# THE BRETON BOSTER

# COMMUNITY EASTER HUNT & ACTIVITIES

Friday, April 18 at the Breton Community Centre

> Petting Zoo - 1-3pm Easter Egg Hunt - 2pm Old Fashioned Games Easter Bonnet Contest



# BRETON VEGGIE PATCH

by Lexya Hansen, volunteer

This is the third year of the Breton Veggie Patch. The concept came together rather quickly in 2023 with substantial support from local businesses and

individuals in the community (thank you!!).

We have 9 raised boxes with dimensions of 16 ft by 4 ft and typically half are used by individuals to grow their own private garden and the other half are used to grow extra vegetables for the community. Annually, we receive generous donations from local greenhouses at the end of their season, which has been a great help in keeping our costs down (remember to shop local this spring!).

This past fall (2024), green peppers, tomatoes, cabbage, onions, potatoes and spaghetti squash were donated to the high school foods class and cherry tomatoes and regular tomatoes PLEASE BE ADVISED - Due to the advance polling station being held in the Breton Community Centre on April 18, the activities will start at the south end of the community centre with the petting zoo at 1pm. The kids will be allowed into the area on the east side of the building to gather their eggs at 2pm. Old fashioned children's games and prizes will follow after the hunt.

Access to the bathrooms in the community centre will be only available through the doors on the south end.

Thank you to the Breton Agricultural Society, Breton and Area FCSS and the Breton ELKS.



were donated to the elementary school lunch program.

We encourage any and all individuals or groups interested in volunteering (helping with community beds) or planting their own garden space to reach out to the Breton Agricultural Society. We are also happy to open the garden space for small events. The objective of the Breton Veggie Patch is to nurture interest in food selfsufficiency and to grow community spirit. Cheers to another productive year!



# Classifieds

## FOR SALE

**1940 FARMALL M** \$3,000 OBO / **FOOSBALL TABLE** \$500 / Pioneer 2 Burner **CAMPSTOVE** with legs, new still in box \$150. Ph: 403-586-2224

**760 MASSEY FERGUSON COMBINE** with pickup and 24' direct cut headers & CASE 18' CULTIVATOR & JOHN DEERE 18' FIELD DISC & SnoCo SCREENER. Phone 780-221-4035.

**3 HONDA HOBBITS** with 2 sets of new tires. Years 1981, 1982 & 1983. \$4000 for all. Ph: 403-586-2224

**2014 NISSAN PATHFINDER** 4x4, black, seats 7 people, non-smoker, well maintained, excellent condition, good winter and summer tires, 207K, asking \$9,000. Call 780-789-3971.

FORD 20" RIMS WITH TIRES - 5 bolt pattern, off 2018 Escape. \$475.00. Call/ text 780-964-0516.

**2015 FORD F150** XLT, XTR, 4x4, Super Crew Cab, 5L Engine, aluminum body, full loaded, new all terrain tires, 201,000km. \$22,000. Phone Phil at 780-789-0123.

**21' FEATHERLITE V-NOSE CARGO TRAILER**, 3500lb tandem axles, double swing open rear doors & side entry door, 16' rectangular length inside with 3' angled nose. Excellent condition \$11,500 OBO. Call 780-789-1953.

ODYSSEY DOUBLE WIDE PUTTER FOR SALE \$75 Contact Louise 780-389-2481

## SERVICES

**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.

**REGISTERED MASSAGE AND MANUAL THERAPIST.** Direct bill available. Contact Brittany at 780-964-0042. <u>www.celticsoulmw.com</u>

**LOCAL MEDIATION FOR SEPARATION & DIVORCE** - Are you considering a separation or divorce? Get a personalized agreement for 80% less than court processes. Mike 780-515-0922.

familymediationcentreofcanada.ca

JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER/GASFITTER & CERTIFIED SEWER INSTALLER Repairs, replacement & new installs. Hot water tanks, furnaces, boilers, gas lines, sewer tanks/fields/pumps. Ryan 780-514-9246

## Classified Ads are \$5 for 2 weeks

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

You can email your ads to <u>media@community39.com,</u> call 780-434-7446 OR DROP OFF your Payments & Ads at the <u>BRETON IDA PHARMACY</u>

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

## WANTED

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

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN GREAT OPPORTUNITY** to work with the mind and body and partner with other practitioners in massage therapy, holistic therapy and naturopathic medicine and alternative healing? If so, contact Brittany at 780-964-0042 / <u>bmj.mcc@gmail.com</u>

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

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

**LEAD BATTERIES & SCRAP VEHICLES** Will buy your old lead batteries for recycling. Also FREE removal of scrap vehicles. We pay cash for both! 403-396-8629

**LOOKING TO RENT A SMALL HOUSE**, long term in the Thorsby/Breton area. Suitable for one person and a dog. Call Gerry at 780-217-4709. Please call, no texts.

## **COMMUNITY / BUSINESS EVENTS**

**NEW MOON GATHERING & POTLUCK LUNCH** on April 27. Renewal, reflection, and connection with ceremony, music, and community sharing. Bring your self, your family, your voice, and a nourishing dish to share. Learn more at <u>GuidedMeditation.ca</u>



4 Hour Towing Still Available

AMA Provider 780-696-3757

## "little papers...BIG RESULTS"

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Sudoku Answers from April 9 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.



# Village of Breton Employment Opportunity

## **CUSTODIAN** Part Time, Casual, 3-6 hrs per week

Are you a highly organized individual with attention to detail? Are you looking for a part time position that offers flexibility, physical elements and variety in your work?

The Breton Community Centre and Centraplex Custodian is a year-round position required to ensure our facilities are maintained and safe for all users. Scheduled by the Village office and reporting to the CAO this position is occasionally responsible for assisting in event set up as well.

## **Operational Responsibilities**

- Assist as needed in the set up and tear down of functions.
- Ensure facilities are locked and secured when not in use.
- Adhere to all policies and procedures with respect to facility rentals.

## **Custodial Responsibilities**

- Occasional assistance with set-up and tear down of events per signed rental agreements.
- Ensure facilities are clean, stocked and equipment is in good working order per cleaning/event per cleaning guidelines prior and after events.
- Ensure sidewalks are clear of snow and ice prior to events.
- Continually act in a courteous and customer service orientated manner, while maintaining a fiduciary responsibility to the Village of Breton.

## Key Competencies

- Exceptional organizational and time management skills with the ability to prioritize projects and deadlines.
- Flexible with an ability to work in a team orientated community environment.
- Customer-centric with the ability to remain professional at all times.
- High attention to detail.
- Able to work independently and with community members.

## **Qualifications**

- Able to lift a minimum of 30lbs.
- Availability to work a non-traditional work schedule based on operational needs.
- Salary Range: \$20 \$25 per hour.

# Interested applicants are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume to <u>admin@breton.ca</u>

The posting will remain up until a suitable candidate is found



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

<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>

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

**April 19** - **Easter Egg Hunt** at the Warburg Community Park at 1pm. Bring your own bag or basket.

**April 19** - **Easter in the Village of Pigeon Lake** at 10:30am. Register your child on Facebook. Cap of 250 kids aged 0-12. Egg hunt, free wagon rides, surprise visit from EB.

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

**April 22 - Go Girl 2025** at the Thorsby Recreation Complex from 9am - 4:30pm. Girls aged 7-17. \$60 per participant. Go to www.thorsby.ca/recreation or call 780-789-4041 to register.

April 23 - New Humble School Grade 7-9 Information Night from 6-8pm. 48469 Hwy795. Burgers & refreshments served.

**<u>April 24</u> - Robert Schmidt's Living Well Program** from 1-3pm at the Warburg Library. Contact the library for more info.

<u>April 25 & 26</u> - Country Market and Bake Sale at Glen Park Hall. Friday from 3pm to 7pm & Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Hosted by the Glen Park Community Association.

<u>April 25</u> - Name That Tune "Grad Glam" Edition at 7pm at the Winfield Hall. 101 - 6 Street. For more information: <u>www.winfieldagsociety.com</u> or Facebook.

<u>April 26</u> - Quilt Show & Sale hosted by the Quilting Divas at the Wetaskiwin Multi-Plex from 10am-4pm. \$5 Admission.

<u>April 26</u> - Rise of Robin Hood Junior Theatre Production by Miss Joanne's School of Dance at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley. Shows at 2pm & 7pm.

<u>April 26</u> - Kids Cooking Class - 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 <u>winfieldagsociety@gmail.com</u>

April 30 - Thorsby Volunteer Appreciation at the Thorsby

# **Custom Built Homes**

- Reliable Service - Affordable Pricing - Quality Workmanship



Community Hall. Tickets \$20. Includes dinner and interactive entertainment. Contact Thorsby FCSS at 780-789-4004

<u>May 2</u>- Warburg Volunteer Appreciation at the Warburg Pioneer Rec Centre Doors Open at 5pm and Dinner 6pm. Hosted by Warburg FCSS. Tickets at Warburg Village Office.

<u>May 2</u> - Perogy Supper at the Thorsby Community Centre from 5:30 - 7:30pm (while supplies last). \$15/plate. 6 & under \$7/plate. Hosted by the Thorsby Historical Society.

<u>May 2 & 3</u> - Thorsby Craft & Trade Spring Market at the Thorsby Community Centre. Friday 5-8pm. Saturday 11-3pm Hosted by the Thorsby Historical Society.

May 3 - Mother's Day Class - pressed flower glass vases at the Warburg Library from 10-11:30am. Cost \$15 for 2 vases. Pre-register by April 25 at the library.

<u>May 4</u> - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

<u>May 5</u> - Thorsby 4-H Multi Club Beef Show & Sale at the Thorsby Haymaker Centre. Ceremonies at 10:30am. Beef on a bun at 4pm. Parade of Champions at 5:40. Sale to follow. ContactAaron Lunde for more info at 780-719-4814

<u>May 9</u> - Mother's Day Painting at Warburg Hall. Parent & Child Painting or Ladies only 18+. Pre-register with Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828 by May 2.

May 9 - Sip & Shop Mother's Day at Warburg Hall. Preregister with Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828 by May 2.

July 1 - Canada Day Celebration in Breton!

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....



Current Oilfield Safety Tickets are a definite asset and willingness to work shift cycle a must.

Successful candidates can expect year-round work, benefit package and excellent wages.

Please email resume along with a current drivers abstract to <u>info@wilfbrandttrucking.ca</u>



## Village of Breton Employment Opportunity

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

(Monday to Thursday 28hr/week)

Reporting directly to the chief administrative officer, the administrative assistant will assist in the running of the Village of Breton office.

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Excellent communication, organization and interpersonal skills
- Customer oriented
- Ability to work in a team environment
- General accounting experience
- Social Media management
- Event Planning
- Facility bookings (community centre and centraplex)
- Proficient in Microsoft Excel, Word and Outlook required

Salary depending on qualifications.

# Please email cover letter and resume to <u>admin@breton.ca</u>.

The posting will remain up until a suitable candidate is found.

## Thorsby Tiny Tots Playschool

## Is looking for a Level 1 or 2 Early Childhood Educator

To work along side our current Level 3 teacher

Requirements: • Level 1 or 2 Early Childhood Education • First Aid • Available to work Tuesday & Thursday • Provide police background check

## PLEASE SEND RESUME TO:

teachertinytots@gmail.com Application deadline: April 30th



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

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#### 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

**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 liamkmiller4444@gmail.com

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. www.winfieldagsociety.com or FB for more info.

## **WEDNESDAYS**

AA MEETING - 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!

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

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

CRAFT NIGHT FOR ADULTS every second Thursday of the month at the Breton Library from 5-8pm. 780-696-3740 for info.

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

ADULT EXERCISE PROGRAM - Drop in Thursday mornings at the Breton Community Centre from 9-10am until May 15.

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.

MUSIC, BIBLE & PIZZA 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

#### \*PLEASE NOTE:

All events are subject to change. Please email us at media@community39.com or call 780-434-7446 to add an event or if we have incorrect information.

## **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.

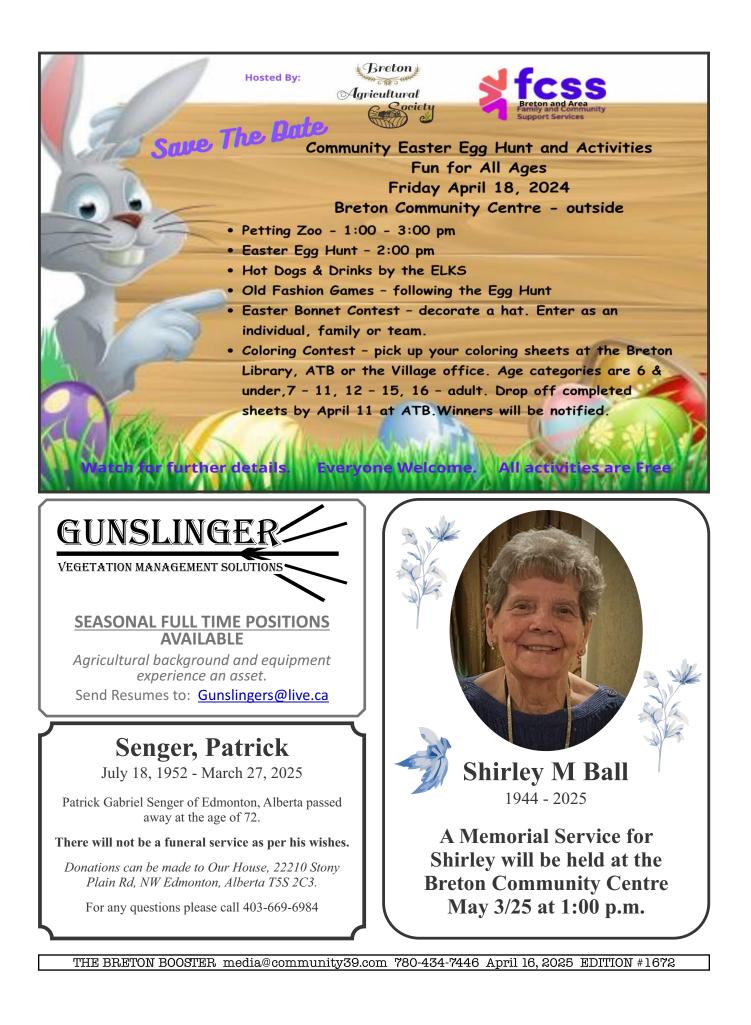
BRETON FOOD BANK - provides food hampers to community families who are struggling to place food on their tables due to tough economic times and/or circumstances beyond their control. Not a permanent food source but they provide hampers as a hand up during difficult times. Call 780-696-3669 and leave a voice mail in box #3 if you need help or to donate. Located at the Breton Faith Covenant Church.

TENT RENTALS - the Breton Elks have 3- 20x20 and 1- 20x40 tents for rent. Contact Darren Scott at 780-696-3800.

BUCKS FOR BOOBS - Donate your bottles for Breast Cancer Research and get entered into a draw. Contact Tracy Bolton at 780-696-0006 or 780-202-7874. Tax receipts available for donations over \$20.

If you'd like to get a link to the paper in your inbox you can subscribe online or email media@community39.com







**Women's Wellness Day** - Wow what a fabulous day we had on Saturday for our Women's Wellness Day. 70 women from Breton and surrounding areas join together to learn from our speakers, shop from local women vendors, enjoy fabulous food from Farmhouse Grind and Star Kist catering and enjoy the company of fellow women in the community, 100% of those attending said they would recommend this day to others. Thank you to Wetaskiwin County FCSS for sponsoring our lunch. We hope that you will join us for the 2026 wellness day next spring!



## Community Easter Event

**PLEASE BE ADVISED** - Our Community Easter Event is just days away. Due to the advance polling station being held at the Breton Community Centre that same day, please be advised that our activities will start at the South end of the community centre with the petting zoo at 1:00pm. At 2:00 pm the kids will be allowed into the area on the east side of the building to gather their eggs. Following the egg hunt, we will have old fashioned children's games and prizes. Access to the bathrooms in the community centre will be only available through the doors on the south end. This is a great partnership between the Breton Agricultural Society, Breton and Area FCSS and the Breton ELKS. Hope you will join us.

- **Petting Zoo** 1:00 3:00 pm
- 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.

The Adult Exercise Program continues for a few more weeks now going until May 15. This class runs from 9 - 10:00am on Thursday mornings. Equipment is provided. Focus on toning, balance, increased mobility, strength gains, and increased flexibility. Participants can 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.

Also a reminder July 1 – Canada Day <u>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 of the community.

celebration in the community.

## Kindness Project 2025 -

We had some great nominations again this month. Thank you to all those that continue to lend a helping hand to their neighbors and community members. A reminder that the nominations must be for an *"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.

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.

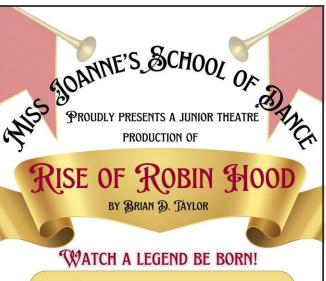
\*1 person - \$35,000/\*Couple \$45,000/\*Family - \$52,500 We are not able to complete returns with income from the following sources: Capital Gains or Losses, Farming Income, Rental Income, Self-Employment, Interest exceeding \$1,000, Bankruptcies, Deceased Persons

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.



APRIL 26, 2025 - 2 PM AND 7 PM AT THE ELEANOR PICKUP ARTS CENTER

TICKETS \$30/EACH AVAILABLE AT:

DRAYTON VALLEY - VALUE DRUG MART MISS JOANNE'S SCHOOL OF DANCE BRETON - HEADS UP FAMILY HAIR CARE

Service of Remembrance 10:30 am

Faith Covenant Church 4712 53 Ave, Breton, AB 780 696-3669 www.faithcovenantchurch.ca

# **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

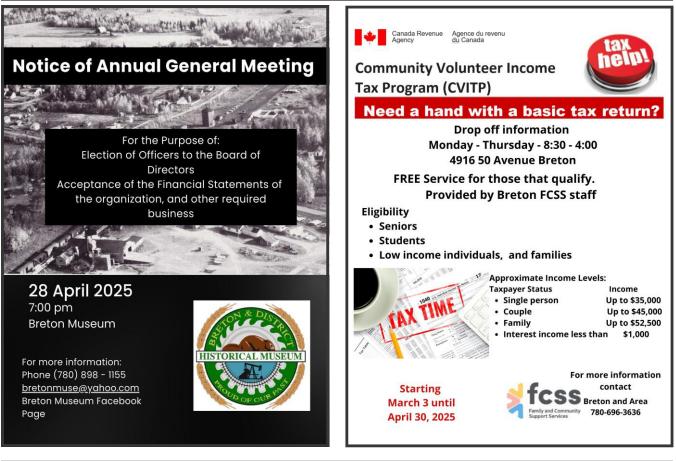
RE: Closure of Community United Church in Warburg and Dissolution of the Telfordville Pastoral Charge

# April 27, 2025 10:30 am

A congregational meeting will be held following the 10:30am worship service to begin the process of closure of Community United Church and dissolution of the Telfordville Pastoral Charge.

All members and adherents are invited to attend.

Telfordville Pastoral Charge / Community United Church





# Brazeau County





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 www.brazeau.ab.ca/county-office/elections

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

April 18 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Good Friday April 21 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Easter Monday May 1 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m. May 6 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

May 13 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 10:00 a.m. May 19 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Victoria Day May 20 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Animal Control Bylaw 1204-25, the purpose of which is to regulate the safety, health, and welfare of people and governing domestic animals and activities in relation to them. The proposed new Bylaw will provide regulations to establish a maximum number of canines permitted on lands within the County to five (5) for all other properties over one (1) acre in size. Additionally, the proposed new Bylaw also provides new penalty structure with increased fines for infractions.

To view the current Animal Control Bylaw, please visit our website at: <u>www.brazeau.ab.ca/live-and-play/protective-and-emergency-services/animal-control-domestic-animals</u>

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed Bylaw 1204-25 may ask questions or make their views known. **The Public Hearing will be held on May 6, 2025 at 10:30 am** or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7770 by 4:30 p.m., April 29, 2025, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. If you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of PrivacyAct.

A copy of Bylaw 1204-25 and the Animal Control Bylaw are available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Community Services by telephone 780-542-7777 or by e-mail at communityservices@brazeau.ab.ca.



# **UPDATE ON MEASLES** SITUATION IN **ALBERTA**

Alberta News, April 11, 2025

## Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Mark Joffe issued the following statement on the measles situation in Alberta and how Albertans can protect themselves:

"Measles outbreaks are occurring in Canada, including Alberta. As of April 11, we have seen 58 confirmed cases in the province, and we are paying close attention to rising cases within the south and central zones. While the number of cases is concerning, I want to let Albertans know that public health officials are managing the cases and contacts as well as working with local leadership to support affected communities.

"As of April 11, an estimated 48 confirmed measles cases are likely to be past their period of communicability (the time the person can transmit measles to another person). However, it's important to note that this does not necessarily reflect risk in the community as there may be people with undiagnosed measles, including people coming into the province from other places where it's circulating, nor does it reflect the number of persons who have been exposed to measles.

"Measles is more serious than other common childhood illnesses. It can cause pneumonia, brain swelling and even death. Early symptoms of measles include a fever. cough, runny nose, red eyes and a blotchy red rash that appears three to seven days after the fever starts. If you are showing symptoms of measles, stay home and call 811 for further direction.

"In light of the measles outbreaks across the province, I want to remind all Albertans that these outbreaks are highly preventable. Albertans can protect themselves and those around them by ensuring their measles immunizations are up to date. Immunization with measles-containing vaccine is the single most important public health intervention to prevent measles. This is especially true for parents of children aged two and younger, who are more susceptible to severe outcomes as a result of contracting measles.

"The measles vaccine is safe and highly effective at preventing infection and complications and is readily available to eligible Albertans. To see if you are eligible to get the vaccine, for the Calgary or Edmonton Zone you can call the Immunization Booking Line at 811 between 8

a.m. and 6 p.m. If you live in another zone in Alberta, contact your local public health or community health centre.

"Alberta Health is providing regular updates to measles cases at www.alberta.ca/measles, including expanded data for age groupings, estimated data for those who are outside of their period of communicability and information related to immunization status of cases and number of immunization doses administered.

"It's important that Albertans do their part to prevent the spread of measles. For more information, please visit www.alberta.ca/measles.

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by Tracy Bolton

Due to circumstances beyond my control, we will not be doing Bucks for BooB's on July 1st.

Instead we have changed the format to collecting Refundable Beverage Containers all year round.



If you wish to donate your bottles and cans to Bucks for Boobs for Breast Cancer Research, we will gladly take them. All you have to do is let me know and we can arrange for dropping them off or picking them up.

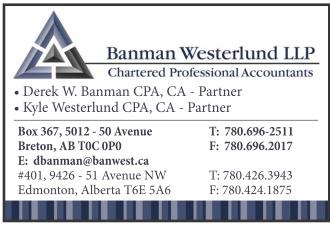
As a incentive to donate your bottles, we will be doing a draw for something cool every 3 months for those that donated during that time. Or there is the option to receive a tax receipt for orders over \$20 from the Canadian Cancer Society.

If you wish to just donate to a great cause you can still do that too. For a tax receipt, make cheques payable to the Canadian Cancer Society and a tax receipt will be sent to you. And if you wish to help out with the items for the draws make cheques payable to Tracy Bolton. I cannot give you a tax receipt for this, but I will be posting in the local papers those that have sponsored us!

I would also like to send out a HUGE THANK YOU to all the sponsors, donors and participants that have supported Bucks for BooB's since 2016. (Minus 2019 and 2020 due to Covid). Together we have raised \$16.407.75!! Fantastic job everyone. Together we DO make a difference.

For more info please do not hesitate to call me. I can be reached at 780-696-0006 or 780-202-7874. If I don't answer please leave a message and I will return your call.

Thanks again everyone!







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## CROSSING BORDERS AND CLOSING DEALS: ALBERTA'S Q1 UPDATE

Alberta News, April 10, 2025

## Strong international efforts are putting Alberta on the map, tapping into new markets, knocking down barriers and securing billions in global investment.

As trade threats escalate, Alberta is taking decisive action to secure new global markets, driving diversification and growth to protect the province's economic future. Alberta is broadening its trade horizons – to reduce risk and build a more resilient economy, ready to weather any storm.

Despite U.S. tariffs, Alberta's economy is outperforming expectations, driven by its robust oil production, increased home construction and a diversified economic base.

Alberta's economy is built to last, anchored by three powerful pillars – diversifying trade, breaking down barriers and attracting investment. Together, they are driving future success for an economy that leads and outperforms.

"During challenging economic times, Alberta is strengthening its economy by opening new global markets, eliminating trade barriers, and securing investments that generate jobs and ensure sustained growth." Matt Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade

## **Unlocking Global Trade**

As the U.S. continues to introduce new barriers to trade, Alberta is focused on expanding its economic pathways elsewhere, such as in Europe, Asia and the Americas.

In 2024, Alberta's total trade with non-U.S. countries totalled almost \$36 billion, an increase of 10 per cent over 2023. Alberta's government will continue investing in this growth for the future. Between 2023 and 2024, Central Asia, South and East Asia, South America and Europe all increased the amount of goods they are buying from Alberta. This proves the world relies on Alberta's high-quality goods and products. Alberta's top-tier export performance fuels economic growth, creates high-paying jobs and enhances Canada's global competitiveness, benefiting all Canadians.

"Expanding our markets is critical to the future of oil and gas in Alberta and we are actively working towards this. The Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission is exploring selling our oil and gas throughout Asia and Europe. Countries like Japan and Korea view our natural gas, hydrogen and ammonia as key to their future economies and transitioning from thermal coal." Brian Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals

Alberta also doubled the 2025-26 budget for the Alberta Export Expansion Program, funding small- and mediumsized businesses and non-profits to promote their products globally. In 2024-25, the program helped more than 450 Alberta companies and organizations join 28 government-led trade missions to countries like Argentina, the United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Japan, United Kingdom, Indonesia, Philippines and Germany. In 2024-25, Alberta's government facilitated more than 800 business-to-business meetings on trade missions that connected Alberta companies to global partners, to make substantial international deals.

## Leading Interprovincial Trade

Alberta remains Canada's leader in interprovincial trade and continues to lead the way by cutting red tape and reducing regulatory burdens, making it easier for businesses and workers to thrive across provincial borders. Since 2019, Alberta has eliminated almost 80 per cent of its party-specific exceptions under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, unlocking smoother interprovincial trade and securing better opportunities for Albertans.

Alberta is tearing down trade barriers to boost both the province's and Canada's economies. In February 2025, Alberta joined counterparts across the country in endorsing bold new commitments to further reduce regulatory barriers, implement mutual recognition for goods and services and create new economic opportunities for businesses and consumers. Alberta's government is bulldozing internal trade barriers – turning roadblocks into smooth highways for Alberta industry.

## **Attracting Job-Creating Investments**

When investors set their sights on Alberta, it is a win-win for companies, workers and Alberta's economy. For example, thanks to the Investment and Growth Fund (IGF), Alberta's government has secured more than \$820 million in capital, created 1,250 jobs and leveraged \$25 in private investment for every \$1 spent. The IGF is attracting global giants like Lufthansa Technik from Germany, which is bringing 330 new jobs and \$120 million in investment, along with NewCold from the Netherlands, which is adding 250 jobs and a \$222 million boost to Alberta's economy.

"NewCold's multi-million investment is a direct result of Alberta's targeted approach to attracting global businesses through tools like the Investment and Growth Fund. With this support, we're building one of the most advanced cold storage facilities in North America – right here in Alberta." Jonas Swarttouw, executive vicepresident commercial, NewCold

Through strategic investment, Alberta is securing its future by diversifying export markets and expanding global partnerships, because when opportunity knocks, Alberta always answers. *Continued on next page* 

## CROSSING BORDERS AND CLOSING DEALS: ALBERTA'S Q1 UPDATE Continued

Alberta's plan goes beyond braving changing tradewinds – it is about driving economic growth with a strategy built to endure any storm. By diversifying its international trade partners, tearing down barriers to internal trade and bringing in substantial investments, Alberta's government is forging ahead on a path to an economically unstoppable future.

## Quick facts:

- Alberta's exports to international markets in 2024 saw a 4.3 per cent increase year-over-year, with a total value of \$182 billion.
- Despite representing less than 12 per cent of Canada's population, Alberta ranks second in exports nationwide, accounting for more than 25 per cent of the country's total exports.
- In 2024, Alberta exports, imports, and total trade with non-U.S. countries totalled \$20.7 billion, \$15.1 billion, and \$35.8 billion, respectively.
- Between 2023 and 2024, Alberta's exports to Central Asia increased by 42.8 per cent, Southeast Asia increased by 41.4 per cent, South Asia increased by 39.9 per cent, East Asia increased by 15.9 per cent to \$11.2 billion, Europe increased to \$2.2 billion and South America increased by 6.1 per cent to \$1.4 billion.
- Alberta's government has doubled the Alberta Export Expansion funding from \$1 million to \$2 million to support more businesses in their efforts to expand into global markets.
- Recently, the IGF provided \$2 million to Crust Craft, a high-capacity bakery company, to support its \$51-million expansion in Alberta.
  - In this case, Alberta was competing with a U.S. jurisdiction for Crust Craft's expansion.







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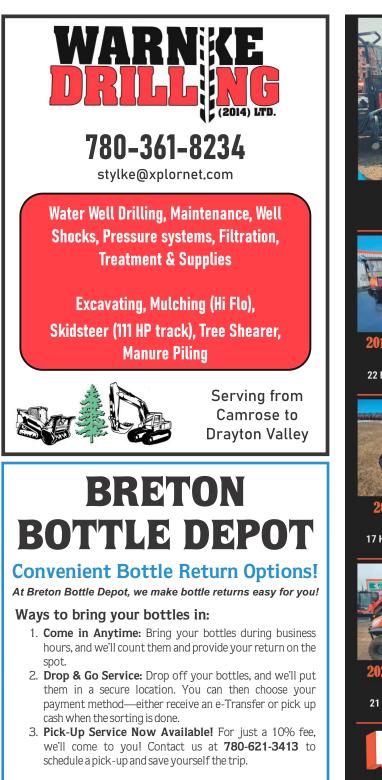
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# BOOSTING FIRE NETWORK FOR FASTER WILDFIRE RESPONSE

Alberta News, April 10, 2025

## Alberta's government is providing a \$900,000 boost to the Alberta fire weather network to upgrade equipment, protect atrisk communities and improve wildfire response.

With the 2025 wildfire season underway, Alberta's government is focused on improving wildfire prevention, mitigation and readiness to respond. Central to these efforts is the province's fire weather network, which plays a vital role in predicting fire conditions and detecting fires earlier.

That is why Alberta's government is investing an additional \$900,000 over three years, bringing the total to \$1.9 million over three years for upgrades to the network and to add new stations to key locations. These improvements will ensure that Alberta Wildfire teams are equipped with the tools they need to respond to wildfire risks quickly and effectively.

"Our government is continuing to make strategic investments to enhance our wildfire-fighting capabilities. By better predicting how fire risks evolve throughout the season, we're not only helping Alberta Wildfire teams respond more effectively – we're also helping communities reduce their exposure to wildfires. This technology is vital to keeping our firefighters safe, and to helping protect lives and livelihoods across the province." Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

Alberta's fire weather network includes 150 strategically placed weather stations that collect information on environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, wind conditions and moisture levels. This real-time data helps Alberta Wildfire stay one step ahead of potential threats, guiding response teams and ensuring resources are deployed to where they're needed most. New weather station locations will be determined in the near future, as Alberta Wildfire teams work to identify areas lacking weather monitoring coverage.

"This investment in Alberta's fire weather network, and the inclusion of our region as a strategic location, will provide Alberta Wildfire teams with timely, accurate data to anticipate and respond to risks more effectively. For a community that understands the realities of wildfire, this kind of infrastructure is more than welcome – it's essential. We're grateful for this support and the continued efforts to protect our region and strengthen our resilience." Nancy Dodds, mayor, Drayton Valley

## Quick facts:

- Alberta's legislated wildfire season runs from March 1 to October 31.
- Budget 2025 also provides:
  - \$160 million for the base wildfire budget, an increase of \$5 million from 2024.
  - \$15 million for the Community Fireguard Program administered by the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta.
  - \$10.8 million in FireSmart programming, ensuring Albertans have access to education and resources that enhance wildfire prevention, preparedness and mitigation efforts.





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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## To the Editor

Some interesting data from Brazeau County operations that should be of concern to ratepayers has crossed my desk. This data comes from official online documents. This info relates to the years since 2017.

At a recent council meeting, a number of Cynthia residents described the unacceptable situation of the condition of sidewalks and roads in the Hamlet.

The following might help explain the situation. There have been eleven projects in the area as follows:

WSWT 0013 (sewage), road 0279, water 0001, WSWT 0013 (no budget shown), WSWT 0006, water 0002, WSWT 0003, WSWT 0002, Road 00189, Road 0188, WSWT 0005.

Residents might want to check this out online and note the following:

- a. The number of overbudget approvals;
- b. Lack of explanation for costs;
- c. Lack of budget references;
- d. Engineering costs;
- e. The ongoing costs of the solar sewage facility (if you can find them);
- f. Where did the money come from (i.e., Reserve accounts which are now depleted)?

Subject to possible errors of omission or commission, the cost of these projects was about \$17,204,020. Assuming about 70 residents in the area, it might have been more financially feasible to provide the Cynthia families a 10-acre subdivision.

It should be noted that at the last council meeting, one councillor spoke at length about saving money concerning road width—hmm!

Lynn Oberle Brazeau County April 7, 2025

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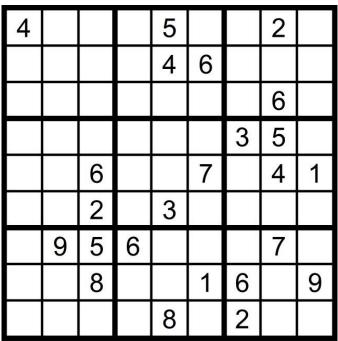
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