

Delburne's New Platoon Chief Reflects on 2024 and Discusses an Exciting 2025



Platoon Chief Jeff Giesbrecht

I, Jeff Giesbrecht have taken on the roll of Platoon Chief at Red Deer County's Station 8 in Delburne this past year. I have been with Red Deer County for 13 years with previous experience with the Alberta Sheriffs and Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission. I took my firefighter training with County of Grande Prairie Fire Service where I served as a firefighter for a few years before taking a transfer south.

My family moved to the area 9 years ago from Red Deer where we settled on a hobby farm north of Delburne where we are raising 2 young boys. I was recently elected as Delegate with the UFA and manage a few small businesses.

I started firefighting with Red Deer County back at Station 1 just outside of Red Deer in 2013. When I moved to the Delburne area in 2015 and joined the fire department, it was still Delburne Fire and then a few months later the department joined Red Deer County Protective

Services. Since then, our new recruits go through the full NFPA firefighter training and hands-on training at the station. The best part is that training is provided by the County and recruits are paid while receiving training! Currently, Delburne District has 11 Paid-On-Call firefighters on the department which is the most members it has seen in 10 years! We are hoping to get up to 15 members in the next year or two through various recruitment drives.

Delburne's dedicated crew was here in 2024 for the residents of the Village and County. We have seen tragedy, and we have seen joyfulness over the past year. We have also seen a growing team stepping up to the challenge of emergency services, especially during the pandemic where members responded to every medical call without hesitation.

Recently, the Delburne team has been training weekly with the neighbouring department of Elnora Station 11 which has expanded our training opportunities. We rely on Elnora for additional members when larger calls are in our area and we provide the same mutual aid for Elnora. It is a great relationship that we have with them and you may see them around training with us.

2025 is going to be an exciting year for the department as we have a new Officer with Delburne Station 8, Lieutenant Chris Closs who will be assisting with training and acting as a liaison with the Village of Delburne and various other organizations in the area. We also have exciting new training props and scenarios that we will be utilizing to enhance our response. We are really looking forward to a new and exciting year of community engagement and recruitment. If you are looking to apply or learn more about the fire department, please reach out or apply to the County website: www.rdcountry.ca/182/FireSearch-Rescue. So, when you see us responding or training in the Village, a smile or wave will make our day!



Lieutenant Chris Closs



Village of Delburne

Municipal Office: 2111 20 St.

Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday:

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Closed: Noon to 1:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - Noon

Village Office: 403-749-3606

Public Works: 403-749-3607

Fax: 403-749-2800

After Hours Water Emergency:
403-749-3607

Mailing Address:

Box 341, Delburne, AB T0M 0V0

Email: village@delburne.ca

Website: www.delburne.ca

Facebook: [@VillageofDelburne](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofDelburne)

Village of Delburne Council Meetings

Tuesday, March 11 & 25
5 PM at the Village Office

Meetings are open to the public. Enter from the front door, go left down the hallway and Council Chambers is the first door on the right. Take a seat.

If you wish to speak to Council, please book an appointment to present at a future meeting. Alternatively, you can have an issue addressed by writing a letter to Council.

Letters and delegation appointments for the meeting agenda must be submitted/booked at least **7 days** prior to the next meeting.

Village Voice Submissions: The deadline for the next issue is the **third Monday** of the current month. Submissions must meet the requirements as outlined in the *Municipal Newsletter Policy*. Please submit by emailing villagevoice@delburne.ca or drop off your poster at the Village Office.



March is Fraud Prevention Month

Artificial intelligence (AI) is an exciting tool and has revolutionized many aspects of our lives. But it has also given fraudsters opportunities to make their frauds even more convincing.

According to Statistics Canada, fraud cases in Canada have almost doubled over the past ten years, surging from 79,000 in 2012 to 150,000 in 2022. This increase shows that fraudsters are becoming more skilled, and technology like AI is helping them improve their old tricks.

AI can be used to quickly produce texts, emails, and messages in the style and language of a specific person. It can be used to clone anyone's voice. In just minutes, it can be used to make fake images, audio, or videos of real people.

Sometimes it's hard to tell what's real and what's been generated by AI. Luckily, knowledge is your best shield to protect yourself from AI-generated scams.

Fraudsters can use AI to:

- Impersonate a well-known company or individual to promote fake products or services.
- Generate a convincing fake investment opportunity.
- Make chat bots spread fake reviews that sound and look like they were written by real people.
- Use voice cloning for deceptive telemarketing.

Watch out for these red flags:

- Realistic-looking videos of a public figure promoting an investment opportunity or any other promotions they do not normally do.
- Unusual body or lip movement in videos.
- Strange phrasing or inconsistencies and irrelevant content.
- Websites that mimic real companies.
- Unexpected phone calls or messages, especially if the sender conveys a sense of urgency, fear, or panic.

To Protect Yourself:

- Trust your instincts when something doesn't feel right.
- If something seems fishy, check names and logos on websites for authenticity.
- Stay informed about AI and frauds. Research and discuss with family.

Report suspicious websites to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre:

Call 1-888-495-8501 or visit <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca>

MARCH 2025 GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICK-UP

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3 	4	5	6	7 	8
9	10 	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 	18	19	20	21 	22
23	24 	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 	1	2	3	4	5

Place items at the curbside before 7 am as pick-up takes place between 7 am to 5 pm.

Garbage: 5 bag limit, tied & in a sealed container. Recycling: bundle & tie items.

Missed pick-up? Let us know: 403-749-3606 or village@delburne.ca



Delburne Eco Station

Located at 2001 10th Ave

Winter Hours until April 30th

Tuesdays: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Acceptable Items

Yard Waste & Untreated Wood

Cardboard & Paper

Plastics: Symbols #1 - #7

Tin Cans

*Electronics

**no items with freon*

For a complete list of acceptable items visit:

www.delburne.ca/about-delburne/garbage-and-recycling/eco-station

No Wipes in the Pipes



Help Keep Our Sewers Clear

There are wipes that are marketed as “flushable” but that does not mean they are biodegradable.

Wipes do not decompose after they are flushed and this can clog our sewer system which is costly to repair.



Flushable does not mean it's BIODEGRADABLE

The only item that should be flushed is toilet paper.

DO NOT FLUSH

BABY WIPES	BANDAGES	CAT LITTER	CIGARETTE BUTTS
CONDOMS	COTTON SWABS	DENTAL FLOSS	DIAPERS
FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS	GREASE	HAIR	MAKE-UP PADS OR WIPES
OILS	PAPER TOWEL	PLASTIC ITEMS	RAGS
SWIFFER DUSTERS OR WIPES		TISSUES	



Protect your drain by scraping leftovers into the garbage and by using a sink strainer.

For information about utility services in the Village of Delburne, please visit our website:

www.delburne.ca/about-delburne/utilities

Village of Delburne Employment Opportunity Seasonal Public Works Labourer

The successful applicant will report directly to the Public Works Foreman. The position is from April 1 to October 31 each year and may include some work through the winter months for snow removal. Duties will include, but will not be limited to, the operation and maintenance of water and sewer equipment; installation of water and sewer mains and service lines; operation and maintenance of equipment and vehicles; road, street and sidewalk construction and maintenance; maintenance and repair of parks and recreation facilities.

Applicants must be able to work with minimum supervision, must work well with the public and be responsible and civic minded. He or she must have, or be willing to obtain, an understanding of the water and sewer systems, treatment facilities, and water and sewer main construction, a knowledge of road construction and maintenance, knowledge of equipment operation and maintenance, ability to interpret and work from blueprints and engineering plans and drawings. Good communication skills, both written and oral, will be an asset. This position may lead to a permanent, full-time position for the right candidate.

Experience and Educational Requirements:

1. Possess a current and valid driver's license. A driver's abstract will be required by the successful candidate.
2. Good physical condition.
3. Working knowledge of equipment operation, Public Works construction and maintenance, and a practical aptitude to carry out work assignments and duties.
4. Must have a minimum of Grade 12 or equivalent education.
5. Provide a criminal records check.

The Village of Delburne will accept applications for the position of Seasonal Public Works Labourer until 12:00 PM on March 15, 2025. A cover page and resume attached should be addressed to:

Gary Rusaw
Public Works Foreman
Village of Delburne
Box 341
Delburne, AB T0M 0V0
Email: gary.rusaw@delburne.ca

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

October 20, 2025 is the next municipal general election

Are you registered to vote?

Contact Voterlink to:

- Check if you are registered
- Update your registration
- Register to vote

 www.voterlink.ab.ca

 780-427-7191

 info@elections.ab.ca



An eligible voter is:

- A Canadian Citizen
- 18+ years of age
- A resident of Alberta

To register or update your information you will need an Alberta Driver's License or an Alberta Identification Card.

Delburne Playschool is seeking a Level 2 Early Childhood Educator (ECE) for our upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

Level 1 ECE may also be considered.

Hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings, with the possibility of full days.

Deadline to submit a resume is Thursday, March 20th.

Please email your resume or questions to delburneplaychool@hotmail.com.

The Delburne & District Chamber of Commerce is looking for a qualified Manager for the Delburne Farmers' Market 2025 Season!

If you love dealing with the public and want to promote our local 'growers, makers, and bakers', we'd love to hear from you. This is an accredited Market with the Alberta Farmers' Market Association, and we do require that applicants either have or are willing to take the Farmers' Market Management Course.

The Market will run four hours per day, one day per week from June through September, weather permitting.

Interested applicants can submit their resumes outlining qualifications and experience to Delburne & District Chamber of Commerce, Box 254, Delburne AB T0M 0V0, or via email to delburnechamber@gmail.com.

All applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors prior to interviews being arranged.

Deadline for applications will be Wednesday, April 30, 2025.



2025 Property Assessments

Village of Delburne property owners will receive their property assessment notices at the beginning of March. Council will set the 2025 tax rate in April and tax notices will be mailed out in May. Property taxes must be paid on or before June 30, 2025. A 15% late penalty will be applied on July 1, 2025.

Assessment Complaints

Before filing a complaint, we recommend discussing your assessment with Village Assessor Kevin Bohlken, from Wild Rose Assessment Services, at 403-343-3357.

The deadline to file an **Assessment Review Board Complaint** is **67 days** from the assessment mailing date. An assessment complaint form can be picked up at the Village Office or downloaded online at: www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/as/LGS1402.pdf

Funded in part by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program | | | Red Deer County Family and Community Support Services

AGE-FRIENDLY 55+

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
PINE LAKE HUB

Wednesday March 19 | 11:30 AM

Join us for senior-based community info while connecting with new & old friends over light lunch. This month's topic:
Fraud Prevention - Recognizing Frauds & Scams

To register visit rdcounty.ca/programs or call 403.350.2150

What do you get from purchasing a Delburne Business License?

- Entered into our online business directory for customers to find you: www.delburne.ca/business
- The Village Office will refer your contact information to anyone who is looking for a business in your industry.
- Authority to advertise throughout the Village and in our municipal newsletter, the Village Voice.
- In compliance with the Village's Bylaw No. 847, the Business License Bylaw.

Business Licenses are \$10. Application forms are available at the Village Office or download it online at www.delburne.ca/business

HEADQUARTERS SALON

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403-749-2242

Golden Circle Outreach Delburne



Outreach Services Available:

Alberta Senior Benefits
Assistance with Government Forms
Referrals for Tax Assistance
Home Maintenance Services
Homestyle Frozen Meal Program
Housing Resource List
Information and Referral Services
Supportive Medical Transportation

Toll Free Elder Abuse Line

1 (877) 454-2580

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

For more information contact

Outreach Coordinator:
(403) 343-6074



Walk-In's at Delburne Municipal Office

Anytime Between:
10:00am-12:00pm

Monday, March 3rd, 2025
Monday, March 17th, 2025

PINE LAKE SINGERS

Spring MUSIC Concert



Sunday, April 6

2:00 pm

Pine Lake Hub

\$5.00

Great Music! Prizes
Super lunch!



The library will be hosting a drop-in program for people wanting help with their tech (cell phones, tablets, iPad) This is offered by the library and the Henday Assoc for Lifelong Learning. They will be coming out every 3rd Friday starting March 21, and will be here from 11-12 pm to answer your tech questions.

Delburne Municipal Library

Henday Assoc. for Lifelong Learning is holding a St. Patty's Day craft on March 14 from 1-3 pm. They are hoping to introduce themselves to the community.

The library is hosting PD Movie Day. March 7th @ 2 pm Tangled or Paddington

March 21st @ 2 pm Hotel Transylvania or Ferdinand

Choice to be determined by the kids.

Teen Night
Wednesdays from
4:30-8 pm

Come down and play video games, board games or just play on the computers. This is a free drop in event.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Canadian Mental Health Assoc., Alberta Recovery College and FCSS are hosting a FREE Winter Wellness Series. This will be run at the library on:

Monday March 17 - The ABC's of Emotional Coping 5-7 pm

Monday March 24 - Self-Care, Stress & Planning for Wellness 5-6:30 pm

Monday March 31 - Eight Strategies to Manage Stress and Emotions 5-6 pm

Delburne Food Bank

Food hampers are filled every Wednesday.

Call 403-598-3588

Please leave a detailed message before 9 am on Wednesday morning.

A Food Bank volunteer will call you back to arrange a pick-up time.

Hamper pick-ups take place at the back door of the Village Office - 2111 20th St.



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Certified Clinical Trauma Professional



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Please call for a 15 minute free consultation



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DELBURNE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT SPRING 2025 FUNDING

The Delburne Community Support Grant provides funding to local non-profit organizations to assist with programming and development.

Application forms are available at the Village Office or www.delburne.ca/about-delburne/grants-funding

Application Deadline: March 15th



If your group has received funding, make sure that you have submitted the "Accounting of Funds" form.

For inquiries, please contact the Village Office at 403-749-3606 or village@delburne.ca

More Committee members are needed! We meet in the Spring and Fall to decide on funding allocations. If interested, please write a letter to Council asking to join the committee.



Delburne & District Drop-In Centre **CRAFT DAY: PAINT POURING**

Limited to first 12 people **\$20**

Pre-Registration Deadline: March 11

Pre-Register with Deposit by March 7
with Linda A. Call 403.3044408

Please dress for a mess

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Grant & Sharon Riggins would like to thank everyone who sent texts, cards, and phone calls for the passing of Grant's mom, Lorraine Riggins.

She passed peacefully on January 23, 2025 at the age of 92.

The deadline for the April issue of the Village Voice is Monday, March 17th.

Email your submissions to villagevoice@delburne.ca.

SPRING Forward

Daylight Savings Time Begins!

Sunday, March 9th at 2 am

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead by one hour before bed on Saturday, March 8th.

It is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



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Delburne, AB

[mr.knightly](https://www.instagram.com/mr.knightly)

☎ 587.877.6920
mr.knightly@yahoo.ca

What's Happening at Delburne School...

March 3: HS students welding course at Olds College

March 4: Ski Trip to Nakiska for Grades 7 - 12

March 7: PD Day (no school for students)

March 13, 17 - 20: Swimming Lessons for Grades 2 & 4

March 20: HS students welding course at Olds College

March 21: PD Day (no school for students)

March 24 - 28: Swimming Lessons for Grades 1 & 6

Did You Know?

- ⇒ Kindergarten registration is now open. Please note that your child must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2025. For information, please contact the school at 403-749-3838.
- ⇒ Our Grade 7 - 9 Leadership students hosted an after school Valentine's Dance. It was a great success.
- ⇒ Come cheer on our 4 basketball teams. Our Jr. A Girls recently won GOLD at the Caroline Tournament.

Delburne Playschool Registration Opens April 1st for Fall enrollment; 2025/2026 school year.

Child must be at least 3 years old, and able to use the bathroom independently.

Delburne Playschool is having a
Registration Night

Tuesday April 1st from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
at 2101 20th Street.

Come check out the space and
meet the teachers!

You may also contact

delburneplaysschool@hotmail.com or
text **403-877-8433**

with any questions or to request a copy of
the new enrollment form & policy book.

Thank you to Dustin for helping me find my puppy!

~ Tim

Check out Delburne's online community events calendar!

www.delburne.ca/news-events/events-calendar

If you missed submitting an event to the Village Voice,

email us at our main email address

village@delburne.ca

and we will post it to the online calendar.



Get your monthly
utility bill sent to
your inbox



Sign up for
e-billing!

Pick up a form at the Village Office
or download it at from our website
www.delburne.ca/about-delburne/utilities

Email: billing@delburne.ca Phone: 403-749-3606

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Mon & Tues 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Wed to Fri 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sun Closed

Check out my work: @mandy4663



Delburne & District
Drop-In Centre
6th Annual
FUN
Single Player

Cribbage Tournament



SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH

DOORS OPEN AT 8AM
GAMES START AT 10AM SHARP

\$20

INCLUDES LUNCH
Cash Prizes - Door Prizes
25 cent 19-hand pot & Skunk Pot

PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY - BEFORE MARCH 10/25
LINDA ATTFIELD 403-304-4408 * ELDON CARLSON 403-749-3793

We welcome all ages 13+ with experience
Bring your Irish Luck - Wear Green



*St. Patrick's
Day*

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

MUSIC JAM NIGHT

MONDAY, MARCH 17TH
7 PM - 10 PM
DELBURNE COMMUNITY HALL



**BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT AND
CONNECT WITH OTHER MUSICIANS**

MUSIC FANS ARE INVITED TO COME & LISTEN
CASH BAR WITH ALCOHOLIC & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

COME SUPPORT ARTS & CULTURE IN OUR COMMUNITY



**A FUNDRAISER FOR THE
DELBURNE COMMUNITY HALL SOCIETY
& THE DELBURNE-ARDLEY LEGION**



**Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 142 Delburne Ardley**

Pub/Fun Nights

Thursdays from 18:00 to 22:00
2020 22 Ave, Delburne

No membership required.

Cash Bar. Non-alcoholic drinks available.
We have a dartboard (bring your own darts),
shuffleboard, and cribbage.

Follow us on Facebook:
Royal Canadian Legion 142 Delburne Ardley



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The Canadian Mental Health Association,
Alberta Recovery College, & FCSS are
pleased to offer a FREE

Winter Wellness Series

JOIN ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FREE
WORKSHOPS. NO RESISTRATION NECESSARY:

**March 17th 5:00-7:00 PM:
The ABCs of Emotional Coping**

**March 24th 5:00-6:30 PM:
Self-Care, Stress, & Planning for
Wellness**

**March 31st 5:00-6:00 PM:
Eight Strategies to Manage Stress &
Emotions**

DELBURNE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY
LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED

QUESTIONS: CALL 403.749.3654



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JOIN THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOP AT
NO CHARGE, AND NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY:

ABC's of Emotional Coping

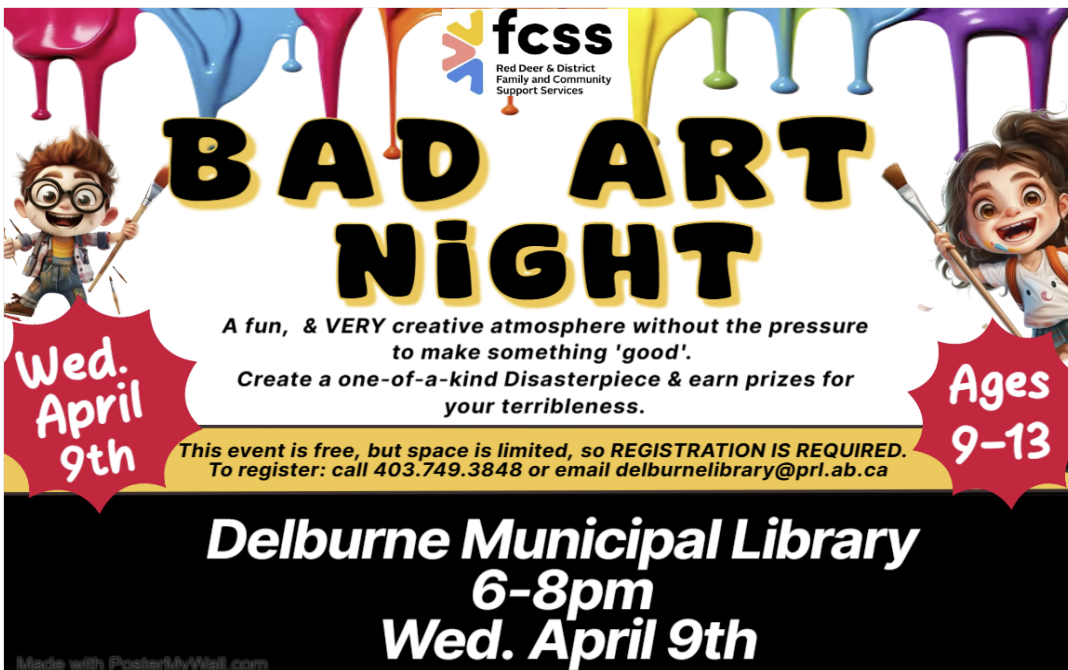
This interactive workshop helps you plan
for emotionally difficult situations.

Emotional management skills must be
exercised in order to stay strong &
effective. Intense or unexpected emotions
can be overwhelming & hard to manage.
Using the ABCs can help curb the impact of
even the most intense emotions.

**Delburne Municipal Library
Mon. March 17th
5-7 pm**

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Red Deer & District
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BAD ART NIGHT

*A fun, & VERY creative atmosphere without the pressure
to make something 'good'.
Create a one-of-a-kind Disasterpiece & earn prizes for
your terribleness.*

Wed. April 9th

Ages 9-13

*This event is free, but space is limited, so REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
To register: call 403.749.3848 or email delburnelibrary@prl.ab.ca*

**Delburne Municipal Library
6-8pm
Wed. April 9th**

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FCSS & CPA are offering
free income tax
preparation for
Delburne and area seniors
and those meeting low
income thresholds.

For information or
to book an appointment,
call FCSS at 403.749.3654




**JOIN THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOP AT
NO CHARGE, AND NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY:**

Eight Strategies to Help Manage Stress & Emotions

This interactive workshop focuses on understanding and managing our emotions and stress.

Let's explore the difference awareness, acceptance, control, connection, and four more strategies can make as we learn to live better lives, even in difficult times.

**Delburne Municipal Library
Mon. March 31st
5-6 pm**

LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED
QUESTIONS: CALL 403.749.3654

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**JOIN THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOP AT
NO CHARGE, AND NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY:**

Self-Care, Stress, & Planning for Wellness

This interactive workshop focuses on self-care during difficult times, and when experiencing stress.

You'll learn some excellent strategies, and how to use tools that can help you plan for wellness, carry you through difficult times, and move into the future you want and deserve.

**Delburne Municipal Library
Mon. March 24th
5:00-6:30 PM**

LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED
QUESTIONS: CALL 403.749.3654

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Free Movie Party on P.D. Days

**March 7th & 21st
2:00 PM**

Delburne Library

**Snacks & Drinks provided
No registration required**



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