDHOLM - Pancake breakfast at Sandholm Hall (corner 616x and hwy 778) on **Sunday, May 28, Sunday, June 25, Sunday, July 30 and Sunday, August 27** from 8 am to 11 am. Everyone welcome. For information call 780-389-2381

DEVON Family Paint Night May 29th 6:30-7:30pm, Free bus from Warburg, Thorsby & Calmar. Snacks and Beverages provided. Contact Shauna fcss@warburg.ca 780-848-2828

GLEN PARK Community Assoc is hosting a **55+ free lunch & entertainment the last Wednesday** of the month at 5pm, May & June. \$2 in advance so caterer is prepared. Call 780-919-1250

THORSBY Jr/Sr High School Pancake breakfast on **June 1** from 7:30 - 9:30am. \$5/plate. Proceeds supporting the Breakfast Program. Everyone Welcome!

THORSBY Seniors Appreciation Event June 2 Doors open @ 11am Lunch 11:30am at Arctic Spas Rec Complex lobby. Register with Mikayla 780-789-4004

WETASKIWIN Art and Craft Centre Show & Sale on **June 3** from 10-4pm at the Multiplex Building 4520 - 48 Avenue.

THORSBY New Life Christian Fellowship church is hosting a **Gospel Music Jam** on **June 4th**, Sunday at 2 pm! All level of singers and musicians are welcome to join the fun. Light refreshments served! We also appreciate listeners as well!

SENIORS WEEK is June 5 - 11

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THORSBY Riverhawks Baseball Field Trip June 5 drop off at 11:00am, pick up at 4:30pm from Arctic Spas Rec Complex. \$40.00 lunch included ages 7+, to pre-register contact Mikayla 780-789-4004 or mleibel@thorsby.ca

BRETON - Seniors information Day and Lunch on **June 7**. This is a FREE Day but please register by June 1 with your FCSS Program in Breton-780-696-3636, Warburg-780-848-2828 or County of Wetaskiwin-780-352-3321.

MULHURST - Cancer Walk-a-Thon June 9, 2023 check-in @ 5pm at the community hall. 5K walk or run throughout Mulhurst bay community. Contact Marion Wilson at mari_on@yahoo.ca

STRAWBERRY Hall - Farmer's Day Celebration on **June 10**. Cocktails at 5pm, Supper at 6pm, Live Band at 7pm. Steak BBQ & Hamburgers. Call 780-789-2446 or 780-789-2180

THORSBY Babysitting Course June 10 & 11 from 10am - 3pm. Ages 12+, \$60.00 lunch incl. at Arctic Spas Rec Complex. Register @ 780-789-4041 or www.thorsby.ca/recreation

WINFIELD - 12th Annual Wheels in Winfield Show, N Shine on **June 10** from **10am-3pm**. For further info call Kevin Johnson @780-682-2526 or Albert Brandl at 780-696-2547

WARBURG Legion Pub Night - on the **3rd Friday** of every month. Doors open at 5pm. **June 16 Pub Night** supper provided. Come join us for an evening of cards & games!

YEOFORD - Homeschoolers are hosting a **Youth Business Fair /Market day** on **June 17th**, where homeschoolers will be showcasing their own businesses and selling their wares to the public at the Yeoford Community Centre.

WARBURG - Father's Day BBQ on **Sunday, June 18** from 5-7pm at the Warburg Legion. Contact Deb at 780-686-2623 or Chris at 780-848-7561.

THORSBY & District Cultural & Historical Society is hosting a **Father's Day Pancake Breakfast** on **June 18**

WARBURG Annual Heritage Day on **June 24**. More information to come!

WARBURG Legion Heritage Day Dance on **June 24** featuring Blackwater Crude. 8pm - 1am at the Warburg Community Hall.

BRETON - Canada Day July 1st in Breton. Parade, Vendor Market, Beer Gardens, Show n' Shine, Children's Activities, Dunk Tank, Bucks for Boobs and more...contact the Breton Village Office 780-696-3636 or fcss@breton.ca

Community Events & Information
is **FREE** to advertise

Village of Breton & FCSS



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Please bring your paper products to
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Date :
**THURSDAY
MAY 25th
2023**



Time - 8:30am - 4pm
Location - Civic Centre
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12th Annual Wheels in Winfield Show 'N Shine

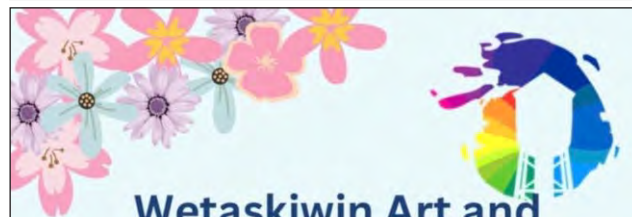
The **12th Annual Wheels in Winfield Show 'N Shine** will be held **June 10, 2023, 10am - 3pm.**

Registration is from 10am to noon.

Plaques for top 10 vehicles & top 2 motorcycles
will be awarded at 3pm.

Numerous door prizes will be given out. Breakfast
will be available at the Lions Park and a
Concession/Beer Gardens will be provided by the
Legion.

For further information contact: Kevin Johnson @ 780-
682-2526 or Albert Brandl @ 780-696-2547



Wetaskiwin Art and Craft Centre **SHOW & SALE**

MULTIPLEX BUILDING 4520-48TH AVE
SAT, JUNE 3, 2023
10 am - 4 pm

You are invited to come enjoy this annual exhibition
of work by local artists in various disciplines
including quilting, pottery, weaving, glass, painting
and printmaking. Come and see quality creations
produced by local talent and watch demonstrations
by artists in each of these fields of endeavour.



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

BRETON Baby & Me for mom's with baby's under 18 mths - 1st & 3rd **Thursday mornings** from 10-11:30am at the Breton Community Centre. Contact fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636

BRETON Book Club - meets at the Library the **second Wednesday** of the month at 7:30pm from September until June. All readers are welcome to join the conversation!

BRETON Children's Gym Time - FREE Drop in for 0-6 years old on **Tuesdays** from 10am - 11:30am at the Breton Faith Covenant Church. Hosted by Brighter Futures - 780-514-5070

BRETON Golden Age Club - Crib on **Saturdays @ 12:30pm / Floor Curling on Tuesdays @ 1pm**. Drop in fee \$3. / **Cards on Mondays @ 1pm**. Drop in fee \$3. Contact Pat at 780-898-1651

BRETON Golf Course - Men's Night at 6:30pm (every Monday) & **Ladies Night** at 6:30pm (every Tuesday)

BRETON Kids Klub - After School Program **Wednesdays** from 3:15-4:45pm for ages 6-12. No fees. Limited spaces. Pre-registration required. Forms at the Library or FCSS office.

BRETON Low Impact Exercise Class - Wednesday mornings from 10 - 11am at the Breton Community Centre. \$2 per class. Contact fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636

BUCK CREEK Community Association Jam Dance & Cards Night the **first Friday** of every month.

CALMAR - Seniors Music Jam Session 4th Tuesday of the month @ 1pm with light refreshments. 4916 - 50 Ave

MULHURST - Family Bingo's every **Tuesday @ 6:30pm** at the Royal Canadian Legion #246.

MULHURST - Royal Canadian Legion Mulhurst #246 hosts **Community Socials** on the **Last Friday** of the month at 7pm.

SANDHOLM Square Dance Club - Youth, couples & singles **Thursdays, 7 - 9:30pm** at the Sandholm Hall (10 miles S of Thorsby). For info call 780-238-5844 or 780-389-2381.

THORSBY - LEGO Club Monday's after school 3:30-4:30pm. Come join us for an hour of Lego building! Free drop-in program ages 7+, 6 & under accompanied by parents

THORSBY - Fun with Friends Storytime (for preschool) on **Friday's** at 10:30am in the Library

THORSBY Lions Club hosting a **Pancake Breakfast first Sunday** of the month at the Senior's Centre 9am - 12pm. For more info call Mercedes King 587-338-7065

THORSBY Parent & Tot Drop In Program on **Thursdays** from 10-11am at the FRN Site (Modular next to the Arctic Spas Rec Complex) Fun games, activities & making new friends

THORSBY Pickle Ball on **Tuesday & Thursday morning** 9:30am to 11:30am and **Thursday nights** from 7-9pm at the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. \$5 drop in fee

THORSBY Seniors Centre - Bingo every **Thursday evening** starting at 7pm / **Afternoon Crib** every **Monday** at 1:30pm. / **Soup & Sandwiches** starting at 11:30am on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month / Everyone welcome!

WARBURG - Busy Brushes meet on **Wednesdays** at 10 am at the Warburg Cultural Centre. Call Linda at 587-590-0378.

WARBURG Floor Curling at the Pioneer Ag Society Community Hall on **Thursdays** at 1pm. Everyone Welcome.

WARBURG Pickleball Thursdays from 6-8pm \$2 each. Warburg School Gym. Equipment provided, no experience needed. Register at the Village office or call 780-848-2828

WARBURG - Pie & Coffee from 1pm - 4pm at the Warburg Museum on the **first Saturday** of every month

WARBURG Seniors Centre - Cards at 1pm **every Wednesday / Soup & Sandwiches** every **3rd Wednesday** at 12pm for \$10 / **Tai Chi** at 10am **every Wednesday** for \$2 / **Quilting** on **Tuesday & Thursdays** at 9:30am for \$2

WARBURG - Sew Heavenly Quilters meet **Thursdays** at 10am at Warburg Cultural Centre. Call Peggy 780-789-2545

WARBURG Social Evening - at the Warburg Legion **3rd Friday** of every month. Doors open at 5pm, Dinner 6-7pm. Come join us for an evening of fun!

WARBURG - Songs For Toddlers at the Warburg Library on **Wednesdays** at 1pm at the library.

WARBURG Saturday at the Library is **Craft Fun Day**, with a table full of supplies to create a craft for a special day that month

WARBURG Volleyball drop in at Warburg School on **Tuesdays** from 6-8pm

MARKETS/THRIFT SHOPS(NONPROFIT)

Thorsby CL Country Market from 10am-3pm, Thorsby Rec Complex. **May 20, Sept 16, Nov 18 & June 24** at Warburg Heritage Days. Email clsoapco@hotmail.com

Mulhurst Bay Farmer's Market at the Mulhurst Bay Community Hall (3802 50 Ave) **every Saturday** 10-2pm. Contact Carol 587-920-2065 for more info.

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store
Open **Thursdays and Fridays** 10am-3pm

Warburg Treasure's Thrift Shop
Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm. 5112 - 53 Street, Warburg

Calmar Market on Main - is hosting markets in Main Street Park on **Fridays** from **4-8pm** from May until September. Email calmarmarket@gmail.com or follow on FB

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Calendar and Connections for Breton, Warburg, Thorsby & Surrounding areas are on our website under "Community".

This includes community group contacts, facilities for rent, churches and other local information.

Go to www.community39.com

You will also find more information on how to advertise, submit an article and for previous editions of our papers.

Don't like going online?

A complete listing will be printed in the Booster & Connect 39 once a month. Last Breton Booster sting was in the April 26 ssue!





Want to get involved with the **Breton Veggie Patch?**



There are two ways:

- 1) **apply for your own gardening space (become a Primary Plot Holder)**
- 2) **help maintain the space and communal beds (become a Garden Volunteer!)**

Please stop by the Breton Library to fill out application & release forms.

A **Primary Plot Holder** will have personal use of a designated 4 x 8 foot space. You must be committed to visiting/maintaining (weeding, watering) your plot at least once a week. Limited spots are available this year. Please sign up at the Breton Library by **Thursday May 25th, 2023**. If you don't get a plot this year you can still be involved as a Garden Volunteer.

A **Garden Volunteer** will sign up for weekly gardening duties which may consist of one or more of the following tasks to help maintain communal raised garden beds and the larger garden space:

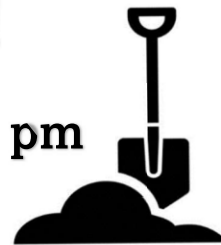
- opening and closing the community garden;
- hand weeding, mowing, watering; and
- assisting other gardeners.

Let's Plant!

Friday May 26th at 5 pm

49th Avenue

(between the Breton Senior Centre and Breton High School)



Come help plant communal raised beds or if you apply for your own gardening space, come plant your designated space. If you secure your own designated space as a Primary Plot Holder, you can plant any time the garden is open (8 am to 8 pm).

Questions? Contact Lexya at 403-704-6687.



WILDFIRES AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Although we have been fortunate that the fires have moved west of our community, we are advising residents to have a emergency plan in place. With the hot weather and lack of moisture, this could be our situation over the next few months. Please take this time to have some items gathered and be prepared with a plan in case you are asked to quickly leave our community.

SENIORS DAY TRIP – We are currently planning a day trip to the Lacombe area on Wednesday May 24. We will be going to the Ellis Bird Farm, having lunch there and then stopping at The Gull Lake Honey Company for a tour as well. Please register with Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636. Space is limited. Participants are required to purchase or bring their own lunch.

SAVE THE DATE – SENIORS WEEK will be celebrated June 4 – 10th – We will have several activities that week for the seniors in our community to participate in. Save the date of **June 7th for a Seniors information Day and Lunch**. Seniors from Warburg, and Wetaskiwin County are invited to join the seniors in Breton for, Speakers on local services, programs, lunch, and entertainment. This is a FREE Day but we do ask that you register with your FCSS Program in Breton, 780-696-3636, Warburg - 780-848-2828 or County of Wetaskiwin - 780-352-3321. Please register by June 1. Caregivers and family members are welcome to attend. Speaker Topics will include:

- Brazeau Seniors Foundation
- Heart To Home Meals
- Health @ Home
- Hot Mess Organizing
- ATB Fraud Awareness

Door Prizes and entertainment by Camilla Jones.

CANADA DAY JULY 1ST IN BRETON

July 1st is quickly approaching. For those that have attended a Canada Day Celebration in Breton. This is a day where everyone seems to come home to Breton to celebrate and enjoy all the activities that are planned. This year we are reaching out to groups and individuals to help plan as many activities as possible. If you are a part of a group, organization or someone that would like to participate, please let us know.

This is the perfect day to host an activity if you are doing a fundraising campaign. We do have a few people that have come forward to host on July 1st. Watch for more details from them.

Vendor Market – will be coordinated by Brandy Bundt – branbun@hotmail.com or 780-621-0839

Beer Garden – Hosted by the Breton Agriculture Society
Show & Shine – coordinated by Rod & Heather Barrett
Children's Activities – Breton FCSS

Dunk Tank – Breton Soccer

Buck for Boobs – Tracy Boulton – 780-696-0006

Other Possible Events

Pancake Breakfast, Firefighter Games, Pony Poop Bingo, Gymkhana, Mechanical Bull, Family Bing, Music - Breton Community Centre, Community Supper, Any other fun events and activities

We are also looking for help with the following:

Parade Marshalls and Food Trucks

Please contact the Village of Breton Office at 780-696-3636 or admin@breton.ca, fcss@breton.ca if you could help with any of these activities. If you have ideas for additional events, we would love to chat with you about them.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM – We have been working to put together a fun filled, learning summer activity calendar for families and youth in our community. Watch for the calendar to come out in late May. Activities will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Each week in July and August. Activities will include crafts, cooking, waterslide daze, games, movies, swimming and bowling trips. Watch for further details on these activities and more.

Thank you to the following for their generous donations to our program:

A.I.F. Breton, Breton Royal Purple, Breton ELKS, Canline Pipeline Solutions, Insulation Snakes, WC Trucking, Gazelles, Apecs

If you would like to support the Summer Youth Program by donating, please contact the Breton FCSS office at 780-696-3636. Our calendar is off to the printers. **REGISTRATION will open June 5th.**

BABYSITTERS COURSE – As part of our Summer Youth Program we are holding a in-person Babysitters Certificate course on Monday July 10 for youth ages 11 and older. Registration information we be available soon. Please watch the Breton Booster and our Facebook page.

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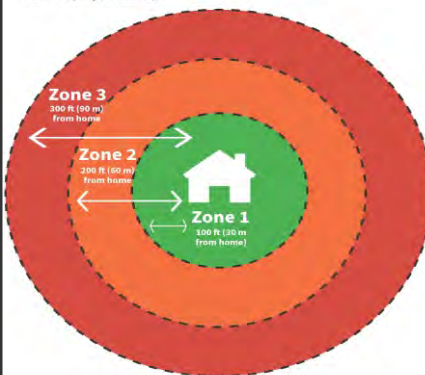
Brazeau County News

Proud home of Miss Rodeo Canada 2022 Jayden Calvert and Miss Alberta High School Rodeo 2021/2022 Tawnie Thompson

Hazards in fuel zones:

Understanding fire risk to property during an active burn

Controlled burning in the area will be done by fire crews as a proactive measure to mitigate future fire spread. You should expect to see hotspots and fire for some time (maybe months).



PROTECTING YOUR HOME:

- **ZONE 1:** protect your home by cleaning gutters, clearing fuels like brush, branches, and other items that can ignite. Call 911 if there is a fire in Zone 1.
- **ZONE 2:** reduce and clear fuels that can ignite. You do not need to call 911 for fires in Zone 2.
- **ZONE 3:** you do not need to call 911 for fires in Zone 3.



TOTAL FIRE BAN IN EFFECT

No Fire Ban	Fire Advisory	Partial Fire Ban	Total Fire Ban
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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.ALBERTAFIREBANS.CA/](https://www.albertafirebans.ca/) FOR UP-TO-DATE FIRE STATUS OR CONTACT THE DRAYTON VALLEY / BRAZEAU COUNTY FIRE SERVICES @ (780)-514-2216 DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

THANK YOU

The dust control deadline is extended to **Wednesday, May 31st**

The application form is available at www.bit.ly/3o9HrHS, and can be e-mailed to publicworks@brazeau.ab.ca. You can also use this e-mail address to apply, or to ask questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 6 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

June 13 | Municipal Planning Commission Meeting | 1:00 p.m.

June 14 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9:00 a.m.

June 15 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m.

June 20 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

BRAZEAU COUNTY

DUST CONTROL

Deadline extended to **May 31, 2023**

Please be aware that fire is still active in the area that is being assessed by fire crews on a regular basis. Crews are monitoring fire areas 24 hours a day and will respond accordingly in the event of a direct threat. We are currently receiving a high volume of calls for several known fire areas that are of low priority as we continue to secure and extinguish higher priority areas:

1. East of Range Road 80, south of Township Road 491 to Rex Drive.
2. West of Highway 620, from Highway 22 to Township Road 485.
3. Range Road 71 from Township Road 490 to Township Road 484

If you see fire activity that is not a direct threat (30 metres from structures) and not in these areas, please call 780-202-FIRE (3473).

At this time, we request you only call 911 for direct threats to structures (30 meters away). Please see the picture below for more information on fuel zones and hazards.

Due to the scope and scale of the fire, sustained action will be required for this event over the coming months.

Thank you for continuing to give our crews space to work safely. Please remember active fire zones are extremely dangerous even if you don't see smoke or flame. Please keep clear of these areas.

For more information and resources on protecting your home please visit, www.firesmartcanada.ca/.



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132 Willow Drive - 2015 SRI mfg 3 bed 2 bath home on its own lot in Breton with room for a garage. West facing deck. Concrete drive.

LINDALE**NEW****\$209,000**

5.44 acres. 4 bed 1bath older mobile home with large addition. Dog un, several outbuildings including shop & old garage.

LOTS IN BRETON at DEER CROSSING ESTATES

2 lots still available.
No time requirement to build,
GST included in price.
Village will put in driveway.
\$45,000/lot

BRETON**\$49,900**

12 Fraser Drive - large lot backs onto golf course - 159 ft golf course frontage. No time restrictions to build. GST included.

LODGEPOLE**\$35,000**

60x130 lot. Natural gas & drilled well on property. Power & sewer at lot line. Zoned Hamlet Residential. Mfg homes permitted.

BUCK LAKE**\$649,000**

Buck Lake Estates 0.54 acre Lakefront, lakeview, 4 bed home, walk-out basement. 3 car heated garage. Also a single car garage.

BUCK LAKE**\$949,990**

Buck Lake Estates - Lakefront - 5 bed 3 bath home, walkout basement. Triple att garage. Heated shop. Remote control gate & more

BUCK LAKE**\$190,000**

West Point Beach - 1 bed 1 bath cabin built 1988, 0.8 acre lot. Wood stove, full kitchen, Drilled well, 2000 gal septic tank & power

BUCK LAKE**\$550,000**

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MENTAL HEALTH IN BRETON SCHOOLS

submitted by Jennifer Olson-Ross, CYC, B.A. (Psych.)
Family Wellness Worker, Breton Elementary School/ Breton High School

Worldwide there has been a significant increase in youth mental health issues and these concerns continue to be a pervasive and troublesome social problem that Breton has not been immune to. AHS data sets for our area have found from 2018-2022 there has been a 355% increase in children and youth accessing mental health and addiction services. Unfortunately, this alarming number does not reflect the total needs of our community, as there are a number of barriers that can stop children and youth from accessing the services that they need- especially in a rural community with limited resources like ours. Alberta Children Services have a maximum client caseload of 30. In Breton schools, Family Wellness is servicing over 40 students/families at each BES and BHS.

Despite these challenges, teachers and support staff work hard every day to support our kids in the classroom and by offering programming that builds resilience through targeted mental health resources in our schools such as:

- WRSD in Breton has a full-time Family Wellness Worker and has hired a full-time Family Wellness Assistant/Connection Coach as well as a Mental Health Therapist that comes to BHS once a month for the 2023 school year.
- Both schools offer students and families 1-1 Family Wellness sessions/support and teach groups in schools such as: **"Little Spot of Emotions"** (Social/Emotional learning group for K-3 students), **"Rainbows"** (grief and loss support group for children-Breton school is the only elementary school in our district to offer this program, although now, other schools are asking us about how to get it running in their schools too), **"Cafe Brew Ha Ha"** at BHS in collaboration with AHS (teen talk group), yoga/meditation in BHS health classes, BES intramurals, BES girls friendship groups.
- Both schools are equipped with therapeutic wellness rooms and BHS with a sensory room
- BHS has two fully trained therapy dogs on site daily to assist students
- Interagency collaboration between FCSS, AHS, and McMan with the Breton Youth Centre and other community and school initiatives
- Breton has a Student Resource Officer who supports both our schools
- In-person student presentations this year; **"No Secrets"** (Personal Safety/sexual abuse prevention presentation for K-4), **"I Respect Myself"**, **"I Respect Us"** CASAC presentation to grades 5 & 6 (how to build respectful peer relationships, anti-

bullying and cyber-bullying issues), **"Spurs and High Heels"** (presenting to girls in grades 5-9 about anti-bullying and self-esteem building) and **Brett Gardiner** (hopefully coming in June to talk about mental health and self-esteem in boys)-Breton schools were the first schools in our district to get these presentations for our students.

This week Family Wellness are teaming up with our BHS students to sell candigrams May 23-26th...this is a fun way to uplift and do something nice for others while raising awareness for ways we can all take care of our own mental health.

Breton schools and staff have been working hard to support mental health in our schools and there is so much more we want to do! We know we have incredible people here in this community who have so much to offer-so if you are someone who recognizes the needs of our kids and wants to help, please contact our school's wellness team.



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Greetings from Breton Elks Lodge #402



Well hello again to everyone and here is hoping that all is well. Unfortunately, we are all being blessed with an abundance of smoke from the horrific wildfires that are raging across our province. I do believe that we all have to take a few minutes to recognize the efforts of our local fire fighters. This past two weeks more man hours have been clocked by our own fire department than for a total of a normal year.

Chatting with our local Fire Chief, he spent 16 hours the first day with no chance of food. A very harsh weight reduction program. Many personal sacrifices have been made, both in personal life as well as monetary sacrifices as all these volunteers do have day jobs. From my personal experience, the front line of a fire ground is gruelling. Then we need to also recognize the support team who set up in our community centre to prepare meals for all those on the front line. A special thank you to Christie Cates (Movald), who drove from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan to assist in the preparation of meals. Thank you Christie. As a recap on this situation this is the first time in the history of Breton Fire Service that a situation of this magnitude has occurred and also a first to be placed under provincial supervision. On behalf of Breton Elks, thank you to all who have stepped forward in a time of need.

Moving forward many tomatoes and potatoes have been planted and everyone, I am sure, is eagerly awaiting the return of smoke free air and sunshine.

Looking ahead, the world of Elkdom business is continuing to move forward. Several cash donations were approved with \$1,000.00 being donated to minor ball. Another \$2,500.00 was approved for the Fund for Children and \$2,000.00 has been approved for the Alberta Foundation.

A new slate of officers was installed for the coming year. Yours truly will assume the role of Loyal Knight, but will also continue writing stories to keep everyone up to date on the Elks' action in our community.

On another subject, our local camp ground was home to approximately 15 families during the evacuation of Drayton Valley. Now that everyone has been allowed to return home camping is once again becoming a norm. In closing here is hoping that soon we can all get back to gardening and chasing mosquitoes.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy will chat soon.

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Health services resuming in Drayton Valley following wildfire evacuation

DRAYTON VALLEY – As residents return to Drayton Valley following evacuation due to wildfires, health services are resuming to serve the community.

As of 7:30 a.m. on May 17, the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre Emergency Department (ED) has reopened to provide emergency care for those who need it. Beginning May 19, five of the site's acute care beds will reopen for admissions, with other beds to reopen in stages starting next week to support the return of patients and residents who were previously evacuated from the site.

Appointments with laboratory, diagnostic imaging, mental health, dialysis and public health are also resuming over the coming days. This includes urgent CT and ultrasound appointments resuming today with patients being contacted directly to have appointments booked. Other services coming online include:

May 18

- Home Care clients can contact the Home Care office at 780-621-4933 to have scheduled visits resume.
- Addiction and Mental Health crisis services resume. If you need urgent support, call the Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2642.

May 19

- All routine, non-urgent CT and ultrasound appointments resume.
- Dialysis appointments resume. Patients are being contacted directly to transition their care back from other facilities.

May 23

- Community lab collection appointments resume.
- All other Addiction and Mental Health services, including initial assessments and intakes, resume.

May 24

- Public Health immunization services resume. Clients who had appointments impacted due to the evacuation can call the Community Health Centre at 780-542-4415 to rebook.
- The Community Cancer Centre will resume treatment services. The Cancer Centre Transition Team will work directly with patients to transition appointments back to the community.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) continues to work on the return of patients and continuing care residents who were evacuated from the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre on May 4. These patients and residents remain safe in alternative facilities at this time. Their moves back to Drayton Valley will be carefully coordinated in the days ahead and their families will be notified when move dates are confirmed.

Residents of Serenity House will also be moved back to the community by AHS as part of the LTC resident moves.

AHS is extremely grateful for its frontline teams, staff and physicians who have come together to support the wildfire response across the province. We are also appreciative of our community partners and volunteers who continue to support our patients and residents while they are temporarily displaced.

AHS provides wildfire resources for Albertans at [AHS.ca/wildfire](https://www.ahs.ca/wildfire), including mental health, air quality, and emergency planning links.

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A Future I Will Get Behind

The best leaders aren't the ones who spend their time simply talking about how to fix a problem - they're the ones who roll up their sleeves and do it.

For a long time now, I've watched Andrew Boitchenko, the UCP candidate for Drayton Valley - Devon, do the hard work needed to build a better community and a better province. He did this when he ran in the first nomination, when Mark Smith ran in the last election and for the last four years.

For the 27 years Andrew has lived in Drayton Valley - Devon, I've never seen a time, since I've known him, where he wasn't willing to pause what he was doing to help someone in the community load up their truck, carry their groceries, or clean up a mess. No matter what he was doing, he has always put the needs of those around him above his own.

During the fires more than ever, I see that Andrew is the right choice to represent my home. This election will set a new course in Alberta and in our local area. I may not know what that future looks like with all the candidates, but I am confident the future we will have with Andrew is one I would be proud to be a part of.

As soon as areas in Drayton Valley - Devon began being evacuated, literally immediately, Andrew paused his election campaign to help out by personally picking up evacuees to make sure they got out of town, and visiting Drayton's Shelter Pods - temporary spaces for the homeless population - to ensure no one was forgotten, he then proceeded to stop at Opportunity Home to confirm they had room for vehicles and then he went straight to the County building where he and some of his team stayed until 4:30 in the morning.

Andrew sheltered evacuated families in his own home and worked to secure hotel spaces through the Red Cross for a number of low-income families. He worked with different organizations, community groups and officials to support the needs in these centers.

With the help of community members, Andrew worked to deliver drinks and food to the firefighters and other frontline responders at the tactical base near Trestle Creek. He also helped rally heavy equipment operators to put them in touch with the fire response for more support. He even joined the Safety First team

and helped to monitor for hotspots.

In the last few days, he delivered flowers to a group of seniors who were evacuated. He took supplies to multiple groups who were struggling, he continued to work to support business owners who needed information.

The problem with Andrew is if I didn't write this, no one would ever know it happened.

This election is a simple choice between the talkers and the doers. I want someone who will do the right thing, not go with the flow, and someone who actually cares about the world around him.

That's why making my choice in this election was simple. That's why it should be simple for you.

That's why I stand with Andrew.

Alvohn Snow
Drayton Valley

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