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#### \_ FIRE BAN

from Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Service & Village of Breton Facebook

Please be advised due to hot dry weather conditions, the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services is issuing a Total Fire Ban for the area of Brazeau County, the Town of Drayton Valley, and the Village of Breton, EFFECTIVE Wednesday May 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

A total fire ban occurs when the fire hazard in the area is very high. Wildfires can start easily from most causes especially unattended campfires, cooking fires. Wildfires may become serious and difficult to control if not successfully contained while small. NO OUTDOOR **BURNING IS PERMITTED.** 

- · Existing fire permits will be cancelled
- No new fire permits will be issued until Total Fire • Ban is Lifted
- No wood campfires in approved fire pits

#### Allowed:

- Portable propane fire pits
- Gas or propane stoves and barbecues
- Catalytic or infrared-style heater

For more information please visit www.albertafirebans.ca/

for fire up-to-date fire status or contact the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services @ 780-514-2216 during regular business hours.



## VICTORIA DAY MAY LONG WEEKEND

from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria Day

Victoria Day (French: Fête de la Reine, lit. 'Celebration of the Queen') is a federal Canadian public holiday observed on the last Monday preceding May 25 to honour Queen Victoria, who is known as the "Mother of Confederation". The holiday has existed in Canada since at least 1845, originally on Victoria's natural birthday, May 24. It falls on the Monday between the 18th and the 24th (inclusive) and, so, is always the penultimate Monday of May (May 19 in 2025 and May 18 in 2026). Victoria Day is a federal statutory holiday, as well as a holiday in six of Canada's ten provinces and all three of its territories. The holiday has always been a distinctly Canadian observance and continues to be celebrated across the country. It is informally considered the start of the summer season in Canada.



Thank you to our readers for your patience while we updated the security on our website!

## Classifieds

#### GARAGE SALES

**GARAGE SALE 5233 - 54 Street, Thorsby.** May 16 - 10am - 7pm & May 17 - 10am - 5pm. electric Tools & other tools, farm tools, boy bikes, weed eaters, riding lawnmower, some household & lots of miscellaneous.

**GARAGE SALE at J-G Greenhouse** from May 17 -19. 48367 - RR33, Also: antique dump rake (offers), wood pellet stove, wood pellet/grain stove, and grain bin with wood pellets and wheat mixture. Phone 780-915-1211

#### FOR SALE

Breton West Herefords has both **HORNED AND POLLED BULLS FOR SALE**. Call or text Leonard at 780-898-9590

**ARCTIC SPA 7' YUKON SPA** - includes a grey cover with lifter, Bluetooth, family lighting package, asking \$5995 OBO. Buyer must arrange and cover transport costs. Text/call Carol 780-777-8472.

#### WANTED

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

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

#### SERVICES

**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 media@community39.com,

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. Thank you to all those who participated in the Tomato Plant Giveaway in Breton.

We are all grateful for the more than generous donations to the Food Bank.



Lynn Oberle

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

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

#### "little papers...BIG RESULTS"

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Sudoku Answers from May 7 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.

THE BRETON BOOSTER media@community39.com 780-434-7446 May 14, 2025 EDITION #1676

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#### Frontier Construction Products Ltd. is hiring a Short Haul/Local Delivery Truck Driver for our main office (located in Thorsby).

#### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Safely operate <u>truck and trailer</u> (2-ton truck and gooseneck trailer) combination throughout central and northern Alberta
- Deliver orders to customer locations & construction jobs in rural and urban areas
- Daily safety checks and routine maintenance
- Perform general maintenance duties on trucks, trailers, equipment and machinery
- Assist with other housekeeping and production related duties as required
- As time allows, shop and yard duties such as pipe grinding, building dunnage, assisting with minor manufacturing jobs, and other general yard duties.

#### What we can offer you:

- Competitive hourly wage and paid safety training
- Enrollment in health benefits, health spending account and health/dental and insurance benefits after passing 3 month probationary period
- Non-smoking company truck
- Year-round full-time employment, with primarily Monday to Friday work week

#### **Qualifications:**

- Valid class 5 driver's license as minimum and 5+ years experience
- 1+ years trailer hauling experience with flat deck and proper load securement
- Shipping/receiving experience an asset
- Good communication and mathematical skills, both written and verbal
- Ability to perform manual labor for extended periods, including but not limited to lifting, bending, crouching, kneeling
- Work in a fast paced environment outdoors in all types of weather
- Working independently while maintaining accuracy in job related duties
- Experience with maintenance, machinery, and power tools preferred
- Strong attention to detail and ability to follow instructions accurately
- Commitment to workplace safety and willingness to adhere to all safety protocols

Please forward your resume to careers@frontier-cp.com

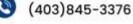


Wild Rose School Division requires a

### FULL TIME JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER /GASFITTER

Competitive compensation and wages, (\$37.57-\$40.36/hour). Additionally, employees receive comprehensive health benefits, including dental, vision, a registered pension plan and health spending account. The successful applicant will become a member of the IUOE – International Union of Operating Engineers

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www.wrsd.ca



hildren must be four (4) years of age on or onfore December 31, 3C25 to be engible to legister for Pre-Kindergarten for the conting school year. Fees will be \$110 per month. Children with assessed developmental reds, that meet Alberta Education ortheria may be eligible for a fee reduction. Register: https://www.wrsd.ca/



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

<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 15</u> - Sidewalk Chalk After School Program at the Warburg Community Park from 3-4:30pm. For more info 780-848-2828 or <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

May 16, 17, 18 - 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 16</u> - The Great Plant Exchange at the Arctic Spas Rec Grounds from 4-7pm. Trade your perrenials or annuals! Hosted by Thorsby Communities in Bloom.

<u>May 17</u> - Thorsby May Long Weekend Parade & Family Activities. Parade at noon. Hosted by the Town of Thorsby.

May 21 - Cooking in the County - Family Meals on a budget at the Warburg Community Hall from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Register with Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

May 21 - Plant Medicine in my Garden - Spring workshop for seniors at Rundles-the Meeting Place from 10am - 12pm. Free lunch to follow. Register at 780-389-2422

<u>May 21</u> - Early Childhood Resource Fair at the Warburg Community Hall from 1 - 3pm. For parents with children 0-6 years. Email <u>frn@leduc-county.com</u> for more information.

May 22 - Mini Sticks After School Program for Grade 4and up at the Warburg Arena from 3-4:30pm. For more info 780-848-2828 or fcss@warburg.ca

May 23 & 24 - Plant Sale at the Thorsby Seniors Centre from 10am to 3pm. Friday, Saturday. Flowers, herbs, variety of vegetables. All \$1per plant.

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.

May 24 & 25 - Babysitting Certification Course at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Ages 11+. Pre-

## **Custom Built Homes**

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register online at <u>www.thorsby.ca/recreation</u> or 780-789-4041

<u>May 28</u> - Plant/Barrel Clean up with Blooming Buddies Warburg. Meet at Warburg Village Office at 4pm. 780-935-0248 for info.

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

June 2 - Thorsby Seniors Appreciation Brunch from 10am - 12pm at the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. *RSVP by May 22 to Brandee at FCSS*. 780-789-4004 or <u>bfossen@thorsby.ca</u>

June 2 - FREE Community Document shredding at the Breton Village Office 8:30-11:30am. For Village of Breton and Brazeau County residents ONLY!

June 3 - Warburg Seniors Luncheon at the Warburg Hall from 11:30am - 2:30pm. Lunch, Entertainment, Cards, games and info market.

June 4 - Flower Planting with Blooming Buddies Warburg. Meet at Warburg Village Office at 5pm. 780-935-0248 for info.

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 - Youth fishing day at Ashland Dam. 10am - 2pm. For youth ages 8 to 12 years. Fishing equipment & lunch is supplied. Email/text Joanne <u>rjliba1@telusplanet.net</u> / 780-940-7229 or Christine <u>toastnpb@gmail.com</u> / 780-935-0248

June 7 - Ghosts of Crook County author Russell Cobb at Breton Muncipal Library at 1pm. Pre-register at 780-696-3740 or bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca

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

June 10 - Seniors Full Day Workshop at the Breton Community Centre from 9:30am - 3pm. Register with Breton & Area, Warburg or County of Wetaskiwin FCSS by June 4.

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





**Clarence Huff** December 16, 1931 – May 2, 2025 Westerose, Alberta

At - Bager

With love and laughter through our tears, we announce the peaceful passing of Clarence Huff at age 93. A lifelong farmer, mischief-maker, and family man, Clarence lived simply but left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

Born to William and Elsie Huff as the youngest of 4 children, Clarence married the love of his life, Esther, in 1955. Together they built their own home, raised four children, farmed side by side and lived a life rooted in love, hard work, family, and community.

Clarence was happiest outdoors—skidooing, ice fishing, mowing grass, or helping (and sometimes hindering) Esther in her garden. He was known for always having cheese and pickles on hand, serving up orange floats in the afternoon, being a ruthless card player, and showing his grandkids how to get into just enough good trouble to keep life interesting.

After Esther's passing in 2007, he carried her memory with him every day, telling us in his final days how much he looked forward to seeing her again. He is survived by his children Beverly Olsen (Terry), Brenda Belozer (Glenn), Laurie Mayr (Dwayne), and Garry Huff (Nicky) and 16 cherished grandkids, and 21 great grandkids who will carry forward his legacy to live simply surrounded by family, love, and laughter.

A private family gathering will be held. In his honor, play a game of crib, sneak a snack, visit a neighbor, or sit outside and listen to the birds—Clarence wouldn't want a fuss, just a good story and a bit of fun.



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

continued

#### 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 7 pm at the Warburg Cultural Centre, 512051 Ave in Warburg. Contact Dave 780-298-2744.

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

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



MISS JOANNE'S SCHOOL OF DANCE BRETON PRESENTS " KIDS NIGHT OUT" 2025 35 YEAR OF DANCE IN BRETON

SATURDAY MAY 24th @ 2pm ELEANOR PICKUP CENTRE 5144 51 st Drayton Valley

Tickets \$25 each 3yr and under free Available at Heads Up Family Hair Care in Breton

email: missjoannesschoolofdance@gmail.com or text : 780-621-2430





#### 780.696.3636

#### **PROGRAMS IN BRETON**

FREE Community Document shredding Monday June 2- bring your personal documents to the Village office between 8:30 – 11:30 am and they will be shredded in a big truck from Edmonton. This is free of charge for any community member. We ask that you don't bring more than 5 large garbage bags. This truck is a cross shredding unit. This is a great way to protect your personal identity and shred your personal documents. This service is available to all Village of Breton and Brazeau County residents. If you bring documents before June 2, we will keep them in a secure location until the shredding day.

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 - Katlynn 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 <a href="mailto:fcss@breton.ca">fcss@breton.ca</a> 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.

#### Save the Dates for these Community Events:

June 2 – 8 – Senior's Week Celebrations – Watch for more details next week with all of the events being hosted in our community to celebrate Older Adults.

June 10th – Seniors Information Day – Register with Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636 for information sessions on local services, Wills & Estates, Lunch and Entertainment. Free. All Older adults and caregivers in the area welcome

July 1 – Canada Day Celebrations – Pancake Breakfast, Outdoor Market, Parade, Children's area, games, food trucks, Beer gardens, car show, and more!

July & August – Youth Summer Programs – Activities will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the summer. Calendar will be available near June 2.

September 16 – Community Information Night and Chili Cook Off – Join us to learn about all the activities, groups and services in Breton and area, along with tasting and judging some of the best Chili around.

September 27 – Roper Romp – Ladies Night – hosted by the Breton Agricultural Society - Trivia, Comedians, Music, and additional entertainment. Watch for more details.



#### VILLAGE OF BRETON 2025 Property Tax Notices

#### THE DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS JUNE 30, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the combined assessment and property tax notices for the 2025 taxation year have been prepared for distribution and were mailed on May 12, 2025 to all registered owners recorded on the 2024 Assessment Roll for 2025 Taxation. All assessments and tax notices are deemed to have been received seven (7) days after mailing within Alberta and fourteen (14) days outside of the province.

The Assessment Roll is open for viewing by any person Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 4:00 at the Village Office located in the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre, 4916 – 50 Avenue, Breton, AB. The Property Assessor is available to discuss any concerns or questions you may have about your property assessment by phoning Compass Assessment Consultants Inc. at 1-800-251-9711.

Anyone wishing to appeal the assessment value on any property listed on the assessment roll must do so by July 29, 2025, using only the prescribed "Assessment Review Board Complaint" form #LGS1402 (2009/08), which is available at the Village Office. The appeal must be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee per residential parcel or \$100 per non-residential parcel, which will be refunded to the complainant if the complaint is successful.

The amount owing on the property tax notice must be paid by June 30, 2025.

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> a 15% penalty will be applied on all unpaid current taxes. Anyone wishing to pay monthly installments must apply for the monthly payment plan. The pre-authorized payment plan form must be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Post dated cheques will no longer be accepted.

A copy of "Filing a Property Assessment Complaint and Preparing for Your Hearing" booklet as well as a "Guide to Property Assessment and Taxation in Alberta" can be obtained at the Village Office or online by searching - Guide to Property Assessment and Taxation in Alberta. A PDF document is available.



## BRETON BOTTLE DEPOT

#### **Convenient Bottle Return Options!**

At Breton Bottle Depot, we make bottle returns easy for you!

#### Ways to bring your bottles in:

- Come in Anytime: Bring your bottles during business hours, and we'll count them and provide your return on the spot.
- 2. Drop & Go Service: Drop off your bottles, and we'll put them in a secure location. You can then choose your payment method—either receive an e-Transfer or pick up cash when the sorting is done.
- 3. **Pick-Up Service Now Available!** For just a 10% fee, we'll come to you! Contact us at **780-621-3413** to schedule a pick-up and save yourself the trip.

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# Brazeau County

## NOTICE

#### 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** 



JOIN THE BEYOND-THE-BIN RECYCLING ROUNDUP TO RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS, PAINT, TIRES, AND USED OIL MATERIALS FOR FREE!

Bring your recyclables to:





#### ROADSIDE VEGETATION CONTROL PROGRAM

Brazeau County Agricultural Services Division will be carrying out roadside spraying of prohibited noxious, noxious weeds and woody vegetation (brush) throughout the County from May to October. For public safety, a buffer zone will be maintained between these roadside spray areas and county residences/yard sites.

As per our Vegetation Management policy, spraying on roadsides is done under the authority of Alberta's *Weed Control Act.* Brazeau County is required to control the weeds in the roadside just like any other landowner is on privately owned land. As well, in the public interest of safety, brush control is performed to increase the sightlines on roadways and intersections. As a result, costs of maintaining these open roadways are reduced where brush and trees are managed properly as it makes snow removal easier and allows roads to dry out quicker after precipitation falls.

The following programs related to herbicide use are available to residents:

- Hawkweed Program (County staff will treat up to 10 acres infested with Hawkweed on private land at no cost)
- Herbicide Rebate Program (the County will reimburse landowners 50% of the cost of herbicide used on the landowner's property to control prohibited noxious and noxious weeds)
- No Spray Agreement (the County will not use herbicides in the ditch adjacent to a landowner's property; responsibility for weed control is assumed by the landowner)

For further information about any of the above mentioned programs, please visit <u>www.brazeau.ab.ca</u> or contact the Agricultural Services Division at (780) 542-7777.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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.

June 5 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m. June 10 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 10:00 a.m.

June 18 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9:00 a.m.

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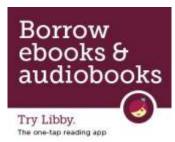
### **Breton Library Chatter**

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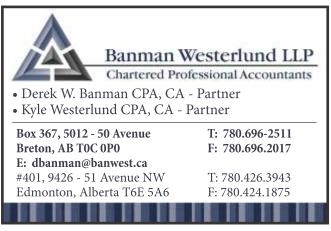
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### PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN FROM MEASLES:

#### What Families Need to Know Dr. Sunil Sookram, Alberta's interim Chief Medical Officer of Health

Alberta Health, May 6, 2025

Measles is spreading—not just in other parts of the world, but right here in Alberta. This disease, once rare in Canada thanks to measles vaccines, is now circulating in several areas of our province. It's a highly contagious illness that spreads quickly, especially in close-knit communities where people gather frequently and where immunization rates are lower.

As of noon on Tuesday, Alberta has reported 287 measles cases, with 87 per cent of those cases confirmed in the Central and South zones. These are the same regions where immunization coverage is lower, which can be due to concerns about vaccines, questions about their safety and effectiveness, misinformation or deeply held cultural beliefs.

Whatever the reason, when fewer people are protected, measles can spread more easily – and the complications are serious. The measles virus weakens the immune system, making those who catch measles more susceptible to serious complications. Lung infections (pneumonia), swelling of the central nervous system (brain/spinal cord), and death are at risk, especially for the unvaccinated. Those at the highest risk are children under five, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems.

Measles often hits young children the hardest. Of the 287 confirmed cases in Alberta, 238 are in children under the age of 18. One case in a daycare or preschool setting can quickly lead to an outbreak of many. Babies under 12 months are especially vulnerable because they're too young to be fully immunized and rely on the people around them to help keep them safe.

Alberta's public health teams are taking further action to do just that. A new early dose of measles-containing vaccine is also available for infants six to 11 months of age in the North, Central, and South zones - offered in addition to the routine doses at 12 and 18 months. Infants traveling to these areas from other zones may be eligible as well. Find more information on vaccine eligibility at alberta.ca/measles.

The bottom line is that these cases and outbreaks are avoidable. Please, make sure your child is immunized against measles. For those who choose not to, it's important to understand that the risk of illness and transmission in Alberta is now the highest it's been in 25 years. As healthcare providers we want to keep your family healthy and safe, but we can't do it without your help. If your child is sick with measles symptoms, please keep them home and call a health provider or 811 for advice. To make it even easier, we've launched a dedicated measles hotline at 1-844-944-3434. This hotline will connect you to a health professional that can offer guidance, help accessing immunization records, book an immunization appointment or locate the nearest public health clinic.

Public health teams are here to help. Since the start, we've worked closely with AHS and local leadership to manage the outbreak response and support affected communities. That collaborative effort has led to a 67% increase in doses administered since March 16, in comparison to the same time last year. But we still have more work to do.

We're making sure families have the facts and know what they can do to protect themselves and others. Starting next week, we will launch a new campaign to raise measles awareness and vaccine access, Don't get measles. Get Immunized. This campaign will be across radio, print, digital, and social media, in 14 languages. Furthermore, a toolkit is being developed to share with daycare providers to ensure parents have the information they need to protect their children.

We understand that vaccine decisions are deeply personal. We're not here to pressure, but to inform—and to support families in making choices that prioritize their health and safety.

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and if you're not up to date, get immunized to protect the people you love. If you're unsure, call the hotline. Alberta's health system is ready to help you take the next step.

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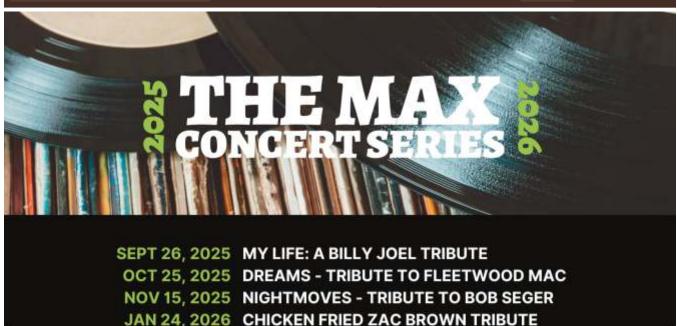
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## Pearl Schenk's Life Story

Pearl Kathleen Velma Schenk also known to us as Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma and Auntie Pearl was a special person to so many people in her life for an amazing 102 years. She was a mom for 80 years, grandma for 55, and a great grandma for 25 and will be missed by them and so many friends and extended family. Pearl loved to feed and take care of everyone no matter the situation and always put others first. Her home was open to all family, friends and of course any travelling Norwegians or Germans.

Pearl was the third of five children born to Hans and Sina Hanson. She was born on December 8,1922 at the Hanson farm near Cadogan, Alberta. As a young child, Pearl had health issues. When she was about two years old Sina took her on the train to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota where she was diagnosed with a kidney infection called Nephritis. Along with a prescription the doctor told Sina to never spank her. As all of her kids know that advice was not used with them as they all knew how to go out and cut a switch. When Pearl was about six years old, she would help her father haul stumps home for the stove with her horse "Dick" pulling a stone boat. Even though life was hard Pearl never complained and learned to love milk mush. She thrived being outdoors and with her animals. The Hanson's moved to the Bodin place which was a nice improvement. The kids would walk or ride to the nearby Clansman School. When she was 8 years old, she was running behind her brother Albert's buggy when she caught her leg in the spokes and broke it. That led to knee problems and surgeries her whole life. She received her grade 8 diploma in 1937.

As a young woman, Pearl worked at Carins store and then at Burr's store in Provost. The Hanson family were neighbors to the Andrew Schenk family and as fate would have it, Pearl and Lawrence Schenk fell in love. In 1942 Pearl and her mother, Sina, were quarantined in a house in Provost for a month as Pearl was diagnosed with scarlet fever. Pearl would ultimately miss Andrew Schenk's funeral as he passed away during that time. Lawrence, no doubt mourning his father, would visit Pearl at the window of the quarantine house. While Lawrence was in the Canadian Army, Pearl trapped weasels and coyotes to pay for household items, all doing it on a horse named Jeff which was a gift from Lawrence. Following his return home with agriculture leave from the army they were married in Camrose on September 11, 1943. They honeymooned at the Todd Ranch, helping with the harvest. The Calgary Stampede was always a highlight for them. They would meet up with friends and family and camp along the Bow River. Pearl was so proud in telling how she gained access to the stampede by riding double behind her brother n law Jim Todd who was a pickup man. If Lawrence was too proud to ride behind the other pickup man he had to walk.

Pearl and Lawrence purchased the Bodin place where their first 4 children were born. She definitely had her hands full as Don was born in 1945, Shirley in '47, Carol in '48 and Gaylene in 1950. In 1951, the Schenk family moved to the Smith or Cliff Cleggat Ranch at Metiskow. The house soon overflowed with more children; Dorothy in '53, Joann in '57, Andy in'59 and Yvonne in '61. Due to Carol's special needs, she was moved to the Deer Home at age 6. Pearl would visit with her as often as she could, and Carol would come out on weekends and then farm day visits through the years until her passing at the age of 49 in 1998.

Pearl and Lawrence continued to cattle ranch, buy more land and raise their family. She was always busy in the kitchen and was known for her great meals. Pearl always ensured there were plenty of preserves in the cold room and a cellar full of potatoes and carrots. She milked cows, shipped cream and raised pail bunters to make ends meet. Czar Lake, where the family had a cabin, was the highlight of their summers. Pearl would pack the kids up and stay at the cabin for swimming lessons or just a summer holiday.

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Pearl passed away on April 21, 2025 at Breton Long Term Care at the age of 102.

## Pearl Schenk's Life story continued

In 1965, following a few years of drought and hardships, Pearl and Lawrence had a farm sale and bought land at Buck Lake. Leaving the Metiskow area where both of their families resided was very difficult. They lived on the Jack Parker farm originally and then moved to the Coleman Kiss farm. Everyone helped out in all areas of the farm. Shirley helped Lawrence for the first few years, Don was attending university and the rest of the children settled into work and life at Buck Lake. Besides cooking, cleaning, gardening, milking cows and raising kids, Pearl was active with the Red Cross, both fundraising and swimming lessons. Pearl milked Brownie her goat for many years saying, "the milk was healthier". Her kids did not agree but she would put it in milk cartons to try to trick them anyway. She always had a coup full of chickens and a sewing project on the go. Pearl always kept an eye on her girls, growing up at Buck Lake. She was once seen on the step with her gun when one of the girls came home late. The young man did not realize she had her gun out for a coyote that was after her sheep. The young man never came back.

In the late 70s early 80s Pearl dealt with tragic loss that forever shaped the family. In 1978 she lost her oldest grandchild Tracy Stewart to a long battle with Cystic Fibrosis. Two years later, in 1980, Shirley, her oldest daughter passed away and then sadly Lawrence in 1981.

After Lawrence's passing, Pearl stayed on the farm and with everyone's help she was able to stay there for the next 25 years. She loved the farm, her garden, apple trees and pets. She would call out, "YOU WHO" and Twinkle and June, her horses would come running. Her dogs Tippy, Sport and Kim, cats Heidi and Puss were constant companions in these years. During this time, she enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren and most importantly showing them how to make lefsa. She always had a meal ready for the family or anyone that might stop in. Pearl entered the agricultural fairs and came home with piles of red ribbons. She was very artistic, making cards, using flowers she had dried or newspaper clippings she had collected over the years. When she had knee surgery in the early 80's she started doing leatherwork making belts for the grandchildren. She took pride in taking her younger grandchildren to Sons of Norway summer camps. Little to her children's knowledge she enjoyed checking out their gardens and ensuring they were being taken care of to her standards. More than anything in those years she enjoyed her team of Norwegian Fjords and going on wagon trains with her cousin Rueben Johnson. Pearl also enjoyed fishing with Ray Letourneau and always seemed to keep busy.

In 2005 Pearl fell and broke her femur and after a lengthy hospital stay, she moved into the Rimbey Manor for the winter. The next winter she moved into the West Pine Lodge in Winfield where she made many new friends and enjoyed playing cards and read a ton of books. She was an avid reader for only having grade 8.

In the spring of 2015, Pearl broke her hip. Following a hospital stay she moved to the Breton Long-term Care Centre where she became Grandma to everyone. While at Breton she cherished visits from her grand and greatgrandchildren. Boots the cat at Breton Care Centre loved getting Pearl's attention and you would often find him snuggled up beside her. During Covid 19 her family would visit her from the window and ask Judy or the nurses to give her a hug for them. She always had a smile and a thank you. During her last few months Gaylene was with her everyday.

Pearl lived a good life, working hard and never complaining. She lived through so much, from the great depression to covid and always seemed to persevere. She loved her Norwegian heritage. Recently through genealogy testing it was determined she was 99% Scandinavian descent. Upon hearing the results she replied with, "Well I knew that". She had a special place in her heart for family or friends that visited. She loved babies and little ones. They always made her smile. Pearl always had a homemade snack, a cup of tea and maybe a small chore to be done when you stopped by. She was a member of the Lutheran Church her whole life. Her faith was very important to her and helped her cope. She ensured that all of her children had a religious background and were Confirmed. Pearl had a special ability to keep the family together, to look past your differences and attend family celebrations.

Here is a story passed down by Pearl's sister Edith, that we believe defines the person she was. When she was a young girl, a calf was born in the winter with no hair on its legs. Pearl fed it raw eggs and milk; she even made it stockings for its legs. She cared for that calf until it was able to be turned out. Pearl's gift was caring for everyone and everything.

She is lovingly remembered by her children, Donald (Marilla) Schenk, Gaylene Shular, Dorothy (Danny) Willows, Joann (Brian) Bohning, Andy (Brenda) Schenk and Yvonne (Corby) Miller; 17 grandchildren, 27 greatgrandchildren, as well as many extended family and lifelong friends.

Pearl is predeceased by her husband, Lawrence; children, Shirley Stewart and Carol Schenk; granddaughter, Tracy Stewart; son-in-laws, Bob Stewart, Lloyd Shular; parents, Sina and Hans Hanson and siblings, Ruby (Thomas) Chaney, Albert (Ella) Hanson, Edith Landry and Jean (Hugh)Tennant.



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#### May 6, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting

#### **Residential Property tax Incentive Bylaw**

Council gave three readings to and adopted Bylaw 1207-25, which sets out a 30% tax incentive on the municipal portion of residential property taxes for 2025.

This formalizes the process Brazeau County has undertaken for residential property owners since 2020.

Eligibility for the tax incentive will remain the same as in previous years in that all taxes must be paid by the June 30 due date, including any arrears.

The tax incentive will be pro-rated for those properties that are enrolled in the Tax Installment Payment Plan.

#### Wildfire Preparedness Program

Council approved a wildfire preparedness program that takes a proactive two-pronged approach to preventing and mitigating wildland fires.

Drayton valley/Brazeau County Fire Services will work with homeowners to perform advanced home assessments on properties to assist in determining fire hazards around rural properties.

A trained assessor will visit rural properties and work with residents to review key risks and provide specific recommendations to increase the properties resilience to wildfire. The assessor will provide a comprehensive report once the assessment has been completed and can provide recommendations for the installation of sprinkler equipment.

The second component is to supply residents with wildfire home protection kits known as the WASP Home Protection Kit. The kits are composed of two agricultural grade sprinkler heads, fire department grade hose, and sprinkler mounts for residential gutters and fences.

The purpose of the kits is to provide a line of protection for rural properties that may come under threat of fire. The kits can be connected to the household water supply or be supplemented by the fire service during emergency conditions.

One hundred kits will be distributed in the first year of the program.

#### **Cynthia Improvements**

Council approved the upgrade of sidewalks and ditches on 55th Avenue in Cynthia, between 49th Street and 49A Street. The work involves removing the existing culverts and walkways on both sides of the street and installing a geotextile material that permits water flow while supporting surface parking. Walkways would not be replaced, as the installation requires minimal slope on adjacent private properties. This approach allows for increased parking space. All work will be completed inhouse using County equipment and personnel.

#### **Appointment of Weed and Pest Inspectors**

Council appointed Noahlea Townsend, Jenna Smith, Hannah Mahan, Lexis Elliot, Riley Rogers, Aliyah Tuttle, Larae Benoit and Brent Erickson as weed and pest inspectors.

For detailed information on Council meetings, including current minutes, please visit www.brazeau.ab.ca.

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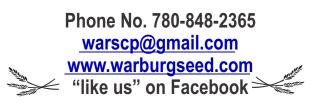
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### GETTING ALBERTANS BACK TO WORK

Alberta News, May 9, 2025

#### Alberta's government is investing \$33 million in training programs to help unemployed and underemployed Albertans gain the skills needed to rejoin the workforce.

Through the Training for Work program, Alberta's government has awarded millions in new contracts during the 2024-25 fiscal year. These programs are providing skills training and employment supports for more than 5,000 Albertans across the province over the next four years. These investments don't just support individuals – they strengthen families, communities and Alberta's entire economy.

Training for Work programs offer skill development and employment services to unemployed Albertans in more than 50 communities across Alberta. Some programs offer virtual access to ensure all Albertans can get the training they need to propel their careers into the future.

"Alberta needs more skilled workers to meet the labour market demands of our growing economy. Training for Work helps unemployed or underemployed Albertans get the skills and support they need to get back into the workforce or upskill into new roles, while also assisting Alberta's employers in filling high-demand positions with job-ready workers." Matt Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade

In addition to helping fill labour market gaps in highdemand sectors like construction and health care, the Training for Work program helps offer personalized supports to meet the needs of job seekers and local employers. The Training for Work program remains vital to creating sustainable employment opportunities to strengthen Alberta's labour market.

In 2024-25, Training for Work programs were added to 23 communities across Alberta under four subcategories: Integrated Training, Immigrant Bridging, Transition to Employment Services and Workplace Training.

- Integrated Training programs provide industryrecognized skills, hands-on experience and job search support to help Albertans re-enter the workforce.
- Immigrant Bridging programs help newcomers get their credentials recognized and use their skills and education in Alberta's labour market.
- Transition to Employment Services offers personalized support, including career counselling, job matching and up to \$7,000 for short-term training and work exposure – to help Albertans rejoin the workforce.
- Workplace Training links unemployed Albertans with employers for on-the-job training, wage reimbursements, and up to \$7,000 for off-site training

to fill skill gaps and support long-term employment.

Alberta's government is opening doors to opportunity by expanding training programs and tailoring support – helping thousands of Albertans get back to work or upskill, while connecting employers with the talent they need to grow. These investments reinforce Alberta's commitment to building a resilient, responsive workforce that is meeting the needs of a growing and diversifying economy.

#### Quick facts:

- In 2024-25, Jobs, Economy and Trade awarded a total of \$33,276,640 in new contracts to deliver services to 5,152 unemployed Albertans.
- New training programs and services are available in Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Brooks, Airdrie, Fort McMurray, Lloydminster, Leduc, Grande Prairie, Camrose, Wetaskiwin and more due to these investments.
- Many Training for Work programs support underrepresented groups in Alberta's workforce, such as youth, older workers, Indigenous peoples and newcomers to Alberta, while also encouraging workers to acquire the skills needed to work in growing and in-demand sectors such as construction, health care and child care.
- Training for Work is funded in part by Alberta's government, as well as by the Government of Canada through the Labour Market Transfer Agreement.





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Classified/Payment Drop off available at Breton IDA, Warburg Village Office & CE Media Signs & Promotional in Thorsby.

Pick up our FREE "Community Connections" booklet at the Breton Village Office, Brazeau County Office, CE Media Thorsby, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex and the Warburg Village Office Or go online to www.community39.com

You will find information on our local communities including maps, contacts, rental facilities, community groups and supports and more....

## CONTACT US

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### **PRICING**

Classified Ads are \$5.00 (includes GST) for 2 weeks (max. 4 lines or approx. 30 words)

1/8 PAGE

3.4167" wide x 2.28" tall <u>\$20 + GST</u> \*\*multi-ads - \$18.00 + GST

1/2 PAGE

7" wide x 4.6" tall <u>OR</u> 3.4167" wide x 9.25" tall

<u>\$40 + GST</u> \*\*multi-ads - \$38.00 + GST

\*\* Qualify for multi-advertising price by running your ad for three weeks or more in one or both papers consecutively <u>OR</u> if you are a non-profit group or team.

Community Events, Programs, Meetings & Articles are <u>FREE</u>

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> FULL PAGE 7" wide x 9.25" tall

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