THE BRETON BOSTER

BRETON'S FIELD OF DREAMS A Legacy of Community Support

submitted by KathieJo Hoffarth

The Breton community's vision for a multi-purpose football field was realized in 2010 thanks to the dedicated efforts of local businesses, community members and parents. Twelve years later, this *"Field of Dreams"* remains a valuable asset for Breton High School's football and track & field teams.

Recently, the Cougar Tower, a key feature of the field, underwent renovations to further enhance its life as well as functionality. This project was made possible through the continued generosity of community members, businesses and parents.

The Breton community's unwavering dedication to maintaining and enhancing the Field of Dreams exemplifies the spirit of collaboration and support that makes this facility such a valuable asset. The positive impact of our field extends beyond athletics, fostering essential life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and perseverance in our student-athletes. The Breton High School community strives to make it possible for all students to be successful in what they do, the Field of Dreams has added to that success.

Thank you to the following contributors to the "New" Cougar Tower,

- Good Measure Services
- Drayton Valley Home Hardware
- Valley Concrete
- Kaiser Construction
- Loadstar Enterprises
- Top Notch Line Locating
- Double J Fabrication
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Pictured Left: Morgan Holden (Sheriff of Nottingham) cowers as the children of the manor village join the melee at Miss Joanne's School of Dance's production of "Rise of Robin Hood" on April 26. Full story and pictures by Russell Hickman inside this issue.



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Sudoku Answers from
April 30 Issue

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

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

<u>May 10</u> - Outside Seed Exchange at the Warburg Library from 10-2pm. Local people with local handmade products who want to display a table can call 780-848-2391 to book.

<u>May 10</u> - Mother's Day Old Fashion Tea Party at 1pm, Thorsby Community Hall. For moms & more. Hosted by the Thorsby Historical Society

<u>May 11</u> - Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at Mulhurst Community Hall from 8 -11am.

May 11 - Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at Centrelodge. 8:30am - noon. Bring a mom.

<u>May 13</u> - Pre-K & Kindergarten Open House at Breton Elementary School from 4-6:30pm. 780-696-3555 for info. Need 14 Pre-K registrations by May 15 to run the program.

<u>May 16, 17, 18</u> - Thorsby May Long Weekend Slo Pitch & Beer Gardens hosted by the Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce. Slo-Pitch teams full. Cheer on your local teams!

<u>May 17</u> - Thorsby May Long Weekend Parade & Activities. More information to come. Hosted by the Town of Thorsby.

May 24 - Kid's night out 2025. 35 years of dance in Breton at 2pm at the Eleanor Pickup Centre in Drayton Valley. Tickets \$25, 3 & under free. Available at Head's Up Family Hair.

May 24, 31 & June 14 - Let's Play & Unleash Your Social Superpowers! Register by May 16 for this FREE 3-session series for children ages 5-13 from 10 am to noon in Thorsby. Contact Amy at 780-619-1536 or nbtherapyinc@gmail.com

<u>May 24 & 25</u> - Thorsby Haymaker Rodeo - Saturday Slack 9am Performance 5pm. Sunday Performance 5pm. Call 780-789-3989 to sponsor or for more information.

<u>May 24 & 25</u> - Babysitting Certification Course at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Ages 11+. *Preregister online at <u>www.thorsby.ca/recreation</u> or 780-789-4041*

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

June 6 - 32nd Annual Charity Golf Classic at the Leduc Golf & Country Club. Hosted by the Leduc Community Hospital Foundation. 780-980-4536 for info.

June 7 -Festivus of Gravel in Thorsby. Gravel cycling. Finish Line Celebration with expo, food, drinks, music and prizes

June 10 - Seniors Day Full Day Workshop at the Breton

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June 14 - Wheels in Winfield Show n' Shine hosted by the Winfield Lions. 10am -3pm. Pancake Breakfast at the Lions Park from 8:30-10:30am. Beer Gardens & Concession at the Winfield Legion.

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

<u>Our FREE Community</u> <u>Connections booklet is</u> <u>available for pick up at the</u> <u>following locations:</u>

> Breton Village Office

- Brazeau County Office
- CE Media Signs & Promotional, Thorsby
 - > Leduc County Office
 - Thorsby Town Office
- Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex
 Warburg Village Office

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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.

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The Adult Exercise Program 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 Celebrations will be here before we know it. If you or a group you are with are planning activities or would like to be involved in the day, please contact the Village office with your ideas. It only takes a bit of time to put something together to add to the fantastic celebration in the community.

Seniors Information and Workshop Day - Please join us on June 10th, 2025 at the Breton Community Center for a day of information, laughter, prizes, great food and friendship. The FCSS programs of Warburg, Wetaskiwin County and Breton are planning this day out for any older adult or caregiver in our community. This free day will feature:

Speakers on topics such as:

- Hearing Aids
- . Home care services
- Heart to Home Meals
- Foot care
- . Wills / Estate Planning
- Plan Ahead Session Katlvnn Prenioslo
- Musical Entertainment

The day is free to all participants, but we do ask that you register with any of the FCSS programs - Warburg FCSS-780-848-2828, Breton FCSS-780-696-3636 or Wetaskiwin County FCSS by 780-352-3321 by June 4th for planning purposes.

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 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 fcss@breton.ca include the Act of Kindness, whom it was done by and their contact information along with your name and contact information.
- Drop by the Village office or the Breton Municipal Library and complete a form

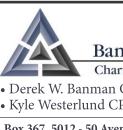
Once a month we will select random entries to be awarded gift certificates to local businesses for their gestures.

We would like to acknowledge Doreen & Gary for being great neighbors and lending a hand with medical trips, as our April recipients of the

Kindness Project.



Community Volunteer Income Tax Program - FREE **INCOME TAX PREPARATION** - For Low Income Persons, Families, seniors and students. 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. We will continue to offer this service throughout the year as our time permits to work on your file.



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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 publicworks@brazeau.ab.ca

Applications can also be found at www.brazeau.ab.ca/online-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

IMPORTANT DATES

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. May 21 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9:00 a.m. June 3 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.







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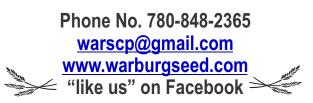
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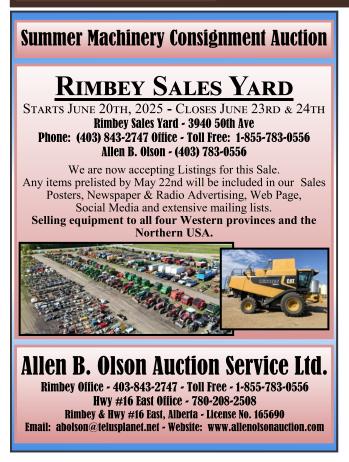
The Genesee Pumpkin Festival hosted by the Genesee Agricultural Society Will Be Back Saturday, October 4, 2025

Pancake Breakfast, Children's games, Bouncy Houses, Live Music, Hay rides, Chili Contest, Market (Vendors are welcome) and more...

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ALBERTA NEXT: Albertans to decide path forward for the province

Alberta News, May 5, 2025

Premier Danielle Smith addressed Albertans on the province's path forward with the federal government following a meeting with the Alberta government caucus.

My fellow Albertans

Today, I wish to speak to you about the future of Alberta and Canada.

Albertans have always been loyal, proud and generous Canadians.

We love Canada. We have fought wars and died defending Canada. We have opened our doors wide for millions of our fellow Canadians searching for opportunity - many of whom stay and become Albertan, and many who return home to their native province. All have been welcomed with open arms.

Our province has contributed hundreds of billions of dollars more to the federal treasury for use in other parts of the country than we'll ever receive back in benefits. We have allowed this to occur because, quite frankly, we know how blessed our province is with an endowment of natural resources that no other country on earth possesses - and we want all of our friends, families and fellow Canadians across the country to benefit from it.

We do not ask for special treatment or handouts.

We just want to be free. Free to develop and export that incredible wealth of resources we have for the benefit of our families and future generations. Free to pursue opportunities with the ideals of entrepreneurship, hard work and innovation that have become synonymous with the name of our province. Freedom to choose how best to provide health care, education and other needed social services to our people - even if its done differently than what Ottawa has in mind.

Strong and Free is more than just our provincial motto - it represents who we are and how we want to live as a people.

And that is why Albertans are so frustrated with the direction of our country.

For the last 10 years, successive Liberal Governments in Ottawa - supported by their New Democrat allies - have unleashed a tidal wave of laws, policies and political attacks aimed directly at Alberta's free economy - and in effect - against the future and livelihoods of our people.

They have blocked new pipelines with C-69, cancelled multiple oil and gas projects, and banned the very tanker ships needed to carry those resources to new markets.

They have stacked an oil and gas production cap on top of a crippling industrial carbon tax, making new energy and agricultural projects economically impossible to pursue without massive subsidies from governments - which Ottawa has failed to provide and which our taxpayers cannot afford.

This onslaught of anti-energy, anti-agriculture and antiresource development policies have scared away global investment to the tune of over a half a trillion dollars - driving those investments and jobs out of Alberta and Canada to much more attractive investment climates in the United States, Asia and the Middle East. Having travelled much of the world these past few years, it is evident that Canada is not viewed as an attractive place to invest in resource development, manufacturing or agriculture because of our high carbon taxes, endless red tape, and the uncertainty and chaos brought about by these and other federal government policies.

As a result, Canada has fallen to dead last in economic growth among industrialized nations. The world looks at us like we have lost our minds. We have the most abundant and accessible natural resources of any country on earth - and yet we landlock them, sell what we do produce to a single customer to the south of us, while enabling polluting dictatorships to eat our lunch.

For Albertans - these attacks on our province by our own federal government have become unbearable.

As I said, these policies have cost Albertans roughly a half a trillion dollars in investment - and that loss is growing daily. It has and will continue to cost hundreds of thousands of jobs, robbing countless Albertans and other Canadians of their means of providing for their families. It has cost us a decade of opportunities and tens of billions in lost royalties that could have been invested in the health, education, infrastructure and social services Albertans and Canadians need.

And what's worse, Ottawa continues onward with more destructive policies.

They have imposed net-zero mandates on our natural gasbased power grid causing investment in reliable generation from natural gas to flee, thereby endangering the future stability of our power grid, and risking future blackouts and spikes in electricity costs for Alberta families and businesses.

They have attacked our food producers with methane taxes, onerous regulations on fertilizer, electric vehicle mandates, and many other destructive policies that have hiked costs on our farmers and ranchers, and driven billions of dollars of investment in agriculture elsewhere.

They have interfered in provincial jurisdiction time and again. From taking over the regulation of plastics, to mandating how we operate child care, health care and dental care, to harassing law abiding firearms owners, to dozens of other examples of unconstitutional interference.

And of course, Alberta has fought back. We always have and always will.

We passed the *Sovereignty within a United Canada Act* and have invoked it twice to protect Albertans as best we can from the effects of the net zero electricity regulations and energy production cap.

We have beat the feds in court on both the "no new pipelines law" C-69 and their attempt to regulate plastics (though they have ignored both court decisions to this point) — and we have just announced a court challenge on the net zero electricity regulations and are further preparing to also challenge the energy production cap.

We continue to do all in our power to counteract Ottawa's chill on investment in energy, agriculture and our other job sectors through various tax cuts and incentive programs which greatly strain the provincial budget.

We have fought these attacks from Ottawa furiously and have won some important battles, but the lost opportunities, jobs and futures of so many Albertans are costly and demoralizing — as are the growing number of eastern politicians who choose to openly demonize and target Alberta for political gain.

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ALBERTA NEXT: Albertans to decide path forward for the province continued - page 2

That is why a large majority of Albertans are so deeply frustrated with the results of last week's federal election.

It's not that our preferred candidate and party lost. That happens in a democracy.

It's that the same Liberal government with almost all of the same Ministers responsible for our nation's inflation, housing, crime and budget crisis, and that oversaw the attack on our provincial economy for the past 10 years - have been returned to power.

Now, as we all know, one thing has changed. We have a new Prime Minister. And I will say that in my first conversation with him since the election, he had some promising things to say about changing the direction of his government's anti-resource policies.

However, Albertans are more of a "actions speak louder than words" kind of people.

So while I will in good faith work with Prime Minister Mark Carney on unwinding the mountain of destructive legislation and policies that have ravaged our provincial and national economies this past decade — until I see tangible proof of real change — Alberta will be taking steps to better protect ourselves from Ottawa.

As a start, I will soon appoint a Special Negotiating Team to represent our province in negotiations with the federal government on the following reforms requested by our province. We hope this will result in a binding agreement that Albertans can have confidence in - call it an Alberta Accord if you will.

First, Alberta requires guaranteed corridor and port access to tidewater off the Pacific, Arctic and Atlantic coasts for the international export of Alberta oil, gas, critical minerals and other resources in amounts supported by the free market, rather than by the dictates and whims of Ottawa.

Every province in the country, other than Alberta and Saskatchewan, have coastal port access, and no province needs it more given the size and value of our resources. This will benefit all Canadians to the tune of trillions of dollars of economic activity including billions for First Nations' partners.

Second. The federal government must end all federal interference in the development of provincial resources by repealing the no new pipelines law, C-69, the oil tanker ban, the net zero electricity regulations, the oil and gas emissions cap, the net zero vehicle mandate, and any federal law or regulation that purports to regulate industrial carbon emissions, plastics, or the commercial free speech of energy companies. These laws are destroying investment confidence and costing Canada and Alberta hundreds of billions in investments each year.

They need to go.

Third. The federal government must refrain from imposing export taxes or restrictions on the export of Alberta resources without the consent of the Government of Alberta. Frankly, all provinces should be given that same respect for their resources. And fourth, the federal government must provide to Alberta the same per capita federal transfers and equalization as is received by the other three largest provinces - Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. We have no issue with Alberta continuing to subsidize smaller provinces with their needs, but there is no excuse for such large and powerful economies like Ontario, Quebec, B.C. or Alberta to be subsidizing one another. That was never the intent of equalization, and it needs to end.

If these points can be agreed to by the federal government, I am convinced it will not only make Alberta and Canada an infinitely stronger and more prosperous country, but will eliminate the doubts a growing number of Albertans feel about the future of Alberta in Canada.

While these negotiations with Ottawa are ongoing, our government will appoint, and I will chair, the 'Alberta Next' panel. This panel will be composed of some of our best and brightest judicial, academic and economic minds, to join with me in a series of in-person and online town halls to discuss Alberta's future in Canada, and specifically, what next steps can we take as a province to better protect Alberta from any current or future hostile policies of the federal government. Details of the membership and scope of that panel will also be released in the coming weeks.

After the work of the panel is finished, it is likely we will place some of the more popular ideas discussed with the panel to a provincial referendum so all Albertans can vote on them sometime in 2026.

To be clear from the outset, our government will not be putting a vote on separation from Canada on the referendum ballot; however, if there is a successful citizen-led referendum petition that is able to gather the requisite number of signatures requesting such a question to be put to a referendum, our government will respect the democratic process and include that question on the 2026 provincial referendum ballot as well.

I also want to state unequivocally that as Premier, I am entirely committed to protecting, upholding and honouring the inherent rights of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples. Therefore, ANY citizen-initiated referendum question MUST not violate the constitutional rights of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, and must uphold and honour Treaties 6, 7 and 8 should any referendum question ever pass. This is non-negotiable.

Now, let's talk about the elephant in the room - that being separation.

We are well aware that there is large and growing number of Albertans that have lost hope in Alberta having a free and prosperous future as a part of Canada. Many of these Albertans are organizing petitions to trigger a citizen-initiated referendum, as I mentioned earlier. The vast majority of these individuals are not fringe voices to be marginalized or vilified they are loyal Albertans. They are quite literally our friends and neighbours who have just had enough of having their livelihoods and prosperity attacked by a hostile federal government. They are frustrated - and they have every reason to be.

I want to talk directly to those Albertans.

I know how frustrated so many of you have become with our country and the feeling of having politicians living thousands of miles away passing laws and rules that have cost you or your loved ones, jobs, careers, dreams, and opportunities for a brighter future.

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As most Albertans know, I have repeatedly stated I do not support Alberta separating from Canada. I personally still have hope that there is a path forward for a strong and sovereign Alberta within a united Canada. Let me explain a few reasons why.

First, Alberta already has and can continue to use the Alberta Sovereignty within a United Canada Act and other measures to fight through much of Ottawa's damaging interference and prosper in spite of it. We will also continue our successful battles against these unconstitutional and damaging policies in both the Courts of law and public opinion.

But there is more to be hopeful for. This past election demonstrated that attitudes across the country, especially among young people, are changing with respect to understanding the importance of free markets and the development of our natural resources. People are pushing back against government censorship and 'cancel culture'. More and more Canadians understand that in order for Canada to play a role in ending conflict and poverty at home and abroad - our country must become strong again. And we can only do that by becoming an energy and economic superpower using the vast and unmatched energy, mineral resources and fertile lands of our country.

85 per cent of Canadians in this last election voted for the two leaders promising to turn Canada into an energy superpower and to build resource corridors, including for oil and gas - while only 13 per cent voted for the fringe voices in the socialist NDP and Bloc parties and their extremist "leave it in the ground" policies.

Obviously, we have a ways to go and it will take a lot of work to undo the damage caused by these last 10 years of Liberal/NDP rule, but that clear change in public opinion gives me hope. I think it should give all Albertans hope

Now, none of us know what the future holds should Ottawa, for whatever reason, continue to attack our province as they have done over the last decade. Ultimately that will be for Albertans to decide and I will accept their judgement.

But I am going to do everything within my power to negotiate a fair deal for Alberta with the new Prime Minister. And while doing so, our government will work with Albertans on various initiatives to better protect Alberta's provincial sovereignty and economy from Ottawa should those negotiations fail, and the economic attacks continue.

Alberta didn't start this fight, but rest assured...we will finish it...and come out of it stronger and more prosperous than ever.

In closing, I want Albertans to know how important it will be, in the coming months, for our province to be steadfast, unified and to refrain from heeding the voices of those seeking to divide Albertans against one another.

There will be many outside - and even inside this province who will try and sow fear and anger among us. They will seek to divide us into different camps for the purpose of marginalizing and vilifying one other based on differing opinions. Effectively pitting neighbour against neighbour — and Albertan against Albertan. That is not the Alberta way. It's not who we are. And it's not who I am.

There are thousands of Albertans that are so frustrated with the last ten years of Ottawa's attacks on their friends' and family's livelihoods that they feel Alberta would be stronger and more prosperous as an independent nation. That is an understandable and justifiable feeling to have even if we disagree on what to do about it. These Albertans are not traitors, nor should they ever be treated as such. They just love their province and family and want a better future than the one Ottawa is offering right now.

There are also thousands of Albertans that are so attached and loyal to their identity as Canadians that there is nothing Ottawa has done to our province that would justify Alberta leaving Canada. Its not that they think everything is perfect or we've been treated fairly - they just believe being part of Canada, despite those problems, has much more value than leaving. These individuals are also loyal Albertans and should never be accused of being anything less.

And then there are hundreds of thousands of Albertans that probably feel a lot like I do — that are deeply frustrated with the way our province has been mistreated and damaged by successive federal Liberal governments and are not willing to tolerate the status quo any longer. But these Albertans still believe there is a viable path to a strong, free and sovereign Alberta empowered to succeed and prosper within a united Canada. A Canada where the federal government actually honours the constitution, upholds provincial rights, and empowers provinces to pursue their unique potentials as their people so choose.

Regardless of what each of us believes about this issue, or what path we think is best; we, as Albertans, must be able to respectfully debate and discuss these issues with our friends, family members and neighbours.

I know that if we do that — in the end, our province will find the best solution for this immense challenge we face, and come out of it stronger and more free than ever.

I'll always put my faith in Albertans to find that right path. I trust you.

May our beautiful Alberta always remain forever strong and free.





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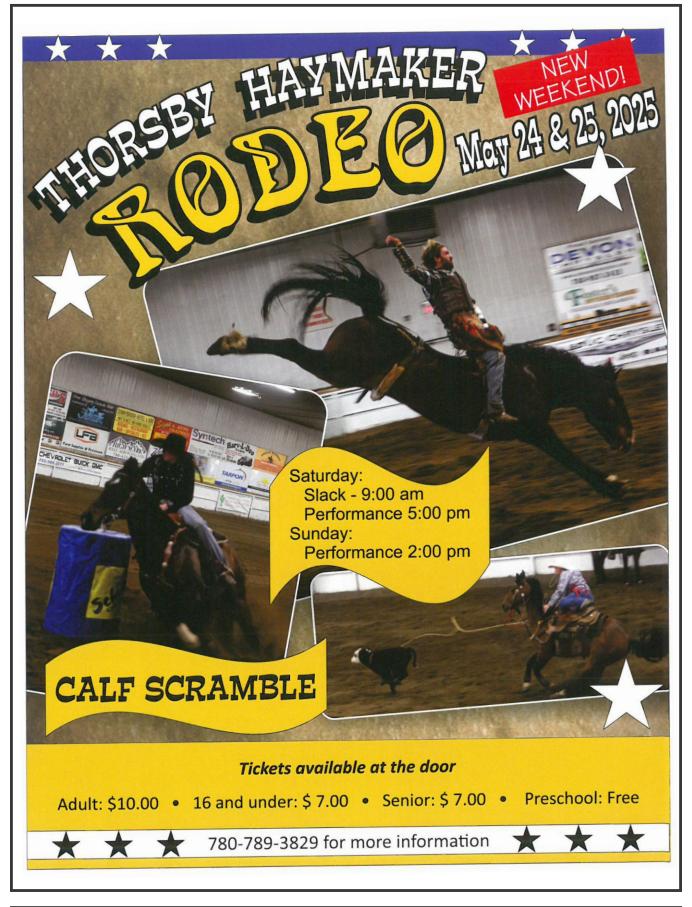
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YOUTH THEATRE

The Rise of Robin Hood Youth/Junior Theatre produced by Miss Joanne's School of Dance at EPAC

submitted by Russell Hickman

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Robyn was a prude outlaw, [Whyles he walked on grounde; So curteyse an outlaws] as he was one Was never non founde.

If you're like me and would rather not puzzle through Middle English ballads, you would have greatly appreciated, as I did, Miss Joanne's youth theatrical production, The Rise of Robin Hood. Staged in two performances on April 26 on the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre Stage, the play is a refresh of the traditional ballads of the outlaw and English hero, Robin Hood.

I attended the dress rehearsal and matinee, and saw young actors confidently performing multiple scene changes, dramatically deliver their lines and stay enthusiastic throughout the

play's 90 minute run time. Director Jessica Doucette's achievement melding the full package of lights, sound, costumes and stagecraft together with young thespians delivering such an audience pleasing performances is commendable. Miss Joanne's production efforts are again rewarded with a good house for both performances and audiences clearly enjoying and appreciating its quality.

The play begins when Robin, the Younger, as played by Zyler Berry, is radicalized by the deplorable mistreatment of his family, friends, and neighbours by that villain, The Sheriff of Nottingham. Arbitrary taxes, humiliation and threats from the rouge, capably and enthusiastically portrayed by Morgan Holden, oppress the manor village. The Sheriff is a shouter; a cruel and violent bully, but a grovelling subservient to his lady wife, Lady Blackwood. Sykora Hoetmer is well cast in that role. She punches above her weight to great effect, cowing the Sheriff into evil plots and cruel actions against the villagers, Maid Marian and Robin.

Neither actors are one-dimensional in their roles. We observe Holden's range in his angst with his cruelty, his tender actions toward his ward, Marian, and the internal conflicts that surfaces with his intense need to please she who must be obeyed. That Hoetmer's Blackwood is both grand in evil design yet petty in nature is effectively explored is a credit to the young actress. Jealous of



Morgan Holden (Sheriff of Nottingham) circles Nate Young (Robin Hood) preparing to execute his rebel subject.

Marian's closeness to the Sheriff, she plots to marry her off as a prize. She gladly hold a knife to a child's throat to get her way. Blackwood's evil is not only expressed but felt. Hoetmer's derisive laugh, deadly scowls, and mercilessly domineering manner, made Blackwood a convincing queen of medieval mean-girl and very interesting to watch. The sum of it (almost) gifted the

thuggish sheriff a small draught of sympathy!

Robin Hood, the Elder, played by Nate Young, offered the audience a Robin as an impetuous, somewhat reckless, but supremely confident insurgent. Ego is not an issue. He will take on, stubbornly against the advice of his merry men, an archery contest to prove his superiority and the righteousness of his cause. The sword fight that ensued was done with relish, and Robin's offer of self sacrifice to spare further violence to the villagers and the merry men was touchingly sincere and moving. No need, though, as King Richard returns from his crusade and puts his kingdom first, for a change.

This company of 26 young actors, a dedicated volunteer backstage crew, strong direction and practical, effective production made the Rise of Robin Hood entirely entertaining. Another

success for a Miss Joanne's School of Dance production team and the junior acting community in and surrounding Drayton Valley. Se ye at the next shewe.



Sir Guy Gisbourne, (Isa Hayduk) wanted poster in hand and weary from his fruitless search for Robin Hood contemplates a change of profession.

Sykora Hoetmer (Lady Blackwood) and Morgan Holden (Sheriff of Nottingham) plot a cruel end for Robin Hood.

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Collisions	12	
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Break and Enter	4	
Assault	6	
Impaired	2	
Recovered Vehicles	8	
Missing Person	0	

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Yeoford, Alta. - On April 5, 2025, Breton RCMP were making proactive patrols and located vehicle tracks entering an oil lease site. RCMP located a Chevrolet Silverado with a mismatched license plate on scene. The truck was confirmed to be stolen, and the lone male occupant was arrested. Michael Tymchak, a resident of Drayton Valley, was charged with the following:

• Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000

Tymchak was released on an undertaking, and is scheduled to appear in Breton Provincial Court on June 11, 2025.

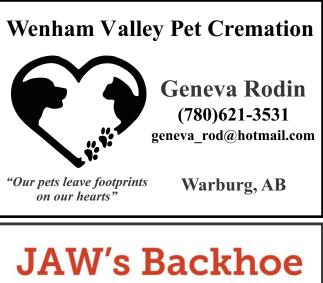
Brazeau County, Alta. – On April 6, 2025, Thorsby RCMP received a report that a vehicle had fled from a traffic stop initiated by the Drayton Valley RCMP. The vehicle was carrying a stolen generator from an oil lease site. Thorsby/Breton RCMP located the suspect vehicle parked on a lease site a short time later. Officers observed a male and female fleeing the vehicle on foot toward the treeline. After a brief foot pursuit, both

suspects were taken into custody. Robert Letiec (35), a resident of Leduc County, and Kristy Knapp (38), a resident of Brazeau County, were arrested and charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 (x2)
- Possession of break-in instruments
- Break and enter
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Kristy Knapp was held for a bail hearing and remanded for a period of 60 days.

Robert Letiec was held for a bail hearing and released with conditions awaiting his next court date of May 28, 2025.



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