

THE BRETON BOOSTER



Breton Museum

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Four Long Time Breton Residents Pass Away

Now that I have your attention, and before you wonder who they are, let me explain. On a recent trip to the Breton Post Office, for the Museum's mail and to check the window of the Post Office for recent funeral notices, I was met with a sad sight. The four stately spruce trees along the south side of the Post Office were not there anymore. Due to their age, size of the trees and safety concerns, the time had come for their demise. These four spruce trees had stood for many decades on this property and witnessed the vast majority of Breton's history. Let's take a look into the story and pay tribute to these four dignified trees.

As a young man, Fred Thrasher had moved from Ontario to Alberta and lived on a homestead at Carrot Creek, near Edson, Alberta. In 1916, he married Martha Shantz, whose family had also moved to the Carrot Creek area a few years previously. Fred went to work for Mr. William Anthony in 1925, who had a small saw mill on the McLeod River, north of Carrot Creek. The following year Mr. Anthony decided to re-establish his mill 5 km south of the new community of Breton. The recent extension of the Lacombe & North-Western Railway to the area had opened up a vast timber resource just waiting to be harvested and now there was a means to transport it to market. Fred Thrasher was one of several employees who helped with the move to the new mill site at Antross.

When Fred returned home to Carrot Creek at Christmas 1926, he announced to the family that they would be moving to Breton in the spring. He had purchased two adjoining lots and had started to build a house in his spare time. Fred and Martha's children, Lloyd age 9 and Dorothy age 7 were excited to be moving and couldn't wait until spring. When the family arrived in May 1927 Breton consisted of about seven or eight

families and a few businesses. The family settled into life in an expanding community, as more families moved to the area and additional businesses were established.

Lloyd Thrasher planted four small spruce trees in front of his parents' home, in 1932. These four trees would quietly observe the people and the development of Breton for over ninety years, both happy and sad. They would have seen the effects of the Great Depression on the community and the world. Seeing the young people of the community board the train to go off to war and return after, all changed to some degree. They would have mourned the death of Dorothy Thrasher (Waddel), who died during the birth of her first child in 1942. The trees have seen businesses destroyed by fires and Breton go from a Hamlet to a Village in 1957. From muddy streets, or dust depending on the weather, to paved streets. They saw the forest industry flourish, come to an end and be replaced by agriculture and the oil and gas industry. What a book those four trees could write about a community. Thanks goes out to Lloyd Thrasher for documenting the family's story in his article in the Ladder of Time forty-five years ago. In a future article I will explore some anecdotes from Lloyd's time in Breton as a young man. Stay tuned.

Photo Caption: 1954-1955 The Fred and Martha Thrasher home circa 1933 shown with 2 of the 4 spruce trees that graced the property for 93 years.



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Sudoku Answers from
July 30 Issue

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August 16 - Highway 39 Garage Sales on Highway 39 from Leduc to Drayton Valley including Calmar, Thorsby & Warburg

August 17 - Dance to No Hitchhiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

August 21 - Fireside Finds Market at the Thorsby Lions Campground from 4-7pm

August 23 - Buckin' at the Brook - Bull Riding, live music, food trucks and more at Sunnybrook. Gates open at 4pm. Tickets available www.showpass.com/buckin-at-the-brook-2/

August 23 - Annual Car/Truck Show in Thorsby presented by Wilde Mechanical (4813 - 50 Avenue). Mega Trucks, Car Crushing, Tug-a-war and more. 10am - 5pm.

August 23 - Pancake Breakfast at the Thorsby Seniors Centre hosted by the Thorsby Lions Club from 9am - noon.

August 24 - Pancake Breakfast at Sandholm Hall (corner 616X and Hwy 778) from 8am to 11am. EVERYONE WELCOME! For information call 780-389-2381

August 28 - Pop Up Market - Warburg Community Park from 4-8pm. Vendors contact Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828.

September 7 - Dance to No Hitchhiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

September 16 - Breton Community Information Night and Chili Cook Off. Learn about activities, groups & services in Breton & area, with tasting & judging the best Chili around. Contact Breton FCSS for more info.

September 21 - Thorsby Indoor Soccer Registration Closes. U5-U17 players from Thorsby, Warburg, Calmar, Breton, Pigeon Lake & surrounding areas invited to join. www.thorsbysoccerclub.ca or FB for more info.

September 26 - An Evening in Ukraine at the Maclab Centre in Leduc. Proceeds to Ukrainian newcomers and the Friends of Ukrainian Village Society. Tickets at www.maclabcentre.com

September 27 - Roper Romp - Ladies Night, hosted by the Breton Agricultural Society, Trivia, Comedians, Music, and additional entertainment. Tickets available at Breton ATB, 780-

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October 4 - Harvest Fest at Strawberry Hall, Leduc County run, children games in afternoon, Family friendly Smokie & perogy supper & dance, Cash bar-door prizes

October 17 - Community Fall Supper and Entertainment Includes great food and the Family Feud Game Show! Community group or friends/family contact Breton FCSS to enter at team. *Tickets will be available on September 2.*

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The Village of Breton has Approved a Development involving the building of a back deck, August 7, 2025, located at 105 Juniper, Breton, Alberta; legally described as Lot 20 & 21, Block 17, Plan 7921795, as further described in Application No 0007-25.

Objections to the above must be made in writing via email, mail, fax or delivered to the Village of Breton office by 12 pm, August 21, 2025.

Further information is available at the Village office.
Email - admin@breton.ca

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Date of Decision: August 7, 2025

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

TUESDAYS

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.winfielddagsociety.com or FB for more info.

WEDNESDAYS

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 particularly over the summer months. 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. All activities are FREE! All kids grade 6-12 are welcome. Activities are advertised on social media or 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.

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We also enjoyed having the staff from Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks to learn about birds, bugs, and butterflies along with some outdoor games.

At our girls day, they learned about taking care of themselves and especially skin care at an early age – We appreciate Shauna Mcminis with Mary Kay Skin Care for leading the discussion.

With the wetter cooler weather we have been having we encourage you to check our Facebook page or call to see if a program has been rescheduled or canceled.

Thank you to the following for their generous donations to our program: Breton ELKS / Breton Agriculture Society / County of Wetaskiwin FCSS / Lindale Truck Service / WC Trucking / Canline Pipeline Solutions / Insulation Snakes / Gazelles Group of Companies

Drop by our office to register or online at www.forms.gle/sGC6H1vufqZzJUVa6

Community Information Night – Celebrate Breton & Chili Cook Off / Dessert Bake Off – Tuesday September 16, 2025 – This will be a time for community members to plan their fall activities, volunteer commitments and know of all the services available in and around our community, along with learning about the great businesses we have in our area. Breton FCSS will be coordinating this evening. We are adding to this year's event and inviting any groups / businesses that would like to be a part of a Chili Cook Off and or a Dessert Bake Off. The Cook Off will be organized by the Breton Agricultural Society. Save the date and plan to join us that evening. Anyone attending the evening will sample and judge the Chili and Dessert entries.

This evening is designed to do the following:

1. To give your agency / organization the opportunity to let the community know who you are and what services/and or purpose you give to the community and surrounding area.
2. If you hold a registration night for your group this could be done at the same time.
3. If your agency is in need of recruiting new members or volunteers this would be a time for community members to see what groups are operating and

decide where they would like to commit some of their time.

4. Promote your business or services that you provide to the area. Use it for staff recruitment, letting the community know services that you offer

Registration packages are now available for the evening. We look forward to showcasing all of the great businesses, groups and opportunities that evening along with the Cook Off being judged by the community members attending.

September 27 – Roper Romp – Ladies Night – hosted by the Breton Agricultural Society – Trivia, Comedians, Music, Fun Casino, Signature Drinks, Cash Bar, Prizes, Light evening meal. Tickets are available at the Breton ATB. \$55/ticket. Don't delay they will go quickly! **TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE.**



Service Canada - We are excited to announce that Service Canada will be holding appointments here in Breton starting in September. They will be coming to our Community Centre once a month. Appointments can be made through Breton FCSS starting on August 18. There will also be some walk in appointments available. To access your information, you will need your Social Insurance Number and valid Photo ID. The services are available from 10:00- 2:00. The dates for the clinics will be:

- September 16
- October 21
- November 17
- December 10

The services that they will be able to assist you with are:

- Assistance with applying for Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security (OAS), or other federal government funding.
- Help with creating a My Service Canada Account.
- Support with various other Service Canada programs.
- **A crucial note: workers at these appointments do not handle passport applications.**

SAVE THE DATE- Community Fall Supper and Entertainment on Friday October 17, 2025. This will be an evening to celebrate all of the great people that we have in our community. The evening will include great food and the Amazing Family Feud Game Show! If your community group or friends/ family would like to enter a team, contact Breton FCSS – 5 players ages 12 and older. *Tickets will be available on September 2.* Adults \$15 and Youth 6 – 12 - \$10, under 6 free.



Brazeau County

ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED

Brazeau County is looking for people interested in working the Municipal Election on Monday, October 20, 2025.

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Division 4 ▯ Whitby Hall

Workers are not required to live in the division in order to work at the voting station.

Workers will be paid for Election Day as well as for attending a mandatory half-day training session in September. Election Day workers will be required to be at their assigned voting station from 9 a.m. until after polls close at 8 p.m. and all ballots are counted.

For more information or to add your name to the list please contact Returning Officer Jasmine Nuthall at 780-920-3537.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 19 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

August 20 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9:00 a.m.

September 1 | Labour Day | Brazeau County Administration Building Closed

September 2 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

September 4 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m.

September 9 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 10:00 a.m.

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PUTTING THE BRAKES ON PREDATORY TOW TRUCKING

Alberta News, August 6, 2025

New measures are coming to protect Albertans and penalize bad actors in the tow truck industry who use high pressure tactics to coerce drivers at collision scenes.

Alberta's government has introduced new rules to crack down on predatory tow trucking practices. Previously, the province had no specific penalties to address this behaviour, such as towing vehicles without consent, not providing necessary information to vehicle owners and exploiting emotionally vulnerable individuals who have been involved in a collision. These changes will immediately target this dishonest behaviour by establishing a clear, provincewide standard for all tow truck drivers, ensuring better protection for Albertans.

Effective Aug. 8, these changes will establish a 200-metre exclusion radius around a collision scene prohibiting tow truck drivers or anyone directing tow trucks from pitching their services. Anyone who enters the exclusion zone without being invited to do so by select personnel will be subject to a \$1,000 fine.

"The last thing someone needs after a collision is to be taken advantage of by aggressive tow truck operators charging excessive fees. These new rules will protect Albertans from unethical behaviour, give drivers more control in a stressful moment, and help reduce insurance costs caused by inflated towing bills." Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

The new rules will empower drivers to understand their right to request information before choosing whether to accept or refuse towing services. By establishing a consistent, provincial response to predatory tow trucking driver behaviour, these changes will help mitigate rising insurance premiums resulting from excessive towing fees. While tow truck operators are now restricted from approaching collision scenes uninvited, drivers, police and emergency services personnel can still request towing services when needed.

"AMA strongly supports these new rules, which protect Albertans from being exploited during already stressful situations. Alberta's towing industry has a long-standing reputation for trustworthiness and professionalism, and these clear regulations send a strong message that predatory practices have no place here. We look forward to continuing our work with government to help eliminate unethical behaviour in the industry." Michelle Chimko, president and chief executive officer, Alberta Motor Association (AMA)

"Albertans have the right to select the towing company of their choice following a collision and should not feel pressured to immediately accept services offered at the

scene. The EPS has made several arrests related to this predatory practice and are supportive of rules that offer those involved in collisions the space required to navigate an already taxing situation." Nicole Chapdelaine, Deputy Chief, Edmonton Police Service

Alberta's government remains committed to working with industry partners to identify further solutions to prevent predatory tow trucking practices and protect drivers across the province.

Key Facts:

- Drivers have reported being charged up to \$2,500 for unrequested vehicle towing services.
- The cities of Edmonton and Calgary have previously introduced measures to address this behaviour.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Recently the Breton Community Centre received a booking request from the Alberta Prosperity Project (APP). The intention of this booking is to host a town hall type meeting. The objective of this meeting is to have open discussion regarding Alberta sovereignty and the province's future. (This description is taken from the event flyer).

This is an initiative of the Alberta Prosperity Project, not the Village of Breton, nor does it reflect the views of the Village council and administration. The Village is a neutral entity. We, as a municipality, are not supporting or denouncing this organization or its views.

What the Village is supporting is freedom of speech and expression. Our community centre is an inclusive facility that welcomes all. Any legal and moral event is welcome at our community centre.

At this point some may be saying "Well great for you...did you need to publish this in the newspaper??" Sadly, yes, we did. Once this event was advertised by the hosting group, the Village received correspondence from individuals attempting to pressure us to cancel this booking, which I am sure at this point you all know we are not going to do. What further prompted this submission to the newspaper was that we were contacted from other facilities that rented space to the Alberta Prosperity Project for the same type of meeting. They also have received the same correspondence attempting to influence them to cancel their bookings for the APP.

So, to summarize all of that, the Village of Breton will not be canceling the Alberta Prosperity Project's booking. Nor will we succumb to the influence of other groups that may disagree with future renters' events. We do, however, welcome those opposing groups to rent the Breton Community Centre if they decide to host an event to promote their views and initiatives as well.

Sincerely,
Village of Breton
Council and Administration

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UNMARKED POTENTIAL: CONSULTING ON FUEL TAX RULES

Alberta News, August 1, 2025

Alberta seeks input on potentially replacing marked fuel with a tax exemption on clear fuel.

Alberta's government is consulting marked fuel sellers and purchasers on a proposal to phase out marked fuel and move the tax exemption to clear fuel. The engagement will run from Aug. 1 to 31, and stakeholders can provide their views through an online survey. Recommendations based on stakeholder input will be provided to the government this fall for consideration.

Marked fuel is provided to eligible purchasers at a partially exempt tax rate of four cents per litre when vehicles are used for farming purposes or in unlicensed off-road equipment. This includes industries such as agriculture, oil and gas, and forestry.

While the fuel tax exemption rate will not be changed, some retailers have suggested that providing the tax exemption on clear fuel instead of marked fuel could provide savings for both fuel sellers and eligible consumers.

"We're committed to supporting Alberta's agricultural and resource sectors with practical, cost-saving solutions. This proposal could reduce red tape and put more money back into producers' pockets. We are looking forward to hearing directly from industry through this engagement." Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

"Alberta's government works to support producers by listening to their unique needs and opinions. We'll ensure this farm fuel tax break continues in a way that makes sense for those who need it most: the farmers and ranchers who work tirelessly to put food on tables across Alberta and around the globe." RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

Alberta's government is consulting with industry partners to cut red tape and improve cost savings for key industries by exploring a more efficient fuel tax exemption. Alberta's producers deserve a simpler, more efficient system that boosts their bottom line. Alberta's government is focused on removing barriers to support business growth and Alberta's productive industries.

Quick Facts:

- Marked fuel is diesel or gasoline fuel that's coloured with dye to distinguish it from clear fuel.
- In Alberta, marked fuel may be purchased by:
 - Eligible producers for farming operations in Alberta that have an active Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit exemption number.

- Commercial and government entities (other than the Government of Canada) that have a Tax Exempt Fuel User exemption certificate for use in unlicensed equipment or for heating purposes.

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A Message from MLA Andrew Boitchenko: Advocating for Our Region and Alberta's Future

As the elected representative for Drayton Valley–Devon and Alberta's Minister of Tourism and Sport, I remain deeply committed to serving our constituency and advancing the priorities that matter most to our communities. It is a privilege to represent such a dynamic and resilient region, and I want to share a few key updates on the work we've been doing both locally and provincially.



Minister Boitchenko's New Role as Minister:

I'm honoured to take on the role of Alberta's Minister of Tourism and Sport. This new responsibility is an exciting opportunity to help grow two vital sectors that fuel our economy, celebrate our culture, and bring Albertans together. From supporting local tourism operators to investing in sport infrastructure and youth programs, I'm committed to making Alberta the best place to live, work, visit and play. Tourism showcases our province's natural beauty and supports small businesses, while sport fosters community, resilience, and well-being. As MLA for Drayton Valley–Devon, I'm especially proud to represent a region rich in outdoor adventure, local events, and community spirit—and I look forward to sharing our story with the world.

Updates in the Drayton Valley–Devon Constituency:

This summer has been very busy with stakeholder meetings, constituent meetings, and many community events, especially with the additional role as a Minister.

On June 25th, we celebrated the Grand Opening of Kickstand Drayton Valley and it was a tremendous success. I couldn't be more proud of the incredible teamwork that brought this vision to life. Thank you to everyone who played a role in developing Kickstand into the vital community hub it is today. I'm especially grateful to my colleague and friend, Minister Rick Wilson, for joining us in celebration and for meeting with stakeholders in the community following the event to discuss support for the people of Drayton Valley. Our government is committed to prioritizing the health and wellness of Alberta's youth, and Kickstand is a key partner in that mission. With the support of the Mental

Health Association and the Drayton Valley Primary Care Network, this new centre is already making it easier for young people to access the mental, physical, and social support they need—right here in our community. I look forward to a brighter, healthier future for Drayton Valley and the surrounding area.

Additionally, what an incredible day it was to celebrate Canada Day right here in beautiful Drayton Valley—surrounded by friends, families, and neighbours. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the organizers, volunteers, and community leaders who made the day's festivities such a success. It was a privilege to attend and bring greetings on behalf of the Alberta Government. As someone who immigrated to Canada as a teenager, this day holds deep meaning for me. From our vibrant local events to the hardworking people who make this community thrive, Drayton Valley truly embodies the Canadian spirit.



Calgary Stampede Highlights:

The Calgary Stampede was a whirlwind of events and meetings. I had the pleasure of serving pancakes at community breakfasts, spending an evening with Equal Voice celebrating women in politics and leadership, and hearing inspiring words from Premier Danielle Smith. I also had the opportunity of meeting with Westjet and discussing their exciting newly added routes and explored what comes next. At the Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation event, I met with leaders and entrepreneurs, highlighting the strength of Indigenous partnerships in Alberta's tourism sector. These experiences reaffirmed the importance of community, culture, and collaboration in building Alberta's future.

Local Government Projects and Grants (non-exhaustive):

Yellowhead County

- Pave and rebuild Township Road 542 (between Highway 748 and Range Road 165) *Total Project Cost: \$12,500,000 | Grant Amount: \$4,404,921*
- Rehabilitate Township Road 542 *Total Project Cost: \$12,500,000 | Grant Amount: \$2,382,792*

Town of Thorsby

- Replace a public works vehicle *Total Project Cost: \$105,000 | Grant Amount: \$105,000*
- Rehabilitate 53 Avenue (including watermain, valves, hydrant, and curb stop connections) *Total Project Cost: \$711,000 | Grant Amount: \$494,727*

A Message from MLA Andrew Boitchenko: Advocating for Our Region and Alberta's Future - *continued*

Provincial Updates:

- Alberta Eyes Exit from Federal Supply Management *Premier Danielle Smith is exploring an "Alberta version" of the dairy and poultry supply management system to address low national quotas.*
- Vaccine Hesitancy and Measles Resurgence *MP Michelle Rempel Garner links Alberta's measles outbreak to declining vaccine trust post-COVID-19.*
- New Grant to Combat Gender-Based Violence *The Community Pathways to Justice grant offers up to \$1.25 million to support survivors of gender-based violence.*
- Ensuring Fairness and Safety in Sport *Starting September 1, the Fairness and Safety in Sport Act will ensure that women and girls have the opportunity to compete in biological female-only divisions, while also supporting meaningful participation for transgender athletes in the sports of their choice.*
- Boosting Rural Health Care Access *\$16M bursary and \$6M recruitment grants will support rural clinics and family medicine residents.*
- Alberta, Ontario & Saskatchewan Forge Economic Alliance *A new agreement will advance pipelines, rail, and trade infrastructure to connect Western Canada to Ontario and global markets.*

If you're interested in receiving regular updates directly from me about the Drayton Valley–Devon riding and provincial news, please fill out your contact information using the Google Form. I'd also love to hear from you! What concerns do you have, and what would you like to see in the Drayton Valley–Devon riding?

Please answer in the Google Form below by using the link or scanning the QR code:

[Drayton Valley-Devon Constituency Updates](#)



As always, I encourage you to stay in touch. My constituency office is here to assist you with provincial matters, and I welcome your feedback and ideas. Together, we can continue building a stronger, more prosperous future for Drayton Valley–Devon and all of Alberta.

Thank you for your trust and God Bless!

Honourable Andrew Boitchenko
Minister of Tourism and Sport
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FROM A TOUGH CROP YEAR TO LIVESTOCK FEED GAINS

Alberta News, August 8, 2025

The governments of Canada and Alberta, through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, increased the low yield allowance so farmers can use poor crops for feed.

The 2025 crop year continues to be challenging in some regions of Alberta. Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) has adjusted the low yield allowance, enabling farmers to salvage crops for livestock feed in an effort to reduce producers' feed-related costs.

The low yield allowance is a standard part of production insurance and is meant for situations where there may not be value in harvesting for grain (e.g. low yield due to extreme heat and severe drought).

"I've spoken with livestock and crop producers in Alberta who are worried about the impact that dry conditions could have this year. Changing the yield threshold will give them some breathing room, so they can make the best decisions for their operations." Heath MacDonald, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

"The impact of ongoing dry conditions in some regions of the province is concerning for Alberta's agricultural community. This adjustment lets producers act swiftly to salvage crops for livestock feed, rather than watch their fields deteriorate further and risk harvesting nothing." RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

Producers should contact AFSC at least five days in advance of harvesting to share details about their situation and find out how best to proceed. AFSC will work with clients to complete a field inspection as soon as possible.

This change means that if the appraised yield falls below the established threshold level, AFSC can reduce the appraisal to zero, based on information gathered by the adjuster during the inspection. The appraised yield of the crop will be used in the calculation of any subsequent indemnities.

"We recognize that this year's conditions have had a significant impact on some producers – and changes to the low yield allowance can help them through times like this." Darryl Kay, CEO, Agriculture Financial Services Corporation

AgriInsurance is a federal-provincial-producer cost-shared program that helps producers manage production and quality losses. Support for the program is provided by the governments of Canada and Alberta

under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP).

Quick facts:

- For more than 80 years, AFSC, a provincial Crown corporation, has provided loans, crop insurance and farm income disaster assistance programs to farmers, agribusinesses and other small businesses.
- AFSC provides leading, innovative, client-focused financial and risk-management solutions to grow agriculture in Alberta.
- Several rural municipalities and counties in Alberta have declared agricultural disasters due to dry conditions and the Government of Alberta continues to monitor the situation.

TABS FOR TOTS PULL.COLLECT.DONATE



Tab for tots collects the "tab off beverage cans as well as other recyclable metals". The collection is sold for scrap and the funds collected are allocated for helping local hospitals.



www.elksalberta.ca

To donate your tabs or other recyclable metals please contact the Breton Elks at 780.696.3800

BRETON



Our Pharmacists can assess and prescribe for Minor Illness

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ✓ Allergies | ✓ Skin infection |
| ✓ Skin rash | ✓ Tick bites |
| ✓ Insect bites | ✓ Acid reflux |
| ✓ Pink eye | ✓ Cold sore |
| ✓ Muscle aches | ✓ Hemorrhoids |
| ✓ Oral thrush | ✓ Bladder / Urinary tract infection |
| ✓ Menstrual pain | |

***We Offer Blister Packs at NO CHARGE**

OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK

Monday - Friday 9-5

Saturday 10-4

5031 - 50 Street, Breton, AB 780-696-3594

NOW OPEN!!

In Thorsby's old Post Office just
up the street from Country Cannabis!



Come check out our great selection!

OPEN Monday - Saturday 10-7

(must be 18 or older to enter)

Laurie's Laughs

In Memory of



SOMETIMES I WONDER
WHAT HAPPEND TO
THE PEOPLE WHO
ASKED ME
FOR DIRECTIONS.

I threw 5 shoes , 3 broom whacks
And Half a can of Raid extra power
Turns out it's a hair clip



Every loaf
of bread is a tragic
story of a group of
grains that could have
become whiskey but didn't.

#breadisgood
#whiskeyisbetter

LOST
MARBLES
REPLACEMENT PACK



IF YOU
WERE WONDERING
ABOUT MY
CULINARY SKILLS...
I'VE BEEN ASKED TO
BRING PAPER TOWELS
TO OUR
FAMILY GATHERINGS.

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8								
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Answers will be published in the next issue!

THE BRETON BOOSTER

- Published every Wednesday -

Pick up locations in Breton, Warburg, Thorsby, Winfield and Alsike.

Please NOTE deadline changes

Monday at 10am before publication for ready to print ads. Friday at 10am for ads that require a proof or in the case of a STAT Monday Design Fees may apply.

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

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

\$21 (\$20 + GST)

**multi-ads - \$18.90 (\$18.00 + GST)

1/4 PAGE

3.4167" wide x 4.6" tall

\$30.45 (\$29 + GST)

**multi-ads - \$28.35 (\$27.00 + GST)

1/2 PAGE

7" wide x 4.6" tall OR
3.4167" wide x 9.25" tall

\$42 (\$40 + GST)

**multi-ads - \$39.90 (\$38.00 + GST)

FULL PAGE

7" wide x 9.25" tall

\$63 (\$60 + GST)

**multi-ads - \$59.85 (\$57.00 + GST)

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

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....

CONNECT39

Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

- Published every Friday -

Pick up locations in Thorsby, Leduc, Calmar, Pigeon Lake, Warburg & Alsike

Please NOTE deadline changes

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Design Fees may apply.

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PRICING

Classified Ads are \$7.50 (includes GST) for 2 weeks
(max. 4 lines or approx. 30 words)

1/8 PAGE

3.4167" wide x 2.28" tall

\$31.50 (\$30 + GST)

**multi-ads - \$28.35 (\$27.00 + GST)

1/4 PAGE

3.4167" wide x 4.6" tall

\$45.68 (\$43.50 + GST)

**multi-ads - \$42.53 (\$40.50 + GST)

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3.4167" wide x 9.25" tall

\$63 (\$60 + GST)

**multi-ads - \$59.85 (\$57.00 + GST)

FULL PAGE

7" wide x 9.25" tall

\$94.50 (\$90 + GST)

**multi-ads - \$89.78 (\$85.50 + GST)

DID YOU KNOW?

Our papers can be viewed online & in color at www.community39.com

If you'd like to get a link to the paper in your inbox each week you can subscribe online or email

media@community39.com



Community Events,
Programs, Meetings
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"little papers...BIG RESULTS"



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WINFIELD

\$840,000

SOLD

80 acres, immaculate home & yard, Almond \$1000 annual lease revenue, pole shed. Garden sheds

VACANT LOT

Large lot backs onto golf course with 159 ft of golf course frontage. Natural trees for privacy. Newer neighborhood, no time restrictions to build, modular homes are acceptable (restrictive covenant applies). GST included

BRETON \$49,900

BRETON

\$225,000

For your business! Office building on main street, attractive street frontage, wheel chair access. Front reception area, office areas

BRETON

\$209,000

SOLD

20.52 acre parcel, treed privacy, Nature at its best. Build your dream home or fish cabin for getaway spot

LOT IN BRETON
at
DEER CROSSING ESTATES

ONLY 1 LOT STILL AVAILABLE
No time requirement to build, GST included in price.
\$35,000/lot

BUCK LAKE

\$184,900

.66 acre lot at Oakes Bay Estates. Gas, power, water well, septic tank, screened gazebo, storage shed.

GREYSTONES at Buck Lake

\$639,000

1.01 acre. Three bedroom, 3 bath home, walk out basement. Oversized heated double car garage. In desirable Greystones

BUCK LAKE

\$319,900

0.5 acre, recently completely 2 bed, 2 bath cabin with loft. Short walk to Buck Lake & boat launch. Water well & septic new 2022.

BUCK LAKE

\$260,000

Hausers Cove! Lot with well, septic, power. Building that could be developed into living space/storage. Boat slip included.

140.6 ACRES

Adjacent to town of Millet. Roughly 100 acres currently farmed., Remainder is wooded. Nestled within the trees is a pond, adding to the property's appeal. This is an ideal setting for your dream home, expanding your agricultural holdings, or investing in future development opportunities in Millet

BRETON

\$399,000

SOLD

3.48 acre, 2 bed 2 bath log home, heated, water shop with bathroom, included Seacan, crane hoist, air compressor

LONG TERM GRAZING LEASE

317 acre long term grazing lease with 63 AUMs . 10 year term. Expiration May 31, 2031. Located north of Tomahawk

TOMAHAWK \$98,000

DRAYTON VALLEY

\$1,200,000

2 Acres. 5160 sq ft industrial bldg. 2 drive thru bays w/oil pit access, 3rd bay (not drive thru), 100' drive thru wash bay, office, fenced.

Village at PIGEON LAKE

NEW PRICE

\$648,800

78.91 acres - 2 bedrm log home - Creek/beaver dam

Embrace nature's tranquility with custom-built log home. This idyllic retreat blends modern amenities with rustic allure. Located minutes from 3 lakes, this property is ready to move in, featuring upgraded utilities that enhance its charm. Meadows, forests, natural water ways, wildlife, present an unparalleled opportunity for getaways, recreational haven, or long-term rural lifestyle.



ROCKY RAPIDS

\$180,000

1.8 acres zoned commercial. Across street from Rocky Rapids store. Ready for your development.

RV LOTS ON PIGEON LAKE

Own your own RV lot with direct access to Pigeon Lake in a gated, private community. Condominium Property with natural gas, electricity and sewer at the lot line. Common property includes road and lake front area with 240' of lake frontage. Low condo fees of \$50/mo. Great Opportunity to Be at the Lake at a Great Value! GST applies to purchase price

5 Lots offered at \$125,000 to \$140,000 + GST per lot

DRAYTON VALLEY

\$395,000

1.1 acre lot. 40x60 quonset (concrete floor), attached 40x42 tarp quonset. Adjacent 1.1 acre lot also for sale.

DRAYTON VALLEY

\$795,000

1.1 acre lot comes with a 9000+ sq ft building with 3 office bays each with its own shop bay. Adjacent 1.1 acre lot also for sale.

Moore's Realty Ltd, Breton, AB 780-696-2249

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