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FEATURE STORY

The rise of AI: Fraud in the digital age - News Release

March 4, 2024 - GATINEAU, QC - Competition Bureau

Artificial intelligence (AI) is an exciting tool and has revolutionized many aspects of our lives. But it has also given fraudsters opportunities to make their frauds even more convincing.

According to Statistics Canada, fraud cases in Canada have almost doubled over the past ten years, surging from 79,000 in 2012 to 150,000 in 2022. This increase shows that fraudsters are becoming more skilled, and technology like AI is helping them improve their old tricks.

Al can be used to quickly produce texts, emails, and messages in the style and language of a specific person. It can be used to clone anyone's voice. And in just minutes, it can be used to make fake images, audio, or videos of real people.

Sometimes it's hard to tell what's real and what's been generated by Al. Luckily, knowledge is your best shield to protect yourself from Al-generated scams.

Fraudsters can use Al to:

- Impersonate a well-known company or individual to promote fake products or services.
- Generate a convincing fake investment opportunity.
- Make chat bots spread fake reviews that sound and look like real people wrote them.
- Use voice cloning for deceptive telemarketing.

Watch out for these red flags:

- Realistic-looking videos of a public figure promoting an investment opportunity, or any other promotion they don't normally do.
- Unusual body or lip movement in videos.
- Strange phrasing or inconsistencies, irrelevant content.

- · Websites that mimic real companies.
- Unexpected phone calls or messages, especially if the sender conveys a sense of urgency, fear, or panic.

To protect yourself:

- Trust your instincts when something doesn't feel right.
- If something seems fishy, check names and logos on websites for authenticity.
- Stay informed about AI and frauds—research, read, and discuss with friends and family.
- Report suspicious websites. If you believe you've come across misleading Al generated content, report it to the <u>Competition Bureau</u> or to the <u>Canadian Anti-</u> Fraud Centre.





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Sudoku Answers from February 26 Issue

The object of the puzzle is to fill the remaining squares, using all the numbers 1–9 exactly once in each row. column. and the nine 3×3 subgrids.











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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

<u>March 9</u> - Warburg Skating Club presents 'Skating with Pixar' at the Warburg Arena at 1pm.

<u>March 14</u> - Ladies Night at the Warburg Curling Club at 7pm. All experience welcome. Register by emailing <u>warburgircurling@gmail.com</u> by March 10. \$10.

<u>March 15</u> - 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.

<u>March 15</u> - 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

<u>March 15</u> - Thorsby's Own Wrestling Sensation! Darren "Bacon" Letilly coming to Thorsby. Advance tickets available at Ruhr Valley Lumber or call Marlene at 780-217-9394.

<u>March 15</u> - St Patrick's Day Supper at Telfordville Community Centre. Doors open at 5pm. Magician, Green Refreshments, Contact 780-940-8499 for tickets or info.

<u>March 19</u> - Community Crockpot Class at the Breton Community Center from 7pm - 8:30pm. \$5/person you are cooking for/session. Pre-registration required. Call 780-696-3636 for more info.

<u>March 21</u> - Spring Fling Dance at the Breton Community Centre, Doors open at 7pm, Tickets \$40 each. Available at Breton ATB or contact 780-202-0140 or 780-898-6898

<u>March 28</u> - Fraud Alert: Protecting yourself from Fraud & Deception at the Calmar Legion. Registration required at 780-979-2385. Hosted by Leduc County FCSS.

<u>March 29</u> - Raise the Roof Comedy Night at Wilton Park Hall, starring Krissy Stark and Weird Grampa. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6, Show at 8, Tickets \$60, www.wphcc.ca for tickets

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

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

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Walking with Grief: Grief Support Group at the Calmar Program Centre. Registration required at 780-979-2385. Hosted by Leduc County FCSS.

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

Our FREE Community Connections booklet is available for pick up at the following locations:

- > Breton Village Office
- > Brazeau County Office
- > CE Media Signs & Promotional, Thorsby
 - > Leduc County Office
 - > Thorsby Town Office
 - > Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex
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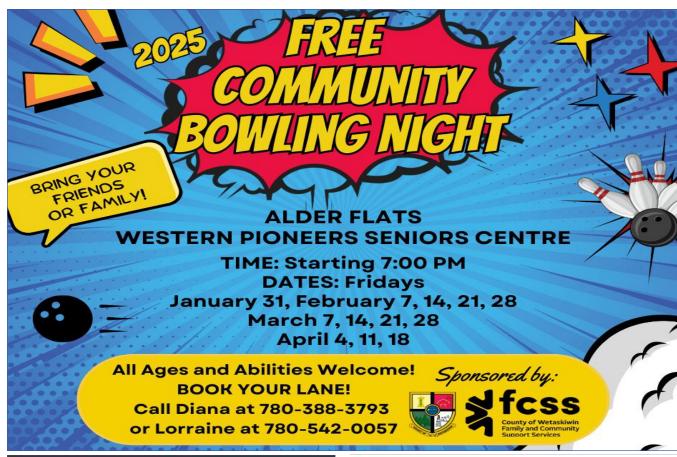
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You will find maps, contacts and information on:

the municipalities of Breton,
 Brazeau County, Leduc County,
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- Rental facilities
- Community groups
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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. **Provided by Breton FCSS staff**

Eligibility

- Seniors
- Students
- Low income individuals, and families



Approximate Income Levels:

Taxpayer Status

- Income Up to \$35,000 Single person
- Couple Up to \$45,000 Up to \$52,500 Family
- Interest income less than \$1,000

Starting March 3 until April 30, 2025





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)

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

TUESDAYS

<u>PEER TUTORING</u> for grades 4-11 at the Breton Youth Centre. by appointment only. Fee but subsidies available. Contact the BYC or Liam at 780-721-4658 or <u>liamkmiller444@gmail.com</u>

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 until 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

<u>AA MEETING</u> - 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!

<u>CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES</u> at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. from 3:30-5:30pm. <u>bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com</u>

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

MOVIE AFTERNOONS on Wednesdays at the Breton Library from 3:30 - 4:50pm. All ages welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

TACO THURSDAYS at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. from 3:30-6pm.

FRIDAYS

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

FREE COMMUNITY BOWLING NIGHT at Alder Flats Wetrn Pioneers Seniors Centre on Fridays starting at 7pm until April 18. Call 780-388-3793 or 780-542-0057 to book your lane.

<u>MUSIC, BIBLE & PIZZA</u> on alternating Fridays at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12 from 4:15 - 6:15pm.

SATURDAYS

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

<u>WELCOME TO BRETON</u> - We want to help newcomers feel welcome by giving you a package of promotional and informational items from local businesses and community organizations. We look forward to meeting you! Call or text: Diane - 780-514-4273

MEMORIAL PLAQUE - Anyone wanting to put their loved ones name on the memorial plaque at the Breton Cemetery can contact Diane with the Breton Royal Purple Elks at 780-514-4273 for more information.

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

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

<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.

BRETON FOOD BANK - provides food hampers to community families who are struggling to place food on their tables. Not a permanent food source. Call 780-696-3669 and leave a voice mail in box #3 if you need help or to donate. Located at the Breton Faith Covenant Church.

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 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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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





Celebration of Life

Jeff Gresham

Friday, March 7th, 2025 Breton Community Centre at 2pm



Jeff was born to Burton and Margaret Gresham in Winnipeg on May 27, 1953. He was moved by three engines; his love of animals and nature, his passionate work ethic, and his care and protection of his loved ones. Jeff worked hard and played hard throughout his life. He passed suddenly while at play in nature on February 17, 2025, at age 71.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Karen, daughters Becky (Tim) and Calley (Ludo), granddaughters Bella, Lilly, and Daisy, and his siblings, Laurie, Paul (Jean), Jen (Guy), and Bruce (Sandy).

Jeff was a beacon of hope and kindness who impacted countless others in large and small ways. He was a dedicated and beloved figure in the community. A celebration of his life will be held at 2pm at the Breton Hall (4715 50th Ave, Breton AB) on Friday, March 7.



FCSS NEWS

from Deanne Young

780.696.3636

Wow what a wonderful weekend of good weather. How can you not feel good with the change in temperatures. Let's hope it continues through March. We have programs still continuing and now have our Women's Wellness Tickets available. Gather the girls and join us for an exciting day of learning, shopping, great food and laughter.

Also, a reminder that July 1 – Canada Day Celebrations will be here before we know it. If you or a group you are with are planning activities or would like to be involved in the day, please contact the Village office with your ideas. It only takes a bit of time to put something together to add to the fantastic celebration in the community.

<u>"Yoga with June"</u> Every Tuesday 10-11am until March 11. 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!

The Adult Exercise Program runs from 9-10am on Thursday mornings. Equipment is provided. Participants will be able to either do the exercise standing or sitting, which ever their ability will allow. 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.

Brighter Futures Stay, Play & Grow — Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30am. 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. 780-514-5070 for info.

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. Activities 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.

<u>Just In Case</u> – 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 a 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.

<u>Community Crock Pot Cooking</u> - Classes are Back! **Final class March 19** – We had a great turn out for the first two sessions! Thank you to the staff at Brighter Futures for partnering on these sessions. We have a few spots left for the last class. 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 info please call 780-696-3636. You can also register online at

www.//forms.gle/LbkUgKD8zVKRe5in7 and etransfer your fees to admin@breton.ca with the date and name of participants.

Kindness Project 2025 -

Please continue to submit your nominations as we go forward. A reminder that the nominations must be for a "Act of Kindness". 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, 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 <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.

Our nomination
winner for
February is
Maddy
Sutherland.
Maddy went over

Maddy went over and above to give extra assistance to several patrons of the library.



Breton FCSS & Area continued on next page...

Breton FCSS & Area Continued...

Breton & Warburg Women's Wellness Day – Saturday April 12, 2025. Join us in Breton for a day filled with learning, laughter, great food, shopping and time for yourself. Gather your girlfriends, sisters, mom and older daughters and join us for a day to welcome Spring and give yourself some self-care.

Tickets will be available at the Village of Breton or the Village of Warburg starting on March 3. Or you can fill out our online application at

www.forms.gle/kMdYv8wUC3ZqrEjy6. Applications can't be filled out until March 3 online. Payment can be made by e transfer to admin@breton.ca. If applying online your tickets will be at the door on the day of the event. Your \$30 ticket includes:

- Keynote Jodie Baulkham Moving through adversity and building self-awareness to enhance resilience.
- Group Session Self Defense Impact Martial Arts
- Lunch by Starkist Catering
- Your choice of 2 select A sessions.
- Select A Session I
 - A. Bra Necessities
 - B. Herbal Medicine Back Yard Herbal Anita Berger
 - C. Financial Foundations: Strengthening Women's Financial Health
- Select A Session II
 - A. Menopause Myths
 - B. The Art of Tallow
 - C. Vacations on a Budget
- · Boutique on your Street Fashion Show

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program - FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION - 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

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 8:30am-4pm.

Clients will be notified when your return is completed.

The program will run from March 3 – April 30, 2025.

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.







Brazeau County

FIREWOOD SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Brazeau County is seeking proposals for the on-call supply and delivery of firewood for the Lodgepole Campground, Easyford Group Campground, and Modeste Creek Group

Proposals will be accepted until March 10, 2025

Contact Tristen Walker, Parks and Recreation Supervisor for more details. twalker@brazeau.ab.ca

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Saturday, March 8 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM Nodding Donkey Brewing 5129-51 Street

FEATURING PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:



Mayor Nancy Dodds Town of Drayton Valley



Kara Westerlund
First female
president of RMA &
Brazeau County Councillor



Kerri MacKay
Business Systems Specialist,
& Business Relationship
Manager, Weyerhaeuser



Rhonda Bailey President & CFO Bailey □s Welding & Construction Inc





LIMITED! RSVP today to secure your spot!

TICKETS ARE \$35'
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(additional drinks available for purchase)

We hope to see you there for an afternoon of insight, empowerment, and connection.

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 11 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 10:00 a.m.

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. April 8 | Budget Meeting | 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m April 15 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m. The key to a safe, secure water supply is proper well management. Learn how at this free virtual workshop.



DATE: March 19, 2025

START TIME: 6:30 PM

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE:



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Glen Gunderson

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WILD ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

www.wrsd.ca February 25, 2025

2025-2026 WRSD Staff Calendar

The Board approved the 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented. The calendar provides for a staggered start for students, beginning after the long weekend. Also, September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will not be a school day for students and staff. Input from school staff, the Indigenous Education Team and Elders guided us in this decision. The calendar also has scheduled professional development days that are different from north to south, which allows divisional resource people more opportunities to work with schools and for teachers to be able to observe other teachers in action.

New Superintendent of Schools

The Board passed a motion to notify the Minister of Education of our appointment of Jodie Mattia as the new Superintendent of Schools for Wild Rose School Division. Read the full news release for more details.

Village of Breton

In response to the Village of Breton's request last month, the Board passed a motion to request approval from the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure to not demolish the gym and two classrooms of the Breton Elementary School. This would allow the Village to take ownership of the remaining building, along with the land it occupies, including the museum. This will provide the community additional space for recreational opportunities, youth activities, and a potential daycare.

Trustee Activities

Trustees shared the highlights from their parent council, Alberta School Board Association, and Public School Board Association meetings. The Trustees discussed the first day of Breton High School students at the Warburg School, where the students and staff were made welcome and it was a great start at their new temporary location.

Superintendent's Report

Drayton Valley Community Collegiate School, Grade 7-12 Curriculum Rollout, Capital Projects, WRSD's

Wellness Shift featured in Leaders & Learners, Indigenous Education





WRSD NEWS RELEASE

www.wrsd.ca February 25, 2025

WRSD Appoints New Superintendent

Wild Rose School Division is pleased to announce that Jodie Mattia will be their new Superintendent of Schools effective August 1, 2025.

Having been an educator for over 30 years, Jodie brings a breadth of experience from her many leadership roles including Director of Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being & Sense of Belonging, Director of Learning Services and District Principal at Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools.

"Our Board is very pleased to select Jodie from an exceptional field of candidates they interviewed for the new Superintendent," says Board Chair, Daryl Scott. "Her dedication to innovation, collaboration and student and staff well-being aligns well with Wild Rose School Division's priorities."

Jodie's many accomplishments include being a PhD candidate in Educational Policy & Leadership at the University of Alberta, as well as leading initiatives in

mental health, crisis response, inclusive programming and Indigenous education.

"I am looking forward to building strong relationships with staff, families and the community while continuing to champion excellence in public education," Jodie says. "I am excited to bring my collaborative, strength based and relationally focused system leadership skills to WRSD."



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Submitted by Nikki Webber, Library Manager

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It has been a busy and productive year of change and progress here at the Breton Municipal Library. We have accomplished so much over the last year!

Board and Staff have completed a modernization of Policy and Procedures, a massive weeding project, Summer Reading Club, Storytime Thursdays, Kids Club, Felting Class and a Book Folding Workshop. We also would like to thank The Village and Council for renovating our bathroom doorway.

Our Annual Report was just finished and we would like to share some interesting facts that was generated from the report (see next page).

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Annual Report **2024**



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The library added **830** new items last year



Bringing the total collection to **13,711**



There were **0** downloads of e-Content



Contributing to a total of **14,979** checkouts!



We lent our items to libraries outside of our system **4,926** times



Our service is delivered by **6** dedicated staff



And **9** amazing volunteers



The library has **3** public computers



And brought in **2,682** items upon patron request



We answered **300** reference questions



And our meeting spaces were booked **30** times



0 mobile devices available for loan



We offered **111** inperson programs



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It is with a heavy heart that the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Service announces the passing of Paid on Call Firefighter Jeff Gresham.

The Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Service wish to extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathy on the sudden passing of Firefighter Jeff Gresham. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time along with the members at Station 2.

Jeff's career began in the fire service at Station 2 Breton in June of 2013. He was a well-respected active member of the department performing all his duties as a firefighter and was named Firefighter of the Year in 2015.

Jeff's strong passion for the fire service was evident in many activities he participated in but the love he shared for the department shone through with his involvement in our summer kids' firefighter camp program.

This is a tremendous loss for our department, the community, and his family and as we mourn his passing, we extend prayers of strength for all who knew Jeff and shared in his life.

A celebration of life for Jeff will be held on Friday March 7, 2025, at 2pm at the Breton Community Hall (4715 50th Ave, Breton, AB).





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FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Submitted by Russell Hickman

Czarist Russia came alive in Drayton Valley! The village of Anatevak was built up on the Eleanor Pickup stage. It was filled with songs, dances and characters familiar in any small town. Miss Joanne's Production of the Broadway classic Fiddler on the Roof had four performances from February 27 to March 1. It was very well attended and greatly appreciated. Performed by local and area talent it featured a surprise appearance by members of a professional company.

The 1964 musical and 1971 movie has made the story of a village of Russian Jews and their lives in the early 20th century familiar. The story of Tevye, his wife Golde and five daughters form the central narrative of the musical. The daughter's tradition challenging choices of husbands, dealing with generational change, and escalating Czarist persecution prompt Tevye's frequent fractured quotations and pithy soliloquy's directed heavenward. Tevye sums up: "Tradition. Without our traditions, our lives would be as shaky as-as a fiddler on the roof!"

Andrew Farrow's performance as Tevye is spellbinding. Everything the script presented was an opportunity for his talent to shine. What was said of Zero Mostel's original Tevye applies. Farrow, "left himself in the wings each night, and the man who stepped out onto the stage was actually Tevye."

Farrow was supported with strong performances by the production's 38 actors. Sarah-Jane Bend as Golde was nuanced and conveyed considerable emotional range. The strict mother hen bossing her flock could also be compassionate and loving. Her oldest daughter Tzeital, (Lydia Holtby), was married in a reverentially staged traditional Jewish canopy ceremony to Motel, (Noah Bend) a poor tailor. Bend's Golde is filled with parental pride and nostalgia all artfully expressed and with few words: "Wasn't it yesterday when they were small?" And when Chava, (Anna Bend), her youngest, marries out of the Jewish faith and is "dead" to her husband, Golde's grief and love are visibly expressed as she feels her daughter's pain at Tevye's stubbornness to relent. It's a tug at the heart strings moment.

Director Miss Joanne superbly cast triple threat actors Layna Kozak and Ian Gressler as middle daughter Hodel and revolutionary Perchick. The scene partner's dynamic chemistry and sensitive portrayal of the lovers was engaging throughout. Their character's journey from conflicted first meeting, romance and betrothal is shown by the actor's acting talent as much as the words they speak tell us. The love, unity and bravery of the couple is seen, heard and felt as Kozak and Gressler bring the full range of emotional depth to Hodel and Perchik in this scene.

An audience favourite was the two appearances of the Shumka Ukranian Dancers. Six male dancers performed two very athletic dances. The first was set in the village tavern. Tevye and Lazar Wolf were celebrating Wolf's engagement to Tzeital, later broken by Tevyer after her tearful pleading. The mood was contagious and their Russian neighbours joined the celebration. At Tzeital's marriage to Motel the Russian

visitors perform the famous Bottle Dance. Both dances were warmly appreciated by the audience.

Miss Joanne's Fiddler on the Roof was a gift from our theatre, acting, singing and dancing community to our greater community. Attending was a pleasure. Supporting risk taking, effort, and talent is essential. Brava! Bravo! See you at the theatre!



Anna Bend (Chava) dances with her Russian Orthodox lover Morgan Holden (Fyedka) They plan to marry.



Andrew Farro (Tevye) celebrating Tzeital's Engagement



Ian Gressler (Perchik) Layna Kozak (Hodel) embrace before parting as an engaged couple.



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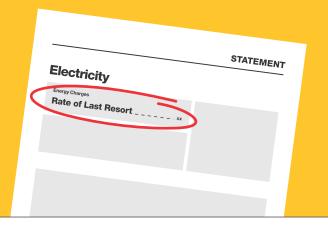


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Cst. J. Conway, Thorsby/Breton RCMP Detachment

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Suspicious Persons/ Vehicle	4	
Collisions	26	
Vehicle Theft	3	
Fraud	12	
Break and Enter	2	
Assault	7	
Impaired	0	
Recovered Vehicles	0	
Missing Person	1	

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

Brazeau County, Alta. - On February 1, 2025, Breton RCMP responded to a report of a male pointing a firearm and threatening another male at a residence in Warburg, Alta. Prior to departing the property, the male with the firearm smashed the windows on the vehicle belonging to the other male. Breton RCMP later located the suspect vehicle in Brazeau County, Alta. With the assistance of the RCMP Emergency Response Team, a traffic stop was conducted where police located the suspect. As a result of this investigation, Michael Meilleur (33), a resident of Brazeau County, was arrested and charged with the following:

- Possess a weapon for a dangerous purpose
- Use an imitation firearm while uttering threats
- Intimidation
- Mischief obstruct enjoyment of property
- · Mischief damage to property
- Assault
- Uttering threats

After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Meilleur was released and has a court date at Alberta Court of Justice

in Breton on March 26, 2025.

Thorsby/Breton RCMP warns drivers of the dangers of distracted driving

Thorsby, Alta. - Distracted driving is still one of the leading causes of motor vehicle accidents which is why it is so important to stay focused when behind the wheel. When most people think of distracted driving, the first thought is cellphones, but distracted driving can include everything from overly loud music to an overcrowded car and even a pet riding shotgun.

Thorsby/Breton RCMP recommend the following tips to prevent being a distracted driver:

- Keep the volume of music in your car low. This is important so that you are able to hear things like emergency vehicles as they are approaching.
- Program your GPS, adjust mirrors, and set up music or podcasts before starting to drive.
- Secure loose items like bags, drinks and other objects so they do not distract you by moving around.
- Make sure that you put your phone down. If you receive a call and it is important, make sure to drive to a safe location and then park and take the call.
- If you have a pet in your car riding along with you, make sure the pet is properly secured and is not moving freely through the car.

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BUDGET 2025: SNIP. TAXES CUT FOR ALBERTANS

Alberta News, February 28, 2025

Budget 2025 is helping Albertans with the challenge of rising costs of living by cutting personal income taxes for two million hard-working Albertans.

As the province faces headwinds from tariff threats that could cause inflation, Alberta's government is ensuring Alberta families have more money in their pockets to support their families. By fulfilling a promise to cut personal income taxes, Albertans will take more money home on every paycheque.

Starting this year, Alberta taxpayers will benefit from a new eight per cent personal tax bracket on income up to \$60,000, down from the previous rate of 10 per cent. When this new tax cut takes effect, taxpayers will save up to \$750 in 2025, while two-income families will see savings of up to \$1,500, which will help them and their families with the cost of groceries, housing, utility bills or other priorities.

"Over the past few years Albertans have faced an unprecedented cost of living crisis, largely due to the irresponsible actions of the federal Liberal government. That's why Alberta's government is taking action to cut personal income taxes for two million hard-working Albertans - fulfilling our campaign promise - so that Albertans can keep more of their hard-earned dollars to help support their families." Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta

"By fast-tracking this new eight per cent tax bracket, Albertans can keep more of their hard-earned money this year. This is just one more way we're helping Albertans find their way forward during turbulent economic times." Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

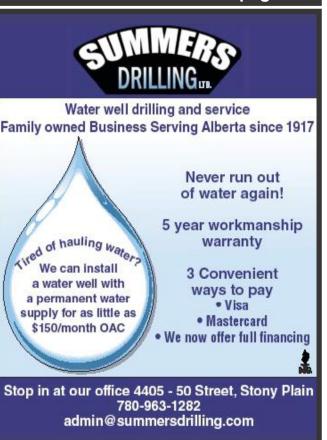
"Premier Danielle Smith keeping her promise to cut Alberta's income tax is great news, because it means huge savings for most working families. Families are fighting to afford basics right now, and if they can save more than \$1,500 per year thanks to this big tax cut, that would cover a month's rent or more than a month's worth of groceries." Kris Sims, Alberta director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

Overall, this personal income tax cut is expected to save Albertans \$1.2 billion in 2025, with savings rising to \$1.4 billion in 2028. Most taxpayers will start to see the benefit of the tax cut on their paycheques after July 1, when payroll withholdings are adjusted.

"Albertans know best where their hard-earned dollars are needed most. By leaving more money in their pockets, we're helping ensure families can meet their unique needs and achieve greater prosperity for a brighter future." Nathan Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities

With low personal and corporate income taxes, low fuel tax and no sales tax, Albertans and Alberta businesses generally pay lower overall taxes than those in other provinces. In 2025-26, Albertans and Alberta businesses would pay at least \$20.1 billion less in taxes than they would if Alberta had the same tax system as any other province.





Laurie's Laughs



I just found out the neighborhood had a meeting about the crazy person on the block

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Optimists are already opening another bottle

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Answers will be published in the next issue!



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