

# THE BRETON BOOSTER

## MECCS NEW OUTDOOR CULTURE CLASSROOM

On December 15, 2021 was the official grand opening of Mother Earth's Children's Charter Schools camp/outdoor classroom. This beautiful property and school located on the shores of the North Saskatchewan river near Genesee is Canada's only Indigenous Charter School.

Here are some highlights from the story sent to me by MECCS superintendent Ed Wittchen:

*"In late August we broke ground on our vision to have an all weather culture camp/outdoor classroom. Trees and rocks were removed, the ground was leveled for pads for a fire pit, a lean to shelter and a tipi.*

*The site clearing was mostly done by Dale LeMoignan-Maintenance Director, Maxine Hildebrandt- teacher and her husband Mark Hildebrandt (many after school and weekend hours). Construction of the concrete pads and building the lean to shelter was done by ZAPA Construction (Zach and Brandon Paul). The final stage was getting the tipi from Lethbridge Custom Canvas and having Mark and Maxine Hildebrandt put it up.*

*For the official opening of this welcome addition to our facilities we were able to demonstrate the success of the vision of having an all weather facility as it was held in minus 24 temperatures. Despite the cold, participants were kept comfortable by the 4 fire pits and the straw bales to sit on. As well we are fortunate to have a heated, lighted all weather washroom supplied by Kopala Towers which makes a big difference in comfort for our students, staff and guests when it gets cold like this.*

*It was important to ensure that the people most impacted by the completion of this camp were well represented and heard from. The staff was represented by 17 year veteran teacher Mark Ehnes who talked about what it would mean to realize the long term vision of what and how we should be teaching our students about indigenous issues. Parent Brenda Baynes, who has three children in the school, talked about what it means for her children to have the opportunity to learn*

*about their culture in a supportive environment like Mother Earth School provides. And finally students Tristen Lafleche and Tyrell Baynes talked about the initial experiences that they have had in the camp and what they think the future activities will be like for students. They mentioned that they particularly liked learning how to make traditional dry meat from Elders Edna Paul and Annie Thomas and learning how to use a bow drill from Hart Wichern. They are looking forward to the hide tanning exercise which will be one of the next activities".*



Students Tristen Lafleche and Tyrell Baynes reflecting on their initial experiences at the culture camp.



Students keeping warm by the fire pit. It was minus 24 on the day of the celebration.



The lean-to decorated for the celebration.



Alberta's Minister of Indigenous Relations Rick Wilson.



Tipi in the snow.

**VILLAGE OF  
BRETON/GFL 2022  
WASTER & BLUE  
BAG CALENDAR IN  
THIS ISSUE**

# Classifieds

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Website: [www.jensbookkeepingervices.ca](http://www.jensbookkeepingervices.ca)

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*Sudoku Answers  
from Jan 5 Issue*

**Life is more  
fun if you  
play games.**

- Roald Dahl-





## Village of Breton - 2022

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BLUE BAG COLLECTION

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

### PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

#### ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST BINGO:

Give your bingo doblers a rest folks...  
Next regular Bingo Feb. 1, 2022 at 7pm

#### BRETON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Is open Monday - Thursday 10am - 5pm, Friday 10am - 8pm,  
Saturday 9am - 2pm and Closed on Sundays

### MARKETS/THRIFT SHOPS (NONPROFIT)

#### TREASURES THRIFT SHOP IN WARBURG

Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm. Donations will only be  
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#### Country Market Every Third Saturday

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**Leduc Public Market** Every Thursday from 10-2:30pm in the  
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### COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

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#### Breton Food Bank

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#### Meals on Wheels

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[www.bwofc.com](http://www.bwofc.com) or call 780.898.4648

#### Community Bible Church - Alder Flats

Pastor Samuel Hayford 780.388.3926. Sunday Service &  
Sunday School at 11am 780.388.0018

#### 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

In person or by live stream to worship every Sunday morning at  
11am. Check out our website [www.faithcovenantchurch.ca](http://www.faithcovenantchurch.ca) for  
the live stream link. Call 780.696.3669 or Email  
[office.faithcovenantchurch@gmail.com](mailto:office.faithcovenantchurch@gmail.com)

#### Warburg Alliance Church - 4628-55 Avenue, Warburg

Open for 11am worship service. For more information please  
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## COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

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

**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](http://www.bretonmuseum.ca)

**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.

**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

**The Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst**  
Next General Meeting will be in February. New Members welcome. Marion 780-935-6281

**SUNNYBROOK COMMUNITY HALL AGM**  
Wednesday, Jan 12 at 7pm at the Sunnybrook Community Hall. All are welcome and hope to see new faces!

*"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention"*

- Oscar Wilde -

## FACILITY RENTALS

**Ashland Dam Park**  
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**Breton Community Centre**  
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**Breton Golden Age Club** building is available for rent. Call Jane 780.696.6599/403.542.7921 or alt Jean at 780.696.2439

**Camp Bar V Nok** - for bookings call Walter 780.717.2432 or Jason 780.990.4043 or email [bookings@barvnok.com](mailto:bookings@barvnok.com)

**Centre Lodge Community Centre**  
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**Funnell Community Hall**  
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**Genesee Community Hall**  
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**Glen Park Hall**  
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**Morrowdale Community Hall**  
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**Mulhurst Bay Community Hall**  
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**Mulhurst Legion #246**  
Give Marie a call: 780-361-7350

**Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre**  
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**Sandholm Community Hall**  
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**Strawberry Community Hall**  
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**Sunnybrook Community Hall**  
For rentals contact Mikayla at 306.307.2599 or email [sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com](mailto:sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com)

**Telfordville Hall**  
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**Thorsby Community Center**  
Call Marlene at 780.789.3734 or text 780.217.9394 or email [thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

**Thorsby Seniors Centre**  
For rentals call Cathy Kuzio at 780.719.7124

**Warburg Cultural Centre**  
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**Warburg Seniors Centre** for rental. Contact Allan or Nancy at 780-848-7756

**Winfield Legion**  
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IT'S A CELEBRATION TIME!

**2022**

*Happy  
New Year!*



**TO THE  
VILLAGE OF  
BRETON  
1957-2022**




## Terry Sims

March 20, 1958 – December 30, 2021

It is with great sorrow that we share the sudden passing of Terry Sims at the age of 63 years. Terry was an affectionate and caring man who loved hunting but mostly just being with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Terry is survived by his wife, Elaine and his mother Lucille. He is the cherished father of four children, Andrea, Lisa, Ryan and Jay (Devona) and grandchildren, Seth, Lily, Hunter, and Cora-Lynn.

He will be sadly missed by his siblings, Loretta (Leonard) Westlin, Brenda Sims, David Sims, and Kathy (Darcy) Wasylenchuk, as well as nieces, nephews, and many friends. In addition, Terry will be missed by his faithful and devoted dog, Rico, who travelled everywhere with him.

Terry was predeceased by his father, Trevor Sims and siblings, Raymond and Reginald Sims.

Visitation will be held at Affinity Funeral Chapel on January 7, 2022, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 1:00 PM at Affinity Funeral Chapel with Dwayne Henley officiating. Interment will follow at Carnwood Cemetery.

The family extends a special thank you to Drayton Valley Emergency Services for their prompt and efficiency response. If friends so desire, Memorial Donations in Terry's memory may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, 100-119 14 Street NW Calgary, Alberta T2N 1Z6.

Condolences may be sent by visiting:  
[www.affinityfuneralservice.ca](http://www.affinityfuneralservice.ca)

Arrangements in care of Colleen Sekura at: Affinity  
Funeral Service 5137 50 Avenue, Drayton Valley,  
Alberta 780.542.3338



## FCSS NEWS from Deanne Young

Happy New Year! 2022 and a time for a fresh start. It really has been fresh with these frigid temperatures. With the start of a new year, we are excited for all that the year may bring.

**What is your Word?** Do you choose a “word” of the year to focus on? This has been a popular idea for the last several years. I have been thinking of a word for FCSS to focus on and have chosen “Celebrate”. This year we are going to celebrate all the good things in our community. Our fantastic VOLUNTEERS, the opportunity to get outdoors and celebrate nature, the Kindness that so many of our residents extend to one another, and among all of this our Village turning 65 this year. We would like to hear what your “word” is for 2022. Send us your word by email – [fcss@breton.ca](mailto:fcss@breton.ca), stop by the office and share, post it on our Facebook page or give us a call at 780-696-3636. At the end of January, we will put a collage together of all the words that have been submitted. If you would like to leave your name, you will be entered into a draw for a gift certificate to use in Breton.

*If you are looking for activities to join or groups to help with, check out these community programs currently running:*

**The Adult Exercise Program is returning** on at the Breton Golden Age Club on January 12. 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**

**Golden Age Club** – Join older adults in the community for their monthly meeting. Held the first Monday of each month at 11:00 am. The Golden Age Club offers cards, floor curling and other activities for older adults in our community. For more information, please contact Pat at 780-696-6557. New members welcome.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

- Breton Agricultural Society – Jan 13 – 7:00 pm
- Breton ELKS – next meeting - Jan 20 – 7:30 pm
- Breton Royal Purple – Jan 20 – 7:30 pm
- Breton Historical Society – Jan 24 – 7:00 pm

**McMann Family Resource Network** – Twice a month on Wednesday morning join in for rhymes, stories, crafts, snacks and a fun and social time for preschool children and their care givers. The program will run from 11:00 am-12:30 pm, Breton Community Room, in the Civic Centre Free – Call 780-202-3158 for more information. This is the group that offered Park Play over the summer. January dates are - January 5 & 19.

### Brighter Futures Gym Time

Tuesday mornings – from 10:00 – 11:30. Hosted by Brighter Future's, held at Faith Covenant Church, 4712 – 53 Ave. Children 0 – 6 can burn off all that extra energy with physical activity. Drop in – Free. For more information 780-514-5070

**Just In Case** – Is a resource that you put together for those that may need when a loved one is unable to communicate with you or passes on. We have put together this binder 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. We can also email you an electronic version for you to fill in and print.

**Home Alone Safety for Kids** is available online and can be completed independently, at your child's own pace, in the comfort of your own home. The online format may be better suited for children who are unwilling or unable to attend a full-day class session and for parents or caregivers who wish to participate in their child's training and reinforce key safety messages. Contact Breton FCSS to register for this online class. – 780-696-3636

**Dr. Jody Carrington – FREE ONLINE COURSE – Self paced – “Kids These Days”**- If you own a kid, work with a kid, or love a kid, you will find



something inspiring and practical in this course. **Dare I say game-changing.** (Dr. Jody Carrington's words)

This course was born from the hundreds of stories of kids, their families, and their support systems I was lucky to meet as I worked across Canada and the USA. Regardless of who I met or where I met them, the message was always the same: **our kids are okay ONLY if those of us holding them are okay.**

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

**This course is for the parents and educators:** our teachers, bus drivers, administrators, educational assistants, librarians, administrative assistants, and custodians, parents, grandparents, caregivers. And anyone who leads, loves, and supports them. If that's you, we invite you to sign up for this self-paced online course. This FREE course is available to anyone in the Village of Breton or Brazeau County. Please contact Breton FCSS to register at 780-696-3636 or email [fcss@breton.ca](mailto:fcss@breton.ca)

**Community Wellness Calendar – Our Stay Well in 2022 is now available.** Pick up your free copy at the Village of Breton Office, or the Breton Municipal Library. Thank you to all of the groups, and community members who volunteered to be a part of our Community Wellness Calendar. The calendar is a partnership between Breton and Area FCSS and the Rural Mental Health Project.

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# Brazeau County News

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION DELEGATION

Brazeau County Council is seeking public input regarding the existing Modeste Campground located at Plan 3631TR Lot A within NW 3-49-5 W5M. The

Modeste Campground is owned and operated by Brazeau County as a group campground located north of Highway 39 along Modeste Creek. The public consultation delegation will provide members of the public an opportunity to provide comments, concerns and information regarding the campground to members of Council.

**TAKE NOTICE** that **Brazeau County Council** will hold a Public Consultation Delegation for the existing Modeste Campground at which any person claiming to be affected by the campground may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Consultation Delegation will be held on **January 18, 2022 at 10:15 am** or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta.

Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. If you are unable to attend in person, written submissions may be provided to Brazeau County in advance. Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7770 by 4:30 p.m., **January 7, 2022**, will be included in the Council Report. Copies of the written submissions received will be provided to Council for consideration. Please note that personal information (address, phone numbers, email address, signature, etc.) will be redacted as per the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*; however, names will still appear with the submission.

For further information, please contact Lee Chambers, Director of Community Services at 780-542-7777 or [communityservices@brazeau.ab.ca](mailto:communityservices@brazeau.ab.ca).

## RCMP POLICING PRIORITIES

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

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

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

**This survey will remain open until February 8th, 2022.**

This survey can be taken online at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/FL5CLV8](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FL5CLV8)

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

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**Drayton Valley Civic Centre**  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

**January 18** | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

**January 18** | Modeste Campground Public Consultation | 10:15 a.m.

**January 19** | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9:00 a.m.

**February 3** | Alternative Land Use Services PAC meeting | 1:00 p.m.



A Message from:  
*The Breton Christmas  
 Wishes Society*

Another Christmas has come and gone. As usual, the Breton Christmas Wishes Society was very busy this past November and December.

In late November and early December boxes and cans were put in the local businesses and schools. Just before Christmas the food and gift items were collected, sorted, and distributed into 40 basket/hampers.

Thank you to everyone who donated food and gift items; to the ladies (otherwise known as the Christmas Elves) who baked the cookies and cakes for the baskets; to everyone who helped out wrapping gifts, sorting food, picking up boxes, and delivering food; the Village of Breton for the use of the hall and to those who donated money. Special thanks to Nikki, Landa, Bert, Shirley, Katherine, Melissa, Nicole and (Aimie -who was there is spirit). Thank you to the two local grocery stores, Family Foods and Breton Supermarket, for the delivery of the food, for the promptness of their service and for their patience and understanding at such a busy time of the year. Thank you to Ace Hardware and to Mike and Leanne Deuck and family who donated so many toys, games, food, etc. These items helped our organization tremendously. Thank you also to all of the people who gave referrals.

We prepared and distributed 40 baskets/hampers this year. This would not have been possible without the help from all of the people in our community and surrounding area.

Thank you again from the Breton Christmas Wishes Society volunteers ( Margaret Smith, Alanah Peterson, Diane Bogart, Nicole Smith and Diane Wilson). Many hands make the job so much lighter.



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## **DUE TO RISING DEMAND FOR PCR TESTS, ALBERTA IS CHANGING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR THESE TESTS TO FOCUS ON THOSE WHO MOST NEED THEM.**

Daily PCR testing volumes are beginning to exceed system capacity. Wait times for booking a PCR test are now approaching four days and turnaround time for providing results to patients is approaching 48 hours. To ensure that patient care decisions are supported by timely diagnostic information, PCR testing eligibility will now be focused on those who have clinical risk factors for severe outcomes and those who live and work in high-risk settings.

*"Like other provinces, Alberta's testing resources have increasingly become stretched, and with the rising number of COVID cases due to Omicron, we now need to focus this testing capacity strategically to those most at risk of serious illness from COVID."* Jason Copping, Minister of Health

*"While we have been used to managing COVID through widespread PCR testing, that approach is not possible with the Omicron variant. At this time, most people who have mild symptoms don't need a PCR test. For those without risk factors such as immunosuppression, they should self-isolate and manage their symptoms at home, using a rapid test if they have one."* Dr. Deena Hinshaw, chief medical officer of health

Alberta Health Services has updated the online COVID-19 assessment tool to help Albertans determine whether they need a PCR test, what type of care to seek based on their symptoms and how to take care of symptoms at home with appropriate support.

Health Link 811 continues to experience high daily call volumes. It is recommended Albertans use the online COVID-19 assessment tool to check their symptoms or the symptoms of someone they may be caring for before they call Health Link.

At this time, the assessment tool has been updated to reflect new PCR testing criteria for adults. The tool will be updated later this week for children and youth.

Those with mild illness should not visit emergency departments seeking a test, as tests in those settings are only used when a test is needed for patient care. If Albertans are unsure whether they need to talk to a doctor about their illness, they can also use the Alberta Medical Association tool to determine what they should do. Most people with mild illness do not need a test or a conversation with their doctor.

Employers and organizations should not require individuals with mild symptoms to have a PCR test to be eligible for sick time off work. It is critical to support those who are sick to stay home with no testing requirements at this time of high transmission.

### **Eligibility criteria**

Effective immediately, PCR tests will be available only for the following individuals:

- Continuing care residents and health-care workers and staff in acute and continuing care settings, shelters and correctional facilities who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- need confirmation of a positive rapid test on screening
- have COVID-19 symptoms
- are part of an outbreak investigation where public health has requested lab-based PCR testing

- Symptomatic household members of a person who works in continuing care or acute care.

- Emergency department or hospital patients of all ages who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- inpatients who develop new COVID-19 symptoms while in hospital
- patients being admitted for symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- patients in the emergency department with respiratory illness where a test will change treatment plans

- Symptomatic community patients who would be eligible for Sotrovimab (monoclonal antibody) treatment if positive:

- Those who are not immunized and are:
  - age 55 and over
  - 18 years and over with one of the following health conditions: diabetes, obesity, chronic kidney disease, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or moderate to severe asthma
  - children aged 12 to 17, with referral by a pediatric I.D. specialist
  - pregnant
- Those who are immunosuppressed (transplant, active cancer or systemic immune treatment), regardless if immunized or not.

- People from isolated and remote First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities, and individuals travelling to these communities for work.

- Asymptomatic continuing care residents returning/readmitted from other health-care settings.

- Pediatric and adult asymptomatic transplant donors and recipients, prior to transplant.

- Pediatric and adult oncology patients, prior to commencing chemotherapy.

- Newborns born to COVID-19-positive parents.

- Returning international travellers who become symptomatic within 14 days after their arrival.





## **MaryAlice Snell**

October 15, 1934 – January 1, 2022

It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that the family of MaryAlice Snell announce that she passed away peacefully on the morning of January 1, 2022 at the age of 87 years.

She is survived by her children: Loraine,(Leonard) Wenninger, Gloria (Dan) Jackson, and Karen (Robert) Martin, beloved grandchildren: Lauri (Jeff) Parker, Les (Randee) Wenninger, Shea (Ashley) Jackson, Kevin (Leslie) Jackson, Chantel (Ian) Jackson, Lana(Aaron) Murphy, Candace (Colin) Snider, Sharleen (Stephen) Thomas, and Sandra (Christian) Nickerson. She will be missed by 22 beyond beloved great-grandchildren: Grayson, Paxton, Isaiah, Finnigan, Rylan, Josiah, Didi, Jessica, Samantha, Cody, Caydence, Korinna, Torin, Cruz, Crypton, William, Alice, Pepper, MaKayla, Branson, Reaves, and Thatcher. Also mourning her loss are her sister, Eleanor Webster, and extended family Marg Rustand and Gordon Snell, as well as many nieces and nephews.

MaryAlice was predeceased by her mother and father, Nels and Blanche Rustand, her beloved husband, Fred, brothers, Charles and Eddie, sister, Audrey, and daughter, Linda.

The family would like to thank the staff at Seasons Retirement Community for the excellent care she was given where she resided for seven years.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at Drayton Valley Legion, 5204 51 Ave, Drayton Valley, Alberta.

A private family interment followed at Riverview Cemetery.

If friends so desire, Memorial Donations in MaryAlice's memory may be made to STARS, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Box 570, Calgary, Alberta T2E 8M7 or the Alzheimer Society of Canada, 20 Eglinton Avenue West, 16th Floor, Toronto, ON M4R 1K8

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## The Bible Truth Page

### Do You Believe in Love?

God sacrificed His own Son because He loves us. Jesus gave His life for us and suffered a horrible death to take the punishment that we deserve. By taking the punishment that we deserve He made it possible for us to be saved and healed. He took our punishment so that we could have life and live with and for Him on friendly terms free from condemnation.

If we have made Jesus our Lord, our life should be very different than it was before. If we believe in Jesus as Lord, we will:

1. Love God with all our heart and love other people.
2. Dedicate the rest of our life to following Him as our Lord
3. Be His disciple, and allow Him to teach us and lead us into all truth
4. Fellowship with Him by reading His word, meditating on His word, talking to Him, listening for a response, and by praising and worshiping Him.
5. Study His word, commands, and actions so that we will know what He wants us to do.
6. Obey His word, and commandments.
7. Do the works that He did and greater
8. Make disciples by teaching others to follow Jesus, and helping them along the way
9. Trust Him to do what He said He would do; He is not a liar.
10. Fear, reverence, honour, and respect Him

In previous articles I wrote about #2 and #5. Now we will look at #1. If we believe in Jesus as Lord, we will love God with all our heart and love other people. God is Love. Love is who He is and what He is made of. When we accept Jesus as Lord, we receive forgiveness and become a son or daughter of God. He makes us a new creature and gives us His nature and character, which is love. John explains this very well in his First Epistle. Here is what he said: **"We are of God, and whoever knows God listens to us. Whoever is not of God does not listen to us. This is how we know the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we must also love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us. We know that we live in Him, and He in us, because He has given us His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way God's love is perfected in us, so that we may have boldness on the Day of Judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. Whoever fears is not perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar. For whoever does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? We have this commandment from Him: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."** (*Modern English Version* 1 John 4:6-21)

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## Preacher's Point

from Pastor Jeff Gooderham

Ronald Reagan once asked this most critical question; "Meaning no disrespect to the religious convictions of others, I still can't help wondering how we can explain away what to me is the greatest miracle of all, which is clearly recorded in history. No one denies there was such a man, that He lived and that He was put to death by crucifixion. Where...is the miracle I spoke of? Well consider this and let your imagination translate the story into our own time -- possibly to your own home town. A young man whose Father is a carpenter grows up working in His Father's shop. One day He puts down his tools and walks out of His father's shop. He starts preaching on street corners and in the nearby countryside, walking from place to place, preaching all the while, even though He is not an ordained minister. He does this for three years. Then He is arrested, tried and convicted. There is no court of appeal, so He is executed at age 33 along with two common thieves. Those in charge of His execution roll dice to see who gets His clothing - the only possessions He has. His family cannot afford a burial place for Him so He is interred in a borrowed tomb. End of story? No, this uneducated, propertyless young man who...left no written word has, for 2000 years, had a greater effect on the world than all the rulers, kings, emperors; all the conquerors, generals and admirals, all the scholars, scientists and philosophers who have ever lived -- all of them put together. How do we explain that?...unless He really was who He said He was? And if He is, then what do I do about it?" This is the question that everyone of us must answer. Peter gives us the answer; "You are the Christ the Son of the Living God!"



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AND I KID YOU NOT, MY FAMILY JUST  
STOOD THERE TAKING PICTURES

My kid: I feel like you're always  
making up rules and stuff.

Me: Like what?

My kid: Like if I don't clean my  
room a portal will open and  
take me to another dimension.

Me: Well that's what happened  
to your older brother.

My kid: What older brother?

Me: Exactly.

I went to visit a psychic.  
I knocked on her front door  
and she yelled...  
"Who is it?"  
So I left.



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