

THE BRETON BOOSTER

WARBURG SCHOOL WELCOMES BRETON STUDENTS

Information and pictures submitted by Breton High School principal, Shannon Gallant

Warburg School was over the top welcoming when Breton High students arrived for their first day in their temporary location on February 11. They were welcomed with signs made by Warburg Elementary students and treat bags made by Warburg Students which were on all Breton High desks.

Breton/Warburg ran a joint assembly with both schools. 300 students played Rock/Paper/Scissors and then teachers from each school participated in minute to win it games. Warburg won the "trophy" and there will be more competitions in the future to compete for it again.



DK Energy and RPM sponsored lunch for staff and students from both schools, feeding 450 people. They supported both communities by ordering pizza from Breton Family Dining, Salt n' Pepper and Warburg Corner Restaurant.

Minor hiccups the first week with scheduling and parking but overall a great experience. The students have been pleasantly surprised at the amount of space they have access to in this location and they still have the ability to

take the courses they have at Breton such as band, foods, and construction.



Black Gold Division Principal Chris Stiles and Wild Rose Superintendent Brad Volkmann attended the first day.



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7	3	4	1	5	8	6	2	9

Sudoku Answers from
February 12 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.

DETACHMENT SERVICES ASSISTANT

THORSBY RCMP DETACHMENT

VILLAGE OF WARBURG (Employer)

The Village of Warburg is seeking an energetic, competent, and resilient administrator to work in the Thorsby RCMP Detachment. Salary is \$23/hour based on a 37.5-hour work week, Monday - Friday 8am - 4:00pm (flexibility is required). Participation in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) is mandatory after one year.

The successful candidate will be a fast learner and will possess:

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- excellent communication skills, and
- a valid Class 5 driver's license

Terms of Employment are contingent upon the candidate being willing to obtain an Enhanced Reliability Security Clearance pursuant to the Federal Government requirements. Please be aware, the Security Clearance could take several months to complete.

Please see the Job Description below for a more detailed description.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Send your resume and cover letter to renee.kshyk@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Tell us who you are, what you value, and why you think this position is a good fit for you in your cover letter.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted. This competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

POSITION DUTIES

- Receive, assess, and respond to the front counter and telephone inquiries, complaints, and requests for information from the general public
- Provide information, advice, and options to internal clients to assist in their understanding of and compliance with administrative operational policies, guidelines, processes, and procedures
- Data entry in a variety of automated systems used by the RCMP (ie. CPIC, PIRS, PROS)
- Purchase and maintain office supplies and equipment, arrange for repairs and maintenance of equipment and facilities, and maintain inventory of supplies and equipment as designated
- Provide a broad array of administrative support and services, such as: receiving, sorting, filing, and distributing mail: arrange courier services, transcribe internal and external correspondence, and action ATIP requests
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Detachment Services Supervisor

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- Successful completion of two years of post-secondary school OR an acceptable combination of education, training, and/or experience relevant to the position
- Exceptional communication skills (written and verbal)
- Have the ability to produce and process correspondence and maintain office systems (Outlook, Word, Excel and Adobe applications)
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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

February 20 - Local Food and Ag Innovation at Telforville Community Centre at 7pm. Join us for coffee and listen to Sharon Faye about local food producers, production & how to get started. More Information contact Ray 780-940-8499

February 21 - A Chillin Night at the Warburg Legion 5pm to Close. Dance, games, meat draws, raffle specials, bar service and hot roast beef sandwich. Everyone welcome.

February 22 - Pigeon Lake Poker Rally at Ma Me O Beach starting at 10am. Pre Event Friday 21. Fun for the whole family. Contact wstef5thpokerrun@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.

February 22 - Raise the Roof Comedy Night at Wilton Park Hall featuring Krissy Stark & Weird Grampa. Cocktails @ 5:30pm, Dinner @ 6:30pm and Show @ 8pm. \$60/ticket text 780-777-8642 for tickets.

February 22- 23 - Spiritual Psychological Warfare at the Warburg Cultural Centre held by Warburg Salt of the Earth Revival Church 10am - 6pm both days. Pizza lunch on Saturday and Chili on Sunday and a free will offering.

February 23 - 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.

February 24 - Baby Sign Language at Warburg Library from 10:30 - 11am. Learning the basics of signing. Free drop in.

February 26 - Pink Shirt Day, Stop by the Thorsby library or send a picture of your pink shirt.

February 26 - Community Crockpot Class at the Breton Community Center from 7pm - 8:30pm. \$5/person you are cooking for/session. Pre-registration required email manager@brighterfutures.ca

February 27, 28, March 1 - Fiddler on the Roof performed at Eleanor Pickup Centre in Drayton Valley at 6:30pm and Matinee at 1:30pm. Tickets on sale \$30 each

February 28 - Paint Night with MaryAnn at the Warburg Legion. Call 780-848-2923 for more info.

March 2 - Dance to No Hitchhiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

March 15 - Ice Golf Tournament at Mulhurst Bay from 10:30am - 4pm with dinner and dance to follow. Go to www.icegolf.ca for more information. Registration Required.

March 15 - Tree of Life Suncatcher at Warburg Pioneer Rec Centre from 11am-3pm. Visit the Warburg town office, fcss@warburg.ca to register Deadline to register is March 5. Adult \$70, Kids age 10+ \$40, Kids under 7 \$20

March 16 - Community Crockpot Class at the Breton Community Center from 7pm - 8:30pm. \$5/person you are cooking for/session. Pre-registration required email manager@brighterfutures.ca

March 21 - Spring Fling Dance at the Breton Community, doors open at 7pm, pulled pork midnight lunch. Tickets are \$40 each. Ticket info coming soon.

March 30 - Reckless Ranch Rendering - at Warburg Pioneer Ag Society from 1-3pm. Turn fat into tallow. Purchase tickets in advance at www.recklessranch.ca

April 12 - Women's Wellness Day hosted by Breton & Warburg FCSS. \$30 tickets, available for purchase online or through Breton & Warburg FCSS starting March 3.

*Community Events &
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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) 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.yourintrinsicement.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

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 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 bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CALENDARS - 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.

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....



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Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

Need a hand with a basic tax return?

Drop off information

Monday - Thursday - 8:30 - 4:00
 4916 50 Avenue Breton

**FREE Service for those that qualify.
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Eligibility

- Seniors
- Students
- Low income individuals, and families



Approximate Income Levels:

Taxpayer Status	Income
• Single person	Up to \$35,000
• Couple	Up to \$45,000
• Family	Up to \$52,500
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AGM

February 26, 2025
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Breton & Warburg

Women's Wellness Day
Saturday April 12, 2025

Keynote - Jodie Baulkham
Author of "Choosing My Tomorrow" **\$30**

SAVE THE DATE

- 2 Breakout Sessions of your choice
- Self Defence Group Session
- Shopping & Vendor Fair
- Lunch - Starkist Catering
- Fashion Show-Boutique on your Street

Register online starting March 3rd
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Warburg FCSS
or
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We hope everyone had a great long weekend and were able to spend time with “family” however you define your family members. Thank you to the Breton Agricultural Society, The Breton ELKS, Brighter Futures and all the Volunteers that helped to host activities on Family Day in Breton.

“Yoga with June” 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.

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

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.

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.

Community Crock Pot Cooking – Classes are Back! February 26, & March 19 Are your days full juggling work, kid’s 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 you are cooking for/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.

You can also register online at www.docs.google.com/forms/d/1njsARvpiFB9z8MereRnV7tNC4ux82erjwNv0l1SkhLg/edit?ts=67338495&pli=1 and etransfer your fees.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – FREE INCOME TAX PREPERATION - For Low Income Persons, Families, seniors and students. Although this is something that most of us would like to avoid thinking about and doing, I am afraid that this is unavoidable. You need to file your income tax each year, even if you have no income to report. By doing this you may receive benefits that you did not know you were eligible for. Also, in the event of the death of your spouse, benefits can easily be transferred to you, if you have filled a return for the last calendar year. If you did not file a tax return in 2024 you may not be receiving benefits from the government that you are eligible for. The focus of the Community Volunteer Tax Program is to assist those individuals who have limited income. This includes seniors, families, and students. If your income was approximately in one of the following categories, you may qualify for assistance.

- 1 person 35,000
- Couple 45,000
- Family 52,500

We are not able to complete returns with income from the following sources:

Capital Gains or Losses, Farming Income, Rental Income, Self-Employment, Interest exceeding \$1,000, Bankruptcies, Deceased Persons

Breton FCSS Continued...

This service is FREE to those who qualify. If you require this service, please gather your information, and bring it to the Village of Breton office Monday to Thursday between 8:30 – 4:00. Clients will be notified when your return is completed. The program will run from March 3 – April 30, 2024

We require the following information to complete your return:

- Personal Information (Social Insurance Number, Birth date, Marital Status, Address)
- Dependent's information – spouse/ children's names, birthdates.
- All "T" Slips (T4's, T4A, OAS etc.)
- All Forms, Schedules, and Labels you have received from Revenue Canada.
- Receipts for any expenses such as medical, moving, tuition, sporting activities. Printouts from your pharmacist are available for those with numerous prescriptions.

Kindness Project 2025

We received some really great nominations in January, please continue to submit your nominations for our February event. We will draw for those received in February and announce our random winner at the end of the month. Thank you to those that have made nominations and those that are showing such kindness.

"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."

An act of kindness can be as simple and as a smile, a genuine greeting or acknowledgement, intentionally including someone in something, and can be as big as you can imagine. Many acts of kindness are free or low cost and are proven to make a difference to the mental wellbeing of a person.

An act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. You can show kindness in everyday life; from picking up the phone to say hello, to dropping round a baked loaf, to offering to pick something up for someone, to raking their yard. It could even be as simple as saying hi to someone in the street or taking the time to stop with someone who might need to see a friendly face.

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 fcss@breton.ca 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.

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2 lots still available.
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March 12 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 1:00 p.m.

April 1 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

April 7 | Budget Meeting | 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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FOOD BANK SNAPSHOT

from the Breton Food Bank

The purpose of the Breton F.C.C. Food Bank is to provide food hampers to community families who are struggling to place food on their tables due to tough economic times and/or circumstances beyond their control. We are not a permanent food source but we do provide hampers as a hand up during difficult times. We wish to provide a picture of our food bank usage over the past 14 years.

Our service area includes **Brazeau County** east of RR 60 and also **Wetaskiwin County** west of RR#31

Year	# of hampers packed	# of people fed	# of households
2011	160	399	63
2012	162	539	61
2013	181	711	58
2014	140	531	50
2015	171	750	57
2016	259	1046	78
2017	251	977	62
2018	229	795	59
2019	301	1023	65
2020	212	773	60
2021	191	579	56
2022	265	1025	67
2023	259	991	68
2024	384	1334	82

In the first 7 weeks of 2025, 62 hampers were packed, an average of 8.85 hampers/week. If this trend were to continue through all of 2025 we could pack 460 hampers in 2025, this would be 76 more than in 2024

Households are allowed up to 12 hampers/year however if there are dire circumstances additional hampers are occasionally provided.

The number of hampers, the people fed, and number of households fluctuated from one year to another. In 2024 all three hit a 14 year high, with the number of hampers increasing by almost 50% over 2023. Not all clients remain as clients, many come and then go due to lack of low cost housing, and employment opportunities. Some become self sufficient. Unfortunately, some continue to need assistance for various reasons from time to time.

2024 had 82 households seeking assistance. 6 clients were first time ever food bankers. 24 of the 82 households were not clients in 2023. 30 of the 2023 households were not clients in 2024. 43 of the households had children < 18 years living in their home. 24 of these were single parent homes, with 15 single mothers and 9 single fathers. 19 homes were two adult families. 17 households had adult children or grand children living in their homes. 21 households had several adults co-existing in their home. 12 senior households were clients.

Adult children are living with their parents due to the high cost of rent, and the inability to secure a good paying job in the area. Children with families are moving in with parents to not only help themselves make ends meet but also help parents who are on a fixed income as expenses continue to increase.

We supply 5 to 7 days of food in a hamper based on recommended serving portions and three meals /day.

In 2024 we fed 1334 people, 3 meals/day for 5 to 7 days. This calculates out to 20,110 to 28,014 meals.

As we all know the cost of food has increased a lot in 2024. The Breton Food Bank continues to search out affordable food. We build hamper sizes according to the number of members in the household, trying our best to be as fair and generous as possible. We strive to provide healthy basic food in our hampers.

However, we could not carry out our mission to feed families in need, if it were not for the generous community we live in. We are grateful for the many individuals, businesses, companies & organizations that give to us so generously when they have funds or food available, and those who collect food and fund raise on our behalf, our Faith Covenant Church Council who continue to allow us to use their building as our base of operation at no cost to the Food Bank, and to all who have offered up words of encouragement, wisdom, support, and prayers. We will not name names, for we don't want to miss anyone. You know who you are, what you have done! Thank you and may you all be blessed as you have blessed those in need!

We are proud to be operating in a small community where we all join together to make this essential service available to our struggling families.

Together we are making a difference!

If you so desire, monetary donations may be made by cheque: payable to "Breton Faith Covenant Church: Food Bank" and mailed to P.O. Box 57, Breton, Alberta. TOC OPO. Non-perishables may be dropped off at the church as well as garden produce. However, please contact the Food Bank at 780-696-3669 to arrange for someone who can accept your perishable donations. We do not want them to become spoiled. If no answer, please leave all Food Bank messages in our voicemail box #3. Receipts will be issued for monetary donations, when donor name and address are provided.

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"The Ellis Hooks Story"

Submitted by Allan Goddard, Breton Museum

As the Breton Museum celebrates Black History Month this year, the museum wanted to further explore the story of Sam and Neoma Hooks' family. The Village of Breton has developed on what was originally the Hooks homestead. This article focuses on the life of Ellis Hooks, the second of ten children born to Sam and Neoma.

Ellis was born near Okmulgee, Oklahoma in 1907, the eldest son of Sam and Neoma. Oklahoma had just become the 46th State and over the course of the next few years numerous discriminatory laws were passed by the State, limiting opportunities for the Black population. In 1912, at the age of five, his parents and their four children left Oklahoma for Edmonton, Alberta. The lure of cheap land and improved opportunities was strong motivation for the Hooks family to move. Once the family settled in Edmonton, his father found employment doing construction work. Edmonton at the time, was in the midst of rapid growth. The city was expanding, and several iconic projects were being built, such as the MacDonald Hotel and the High-Level Bridge.

At some point, after their arrival, Ellis's father met William Allen who had previously settled at Keystone, southwest of Edmonton. Mr. Allen had encouraged several Black families from Oklahoma to settle in the area, as he felt it would be a suitable location to establish a community. In 1915, Sam filed on a homestead with a small creek and ravine running through it. He built a small cabin on the bank of the ravine and cleared a patch of ground for a garden. By 1916, when the census of Alberta was taken, we find the Hooks family living on their homestead. Two additional children had been born by this time, and four more would be born after their move to Keystone.

Ellis had started school in Edmonton, and would finish his schooling at Funnell School. Along with his siblings, they would walk the 5 kilometers to the Funnell school. As Ellis grew to adulthood, he enjoyed sports and the life of the community. His first job, at age sixteen, was working on a prairie harvest crew where he helped fire the steam tractor.

In 1926, a young woman by the name of Willie Stokes came to visit her sister Emma King at Keystone. Willie returned to Oklahoma that fall, but returned the following year to live with her sister. Somewhere along the line

Ellis and Willie met, and on a cold December 31 evening in 1928 they were married in Edmonton. An Edmonton Journal article describes their wedding dance held at Nelson's Hall, it concludes ... "The fun continued until four o'clock when all went home well satisfied". Breton had come into existence, by this time, and Willie described Breton as a few stores and plenty of mud. The young couple would move to Ellis's homestead. In addition to improving his farm, Ellis found work in local lumber camps during the 1930's working as a sawyer and steam engineer. In 1937 Ellis and Willie welcomed their daughter Lois to complete the family. Ellis continued participating in sports and had a small band, which played for local dances.

By the early 1940's economic times were starting to improve. Tragedy struck in 1945, when Ellis lost his right arm in a mill accident while working for the D R Fraser Lumber Co... after this time Ellis worked on improving his farm and in the winter working as a steam engineer. When the oil boom hit the Breton area in the 1950's, Willie took in boarders who were working in the oil industry. Ellis divided his time between working in the oil fields as a steam engineer on the drilling rigs, and on his farm raising clover seed. In 1965, Ellis moved to Edmonton where he continued to work in his trade as a steam engineer until his retirement.

Join the Breton Museum at the Breton Faith Covenant Church on February 23 at 2 o'clock, as we celebrate Black History Month with a screening of the documentary "Keystone Is". Calgary historian and filmmaker Cheryl Foggo will be in attendance to introduce the film and answer questions about the making of the film. The Ellis and Willie Hooks home is one of the local sites visited in the making of the film.

Pictured left - Ellis and Willie Hooks and daughter Lois circa early 1940's



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MORE ADDICTION TREATMENT CAPACITY FOR ALBERTANS

Alberta News, February 14, 2025

Alberta's government is further expanding its recovery model with a new partnership in Drayton Valley.

Since 2019, Alberta's government has worked to establish a system of care that supports treatment and recovery for those suffering from the disease of addiction. The Alberta Recovery Model is removing barriers to ensure every person has an opportunity to pursue recovery. This has included the addition of more than 10,000 new publicly funded treatment spaces, expanding the Virtual Opioid Dependency Program, and building 11 world-class recovery communities across the province, three of which are open and supporting clients. In the Alberta Recovery Model, no person is expected to pay for life-saving addiction treatment services.

Alberta's government has further expanded addiction treatment capacity by partnering with Opportunity Home Treatment and Recovery Centre in Drayton Valley with a funding agreement of \$331,000. Opportunity Home is a 10-bed addiction treatment facility that can support men over the age of 18 with residential addiction treatment services. It has the capacity to support up to 40 clients each year in their pursuit of recovery.

"Our government is proud to invest in treatment and recovery as it is the most compassionate, dignified approach in supporting Albertans suffering from addiction. We are pleased to support ongoing expansion of recovery programs that give Albertans an opportunity to live meaningful, hopeful lives." Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

"As the MLA for Drayton Valley, I am grateful for this support from Alberta's government. Families in Alberta want to see their loved ones recover from addiction, and Opportunity Home makes that possible. I was pleased to advocate for this funding on behalf of this constituency and I am glad to see the government is supporting our community." Andrew Boitchenko, MLA for Drayton Valley

Opportunity Home first opened its doors in 2023. Treatment programs typically last about 90 days, offering a recovery program built on faith and community. The program supports clients with the necessary skills for success and reintegration into society as a person living in recovery.

"I want to thank Alberta's government for its leadership and commitment to recovery in Alberta and in Drayton

Valley. My council and I recognize the vital role that centers like Opportunity Home play in helping individuals overcome addiction and rebuild their lives. Opportunity Home's passion and commitment has been instrumental in bringing this project to life, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact this funding will have in our community." Nancy Dodds, mayor, Town of Drayton Valley

"This support from Alberta's government alongside the local community members ensures our clients can participate in our programs, free of charge. We are passionate about bringing people out of addiction, into recovery, and helping them rebuild their lives. The support from Alberta's current government, alongside our local community, has allowed us to remove barriers people face when taking the step forward to access treatment and recovery services. We work together to support people in building long-term success in their recovery from addiction and living healthy lives." Danna Thiel-Cropley, executive director, Opportunity Home Treatment and Recovery Centre

Opportunity Home is actively expanding its operations and services including cultural programming, as well as increasing services, staffing, training, and clinical hours of operation.

Alberta's government is committed to making addiction treatment accessible for Albertans in need. The Alberta Recovery Model is based on the fact that recovery is possible and there is hope for those facing mental health and addiction challenges. Alberta's government believes everyone deserves an opportunity to rebuild their life and reunite with their family, community and culture.

Quick facts

- Albertans struggling with opioid addiction can contact the Virtual Opioid Dependency Program (VODP) by calling 1-844-383-7688, seven days a week, from from 6 a.m. to midnight. VODP provides same-day access to addiction medicine specialists. There is no waitlist.
- Albertans can call 211 Alberta for information on services and supports in their community.



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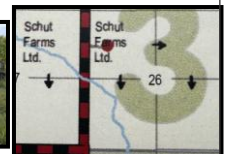
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