

# THE BRETON BOOSTER

## SPILL SHUTS DOWN LOCAL HIGHWAYS

*Information from the Village of Breton Facebook and Media News*

A substance spill which occurred last Thursday evening, January 25, forced RCMP to divert traffic on approximately 38 kilometres of affected highway. Hwy 20 from Township Road 470 to Hwy 39 as well as Hwy 39 from Hwy 20 to Hwy 770.

The substance spilled was determined to be VGO (Vacuum Gas Oil). This product is a thick waxy liquid which is apparently non toxic but it is recommended that entry into ditches, sewers and waterways should be prevented. Due to this information, Breton Suds Bucket Car Wash was closed and the Village of Breton Public Works worked hard to close off any drains on the roads so the material that had been spilled wouldn't get into the Village sewer system.

On Saturday, January 27 a wash station was set up at the Village of Breton Waste Transfer site (5207 - 52 Street) to clean vehicles affected by the sticky substance and appointments were estimated to continue until at least Wednesday. Vehicles were taking an average of one hour but some were taking up to three hours. To book an appointment please text (preferable due to high number of calls) or call 587-842-1271.

Breton Car Wash will reopen January 30 but only to vehicles that do not have VGO on them.



*Picture provided by  
RCMP Media Relations*

As of Monday night, there was still not an estimated time of reopening for Highway 20 but over half of Highway 39 had been fully cleaned/remediated. A lane of hwy 39 has also been opened with flag/sign holders & a pilot truck escort for safely moving traffic.

The cleanup includes people that are walking the ditches and hand shovelling any remnants of the VGO they are finding. Two environmental firms have been hired to do water testing along the ditches. Thankfully the snow seems to be solidifying the VGO and preventing it from getting into the ground even with the temperatures the last few days. Crews are working 24 hours a day to get everything cleaned up properly

Highway clean up crews will also be removing snow in the Village of Breton by putting it into containment bins, melted and removed by a vac truck. Please call 587-842-1271 if you have any VGO material in your driveway, garage etc and they will work out a way to help you remove it. Breton Public works has been working hard on grading and snow removal so if you see them in your area, please move your vehicles.

The Village of Breton has been doing a wonderful job keeping everyone updated on Facebook and monitoring emails and phone calls. They just ask everyone to be patient and want to thank the community. "All the residents are doing so wonderful with showing compassion and empathy in this event. Great job to you all!"

## WE NEED YOU!

*submitted by the Breton Elks*

Anyone touched by the generosity of the Elks will know that they have provided a lot of funds to many groups and individuals over the years. One way we provide money for these situations is through taking care of the Breton outdoor skating rink. Many volunteers over many years have allowed us to have funds to disperse within the community but unfortunately we are running out of capable bodies.

### We need you to step forward and help with the cleaning of the ice.

It is not a huge commitment because we have machinery to help, but if you can commit to coming out on days when the rink is snowy, many hands make light work. Without your help we may have to consider stepping back from this job and that will mean less funds to be given to needy causes. Contact Al Smith at 780-514-9550.



# Classifieds

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\*Please note: Ads will be picked up every Tuesday afternoon so if your ad is time sensitive, please call 780-499-9006 or email [media@community39.com](mailto:media@community39.com) by 10am Monday morning for the Wednesday Breton Booster.

## 9th Annual TFGA PREDATOR HUNT

9th Annual Predator  
Hunt on Saturday,  
**February 10, 2024**

Registration 6:00 - 7:00am  
at Warburg Legion Hall  
Check-out Time is 5:30pm (no later)

Cost is \$200 for a 2 person team plus a youth under the age of 16 which includes a chili supper and two tickets to the TFGA Annual Banquet held in April of 2024.

Participants must be a TFGA member. Memberships available before or on the morning of the hunt.  
All prizes awarded at the banquet.

**Do not delay in registering, space is limited!!!**

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

Sudoku Answers  
from Jan 24 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.





## General Service Worker - Casual

### Cloverleaf Manor – Warburg AB

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is looking for an enthusiastic individual who enjoys working in a team environment. This casual position will be required to work a **variety of shifts**. Shifts will include **afternoons** and **nights**. Applicants should be prepared and able to work all shifts. Duties may include kitchen-related responsibilities such as cleaning, cooking and food preparation or housekeeping responsibilities and other duties as assigned. A high standard of service is expected.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Previous cooking experience, strong work ethic, WHMIS and Standard First Aid Certificate would be an asset; A sincere interest in working with and meeting the needs of our residents.

All employees will be required to have a pre-employment fit to work assessment, and a clear criminal record with vulnerable sector check.

**Please send your resume quoting job posting number 2024 – CL - 01 to:**

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Leduc Regional Housing Foundation  
5118 – 50 Avenue, Leduc, Alberta T9E 6V4  
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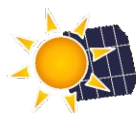
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### Solar: Is it for you?



Guest speaker:  
**Frank Schwieger of Camo Solar Inc**  
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**February 12th, 2024**  
**7:30 – 9:30 pm**  
**Breton Community Centre**

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- › Attention to detail is a MUST
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## HOW TO APPLY

Please email your resume to Shane at  
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*\*Applications accepted until February 23.*

*\*\*Interviews for those selected will be February 26 - 28.*

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### UPCOMINGSPECIAL EVENTS

(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

**February 1 - Wills & Estate Planning** at the Alder Flats Seniors Centre at 1pm. FREE. Call FCSS 780-352-3321 or email [fcssadmin@county10.ca](mailto: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](mailto:fcssadmin@county10.ca) or call FCSS 780-352-3321 for more information.

**February 3, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 - Dinner Theatre "Francine's Will"** at Liberty Hall near Bluffton. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets are available for \$50 at [www.showpass.com/francines-will/](http://www.showpass.com/francines-will/)

**February 4 - The No Hitchhiker Band** from 1-4pm at the Winfield Community Centre for song, dance and fellowship, admission by donation, contribution to the lunch table appreciated, sponsored by Charlie and Faye Parker.

**February 4 & 11 - Matinee Dinner Theatre "Francine's Will"** at Liberty Hall near Bluffton. Doors open at noon. Tickets are available for \$50 at [www.showpass.com/francines-will/](http://www.showpass.com/francines-will/)

**February 7 - Breton Flower Club Introduction Meeting** at 7pm at the Breton Community Centre. Contact Jodie Townsend at 780-514-8335 for more info.

**February 8 - Paint Party** with Mary Ann Cygan in the Warburg Village Office basement from 7-9pm. \$25/person, Register with FCSS Shauna at 780-848-2828 or [fcss@warburg.ca](mailto:fcss@warburg.ca)

**February 8 - Lunar New Year Tea** at the Thorsby Library with tea, snacks and activities.

**February 8 - Free Public Information Session on your Pension** at 8:30pm, Eleanor Pickup Centre for the Arts, 5144 51 St, Drayton Valley. Hosted by Public Interest Alberta.

**February 10 - Winter Try It Festival** at the Wizard lake day use area from 11am - 3pm. Winter sports and activities, sleigh rides, hot dogs, music.... FREE. Hosted by Leduc County and Wetaskiwin County

**February 10 - 9th Annual Predator Hunt** hosted by the Thorsby & District Fish & Game Association. For more info contact Brent Lee 780-898-5013 or Bruce 780-621-2200.

**February 11 - Winter Afternoon at Rundle's Mission**, 1-4 pm. Ski wax clinic 1:30. Fire with free hot dogs and hot choc, Ski, snowshoe, sled, walk trails (bring own equipment).

**February 11 - Aaron Pritchett Liqueured 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](http://www.ticketpro.ca)

**February 11 - Sunnybrook Hall AGM** at 2pm. Coffee and

dessert provided.

**February 12 - All things Ag: Producer to Producer Talk...** Solar is it for you?, 7:30 - 9:30pm at the Breton Community Centre. Presented by Breton Ag Society

**February 13 - Winfield Legion Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, from 5-7pm, \$8 per person. 10years old and under free. See you there.

**February 13 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Thorsby from 5-7pm. All welcome. Free with offering.

**February 16 - Camo & Bling Fundraiser** presented by the Breton Ag Society. Get your tickets at the Breton ATB or by calling Mark @ 780-542-0637 or Bonnie @ 780-514-5501.

**February 17 - "Raise the Roof" Comedy Night** at Wilton Park Hall. Dinner & Show. \$50 per ticket. Tickets available through [www.tickettailor.com](http://www.tickettailor.com) or call 587-581-0404.

**February 17 - Community Gym Night** at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact [davidemolyneaux@live.com](mailto:davidemolyneaux@live.com)

**February 19 - Family Day Pancake Breakfast** at the Thorsby Community Centre from 9am - noon. Hosted by the Thorsby & District Cultural & Historical Society.

**February 17-19 - Escape Room** at the Thorsby Library. Confirmed details and dates to come.

**February 19 - Family Day event in Breton** including a pancake breakfast hosted by the Breton Elks and wagon rides around the village. More details to come.

**February 19 - Family Day with the Lakedell Ag Society** from 4-7pm, Indoor & Outdoor Fun, Sleigh/Wagon Rides, Wiener Roast, Fireworks at 7pm, Free, 461043 Range Road 12

**February 24 - Zirka Zabava** at Devon Community Hall. Zirka performance, Ukrainian dinner by Saskitoba and dance. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

**March 16 - Off to the Races Fundraiser** at the Mackenzie Centre in Drayton Valley for the CSTS Society. Contact Krista 780-898-2903, Mandy 780-621-6262 or [csts1992@gmail.com](mailto:csts1992@gmail.com)

**April 13 - Breton/Warburg Women's Wellness Day** - a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, fabulous food and a vendor market to shop! More information available soon!

*Community Events &  
Information  
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**PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS**  
 (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

*\*\*Please note - all events are subject to change*

**MONDAYS**

**BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (AQUASIZE OR WALMART)** - Leaving Warburg & Breton on Monday mornings. Registration must be completed the Thursday prior to the Monday trip to save your seat. Contact Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828.

**CARDS & FLOOR CURLING** at the Breton Golden Age Club at 1pm (\$3)

**TUESDAYS**

**YOGA FOR WELLNESS** - Every Tuesday from 10 -11 am at the Breton Community Centre until April 30. Adult Only. Instructed by June Knobel. \$2 drop in fee.

**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. For more info 780-514-5070.

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

**FOOT WELLNESS** services the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Breton. Services include nail care, pedicures, detox treatments. Contact Christa at 780-514-5640 or online [www.yourintrinsicement.com/copy-of-services](http://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**

**\*\*NEW\*\* INDOOR WALKING GROUP** on Thursdays at the Breton Community Centre starting January 18 from 9:30-10:30am. \$2 drop in fee. Please bring inside shoes.

**FRIDAYS**

**LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS** on Fridays from 9:30 - 10:30 am 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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Or go online to [www.community39.com](http://www.community39.com)

**You will find information on our local communities including maps, contacts, rental facilities, community groups and supports and more....**

**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. 780-898-1155 or [bretonmuse@yahoo.com](mailto:bretonmuse@yahoo.com)

**Breton Golden Age Club** - Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11am (except July & August). 780-898-1651 or [dwaymon@telus.net](mailto: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](mailto:bretonrp285@gmail.com)

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

**Buck Creek Community Association** - Meetings at the hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. 780-542-6604 or [buckcreekhall@gmail.com](mailto:buckcreekhall@gmail.com)

**THURSDAYS**

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

**Breton Elks 402** - Meetings are at 7:30pm every 3rd Thursday of the month (except July & August) at the Community Centre. 780-898-3557 or [bretoneleks402@gmail.com](mailto:bretoneleks402@gmail.com)

The Breton Booster & Connect 39 (Thorsby, Warburg & area) can be viewed online & in color at [www.community39.com](http://www.community39.com)



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# Brazeau County



Brazeau County is committed to improving its emergency response to better protect people and property in the event of disasters.

The County is developing a list of local resources and equipment to be called upon in the case of an emergency. The County is also looking for individuals with heavy equipment or water hauling experience interested in taking emergency management training.

#### Two streams of training will be offered:

Dozer boss training for the construction of fireguards, and safe operations during a wildland fire, including Incident Command System (ICS) training

Water hauler training, including ICS structure training, staging, and safe operations during a wildland fire.

These training courses will enable local resources and personnel to effectively and safely contribute to future emergency response efforts in our community.

Course dates are expected to start in February, and are being finalized. They will be announced on the Brazeau County website and Facebook page.

Please e-mail [firetraining@brazeau.ab.ca](mailto:firetraining@brazeau.ab.ca) to provide lists of available equipment and personnel interested in the training courses. If you have questions, please call Public Works at 780-542-7777.

If you wish to be a firefighter, please contact Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services at 780-514-2216.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council was presented with First Reading of Bylaw 1171-24 January 16, 2024 effectively reducing the speed limit zone of 60km/hr along Township Road 492 extending 750 meters west of Range Road 80.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE, Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by proposed Bylaw 1171-24 may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Hearing will be held on February 20, 2024 at 10:00 am or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

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., February 9, 2024, will be included in the Council Report for this Public Hearing for consideration. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. 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.

A copy of Bylaw 1171-24 is available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Public Works by telephone (780) 542-7777 or by email at [publicworks@brazeau.ab.ca](mailto:publicworks@brazeau.ab.ca).



## IMPORTANT DATES

February 1 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9 a.m.

February 6 | Council meeting | 9 a.m.

February 19 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed

February 20 | Council meeting | 9 a.m.

February 21 | Agricultural Services Board meeting | 1 p.m.



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Please feel welcome to contact me at [fcss@breton.ca](mailto:fcss@breton.ca) or 780-696-3636. Our office hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30am - 4pm.

What a fabulous week of nice weather we have had. The closing of Hwy 39 and Hwy 20 over the weekend caught us by surprise. Just a good reminder to have an emergency kit on hand in case you are unable to travel to get necessities. Thank you to everyone for your patience while this was being taken care of. It shows us how easily our plans can change when there is an emergency.

Here are a few things to keep on hand in case of future situations:

#### **Basic Disaster Supplies Kit**

To assemble your kit store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- \* Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- \* Food (at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food)
- \* Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- \* Flashlight
- \* First aid kit
- \* Extra batteries
- \* Whistle (to signal for help)
- \* Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- \* Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- \* Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- \* Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- \* Manual can opener (for food)
- \* Local maps
- \* Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
- \* Additional Emergency Supplies

Consider adding the following items to your emergency supply kit based on your individual needs:

- \* Soap, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces
- \* Prescription medications. Organize and protect your prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, and vitamins to prepare for an emergency.
- \* Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
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#### **Changes to Alberta Government Payments -**

Albertans who rely on the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) and Income Support programs will get their payments four business days before the first of the month. Here are the next few payment dates:

February	Feb-01-2024
March	Feb-26-2024
April	March-25-2024

#### **Save these Important Dates**

**Monday February 19 – Family Day.** We are excited to partner with the Breton ELKS and community organizations to bring you Family Day celebrations.

The day will include:

- \*Pancake Breakfast - 9- 11 - Pay what you can
  - \*Entertainment - Magic Show - 11:00 - 11:45
  - \*Community Bingo - 12:00 - 3:00 - \$1 per card. All ages welcome (under 12 must be with an adult)
  - \*Wagon Rides 1 - 2pm
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  - \*Ice skating - weather permitting
- Watch for further details.

**Breton /Warburg Women's Wellness Day – Saturday April 13, 2024.** We are excited to partner with Warburg FCSS and bring you a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, fabulous food and a vendor market to shop! More information on the sessions and how to sign up as a participant or vendor will be available soon!

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

\* **Breton ELKS** / \* **Breton Royal Purple** / \* **Breton Agricultural Society** / \* **Breton Historical Society**

**Need to Keep on Track?** Pick up one of our Community Calendars at the Village of Breton Office or the Breton Municipal Library located in the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre at 4916 50 Avenue. These are free of charge and feature pictures of the Village of Breton and surrounding areas.



**"Yoga for Wellness"** - Every Tuesday 10 to 11 am January 16 to April 30, 10 to 11 am, Breton Community Center. Gentle flow yoga to help strengthen and relax the body and the mind. Pose sequences, meditation and breath work also promotes flexibility, balance, as well as, mind and body wellness. Adults of all ages are welcome, however class content was developed with age 55 plus in mind. Instructed by June Knobel, Certified Yoga Teacher with, Yoga Association of Alberta. \$2 drop in fee

**The Adult Exercise Program** - from 9:30-10:30 am on Friday 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 \$2/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.

**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.

**Walking Group** - Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 am. At the Breton Community Centre, Drop In \$2, Organized by Kasey and Lorraine.

**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.yourintrinsicement.com/copy-of-services](http://www.yourintrinsicement.com/copy-of-services) to book your appointment. These services are for anyone of any age. Treat yourself to a pedi, or other service.

**Golden Age Club** - Join older adults in the community for their monthly meeting. Held the first Monday of each month at 11am. 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.

**Brighter Futures Gym Time** - Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 am. 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 780-514-507

**Counselling Subsidies** - Breton and Area FCSS is pleased to offer Counselling Subsidies. A subsidy is available for individuals, couples and/or families who are struggling with common, everyday issues to access short-term preventative counselling services.

The cost of counselling can be a barrier for many individuals and families. This subsidy is available to those who do not have access to coverage through health benefits or employee benefits, such as an Employee Assistance Plan (EAP), and whose family income is less than \$75,000 per year. Fees are determined according to a sliding scale based on income and family size. Fees range from \$15 per session to \$50 per session. The maximum number of sessions available is seven for individuals and nine for couples or families.

We know that in this current environment many may have additional stress and anxiety. We also know that transportation may be an added barrier. These sessions can be arranged to be in person in the Karunia offices in Leduc, over the phone in your own safe environment or virtually on your computer.

To apply for the subsidy services, application forms are available through the Breton FCSS Office, email [fcss@breton.ca](mailto:fcss@breton.ca) or call 780-696-3636. **ALL APPLICATIONS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.** Breton and Area FCSS will be doing the intake of the applications. Counselling services are provided through a partnership with Karunia Counselling from Leduc.



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## Greetings from Breton Elks Lodge #402



What a pleasant change we are able to enjoy after our blast from the past. Here is hoping that everyone has survived another visit from old man winter. The ice at the skating rink did well on its own at minus 40 something. It was a little tough to keep the snow off, however due to the extreme cold. All is good now, however, and we are pushing for some happy skating for the next few weeks.

Moving forward in the world of Elkdom, preparations are on target for our District Meeting in April. This will be held in the Breton Community Centre.

Preparations are now on the go for Family Day, February 19th. This is once again an opportunity for the community to stop by the centre and enjoy a fabulous pancake breakfast. This will be a joint effort of the Elks and Royal Purple Elks. Admission will be by donation. All proceeds will be returned to our community by means of donations to various activities.

At the lodge meeting in January, Breton Elks welcomed our Provincial President, Jim Zimmermen, who brought greetings from Provincial Elks.

Along with the pleasure of our Provincial President we also had on hand our National President. This provided a perfect opportunity to welcome our latest member, Rob Mockerman, to our lodge. Rob is a young man who grew up in our community and has now decided to lend a helping hand to make our community a stronger place for future generations. Welcome Rob.

On this note, I would like to take a moment to emphasize our need for more help not only in maintaining our ice

rink, but also for the survival of our lodge. The membership is an aging population suffering each day with bad backs and bad knees.

Until next time, take care of each other and look forward to chatting again.

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*New Elk Member Rob Mockerman*



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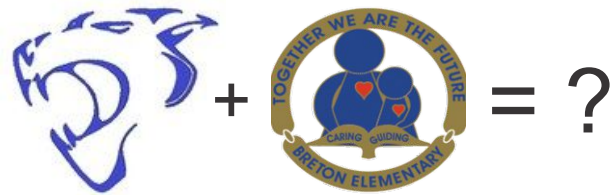
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*submitted by Wild Rose School Division*

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Although the WRSD Board of Trustees will make the final decision regarding the name of the school, they would like to give the Breton community an opportunity to provide suggested names. According to Wild Rose School Division "Policy 02 - Appendix C - Naming of Facilities- Procedures"

2.1 *individual's names should not be used for school names, with the exception where a case can be made for a person of historical significance*

2.2 *if there is only one school, or one school with that specific grade configuration in each community or region, consideration should be given for those schools to bear the name of the community or region.*

2.3 *the name shall not imply the Division's endorsement of partisan political or ideological positions, nor of commercial products or services.*

2.4 *unless otherwise directed by the Board, naming options shall include suggestions solicited from the community.*

Please see Wild Rose School Division "Policy 02 - Appendix C - Naming of Facilities" for the entire policy .

The Board will only consider names that align with these policy guidelines.

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You must complete all questions in the survey in order for your suggestion to be considered.

**The deadline for submitting suggestions is February 6, 2024. Please only suggest one name per survey. If you would like to suggest more than one name, please complete a new survey for each name you submit.**

Thank you for your input into this important decision.



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# AARON PRITCHETT INTERVIEW

by Russell Hickman

Canadian Country music performer Aaron Pritchett doesn't want to be fenced in, put in a little box or pigeon holed and he's coming to Drayton Valley's EPAC Pembina stage to prove it worked for him. I interviewed Aaron by phone on January 24.

*"I've always tried to push the boundaries. When I came out with my song called 'New Frontier', people in the radio industry were telling me that your music has changed the Canadian country music scene. And people said 'Oh, well, you've pushed the envelope and you definitely think outside the box, but it's accepted on radio, so that's pretty cool!'"* Aaron shared his recipe for success. *"I'm going to pick the songs I love and record them the way I want to hear them. I think it's worked out really well."*

With 13 Top Ten hits over two decades Pritchett has made a career with winners like "Hold my Beer", "Worth a Shot", "Warm Safe Place", "Better When I Do", and his new single and tour "Liquored Up". Throughout it, Pritchett has earned more than 30 Juno, CCMA, WCMA and BCCMA nominations including multiple wins for Entertainer of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year and a CCMA SOCAN Songwriter of the Year award.

## On Challenges New Country Artists Face

*With new artists what we're finding, it's very tough for them to come into the industry with something different, we have limitations on what's too Country and what's too Pop, or too Rock feeling Country. You've got to try to have good enough songs and recordings to get on radio. And there's parameters that you have to stay within and if you try to go outside the little box that you're put in, then you're not accepted and your music's not accepted. The lines are blurry.*

*But I've been very fortunate in my years in being in the industry. I think terrestrial radio looks at my songs, and go, Well, you know what. He didn't have his first number 1 hit until he was almost 49 years old. He's been in the industry for almost 30 years and, you know, he's in his 50's now and he's going to be a grandfather, but, you know what, his music is still great! It's not only current, but it's also thinking ahead. This is just enough outside of what he did last time and what radio is doing right now that we want to play it.*

*Ya, they have been very kind to me: the radio industry and the Country music industry and especially the fans. They are always there and there seems to be new ones all the time. They accept the music that I come out with and I love that.*

## On the new single and tour, "Liquored Up!"

*It's a catchy title! "Liquored Up" is meant to be tongue in cheek. It means, basically, shutting off; I want to shut off and live in my own world for the rest of the night. The song was written by some friends and when I heard the demo I thought this really fits who I am and what I do. Obviously, recording with Matt, we are a bit of the party guys too; it fits perfectly!"* You've got a lot of country fans in Drayton. I have friends that are from Drayton! They know that country music runs deep there, for sure! I'm excited to get there, play some of my songs and hopefully people get to know me, Matt Lang, and Cory Marks after we do our show.

## What an EPAC audience can expect on February 11.

*I like to say we start it off with a BANG and end it with a BOOM and BURN HOT in between! That's what I've always done for the audience. They're spending their hard-earned money to come and watch my show and they want to be entertained. My shows are pretty high energy, VERY high energy actually. I've designed a show that's different from any other show I've ever done. Instead of having an opener, I've brought everybody in to do one big show. We do an acoustic set, we play some songs from what got us into country music, and who are heroes with me, Matt and Cory. I'm going to play some of the new songs from the album.*

## Willie Wonka?

*I stole an idea from Willie Wonka! We have 300 vinyl records pressed to sell only on this tour. You'll hear the whole new album and a few extra bonus tracks on there. Within the 300 limited vinyl run there is going to be a Gold Album. So whoever gets the Gold Album, if somebody in Drayton gets the Gold Album, I will fly out to your town and do a home concert for you! Just me and my guitar sitting there singing songs. You buy the Gold Album; that's what you get!*

Aaron Pritchett and band, with Matt Lang and Cory Marks will perform at 7:30 PM, Sunday, February 11 at the Eleanor Pickup Performing Arts Centre in downtown Drayton Valley. Tickets are available at the door and [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca). The interview was edited for length and clarity.







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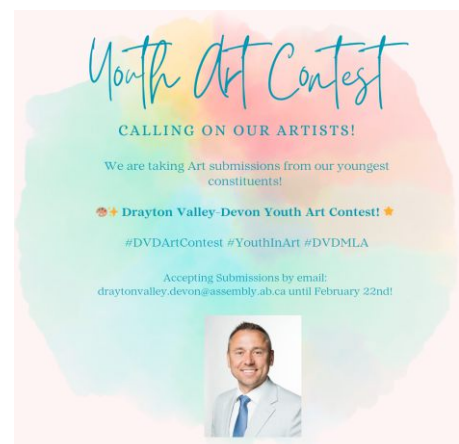
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**"Running to the Outhouse" by Willy Makit. Illustrated by Betty Wont**

**I sat in my Haircutters chair and said "Make me look sexy."**

**She started drinking.....**

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Answers will be published in the next issue!



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& large tote bags for sale*

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*Flax*

*Various sizes of tarps, straps & accessories in stock  
or we can order what you need. We can also order  
greenhouse plastic.*

*Lawn seed & lawn & garden fertilizer*

*Nitrogen & PowerRich fertilizer & bagged forage  
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**BUCK LAKE**



**\$345,000**

0.5 acre, recently completely 2 bed, 2 bath cabin with loft. Short walk to B A uck Lake & boat launch. Water well & septic new 2022.



15 acre hobby farm,  
15 minute from  
Leduc. 2977 sq. ft.  
3 bed 3 bath home.  
4 season rustic  
cabin, greenhouse,  
2 chicken coops,  
barn with lean-to,  
outdoor riding

arena, round pen. garage/shop attached to barn, 2 storage  
sheds, 2x 20' seacans. Ample pasture



**MILLET**

**\$649,000**

**BRETON**



**\$82,500**

2 bedroom, 1 bath home.. Upgrades: .newer peaked roof, vinyl siding, laminate flooring, hot water tank, furnace, and modern kitchen appliances. Insulated 8x12porch., 2 storage sheds

**6229 54 Ave  
Brazeau County**

Impressive 2 storey office building,  
full basement, and 3 bay heated  
garage. Main floor - Inviting recep-  
tion surrounded by multiple offices.  
2nd floor- boardrm w/ kitchenette  
& 2 executive offices. Basement-  
large crew meeting room w/kitchenette, exercise room, bathrooms w/showers, large fire safe vault room,  
mechanical room and storage. 3 bay heated garage is accessed from the building. Paved parking.

**DRAYTON VALLEY**



**\$2,900,000**

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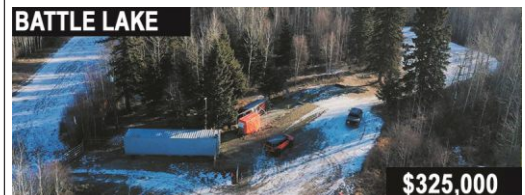


**\$1,200,000**

2 Acres with 5,160 sq ft industrial building with 2 drive through bays with oil pit access, 3rd bay (not drive through), 100' drive through wash bay, office space with 2 offices, 2 bathrooms, file storage room, break room and a mezzanine with crew room and parts room. Property is fenced with chain link fence.

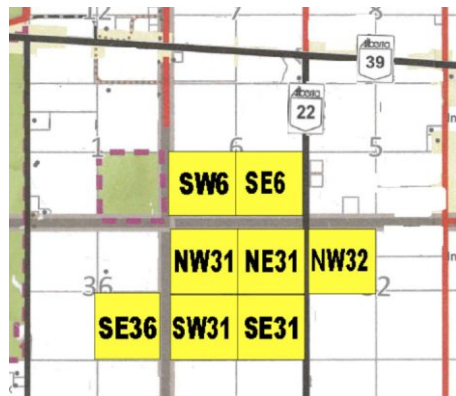
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on corner lot  
5206 62 St.**

**BATTLE LAKE**



**\$325,000**

27 acres hillside property, View of Mount Butte & Battle Lake. Water well, septic, power, Seacan & 45"reefer trailer included.



**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
8 quarters (1267 acres), spacious  
home, 32x40 heated shop, Quonset, 2  
waterers. 2nd serviced yard site is on  
the quarter to south. Substantial annual  
revenues received from surface leases  
& land rent. On Hwy 22. short distance  
to Drayton Valley \$6,500,000

**WINFIELD**



**\$949,000**

158 acres, creek, mature forest, cabin, peace & tranquility! East Poplar Creek flows thru this land. on no exit road.

**BUCK LAKE**



**\$165,000**

Highland Spruce Estates - 1.28 acre. 7 RV sites, underground power, sewer, water, fenced, insulated shed, wood shed.

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