

THE BRETON BOOSTER

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HEALTHCARE OPTIONS?

Albertans encouraged to know their healthcare options

A message from Alberta Health Services

Fall and winter are traditionally busy times of year for healthcare services, with the potential for high demand in emergency departments and hospitals across Alberta.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is always working to manage the capacity in emergency departments to ensure efficient, high-quality care.

If you have a medical emergency, or come to an emergency department, you will always receive care. But sometimes many people visit an emergency department because they don't know where else to go for care.

AHS wants Albertans to get the right care in the right place. There are many options to receive the care you need. Make sure you know all the care options available and choose the one that suits you and your family.

Some of your care options include:

- A community clinic
- Health Link at 811
- Your local pharmacist

In many instances, self-care can also help you cope with non-severe symptoms of seasonal illness. If you're unsure, call Health Link at 811 or visit a family doctor, pharmacist or community physician. AHS also has information that can help parents and caregivers know when to seek medical attention and when they can provide care at home to sick or injured children. This information is available at www.ahs.ca/heal

Get to know your options. Visit www.ahs.ca/options, which offers information in Arabic, French, Vietnamese, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, Punjabi and Spanish.

NEW RESOURCE NUMBER

Make note of this new resource number...it's 988

988 is a new phone number that recently went live to help people get help in a mental health crisis. Similar to 911, this line is dedicated for anyone in need of mental health assistance of any kind.

What happens when you text 9-8-8?



You will receive a message

To let you know you are in the right place.



You will be asked a few short questions

Including whether you'd like to text with someone in English or French.



You will connect to a trained responder

If you need to wait for a short time, please stay with us – we will answer your text.



The responder will support you without judgment

Whatever you're facing, the responder you connect to will give you space to share your problems, and help you find ways to keep yourself safe.

If you're thinking about suicide or
worried about someone you know,
9-8-8 is here for you, 24/7/365.

9-8-8 Suicide Crisis
Helpline

9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline is funded
by the Government of Canada

Help is also available through Kids Help Phone
(1-800-668-6868) and the Hope for Wellness Help
Line (1-855-242-3310).

Please Note: There will be NO BRETON BOOSTER on December 29, 2023

Classifieds

FOR SALE

2004 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE Special Edition, V8, Auto, AWD, power windows, locks and seats. 360,600kms. \$2700 Contact 780-984-3447

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Nitro Nut Mechanical wishes all our customers a
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

We will be closed from Dec 23,
2023 - Jan 1, 2024

Thank you for your business in 2023, we look forward to serving you in 2024.

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Merry Christmas
from
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CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 22 FOR THE HOLIDAYS & BACK JANUARY 2, 2024
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3	2	1	7	5	4	6	9	8

Sudoku Answers
from Dec 6 Issue

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.

Breton Community
Christmas Supper

Welcome one and all!

*Join us on December 16th at the
Breton Community Centre*

Doors open
4:00pm

Santa
4-5pm
Supper
5:15 - 7pm

Donations to Christmas
Wishes and/or Food Bank
will be *gratefully accepted*.

FREE Tickets can be picked up at
*The Breton Village Office, Breton ATB
or Darren Scott Accounting*

Sponsored by Breton Elks #402



Born in the sixties,
Back to the sixties

**HAPPY 60TH
BIRTHDAY
WANDA**

Come join us for snacks &
refreshments on December 16
between 2pm and 10pm to
celebrate her birthday at Rudy
& Wanda's home.

No Gifts please





YOU'RE INVITED

CHRISTMAS
AT THE MUSEUM

16 DECEMBER 1:00-3:00pm

LIVE MUSIC



Join us for an afternoon filled with
Christmas cheer as we come together to
celebrate the spirit of Christmas with
music, refreshments, childrens crafts
and Santa!

Featuring music
by The No Hitch Hiker Band



Free for all ages!





COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

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

December 14 - Breton Ag Society AGM at the Breton Golden Age Club at 6:30pm. Call Trent 780-202-0140 for info.

December 15 - Cram the Cruiser at the Drayton Valley Walmart from 4-9pm. Support the local food Bank and Santa's Anonymous. Hosted by Brazeau County.

December 16 - Breton Community Christmas Supper at the Community Hall at 4pm. Sponsored by Breton Elks. FREE tickets at the Village office, ATB or Darren Scott Accounting.

December 16 - Annual Christmas Potluck at Morrowdale Community Centre from 5 - 7:30 pm. Bring your favourite dish to get in. Door prizes and goodie bags. Bev 780- 789-2571.

December 16 - Christmas at the Breton Museum from 1-3pm. Music, refreshments, children's crafts & Santa. Featuring music by the No Hitch Hiker Band. FREE for all ages.

December 16 - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact davidemolyneaux@live.com

December 17 - Thorsby Fish and Game Scoring Day at Warburg Legion from 9am - 1pm followed by AGM held at 3:30pm and dinner at 5:30pm

December 18 - Village of Breton Christmas Open House from 10am - 2pm. Stop into the Village Office for Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

December 22 - Warburg School Community Christmas Dinner at 11am. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to the school by December 18th. 780-848-2822

December 22 - Village of Warburg Christmas Open House from 3-6pm

December 22 - Christmas Open House with MLA Andrew Boitchenko from 1-7pm at 5136B 52 Ave, Drayton Valley.

December 31 - 70th Anniversary Celebration of the Village of Warburg. 5:30pm - 12:30am Supper & Dance at the Community Centre. Tickets at the Warburg Village Office.

January 8 - Winfield Ag Society AGM at 7:30pm at the Winfield Ag Hall. Dinner at 6pm provided by the Buck Lake Grad Class. www.winfieldagsociety.com

January 20 - Thorsby Ukrainian Malanka Festival. Dinner @ 6:30pm followed by Zirka Dance Performers at 9:30pm. Call Marlene for tickets at 780-217-9394 or 780-789-3734

January 20 - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact davidemolyneaux@live.com

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January 25 - Wills & Estate Planning at the Wetaskiwin Ag Society Hall at 1pm or 7pm. FREE. Call FCSS 780-352-3321 or email fcssadmin@county10.ca for more information.

February 1 - Wills & Estate Planning at the Alder Flats Seniors Centre at 1pm. FREE. Call FCSS 780-352-3321 or email fcssadmin@county10.ca for more information.

February 2 - Wellbeing Workshop at the Winfield Agri-Plex from 9:30am - 2:30pm. FREE. Email fcssadmin@county10.ca or call FCSS 780-352-3321 for more information.

February 11 - Aaron Pritchett Liquored Up Tour at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre, 5144 - 51 St, Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available 1-888-655-9090 or www.ticketpro.ca

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

BRETON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY



Happy holidays!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:
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January 2

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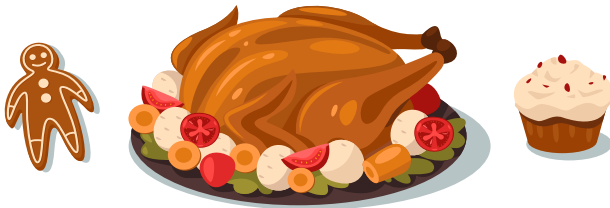


WARBURG SCHOOL

Community Christmas Dinner

December 22 @ 11 am.

Everyone is invited to attend!



**Please RSVP to the school by
December 18th so we can ensure
we have enough turkey for
everyone at 780-848-2822**



**LET'S JOIN
Village of Warburg
70th Anniversary
Celebration
EVE PARTY**

*** December 31**

- Cocktails: 5:30
- Supper: 6:30
- Fireworks: 10:00
- Dance: 8-12:30 (Herding Cats)
- Cash Bar
- Tickets \$25.00 - available for purchase at the Village Office
- Pioneer Rec Center

Warburg
Authentic Living



Dennis Wayne Carson

January 16, 1953 – November 15, 2023

Dennis Carson, of Breton passed away quietly and softly the morning of November 15, in his home surrounded by love, as was his wish.

In May of 1974 Dennis received his bachelor of Science in organic chemistry from the U of A and in August of the same year he and Shelly were married. Dennis was employed as a Senior Research Technologist, Coal Research Department, with Alberta Research Council, first in Edmonton, and later Devon. He later worked as an Engineering Research Technologist for Natural Resources Canada, with Canmet ENERGY, again in Devon. Dennis fully retired in the fall of 2019. He loved having more time to take care of us all and he especially loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Dennis's life will be cherished and remembered by his wife of 49 years, Shelly; and their family, Marty, Rachelle, Sophie, and Oliva of Edmonton; Sandra, Doug, Heidi, and Hayden of Breton; Brett of Breton; brother Stewart and nephew Dallas; sister-in-law, Deb and niece Rylee; as well as a very large and caring Carson, Barnett, Hanson, and Huntley extended family.

Dennis was predeceased by his parents, Reg and Verma Carson, his father and mother-in law, Ted and Blanche Barnett, brothers Harold and Kevin; and nephew Randy.

As per Dennis's wish there will be no formal service. The family will host a party in his memory in the Carson backyard next summer to celebrate the great and caring man, who is much loved and dearly missed.

Details to follow.

Condolences may be sent to: www.affinityfuneralservice.ca
Arrangements in care of Dwayne Henley and Terri Shimenoskyat:
Affinity Funeral Service
5001 45 Avenue, Drayton Valley, Alberta
780.542.3338



PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (AQUASIZE OR WALMART) - Leaving Warburg & Breton on Monday mornings. Registration must be completed prior to the Monday trip. Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or Breton FCSS 780-696-3636 to register

CARDS at the Breton Golden Age Club at 1pm (\$3)

TUESDAYS

CHILDREN'S GYM TIME - FREE Drop in for 0-6 years old from 10am -11:30am at the Breton Faith Covenant Church. Hosted by Brighter Futures

FLOOR CURLING at the Breton Golden Age Club at 12:30pm

KIDS CLUB - After School Program from 3:15-4:45pm for ages 6-12, FREE, Limited spaces. Pre-registration required. Forms at the Library or FCSS office.

FOOT WELLNESS will be offering services the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Services include nail care, pedicures, detox treatments. Contact Christa at 780-514-5640 or online www.yourintrinsicement.com/copy-of-services to book.

KNIT & KACKLE - meet to knit and crochet items to be give to non profits. No experience necessary. The 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Breton Faith Covenant Church at 1pm. Contact Gaylene at 780-696-3597

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!

THURSDAYS

BABY & ME for mom's with baby's under 18 months - 1st & 3rd Thursday from 10-11:30am at the Breton Community Centre. Hosted by Breton FCSS

RESTORE YOGA CLASS - Every Thursday from 10:30-11:30 at the Breton Community Centre. Adult Only. Contact Breton FCSS. NO CLASSES IN DECEMBER, BACK IN JANUARY!

FRIDAYS

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS on Fridays from 9:30 - 10:30am at the Breton Community Centre. Drop In - \$2 per class. For more information call 780-696-3636

JAM DANCE & CARDS NIGHT at the Buck Creek Community Hall the first Friday of every month.

SATURDAYS

CRIB at the Breton Golden Age Club on Saturdays at 12:30pm. Contact Larry at 780-975-8755

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COMMUNITY GROUPS & MEETINGS (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

Breton & District Historical Society - Monthly meetings the 4th Monday at 7pm at the Breton Museum. Jan-June & Sept-Nov. Ph: 780-898-1155 or bretonmuse@yahoo.com

Breton Golden Age Club - Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11am (except July & August). Ph: 780-898-1651 or dwaymon@telus.net

Breton Royal Purple Elks No. 285 - Meetings are the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm (except July & August) at the Community Hall. 780-514-4273 or bretonrp285@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

Breton Municipal Library Board - Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm (except July & August). Ph: 780-696-3740 or bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca

Buck Creek Community Association - Meetings at the hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. Ph: 780-542-6604 or buckcreekhall@gmail.com

THURSDAYS

Breton Ag Society - Meets the second Thursday of every month (except July & August) at 7pm at the Community Centre. Ph: 780-202-0140 or bretonagsociety@gmail.com

Breton Elks 402 - Meetings are at 7:30pm every 3rd Thursday of the month (except July & August) at the Community Centre. Ph: 780-898-3557 or bretonelks402@gmail.com

Our FREE Community Connections booklet is available for pick up at the following locations:

- › Breton Village Office
- › Brazeau County Office
- › CE Media Signs & Promotional
- › Leduc County Office
- › Thorsby Town Office
- › Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex
- › Warburg Village Office

Or go online to www.community39.com

You will find maps, contacts and information on:

- the municipalities of Breton, Brazeau County, Leduc County, Thorsby & Warburg
- Rental facilities
- Community groups
- Community Supports
- and more...

Thorsby Fish & Game Association Scoring Day

Sunday, December 17th, 2023
from 9am - 1pm
@ Warburg Legion.

Members and non-members welcome.
Memberships will also be for sale for the upcoming 2024 year.

Annual General Meeting to be held @ 3pm.
Dinner at 5:30pm
Everyone Welcome!





CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Monday December 18th 2023
10 am - 2 pm

Stop into the Village Office for Coffee,
Cookies & Conversation

VILLAGE OF BRETON



Active Programs - Start making plans for our **Busing to Aquacise or Walmart in Drayton Valley** - Monday Mornings- Together with Warburg FCSS the bus will arrive in Breton at 9:15 to head to the Drayton Valley Gentle Aquacise class. Returning at 11:30. Purchase a 5 ride Bus pass for (\$36) or 10(\$72) bus pass from the Village of Breton office. Register with Shauna the Thursday prior to the Monday class to save your seat on the bus. If you register with the Active 55 program (at the pool) and live in Brazeau County (including the Village of Breton) there is no cost for the Aqua Size class. If you do not qualify for Active 55 the cost for the aquacise class is \$7.50 or a 10 card pass for \$67.50. We must have at least 8 riders to make a trip. The bus will also make a stop at Walmart for those that would like to shop for 1 hr.

Or **Join us for Restore Yoga Class** - Will continue in the New Year. Please watch for more details here in the Booster or online on our Facebook page. These classes will be held on Thursday mornings. A one-hour class will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 at the Breton Community Centre. We are looking at holding two different sessions starting in January to meet everyone's level. Please bring a yoga mat, water, one - two yoga blocks, a bolster, and a blanket. For those that would like to try a class there will be some equipment available. Due to the calming environment required, this will be an adult only class. Childcare is not currently available. For more information, please contact Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636.

Foot Wellness Service Available in Breton - Due to the overwhelming interest this service will now be available on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Footprints Wellness Pedicure will be offering services that include nail care, pedicures, detox treatments.

Contact Christa at 780-514-5640 or online at www.yourintrinsicelement.com/copy-of-services to book your appointment. These services are for anyone of any age. Treat yourself to a pedi, or other service.

Calendar Project is Back - Breton and Area FCSS together with the Rural Mental Health Project are putting together a Community Calendar with positive messaging around Mental Health and Wellness. The Calendars should be available for pick up at the Village of Breton Office on Monday December 18th. Stop by for our open house, have some Christmas treats and refreshments and pick up your calendar. The Open House is from 10 - 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Tree of Honor and Remembrance - Our Tree of Remembrance is back. Thank you to the Breton Library for partnering with us. Starting December 1st,

you are invited to come and place one of the ornaments provided on our tree with a tag to write a loved one's name on There is no cost to have an ornament placed on the tree. For more information, please contact 696-3636 or fcss@breton.ca

Secret Santa for Seniors - With Christmas just around the corner Breton FCSS will be coordinating a Secret Santa for Seniors. This program is for seniors that live in the Village of Breton or Brazeau County east of the North Saskatchewan River. There are two parts to this program.

1. Seniors that are going to be alone for the holidays can phone in or stop by the Breton FCSS office and complete a profile. Information collected will be your name, address, phone number, Things you like to do, treats you like, items that you would like to have on your Christmas List. Seniors can also be registered by community members or agencies. This information along with just their first name will be placed on a Christmas Tag. Registrations must be received by December 4.
 2. Community members can view the Christmas tags at the Village of Breton Office and select a senior to shop for. Once they have completed their shopping, they will return the items to the FCSS office. Additional items will be added to your gift, wrapped and delivered by Volunteers. Shopping must be completed by December 19th. If you are unable to come into the office to make a selection, please call or email fcss@breton.ca and we can assist you with the selection.
- › If you love to wrap Christmas gifts, we are looking for VOLUNTEERS on December 18, 19, & 20th.
 - › Deliveries will be made on December 20 & 21. We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to do deliveries

If possible, we encourage purchases to be made in Breton and Drayton Valley to support our local businesses.



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- Referral to a Dentist or Surgeon



Join Us Again in Completing that Beautiful Smile!



Brazeau County

IMPORTANT DATES

December 15 | Cram the Cruiser
| 4-9 pm | Wal-Mart parking lot

December 19 | Council meeting
| 9 am

December 20 | Agricultural
Service Board meeting | 9 am

December 25 | Brazeau County
Administration Building closed |
Christmas Day

December 26 | Brazeau County
Administration Building closed
Boxing Day

January 1 | Brazeau County
Administration Building closed
New Year's Day

Brazeau County RECREATION FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Available to low-income County residents looking to participate in recreation programs and activities offered at the Total Works Fitness Centre and/or Ricochet Oil Corp Aquatic Centre.

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APPLICANT**

To apply go to www.brazeau.ab.ca

Community Event Grant Deadlines

The next deadline is
January 1

Are you a community organization looking to host an event? Brazeau County has a grant program to assist in the costs to host community events, find out more about this and other grants at www.brazeau.ab.ca



GROUP CAMPING

Enjoy the great outdoors!

Bookings open February 1, 2024,
@ 8:00 a.m.

Book at one of three group campsites
- Easyford, Modeste, and Lodgepole

<https://letscamp.ca/camps/brazeau-group-campgrounds>

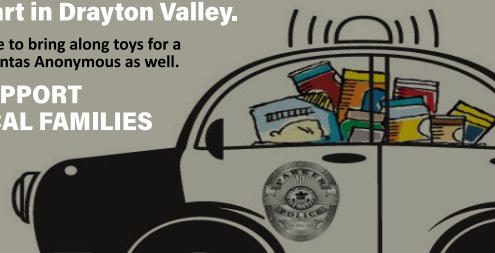
CRAM *the cruiser* TO PREVENT HUNGER THIS CHRISTMAS

Come and support the local food bank in the cram the cruiser event:

**December 15th from 4:00 - 9:00 PM
at Walmart in Drayton Valley.**

Please feel free to bring along toys for a donation to Santas Anonymous as well.

**LET'S SUPPORT
OUR LOCAL FAMILIES
IN NEED!**



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Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

from



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to January 1st for the holidays!

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Holiday season from our family to yours!*



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Also the home of The Breton Booster
& Connect 39 (Thorsby & Warburg)

**There will be NO BRETON
BOOSTER on DECEMBER 27 & NO
CONNECT 39 on DECEMBER 29**

BRAZEAU COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Prohibition of Wildlife Feeding Bylaw

Council gave all three readings to Bylaw 1167-23, the Prohibition of Wildlife Feeding Bylaw.

The Bylaw forbids the intentional feeding of any wildlife within the hamlets and multi-lot subdivisions of Brazeau County, or to scatter or leave food outside a building or residence or in a park for the purpose of feeding or baiting wild animals.

This bylaw does not prohibit bird feeders that are not accessible to other wildlife. The bylaw does not apply in these situations:

- The leaving of food as bait in a trap by a property owner or resident to capture a sick or injured animal inhabiting or habituating their property pursuant to the bylaw
- The leaving of food as bait in a trap by a property owner or resident to remove any nuisance species listed under the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation
- The leaving of food as bait by a licensed trapper, a peace officer, or an employee of a pest control agency licensed by the province, in the performance of their duties.

The bylaw also forbids interfering with a peace

officer who is attempting to capture any wildlife in accordance with the bylaw; attempting to remove any seized wild animal from a peace officer; or assisting a wild animal to escape capture.

The County will produce educational material regarding the bylaw and feeding of wildlife, as well as mail outs as needed.

For detailed information on Council meetings, including current minutes, please visit

www.brazeau.ab.ca

Please direct inquiries to the office of the CAO at cscharfl@brazeau.ab.ca or 780-542-7777.



Division 5 Councillor Anthony Heinrich signs the oath of office to take on the duties as deputy reeve. Councillor take turns in the position over the course of the Council term. Councillor Heinrich will be deputy reeve until July 2024.



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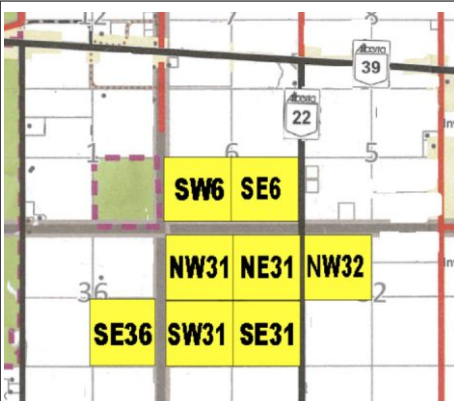
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BEWARE OF SCAMS

Be careful who you trust when people call you or show up at your door. Here are some of the newest scams around Alberta reported by RCMP Alberta.

FRAUDULENT PHONE CALLS & REQUESTS

Red Deer, AB - Over the last few months, Red Deer RCMP have received numerous reports from local residents reporting fraudulent phone calls and requests. Reports to police say Red Deer residents are being contacted by scammers, who claim to be from a wide range of businesses and government agencies.

Some of the most common are:

- Police
- CBSA
- STARS Air Ambulance
- Financial institutions and banks
- Employers
- Other Government organizations
- Fire extinguisher companies

There are many variations of the scam being used. Scammers often tell the victim that they owe money or need to pay for a service, a legal issue, or investment opportunity. The scammer tells the victim that in order to settle the bill the victim needs to purchase a certain amount of gift cards. Once the victim purchases the cards, they are instructed to tell the scammer the numbers listed on the back of the card. Another variation involves the scammer telling victims that they need to go to their nearest bitcoin ATMs and send them bitcoin.

Typically the scammer will tell the victim not to discuss the situation with anyone else, they may even ask to communicate using an encrypted message application such: WhatsApp, Telegram, or Signal.

Fraudulent calls can also come from a phone number that appears legitimate, they do this by using computer or phone applications to change their name and number; this is called 'caller ID spoofing'. 'Caller ID spoofing' is also used in 'grandparent scams' where the fraudster portrays themselves as a friend or family member requesting money so that they can get out of a dire situation.

Red Deer RCMP would like to remind the community that legitimate companies and government agencies will never ask you to settle a debt or pay a bill through the purchase of gift cards or bitcoin.

IMPERSONATING POLICE OFFICERS

Edson RCMP have recently been made aware of a scam involving a group of people physically impersonating police officers.

In the most recent case, an Edson victim was called by a number listed as RCMP. When they answered the

phone, the person on the other end of the line stated they were calling from the RCMP and that the victim was going to be arrested due to some outstanding "money laundering" scheme.

At the same time, two people, dressed as police officers, knocked on the door asking if the victim had gotten a call. The two suspects confirmed that the victim would be arrested unless they pay a fee. The victim was instructed to empty their account and purchase gift cards and give the information to the person on the phone. The suspect on the phone said that the money would be given back if it was proven that they were not part of an ongoing investigation.

Alberta RCMP would like to remind the public to always be aware of scammers:

- At no time will an RCMP officer request a fee, gift cards, or otherwise money in exchange of forgoing an arrest.
- If an arrest warrant is issued, the warrant will be executed as specified on the warrant. If a warrant to search a home or seize an account is granted, the warrant will be executed as specified and you are entitled to read the warrant.
- If ever you are in the presence of someone stating they are a police officer and you have doubts, you are allowed to ask for identification. Furthermore, you may call 911 or your local detachment or dispatch number to confirm that the officers before you are who they say they are.

To learn more about current scams, visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website: www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca

If you have been a victim of fraud, attempted fraud or if you, or anyone you know has fallen victim to a scam, please contact your local detachment. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store. To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play.

Breton Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday Dec 14, 2023

Breton Golden Age Club at 6:30pm



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Village of Breton DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

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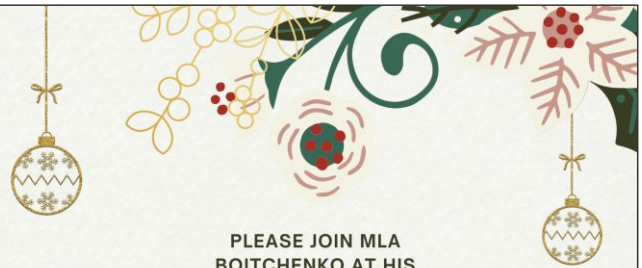
APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:

1. The development must comply with Land Use Bylaw No. 13-02.
2. The development must comply with the Village of Breton Bylaws.
3. The development is subject to the Building Safety Codes Act, including permits and inspections. A copy of all final inspections must be submitted to the Village Office.
4. Before any work is performed, all necessary permits and notices must be applied for and received including Alberta One Call.
5. A variance is given for the front yard fence height.
6. FORTIS Alberta must be contacted to lift any and all powerlines required.
7. Any damage done to the village owned sidewalks will be replaced at the owner's cost.

You are hereby authorized to proceed with the development specified provided that all stated conditions are complied with; that development is in accordance with any approved plans and application; and that a Building Permit is obtained if construction is involved. Should an appeal be made against this decision to the Development Appeal Board, the development permit shall be null and void.

Date of Decision: December 6, 2023

Date of Issue of Development Permit: December 20, 2023



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Message from
**MLA Andrew
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Drayton Valley-Devon Constituency



**Alberta's Legislative Achievements and
Future Prospects**

With the fall legislative session now concluded, Alberta's commitment to economic growth and prosperity remains unwavering. The United Conservative government has successfully advanced its agenda, focusing on job creation, investment attraction, affordability, citizen safety, and standing up against federal policies.

A major triumph was the passage of the Taxpayer Amendment Act, solidifying Alberta's status as the most taxpayer-friendly province. The legislation ensures consultation with Albertans through a referendum before any increase in income taxes. Additionally, the Alberta Pension Protection Act mandates a referendum for any proposed provincial pension plan, emphasizing direct approval from citizens.

Addressing public health concerns, the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act holds accountable those responsible for the opioid epidemic. Notably, Dow Chemical's \$9 billion Path2Zero project in Fort Saskatchewan signals continued private-sector investment, contributing to job creation and economic growth.

While the NDP focused on divisive tactics, the United Conservative government concentrated on pertinent issues, including safeguarding provincial jurisdiction against federal interference. Notable projects like Dow Chemical's investment and record-breaking venture capital numbers underscore Alberta's economic resilience.

In ensuring safety and security, the government is expanding the Alberta Security Infrastructure Program to include Jewish and Islamic faith-based schools. Furthermore, a \$5 million allocation to the Community Fireguard Program aims to enhance wildfire prevention efforts.

The Alberta Made Screen Industries Program's \$2.8 million investment in local film and television projects aligns with the government's commitment to fostering a robust creative industry. Disaster recovery funding of up to \$68 million supports communities affected by June flooding, while a \$31.3 million investment in emission reduction projects demonstrates Alberta's commitment to environmental sustainability and job creation.

As Alberta approaches 2024, the province is a beacon of economic success, boasting the lowest taxes and attracting newcomers eager to partake in the renewed

Alberta Advantage. The United Conservative government remains steadfast in moving the province forward, leaving behind the challenges of the past and looking towards a prosperous future.

I am unwaveringly committed to maintaining an open line of communication for your concerns. Should any matter be on your mind, please don't hesitate to reach out to me through my office. May the festive season bring you all not just joy but also a sense of well-being.

I would like to extend an invitation to each one of you to the Constituency Office Holiday Open House on December 22nd, running from 1 pm to 7 pm. Join us for a delightful selection of Hot Chocolate and locally sourced treats. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated; consider bringing a donation for our local Foodbank.

I again express my gratitude for your trust, and may the holiday season usher in blessings and joy to you and your loved ones.

Warm regards

For any inquiries, feel free to contact me at the main constituency office in Drayton Valley at 1-800-542-7307, available Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can reach the Devon constituency office at 780-987-3666, or drop me an email at draytonvalley.devon@assembly.ab.ca at your convenience.

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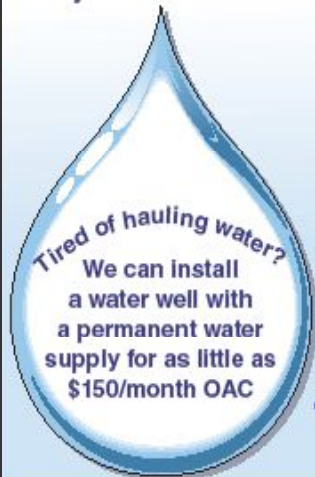
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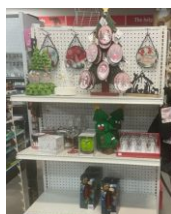
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DRAYTON VALLEY VOICES CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"Goin' to Bethlehem" Directed by Tammy Flett. Accompanied by Kelinda Kozak.
Sunday, December 3, 2023.
by Russell Hickman

A full house audience enjoyed an eclectic selection of Christmas themed choral music from the Pembina Stage of the Pickup Performing Arts Centre in Drayton Valley.

The Sunday afternoon concert featured 13 choral pieces performed under the direction of Tammy Flett, accompanied by Kelinda Kozak, Layla Kozak, drummer Dianne Nikiforuk and flautist and violinist Deanna Belanger.

A new arrangement ably renewed the durable *The Little Drummer Boy*. Fresh from the intermission, the choir impressed with changes in dynamics and pace with just

a hint of swing in *Winter Wonderland of Snow*. The composition included solos from soprano Kailey Hogan and Kiel Magic bass while also flexing the choirs' altos, tenors and bass singer's chops. *The Grinch*, AKA John Manning, swept in like stink, stank, stunk to sing a solo in his namesake's Dr. Suess Christmas hater takedown. Perhaps the most lyrical and evocative performance from this confident and strengthened choir was towards the end of the performance. *The Snow Begins to Fall* by Andy Beck was singular in its lilting melody and its anticipation of the beauty of quiet snowfall and joys of winter. "See it floating through the air, gently falling everywhere. All the world's asleep tonight as the ground turns white. See it drifting above. 'Tis a time of peace and love, as the drift, drifting above." The traditional finishing piece of Valley Voices, *Night of Silence* by Daniel Cantor brought the audience to its feet with a ovation of thanks for the Christmas gift of music but also the 3 months of weekly rehearsals in preparation. The evening ended with an invitation from Director Flett to come join Valley Voices as they start in January to prepare for their spring concert in April 2024. It sounded very much like fun.



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STORIES OF LIFE

Written by PK

A DONKEY'S TALE

If you were to take an adventurous hike into the mountains, high above the town, you might stumble across an old log cabin. Here lived a grandfather with his ten year old grandson. They were too far away to even go to a store and back in a day. Three or four times a year they would head into town with the donkey for supplies.

It was that time of the year for their long trek to town, so down the mountain they went. There were a number of cabins and small communities that they would have to pass by on the way. After a few hours they were passing by the first cabin where a trapper lived. They waved hello and were questioned right away on the reason that they would be leading a donkey instead of riding it. The grandfather reckoned that the trapper was right, the donkey was healthy. So the grandson was lifted onto the donkey.

Continuing down the rocky mountain trail they came across another group of cabins. There were people pointing fingers at them and scoffing, *"How disgraceful! Look at that young boy riding on that donkey while that poor old man has to walk. Shame on that young boy."* The grandson's feelings were hurt. He loved his grandfather and never wanted anyone to think he didn't. They agreed that they would change places and the boy would walk.

A little further on their journey there was taunting from another group, *"Hey old man! What's your problem? That poor little boy has to take twice as many steps as you do. That's just not right."* They looked at each other and both decided that the donkey was strong enough to carry them both, so that is what they did. This felt better because they were both pretty tired. Before they had even rounded the next bend, a couple people poked their heads out from the rocks above them. *"If you do not get off of that donkey right now I am going to report you for animal abuse! That donkey is going to have its little feet all chewed up."*

The grandfather and grandson looked at each other in confusion. As they once again moved along the path. They thought about all the criticism they had

heard from people along the trip and came up with a solution, they would carry the donkey. Although it was difficult, it seemed to please the onlookers as they moved out of their sight. They knew that they could not carry the donkey very far. It seemed like out of nowhere a voice shouted, *"Have you lost your mind in that high mountain air Grandpa? You are not supposed to carry a donkey, the donkey is meant to carry you!"* The laughter and jeering echoed through the valley below.

About this time as they were walking on a narrow path by a steep cliff they lost their footing, and tragically crashed down the mountain. The town's people were in shock. Feeling remorse and a sense of duty, they buried all three of them on the beautifully meadow below looking over the town.

Years went by and as it turned out, there was an application before the town for a relocation of these graves because it was an ideal location for a soon to be built Retreat Centre. If you try to please everyone, you lose. You cannot please all the people all the time! Galatians 1:10 *"Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ."*

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