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Sudoku Answers from August 28 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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A detailed position description can be found on our website <a href="https://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/jobs.aspx">www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/jobs.aspx</a>.

Qualified candidates are asked to submit their cover letter and resume by 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 10, 2024 to

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# **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

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<u>September 6, 7, 8</u> - Wild Rose Fair coming to Thorsby. Friday from 3-11pm, Saturday from noon - 11pm, Sunday from noon - 5pm. All day wristbands only \$40. 4814 - 50 Ave. Hosted by the Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce.

<u>September 7</u> - Spirit of Thorsby / Thor Statue Reveal from 4-8pm, downtown Thorsby. Ceremony at 6pm. Community market, beer gardens, dunk tank & more. Hosted by the Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce.

<u>September 8</u> - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Center 1 till 4. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

<u>September 11</u> - Tai Chi begins at the Warburg Community Hall on Wednesdays from 10 to 11am, \$2. 780-848-2841 or <u>office@warburg.ca</u>

<u>September 12</u> - Warburg Community Awareness Night in Warburg School west parking lot 4:30-7pm. Email <u>office@warburg.ca</u> or call 780-848-2841

<u>September 14</u> - 90s Neon, Name that Tune & Karaoke hosted by the Winfield Ag Society. Doors open at 6pm. Games start at 7pm.

<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 21</u> - Musicians Saskia Delaronde and Nathan Tinkham at the Thorsby Community Centre. Supper and concert tickets available from Marlene at 780-217-9394

<u>September 21</u> - Community Garage Sale 10-5pm, \$10/table at Sunnybrook Community Hall, BBQ hosted by the hall, Email <u>sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com</u> to register.

<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 <a href="mailto:ress@breton.ca">ress@breton.ca</a>

<u>September 28</u> - Autumn Supper at Centre Lodge from 6-8pm.Located TWP RD 482E between RR10 & 11 on South Side. Tickets \$20 each, \$15 for under 12 and 3 & under Free.

<u>October 4</u> - George Canyon is at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at <a href="https://www.ticketpro.ca">www.ticketpro.ca</a>,1-888-655-9090 & Value Drug Mart.

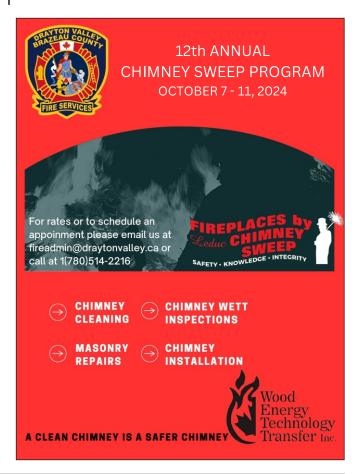
October 6 - Gospel Jam from 2-4pm at the New Life Christian Fellowship Church. Everyone Welcome. First Sunday of each month there after.

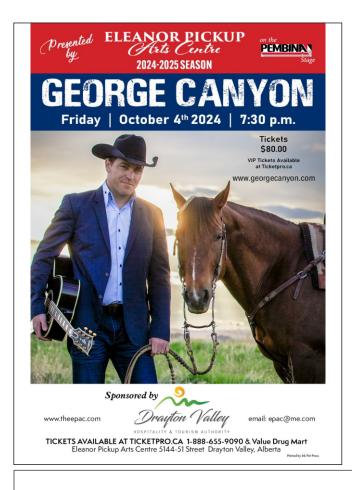
October 19 - Genesee Pumpkin Festival hosted by the Genesee Ag Society. Enter your prize pumpkin, sunflower, vegetable or baking. Contact Joanne 780-940-7229

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

October 26 - Oktoberfest at the Thorsby Community Centre. German Supper and music by Alberta's Polka King, Jordan Rody. Advance tickets available from Marlene 780-217-9394.

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# **PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS**

(Breton & Surrounding Areas)

\*\*Please note - all events are subject to change. Please email us at <a href="mailto:media@community39.com">media@community39.com</a> if we have incorrect information.

### **MONDAYS**

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

### **TUESDAYS**

CHILDREN'S GYM TIME - FREE Drop in for 0-6 years old from 10am -11:30am at the Breton Faith Covenant Church. Hosted by Brighter Futures. 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. Contact Christa at 780-514-5640 or online www.yourintrinsicelement.com/copy-of-services

### **WEDNESDAYS**

**BRETON BOOK CLUB** meets at the Library the second Wednesday of the month at 1pm from September until June. All readers are welcome to join the conversation!

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM at the Breton Golf Course every Wednesday (weather permitting). Call 780-696-3531 or message Breton Golf Course Facebook page.

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

### **THURSDAYS**

**LOW IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS** at the Buck Lake Seniors Centre from 11am - 12pm. Starting September 19. Drop in \$2. Call Erin at 780-352-3321 for more info.

### **FRIDAYS**

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

FREE FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT at the Alder Flats Western Pioneers Seniors Centre at 7pm on Fridays. October 18 - December 20. Book at 780-388-3793 or 780-542-0057

## **SATURDAYS**

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

# **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.

TABS FOR TOTS - The Breton Elks collect the tabs off beverage cans and other recyclable metals. This is sold for scrap and the funds help local hospitals. To donate your tabs or other recyclable metals please call 780-696-3800

**TENT RENTALS** - the Breton Elks have 3-20x20 and 1-20x40 tents for rent. Contact Darren Scott at 780-696-3800.

# COMMUNITYGROUPS&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 <a href="mailto:dwaymon@telus.net">dwaymon@telus.net</a>

BRETON ROYAL PURPLE ELKS NO. 285 - the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Community Hall (except July & August) 780-514-4273 or <a href="mailto:bretonrp285@gmail.com">bretonrp285@gmail.com</a>

### WEDNESDAYS

**BBRETON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD** - Meetings are typically the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm (none July & August) 780-696-3740 or <a href="mailto:pretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca">pretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca</a>

**BUCK CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** - Meetings at the hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. 780-542-6604 or <a href="mailto:buckcreekhall@gmail.com">buckcreekhall@gmail.com</a>

### **THURSDAYS**

<u>BRETON AG SOCIETY</u> - Meets the second Thursday of every month (except July & August) at 7pm at the Community Centre. 780-202-0140 or <u>bretonagsociety@gmail.com</u>

<u>BRETON ELKS 402</u> - at 7:30pm every 3rd Thursday of the month (except July & August) at the Community Centre. 780-898-3557 or <u>bretonelks402@gmail.com</u>

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September 5 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9:00am September 10 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 11:00am

September 17 | Council meeting | 9:00am **September 18** | Agriculture Service Board meeting | 9:00am September 30 | Brazeau County Administration Building Closed | National Day of Truth



# **IMPORTANT DATES**



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# **FCSS NEWS**

from Deanne Young

780.696.3636

Please feel welcome to contact me at <a href="mailto:fcss@breton.ca">fcss@breton.ca</a>
or 780-696-3636. Our office hours are Monday to
Thursday 8:30am - 4pm.

# **Home Alone Program**

Saturday September 14 - Join us for our in-person Home Alone Course. The Home Alone Program is designed to provide children 8 - 11 years of age and older with the necessary skills and knowledge to be safe and responsible when home alone for short periods of time. It will help them understand how to prevent problems, handle real-life situations, and keep them safe and constructively occupied.

9:30 - 11:00 - FULL

12:30 - 3:00 - a few spots remaining

Topics covered:

\*Routines / \*Keys & locks / \*Strangers / \*Emergencies /

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Pre-registration required at www.forms.gle/5z9e6RbbYiKTbPkk6 or fcss@breton.ca

# Community Information Night - Celebrate Breton & Chili Cook Off - Tuesday September 24

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.

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.

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 will be organized by the Breton Agricultural Society.

# **Breton Community Chili Cook Off**

- \* All entries must be pre-assembled, cooked and kept in a slow cooker, hot and ready to serve. We encourage a variety - meatless, spicy, white, or surprise ingredient. Please have a list of ingredients displayed (for food allergies)
- \* All ingredients must come from approved food sources, so it's absolutely safe for public consumption (No roadkill)!
- \* Each team is responsible for all cooking utensils, extension cords, power bar, set up and clean up. Please keep chili tightly covered when not serving. Any remaining chili must be taken home by the group entering.
- \* You may provide additional items to accompany your chili (ie cheese, tortilla chips, sour cream).
- \* Bowls, and spoons will be provided. Additional meal items such as veggie tray, dessert and refreshments will be provided by the Breton Agricultural Society and Breton FCSS.
- \* Teams are encouraged, urged and otherwise motivated to decorate their area and themselves. This will encourage residents (judges) to visit your booth and learn about your organization / business. You will be given a 6ft table for your organization's information for the information night and a second table for your chili entry display.
- \* Each contestant will be assigned a contestant number. Serving will be from 4:30 7:00 pm
- \* Judges will be the citizens that visit and sample your chili. The public will each be given 3 tickets to vote for their favorite chili. The team with the most tickets wins. It's up to you to entice them to try your chili and cast their vote for you. The more chili you have, the more votes you can get - but a minimum of 2 gallons is required.
- \* The winning entries will be announced at 7:30 pm. The winning entries will be presented with a big bragging-rights and awards. The decision of the judges is final.
- \* HAVE A GOOD TIME!

To register please contact Breton FCSS at fcss@breton.caor780-696-3636



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# **EVERY FAMILY SHARES A STORY From Africa to Alberta**

The Impey Family's Transcontinental Journey

# Part 6: The Agony of War Strike Again

As mentioned in the previous article, things were starting to look up for the Impey family. They had finally acquired property, in return for building a house and carrying out other required improvements, Mr. Grant transferred the house and surrounding 1000 acres to George and Ida from his land grant of 10,000 acres. We pick up the story in 1912 with the Impey's settling on their new farm, located just north of the equator, at Eldama Ravine, British East Africa, named Ettrick.

Life went on for the next couple of years. Crops were planted and harvested; an orchard of fruit trees were started, plus a garden. George and his son Alan continued to freight with their oxen and large wagons from Londiani to Eldoret. In 1913, Alan took the family on an extended safari, travelling with their wagons to Lake Naivasha and the Nandi border, hunting antelope and water buffalo, where they made large quantities of beltong (dried jerky).

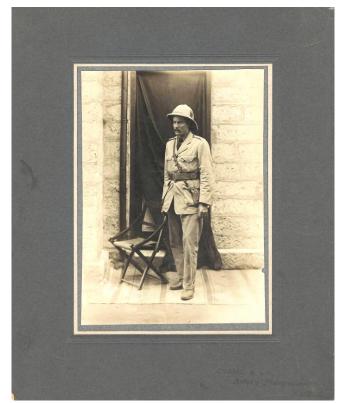
August 1914 changed the lives of the Impey family and thousands of other families, when Great Britain declared war on Germany, after Germany invaded neutral Belgium. Much of the world was plunged into conflict with the start of WWI. Many thought it would be over by Christmas, but it would be over four years before Germany would surrender on November 11, 1918. When we think of WWI, our mind goes to muddy bombed out battlefields and the trenches of France and Belgium. However, much of the world beyond Europe was pulled into the conflict. Colonial Africa was no exception. The continent of Africa had been colonized by several European nations now embroiled in the war. Although thousands of miles away from Europe, British East Africa bordered German East Africa.

George and Alan were hauling freight, when they received news that war had been declared. Once back at Eldoret, Alan came by the farm to tell his mother he was volunteering for border defense between British East Africa and German East Africa. Ida writes in her memoir ... "next morning early he said goodbye, mounted and rode off. Turning just once as he galloped up the road to wave his hand. I can still see him." On September 23, 1914, Allan Impey along with several other soldiers were killed at Ingito Hill. George's wagon and oxen had also been commandeered by the military

to haul military supplies. He was put in charge of a convoy of wagons travelling to Nairobi, and on arrival enlisted as Chief Transport Officer. This left Ida, her two daughters and four younger sons to run the farm. Ida writes..."Life had to go on, I first had to gather up my courage and carry on."

Late in 1914 George came home on leave, when he returned his son James accompanied him and enlisted. Not quite seventeen, James was assigned to help transport supplies. William and Pringle, enlisted in South Africa, William with a Transvaal unit and Pringle with the King's African Rifles, where he served as an interpreter. George fell ill, late in 1916, and was sent to a hospital in Nairobi to recuperate, before being discharged from the army. He returned home in early 1917, thin and suffering from malaria. It would take him several months before the fever left and his health recovered.

Prior to the war's end, their eldest son William was discharged from the army due to health issues. He returned to Johannesburg continuing to work in the mines. Their second son Pringle obtained a farm near Eldoret, but carried on hauling freight. Alan, their third son, had paid the supreme sacrifice early in the war. James, the fourth son would return to Eldoret where he found work on road construction. "The War to End All Wars" was finally over; it was time to pick up where the family had left off four years earlier. Look forward to the next chapter.



James Fredrick Impey, taken British East Africa during WWI Photo Courtesy of James Impey Jr.



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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Renting from Trudeau is Not the Canadian Dream

As a Member of Parliament, I constantly hear from Canadians who feel that the dream of homeownership is slipping further out of reach. The Trudeau government's latest housing announcement does nothing to change that. Instead of empowering Canadians to own their homes, this plan keeps them renting—literally—from the government.

The idea of converting federal lands into housing might seem promising at first. Selling off unused public land to create homes is something Conservatives have long proposed. But here's where the Liberals' plan goes off the rails: instead of selling the land to Canadians, they want to lease it to developers, ensuring that Canadians remain tenants, not homeowners. This approach does nothing to address the underlying issues that have made housing so unaffordable in our country.

Under this plan, Canadians won't build equity, and they won't gain the security that comes with owning both their home and the land it sits on. Instead, they'll be stuck in a cycle of rent, at the mercy of government-controlled leases that could change at any time. This isn't homeownership: it's another form of dependency, where Canadians are left renting from Trudeau rather than owning their piece of Canada.

Let's be clear: this is not a solution to our housing crisis. It's a bureaucratic maneuver that keeps people trapped in a rental system, rather than offering them the opportunity to build wealth and stability through homeownership. The real problem is that the Liberals have failed to build enough homes to meet the needs of a growing population. In fact, fewer homes are being built now than in the 1970s when our population was half the

Common Sense Conservatives have a different plan. We believe in cutting the red tape that slows down construction, reducing taxes on homebuilding, and ensuring that when Canadians buy a home, they actually own it—land and all. We need to build more homes, not more bureaucracy.

So, I ask you: Do you want to rent your future from the government, or do you want a government that empowers you to own it? It's time to choose a path that puts Canadians first and restores the dream of homeownership. Only Common Sense Conservatives will deliver the homes that Canadians need and deserve.

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# FIRST YEAR OF RURAL COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM BEGINS

Alberta Health Services News - August 27, 2024

DRAYTON VALLEY – Nine students from the Drayton Valley area are set to start their studies and gain handson training on their way to obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree — all without having to leave their home community.

Offered for the first time in Drayton Valley this year, the rural community nursing program builds on the successes Alberta Health Services (AHS) and University of Calgary (UCalgary) have experienced in Wainwright since jointly launching the program there in 2021.

"I am thrilled to see this program launch in Drayton Valley," says Andrew Boitchenko, MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon. "This is an excellent opportunity for students interested in a future in healthcare to be able to learn close to home, and a chance for them to experience first-hand all that rural healthcare has to offer."

Kelsey Letendre, a local licensed practical nurse (LPN) at the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre, is among the first cohort of students. She embraces the opportunity to further her education without having to leave for the city.

"Having this program available in smaller, rural communities not only makes the degree much more accessible but gives students the supports of home," says Letendre. "I grew up here. I've been working here for 10 years. Knowing I have the support of my family, coworkers and manager at the hospital all right here with me has made it easier to take this next step in my career. I'm looking forward to growing as a nurse and continuing to care for my community for years to come."

For AHS, the opportunity to collaborate with partners to grow local talent supports not only students but the future of rural healthcare, as well.

"We do face challenges in recruiting nursing staff to rural sites," says Janice Stewart, Chief Zone Officer with AHS Central Zone. "By creating opportunities to educate registered nurses in their home communities, we are building capacity for a local, more sustainable workforce into the future. That is good news for our rural hospitals, and for patients and families in the community."

The program was developed as a way of reducing barriers to learning, recruiting students to healthcare careers, and encouraging graduates to stay in their home communities.

Students of the Drayton Valley program will take part in

both in-person and virtual learning opportunities, gaining valuable skills and hands-on experience from instructors and seasoned nurses. New educational spaces have been established in collaboration with the Town of Drayton Valley, which has been a key partner in getting the program launched in the community.

"Having supportive community partners is integral to our ability to provide an excellent academic and clinical experience for students," says Dr. Catherine Laing, Dean of the UCalgary Faculty of Nursing. "We are grateful to work with partners who have an important stake in ensuring we are meeting the healthcare needs of our communities across Alberta."

For the Town of Drayton Valley, supporting the program aligns with its ongoing work to support local healthcare.

"We are absolutely thrilled to welcome the first cohort of nursing students to Drayton Valley as part of this groundbreaking rural community nursing program," says Mayor Nancy Dodds. "This is an incredible opportunity for our local students to pursue their passion for healthcare right here in Drayon Valley. Not only does this program make a nursing degree more accessible, but it also strengthens our commitment to building a sustainable healthcare workforce in rural Alberta. We are excited to support these students on their journey and to see the positive impact they will have on our community for years to come."

The Drayton Valley program will run for two cohorts of students, with intakes this year and next, with the goal of preparing 18 nursing graduates. Students will have the option to complete their final preceptorships in a compressed timeline to graduate in 2027 or can opt for a more traditional program timeline, which would see them graduate in 2028.

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# RCMP COMMUNITY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024

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Collisions	39	
Vehicle Theft	7	
Fraud	7	
Break and Enter	8	
Assault	10	
Impaired	2	
Recovered Vehicles	0	
Missing Person	0	

### **AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:**

## Breton RCMP investigate fatal collision

Wetaskiwin County, Alta. – On August 16, 2024, at approximately 7:17 a.m., Breton RCMP received a report of a serious collision involving a Ford Escape and a Kenworth Construct Dual Tanker south of the intersection of Highway 22 and Township Road 452, south of Alder Flats. Alta.

Breton RCMP attended and Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services were already on scene. The 47-year-old female driver of the Ford Escape was pronounced deceased at the scene. The 15-year-old passenger of the Ford Escape was taken to a local medical facility to be further assessed for injuries. The 82-year-old male driver of the Kenworth truck had minor injuries.

Although the collision is still under investigation, Breton RCMP's preliminary investigation indicates the Ford Escape was heading southbound on Highway 22 when it crossed the centreline and collided with the Kenworth tanker that was headed northbound.

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

# Laurie's Laughs



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