

THE BRETON BOOSTER

CAMO & BLING A ROARING SUCCESS

Submitted by the Breton Ag Society, Camo & Bling Committee

On Friday February 16 the Breton Ag Society resurrected the highly successful prestigious fundraiser Camo & Bling.

A sold-out crowd of over 225 people gathered at the Breton Community Center to raise funds that will be reinvested back into our community. Everyone was fed a delicious meal, entertained with games like reverse bingo, nerf gun hunting, or bid on live and silent auction items and so much more. It was a very monumental evening that many will be talking about for years to come.

A wide variety of live auction items were made possible with partnerships with so many businesses, individuals, groups and companies in the area. Without these generous partnerships the evening would not have been as profitable. An enormous thank you to this very community minded diverse group.

The Breton Ag Society Camo & Bling Committee would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to everyone that made this evening a success. From those who volunteered hours to set up, those clubs and individuals that worked various jobs or did security, to the many community groups that washed dishes, helped clean up or provided a drive home service. Countless hours go into a huge event like this and it certainly would not have been possible without each and every team member. **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!**

To all the silent auction contributors, we commend you for giving back to your community. These donations were able to raise a substantial amount of money and added a great component to our evening.

Now for the question that you all have been asking, "How much money did you raise?" The final numbers are not 100% compiled but we are very

confident in letting you know that we raised approximately an awe inspiring \$100,000. These funds will all be used as needed to reinvest in very important programs and projects in and around Breton.

Thank you again to everyone that was a part of this memorable night. Whether you attended, partnered or were a team member this night would not have happened without you! Remember to shop local and support the companies that donated back into your community. If you enjoyed the evening and would like to work with the Breton Ag Society in the future, reach out to us and we can find a perfect fit for you.

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*Sudoku Answers
from Feb 21 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.



Village of Breton Bylaw 24-01 Procedural Bylaw

The Village of Breton motioned to update the Procedural Bylaw at the February 21, 2024 Special Council Meeting. The Bylaw in its entirety is on the village webpage at www.breton.ca. Portions of the bylaw read as.

Section 9. Agendas For Council Meetings

9.2 Any Council member, Municipal official, or any other person wishing to have an item of business placed on the agenda for a regular Council meeting, shall make the submission to the Recording Secretary of CAO not later than 12:00 noon on the Monday of the week prior to the meeting. The submission shall include the completed Delegation Request form and contain adequate information to the satisfaction of the Recording Secretary to enable the Council to consider the matter.

Section 11. Presentation

11.3 In the opening of the presentation all persons wishing to address the Council will be required to give their name, topic of concern and whether there has been any previous contact with a member of Council or Administration regarding the matter.

Notice of Public Hearing

Bylaw No. 24-01 Proposed Amendment to Procedural
Bylaw No. 22-01

The purpose of the proposed amendment is the addition of subsection (9.2) and (11.3) (Bylaw No. 24-01)

Anyone wishing to file comments or concerns respecting Bylaw No. 24-01 shall submit their comments or concerns in writing no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024

Mail to:
Village of Breton
Box 480 , Breton, AB T0C 0P0
Fax to: 780-696-3590
Email to: cao@breton.ca

Date of Public Hearing Meeting: Tuesday March 19, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Village Office Council Chambers



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PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION TITLE: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Village of Warburg, with a population of approximately 766, is located on Highway 39 approximately 1 hour from Edmonton.

POSITION SUMMARY: - The Village is looking for a highly motivated and well-organized individual to fill this position in a team environment. The Administrative Assistant, will be a job shared position, reporting directly to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and will assist in managing the daily affairs of the Village within the policies adopted by Council. This position will act on behalf of the CAO in her absence. The part time position is based on 16 hours per week. Reporting to the Municipal Administrator, the individual will work in all aspects of daily operation of the Village Office in Warburg.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Excellent communication, organization and interpersonal skills;
- Financial experience;
- Knowledge of budget development and financial reporting;
- Ability to work in a team environment;
- Office Inventory Management;
- Grant application experience;
- Social Media experience; and
- The ability to work with the CAO and perform related duties as requested.
- Able to provide a Criminal Record Check

Application deadline is 4:00 p.m. March 22, 2024 or until such time that a suitable candidate is hired. Candidate resumes, including references are to be submitted to:

Christine Pankewitz, Municipal Administrator at:
Village of Warburg, Box 29, Warburg AB T0C 2T0
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The Village of Warburg thanks all applicants for their interest but advises that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

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

March 1 - World Day of Prayer service at 7PM in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Thorsby. Everyone welcome.

March 2 - Andrew Boitchenko's coming to the Warburg museum @ 2:00pm

March 7 - Drought Resilience for Grazers Workshop at the Lakedell Ag Society (461043 Rr12). Call Kim at 780-387-6182

March 9 - Felting Techniques using Alpaca and Llama wool demonstration with Robert Schmidt at the Warburg Library from 1-3pm.

March 9 & 10 - First Aid Training at Genesee Hall from 8am - 5pm. \$30 per person, lunch included. Email mhill@capitalpower.com to register.

March 10 - Pancake Breakfast at the Warburg Legion from 8:30am - 11:30am. \$10 per plate, kids under 5 free.

March 16 - Pub Night at the Warburg Legion from 5-10pm for St. Patrick's Day.

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

March 19 - Seniors' Paint afternoon with Tanja Lindahl at the Thorsby Library from 1 - 2:30pm. Call the library to register as space is limited.

March 21 - Living Well, Sprouting Program with Robert Schmidt at the Warburg Library

March 24 - Paint Night at Telfordville Community Centre. 2-4pm. Contact Telfordvilleecc@gmail.com

April 6 - Gord Bamford Canadian Dirt Tour 2024 at Warburg Community Center. Go to www.showpass.com/gord-bamford-canadian-dirt-tour-warburg-ab/ to purchase tickets.

April 6 - Self Defense Class at the Warburg School, Full day of Training, lunch provided. \$40/person. Pre-register with Shauna at FCSS 780-848-2828 or fcss@warburg.ca

April 13 - Breton/Warburg Women's Wellness Day - a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, fabulous food and a vendor market to shop! Tickets available at both Breton & Warburg FCSS or contact fcss@breton.ca

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at the Breton Village Office, Brazeau County Office, CE Media Thorsby, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex and the Warburg Village Office

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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 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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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

Breton Golden Age Club - Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11am (except July & August). 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). 780-696-3740 or 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

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

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 bretonelks402@gmail.com



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Gordon William Pinyon

October 21, 1940 – February 16, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Gordon “Gordie” William Pinyon, who peacefully reunited with his wife and best-friend of 58 years, on Friday, February 16th, 2024, at the age of 83 years.

The second youngest of 9, Gordon was born October 21st, 1940, at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, to Eugene and Freda Pinyon. When the family later moved to Winfield, he met the love of his life, Margaret. They were married in Nanton, Alberta, on June 10th, 1965. For 51 years, Gordie and Margie lived near Breton where they farmed and raised their family.

Gordie was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. When Margaret passed away December 30th, 2023, Gordon was right by her side until the very end. Their family held a special place in his heart, and his love for his 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren was evident to anyone who knew him.

A lumberjack by trade in his younger days, Gordie could fall a tree exactly where he aimed. Many of his barns were made of logs that he harvested on his farm, and built with just a chainsaw, hammer, and good old hard work. He was an enthusiastic horseman and passed that love of horses down thru the generations of his family. Gordie, Margie, and their children were a regular sight at many Alder Flats Rodeo and Bucklake Stampede, where they would compete in Roping, Barrel Racing, Bronc Riding, and Flat Races. When it was time for the grand kids, and eventually great grandkids, to ride, he was always there to cheer them on. Gordon was a self-taught farrier and was called on by many to trim or shod their horses, and he took pride in his work.

If it could be done with a horse, that’s how Gordie did it. For many years, Gordie’s older brother Stan would come from BC to stay and help with the haying and thrashing during the summer months. At the end of a hot day’s work, with sleeves rolled up and drinks in hand, they would swap stories and “remember when’s”. Telling stories of his youth was one of Gordon’s specialties, and he always seemed to have a new one that you hadn’t heard before.

Gordon is lovingly remembered by his children, Kenny (Tracy), Diana (Rod), Teresa (Jason) and Sheryl; grandchildren, Robert, Chance, Dustin (Aimee), Ashley (Christopher), Lacey (Brady), Michael and Brittany (Aaron); great-grandchildren, Hayley, Colter, Sullivan, Sawyer, Kamryn, Morgan, Parker, Carter and Caleb; siblings, John, Ev, Marg and Vi, as well as by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and life-long friends.

Cremation has taken place, and the family will hold a private service in the spring.



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

Just when we thought winter may be over, we get a rude reminder that the snow and cold are not quite done with us. With the heavy snowfall, if you are able to assist a neighbor or senior on your street, it is greatly appreciated.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION - For Low Income Persons, Families, seniors and students. Although this is something that most of us would like to avoid thinking about and doing, I am afraid that this is unavoidable. You need to file your income tax each year, even if you have no income to report. By doing this you may receive benefits that you did not know you were eligible for. Also, in the event of the death of your spouse, benefits can easily be transferred to you, if you have filled a return for the last calendar year. If you did not file a tax return in 2023 you may not be receiving benefits from the government that you are eligible for. The focus of the Community Volunteer Tax Program is to assist those individuals who have limited income. This includes seniors, families, and students. If your income was approximately in one of the following categories, you may qualify for assistance.

1 person - \$35,000 / Couple - \$45,000 / Family \$52,500

We are not able to complete returns with income from the following sources:

Capital Gains or Losses, Farming Income, Rental Income, Self-Employment, Interest exceeding \$1, 000, Bankruptcies, Deceased Persons

This service is FREE to those who qualify. If you require this service, please gather your information, and bring it to the Village of Breton office Monday to Thursday between 8:30 – 4:00. Clients will be notified when your return is completed. The program will run from March 1 – April 30, 2023

We require the following information to complete your return:

- * Personal Information (Social Insurance Number, Birth date, Marital Status, Address)
- * Dependent's information – spouse/ children's names, birthdates.
- * All "T" Slips (T4's, T4A, OAS etc.)
- * All Forms, Schedules, and Labels you have received from Revenue Canada.
- * Receipts for any expenses such as medical, moving, tuition, sporting activities. Printouts from your

pharmacist are available for those with numerous prescriptions.

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:

March - Feb-26-2024

April - March-25-2024

"Yoga for Wellness" Every Tuesday 10 am to 11 am January 16 to April 30, 10:00 – 11:00 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. \$2.00 drop in fee

The Adult Exercise Program - This class runs 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 – 9:30 – 10:30 – Breton Community Centre, Drop In \$2. Organized by Kasey and Lorraine.

Save these Important Dates

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! Tickets are \$30 available at the Village of Breton and the

Save these Important Dates continued

Village of Warburg Offices. Tickets are 1/3 sold already!
We have just finalized our day but it will feature:
Keynote - Christine Holubec Jackson - Finding our
Super Power Through Adversity: Lessons From the
Classroom of Life.

Breakout sessions with:

- Hot Mess Organizing - Lisa Blough
- Homestead 39 - Learn how to make Lavender
Deodorant & Fermented Garlic Honey
- Make-up Demo – Mikayla Leibel
- Planning with Heart – Lisa Blough
- Flourished Creekstead – Creating a cut flower garden
- Sarah's Sourdough – Learning about Sourdough
making
- Closing Speaker Billi J Miller - "Overcoming Diversity:
Blooming Where Planted"

If you would like to be a vendor at the event, please
contact fcss@breton.ca

Tickets will be available this week at both Breton FCSS
and Warburg FCSS.

Bus to Swim – Summer 2024 - It is never too early to
start thinking about Summer activities. July 15-19, 2024
bus leaves Warburg at 10 am, stops in Breton at 10:15,
swim lessons at 11-12, then bus leaves at 12:10 from
Pool to return home. Please arrive 5 minutes earlier as
the bus will be leaving SHARP at 10 am. Cost: \$41 bus
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office or Breton FCSS office.

Contact us at: WARBURG - Shauna (780-848-2828) or
fcss@warburg.ca / BRETON- Deanne (780-696-3636)
or fcss@breton.ca

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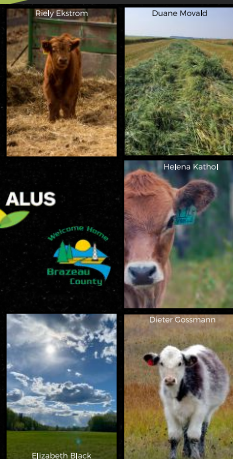
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IMPORTANT DATES

March 5 | Council meeting
 | 9 a.m.

March 12 | Municipal
 Planning Commission
 meeting | 1 p.m.

March 27 | Agricultural
 Services Board meeting |
 1 p.m.

March 29 | Brazeau
 County Administration
 Building closed | Good
 Friday

April 1 | Brazeau County
 Administration Building
 closed | Easter Monday

OPPORTUNITY

Invitation to Tender: Caretaker of Easyford Community Centre

Brazeau County is inviting bids for the contracted caretaker of the Easyford Community Centre located 16 km Northwest of the Town of Drayton Valley. Duties and requirements include the following; however, interested parties are encouraged to carefully review the tender package which can be found at www.brazeau.ab.ca.

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY:

Manage and operate the community centre until October 31, 2024, including:

- Facilitate existing bookings, including but not limited to taking payment, meeting with clients, ensuring activities are in line with statutory provisions and verification is provided (i.e. liquor permit, food handling), and responding to inquiries throughout the contract term
- Maintain the community centre and grounds in good working order for clients and as outlined in Appendix A.3 of the tender package
- Communicate with clients and the public in a professional manner and promote the region's recreational opportunities where possible
- Develop and implement an approved risk management plan as described in Appendix A.4 of the tender package

CARETAKER REQUIREMENTS:

- Carry liability insurance as outlined in subsection A.5 in the tender package
- Carry Worker's Compensation, as required

For complete information on the requirements for the caretaker, please see the tender package at www.brazeau.ab.ca. Please direct inquiries to Colin Loose, Parks & Recreation Supervisor at (780) 542-7777 or by email at cloose@brazeau.ab.ca.

Closing Time April 3, 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.

Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services will be hosting a series of FireSmart™ Public Engagement Workshops during the month of March to prepare the community and residents for the upcoming wildfire season.

Join us at one of our upcoming workshops to learn more about FireSmart™ techniques that residents can use to help protect their property from wildfire, how to prepare for an evacuation, how to build an emergency kit and other important information to help you and your family prepare for an emergency.

Workshops have been scheduled at local community halls throughout the month of March to allow residents to attend the workshop at the location, date or time that works best with their schedule.

Food and refreshments will be provided at each workshop.

For more information, please contact Deputy Fire Chief of Inspections, Investigations & Safety, Kamil Lasek at firetso@draytonvalley.ca

March 5 | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Buck Creek Community Hall

March 7 | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Lindale Community Hall

March 12 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Breton Community Hall

March 14 | 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Drayton Valley MacKenzie Conference Centre

March 19 | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Easyford Community Hall

March 21 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Lodgepole Community Hall



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MEA CULPA

Breton Ag Society's Camo and Bling 2024 was an enormous success. However, the conclusion of the live auction requires clarification. Our "Mystery" lot, a weaner pig, was auctioned off, then donated back and resold numerous times by a guest auctioneer.

Near the end, it was auctioned for \$1400, then gifted to another patron. It was gifted to several other patrons. Each of these patrons was invoiced \$1400 to pass the pig to another patron, until it was kept by a recipient. This is not how things should have happened. The pig should have been regifted, then resold. Our committee has discussed this at length to rectify this error. A decision to apologize to and reimburse funds to the affected individuals has been made.

I accept full responsibility for this communication error in neglecting to properly brief our guest auctioneer in our procedures. I sincerely apologize for any distress or adverse effect caused to our patrons.

In closing, I wish to thank everyone that pulled together to help Camo and Bling 2024 be our most successful to date.

Sincerely,

Mark Raines

Committee chair, Camo and Bling 2024



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Thank you, Team Members!!!

We, the Breton Ag Society, want to extend our sincere gratitude for all of you for stepping up to make Camo and Bling 2024 a great success! This event does not happen without the help of these amazing community members. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to help make the Breton Community great!

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BRAZEAU COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Buck Creek Wildfire After-Action Review

Council received the Buck Creek Wildfire After-Action Review, which was conducted by Transitional Solutions Inc. The review details the aftermath and response to a Type 3+ emergency management event as a result of a Head Fire Intensity Level Six out of control wildfire, formally identified as the Buck Creek Rc005 Wildfire. A Level Six fire is the most extreme category on this rating scale. The review identifies areas of strength, areas that require improvement, and makes recommendations to improve emergency response. The review is available on the Brazeau County website and is easily accessed by searching "Buck Creek wildfire" after clicking on the magnifying glass in the top right corner of the website.

ALUS-1 Guiding Framework Policy

Council approved a revised ALUS-1 Guiding Framework Policy. The proposed policy revisions include updates to the description of ALUS projects, eligibility criteria, and a 20% increase to payments.

Annual payments have been reviewed by the Partnership Advisory Committee annually but have not increased since the program's inception in 2016. The fencing cap for establishment costs was adjusted in February of 2021 and the AMP Grazing rate was added in 2022. The revised annual payment rates will apply to new and renewed participant agreements going forward and are not retro active on existing agreements.

Agreements are for a five-year term, so as existing agreements come up for renewal, they will have the new rates applied accordingly.

The updated description of ALUS projects brings it in line with national wording with the addition of "inefficient to farm" land.

Clarification from ALUS national on the amount of land that can be enrolled is addressed in the Eligibility Criteria section. Specifically, the PAC has the discretion to approve enrollment acreage size of marginal, environmentally sensitive, and inefficient to farm land, based on the merits of the specific project. However, projects on working agricultural lands now have a limit of 20% being eligible to enroll in ALUS, in accordance with ALUS national guidelines.

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BRETON MUSEUM CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

submitted by Allan Goddard, Breton Museum

Another February has passed, with over 115 people gathering at the Breton Faith Covenant Church to celebrate Black History Month this past Sunday. The program opened with greetings from Breton Museum Manager Allan Goddard welcoming everyone. It has now been thirty years since the Breton Museum started celebrating Black History Month and the story of Keystone. Councillor Heather Barrett brought greetings from the Village of Breton, and Faith Covenant Church Pastor Snowy Noble gave an inspirational reading to the audience.

Prior to Thomas "The Voice" Alexander taking the stage, a memorial tribute to the late Vant Hayes was given by Allan Goddard. He spoke about his time working with Vant when various groups or media came to the museum. "Vant was a social person and a natural born storyteller, who seemed at ease speaking to any age group." Allan also spoke about whenever you met Vant he had a smile on his face. A trait, as long as he can remember, Vant and Ethel's daughter Christie Hayes portrays. He then called on Christie Hayes to say a few words on behalf of her father. Christie announced the creation of the Vant Hayes Memorial Scholarship. Two scholarships will be created, one for a student of Breton High School and a second one for high school students attending schools in Brazeau County. While details of the scholarships are still being worked out, they hope to have the scholarships in place for 2025.

It was then time for Thomas "The Voice" Alexander to take to the stage with his three-member band. Thomas talked about his historical connection to the Keystone community through his grandfather Clifton Alexander, but until recently he had known very little about this history. Thomas and his band then launched into an hour long set of soul stirring music, interspersed with anecdotes about his musical career, to the enjoyment of the audience. They ended their set with the song "Stand by Me".

After the performance, people had a chance to visit with others attending the event and enjoy refreshments served by members of the Breton Food Bank.

The Breton Museum extends heartfelt thanks to the Breton Faith Covenant Church for providing the beautiful venue to hold our event. Also, thanks go out to the Breton Food Bank for taking care of preparing and serving the refreshments after the performance. And finally, to all who attended, for your support of the museum and for your generous donations to the Breton Food Bank. Not only does it take a Village to raise a child, but it truly takes a Village to have a community.





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PROVINCE AT THE READY FOR 2024 WILDFIRE SEASON

February 20, 2024, Alberta News

Alberta's government has declared an early start to the 2024 wildfire season, 10 days earlier than usual, and is encouraging Albertans to proactively prepare.

The impacts of the 2023 season showed Albertans the importance of a collective approach to dealing with disaster. Alberta is experiencing warmer than normal temperatures and below average precipitation in many areas of the province, leading to heightened wildfire risk. To better direct resources to new and existing wildfires, Alberta has declared an early start to the 2024 wildfire season.

Declaring the beginning of the 2024 wildfire season provides additional measures to Alberta Wildfire, including the use of the fire ban and restriction system to help reduce human-caused wildfires in response to hazardous conditions. Furthermore, any Albertan who has burning planned in the Forest Protection Area will require a permit.

"Alberta's government will face the coming wildfire season head on, and we will do whatever is necessary to help Albertans and their communities stay safe from the impacts of wildfire. I want to encourage Albertans to remain vigilant and recreate responsibly." Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

In addition to the early declaration, Forestry and Parks is preparing for additional firefighters. If passed, Budget 2024 will include funding to hire 100 new firefighters, which will result in five additional 20-person crews. These additional firefighters would be a critical addition to the Alberta Wildfire team.

"Wildfire prevention is a responsibility shared by all Albertans. I encourage everyone to follow FireSmart principles, to recreate responsibly while in or near forested areas, to obtain a fire permit prior to burning and to download the Alberta Wildfire app for up-to-date and accurate information." Bernie Schmitte, executive director, Alberta Wildfire

As the province has entered the 2024 wildfire season, Alberta's government encourages all Albertans to become familiar with FireSmart principles and to take an active role in wildfire prevention and mitigation by preparing their properties and communities accordingly.

Albertans are urged to exercise extreme caution in forested areas and to avoid burning under warm, dry and windy conditions. It is also crucial that Albertans remain up to date on fire bans and restrictions in their areas to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires, which represented more than 60 per cent of wildfires this past season.

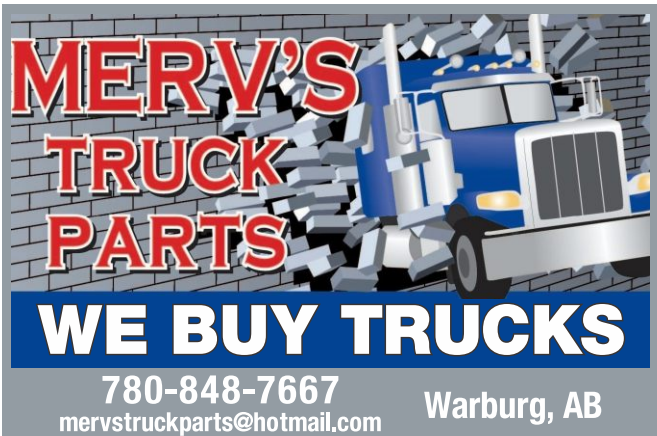
Alberta's government continues working hard to enhance wildfire prevention, preparedness, response

and mitigation tactics. Alberta will employ enhanced nighttime wildfire operations, including ground suppression efforts and using night-vision equipped helicopters and nighttime heli-tanking.

Quick facts

The seven disciplines of the FireSmart program include:

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Village of Breton Bylaw 24-02 Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw

The Village of Breton motioned to update the Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw at the February 21, 2024 Special Council Meeting. The Bylaw in its entirety is on the village web page at www.breton.ca. Portions of the bylaw read as.

Section 3. Definitions

3. i) "OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE" means any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice or marsh or swamp land or on other natural terrain and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes, when specifically designed for such travel:

- (i) 4-wheel drive vehicles
- (ii) low pressure tire vehicles
- (iii) motorcycles and related 2-wheel vehicles
- (iv) amphibious machines
- (v) all-terrain vehicles
- (vi) miniature motor vehicles
- (vii) snow vehicles, minibikes

3. j) "OPERATOR" means a person who drives or is in actual physical control of the off-highway vehicle and who is the holder of a valid subsisting operator's license:

k) "OPERATOR'S LICENCE" OR "DRIVER'S LICENCE" means an operator's license or a driver's license that is issued under the Act and includes a document or information and other data contained in an electronic form that is recognized under the Act as an operator's license or a driver's license.

Section 4. Rules for the Operation of Vehicles

4.2 All off-highway vehicles travelling on the roadway shall be equipped with at least one (1) taillight that must be alit always.

4.8 No person shall operate an off-highway vehicle unless the off-highway vehicle is equipped with an exhaust muffler that complies with the following:

a) An exhaust muffler must cool and expel the exhaust gases from the engine without excessive noise and without producing flames or sparks.

4.12 Operators of off-highway vehicles on VILLAGE of Breton roadways shall travel on the extreme right-hand portion of the travelling surface of the road or ditch and shall travel single file always.

Section 5. Licensing, Registration, and Insurance

5.1 No person shall drive an Off-Highway Vehicle on any portion of a highway within the municipal boundaries of the VILLAGE unless:

a) They are a holder of a valid operator's license or learner's permit and are abiding by the rules of that license or permit as the provisions of the Act.

5.3 No person under the age of fourteen (14) years shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle in a public place.

Section 6. Designated Areas & Speed

6.3 Notwithstanding Subsection 9.3, no person may operate an off-highway vehicle at a speed in excess of twenty (20) kilometers per hour on any portion of the VILLAGE of Breton where such vehicles are permitted to operate.

Notice of Public Hearing

Bylaw No. 24-02 Proposed Amendment to Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw No. 05-01

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to grant the ability to operate off road vehicles in the Village of Breton. (Bylaw No. 24-02)

Anyone wishing to file comments or concerns respecting Bylaw No. 24-02 shall submit their comments or concerns in writing no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024

Mail to:

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Date of Public Hearing Meeting: Tuesday March 19, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Village Office Council Chambers

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

On February 20, County Council passed two readings for Bylaw 1173-24. The purpose of the bylaw was to give a tax holiday for certain new construction. The decision as to what and who qualified for these tax reductions was to be decided totally by the CaO.

Two questions here: Why are they considering a tax reduction when we have already spent \$35+ millions more than revenues and depleted most if not all reserves to minimum? This action (reserves reduction) forced council to raise the hours on equipment use with a resulting increase in maintenance and repair as well as a reduced return upon trade ins. This is good for the County?

Why is the CAO the one to determine eligibility for tax holiday inclusion? The minutes are (as usual) devoid of explanation—transparency? Since the “Buck stops with Council,” the CAO has no role here!

If councillors feel they cannot carry out their responsibilities (by passing on responsibility to the CAO), perhaps it's time for them to resign.

Another issue: What has the money the county has spent on promoting the “Economic Corridor” returned to the county? So far, it seems the only thing we have is a bunch of garbage dumps for the rest of the province. NOTE: The “dump” near Breton has doubled in size, there is Secure dump on Highway 22, there is a new one near Lodgepole called Recover, and we were close to having “Fiscal Energy” go on county land, and the facility at Cynthia takes hazardous garbage from British Columbia.

Why do we accept hazardous waste from BC? Should they not look after their own hazardous waste? Why are we risking our air and water for their benefit?

It appears the “Economic corridor” project is a joke—Cancel it!

Lynn Oberle
 Brazeau County
 February 24, 2024

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Village Office & CE Media Signs & Promotional Thorsby.

**Pick up our FREE "Community
Connections" booklet**

at the Breton Village Office, Brazeau County Office, CE Media
Thorsby, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby
Arctic Spas Rec Complex and the Warburg Village Office
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**You will find information on our local communities including
maps, contacts, rental facilities, community groups and
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BRETON



\$229,000

4.5 acre, older 2 bed 1 bath mobile home, 16x24 barn. New pressure system & pump, boot room, metal roof, skirting in 2023,



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

DRAYTON VALLEY



\$1,200,000

2 Acs. 5,160 sq ft industrial bldg.
2 drive thru bays, 3rd bay (not
drive thru), 100' drive thru wash
bay, offices. Chain link fence.

DRAYTON VALLEY



\$2,900,000

2 storey office bldg, full basement, 3 bay heated garage. Reception
area, multiple offices, boardrm w/ kitchenette, executive offices,
crew room w/kitchenette, bathrooms w/showers, storage.

BUCK LAKE



\$345,000

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

BUCK LAKE



\$165,000

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

BATTLE LAKE



\$325,000

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

BRETON



\$685,000

159.02 ARCE FARM

Pasture land, spring fed pond, cross fenced. Charming, modern
1520 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom manufactured home situated
in picturesque setting of trees. Built in 2011, the home features a
kitchen island with a raised breakfast bar, a spacious living room, primary bedroom w/ 4 piece ensuite
bathroom with a jetted tub, two more bedrooms, main bathroom. The back entry leads to covered deck
with a hot tub new in 2022. The main entry is complemented an open deck & a cozy enclosed porch with
a wood stove and storage room. The property also includes a 50x50 heated workshop with a concrete
floor (formerly a dairy section), two livestock shelters in the corrals, 2 Ritchie stock waterers.



WINFIELD



\$949,000

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

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& land rent. On Hwy 22. short
distance to Drayton Valley
\$6,500,000

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