BRETON



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK October 6-12

It's that time of year again to think about ways to make your home, school, workplace and places you play safer. Check your smoke detector, do a fire escape plan, practice your escape route, know two ways out. Talk to your family, friends and co-workers about things you can do to make our community a little safer.

Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services Station 2 (Breton) members work hard to serve their community. Our membership all work toward NFPA 1001 level 2 Professional accreditation with their training. They also take countless other courses to enhance their knowledge and skills.

Breton Booster, over the next two weeks is happy to share the faces of those who are the backbone of Station 2 Fire Services. We thank the members for their time, effort and the sacrifice they make for this community.





Caleb Spratt Joined in 2024



Luella Berry Joined in 2022



James Lawson Joined in 2022



Thomas Movald Joined in 2018



Shayne Blosky Joined in 2018



Jeff Gresham Joined in 2013



C. Garlyn Pyzda Joined in 2013



Trent Wirsig Joined in 2007



Joined in 2005



C. Shane Hawryluk BC. Mark Raines Joined in 1989

Classifieds

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WINFIELD LEGION IS SEEKING NAMES OF LOCAL AREA MILITARY HEROS TO HONOUR ON NOV 11TH.

Those who answered the call to wartime service should be recognized. Is your family hero one of these men or women? If so, please call Bob 587-341-7518

DONATIONS NEEDED! Uniforms from Breton & District WWII vintage for Remembrance Day display. Contact Bob at 587-341-7518. Thank you for helping with the recognition of our local Veterans!

LOOKING FOR GARAGE TO RENT- 28 x 28 or larger, must have heat and cement. Contact 403-304-4031

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH BIBLE STUDY - Topic for October 15, 7pm: "What the Scriptures Teach About Law and Grace" - All are welcome. Warburg Adventist Church, 5003 48 Street, Warburg. 780-848-2271

The Breton Booster can be viewed online & in color at www.community39.com





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Sudoku Answers from October 2 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.



CAREER OPPORTUNITY Arena Operator (Winfield) Posting 2024/35

The Position:

The County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 is seeking to fill one (1) term position of **Arena Operator** position at the Winfield Agriplex. Responsibilities include operating the ice resurfacer, performing janitorial duties, minor equipment repairs along with ongoing regular maintenance of equipment within the Arena.

Salary is in accordance with the International Union of Operating Engineers Collective Agreement with an hourly wage ranging from \$24.25 to \$26.95 depending on experience.

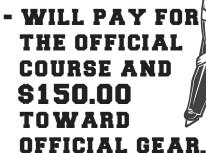
A detailed position description can be found on our website www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/jobs.aspx.

Qualified candidates are asked to submit their cover letter and resume by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday. October 23, 2024 to

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







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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

October 9 - Free Spaghetti Dinner at Breton Station #2 Fire Station. Open House from 5:30-7:30pm. Activities for the kids and more. Call 780-514-2216 for more info.

October 10 - Thanksgiving Meat Bingo at the Thorsby Seniors Centre. Doors open at 6pm

October 11 - Fright Fest (Family) at the Thorsby Recreation Complex in the dance studio from 7-10pm. Saturday is family friendly, parental discretion, no live actors. Hosted by the Lions

October 12 - Fright Fest (12+) at the Thorsby Recreation Complex in the dance studio from 7-11pm. Saturday is 12+ recommended due to live actors. Hosted by the Lions.

October 16 - Warburg Library Board meeting at 2:30pm in the library. Public is welcome as guests.

October 17 - Thorsby Junior Senior High School Awards Night at the Thorsby High School at 6:30pm

October 18 -19 - Glen Park Community Association Country Market and Bake Sale. Oct 18 from 3-7pm & Oct 19 from 10-4pm. Tables available- \$20 each. Mike 780-919-1250

October 19 - Name that Tune Games Night at the Breton Youth Centre from 3-6pm. Grades 6-12.

October 19 - Genesee Pumpkin Festival at the Genesee Community Hall from 9-3pm. Contact Joanne 780-940-7229

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

October 19 - Community Flea Market 10-5pm, \$10/table at Sunnybrook Community Hall, BBQ Concession. Email sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com to register.

October 19 - Hoadley Hall Fall Supper from 5-7pm. Adults \$20, 6-12 \$10, 5 & under Free. Everyone is welcome!

October 21 - Thorsby Junior/Senior High School PTAAGM at 5:15pm. Positions need to be filled.

October 21 - Kids Have Stress too for parents with children in grades one to six at the Warburg Village Office from 6-7:30pm. Call 780-979-2385 or frn@leduc-county.com

October 22 - Afternoon Paint Class at the Thorsby Seniors Centre from 1-3pm. Call Janice at 780-239-4595 for tickets.

October 23 - FRN Halloween Crafts from 3:30 - 5pm at the Breton Youth Centre. Grades 6-12.

October 24 - Breton Community Fall Dinner & Entertainment at the Breton Community Centre. Supper at 6pm, Entertainment Michael Harrison Ventriloquist at 7pm. Tickets available at the Breton Village Office.

October 24 - Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce AGM at 6:30pm at the Thorsby Rec Centre. Become a member today. Email thorsbyabchamber@gmail.com

October 26 - Breton Golden Spur Gymkhana Club Season Windup Banquet at the Birchwood Golf Course at 5pm. Get tickets at goldenspurgymkhana@gmail.com before Oct 16.

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.

October 26 - Oktoberfest at the Peter Lougheed Community Centre in Rimbey at 7pm in support of the Rimbey Hospital. Tickets online at www.rimbeyhospitallegacycommittee.com

October 30 - FRN Indigenous Beading from 3:30 - 5:30pm at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12.

October 31 - Halloween Hoopla & Haunted House at the Breton Community Centre from 5-8pm.

November 1-8 - Wishes Come True Fall Auction hosted by the Leduc Community Hospital Foundation. For more info or to donate - Colleen at Ichfoundation@ahs.ca or 780-980-4536

November 2 - 3 - Christmas Market & Perogy Sale at the Thorsby Community Centre. Saturday 11-6, Sunday 11-3

November 6 - 75 Ways to Save on Household Expenses. Join the zoom meeting at the Warburg Library from 1-2:30pm for free or go to www.leducadultlearning.ca.

 $\underline{\text{November 6}}$ - Thorsby AG Society AGM at 7pm at the Thorsby Haymakers Centre

<u>November 13</u> - Preparing for Farm Retirement at the Lakedell Community Hall from 9 - 3:30pm. FREE. Register by Nov 6 at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca or call 780-352-3321.

November 15 - Comedian Jimmy the Janitor at the Thorsby Community Centre. Cash bar. Doors open at 6:30pm, Show at 7:30pm. Tickets \$30 at Ruhr Lumber, CE Media, Thorsby IDA or call 780-217-9394.

Community Events & Information is <u>FREE</u> to advertise

YOU ARE INVITED BRETON STATION #2 OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, October 9, 2024

5:30pm - 7:30pm

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FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER

Lots of Activities for the Kids

For more information please call us at 780-514-2216





PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

(Breton & Surrounding Areas)

**Please note - all events are subject to change - Please email us at media@community39.com or call 780-434-7446 if we have incorrect information.

MONDAYS

BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (Aquasize or Walmart) starting October 21. Must pre-register. Contact Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828 or Breton FCSS 780-696-3636

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

<u>DRAMA CLUB</u> at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. Registration closed for Sept - Dec but accepting registration for Jan to June session. Email <u>bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com</u>

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 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

YOGA WITH JUNE - Tuesdays from 10-11am until December 10 at the Breton Community Hall. \$2 Drop in fee

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

TAI CHI at the Warburg Community Hall, Wednesdays 10:00 to 11:00, \$2.780-848-2841 or office@warburg.ca

THURSDAYS

<u>CHILDREN'S STORY TIME</u> at the Breton Municipal Library on Thursdays from 11:15am - 11:45am

<u>OLDER ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES</u> - Thursday mornings at the Breton Community Centre from 9-10am, Drop In \$2.

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

<u>TACO THURSDAYS</u> at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. from 3-6pm.

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 to December 20. Book at 780-388-3793 or 780-542-0057

MUSIC, BIBLE & PIZZA at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12 from 3:30 - 5:30pm (Not November 11 or 25 - No school)

SATURDAYS

CRIB 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.

<u>TABS FOR TOTS</u> - The Breton Elks collect the <u>tabs off beverage cans and other recyclable metals</u>. This is sold for scrap and the funds help local hospitals. To donate your tabs or other recyclable metals please call 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 dwaymon@telus.net

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 bretonrp285@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

BBRETON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD - Meetings are typically the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm (none 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

<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>

Pick up your 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

Or go online to www.community39.com

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

<u>NEW UPDATED BOOKLET PRINTED IN</u>
<u>SEPTEMBER!</u>

Bus to Drayton Valley

STARTING OCTOBER 21

Starting on Monday October 21 Together with Warburg FCSS the bus will depart Breton at 9:10 to Drayton Valley Gentle Aqua Class class. Returning at 11:30.

OR

Walmart >

Shop at Walmart while the others are at Aquacise - 1 hr.

Purchase a 5 ride Bus pass for (\$36) or 10(\$72) bus pass or Daily Drop in \$10 from the Village of Breton office. Register with Katlynn 780-848-2828 the Thursday prior to the Monday trip to save your seat on the bus.

If your 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 Aquacise class.

We must have at least 8 riders to make a trip.

Please contact Deanne at 780-696-3636 for further information Registration will be with Katlynn @ 780-848-2828

Village of Breton



Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, October 8th, 2024

Regular Council Meeting Wednesday, October 9th, 2024

At 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre.

JOIN US!

For Talk Ask Listen With The Do More Agriculture Foundation.

DATE: October 29, 2024

TIME: 10AM - 3PM

WHERE: Lakedell Agricultural Society

461043 RR 12 Westerose, AB

For more info and to register: DoMore.Ag/Events.









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.

Lots of things happening in the Village. For little one, adults and everyone in between.

Halloween Hoopla & Haunted House

This is always an exciting time for the children (big or small) in our community. We are excited to be working with the DV Kickstand Youth Hub on this event. They have lots of fun things planned.

- Carnival games 5:00 8:00
- Musical chairs and a Pinata 6pm
- Costume Contest, with the categories of Spookiest, Cutest, Most original – 7:00pm

We are still looking for a group to run a concession. Just small things like hot dogs, drinks. As well as anyone that would like to construct a HAUNTED HOUSE. We have lots of props and pay a honorarium for your time of constructing and running the Haunted House from 5:00-8:00 pm. This can be a group, club or just a bunch of people that love Halloween and want to do something special for the kids and the community please contact Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636 or fcss@breton.ca

Candy Donations for Halloween Hoopla

We are also taking candy donations. Bring your candy donations to the Village of Breton Office and in return we will provide you with a sign for your door indicating that you have supported the Community Halloween Party – Halloween Hoopla.

Older Adult Exercise Classes

Thursday Mornings @ Breton Community Centre - We are excited to get started with our low impact older adult exercise classes. We have the same fabulous instructor in Cassie but will be holding them on a new day and time. We will be at the Breton Community Centre on Thursday mornings from 9 - 10am. These are drop-in classes and have cost \$2/session. You are encouraged to participate at your own level, this can be sitting or standing.

"Yoga with June"

Every Tuesday 10-11 am October 8 to December 10, 2024 - A Flow Yoga class for stability, strength, balance and relaxation. Pose sequences will be combined with Hatha Yoga core poses and restorative yoga poses. Instructed by June Knobel, Certified Yoga Teacher with Yoga Association of Alberta. \$2 drop in fee. Come join us at the Breton Community Centre for rejuvenation, relaxation and fun!

Community Fall Dinner & Entertainment

Thursday October 24. Join us for an evening to celebrate

all of the great people in our community. This evening is open to anyone that would like to gather and enjoy the company of other community members, along with excellent food by Starkist Catering followed by entertainment with Ventriloquist, Michael Harrison. Michael has appeared on AGT-Americas Got Talent.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth 6 - 12. Under 6 free. They are now available at the Village of Breton / FCSS Office. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be recognizing all Volunteers in attendance that evening. Get your tickets soon as they are going quickly! Tickets must be purchased by October 17

Please Note - we have had an organization come forward with a very generous offer to pay for tickets for anyone that is having a bit of a difficult time right now. If you or your family could use a night out, with a delicious meal and entertainment, please email timesaretuff24@gmail.com. You will be asked why you would like to attend the evening and how many tickets you would require. A response will be sent back to you. Once you receive the response you can pick up your FREE tickets at the Village of Breton office.

Busing to Aquacise in Drayton Valley

Starting on Monday October 21- Together with Warburg FCSS the bus will arrive in Breton at 9:10 to head to the Drayton Valley Gentle Aquacise class. Returning at approximately 11:30. Purchase a 5 ride Bus pass for (\$36) or 10(\$72) or individual passes for \$10 from the Village of Breton office. Register with Katlynn 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 each week to make a trip.

Calendar Project is Back

Breton and Area FCSS are putting together a Community Calendar with positive messaging around Mental Health and Wellness. We would like this calendar to reflect our community and community members. That is where we need your help. We are looking for pictures from around our community that show health and wellness. It can be anything from enjoying the outdoors, spending time together with family and friends, enjoying our pets or an activity. A positive message will be added to the photo and used in the calendar. The calendars will be printed and distributed for free to members of our community. Please contact us at resa@breton.ca or 780-696-3636 for more information or to be a part of this project. Photos must be high resolution and submitted by October 28 to fcss@breton.ca.

Kick Off to Christmas

Save the date for our Annual Kick Off to Christmas on Saturday **December 7th**. Details are still being finalized but this has included our Santa's Workshop, visits with the jolly ole guy, children's activities and much more!

Breton FCSS News Continued...

Food shopping, budgeting and meal prep

We are taking an interest list for those that would like to learn a bit more about buying nutritious food on a budget and turning that into delicious meals for you and your family. These classes/workshops would happen on

Wednesday evenings. Youth 10 and older would be welcome to help learn and prepare the meals. Please contact our office by email at fcss@breton.ca or phone 780-696-3636 if you are interested. All ages are welcome.









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Brazeau County

CONTROL SERVICES

We are requesting a proposal of a 2 yr. Contract for an Animal Control Officer. Your written proposal shall include:

- · Facilities and location;
- Number of cages/pens at facilities;
- Ability to safely catch/transport animals at large;
- Equipment for handling vicious animals;
- Background in handling/housing animals; and
- Compensation needed to run a completed program

Please mail or drop off your proposal to: Brazeau County

Attention: Director of Community Services Box 77, Drayton Valley, AB T7A1R1

Deadline to apply is October 31, 2024 at 2 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 14 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Thanksgiving Day

October 15 | Council meeting | 9:00 am
October 16 | Agricultural Service Board
meeting | 9:00 am

October 22 | Organizational meeting | 9:00 am
November 11 | Brazeau County Administration
Building closed | Remembrance Day

November 12 | Open House with Council | 6:00-8:00 p.m.





CONTEST DETAILS & HOW TO ENTER:

Open to all residents and businesses of the Village of Breton.

To enter your name and address of your display please call, drop in or email the Village office - admin@breton.ca All entries must be received by October 20, 2024.

Judging will take place by Village Council on October 21, 2024.

List/Map of Scarecrow locations will be published (names of competitors will not be published)

\$500 in Prizes (People's Choice Award, Council Choice, Community Spirit Award)

Winners will be announced at the Fall Community Dinner on October 24, 2024. If you have won a prize, you will be notified by email or phone and your prize money can be picked up in the Village Office.

Cash Prizes:

\$250 for People's Choice \$150 for Council Choice \$100 for Community Spirit Award

TIPS FOR MAKING A GREAT DISPLAY

*Get creative and plan ahead! It'll be more enjoyable to put together if you've got a plan for your display and have the materials on hand

*Don't be afraid to be bold with colours so your entry stands out

*Make it easy for anyone driving by to spot your entry from inside a vehicle

*Partner up or do as a group activity with your kids, friends, neighbours, co-workers, etc.

*Use what you've got! It's fun to see what you've got laying around that you can repurpose in your display

*Most importantly, HAVE FUN!!! This is meant to show your community spirit to be enjoyed by all!

And lastly – Thanks to all who take the time to put a scarecrow together.

Greetings from Breton Elks Lodge #402



Well, hello everyone. Here is hoping that everyone is still healthy and somewhat wealthy. It appears that summer of 24 has left us. Now it is time to say hello to the fall season and take in the colors of the season. Unfortunately the tomato crop this year was much less than last year, but now it is a next year project.

Now, it is time to get back to business at hand and get back to the world of Elkdom. The lodge kicked off the new season at 7:30 sharp on September 19th with our Exalted Ruler Ann McKellar Gillis in full command. First order of business was to welcome our District Deputy Sister Bev Monette on her official visit to our lodge. Under the good of the order Sister Bev gave an inspiring chat on Elk business. She noted that over 800 pounds of aluminum tabs were collected by our District. The proceeds from these tabs are primarily donated to Alberta Elks Foundation.

Moving forward, Brother Don Gillis gave a report on his journey of being Grand Exalted Ruler and expressed great gratitude for support from our lodge and his lovely bride Ann. Congratulations to Brother Don for a job well done.

The National Curling Bonspiel is scheduled for December 5, 6 & 7, 2024 in Hanna. All Elk curlers are encouraged to participate. A letter of thank you was received from Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children for the donation of \$2,500.00 the Breton Elks Lodge donated. A report was received on the Walk for Children indicating 90 walkers participated and were responsible for raising \$14,029.00. Great job indeed. Final report on Elk Raffle Tickets. First prize went to Angela Elle for \$30,000,00 purchased from Medicine Hat Elks Lodge. Second prize went to Brenda Sproule for \$10,000.00 purchased from Strathmore Elks Lodge and Third prize went to Carlotta Weerstra for \$5,000.00 purchased Online. Congratulations to all the winners.

A request for financial assistance was received from Brayden Kreil, who has been accepted into the Junior World Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas in December of 2024. Motion was presented and passed to donate \$500.00 to this event. Good Luck Brayden.

In R.V. park business it appears that everything is on track and comparable to last year. All reports indicate the Golf course was in fine shape and camping proved to be enjoyed by all. Brother Neil reported that we have 7 seasonal campers returning for the 2025 season.

Each year the Elks practice a tradition of visiting other lodges. This is referred to as the travelling gavel. The travelling gavel is taken from one lodge to another then that lodge takes it to another lodge. At the same time there is money raised which it donated to the Alberta Elks Foundation. This year Breton Elks will be travelling to Sherwood Park on October 8th.

Moving forward the subject of Christmas was mentioned. As time seems to skip by so guickly, a motion was passed to sponsor another community supper. So folks, December 14th is the day to remember. All details of this event will be announced a little later. But yes, it is time to start marking the calendar.

The evening was brought to a close with t h e announcement that Brother Neil and Brother Don had reached another level of experience. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to you both.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30. We look forward to chatting again next month. So until then Happy Trails and Good health to all.







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RESPIRATORY VIRUS IMMUNIZATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Alberta News, October 7, 2024

Starting today, Albertans will be able to book their annual immunizations against fall respiratory viruses.

Eligible Albertans are now able to book their immunization appointments through the Alberta Vaccine Booking System, calling Health Link at 811 for pharmacy or AHS clinic appointments, or by directly contacting a nearby pharmacy. Albertans are encouraged to speak with their primary care provider for guidance on immunizations and what options are best for individuals and families.

COVID-19 and influenza immunization appointments can be booked as of today for openings available to the general public starting October 15. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) immunization appointments can now be booked for openings beginning on October 21.

"As fall approaches, it's important to plan ahead against circulating respiratory viruses. I strongly encourage everyone to consult with their local pharmacist, doctor or health care provider to make informed decisions about their health and ensure they're well-prepared for the season." Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

"Adding an extra layer of protection this fall is the best way to guard against the illnesses that typically arise during the fall and winter months. The respiratory virus vaccines that will be offered this fall are specifically designed to offer strong defense against the strains of these viruses that are expected to circulate this season." Dr. Mark Joffe, chief medical officer of health

New this year, in addition to influenza and COVID-19 immunizations, residents of continuing care homes and senior supportive living accommodations that are 60 years of age and older will have access to publicly funded Abrysvo vaccine to protect them from RSV through the Alberta Outreach Program.

Seniors living in the community who are 75 years of age and older will also have access to a limited supply of provincially funded Abrysvo vaccine. For those not eligible through the provincially funded vaccine program, vaccines will be available for purchase.

Quick facts

- For more information on respiratory viruses, visit the www.alberta.ca/respiratory-illness.
- The COVID-19 and influenza vaccines can be given to an individual on the same day.
- RSV vaccine must be given either two weeks prior to or two weeks after COVID-19 and/or influenza immunization vaccines.nce bodies will come into force on March 1, 2025.





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BRAZEAU COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 1, Regular Council Meeting

Community Organization Funding Policy FIN-7

Council approved amendments to the Community Organization Funding Policy FIN-7 to allow for sustainability funding for eight community halls: Berrymoor, Buck Creek, Carnwood, Funnell, Lindale, Lodgepole, Violet Grove, and Whitby.

The sustainability funding will match hall revenues from bookings and programming up to \$18,000 per year, and includes including provisions to require the community group amend their bylaws or enter into an agreement with the County to transfer ownership of all property and chattels should the organization fold, as well as limit on allowable reserves or savings. The policy, which takes effect January 1, 2025, also includes new maximums to some operational expense categories.

Fire Incident Management and Emergency Notification System

Council approved the use of funds (for 2024 as \$4000 in 2024 and \$18,100 in 2025) budgeted to the AFRRCS project to implement the First Due System that will be an all-inclusive cloud based program that will provide the department with a host of useful tools for emergency management, navigation, and notification.

Replacing the current outdated system will save the County nearly \$14,000 annually in operating costs once fully implemented in 2026.

Fire Bans and Restrictions Process

Fire Chief Tom Thomson provided Council with an overview of the process used by Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services (DVBCFS) to implement fire restrictions and bans in the county.

Alberta Forestry uses forecasted weather and seven categories such as moisture in fuels and beneath the ground and a fire weather index, to develop a fire behaviour forecast for the day with a rating from low to extreme for areas of the province.

In the local area on the provincial map is yellow that means the fire hazard is high, and DVBCFS will issue a fire advisory. If the map is red, that means the fire hazard in the area is very high and DVBCFS will issue a fire restriction. If the map of the area is purple/pink, that means the fire hazard is extreme, and DVBCFS will issue a total fire ban.

Fire Services looks at this information daily and looks at general trends, weather, and resource availability for the week or upcoming week to implement the level of fire ban. Decisions to change the fire ban rating will be based on the calculations described plus the upcoming weather patterns.

For more on fire bans and restrictions, see the November/ December issue of the Brazeau County News.



Muncipal relations staff with STARS Air Ambulance Glenda Farnden and Shannon Paquette present Council with a gift as a thank you for the County's support of the organization. Currently, the County provides \$16,500 annually to STARS.

For detailed information on Council meetings, including current minutes, please visit www.brazeau.ab.ca. Please direct inquiries to the office of the CAO at cscharfl@brazeau.ab.ca or 780-542-7777.





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INVESTIGATION ONGOING INTO DELAYED REFERRALS

Alberta News, October 04, 2024

Alberta's government is taking action to address delays in referrals to community specialists after a processing disruption with Alberta Health Services was identified late last month.

Alberta's government takes the health and well-being of all Albertans seriously, especially when it comes to having timely access to specialists to support their health needs.

In late September, AHS notified Alberta's government that there was an issue affecting patient referrals to community specialists from AHS' new electronic health record, Connect Care. Following an audit of referrals, AHS discovered that some patient referrals to community physician specialists or allied health providers (for example, physiotherapy and dieticians) outside of AHS were not being processed through Connect Care.

AHS has identified approximately 14,000 patients who may have been affected by the outgoing referrals to external health care providers not being properly processed. While the review is currently in its early stages, a total of 31 patients have been identified to date as requiring immediate follow up. They may have experienced a potential negative outcome due to the delay in referrals being processed in a timely manner.

A thorough review of the incident is underway to determine all possible contributing factors. Alberta Health has engaged the Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) to provide an independent third-party review of systems and operational process to determine how a situation like this could have occurred and can be prevented in the future.

"Timely access to care at critical times is a priority. This issue is greatly concerning, and we are committed to taking swift action to ensure AHS addresses and prioritizes the issue. I've asked the HQCA to investigate, and I look forward to recommendations brought forward as a result of the third-party review." Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

AHS has begun to notify patients potentially affected by the disruption. AHS will work with the community provider to facilitate patient access in the event of delay that results directly from the issue. Patients can access information on the status of their referrals through MyHealth Records.

Quick Facts

Approximately 14,000 referrals to community

- providers outside of AHS may have been affected since the implementation of Connect Care.
- Prior to Connect Care, there was no way to monitor the number of referrals sent and whether they were received by the community provider.
- Approximate total number of unsent referrals to community providers by zone:

Central: 741North: 549

Edmonton: 10,025Calgary: 3,329South: 268

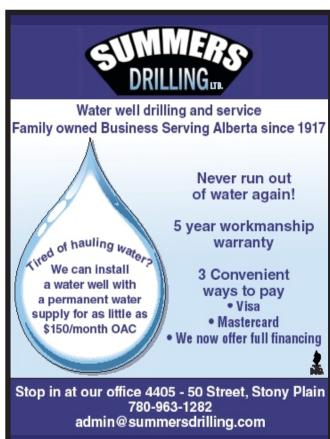


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

With the objective of public knowledge and awareness, it should be noted that the Reeve of Brazeau County has been served an Application for his removal. This Application addresses concerns with his actions as a member of County Council for an apparent personal benefit, which appear to conflict with the duties and responsibilities to the County and his electorate. This issue is in the process of reaching a court to determine its validity; and if as a result of said Actions, the Reeve should be removed from County Council.

It should be noted that Municipal Affairs had been made aware of the Reeve's actions, but no response had been taken by this department.

Concerned ratepayers felt obligated and therefore compelled to take things further; therefore, the Court of King's Bench was the next course of action to be taken.

Another note: the Municipal Government Act contains over 540 pages of actions, responsibilities, and information empowering municipal Councils at all levels, but provides very little in the way of enforcement.

Lastly, the document (the Application) presented to the Reeve is accompanied by about 170 pages of Affidavit evidence regarding his actions which appear to put him in a conflict of interest between his personal motivations, and those of the office which he holds.

Stay tuned for further developments.

Lynn Oberle Les Huber Duane Movald

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