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BRETON 1962

from Breton Museum Facebook, March 24, 2025

Above - Breton pictured from the air circa 1962. Notice the Breton High School site with the first of several additions that would take place over the next several decades. Aerial photos of communities were popular on promotional business items during this time period. This image also shows up on coffee mugs, tea cups and plates from the Breton Super Market.

FEDERAL ELECTION CALLED

1962

The 45th federal general election will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025

"Elections Canada offices will open soon in each of the 343 federal electoral districts (ridings). Electors can visit an office to register and vote early by special ballot or to get information about voting or becoming a candidate." *from <u>www.elections.ca</u>*

Classifieds

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2015 FORD F150 XLT, XTR, 4x4, Super Crew Cab, 5L Engine, aluminum body, full loaded, new all terrain tires, 201,000km. Phone Phil at 780-789-0123.

FOR RENT

Beautiful **TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT** - 2+1 bedrooms, 1-1/2 bathroom, washer and dryer. In Winfield, AB \$1100/mth. Includes water/ sewer. Available March 1. Call Maria at 403-606-6977

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

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SERVICES

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INCOME TAX - It's tax time again. Will do personal and business income taxes, GST, payroll, WCB, and bookkeeping. Call Lois at 780 696-2141, if no answer I will call back.

COMMUNITY EVENTS / SERVICES

PUB NIGHT AT WARBURG LEGION - Warburg Legion is Open every Friday from 5-10 pm for Pub Night. Games, bar service, come meet your friends! Call Max at 780-263-0350 for more information.

Classified Ads are \$5 for 2 weeks

(max. 4 lines or approx. 30 words) GST included

CAREER OPPORTUNITY 2025/12 **Utilities Operator**

The **County of Wetaskiwin** is seeking applications for the permanent full-time position of Utilities Operator.

For further information and position requirements, visit our website www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/jobs

Applications, along with cover letter, can be emailed directly to <u>cbrooks@county10.ca</u>.

Please include Posting Number on application.

Deadline for Applications: Friday, April 4, 2025 at noon.



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Sudoku Answers from March 19 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.



780-789-3855



CAREER OPPORTU 2025/13 **Equipment Operator**

The County of Wetaskiwin is seeking applications for the permanent full-time position of Equipment Operator.

> For further information and position requirements, visit our website www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/jobs

Applications, along with cover letter, can be emailed directly to <u>cbrooks@county10.ca</u>.

Please include Posting Number on application.

Deadline for Applications: Friday, April 4, 2025 at noon.



NOW HIRING **PERMANENT PART-TIME NEWSPAPER ASSISTANT**

We are looking for a Community minded individual to join our team!

This position would include learning every aspect of our local newspapers...from finding, editing and occasionally writing stories, designing ads and articles using CorelDRAW, putting the paper together so its ready to print, printing and delivering the papers and more.

Qualifications

- Must be computer literate
- Experience with CorelDRAW, design and media an asset but will train
- Must have a valid drivers license
- Must have a keen eye for detail
- · Must be able to work independently and as a team
- Must be local or connected to our local communities
- Must be a good communicator
- Must be able to write and edit stories
- Must be able to work under pressure to complete deadlines
- Must be able to prioritize
- Must be organized

Please drop off your resume in person at **CE Media Signs & Promotional** 4928 Hankin Street, Thorsby

Open Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

OR email your resume to media@community39.com

*Do not try to contact us or apply through Facebook. If you have questions email the above address or call our office at 780-434-7446.

**This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.





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

<u>March 28</u> - Rum Ragged presented by the Eleanor Pickup Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at ticketpro 1-888-655-9090 or DV Value Drug Mart.

<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.

March 29 - 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, <u>www.wphcc.ca</u> for tickets

<u>March 29</u> - Pot Luck Supper at the Winfield Legion. Doors open at 5pm. No Hitchhiker Band will be practicing.

March 29 - Family Disking Bonspiel at Hoadley Hall. Starts at 9:30am. Everyone Welcome. \$5. Register by Tuesday, March 25 with Catrien 403-843-4137 or Leslie 705-325-4947.

March 30 - 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>

March 31 - Owl Cup Clay by Clay for Kids from 3-5pm at the Warburg Hall. \$25. Pre-register at the Warburg Village office or call 780-848-2828.

<u>March 31</u> - Lantern with Fused Glass Panels by Clay for Kids from 3-5pm at the Warburg Hall. Pre-register at the Warburg Village office or call 780-848-2828.

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.

<u>April 3</u> - Floor Curling for the Kids presented by Warburg Floor Curling at Warburg Hall from 1-3pm. FREE

April 3 - Yoga for kids ages 3-7 at the Warburg Village Office basement. Preregister at <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u> or call the office at 780-848-2828

<u>April 4</u> - Breton Playschool Open House from 3:30-5pm. Email <u>bretonplayschool@hotmail.com</u> for more information.

April 4 & 5 - Warburg Ice Makers Revenge Bonspiel. Contact warburgcurling@gmail.com to register.

April 5 - Annual Trophy Night & Banquet hosted by Thorsby & District Fish & Game at Warburg Hall. Call 780-898-5013 or 780-621-2200 for tickets

April 6 - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch

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contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

<u>April 7</u> - Early Childhood Resource Fair at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Centre. For parents and children 0-6. Registration not required, just join the fun! For more info email <u>frm@leduc-county.com</u>

April 7 - Paint Night at Winfield Hall at 6:30pm. \$45 Sign up by emailing winfieldagsociety@gmail.com

<u>April 8</u> - Attachment & Therapeutic Care Information Session at Beehive Support Services, Drayton Valley at 7pm. Free. Contact <u>stjosephshouseofrepose@gmail.com</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. 60% SOLD.

April 12 - Open Mic & Games Night at Winfield Hall at 7pm. Email <u>winfieldagsociety@gmail.com</u> to book your spot or just come and enjoy the entertainment.

<u>April 17</u> - FireSmart Workshop: Fire proof your house, garden and community at 5 PM \$50/person with dinner included. Register by emailing <u>winfieldagsociety@gmail.com</u>

<u>April 18</u> - **Easter Egg Hunt and Activities** at 2pm at the Breton Community Centre. Contact Breton Ag Society or Breton Elks or Breton FCSS for more info.

<u>April 19</u> - Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Thorsby Lions at the Thorsby Rec Centre Field House. 12-2pm. Check out their Facebook Page for more information.

April 19 - Easter Egg-Stravaganza at the Winfield Hall from 1-3pm. Duck hunt, Easter bingo, cookie decorating and crafts. FREE! 780-621-1125 or winfieldagsociety@gmail.com

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

<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....



sign Up:

for your own gardening space (4 x 16 ft raised bed); and
as a Garden Volunteer to help maintain community beds

It's Time to Get Down & Dirty

Please call Lexya at 403-704-6687 before May 1, 2025.

Registration and waiver forms must be signed in order to secure your garden space for 2025.



"Stitches and Dreams Quilt Guild" – Funnell, would like to express our gratitude to the <u>Elks of Canada</u> <u>No. 402 - Breton for their support</u> in the form of a generous \$800.00 donation. It will enable our guild to purchase materials and continue to help local and area organizations that have need for our quilts.

Shank you!





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.

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

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

TUESDAYS

PEER TUTORING 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

FOOT WELLNESS services the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Breton. Contact Christa at 780-514-5640

TRADE PARADE - 2nd Tuesday of every month 6-8pm at the Winfield Hall. <u>www.winfieldagsociety.com</u> or FB for more info.

WEDNESDAYS

AAMEETINGS - Wednesdays at 7 pm at the Warburg Cultural Centre, 5120 51 Ave in Warburg. 780-298-2744 for more info.

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>CRAFT NIGHT FOR ADULTS</u> every second Thursday of the month at the Breton Library from 5-8pm. 780-696-3740 for info. **<u>CHILDREN'S STORY TIME</u>** 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 3:30-6pm.

FRIDAYS

JAM DANCE & CARDS NIGHT at the Buck Creek Community

Hall the first Friday of every month.

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

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

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

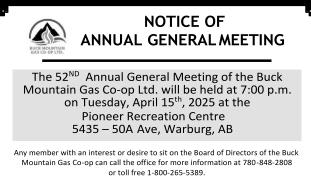
BRETON YOUTH CENTRE is volunteer run located at the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre downstairs from the Breton Library. All activities are FREE! All kids grade 6-12 are welcome. Contact them at <u>bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com</u>

<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.

<u>BRETON FOOD BANK</u> - provides 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. Not a permanent food source but they provide hampers as a hand up during difficult times. 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.

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GAS CREDIT VOUCHER DOOR PRIZES!



Justin Eugene Janke

December 18, 1986 - March 12, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Justin Janke on March 12, 2025. Born on December 18, 1986, Justin radiated warmth and dedication throughout his life—through his illustrious career and fervent passions, he left an indelible mark on all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A proud alumnus of Buck Mountain Central School, class of 2004, Justin's journey continued into auctioneer school, where his talent and affinity for the craft flourished.

He devotedly served as a sales representative for Allen B. Olson Auction Service, a role in which he thrived while traveling the province. Justin's job was more than just a means of livelihood; it was a canvas upon which he painted lasting relationships, frequently found in the company of new faces, exchanging stories and laughter while celebrating the art of auctioneering.

Beyond his career, Justin's spirit soared in various pursuits that brought him joy. He cherished the great outdoors, finding solace in hunting and fishing, all while embracing the camaraderie found on hockey rinks as a referee. A rodeo enthusiast at heart, he reveled in riding and roping, crafting memories that will echo through time. His love for building things showcased his creativity, and the passion for 4-H rooted deeply within him, fostering not only skills but lifelong friendships.

A treasured family man, Justin found his true soulmate in Annie, with whom he joyfully shared 16 remarkable years of marriage. They became one on May 17, 2008, in a celebration that bonded their hearts forever. Their love blossomed further with the arrival of their two wonderful children: Becca-Joy Ann, born April 20, 2009, and Gunner Daniel Lee, born October 24, 2012. To Justin, family was the foundation of his existence, and he cherished every moment spent with his beloved wife and children.

He is survived by his cherished family: loving wife Annie, daughter Becca-Joy, and son Gunner; proud parents Danny and Corinna, devoted sister Christina and her husband Ryan, along with their spirited son Cohen, who brought a special light to Justin's heart. His loss is also mourned by his in-laws, Roger and Julie.

In the quiet solace of reflection, we also remember those who have left us before him. Justin holds close the memories of his paternal grandparents, Carl and Ethel, and his cousin Jessie, both of whom are with him in spirit.

Friends, family, and all whose lives Justin touched were invited to gather in remembrance at a memorial service on March 20, 2025, at the Breton Community Centre.

Justin Janke was a man of many dimensions—a devoted husband, a nurturing father, a beloved son, a brother, and a friend. In his passing, the world has dimmed slightly, but his vibrant spirit will forever illuminate the hearts who knew him. He may have departed from this world, yet the memories he created will eternally kindle the flame of love and laughter within us all.

Justin's family wishes to express gratitude to the Breton RCMP and the Winfield Fire Department for their swift response to assist Justin on the night of his accident. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Justin's memory to the Winfield Wolfpack or West of the 5th Rodeo Association.

Arrangements in care of Colleen Sekura 587-673-1688 Drayton Memorial Cremation & Funeral Services 5029-48 Street, Drayton Valley T7A 1E1





Spring Break is here and we hope all of the kids and families get to spend some time together doing fun things. With spring arriving there seems to be lots happening, along with our Women's Wellness Day and planning for Canada Day, we are also planning a Community Easter Event. We sure could use a few VOLUNTEERS to help out with the Community Easter Event, please contact me at <u>fcss@breton.ca</u> or 780-696-3636

<u>July 1 – Canada Day Celebrations</u> 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.

The Adult Exercise Program runs from 9-10am on Thursday mornings. Equipment 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.

Kindness Project 2025 -

We would like to received your nominations for March, 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.

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.

60% Of Our Tickets Are SOLD for the 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 are available at the Village of Breton or the Village of Warburg. 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 <u>admin@breton.ca</u> 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
 - Bra Necessities
 - Herbal Medicine Back Yard Herbal Anita Berger
 - Financial Foundations: Strengthening Women's Financial Health
 - Select A Session II
 - Menopause Myths
 - The Art of Tallow
 - Vacations on a Budget
- Boutique on your Street Fashion Show

Community Easter Event

Breton FCSS together with the Breton Agricultural Society and the Breton ELKS invite you to join us on Friday April 18,2025 at 2:00 pm at the Breton Community Centre – outside for some fun spring activities.

- Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 pm
- Old Fashion Games following the Egg Hunt
- Easter Bonnet Contest decorate a hat and show it off at the Community Easter event. Enter as an individual, family or team.
- Coloring Contest pick up your coloring sheets at the Breton Library, ATB or the Village office. Age categories are 6 & under, 7 – 11, 12 – 15, 16 – adult. Drop off completed sheets by April 11 at ATB. Winners will be notified.

Breton FCSS & Area continued on next page...

Breton FCSS & Area Continued...

Summer Employment – Are you energetic, can work independently, hardworking and love to spend time with youth of all ages? We are currently looking for 2 individuals that would like to work in our summer program. You would be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the program. The positions are approximately 20 – 30 hours / week, from June 26 – August 28. Most hours are during the day Tuesday–Thursday but the occasional evening may be required. There is some flexibility in the work days. Preference will be given to students 17+. A valid driver's license is required and First aid is an asset. Please submit resumes to Breton FCSS at the Village of Breton office, by email to fcss@breton.ca or Fax to 780-696-3590, by April 21

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.



Pot Luck Supper at the WINFIELD LEGION

Saturday March 29, 2025 Doors open at 5pm

> No Hitch Hiker Band will be Practicing.



Hope to See you there!





Brazeau County

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IMPORTANT DATES

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 14 | All About Trees workshop | 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
April 15 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

Municipalities are required to have a permanent electors register for the 2025 Municipal Election. Eligible voters are asked to go online to make sure they're registered to vote.

More information can be found on Brazeau County's website at <u>www.brazeau.ab.ca/countyoffice/elections</u>

2025 ELECTION

REGISTER TO VOTE!



DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

BRAZEAU COUNTY IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2025 DUST CONTROL SEASON

Applications can be completed at our office, located at 7401 Township Road 494, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, or email <u>publicworks@brazeau.ab.ca</u>

Applications can also be found at <u>www.brazeau.ab.ca/online-</u> services/applications-and-forms

The cost for this service is:

\$210.00 (GST Included) for Rural Road Residents (200 m)

\$105.00 (GST Included) for Country Residential Subdivision Residents (100 m)

For residents 60 and older, you receive 50% off the rates when you provide identification. Either show us your identification in-person when you apply or attach a copy of your identification to your application if you're mailing or emailing it to us.

Applications must be submitted before **May 16, 2025**. Full payment is required at the time of application.

Brazeau County subsidizes the cost of dust control for our residents.

For further information, contact the Public Works Department at 780-542-7777 or email **publicworks@brazeau.ab.ca**





Reeve Councillor Div. 1 Councillor Div. 2 780-542-0999 780-621-6459 780-898-0247 bguyon@brazeau.ab.ca ggunderson@brazeau.ab.ca dwiltse@brazeau.ab.ca



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780-696-2468 aheinrich@brazeau.ab.ca



780-898-9129 dekstrom@brazeau.ab.ca

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Greetings from Breton Elks Lodge #402



Well, hello everyone, once again it is time to reflect on all the positives we have on our side. First up is that March is busy making way for April, which means that winter is now done. Now it is time to start thinking of tomatoes and potatoes and perhaps a few flowers as well. That is the positive, but some will throw in taxes just for giggles.

Moving on in the world of Elkdom, the Elks are busy getting ready for our Spring District Meeting in Fort Saskatchewan on April 5, 2025. Then it is also time to deal with nominations of officers for the coming year. By the way, skating on our local ice rink ended March 1st.

The annual Provincial Conference will take place in Olds in the month of June. Several of our members will be attending. This will mean a trip to Olds.

Breton Elks will be serving hot chocolate & juice for the younger members of our community. As well as hot dogs to celebrate the arrival of Easter on April 18th.

On April 11, 2025 members of Breton Lodge will journey to Camrose to take part in working a Casino. This is an opportunity to allow our lodge to raise funds to be redistributed into our community.

At last report R.V. Park reservations are moving forward. It appears that a busy camping season is on the horizon. Hopefully we will enjoy a great summer.

Preparations for July 1st are in progress. The Elk members decided that once again they will display their talent in cooking pancakes along with all the trimmings.

Along with all the preparations for the coming summer, don't forget that the Elks still have tents for rent. All those outdoor events can be covered.

A request for financial support was received from Covenant Bay Bible Camp. This camp allows an opportunity for young people of our community to enjoy some outdoor life while developing their citizenship skills. The Lodge passed a motion to donate \$2,000.00 to this camp.

An update from Rimbey Hospital Legacy Committee was received. Brother Don Gillis reported that a second Annual VIP Breakfast is planned for March 27th. The goal this year is to raise funds to purchase an Ultrasound Machine. Breton Elks voted to donate \$2,000.00 to this worthy cause.

An invitation was received from Stavely Elks to attend their 100th Anniversary July 19th. A remarkable milestone for sure. Congratulations on a century of devotion to their community.

As this is the latest update of Elkdom in our world, I will take this opportunity to wish everyone Happy Gardening and Good Health. Will chat soon.



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BRETON HIGH MODERNIZATION UPDATE

Wild Rose School Division update <u>www.wrsd.ca,</u> March 21, 2025

Over the past month WRSD has been moving sheds and teaching materials out of Breton High School that were not taken to Warburg, to different facilities for storage during the modernization.

On March 7, 2025 Alberta Infrastructure held the construction startup meeting with WRSD, consultants and contractors.

WRSD is happy to announce that Shunda Consulting and Construction Management has been selected by Alberta Infrastructure as the contractor for the Breton High School Modernization. Over the next month Shunda will be planning and mobilizing to Breton High School to start on the modernization.

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SMITH VS CARNEY

Alberta News, March 20, 2025

Premier Danielle Smith issued the following statement following her meeting with Prime Minister Mark Carney.

"At his request, I met with Prime Minister Mark Carney today. We had a very frank discussion in which I made it clear that Albertans will no longer tolerate the way we've been treated by the federal Liberals over the past 10 years. I provided a specific list of demands the next Prime Minister, regardless of who that is, must address within the first six months of their term to avoid an unprecedented national unity crisis. This includes:

- Guaranteeing Alberta full access to unfettered oil and gas corridors to the north, east, and west
- Repealing Bill C-69 (aka. "no new pipelines act")
- Lifting the tanker ban off the B.C. coast
- Eliminating the oil and gas emissions cap, which is a production cap
- Scrapping the so-called Clean Electricity Regulations
- Ending the prohibition on single use plastics
- Abandoning the net-zero car mandate
- Returning oversight of the industrial carbon tax to the provinces
- Halting the federal censorship of energy companies

"I also made it clear that Alberta, as owner of the resource, will not accept an export tax or restriction of Alberta's oil and gas to the United States, and that our province is no longer agreeable to subsidizing other large provinces who are fully capable of funding themselves. Lastly, I made it clear that federal mismanagement of Jasper and Banff national parks resulted in last year's tragic wildfire in Jasper and is endangering Banff, and the situation must be rectified immediately.

"With the federal election about to be called, I encourage all Albertans to get involved in what is likely one of the most pivotal and important elections in our nation's history, and to support the party and candidates that have consistently advocated for freeing Alberta from federal overreach and the repeated economic attacks our province has faced from Ottawa over the past 10 years."

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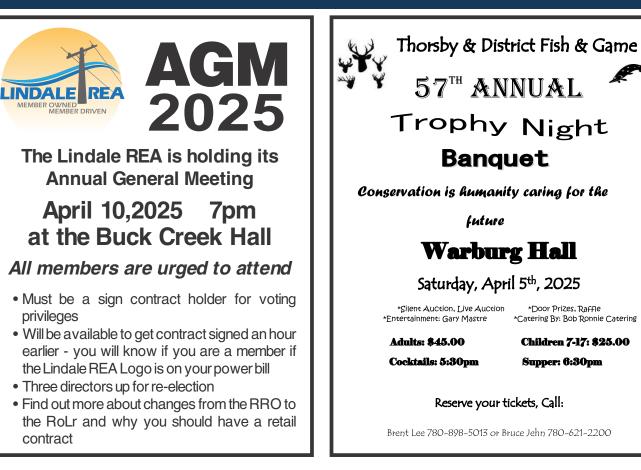
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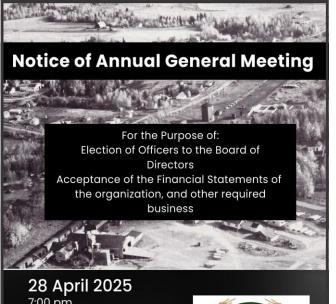
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WINFIELD AG SOCIETY

April 2025 Calendar of Events For more information on the Winfield Aq

Society or these events go to <u>www.winfieldagsociety.com</u> or check them out on Facebook.

Paint Night: Monday, April 7, 2025, 6:30pm, Winfield Hall, 401-6 Street. Cost: \$45. Email to signup: winfieldagsociety@gmail.com.

Open Mic & Games Night: Saturday, April 12, 2025, 7:00pm, Winfield Hall. Do you sing? Dance? Have a stand-up comedy routine? Join us for a great night of live music and fun games! Whether you want to take the mic or just enjoy the entertainment and good company, there's something for everyone. Book your spot by emailing winfieldagsociety@gmail.com.

Trade Parade: 2nd Tuesday of every month. Winfield Hall, 401-6 Street. Come together to buy, sell, barter or swap gently used goods. Next ones **April 8 Seed Swap** and **May 13 Plant Swap** 6-8pm.

FireSmart Workshop: Fire proof your house, garden and community with this hands on workshop. <u>April 17th</u>, 5 PM \$50/person with dinner included. Register by emailing <u>winfieldagsociety@gmail.com</u>

Easter Egg-Stravaganza: FREE! April 19, 2025,

1-3pm. Join us for some Easter Fun! Duck hunt, Easter bingo, cookie decorating and crafts. At the Good Neighbour's Nook, Winfield Hall, 401-6 St. More info: 780-621-1125 / winfieldagsociety @gmail.com / Facebook

Name That Tune "Grad Glam" Edition!: April 25, 2025, 7pm start, Winfield Hall, 401-6 Street.



Get in the Kitchen! Kids Cooking Class: April 26th, two sessions to choose from; Cajun (morning session) and French (afternoon session). \$10 per child per session, must be 10 years or older. Register by emailing winfieldagsociety@gmail.com

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FEDERAL EMISSIONS PLAN WILL COST ALBERTANS

Alberta News, March 24, 2025

A new report finds every Albertan will have \$3,300 less for essentials if the ineffective federal emissions reduction plan is left in place.

For years, the federal government has been targeting net zero by 2050 and putting in place an aggressive approach to reduce emissions as outlined in its Emissions Reduction Plan. This scheme, which included the carbon tax, emissions cap, electricity regulations and other initiatives, has drawn strong criticism from provinces, industry, business groups and Canadians.

A report by the Conference Board of Canada, commissioned by Alberta's government, sheds new light on the negative impacts of the federal government's punitive environmental approach. By 2050, Alberta's GDP will shrink by 11 per cent, employment will decline by four per cent and the average person will have \$3,300 less in disposable income – while Canada still misses its emissions target.

Alberta's government is calling on the next federal government to permanently abandon the carbon tax, emissions cap and the entire flawed federal approach. Instead, the federal government should focus on reducing emissions without hurting the economy or making life harder for Albertan and Canadian families.

"These findings should send a message to whoever ends up being the next federal government. Our province remains firmly committed to protecting the environment and creating a future for our children, but that can't be achieved by trampling on Canadians' livelihoods. Ottawa has offered nothing but penalties and vague rhetoric. Instead of meaningful incentives to reduce emissions, we get carbon taxes, a production cap, and layers and layers of costly regulations, all burdening families and workers who are already stretched thin." Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

The Conference Board of Canada assessed how Alberta businesses and consumers will react to the federal policies based on the costs and effectiveness of the technologies necessary to meet the federal targets.

It found that Alberta will be disproportionately impacted by the current federal plan, experiencing a deep recession in 2030 and subsequently slower economic growth going forward. According to the report, compared to the 2050 baseline scenario, Alberta's GDP, jobs, revenue and incomes will significantly decline because of federal emissions policies: • Employment: Projected to be 4.1 per cent lower

- Government revenues: Projected to be 9.3 per cent lower
- Real (price adjusted) incomes: Down \$3,300 (or 7.3 per cent) per person

Nationally, real GDP in Canada is estimated to fall 3.8 per cent in 2050. Canadian oil and gas production in 2050 would be 37 per cent lower, mostly due to the proposed federal oil and gas production cap.

On March 12, the independent Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) – following on reports from S&P Global, Deloitte Canada and the Conference Board of Canada – released a scathing report outlining the negative impacts of the proposed federal oil and gas emissions cap. According to the report, the PBO estimates that the federal government's cap alone will in fact slash oil and gas production by almost 5 per cent, all while these required production cuts reduce nominal GDP by \$20.5 billion in 2032.

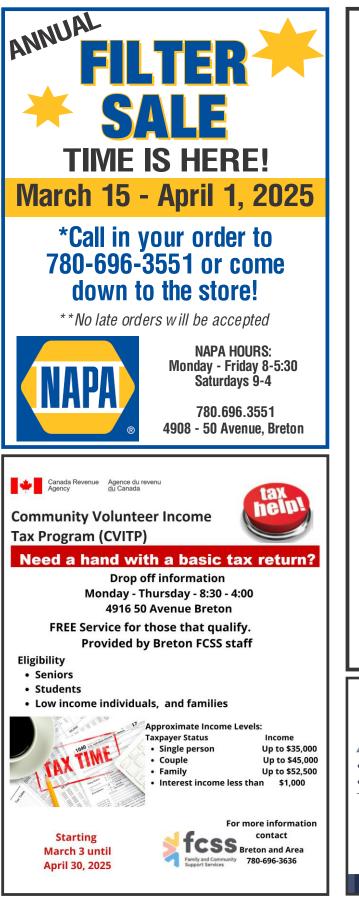
The PBO report also suggests this policy will reduce economy-wide employment in Canada by 40,300 jobs and full-time equivalents by 54,400 in 2032.

Alberta's government continues to call for the next federal government to focus on policies that grow the economy, while working with provinces and respecting the Canadian constitution.

Quick facts:

- The Conference Board of Canada scenarios assume oil and gas production grow to 9.7 million barrels of oil equivalent in 2050 with peak oil production of 9.9 million barrels per day in 2042, reflecting continued global oil demand.
- Canada's employment is estimated to be 2.6 per cent lower, consumer prices 2.5 per cent higher, and real GDP 3.8 per cent lower in 2050 under the federal plan (compared to the baseline scenario).
- According to the report, Canada's electricity sector would need to reduce emissions by 376 per cent below baseline in 2050, through significant investment in carbon capture and storage, to meet the federal netzero commitment.
- The Conference Board of Canada's realistic scenario assumes carbon capture and storage (CCS) will be deployed at a slower rate than is generally assumed by the federal government.
- Canada's Emission Reduction Plan, released in March 2022, is a roadmap and its policies include the carbon tax, Clean Electricity Regulation, Clean Fuel Regulation, federal oil and gas emissions cap, methane reduction targets, zero emission vehicle mandates, and various other subsidy programs.
- The Conference Board of Canada's report on assessing the impact of the federal Emissions Reduction Plan was completed prior to U.S. President Donald Trump's administration and does not include the impacts of potential U.S. tariffs.
 - U.S. tariffs have further illustrated the importance of market access to Canada's energy security.

• GDP: Projected to be 11 per cent lower



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BETTER, FASTER, CHEAPER AUTO INSURANCE

Alberta News, March 24, 2025

Proposed legislation will implement the auto insurance system announced in the fall to provide Albertans with better and faster access to care.

If passed, the *Automobile Insurance Act* would bring in key changes to Alberta's auto insurance system and establish improved access to health and medical benefits for Albertans injured in vehicle collisions. This would include medical care, rehabilitation, daily living assistance and other supports. Ultimately, these changes would give Alberta drivers the best benefits of any system in Canada if they need medical care and rehabilitation following a collision.

"Care-first is a term we use intentionally, because Albertans who are injured in a collision truly need their care and well-being to come first. Our goal is to build a stronger auto insurance system to better protect Albertans and their pocketbook." Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

The proposed legislation would support Albertans injured in a vehicle collision with income support payments and retirement benefits, potentially for life, depending on the severity of their injuries. Albertans who are unable to work or attend school because of their injuries could be eligible for these benefits. In addition, criteria would be established to provide for a permanent impairment benefit for Albertans who are permanently injured from the accident, or a death benefit if an Albertan dies in a collision.

"Chiropractors play a crucial role in helping accident victims recover and restore their quality of life. In Alberta, the new system will ensure that those needing care after a collision receive immediate, high-quality chiropractic services and team-based care." Dr. Jacqueline Boyd, chair, Chiropractic Association of Alberta

Alberta's new care-first automobile insurance system would shift the focus away from court battles and costly litigation to providing care and support for everyone injured in a collision, so that they get the help they need when they need it. Legislation would restrict the ability to sue, except if an at-fault driver is convicted of a serious offence under the Criminal Code or Traffic Safety Act. Injured Albertans could also choose to sue for out-ofpocket expenses beyond the amount provided under the insurance policy. These changes would reduce the time and money spent on litigation. Ultimately, the new carefirst legislation will lead to lower automobile insurance rates for Albertans over time.

Alberta's care-first system would maintain flexibility to resolve auto insurance disputes, creating an independent Alberta Automobile Care-first Tribunal. This would give Albertans the ability to appeal decisions made by their insurer about their benefits.

As legislation progresses, Alberta's government will consult with health care and insurance representatives on key operational elements of the Care-First model. Further regulations to implement the changes could be introduced in the fall of 2025.

Alberta's privately delivered care-first system will start January 1, 2027.

Quick facts:

- If passed, industry partners would take the next two years to implement the changes, including developing 3.4 million new auto insurance policies.
- The Automobile Insurance and Care-First Benefits Act is enabling legislation, which means that many substantive rules will be developed through regulations.

My child asked me what I use to play on the iPad as a kid. I told her I use to talk into a fan to sound like a robot.





A RECORD INVESTMENT IN INNOVATIVE CANCER CARE

Alberta News, March 21, 2025

Alberta's government is partnering with Siemens Healthineers and the Alberta Cancer Foundation to improve health outcomes for Albertans diagnosed with cancer.

Albertans living with cancer deserve access to the latest medical technology to receive the most effective treatments possible. By making investments that establish Alberta as a leader in cancer research and innovation, Alberta's government is working to improve outcomes, reduce wait times and enhance early detection for Albertans living with cancer.

To further these goals, Alberta's government is investing \$800 million over eight years in a cancer innovation value partnership with Siemens Healthineers and the Alberta Cancer Foundation. This investment will help replace and update oncology treatment equipment, leverage artificial intelligence, create two centres of excellence in cancer care and establish a medical research and innovation fund to attract and retain global talent in Alberta. With the value partnership in place, visits to emergency departments for oncology-related cases could reduce by 30 per cent and wait times to receive cancer care and treatment could reduce by 50 per cent.

"This investment will position our province as a leader in cancer care by leveraging artificial intelligence, attracting health care professionals and supporting researchers in developing innovative cancer care solutions. From prevention to detection to treatment, we are ensuring Albertans facing cancer receive the best care available." Danielle Smith, Premier

Under the value partnership, Siemens Healthineers, headquartered in Germany, will replace Alberta's existing equipment at the end of its life cycle and introduce new technologies that are more effective and could significantly reduce wait times for patients. Replacements and upgrades will begin, and start benefiting Albertans, almost immediately. In addition, Siemens Healthineers will invest \$175 million into the value partnership to support the establishment of the centres of excellence and advance research initiatives.

Alberta's growing and aging population is contributing to a rise in cancer cases and longer wait times. The value partnership will help address these issues by replacing existing oncology treatment and imaging equipment, and by introducing new technologies including an artificial intelligence-enabled treatment unit. This new unit could shorten the time from consultation to treatment from two weeks to as little as two hours, increasing the number of patients receiving treatment and improving health outcomes.

"This partnership will reduce wait times and patient expenses while increasing capacity across the health care system. It will also provide a significant return on investment into targeted oncology areas like education, research, artificial intelligence and machine learning to better support patients and our workforce." Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

The centres of excellence will help establish Alberta as a leader in oncology training, and cancer-focused artificial intelligence and machine learning.

"Together, we will advance care for Alberta cancer patients through AI, education, research and innovation. By addressing the entire cancer care continuum, we are working toward a world without fear of cancer." Arthur Kaindl, head of Varian, Siemens Healthineers

The Learning Centre of Excellence in Cancer Care, which will be based at the Arthur J.E. Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Calgary, will be the first global oncology training, learning and reference site in Canada. The centre, which will focus on training the workforce of tomorrow, will attract talent and build and embed the latest technologies and advancements in cancer care directly into learning experiences. There will also be virtual learning opportunities for rural and remote health care workers.

"Cancer Care Alberta is grateful and excited about this transformational partnership and investment in cancer care in Alberta. This partnership will position us to leverage the power and impact of technology, research and innovation, and our people to deliver the best possible care for cancer patients and families across the cancer continuum and the province – today and into the future." Brenda Hubley, chief program officer, Cancer Care Alberta, Alberta Health Services

The Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence in Cancer Care will create a cancer-focused artificial intelligence and machine learning program, bringing global expertise to Alberta to improve operations and the delivery of care. The centre, which will have a physical location in Edmonton, will leverage and expand Alberta's data science expertise in oncology.

The partnership will also establish a medical research and innovation fund to attract and retain global talent. Siemens Healthineers and the Alberta Cancer Foundation will each provide \$24 million for the fund, for a total of \$48 million. The Alberta Cancer Foundation will manage the fund and help identify projects to drive innovation in oncology.

"This is a major leap forward for cancer care in Alberta and will fuel vital cancer research. We're proud to be a

A RECORD INVESTMENT IN INNOVATIVE CANCER CARE continued

partner in moving the needle here at home and a catalyst for bringing more effective, personalized treatments to patients sooner. This is a truly remarkable day for Alberta." Wendy Beauchesne, chief executive officer, Alberta Cancer Foundation

Reducing diagnostic imaging wait times across the province

Alberta's government recognizes the current wait times for diagnostic imaging services aren't acceptable, which is why Budget 2025, if passed, will provide \$168 million over three years to the Diagnostic Imaging Enhancements Program.

This program includes funds to purchase cancerspecific diagnostic imaging equipment through the value partnership, as well as other critical equipment. These funds will support the replacement of equipment that is at the end of its life cycle and expand and modernize diagnostic imaging capabilities across the province to improve health outcomes for Albertans.

On top of this capital investment, Budget 2025 includes more than \$2.2 billion for diagnostic and therapeutic services in 2025-26 and \$90 million over three years to support smaller equipment purchases under the Medical Equipment Replacement Program.

Budget 2025 is meeting the challenge faced by Alberta with continued investments in education and health, lower taxes for families and a focus on the economy.

Quick facts:

- Siemens Healthineers currently provides 100 per cent of Alberta's conventional external beam radiation therapy fleet, 50 per cent of Alberta's simulator fleet and between 10 and 20 per cent of Alberta's diagnostic imaging fleet.
- The value partnership would work to replace existing equipment and grow the services available to cancer patients across the province.
- 65 per cent of Alberta's current software and equipment in cancer care and diagnostic imaging is past its life cycle.
- Almost 60 per cent of cancer patients require radiation therapy over the course of their cancer care.
- According to BioAlberta's 2023 State of the Industry Report, Alberta's life sciences sector is responsible for almost \$2 billion in revenue and about 23,300 jobs.

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if a cowboy is happy DOES THAT MAKE HIM A



Cable repairman was on my street and asked me what time it was. I told him it is between 8 am and 1 pm

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