

# THE BRETON BOOSTER

## SECRET SANTA 2024

from Breton FCSS

### Secret Santa for Seniors

With Christmas just around the corner Breton FCSS will be coordinating a Secret Santa for Seniors. This program is for seniors that live in the Village of Breton or Brazeau County east of the North Saskatchewan River. There are two parts to this program.

- \* Seniors that are going to be alone for the holidays can phone in or stop by the Breton FCSS office and complete a profile. Information collected will be your name, address, phone number, Things you like to do, treats you like, items that you would like to have on your Christmas List. Seniors can also be registered by community members or agencies. This information along with just their first name will be placed on a Christmas Tag. Registrations must be received by December 5.
- \* Community members can view the Christmas tags at the Village of Breton Office and select a senior to shop for. Once they have completed their shopping, they will return the items to the FCSS office. Additional items will be added to your gift, wrapped and delivered by Volunteers. Shopping must be completed by December 19th. If you are unable to come into the office to make a selection, please call or email [fcss@breton.ca](mailto:fcss@breton.ca) and we can assist you with the selection
- \* If you love to wrap Christmas gifts, we are looking for VOLUNTEERS on December 18, & 19.
- \* Deliveries will be made on December 23. We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to do deliveries

*If possible, we encourage purchases to be made in Breton and Drayton Valley to support our local businesses.*

### NEW – Secret Santa for Youth

We have decided to expand our Secret Santa Program to include the youth of our community. This will run the same way as the Senior's program (see above). Youth that are from families that are experiencing some financial hardship this year, can complete a "Christmas Wish List". Tags will be placed on a separate Secret Santa Tree in the Village office. The tags will only include their gender and age. Once a tag is selected you will

receive information on the child's "Christmas Wishes." You shop for the individual and return the unwrapped gifts to our office to be wrapped and delivered to the youth. All recipients remain confidential for both the youth and senior program.

**Both the Secret Santa Tree for seniors and the Youth Giving Tree will be available to choose from starting on December 2nd and gifts need to be returned by December 16th.**



## ALBERTA EMERGENCY ALERT

**TEST on November 20th at 1:55pm**

The Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services Mike Ellis issued a statement on the upcoming Alberta Emergency Alert test.

*"On Nov. 20, Alberta will be participating in a test of the National Public Alerting System. At 1:55 p.m., an Alberta Emergency Alert test will be issued across multiple channels including television, radio, wireless devices, websites, social media, the Alberta Emergency Alert mobile app and directly to compatible cellphones across the province.*

*"Nobody likes an alert disruption, but tests such as these allow us to fix system issues. These tests, which are typically conducted every May and November, help ensure the system works properly so Albertans can receive life-saving information during an actual emergency, including tornadoes, wildfires, floods and Amber Alerts.*

*"To stay informed, I encourage all Albertans to download the Alberta Emergency Alert app, which delivers these warnings directly to your phone. To receive an alert on your mobile phone, it must be compatible with the system, connected to an LTE 4G network or higher, or connected to Wi-Fi with the Alberta Emergency Alert app installed. If your device is set to silent, it will display the alert but may not play the notification sound.*

For more information go to

[www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=913677FB60A03-06C2-FC41-DB3A76A5C538842A](http://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=913677FB60A03-06C2-FC41-DB3A76A5C538842A)

# Classifieds

## FOR SALE

**2014 NISSAN PATHFINDER**, 4x4, black, black leather, 3rd row seating, 3.5LT engine, DVD, winter & summer wheels, excellent condition, non smoker, well maintained 207K, \$10,000. Call 780-789-3971

**45 ROUND BALES MIXED GRASS HAY**, baled in early July, \$.08/lb. Inverted tractor tire silage feeders. \$25.00 each. Call: 780-202-0725

## WANTED

**WESKAY CATTLE CO. IS CURRENTLY SEEKING PASTURE, HAY OR CROP LAND** to lease for the 2025 season and on, competitive prices, on time lease payments. Call Wesley 780-982-1093

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**LOOKING FOR PASTURE** for cow/calf pairs. Also looking for hay land and grain land. Contact Levi at 780-312-9891

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[familymediationcentreofcanada.ca](http://familymediationcentreofcanada.ca)

## Classified Ads are \$5 for 2 weeks

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You can email your ads to [media@community39.com](mailto:media@community39.com) or call 780-434-7446

**DROP OFF your Payments & Classified Ads at the BRETON IDA PHARMACY**

**\*Please note:** Ads will be picked up every Tuesday afternoon from Breton IDA so if your ad is time sensitive, please call in or email your ad by 10am Monday morning for the Wednesday Booster.

We want your local stories & pictures!  
Email [media@community39.com](mailto:media@community39.com)



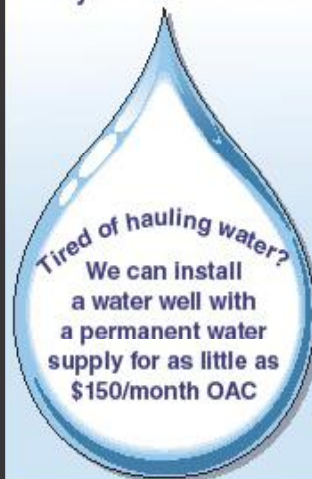
## Breton Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**Thursday Dec 12, 2024 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Salt and Pepper Restaurant**

We would like to welcome everyone to our AGM. Your ideas, volunteerism and thoughts are all welcome, you don't have to be a director!! Call Trent @ 780-202-0140 with any questions. We hope to see you there.



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

**Sudoku Answers**  
**November 13 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.



*Kick Off To*  
**CHRISTMAS**

Join us in Kicking off the Holiday Season  
**Saturday December 7, 2024**

*Save The Date*

**Christmas Market - 10:00 - 4:00**  
4917 50 Avenue  
Breton Community Centre

**Santa's Workshop - 10:00 - 3:00**  
Shopping area for children 17 & Under.  
*Youth can shop for their immediate family members only, to ensure all youth have the opportunity to select something special.*

- Cookie Decorating
- Craft Area
- Glitter Tattoos - 10:00 - 1:00
- Visit with Santa - 12:00- 2:00
- Hayrides - 12:00 - 2:00
- Christmas Play - 2:00 - 3:00
- *Bring your letters to be delivered to Santa or write one there.*

 Hosted by  
Breton Agricultural Society,  
Breton FCSS, and additional community groups

# Village of Breton



## DATE CHANGE

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 20th, 2024**

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

JOIN US FOR

# Christmas At The Hall

*Bake Sale | Photo Ops | Silent Auction & Raffle | Crafts  
Hot Chocolate Around The Fire!*

**December 1st 2024**  
**at Funnell Hall**  
**1:00pm - 4:00pm**

Support This Event By Donating!  
Silent Auction Items/Christmas Decorations Needed  
Funnellhall@gmail.com | Facebook @  
Funnell Community Hall

Breton Community  
*Christmas Supper*  
*Welcome one and all!*  
*Join us on December 14th at the  
Breton Community Centre*

Doors open  
4:00pm

Santa  
4-5pm  
Supper  
5:15 - 7pm



Donations to Christmas  
Wishes and/or Food Bank  
will be *gratefully accepted.*

**FREE Tickets can be picked up at**  
**The Breton Village Office, Breton ATB**  
**or Darren Scott Accounting**

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

**November 21 -25 - Housing is the Key Online Auction.** All funds raised will go towards digital signage for Planeview Place & Cloverleaf Manor. [www.32auctions.com/lrhf2024](http://www.32auctions.com/lrhf2024)

**November 23 - Annual Old Fashioned Christmas** at the Yeoford hall from 12-3pm. Live dessert auction at 2pm. Free admission. Hosted by the Yeoford Homeschoolers.

**November 23 - Warburg's Annual Christmas Bazaar** from 10am - 2pm at the Warburg Pioneer Recreation Centre. Vendors FULL. Contact [fcss@warburg.ca](mailto:fcss@warburg.ca) or 780-848-2828.

**November 23 - Warburg Treasure's Gift Shop** at the Community United Church open from 10am - 2pm.

**November 24 - Plus 55 Lunch** at Glen Park Community Association. Doors open at 12:30, lunch served at 1 pm. Tickets are \$5 each, available at 780-919-1250.

**November 24 - 90th Anniversary of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church** in Thorsby. 10:30am service of celebration followed by presentations & banquet. Limited tickets 780-224-8527

**November 24 - Market on Main Christmas Market** at the Calmar Legion (4815 - 47 St) from 11am - 3pm.

**November 24 - Annual Ending and Beginnings Program** at the Community United Church in Warburg at 1:30pm. Phone 780-696-3808 if you wish to light a candle for your loved one.

**November 24 - Divine Liturgy** on Sunday at St. John The Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Thorsby at 12:00 p.m. For further information, contact Dan at 780-789-3698

**November 26 - Thorsby Christmas Elves Food Drive** from 7-9pm. If you wish to donate, have you items bagged and ready for our team.

**November 29 - Jack Semple plays Lightfoot** at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at ticketpro 1-888-655-9090.

**November 29 - Meal Night at the Breton Youth Centre** with award winning Chili from 3-5pm. Grades 6-12.

**November 29 - Xmas Light Up** at the Warburg Culture centre from 6-9pm. Santa in the Park, Bonfire, Free hot chocolate, hot dogs & cookies

**November 29 - PD Day Program** at the Breton Municipal Library from 11am - 4pm. Ages 6-12. Must pre-register at the Library or Breton FCSS.

**November 29 & 30 - Mulhurst Christmas Market** on Friday

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from 4-7pm and Saturday from 10-5pm at the Community Hall.

**December 1 - Annual Christmas Potluck Supper** at Morrowdale Community Centre. 5-7:30 PM. Bring your favourite dish to get in! Call Bev at 780-789-2571.

**December 1 - Christmas at the Funnell Hall** from 1-4pm. Bake sale, photo ops, silent auction & raffle, crafts, hot chocolate around the fire. [funnellhall@gmail.com](mailto:funnellhall@gmail.com) or Facebook

**December 2 - Outdoor Holiday Planter Workshop** hosted by CIB at the Thorsby Seniors Centre. 6:30-8pm. \$55. Send payment or contact by Nov 22 to [thorsbycib@gmail.com](mailto:thorsbycib@gmail.com)

**December 2 - Christmas Concert** at 7pm by the Lakeshore Singers community choir joined by the Falun Children's Choir at the Lakedell Ag Society large hall. Admission by donation

**December 4 - Community Crockpot Cooking** at the Breton Community Centre from 7-8:30pm. Must pre-register. Class is full but contact Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636 to be on wait list.

**December 7 - Breton's Annual Kick off to Christmas Santa's Workshop**, visits with the jolly ole guy, children's activities, market and more. [brandynbundt@gmail.com](mailto:brandynbundt@gmail.com)

**December 7 - Firefighter Food Drive in Warburg** at 10am for Christmas Elves. If you are not home leave on your step or drop off at one of the local businesses.

**December 14 - Breton Community Christmas Supper** at the Breton Community Centre. Free tickets at the Breton Village office, ATB or Darren Scott Accounting.

*Community Events & Information  
is FREE to advertise*



# Thank you!

Thank you to the Breton Hotel the  
proceeds of their Halloween draw to  
Bucks for Boobs.

So far this year we have raised \$3,585  
and the total for all events is \$16,263.65



# VILLAGE OF BRETON

## *Parade of Lights*

Sunday, December 8th, at 6 pm



**FIREWORKS** to follow at the  
Breton Golf Course



**Cookies & Hot Chocolate**  
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**at Scoops sponsored by Breton Soccer Club**  
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**Floats, please Line up at the Public Works Yard.**



COMMUNITY  
EVENTS  
& info continued

## PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

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

### MONDAYS

**BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (AquaSize or Walmart)** 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)

**DRAMA CLUB** at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. Registration closed for Sept - Dec but accepting registration for Jan to June session. Email [breyouthcenter@gmail.com](mailto:breyouthcenter@gmail.com)

### 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.yourintrinsicement.com/copy-of-services](http://www.yourintrinsicement.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 10am to 11am, \$2. 780-848-2841 or [office@warburg.ca](mailto:office@warburg.ca)

### THURSDAYS

**CHILDREN'S STORY TIME** at the Breton Municipal Library on Thursdays from 11:15am - 11:45am

**OLDER ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES** - 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.

**TACO THURSDAYS** 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 until December 20. Book at 780-388-3793 or 780-542-0057

**KIDS CLUB** after school program at the Breton Municipal Library. School day Fridays from until December 13. 3:15-4:45pm. Ages 6-12. Must pre-register at FCSS or Library.

**MUSIC, BIBLE & PIZZA** on alternating Fridays at the Breton Youth Center. November 8 & 22. Grades 6-12 from 3 - 5:30pm.

### SATURDAYS

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

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**WELCOME TO BRETON** - 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

**BRETON YOUTH CENTRE** is located at the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre downstairs from the Breton Library. All activities are FREE! All kids grade 6-12 are welcome. Contact them at [breyouthcenter@gmail.com](mailto:breyouthcenter@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY GROUPS & MEETINGS (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

### MONDAYS

**BRETON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Monthly meetings the 4th Monday at 7pm at the Breton Museum. Jan-June & Sept-Nov. 780-898-1155 or [bretonmuse@yahoo.com](mailto:bretonmuse@yahoo.com)

**BRETON GOLDEN AGE CLUB** - Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11am (except July & August). 780-898-1651 or [dwaymon@telus.net](mailto:dwaymon@telus.net)

**BRETON ROYAL PURPLE ELKS NO. 285** - the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Community Hall (except July & August) 780-514-4273 or [bretonrp285@gmail.com](mailto:bretonrp285@gmail.com)

### WEDNESDAYS

**BRETON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD** - Meetings are typically the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm (except July & August) 780-696-3740 or [bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca](mailto:bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca)

**BUCK CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** - Meetings at the hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. 780-542-6604 or [buckcreekhall@gmail.com](mailto:buckcreekhall@gmail.com)

### THURSDAYS

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

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

## 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](http://www.community39.com)

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

**NEW UPDATED BOOKLET PRINTED IN SEPTEMBER 2024!**





## Village of Breton DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPROVAL

The Village of Breton has approved a development permit at 193 Maple Crescent, legally described as Lot 9 Block 16 Plan 7621594, for the installation of solar panels to the roof of the home, as further described in Application No. 0011-24.

Objections to the above must be made in writing via email, mail, fax or delivered to the Village of Breton office by 12 pm, November 20, 2024.

Further information is available at the Village office.

Village of Breton  
PO Box 480  
4916 50th Avenue  
Breton, AB T0C 0P0

Date of Decision: November 7, 2024  
Date of Issue of Development Permit: November 21, 2024



## Wendy Heather Gillies

October 22, 2024



It is with sad hearts we announce the passing of Wendy Heather Gillies on October 22, 2024 at the age of 73. She leaves to mourn her brother Brian Gillies, several cousins and lifetime friends. Wendy was predeceased by her father, Don Gillies and her mother, Alma Gillies.

Wendy was raised in Breton, Alberta and went to the big city of Edmonton after graduation. She worked for the phone company, then for the city for many years. She lived in Thorsby for a short time, then she returned to Breton to help out after her dad passed away. She was there for her mom in her last years, and she remained in the family home after Alma's passing. Wendy worked in Drayton Valley for 20 years as a dedicated personal care giver.

Highlights of Wendy's fond memories are trips to Europe, Mexico and Jasper, her shiny Ford Mustang, time in the early days spent with family and friends. Wendy will be very much missed by those of us who loved her.

**A celebration of life for Wendy will be held at a later date.**



## SECRET SANTA FOR SENIORS

Do you know a Senior in our community that could use  
some Christmas Cheer?

We are inviting Seniors to register to receive a  
Secret Santa Package or Community members to  
register a senior that could use some holiday joy.

Register by phone, email or at the  
Village of Breton Office.

Names should be submitted by December 6th.

Deliveries will be made by Volunteers on  
December 19 & 23.

For more information, please contact  
Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636 or fcss@breton.ca



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**FCSS NEWS**  
from  
Deanne Young

**780.696.3636**

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

### **Older Adult Exercise Classes**

Thursday Mornings at the Breton Community Centre - low impact older adult exercise classes with our fabulous instructor Cassie. Thursday mornings from 9-10am. These Drop-in classes cost \$2/ session. You are encouraged to participate at your own level, this can be sitting or standing.

### **"Yoga with June"**

Every Tuesday 10-11am until December 10, 2024 - A Flow Yoga class for stability, strength, balance and relaxation. 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!

### **Busing to Aquacise in Drayton Valley**

Together with Warburg FCSS the bus will arrive in Breton at 9:10am to head to the Drayton Valley Gentle Aquacise class. Returning at approximately 11:30am. 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.

**Kids Klub** – Breton FCSS and the Breton Municipal Library are excited to host Kid's Klub, an after-school program for youth ages 6 - 12. Fridays starting on November 8, from 3:15 - 4:45. Activities including crafts, and games along with a light snack. Spaces are limited and pre-registration is required. Please contact the Library or the Breton FCSS office to register. The program will run until December 13. There will be a longer program on **November 29 from 11:00 – 4:00 for the PD School Day.**

### **Community Crock Pot Cooking**

**Classes are full! Please contact us to be on a wait list for December 4th.** Are your days full juggling work, kids activities, volunteer and family commitments? Join us for our Community Crockpot Cooking Classes. Take home 3 delicious, healthy meals that you can freeze and then pop into your crockpot to have a meal when you return home. Each class will feature different meals. Older youth are encouraged to attend with an adult (learn those life skills!) If you are in need of a crockpot, We will

gift you a new crock pot. Cost is \$5/family member per class. If you have 4 people in your family you would pay \$20 for the class and take home 3 delicious meals. For more information, please call 780-696-3636.

### **Calendar Project is Back**

Thank you to everyone that sent in photos. We had a great cross section from individuals and groups for this year's calendar. We should have them in our office by December 10. Stop by for your FREE Community Wellness Calendar.

### **Kick Off to Christmas**

Save the date for our Annual Kick Off to Christmas and Christmas Market on Saturday December 7th. We have a few more details on our Kick Off to Christmas and Santa's Workshop.

- Santa's Workshop – 10am-3pm – Children under 18 can shop for immediate family members. Volunteers will be available to help them shop and wrap their gifts.
- Cookie Decorating with McMan Family Resource staff – 10am-2pm
- Christmas Crafts - 10am-2pm
- Christmas Book Giveaway – Faith Covenant Church – 10am-2pm
- Glitter Tattoos – with Heads Up Family Hair Care – 10am - 1pm
- Visits with Santa – 12pm - 2pm
- Hayrides around the Village – 12pm - 2pm
- Children's Christmas Play 2pm

There will also be a Christmas Market. The market is currently full. The community centre will be full of vendors to help you with your holiday shopping. The market will run from 10:00 – 4:00pm. We could use Volunteer to assist with the following activities:

- \* Craft table
- \* Gift Wrapping
- \* Helping children shop

Please contact Deanne at Breton FCSS or Bonnie at ATB Financial if you are able to assist. We would like to remind community members that our Santa's Workshop is for youth 17 & under to shop for their immediate family. We want to ensure that all children have the opportunity to select items for their family members.



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# Brazeau County

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>November 21</b>   Budget Meeting   9am	<b>December 3</b>   Council Meeting   9am
<b>November 25</b>   Budget Meeting   9am	<b>December 6</b>   Cram the Cruiser   4-9pm
<b>November 26</b>   Budget Meeting   9am	<b>December 10</b>   Municipal Planning Commission meeting   11:00 am

### OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES (OHV)

The County's OHV Bylaw promotes safety and protection of people property and the environment. Learn more about the rules and regulations in Bylaw 1153-23 at [www.brazeau.ab.ca](http://www.brazeau.ab.ca)



[www.brazeau.ab.ca](http://www.brazeau.ab.ca)

### COMMUNITY EVENT GRANT

The Community Event Grant is available to non-profit organizations quarterly with application deadlines of January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. The goal of the grant is to grow the sense of community while not duplicating efforts. Maximum funding available per applicant is \$1,000.

### YOUTH SPORT GRANT

Available to Brazeau County youth, under the age of 25, to assist in costs associated to competing in championship competitions at the Western Canada, National, or International levels. Grants may be awarded up to \$1,000 per applicant.

### RECREATION FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Available to assist low-income County residents looking to participate in recreation programs and activities offered at the Total Works and/or Ricochet Aquatic Centre. Funding is available to a maximum of \$200 for each eligible person per calendar year, while funds are available.



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# NEW KEYSTONE SCHOOL IN BRETON

by Shawna Ofstie

In my article last week I missed that on October 15, 2024 it was officially announced that Breton High School would be transforming into a K-12 facility and will be named "Breton Keystone School". Further to my estimated time lines it seems the "three or so years anticipated" is incorrect information, my apologies. For now I have no official anticipated time lines but I have contacted Wild Rose School Division and they informed me that time line information and a few more details on this project will be published once a contractor has been chosen which is anticipated to be available in January 2025.

What I do have for you is official Breton Keystone Modernization FAQ from the Wild Rose School division that had been shared with parents for those of you that haven't seen it. Thank you to the Wild Rose School Division for sharing it!

**What is the bathroom setup at the new Breton school?** There will be new bathrooms installed as part of the project. Two main sets of bathrooms will be on different ends of the building. One will be for elementary and one for high school. As well there will be staff washrooms, an accessible washroom (with a shower) and bathrooms in the gym change rooms.

**What are the gym plans for the new school? Will it be upgraded? Will it accommodate the whole school for assemblies? Will it have seating?** The gym is getting a complete makeover, with a new floor, new basketball, volleyball and badminton standards and new gym lines. We are adding a dividing curtain (electric, rolls up to the roof) in the middle so that the space can be divided into two for instructional purposes, but retract for sports. The workout area remains in the mezzanine above the gym and gets a little bit larger! New bleachers and a new AV system are designed for in the plans, however the bleachers themselves are not included in the project. We are also reconfiguring the change rooms to add a second storage room to accommodate the gym equipment from the elementary school.

**Where will student and staff parking be? Will they pave the current gravel lot?** The parking lot is being reconfigured to have 60 stalls to accommodate staff, students and visitors. There will be a single entrance/exit to the parking lot and the tree island in the middle will be removed.

**Will each division have their own entry doors?** We will have a door where the bus lane is with a big boot room that will likely be an elementary door and we are reconfiguring the gym entrance to likely be a high school door. The final decision on the doors will be made by the school administration. The main entrance remains where it is. There is a door on the elementary end that will be close to

the playground, so that will be nice for recess access.

**How many classrooms will the new school have, and will it accommodate the playschool?** The school has 13 classrooms PLUS: Foods Lab (with a servery), Music Room, Science Lab, Gym, Library/Learning Commons, Cosmetology Lab/Art room, Woods/Welding Lab (separated), Fitness Mezzanine. One of the classrooms is designed as a Kindergarten/Pre-K classroom and is very close to the elementary bathrooms.

**What about a playground?** A playground is funded as part of the project by the Alberta Government. Previous projects were funded at \$250,000. We are excited to add a play structure to the space!

**Will the exterior of the school be upgraded - or will you match the existing tin?** The school will get new exterior cladding. The current clearstory (glass skylights) in the gathering space inside the main entrance will be removed. However, there will be a new and bigger clearstory added in this space. The sloping glass above the gym entrance will still be in place but will become vertical glass instead. They are being redone to be more modern, energy efficient, but maintain or add natural light.

**Will the new school be bigger than the existing BHS?** The school will have exactly the same footprint as the current school as the exterior walls are remaining. Provisions will be installed during the modernization to accommodate for the addition of two portable classrooms for future growth.

**Will there be any transportation fees for the transfer bus?** Wild Rose School Division does not charge any transportation fees for any of our services, and the transfer bus to Warburg will be available to all Breton students. Students who are already registered to a rural bus will automatically be assigned to a transfer bus. For students who are not already registered to a rural bus, we will open a new "transfer bus" registration form beginning December 9, 2024. We encourage these parents to register their students for the transfer bus, even if you will only access this service in rare circumstances.

**How will students be assigned to the transfer buses?** Route buses will be assigned to specific transfer buses. Town students will be assigned where there is seat availability. We will do our best to make sure there are students of the same grade riding together on buses.

**What will the school schedule be like? Will all students have the same lunch break? How will the gym be shared between elementary and high school students?** These decisions will be made by the school administration with input from school staff and school council as we bring the two schools together. These discussions will begin during the 2025-26 school year.

**Will there be one office for both elementary and high school students?** There will be one main office, but with spots for two administrative support staff, two offices, a sick room and staff room. The office remains in the same location as it currently is, but the space and interior walls are being reconfigured.



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Donations of non-perishable food may be made at any of the local businesses in Breton. We will have our totes/boxes in the stores and schools in Breton starting last week. We also have donation cans in the businesses who do not have a tote.

Referrals can be made by schools, churches, social agencies, neighbors, friends, or even the recipient. If you know of someone who may be in need or needs some extra help this year and would like to make a referral please contact one of the above agencies or call/text Diane Wilson at 780-514-4273. Referrals are taken on a yearly basis.

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*Alberta News, November 15, 2024*

Alberta's government has a plan to ensure critical government mail continues to be delivered during the service interruption at Canada Post.

In response to the service disruption at Canada Post, Alberta's government is taking steps to ensure critical mail between Albertans and the government continues to flow.

Starting Tuesday, Nov. 19, mail can be accepted from Albertans at designated Alberta government offices across the province to ensure it reaches the proper destination. No stamps are required. The full list of designated buildings is available on [www.Alberta.ca](http://www.Alberta.ca).

Albertans who receive mail from the provincial government will receive a notification by email or phone indicating where and when they can pick-up/drop-off their mail. Alberta's government will never ask for personal information over the phone or for anyone to click on a link in an email. Non-critical mail will be held by the originating department until Canada Post mail service resumes.

Some departments are participating in a Canada Post program to deliver social-economic cheques once a month during the disruption. Many departments that issue cheques also offer direct deposit. For more information, or to inquire about signing up for direct deposit, Albertans should contact the government department that issues the payment.

Additional information will be posted online as it becomes available.

### Quick facts

- Only critical mail can be delivered to the general public during a work interruption. Non-critical or promotional mail should not be sent during this time.
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To the Editor:

In the August 20 agenda of the Brazeau County Agenda package (pp. 97 – 105) is a councillor report about attendance at the Calgary stampede last July. The following is this observer's evaluation.

First impression: It is easy to read (a compliment) with lots of good pictures, but it is incredibly short of "value to the county" considering the cost.

Nowhere is it mentioned why it was necessary to send people to the Stampede in the first place, nor why all three were paid for as opposed to sending only one. What kind of information sessions were conducted that relate to local government?

There is a great deal of "name dropping." Again, how will the county benefit? Readers are well informed as to what was eaten and the use of Uber. Some of the ideas discussed with noted others were concerns (perhaps) of the provincial or federal government, not local issues.

Meeting with provincial ministers was mentioned. Does one need to attend the Stampede to meet these people? The same regarding day home for kids? How does a description of the (1908) Normal School relate to county business?

The idea of a hydrogen hub was mentioned. Perhaps a definition/description of such would be useful. Perhaps the public should have a say in its possible placement in Brazeau. For example, is it environmentally safe regarding our air, H2O and land? We don't need another industry dump.

The writer of the report states it cost the county \$2410.10 for this excursion for his expenses. It seems (to this writer) that events of this kind should be paid for by those that attend (not the taxpayer); this appears to be a paid holiday.

Perhaps residents should read the article and decide for themselves the value to the county of such activities.

Three councillors attended. Even though reports are not required for in-province conferences, taxpayers would also be interested in the reports of the other two councillors and who they conferred with in their networking and how the information they gleaned is valuable to the county.

Lynn Oberle

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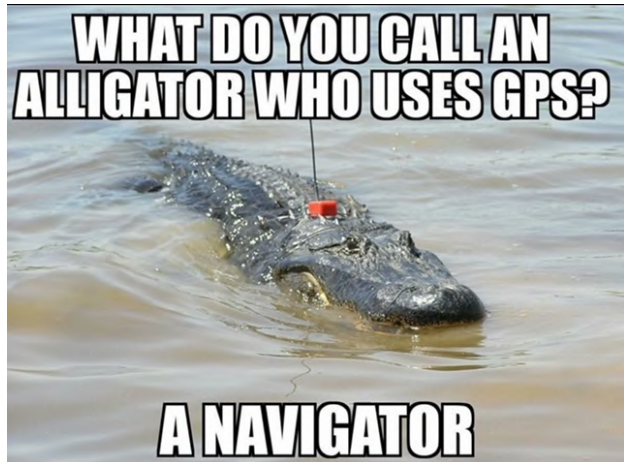
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For your business! Office building on main street, attractive street frontage, wheel chair access. Front reception area, office areas

## BRETON



**\$174,900**

Private 30 acres, trees, small pond, open area. Ideal for retreat or your dream home. Approx 10 min to Breton, 30 min to Drayton

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**\$199,500**

3 bedroom home, finished basement, deck, firepit, storage shed. Upgrades incl: flooring, kitchen cabinets, dishwasher, shingles.

## ALDER FLATS



Completely Renovated

**\$179,900**

2 bed, 1 bath. new flooring, counters, backsplash, doors, SS appliances, lighting, furnace, electric panel, Hardie Board siding

## BUCK LAKE



**\$399,900**

Beautiful home, natural woodwork, 3 bed 1 bath, hot tub, firepit, double detached garage, share in community dock for your boat.

## VACANT LOT

Large lot backs onto golf course with 159 ft of golf course frontage. Natural trees for privacy. Newer neighborhood, no time restrictions to build, modular homes are acceptable (restrictive covenant applies). GST included  
**BRETON \$49,900**

## RV LOTS on Pigeon Lake

Own your own RV lot with direct access to Pigeon Lake in a gated, private community. 1.63 acre lots. Condominium Property with natural gas, electricity and sewer at the lot line. Common property includes road and lake front area with 240' of lake frontage. Low condo fees of \$50/mo. Great Opportunity to Be at the Lake at a Great Value! GST applies to purchase price

4 Lots offered at \$130,500 to \$157,500 + GST per lot

## DRAYTON VALLEY



**\$749,000**

1.1 acre lot comes with a 9000+ sq ft building with 3 office bays each with its own shop bay. Adjacent 1.1 acre lot also for sale.

## DRAYTON VALLEY



**\$2,900,000**

Office bldg, full basement, 3 bay heated garage. Reception, multiple offices, boardroom w/ kitchenette, 2 executive offices, crew rooms

## BUCK LAKE



**\$339,900**

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

## DRAYTON VALLEY



**\$750,000**

**11 ARCES** - Spacious bi-level family home w/ partially finished basement (2 bedrms up/2 bedrms down). Heated shop, quonset (power & concrete floor), 2 automatic waterers. Annual surface lease revenue.



161 acres, Modeste Creek, sense of privacy, serene atmosphere, 2 ponds & a meadow, haven for birds, wildlife, a nature oasis. 4 bedrm, 3 1/2 bath home, ICF walkout basement. Easy care landscaping, fire pit/picnic spot by large pond, trails thru trees, a heated insulated shop, w/att 3-bay garage (3-pce bath), storage sheds, older garage, log cabin. Antique machinery, lawn benches & tables included. Most household furniture can be included with the property, making it a truly remarkable and turnkey opportunity for the next owner. Located west of Breton

## MULHURST BAY



**\$239,000**

5.07 acre parcel, partially treed, triple bay, insulated garage, Pond. Your own private campground or build your dream home

## DRAYTON VALLEY



**\$895,000**

Awaiting your development - 10 acre parcel zoned Rural Industrial minutes east of Drayton Valley with great access to Hwy39/22.



## WINFIELD LIQUOR LOFT

Opportunity knocks in the community of Winfield, Alberta. Be your own boss of this Liquor Store. The Winfield Liquor Loft has been serving the community & surrounding areas for 12+ years. Buyer needs to obtain their own liquor license from AGLC.

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