# THE BRETON BOSTER

# ARE YOU A BLOOD DONOR?

# Canadian Blood Services wants you to join the 450 Challenge!

### www.blood.ca

The demand for blood and plasma is rising, but there are not enough donors to keep up with the rising patient need. Canadian Blood Services needs 450 new donors across the country, every day this winter.

1 in 2 Canadians are eligible to give blood, yet only 1 in 76 actually does. If you've never donated before, now is the time to join the challenge and be part of a critical mission. By donating blood or plasma, you are joining a community committed to saving lives. There are many ways to help, and each action means saving lives in different ways.

- Become a blood, platelet, or plasma donor -Blood products have a limited shelf life, which is why the need is constant. One donation could save three lives.
- Join the stem cell registry You could be a match for the nearly 1,000 people in Canada who are waiting for a stem cell transplant.
- Register your intent to donate organs and tissues Help more than 4,000 people in Canada who are waiting for an organ transplant.
- Make a financial gift When you donate financially, you fuel important recruitment activities that help us grow Canada's donor base.

Take action on your own, or with others by joining our Partners for Life program. Partners for Life makes it easy to support Canada's Lifeline as a group and track your collective impact — no matter how you choose to donate together. Existing Partners for Life can also join the **#450Challenge** by increasing the number of new donors on their teams.

Book an appointment today, tomorrow or in the coming weeks to help fuel Canada's Lifeline. Let's get Canada's blood pumping!

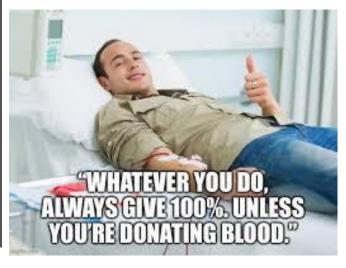
Any time is a good time to become part of the 450. Visit

<u>www.blood.ca</u>, download the GiveBlood app, or call 1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283) to book an appointment this winter.

### Whole Blood Key Facts

- Whole blood is blood that contains red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma. A whole blood donation is divided into components, such as red blood cells and platelets that are used to treat different types of patient needs.
- All whole blood donations undergo leukoreduction to remove white blood cells, which reduces the risk of serious immune reactions that recipients may have when exposed to donor white cells.
- The volume of a single whole blood donation is about 480 ml or less than 10 percent of a donor's total blood volume.
- A male can donate up to six times a year and a female can donate up to four times a year. All collection kits are sterilized and single use. You cannot get AIDS or any other infectious disease by donating blood.
- Our multi-tiered approach to safety includes extensive screening, strict donor selection criteria, and state-of-the-art testing technology.
- 100 per cent of blood components, including plasma, that are used for transfusion in Canada are donated by volunteer Canadian donors.

Go to www.blood.ca for more information



# Classifieds

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2005 ARCTIC CAT KING CAT SLED, 900cc, rebuilt at 5000, \$3500 OBO. Call 780-848-1088 for more info

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CALF SHELTER - 30 ft long, 10 ft deep, 7ft high front, 5 ft high back. Metal pipe frame w/ 1x6 on sides, metal roof. \$3250. Phone 780-621-7567.

40 GREEN FEED ROUND BALES - 1200-1350lb. \$65 each. Phone 780-621-7567.

BALE KING VORTEX 2000 BALE BUSTER - excellent condition w/new drive shaft. \$7950. Phone 780-621-7567.

### WANTED

**OLD FARM TRACTORS OR CATERPILLARS** Will buy Complete or Incomplete. 403-396-8629

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### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

"NEW" AA MEETING starting Jan 15, 2025. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Warburg Cultural Centre, 5120 51 Ave in Warburg

#### Classified Ads are \$5 for 2 weeks (max. 4 lines or approx. 30 words) GST included

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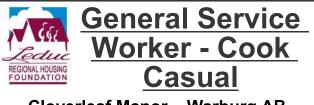
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Sudoku Answers from January 8 Issue

*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  $3 \times 3$ subgrids.



### **Cloverleaf Manor – Warburg AB**

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is looking for an enthusiastic individual who enjoys working in a team environment. This casual position will be required to work a **variety of shifts**. Shifts will include **afternoons** and **nights**. Applicants should be prepared and able to work all shifts. Duties may include kitchen-related responsibilities such as cleaning, cooking and food preparation or housekeeping responsibilities and other duties as assigned. A high standard of service is expected.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Housekeeping and/or food service experience in institution/hospitality industries.
- 2. Formal education in the area of housekeeping and/or food service would be beneficial.
- 3. W.H.M.I.S. Training
- 4. Strong English communication skills, both written and verbal is required.
- 5. Strong customer service skill including the ability to interact with everyone in a respectful manner.
- 6. Ability to perform work duties with a minimum of supervision.
- 7. Ability to work independently, as well as a team.
- 8. Ability to work a flexible schedule (evenings and weekends).
- 9. Satisfactory Criminal Records Check including Vulnerable Sector Check.
- 10. Experience working with and meeting the needs of seniors

\*All employees will be required to have a Pre-Employment Fit to Work Assessment, and a clear criminal record with vulnerable sector check.

# Please send your resume quoting job posting number 2025-CL-01 to:

Attn: Human Resources Leduc Regional Housing Foundation 5118 – 50 Avenue, Leduc, Alberta, T9E 6V4 Fax: 780.986.4881 or E-mail: hr@leducregionalhousing.ca

Posting to remain open until a suitable candidate is found.



# Part Time Evening Cook

### Cloverleaf Manor – Warburg AB

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is seeking an enthusiastic and motivated individual for a Part-time Evening Cook position (40 hours/biweekly). Reporting to the Chef, the Evening Cook is responsible for meal preparation and service to the residents. As a member of the Leduc Regional Housing Foundation team, the Evening Cook ensures that a high standard of services is provided to the residents.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Formal training along with a minimum 3 years' experience with cooking and baking in a commercial kitchen setting is required.
- 2. Minimum 3 years' experience in quantity food preparation.
- 3. Knowledge of proper food handling practices - Food Handler's Certificate preferred.
- 4. W.H.M.I.S. Training.
- 5. Strong English communication skills, both written and verbal is required.
- 6. Strong customer service skill including the ability to interact with everyone in a respectful manner.
- 7. Ability to work a flexible schedule (evenings and weekends).
- 8. Satisfactory Criminal Records Check including Vulnerable Sector Check.
- 9. Standard First Aid Certificate.
- 10. Experience working with and meeting the needs of seniors.

All employees will be required to have a Pre-Employment Fit to Work Assessment, and a clear criminal record with vulnerable sector check.

# Please send your resume quoting job posting number 2025-CL-02 to:

Attn: Human Resources Leduc Regional Housing Foundation 5118 – 50 Avenue, Leduc, Alberta, T9E 6V4 Fax: 780.986.4881 or E-mail: hr@leducregionalhousing.ca

Position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.



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

January 17 - Drumming Circle at the Thorsby Seniors Centre. Free to members, \$10 for non-members. Pre-register.

January 18 - Thorsby Music Jam is back at the Thorsby Community Hall from 1-4pm. Everyone welcome! Held the 3rd Saturday of each month. Call 780-789-2180 for more details

January 18 - Community Gym Night in the Warburg High School Gym from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Volleyball, floor hockey and other games. Open to everyone. Free. All ages welcome.

January 21 - Annual Member Meeting at the Funnell Hall at 7pm. 48226 RR42, Alsike. Everyone Welcome.

January 24 - Music, Bible & Pizza on alternating Fridays at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12 from 4:15 - 6:15pm. NOTE NEW TIME

January 24 - Ventriloquist Michael Harrison at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at Ticketpro 1-888-655-9090

January 25 - Ukrainian Malanka Festival at the Thorsby Hall. Call Marlene at 780-217-9394 or 780-789-3734 for tickets

January 25 - Newfoundland Kitchen Party at the Warburg Legion at 6pm. \$30 per ticket (pre-sale). For tickets contact Deb at 780-848-2923

January 29 - Thorsby Seniors Meeting. Potluck lunch at 12pm and meeting starts at 1pm

**February 5** - Managing Menopause class at the Warburg Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic from 6-8pm. Register with Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or email <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

<u>February 15</u> - Comedy Night with the Pepper & Dylan Show's Rob Pepper hosted by the Warburg playschool. Get your tickets at <u>www.funnyfundraising.ca</u>

February 17 - Family Day Activities - more info to come

**February 22** - Pigeon Lake Poker Rally at Ma Me O Beach starting at 10am. Pre Event Friday 21. Fun for the whole family. Contact westof5thpokerrun@gmail.com for more info.

**February 22** - Community Gym Night in the Warburg High School Gym from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Volleyball, floor hockey and other games. Open to everyone. Free. All ages welcome.

<u>February 23</u> - Canadian Country Music Legends at the Thorsby Community Centre hosted by Thorsby Playschool. Advance Tickets \$30 at the Rec Complex, Thorsby Hotel or call Brodi at 780-721-4296 or \$40 at the door.

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### <u>Pick up your FREE</u> "<u>Community Connections</u>" 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 <u>www.community39.com</u>

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

# Royal Purple Elks Photo Contest

Send in or drop off your favorite pictures.

\$1 per picture entry fee

Winning photo receives 50% of the money collected, the other half goes to the Fund for Children

### Winning entry will be displayed on the yearly Royal Purple Community Birthday Calendar!

Photos taken of Breton and area preferred.

Photos can be dropped off at Darren Scott Accounting

Deadline for submissions: January 15, 2025

For more information or questions call: Margaret 780-696-2427 or 780-621-6143



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

\*\*Please note - all events are subject to change. Please email us at <u>media@community39.com</u> 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 for more info.

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

DRAMA CLUB at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. Email bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com

### TUESDAYS

**STAY, PLAY & GROW** - 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 **YOGA WITH JUNE** - Every Tuesday 10 to 11 am from January 7 to March 11 at the Breton Community Centre. \$2 drop in fee.

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

**AA MEETING** starting Jan 15, 2025. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Warburg Cultural Centre, 5120 51 Ave in Warburg

**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

### THURSDAYS

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

ADULT EXERCISE PROGRAM - 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.

MUSIC, BIBLE & PIZZA on alternating Fridays at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12 from 4:15-6:15pm. NOTE TIME CHANGE

#### 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

**BRETON YOUTH CENTRE** is volunteer run 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 <u>bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com</u>

**<u>COMMUNITY CALENDARS</u>** - FREE! Pick up at the Village of Breton Office or the Breton Municipal Library located in the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre at 4916 - 50 Avenue.

### 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). Contact Pat at 780-696-6557 for more info.

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 <u>bretonrp285@gmail.com</u>

#### WEDNESDAYS

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

BUCK CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Meetings at the hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. 780-542-6604 or buckcreekhall@gmail.com

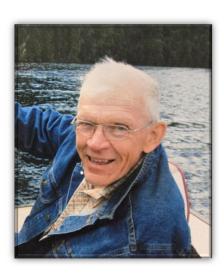
### THURSDAYS

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

**BRETON ELKS 402** - 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>

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

We want your local stories & pictures! Email <u>media@community39.com</u>





### John E.H. Charlton

December 28, 1931 – January 2, 2025

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **John E.H. Charlton** of Breton, Alberta. John passed away peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by family, at the Rimbey Hospital and Care Centre on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at the age of 93 years.

John was born in Elnora, Alberta on December 28, 1931, the first-born son of Arthur H. and Muriel I. (née Macturk) Charlton, originally of Pine Lake, Alberta. John always wanted to ranch, and in 1966 he leased his parent's family farm in Red Deer to start his cattle herd. The ranch dream was finally realized when the Four Seasons Ranch was relocated to Breton, Alberta in 1978, where John was able to double his land and herd size. John's passion for raising high-quality cattle in a low stress environment was widely known and respected in the industry. John was also well-known for his passion for home-cooked meals, and to some he was referred to as the local ice cream sheriff!

John will be lovingly remembered by his sons David (Joyce-Lynn) Charlton of Prince Rupert, B.C., and Brad (Nicole) Charlton of Breton, Alberta; his daughter Merina (Russell) Cochrane of Kamloops, B.C.; and his daughter-in-law Noreen Mills-Charlton of Peachland, B.C. He will also be lovingly remembered by nine grandchildren Kody, Todd, Nadina, Kevin, Ian, Jessica, Sabrina, Samuel, and Renée; and nine great-grandchildren Jordan, Tristan, John, Claire, Ryan, Matteo, Gianna, Lucan, and Nakita. John was predeceased by his loving wife Lyn in 2005; his son Randy in 2002; his sisters Audrey, Beth, and Joyce; and his brother Bruce.

The Family would like to thank all the kind and compassionate caregivers in Rimbey that made John's last few years so comfortable.

An Informal Gathering of family and friends in Celebration of John's Life will be held at the Breton Community Centre, 4715 – 50 Avenue, Breton on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. He will be laid to rest alongside his wife Lyn in the Breton Cemetery, Breton at a later date.

If desired, memorial donations in John's memory may be made directly to the Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories, 306, 10430 – 61 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T6H 2J3 (www.alzheimer.ca). Condolence messages may be forwarded to the family by visiting: www.ofc-ltd.ca

Cremation Arrangements for the Late John E.H. Charlton entrusted to the care of





Wow what a great stretch of weather we are having. Making winter go by just a bit quicker. If you are looking for activities to join or groups to help with, check out these community programs currently running:

<u>"Yoga with June"</u> Every Tuesday 10:00 to 11:00 am January 7 to March 11 - 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. \$2.00 drop-in fee. Come join us at the Breton Community Centre for rejuvenation, relaxation and fun!

**The Adult Exercise Program** is returning This class runs from 9:00 – 10:00 am on Thursday mornings. Equipment is provided. This class will focus on toning, balance, increased mobility, strength gains, and increased flexibility. Participants will be able to either do the exercise standing or sitting, which ever their ability will allow. This program is facilitated by Cassie Kreil a certified instructor. Participants will be asked to pay a small fee of \$2/class. Join today and start to get fit with friends. This is a drop-in group so you are welcome to start attending at any time throughout the year.

#### Busing to Aquacise or Walmart in Drayton Valley -

Monday Mornings-Together with Warburg FCSS the bus will arrive in Breton at 9:15 to head to the Drayton Valley Gentle Aquacise class. Returning at 11:30. Purchase a 5 ride Bus pass for (\$36) or 10(\$72) bus pass from the Village of Breton office. Register with Shauna the Thursday prior to the Monday class to save your seat on the bus. If you register with the Active 55 program (at the pool) and live in Brazeau County (including the Village of Breton) there is no cost for the Aqua Size class. If you do not qualify for Active 55 the cost for the aquacise class is \$7.50 or a 10 card pass for \$67.50. We must have at least 8 riders to make a trip. The bus will also make a stop at Walmart for those that would like to shop for 1 hr.

<u>Golden Age Club</u> – Join older adults in the community for their monthly meeting. Held the first Monday of each month at 11:00 am. The Golden Age Club offers cards, floor curling and other activities for older adults in our community. For more information, please contact Pat at 780-696-6557. New members welcome.

**Brighter Futures Stay, Play & Grow** – Tuesday mornings – from 10:00 – 11:30. Hosted by Brighter Future's, held at Faith Covenant Church, 4712 – 53 Ave. Children 0 – 6 can burn off all that extra energy with physical activity. Drop in – Free. For more information 780-514-5070

<u>Kids Club</u> – Afterschool program on Fridays at the Breton Library. 3:15 – 4:45. Ages 6-12. Crafts, games, movies, light snack provided. Register at the Breton Library

**Breton Youth Centre** – A fun and safe place for youth Grades 6-12 to hang out, try new activities. Located in the Breton Civic Centre. Activates are advertised on social media. Volunteer run. Some activities have included Movie nights, Crafts, Taco Thursdays, Games, Music, Bible & Pizza Time, Drama Club. Everyone welcome.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

- \* Breton Agricultural Society Second Thursday of each month 7:00 pm
- \* Breton ELKS next meeting January 16 7:30 pm
- \* Breton Royal Purple January 20–7:30 pm
- \* Breton Historical Society January 22 7:00 pm

**Just In Case** – Is a resource that you put together for those that may need when a loved one is unable to communicate with you or passes on. We have put together this binder for you to fill out, use and share with important people in your life. If you would like one of the binders, please contact us or come into the Breton FCSS Office at 4916 50th Avenue. We can also email you an electronic version for you to fill in and print.

**Counselling Subsidies** –Breton and Area FCSS is pleased to offer Counselling Subsidies. A subsidy is available for individuals, couples and/or families who are struggling with common, everyday issues to access short-term preventative counselling services. The goal is to:

- Improve relationships with better communication and conflict resolution skills;
- Improve mood with anger management and emotional support;
- Enhance personal growth with creativity, spirituality, self-esteem, self-awareness, goal setting;
- Improve parenting skills by focusing on attachment;
- Reduce stress with life balance; and/or
- Learn new skills and behaviors

The cost of counselling can be a barrier for many individuals and families. This subsidy is available to those who do not have access to coverage through health benefits or employee benefits, such as an Employee Assistance Plan (EAP), and whose family income is less than \$75,000 per year. Fees are determined according to a sliding scale based on income and family size. Fees range from \$15 per session to \$50 per session. The maximum number of sessions available is seven for individuals and nine for couples or families.

Counselling services are provided through a partnership with Karunia Counselling from Leduc.

We know that in this current environment many may

### Breton FCSS Continued...

We know that in this current environment many may have additional stress and anxiety. We also know that transportation may be an added barrier. These sessions can be arranged to be in person in the Karunia offices in Leduc, over the phone in your own safe environment or virtually on your computer.

To apply for the subsidy services, application forms are available through the Breton FCSS Office at 4916 50th Avenue or by contacting them at <u>fcss@breton.ca</u> or calling 780-696-3636.

#### ALL APPLICATIONS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Breton and Area FCSS will be doing the intake of the applications. Counselling services are provided by Karunia Counselling by Registered Psychologists, Registered Provisional Psychologists, Canadian Certified Counsellors and Masters or PhD level student interns under the supervision of a qualified psychologist. All applications will be kept in strict confidence.

### Kindness Project 2025

"Did you know that acts of kindness are a key contributor to mentally healthy communities? Kindness, as research has shown, also makes us happier, improves physical health, slows ageing, and improves relationships."

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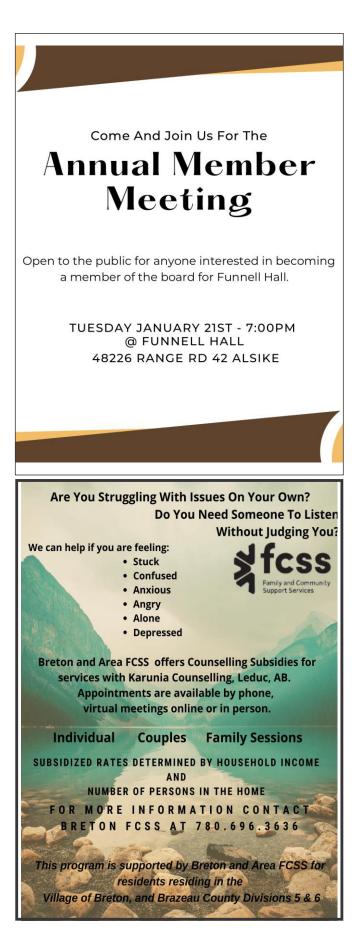
Throughout 2025 we are asking you to let us know who has shown you Acts of Kindness. There are a couple of ways you can share with us:

- Send an email to <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>. Include the Act of Kindness, whom it was done by and their contact information along with your name and contact information.
- Drop by the Village office or the Breton Municipal Library and complete a form

Once a month we will select random entries to be awarded gift certificates to local businesses for their gestures.

# Please feel welcome to contact us at <u>fcss@breton.ca</u> or 780-696-3636.

Our office hours are Monday – Thursday – 8:30 – 4:00 pm.





Brazeau County

### CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS NOW REQUIRED FOR CANDIDATES

Pursuant to Section 21.1 of the *Local Authorities Election Act* Brazeau County Council has passed Bylaw 1196-24 requiring prospective candidates to submit a criminal record check with their nomination papers.

Prospective candidates are required to submit a criminal record check completed within six months of the day nomination papers are filed with the returning officer. Criminal record checks must be completed at the RCMP detachment that serves your area.

Once submitted criminal record checks, along with the nomination papers, will be viewable by the public on request. The candidate's address, birthdate and any other personal information that could, in the opinion of the returning officer, compromise the safety of the candidate will be redacted from the public.

For more information contact Brazeau County's returning officer at <u>election@brazeau.ab.ca</u> or 780-542-7777.



### NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Nominations for the 2025 Municipal Election are now being accepted.

Brazeau County's returning officer will be accepting nomination papers at the Brazeau County Administration Office during regular business hours during the nomination period that started on January 1, 2025. Nomination Day is September 22, 2025 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Requirements for filing nomination papers can be found in the *Local Authorities Election Act* S. 27 and S. 28. Eligibility and ineligibility for candidates can be found in the *Local Authorities Election Act* S. 21, 22 and 23. As per Brazeau County Bylaw 1196-24 and pursuant to Local Authorities Election Act S. 21.1 prospective candidates are now required to submit a criminal record check valid within six months of filing with their nomination forms.

Questions can be directed to Brazeau County's returning officer at <u>election@brazeau.ab.ca</u> or 780-542-7777.

\*Please contact Returning Officer Courtney Whalen at 780-542-7777 prior to bringing in nomination papers for submission.\*

### IMPORTANT DATES

- February 4 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- February 6 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m.
- February 11 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 10:00 a.m.
- February 17 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Family Day
  - February 18 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.
  - February 19 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 1:00 p.m.





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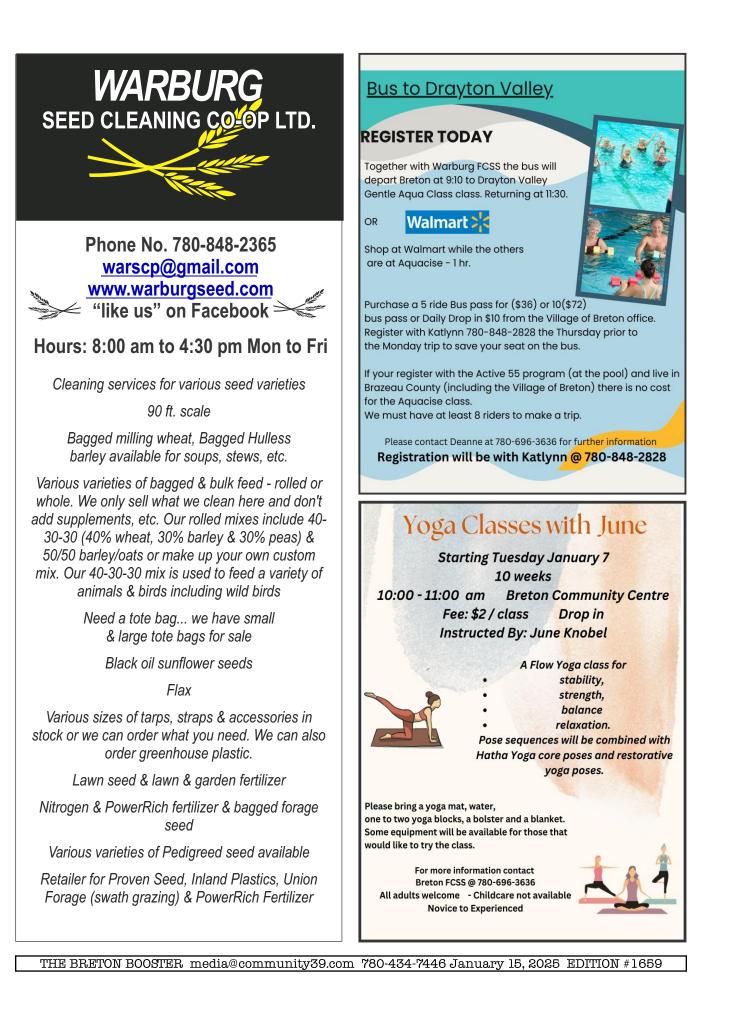


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# ALBERTA SENDING WILDFIRE SUPPORT TO CALIFORNIA

Alberta News, January 13, 2025

### Alberta's wildland firefighters are on their way to assist in California, as the state is gripped by deadly wildfires fueled by dry conditions and powerful winds.

The state of California has been devastated by fast moving wildfires, which have already destroyed about 12,000 homes and buildings, and have tragically taken lives.

Alberta Wildfire received a request to assist California through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre. Alberta's government is sending two fully equipped wildfire crews, including 40 wildland firefighters and two agency representatives. The teams departed Edmonton on Monday, Jan. 13 and are expected to arrive in California within the next few days.

"Our hearts go out to everyone in California who has been impacted due to the devastating fires. Good neighbours are always there for each other in times of need, and we will assist our American friends in any way they need during this crisis. We are sending 40 highly skilled and experienced wildland firefighters to assist in the response efforts. Alberta remains committed to providing support and expertise to help protect lives, property and communities." Danielle Smith, Premier

"In 2023, California firefighters bravely supported Alberta in a time of great need. Now, Alberta is answering the call and has stepped up to assist our neighbours. I have spoken directly to Cal Fire and to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to assure them that Alberta is prepared to support them in their ongoing efforts. Alberta has experience and expertise in battling wildfires, and we're committed to supporting our friends and partners in the United States." Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

California's wildfire management agency will determine where the Alberta crews are deployed.

Additional Type 1 firefighters, Incident Command personnel, and qualified support staff are ready to go, if requested. Alberta Wildfire is also preparing water bombers, pilots, and contracted night vision helicopters to assist in California, if needed.

### **Quick facts**

• During Alberta's record-breaking wildfire season in 2023, 115 firefighters and support staff from California came to help Alberta's wildfire response.

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# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL** Supply and Deliver of Bagged Firewood

The County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 invites written proposals for the supply and delivery of bagged firewood to the County of Wetaskiwin Winfield Public Works Shop for the 2025 Camping Season in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract documents. Request for Proposal (RFP) documents may be picked up at the County of Wetaskiwin Administration Office or found at <u>www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca</u>.

Proposals must be received by the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 **by 10:00 a.m. local time, Friday, January 31, 2025. SEALED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** must be addressed as follows:

### Request for Proposal – Supply and Delivery of Bagged Firewood

Geoff Lynch Director of Leisure & Community Services County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 Box 6960 Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 2G5

Request for Proposals are to be submitted on the provided Bid Sheet. Request for Proposals must also include a completed reference sheet and current resume of the applicant. Failure to provide all required information may result in rejection of the Request for Proposal package.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Tenders and to waive irregularities and informalities at its discretion. The County reserves the right to accept a Tender other than the lowest Tender without stating reasons. By the act of submitting its Tender, the Tenderer waives any right to contest in any legal proceedings or action the right of the County to award the Tender to any Tenderer in its sole and unfettered discretion. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the County may consider any other factor besides price and capability to perform the work that it deems in its sole discretion to be relevant to its decision including, but not limited to the following:

Experience; Reputation; Safety considerations; Terms of delivery; Customer service; Quality of past performance.

For more information contact: Geoff Lynch Director of Leisure & Community Services 780-352-3321



# BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE IN 2025

Alberta News, January 9, 2025

### Hundreds of infrastructure projects completed or underway throughout 2024 helped build Alberta communities, boost the economy and support thousands of jobs.

Throughout the province, Infrastructure worked in collaboration with industry, school jurisdictions, Alberta Health and municipal and community partners to deliver the new, modernized and well-maintained public facilities that house the vital programs and services Alberta families and communities rely on.

"This past year, we completed hundreds of projects across Alberta, providing growing communities with new and modernized facilities. We also passed the Real Property Governance Act, a piece of legislation that helps the government better manage assets for Albertans and ultimately provides better value for our tax dollars. As we move into 2025, our team is committed to delivering the essential infrastructure needed to support the demands of our growing and robust economy." Pete Guthrie, Minister of Infrastructure

With a strong outlook for Alberta's construction market, 2025 is shaping up to be another productive year. Alberta Infrastructure remains committed to completing work on schedule and on budget, while maximizing the value of taxpayer money.

This past year saw a focus on further developing relationships with industry partners across various trades, backgrounds, specialities and sectors. In 2025, this work will continue through Industry Liaison Committees, roundtables and other opportunities that will maximize collaboration and productivity. Alberta's future is strong, competitive and full of opportunity.

### 2024 Infrastructure highlights

#### Schools

- In September, Alberta's government announced a generational commitment of \$8.6 billion to build schools now. This investment will award up to 90 new schools and up to 24 modernizations or replacements over the next three years.
  - In addition, a new in-budget approval process has been introduced for school construction that will accelerate project progression through development stages, reducing project timelines by as much as six months.
- In 2024, 10 schools were built across the province, creating space for more than 9,600 students in nine

communities, including:

- Blackfalds, Calgary, Coaldale, Edmonton, Fort Vermillion, Grande Prairie, Langdon, Leduc and Wabasca-Desmarais.
- Entering the new year, another 82 school projects are underway, progressing through various stages of planning, design and construction.

### **Health Facilities**

- As announced in Budget 2024, a modern, standalone Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton remains a key priority with \$20 million budgeted over the next three years for early planning.
- Redevelopment of Calgary's Rockyview General Hospital Intensive Care Unit, Coronary Care Unit and Gastrointestinal Clinic were completed in 2024.
- Renovations of operating rooms and support areas in Rocky Mountain House through the Alberta Surgical Initiative (ASI) wrapped up this past spring.
  - Through the ASI, 31 projects are underway in planning, design or construction in Brooks, Calgary, Edmonton, Innisfail, Lethbridge and Olds.
- Another 53 health projects are underway going into 2025.
  - This includes awarding the construction manager contract for the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre (RDRHC) this past summer and making progress on the new patient tower and redevelopment.
    - The procurement process for the RDRHC Ambulatory building is ongoing, with contractor selection expected in spring 2025 and groundbreaking in summer 2025.

### **Government Facilities**

- The Lakeview Recovery Community in Gunn completed construction and was handed over to Mental Health and Addiction for operations.
  - Construction of the Calgary Recovery Community is anticipated to be complete in early 2025.
- The new \$203-million Red Deer Justice Centre completed construction and will provide the community with 12 courtrooms when it officially opens in the first quarter of 2025.
- Another 20 new government facility projects are underway, such as recovery community facilities in Grande Prairie and Edmonton, and campus upgrades to the Yellowhead Youth Centre.

#### **Capital Maintenance and Renewal**

- Work done through Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) helps upgrade existing government facilities and assets. In 2024, work finished on 85 CMR projects, including construction of the new reflecting pool and fountain at the Alberta legislature grounds in time for Canada Day celebrations.
- Another 212 CMR projects are underway at government facilities going into the new year, with an additional 516 specifically at health facilities.

### BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE IN 2025 continued

### Public-Private Partnership (P3) Awards

- In May, Alberta's government completed construction of five high schools in Blackfalds, Langdon, Leduc and two in Edmonton. All finished on schedule, on budget and ready for the 2024-25 school year.
  - This bundle received a Silver Award for Design & Construction at the 2024 National Awards for Innovation and Excellence in P3s.
- Procurement is underway to deliver another bundle of new Alberta schools in Airdrie, Blackfalds, Calgary, Chestermere, Edmonton and Okotoks.
- The Evan-Thomas Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant in Kananaskis won Best Operational Project at the P3 Partnerships Bulletin awards.

### Legislation

- In May 2024, Infrastructure's Real Property Governance Act received royal assent. The act helps increase transparency and reduce red tape by creating consistent rules across government for the disposal of property and creates a centralized inventory of public lands and buildings to help government better manage these assets for Albertans.
- In November 2024, Alberta's government introduced amendments to the Public Works Act (PWA) that mandate payment timelines and invoicing provisions for public infrastructure work, helping ensure contractors and subcontractors are paid fairly and promptly.



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### **Guest Speakers Dana & Liz Nile**



### From Ends of the Earth Ministries

Dana and Liz began full time ministry in 1984, when they accepted a four-year missionary assignment to Nepal and moved to a remote Himalayan region previously unreached by the Gospel. They ended up in a village area that was two days walk from the nearest road. During their time in Nepal, the Lord supernaturally directed them to a Nepali baby and Lydia Subhadra was added to the family . In 1989, Dana Liz and Lydia moved back to Montana and pastored a church in their home town of Forsyth. In 1991, the family grew to four as the Lord brought them a Korean baby boy, whom they named Jonathan Lee Nile.

1993 brought a move to Tulsa, Oklahoma for two years of intense study at Rhema Bible Training Center and the beginning of min istry to the former Soviet Union. Also, while at Rhema the family grew to six, with the addition of another adopted son, Josiah, and the miracle of a biological daughter, Lura after eighteen years of marriage. After graduation in 1995, Ends of the Earth Ministries was born, sending the family to Omsk, Russia and a Siberian winter of pastoral ministry. Their time there was cut short when their son Josiah was found with a rare heart tumor, and after an epic fight for his life, went home to heaven from Helsinki, Finland. They then returned to America and to itinerant ministry that took them around the states and frequently back to Russ ia.

Dana and Liz then answered a call to pastor at Today's Harvest Church in N. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. 1998 to 2013 brought fifteen years of rewarding pastoral ministry. Hundreds of people were impacted by the Word and the Spirit of God. People were born again and helped to become fully functioning followers of Jesus. Close to fifty people graduated from the AFCM Bible School, most of whom went with either Dana or Liz on short term mission trips.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### To the Editor

Having attended many County Council meetings and hearing the word "respect" repeated often, a decision was made to respond to the concept. The word was always used in reference to the "public" attitudes and potential behaviours. Here is a look at the issue from the other side (in no particular order).

One item done early in the current mandate was to not allow hats to be worn during council meetings (perhaps to "enforce" respect). A former councillor used to wear a cowboy hat at meetings, as does a current member of neighbouring council. There were/are no known problems with hats in those instances.

Earlier, there were 3 codes of conduct applications concerning Council actions which ended up costing the County tens of thousands of dollars (legal fees).

This Council holds "workshop" meetings, where the public is not allowed -- probably illegal.

This Council has overspent revenue by \$30 - \$35 million, reducing reserves (built up by previous councils) to nothing or close to it.

This Council has removed many fees (e.g., subdivisions). One developer has done (about) 50 subdivisions that cost the County (the rest of us taxpayers) perhaps \$3000 to \$5000 each (possibly more).

At a recent meeting, the chair was observed laughing AT a "ratepayers' hour" statement.

Two ratepayers were excluded from Council meetings for 60 days – probably contrary to the Municipal GovernmentAct.

The ASB (Ag Service Board) made a decision to not use Council Chambers for meetings, where recordings/video are available for the public.

Anyone reading the minutes would recognize the lack of information given relative to motions.

Attendance at the Calgary Stampede by several County people (on our dime), with no apparent value to the County.

Lastly, take in a Council meeting and see for yourself who is prepared for the meeting (or not), keeping in mind their \$300 per diem and a monthly stipend of approximately \$1700, plus other benefits (mileage, telephone).

At a recent meeting, the chair refused to respond to a question because the issue was "potentially before the court." As of this writing, it is not.

Respect ?? You decide.

Is it not the responsibility of Council to look after the "best

interests of the public," not the other way around?

Here again is the public doing the job of Municipal Affairs? (MA knows about these issues and does nothing.)

Lynn Oberle Brazeau County January 9, 2025

### To the Editor

I am aghast and ashamed that our Premier has decided to attend the Inauguration of a convicted felon. Now we learn that she has "scored" a pass or ticket to the after party. What does this say to our citizens? That it is just fine to harass and abuse women. That it's ok to be fraudulent? That it is ok to be nasty and disrespectful to anyone? That it is okay to admire one who tried to overturn a legitimate election? That it is ok to admire a stooge of Putin? Does attendance to this function signal agreement with his stance on NATO? That it is just fine for him to even consider Canada as a future state? Does her attendance signal her agreement and perhaps her willingness to negotiate on this issue?

Is it possible she will pay her own way or are our tax dollars supporting her and her entourage to attend? Does her attendance tell our fellow Albertans and Canadians that we think it is Ok for her to show her support for this undesirable charlatan?

How is all of this good for us?

Phyllis Schmitt Breton

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