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EPIDEMIC OF ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Submitted by Jennifer Olson-Ross , Family Wellness Worker CYC, BA (Psych.)

"Remember the man in the big white van? These days, stranger danger is online. The man (or woman) is navigating the same online platforms kids are on—the big white van is their phone, computer or gaming device. Regardless of the tactics used to interact and lure online, the individuals targeting youth are criminals. Remember—it's never the child's fault for being sexually exploited online" ALERT (Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team, Internet Child Exploitation Unit)

What is Online Child Sexual Exploitation?

There have always been people who prey on vulnerable children and youth. But now, the internet can help them do it anonymously and from a distance. Online child sexual exploitation is when children are tricked into seeing or participating in online encounters of a sexual nature. Online child sexual exploitation is a growing problem across Canada, and parents need to be aware of what it is, how to protect children from it, and how to teach them to recognize potential risks and stay safe online.(Gov. Canada Presentation: Online Child Sexual Exploitation) What we are specifically talking about is predators just waiting online for children with the intent of luring, coercing, grooming or capping them for the purposes of pornography, sextortion and/or trafficking.

How big of a problem is it?

More than 80% of child sex crimes start on social media.

There are as many as <u>five million</u> predators on the internet and at any given time, about 500,000 actively pursuing children and youth -Culture Reframed-

In the last 10 years we have seen a <u>616% increase</u> in online child sexual exploitation (Not in My City).

Internet Watch Foundation found that <u>Canada is 3rd in</u> <u>the world</u> for hosting internet-based child pornography (Central Alberta Child Advocacy Centre).

The Canadian Centre of Child Protection operates to assist with any internet-based sex crimes involving children and facilitates www.cybertip.ca and processes over 100,000 reports every month, and reports that:

- 4.3 Million child sexual exploitation reports
 processed by www.cybertip.ca from 2014–2020 in
 Canada
- 88% Increase in sextortion and other online exploitation reports to www.cybertip.ca since the pandemic began
- 39% of luring attempts reported to www.cybertip.ca in the last 2 years involved victims 13 or under
- 1 in 3 luring attempts reported to www.cybertip.ca happened on Instagram, Snapchat or KIK Messenger (34%) (Government of Canada Infographic Online Child Sexual Exploitation)

Specifically In Alberta: The ALERT ICE (Internet Child Exploitation) unit reports that they have processed over 17,829,592 photos/videos of child sex abuse materials since April 2018 and seized an average of 1,574 computers a year during child sexual exploitation forensic investigations in Alberta.

More information, stories & statistics inside...

SCHOOL'S OUT!

Breton Museum Facebook - June 29, 2024

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Sudoku Answers from June 26 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 × 3 subgrids.



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<u>July 4, 11 & 25</u> - Golden Spur Gymkhana 2024 in Breton. Gates Open 5pm, starts at 6:30pm. For more info email goldenspurgymkhana@gmail.com

<u>July 6</u> - Poker Run/Travelling Car Show from 1-4pm. Sunnybrook, Warburg, Breton, Sandholm & Thorsby. Beer Gardens Sunnybrook Hall 2-8pm. Register at any of the stops.

<u>July 7 -</u> **Divine Liturgy** on Sunday at St. John The Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Thorsby at 11:30 a.m. For further information, contact Dan at 780 789-3698

<u>July 8 - 12</u> - 2024 Summer Bible Blast at the Warburg Alliance Church from 9 - 11:30am. 5yrs to grade 6. FREE. To register call Elaine at 403-318-7049.

<u>July 11</u> - Seniors Concert at Strawberry Community Hall from 9-11am. Coffee, treats & performance from Kim Gates Music. In partnership with Leduc County

<u>July 19</u> - Outdoor Summer Concert at the Warburg Community Park from 7-10pm

<u>July 15 -19</u> - Bus to Swim 2024 for youth ages 5+ at Drayton Valley Pool. Register at FCSS Breton <u>fcss@breton.ca</u> or FCSS Warburg <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

<u>July 28</u> - Pancake Breakfast at Sandholm Hall (corner 616X & Hwy 778) from 8am -11am. For more info call 780-389-2381

<u>August 15</u> - Golden Spur Gymkhana Finals - Gates open at 3:00pm and Gymkhana starts at 5:30pm. For any questions or information email <u>goldenspurgymkhana@gmail.com</u>

<u>August 17-19</u> – Festivus of Gravel – Gravel Cycling in Thorsby, www.stiedacycling.com/festivusofgravel

<u>August 18</u> - Pancake Breakfast at Sandholm Hall (corner 616X & Hwy 778) from 8am -11am. For more info call 780-389-2381

<u>August 23</u> - Outdoor Summer Concert at the Warburg Community Park from 7-10pm. Featuring Gregory Baldwin

<u>August 24</u> - Thorsby's Car & Truck Show n Shine hosted by Lone Wolf Mechanical. 10am - 5pm. Featuring Mega Trucks, Car Crushing and Tug a War.

<u>August 24</u> - PBR Buckin at the Brook Bull Riding at Sunnybrook Hotel / Hwy 39. To sponsor event or for more information email sunnybrookwhf@gmail.com

<u>August 25</u> - Lemonade Stand Day. Ethen Sweet will be selling lemonade at Sandholm Store for the Stollery Children's

Hospital Foundation. Charitable receipts available.

<u>August 31</u> - 47th Annual Lakedell Fair. Rain or Shine 7am - 4pm events throughout the day! Thursday, Friday and Sunday events scheduled as well. <u>www.lakedell.org</u>.

<u>September 6, 7, 8</u> - Carnival coming to Thorsby. More details to follow. Hosted by the Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce.

<u>September 7</u> - Spirit of Thorsby / Thor Statue Reveal hosted by the Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce. More details to follow.

<u>September 21</u> - Gun Show at the Warburg Community Hall. 10am to 4pm. Tables \$25, Admission \$5. Call Darryl at 780-983-4669 or Charlie at 780-898-4147

<u>September 24</u> - Community Information Night, Celebrate Breton & Chili Cook Off at the Breton Community Hall. Register with Breton FCSS 780-696-3636 or ress@breton.ca.

<u>October 19</u> - Genesee Pumpkin Festival hosted by the Genesee Ag Society. Enter your prize pumpkin, sunflower, vegetable or baking. Contact Joanne 780-940-7229

October 19 - Harvest Fest at Strawberry Hall - a family friendly fun filled afternoon with games, supper and dance - phone 780-789-2446 for supper and dance tickets

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Qualified candidates are asked to submit their cover letter and resume by 12:00 noon, Monday, July 15, 2024 to:

Barb Wolter, Executive Assistant Email bwolter@county10.ca or submit online





PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

(Breton &Surrounding Areas)

**Please note - all events are subject to change - <u>some activities</u>

are not running during the summer but have not notified us.

Please email us at <u>media@community39.com</u> if we have
incorrect information.

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

<u>CHILDREN'S GYM TIME</u> - 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

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FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

BRETON SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Registration online at www.forms.gle/oEufXUbdvSXKQg4c6 or in person at the Village of Breton Office. There is also an online catalog with all the information on this year's programs at www.simplebooklet.com/summerprogramcatalog

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

<u>WELCOME TO BRETON</u> - We want to help newcomers feel welcome by giving you a package of promotional and informational items from local businesses and community organizations. We look forward to meeting you! Call or text: Diane - 780-514-4273

MEMORIAL PLAQUE - Anyone wanting to put their loved ones name on the memorial plaque at the Breton Cemetery can contact Diane with the Breton Royal Purple Elks at 780-514-4273 for more information.

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1957 Chev Bel Air

- Wayne Johnson of Penticton

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- Jim & Carol Ada of Sylvan Lake

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- Ellie Harkness of Winfield

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- Kevin Trembley of Winfield

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- Dan Kison Breton

1980 Chev Silverado

- Wes Medwed of Drayton Valley

1930 Ford Model A

- Cliff & Heather Andersen of Rocky Mountain House

Participant's Choice

1970 Dodge Charger

- Holly & Stan Palm of Bentley

Thank you to all the people who volunteered their time to make the show a success.





FCSS NEWS

from Deanne Young

780.696.3636

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

Busing to Aquacise or Walmart in Drayton Valley - Monday Mornings - WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Summer Youth Program

Registration is open for our Summer Youth Program. We are accepting registrations online at www.//forms.gle/oEufXUbdvSXKQg4c6 or in person at the Village of Breton Office. There is also an online catalog with all the information on this year's programs at www.simplebooklet.com/summerprogramcatalog

We have some of our favorite days coming back and some new and exciting days as well. We hope you will join us. Register soon as some program dates are full or nearly full.

Here are the first few activities -

<u>July 9 - Swimming</u> - Drayton Valley - Meet at the Civic Centre at 12:30 returns at 3:00. Pre-register

<u>July 10 - Tile Painting</u> - Community Centre - Paint a tile that will be placed in a mural somewhere in Canada

<u>July 11 - Craft Time</u> - Civic Centre - Drop in for a variety of crafts. Older kids will do tie dye projects in the afternoon

<u>July 15 - Park Play</u> - Breton Parks - Join the Family Resource Network for crafts and games . Kids 0 - 6.

<u>July 16 - Escape Room</u> - Community Centre - 2 different Escape Rooms. One for ages 5 - 8 the other 9 - 13

<u>July 17 - Outdoor Survival</u> - Community Centre - Join the staff from Eagle Point to learn outdoor survival skills. Pre-register by July 10 . Waiver must be signed

<u>July 18 - Adventure Day</u> - Community Centre - Games, Minute to Win It, Mini Golf - Relay races

For a complete listing of summer program activities, please check out the online catalog.

Program Fee Assistance - The Breton Agricultural Society has generously donated to our program this year and would like to cover program registration fees for those that are in need. Please indicate on your registration form if you would like to be considered for this. All applicants will remain confidential. This information will not be shared by FCSS to anyone - including the Breton Ag Society. For more information, please contact Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636 or fcss@breton.ca

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

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Summer Staff - We are excited to welcome Maddy Sutherland, Avery Matthews, Mackenzie Johnson and Maddie Johnson to our team for the summer youth program. These girls are excited to meet you and hang out together this summer. We will introduce them more to you in the weeks ahead.

Bus to Swim - Summer 2024 - July 15-19 - 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 for one week+ swimming lessons \$55 = \$96 total. Bus to Swim is for youth ages 5+. 4 parent volunteers (must be attending all week) for the bus to swim are needed. If you sign up to volunteer, we will give you \$20 off one child's registration for helping us out.

You can register online at

<u>www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenD8cs0V</u> <u>mrtMlllqbqZlqfBZwFzjM7-ly_ApU-</u>

<u>DtHBkAmc2g/viewform</u> or at either the Warburg FCSS office - Shauna (780-848-2828) or <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u> or Breton FCSS office - Deanne (780-696-3636) or <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>.

Confirmation of registration is made upon payment. Please send all E-transfers to office@warburg.ca or pay at either Village office.

Community Information Night - Celebrate Breton & Chili Cook Off - Tuesday September

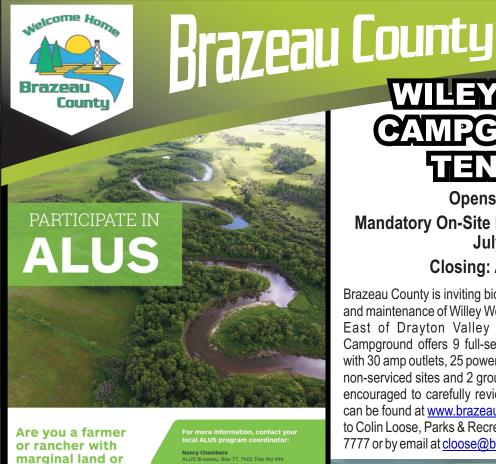
24 2024. This will be a time for community members to plan their fall activities, volunteer commitments and know of all the services available in and around our community, along with learning about the great businesses we have in our area. Breton FCSS will be coordinating this evening. We are adding a twist to this year's event and inviting any groups/businesses that would like to be a part of a Chili Cook Off. The Cook

Off is organized by the Breton Ag Society. Save the date. More details will follow.

This evening is designed to do the following:

- To give your agency / organization the opportunity to let the community know who you are and what services and/or purpose you give to the community and surrounding area.
- If you hold a registration night for your group this could be done at the same time.
- If your agency is in need of recruiting new members or volunteers this would be a time for community members to see what groups are operating and decide where they would like to commit some of their time.
- * Promote your business or services that you provide to the area. Use it for staff recruitment.

More details coming soon. We look forward to showcasing all of the great businesses, groups and opportunities that evening along with the Cook Off being judged by the community members attending.



Opens: July 2

Mandatory On-Site Meeting for Bidders:

July 17

Closing: August 15

Brazeau County is inviting bids for the contracted operation and maintenance of Willey West Campground, located 6 km East of Drayton Valley along Highway #22. The Campground offers 9 full-service sites, 64 powered sites with 30 amp outlets, 25 powered sites with 15 amp outlets, 2 non-serviced sites and 2 group sites. Interested parties are encouraged to carefully review the tender package which can be found 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

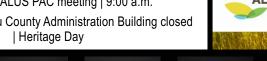
July 9 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 11:00 a.m.

July 17 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9:00 a.m. August 1 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m.

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by Jennifer Olson-Ross - continued....

Help keep your kids safer online -Learn the dangers

1 > Grooming

Grooming is when someone builds trust with a child, and sometimes the adults around them (including parents), to gain access to and control the child by normalizing certain behaviours and expectations.

A groomer might use the following tactics

- Approach your child online by pretending to be someone they are not – may falsely identify themselves as a person from school, or someone their age, to build a connection
- Talk about the child's friends or interests, give gifts and compliments
- Make promises of a better life, a loving relationship, or future gifts, money, drugs or alcohol
- Cause division saying "your parents are too strict" or "your parents don't understand you"
- Normalize sexual behaviours by showing the child sexual images or videos
- Sexualize the relationship by sending or asking for your child to record and send sexual images or videos
- May threaten or pressure your child to do what they ask, which could lead to sextortion
- May ask to meet your child in person



2 > Sexting and Sextortion

Sexting is when your child creates, sends or shares sexual messages, images or videos with friends, people they know or even strangers online. Older kids may think it is harmless, especially with someone they know or like, but once an image is sent, it is out of their control and it can end up hurting them or someone else.

Sextortion is a type of blackmail where someone threatens to send a sexual image or video of your child to friends, family or other people if they don't provide more sexual content, pay them or do what they ask.

www.cybertip.ca receives an average of 10 SEXTORTION reports per day.

Typically, boys are extorted for MONEY.
Girls are extorted for MORE IMAGES.

When genders were known, 90% OF SEXTORTION VICTIMS have been male.

Sextortion demands for money often come from international organized CRIMINAL NETWORKS.

79% OF SEXTORTION incidents occurred on Instagram or Snapchat (Canadian Center of Child Protection)

NEW BRUNSWICK MOTHER SPEAKS OUT ABOUT SON'S DEATH LINKED TO SEXTORTION

Son was a happy 16-year-old until he was targeted on Snapchat, says Stéphanie Thériault....see full story at **CBC News** (Posted: February 15, 2024)

GRIEVING B.C. PARENTS WARN OF 'PREDATORS' AFTER SEXTORTION SUICIDE OF SON, AGED 12

Prince George RCMP are alerting parents and caregivers to the dangers of sextortion after determining that a 12-year-old boy killed himself after being blackmailed online....see full story at **The Canadian Press** (Published: November 27, 2023)

3> Capping



Capping is when someone, typically an adult, records or screenshots youth they target on various video streaming platforms or applications getting naked or engaging in sexual activities — often without the victim knowing they are recording the video chat. They may share this video with others, or use it to sextort their victim.

A capper might use the following tactics

- Approach your child by pretending to be someone they are not — often someone around your child's age
- Take your child to a private chat or less secure platform to video chat
- Often use video clips and specialized software to make a convincing "bait video" to trick your child into having a conversation with them
- Trick or coerce your child into taking off their clothes or engaging in sexual activities on camera, sometimes by promising to do the same
- Capture the video cappers can be so fast that kids don't even know it has happened to them

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4> Exposure to sexually explicit material



In this context, "sexual images and videos", refer to unwanted pornography or other sexual videos and images (not user-generated content of underage youth). It can be of real people, cartoon or computer generated. Youth might see it in an online ad, accidentally come across it in their internet searches, or be shown it by one of their friends (Government of Canada Presentation:Online Child Sexual Exploitation).

Everywhere kids are, so is mainstream, violent porn

A Canadian study done with 470 adolescents reported that 98% of them had been exposed to pornography; the average age of first exposure was around 12 years, and one-third were exposed as young as by the age of 10. One in five youth experience unwanted online exposure to sexually explicit material and one in nine youth experience online sexual solicitation. (Alberta Health Services Fact Sheet: Child and Youth Problematic Online Pornography).

<u>Hardcore</u>, <u>explicit porn is widely available</u>. It can be easily accessed from any device with an internet connection including phones, tablets, game consoles, and even e-readers.

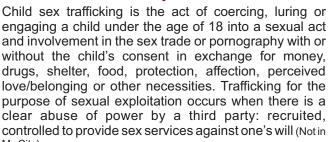
Much of pornography is misleading, degrading, and objectifying. That's a dangerous trifecta that shapes kids' perception of consent, sexual violence, gender equality, sexuality, and intimate relationships at an extremely young age and without any context.

<u>Porn sites get more monthly visitors</u> than Netflix, Amazon, and Twitter combined

44% of males ages 11–16 who saw hardcore porn said it gave them ideas about the type of sex they wanted to try

88% of porn scenes contain sexual violence against women (Culture Reframed).

5> Child Sex Trafficking



Human Trafficking is THE fastest growing crime in Canada (Not in My City).

Many traffickers prey on victims who are looking for the promise of a better life, a job opportunity or a romantic relationship. Sex traffickers approach potential victims in

a variety of ways, including pretending to be a potential boyfriend or friend, contacting them via social media, posting newspaper or Internet ads for jobs and opportunities, or even threatening or kidnapping them. Often, false promises will be made to the victims about money, new clothes, work or education opportunities, financial aid for their family, etc.

Increasingly, traffickers are turning to online message boards, social media websites, private messaging chat apps, shopping centers, and other public places to recruit victims. Traffickers often connect with children online and begin the process of grooming and luring. They look for vulnerabilities or holes in a young person's life and try to fill them. (The Centre to End Human Trafficking).

OREGON MAN FACING FEDERAL CHARGES IN ALLEGED ABDUCTION, ABUSE OF 13-YEAR-OLD EDMONTON GIRL

An indictment was unsealed in U.S. federal court Monday, charging 41-year-old Noah Madrano from Gladstone, Oregon, with abducting and sexually abusing a Canadian child he allegedly met online....see full story at **Global News** (Posted: October 31, 2022)

FOUR TEENS RESCUED FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Four teens have been rescued following an ALERT Human Trafficking investigation in Edmonton. Two men and a 17-year-old face a total of 48 charges..."These youths met their perpetrators over social media and were lured and groomed into working in the sex industry. As is often the case, there are a bunch of false promises of money, relationships, gifts, but those never seem to materialize and these survivors endure tremendous hardship," said Staff Sgt. Chris Hayes, ALERT Human Trafficking....see full story at **Central Alberta Online** (Posted: November 30, 2023)

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Enjoy your summer!

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What Parents and Caregivers Can Do

Based on recommendations from Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrician at Yale University, Dr. Justin Rowberry from Defend Young Minds

- 1. Set Boundaries -It is absolutely critical for your child's safety and mental health. Do not allow unlimited, unsupervised use. If you as a parent or caregiver have allowed unlimited digital use but now want to reduce access and don't know how to make that change, you can find solutions by viewing the free video series on reducing digital overuse at: www.defendyoungminds.com/post/new-video-series-digital-overuse-solutions-expert-pediatrician *If there is ever a time while decreasing digital media overuse that your child exhibits thoughts of harming themselves or others, seek professional help immediately.
- 2. Have a Training Focus Start children with a text/call only phone. Then gradually allow adding an app. As the child demonstrates capacity * still have time limits on it
- 3. Have Freedom from Technology Time Use Auto shut offs, especially at night
- 4. Have a No Screens in Bedrooms Rule Especially at night, this has been shown to be the is the most important thing a parent can do to protect their children
- 5. Free time on Technology must be EARNED Teach children to complete their responsibilities (such as chores, homework, etc.) first
- 6. Be a Good Role Model Place restrictions on your own phone and let them see you do it. Practice good digital etiquette by not being on your phone during conversations and family mealtime. Turn off social media notifications and have a place for your phone to be set down, don't carry it around with you at all times.
- 7. Wait until Eight Do not allow social media access until your teen has demonstrated the ability to deal with the violent pornography, unrealistic pictures, predation and hostility that they will inevitably find online. Developmentally, this is normally at or around grade eight. Studies show limiting social media to ½ hr/day is important to protect their mental health once you decide to allow it.
- 8. Talk to your kids Let them know you are available for them to talk to, tell them they can always come to

- you or another safe adult if they have made a mistake. Talk to them about online safety, privacy, establishing boundaries, healthy relationships, and consent
- 9. Tell them about resources like www.cybertip.ca and www.kidshelpphone.ca in case they are worried and do not want to come to you.

Additional Resources For Parents

- Common Sense Media- Media recommendations and advice for families
- Protect Young Eyes- Resources to create safer digital spaces for kids
- Defend Young Minds- Educational resources for parents and professionals
- Social Awakening- Digital Wellbeing guidelines and educational resources
- 5. "Like", "The Social Dilemma" and "Childhood 2.0"-Excellent documentaries to watch with your teens (recommend parents view first to decide if it is appropriate for your child's age and maturity level).

If you want to get involved and help make the online world a safer place for children, I encourage you to visit The Canadian Center of Child Protection Website at: www.protectchildren.ca/en/get-involved/demand-change/





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Press Release - June 18, 2024

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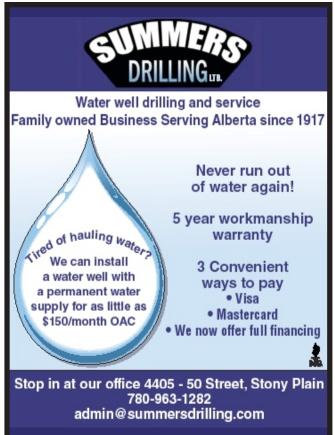


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Cst. J. Conway, Thorsby/Breton RCMP Detachment

Total Calls for Service	338
Suspicious Persons/ Vehicle	16
Collisions	20
Vehicle Theft	6
Fraud	3
Break and Enter	10
Assault	8
Impaired	2
Recovered Vehicles	10
Missing Person	4

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS:

Breton RCMP investigate fatal collision

Alder Flats, Alta. – On June 25, 2024, at approximately 2:14 p.m., Breton RCMP received a report of a serious collision involving a Dodge RAM truck and a Ford Ranger at the intersection of Highway 13 and Highway 22 in Wetaskiwin County, Alta.

Breton RCMP attended and Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services were already on scene. The 87-year-old female driver of the Ford Ranger was pronounced deceased at the scene. The 36-year-old male driver of the Dodge RAM was uninjured.

Although the collision is still under investigation, Breton RCMP's preliminary investigation indicates the RAM was heading northbound on Highway 22 when it collided with the Ford Ranger that entered the intersection.

Alberta RCMP wish to extend our condolences to the loved ones of the deceased.

Mulhurst, Alta. - On June 8, 2024, Thorsby RCMP received a report of a female in distress.

Members canvassed the area and located a female (38), resident of Mulhurst Bay, with multiple injuries. Further investigation lead to the arrest of the aggressor.

As a result of this investigation, Veronica Bannert (52), a resident of Mulhurst Bay, has been charged with the following:

· Assault Causing Bodily Harm

Bannert is scheduled to appear in Breton Provincial Court on July 10, 2024.

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