# THE BRETON BOOSTER

### Breton Museum Celebrates Black History Month From Allan Goddard

When the Breton museum was established in 1987 one of the first tasks the Museum Board had to determine was, what themes the museum would focus on. The Board asked themselves the question, what would make the Breton Museum stand out from other small museums in the Province? The Board pondered this question for some time, and eventually choose four themes that the museum would focus on.

Before there was a Breton there was the community of Keystone founded by a group of African American's about 1910. Keystone was one of four rural communities in Alberta that was started at that time by African American settlers.

The lumbering industry which played a vital role in the community especially, from the mid 1920's until the early 1950's, after the railway brought access to the timber resources of the area.

Agriculture was also chosen not because it was unique to only the Breton community, but for the establishment of the Breton Soil Plots by the University of Alberta in 1929. The research carried out by the University on grey wooded soils has advanced agriculture not only in the area but throughout western Canada. Many of the agricultural practices that were brought

from the prairie areas did not work on grey wooded soils and agriculture struggled in the early days to find cropping practices that would work for the area.

The fourth theme was community, how did the community of Breton start, who were the people, businesses and organizations that have made Breton what it is today.

The story of Keystone has proven to be the theme which has brought the Breton Museum the greatest exposure. At the time this theme was chosen very little research was being carried out on black history in Alberta. Over the years that has changed significantly.

Twenty five years ago the Breton Museum started celebrating Black History Month. At that time it was a small event held at the museum but over the years it has grown to what it is presently. While the Breton Museum only tells one small part of the story of Black History in Alberta it pays tribute to those families who settled Keystone and the hardships they had to endure.

Join the Breton Museum and the Faith Covenant Church at **2 pm on February 23 to celebrate Black History Month 2020.** 

Admission to the event is by donation, also the Museum is conducting a food drive for the Breton Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable food items for the food drive and help out a very worthwhile organization in our community, to help those who are experiencing difficult times.



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**BOSSERT, Clark** 1959 – 2020

On Wednesday, January 29, 2020 Clark Bossert passed away at the age of 60.

He will be remembered by his common-law wife, Jenny Fedorchuk. Clark also leaves behind his brothers, Dale & Brian; sisters, Luann & Linda Jean; step-daughter, Tammy (Kevin); step-sons, Paul (Theresa) & Andy (Jennifer); his children, Dallas, Leanne, Chelsea & Samuel; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Clark was predeceased by his dad, Hugh Bossert; his mom, Margaret Jean Rathgeber; step-dad Merton Rathgeber; and his brother, Kim Rathgeber.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Breton Community Hall Interment will follow at a later date.

Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca.



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Dawson Wolf Snell January 10, 2020

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## **Hey Breton!**

Everyone is invited to an appreciation potluck dinner for our wonderful community veterinarian Chris Bredin. Let's join together and thank her for all the years of great care of our dogs, cats, cows, and horses! Please join us on February 27th at the Breton Firehall at 6 p.m. Any questions please call: 780-898-4752



The family of Vera Kolt would like to extend their gratitude for your thoughtfulness, kind words and donations to the Warburg St. Charles Cemetery and STARS in her memory.

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." - Mother Teresa



THE BRETON MUSEUM CELEBRATES

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 23, 2020 2:00 pm Breton Faith Covenant Church 4712 - 53 Avenue Admission: By donation

**Featuring: Shiloh Centre for Multicultural Roots Collective** *Musicians from African, American, Canadian and Caribbean roots blend their voices to take you on a journey through the eras of black music from slavery to the 21st century* 

For Information Contact: bretonmuse@yahoo.com Ph: 780-898-1155 www. bretonmuseum.ca

*Donations of non-perishable food will be collected for the Breton Food Bank* 



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### BRETON ANIMAL HEALTH VETERINARY SERVICES EST. 1985

After 35 years, it is with a sad and heavy heart that we announce needing to close the Vet Clinic in Breton on February 29, 2020 due to circumstances involving regulatory changes in the profession as well as ongoing unmet personal and family responsibilities. It is with the most intense love and gratitude to all for allowing me to share our paths in life together for all these years. Please feel free to stay in contact by email: breton.vet@gmail.com or cell phone: 780.514.4852. If you ever require any information or for any reason at all!

Most sincerely, from all of us, Sue, Ruth, Nicole, Christina and Colin Bredin & Oreo...

### DR. CHRISTINA BREDIN BOX 750 BRETON, AB TOC 0P0 EMAIL: BRETON.VET@GMAIL.COM PH: 780.696.3787 CELL: 780.514.4852



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### GAS UTILITY OPERATOR

Buck Mountain Gas Co-op Ltd. is located in the Village of Warburg. Warburg is located approx. 50 km west of Leduc, or 50 km east of Drayton Valley.

Our team is seeking a Gas Utility Operator. This individual will be responsible for various operations of the gas co-ops utility system. Reporting to the Field Supervisor, the Gas Utility Operator is responsible for maintaining and operating all natural gas facilities and equipment in order to safely supply reliable, ample and clean natural gas to the franchise area. Our franchise area spans three counties: Brazeau, Leduc and Wetaskiwin County #10. The successful candidate must be willing to relocate to franchise area.

Qualifications:

- Valid Gas Utility Operator Certificate
- Journeyman Gasfitter is an asset
- Knowledge in RMO Station Operations
- Valid class 5 Alberta Motor Vehicle Operator's License
- Mechanically inclined
- Experience in gas distribution preferred
- Must be able to participate in on-call rotation

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Please forward a cover letter, resume and references by **March 15, 2020** to: Barry Bender, General Manager Box 209, Warburg, AB TOC 2TO Email: barryb@buckmountaingas.ca





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### MICHAEL JACOB 780-991-1008 MIKE PETRACEK 780-699-3700

Emergency Town & City Meetings Of all Alberta Patriots - Constitutional Conventions Alberta To Be Republic of Alberta. Let your voices be heard! Please come and be educated on the solution to take back our power without a political party to govern ourselves. We the people, For the people, By the people! Enough is Enough! Thorsby Community Center Feb 22, 2020. From 7 pm to 9 pm. (Call for more info 780.360.5309)

Winter Afternoon at Rundle's Mission on Sunday Feb. 23rd from 1-4 pm. Enjoy a hot dog and hot choc around an outside fire. Talk a walk, snowshoe or cross-country ski (bring your own equipment) on the trails. Ski-waxing clinic at 1 pm with Michael Black. Everyone welcome. For info call 780-389-2422 or info@ rundlesmission.org

Winfield Legion February 25th, 2020 Shrove Tuesday Pancakes Supper 5 pm – 7 pm \$8.00 plate. Kids 5yrs and under eat free. Hope to see you all there.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Bake Sale - hosted by Community United Church (Telfordville) Tuesday, Feb 25, 2020 5:30 - 7 pm. Telfordville Community Hall. Everyone Welcome. Free-will offering.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church - Tuesday, Feb. 25th from 5 pm - 7 pm.

**Winfield Legion Social.** Thursday Feb. 27th, 2020. Potluck Supper, Dance to follow. Doors open 5 pm. Supper 6 pm.

The Warburg Soccer Club is holding its Annual General Meeting on February 27th at 6:30 pm in the Warburg Village office basement.

**Winfield Public Market:** Winfield Hall. Schedule dates from 11 am - 2 pm. Come have a coffee, eat at the concession & visit with our great vendors! Call or text Carla 780-621-1285 for more info. Follow us on Facebook for up to the minute details! **Upcoming Markets:** Regular Markets on March 15th; April 19th.

**Garage and Vendor Sale** in the Sunnybrook Hall,Saturday, March 21, doors open at 10:00 til 4:00. To book a table, text or call Cheryl @780.920-1950. A

## **Community Events Page**

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JAM NIGHT AT BIG TEE - Next Jam Night is Saturday, March 21st. All ages and music welcome! 780.696.3883 for more info!

**Easter Dinner at Warburg Senior's Centre** - Wed. April 8th, 2020 at Noon. \$10 / person. Everyone is welcome!

HAVE YOU HEARD? Over the upcoming year Warburg Alliance Church, 4628-55 Ave, is offering a variety of EXCITING COMMUNITY EVENTS! Something for everyone! email: WAChurch.Betty@gmail.com Betty Desjarlais (403) 418-5266 Cell Upcoming Events: Mother's Day Tea - May 9th, \$5/adult, \$2.50/under 10. 2 - 4pm - photo booth, luncheon, gifts for Moms.

**Tai Chi** meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:00 p.m. For more information please call Barbara at 780-696-6581

Wilton Park Community Centre Monthly Jamboree - 4th Saturday of every month from October -April excl. Dec. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Jam at 7:30 pm. For more info call Ron at 780.985.2478

**Does drinking affect your personal life in any way?** Have friends or family expressed concerns towards your drinking habits? Have you ever tried to quit drinking, but could not manage to do so? AA can help! 5203 -54th Avenue Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00pm 780-270-7903

Breton Golden Age - Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11 am. NEW DAYS - Floor curling is Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Cards Mondays at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome! Call Pat Simpson at (new number) 780.898.5508 for bookings or more information.

**Warburg Museum - Re-opening Feb. 1st.** Open every Saturday (excluding long weekends). Stop in for pie and coffee from 1 - 4 pm.

**FUN & EXERCISE Sandholm Modern Square Dance Club** welcomes new members, YOUTH, COUPLES and SINGLES . Dancing every Thursday from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. at Sandholm Hall (10 Miles south

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BRETON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

The Breton Municipal Library seeks a Library Manager for approximately 28 hours per week.

The ideal candidate will:

- •Have a library tech diploma or other relevant postsecondary education (preferred but not required).
- •Have previous library experience.
- •Be proficient in the use of commonly used computer software, apps, and other technology, and be able to assist patrons in their use.
- •Have experience with book keeping and record keeping.
- •Have experience dealing with the public of all ages and abilities.
- •Have a strong commitment to inclusion and embracing diversity.
- Have access to reliable transportation.
- •Be comfortable working alone.
- •Be able to lift up to 35 pounds, and able to access all levels of the library shelving.

Resumes may be dropped off at the Breton Municipal Library, or emailed to bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca with the subject line "Library Manager Position". Applications will be accepted until **February 24, 2020**.

Full job description may be found at bretonlibrary@ab.ca or contact the Library directly. We thank you for your interest, but only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



Sponsored by the Breton Agricultural Society Saturday March 14 and Sunday March 15

### NON RESTRICTED AND RESTRICTED TWO DAY FIREARMS COURSE

8AM – 5PM Both days Breton Community Hall Cost \$130 for one day or \$250 for both days Lunch is provided Register at the Breton ATB or call 780-696-4890

Minimum 10 participants to run, Maximum 20 Register by March 6

## **18th Annual Bull Rush Simmental Bull Sale**

## Thursday, February 27th at 1:00 p.m. Rimbey Agrium Centre

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of Thorsby) For more information call 780-389-2381 or 780- 387-4927

**Thorsby Bingo -** Bingo is held every Thursday evening at the Senior's Centre. Regular Bingo starts at 7:15 p.m. Early Bird is at 7:00 p.m. Loonie Pots and Progressive Bingos.

**Breton and District Historical Society** Monthly Board meetings are held the 4th Monday of the Month at 7 PM at the Breton Museum. The Board meets January- June and September- November. New members welcomed. To confirm meeting dates and times Ph. 780 898 1155 and for more information go to www. bretonmuseum.ca

Winfield & District Historical Society meets at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every onth at the Winfield Community Hall Meeting Room. New members always welcome!

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** at Thorsby Seniors Cente - Mondays, weigh in at 9:00 to 9:15 am, meetings 9:15 - 9:45 am, for more info call Sherilyn 780-621-3461 or Elaine 780-221-3939.

**Treasures Thrift Shop** located in Community United Church, 5112-53 St. Warburg, is open Wednesdays 10 am - 4 pm. Gratefully accepting donations of clean, gently used clothing and small household items on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store Bag Sale - Fill a large bag for \$15 or a small one for \$5! Regular Hours Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm. DONATIONS can now be dropped off at the donation box located at the north door. 4812 - 51 Street Thorsby (south of Esso)

**"Busy Brushes"** meet every Wednesday from 10-2, at the Warburg Cultural Centre. Everyone welcome! Come join us for some relaxing fun and art. Call Linda Mayr @780.848.7782 for more info.

Ashland Dam Park - For reservations call Bruce @ (780) 898-9636.

**Breton Community Center**- To rent the community center please visit our website www.bretonagsociety.com, call 780-696-3561 and leave a message or email us at bretonagsociety@gmail.com

**Camp Barvnok** - For bookings, call Walter 7807172432, or Jason 7809904043, or email bookings@barvnok.com

The Breton Agricultural Society meets every second Thursday of the month (except July and August) at 7 pm at the Breton Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Breton Royal Purple meetings are every third

Monday except in the months of July and August.

**Breton Elks** meetings are at 7:30 pm every third Thursday of the month at the Breton Community Hall, except for July & August.

**Breton Municipal Library Board Meetings** are held the third Wednesday of the month except July and August and are open to the public. Meetings are at 7 PM in the Library.

**Breton Food Bank** - Call 780-696-3669 by Thursday at noon to request a hamper. Please leave a message and a volunteer will contact you.

**The Breton Book Club** will meet at 7:30 pm the second Wednesday of each month, except July and August at the Breton Municipal Library. All readers are welcome.

**Meals on Wheels** - Are you interested in receiving a hot nutritious meal? Please contact Deanne at 780-696-3636

**Village of Breton Council Meetings** - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer and Animal Control Officer - Doris McAllister 780-719-6447.

**Funnell Community Hall** - Meetings held the second Monday of January, April, & July at 7:00 pm at the hall. Everyone welcome to attend. For hall rental or more info contact Kelsey at 709.638.3689.

**Winfield Legion** is available to rent.Rental Inquiries Call Gordon 780-542-1243 or Mona 780-361-9558. Keep eyes open for Upcoming Social Events.

**Warburg Cultural Centre** - For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths, phone Linda McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly.

**Buck Creek Community Assn. Meetings** are held at the Buck Creek Hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8 PM. Jam Dance and Cards Night the first Friday of every month.

Warburg Legion Hall is available for rent at \$75.00/full day and \$50.00/half day with a deposit of \$50.00 that is refundable upon inspection. For Hall rental, please contact Deb/Max 780 848 2923 or (780) 264 9217 or Nancy/Allan 780 848 7756.







## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

On January 21, 2020, I attended a regular County Council meeting. It didn't take long to realize that the ". . . more things change, the more they stay the same . . ."

We pay each councillor \$1595 per month to "address resident concerns." Does this not include reading the agenda, which is available 5 days before the meeting date?

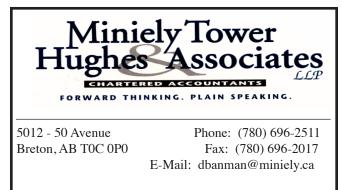
It was clear to me that some council members had not read the agenda as of meeting time. Would it not be appropriate that if you don't read the agenda(s) (to prepare for the meeting) you should not accept the \$1595.

Additionally, each councillor receives a per diem of \$296 (\$195 for  $\frac{1}{2}$  day) and \$275 per month phone allowance, plus mileage and other expenses (and will receive pensions at the appropriate time). If a meeting goes into overtime, the per diem jumps to \$455. Not bad for a part-time job to which no one is rarely (if ever) held to account!

Take in a meeting sometime to see for yourself whether it is money well spent.

### Lynn Oberle

All "Letters To The Editor" must be printed with the name of it's author. Letters To The Editor are the opinions of those who wrote them, not necessarily those of Community 39 Enterprises.



HOURS: Thursdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (or by appointment)

### Letter of Thanks

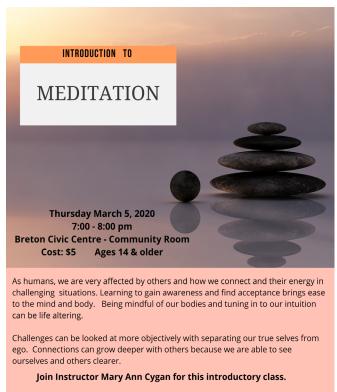
Thank you to the Buck Mountain Gas Co-op board for the dedication and employment that you have provided me for the past 29 years.

The board is comprised of 7 directors, chair Linda Floden, vice chair, Reg Schmidt, secretary, Mike Woods, Larry Fullerton, Wendy Gollnick, Vern Muth, and Craig Waronick. This board puts in a lot of time and energy into running the gas co-op, so I want to thank them for their dedication.

A special thank you to the board, and to the staff at BMG for the great retirement party that you put on for me. Also to all of my friends and family, past employees and all the crew that attended. The crew made it very easy and enjoyable to come to work every day.

And last but not least I would like to thank my wife who made my lunches for the past 48 years.

Past General Manager For Buck Mountain Gas Co-op Lorne Garrett



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#### **UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS**

- February 27 | Brazeau County and Town of Drayton Valley IDP Public Open House | 5:00 8:00 p.m. | Mackenzie Conference Centre
- March 3 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m. | Council Chamber
- March 4 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 1:00 p.m. | Council Chamber
- March 18 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9:00 a.m. | EOC Room
- March 24 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 1:00 p.m. | Council Chamber

#### "Conservation will ultimately boil ALUS down to rewarding the private Canada landowner who conserves the public interest." -Aldo Leopold, 1934 A Weston Family Initiative Your ALUS projects will produce cleaner ALUS seeks new participants for 2020! air, cleaner water and more biodiversity, Are you a farmer or rancher with some benefiting both your farm and your marginal or ecologically sensitive acres? community. ALUS can help you establish wetlands, native Across Canada, more than 750 agricultural prairie, pollinator habitat and other projects producers have already enrolled over on your land. 23,000 acres in the ALUS program. Even better, ALUS pays you annually to keep these projects in prime working order. Join us! ALUS Ca Nelcome Home For more information, contact your ALUS Program Coordinator: Corbyn Pankonin Box 77, 7401 Twp Rd 494 Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R1 T: 780-542-7777 Brazeau E: ALUS@brazeau.ab.ca

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## Economic Development On The Move

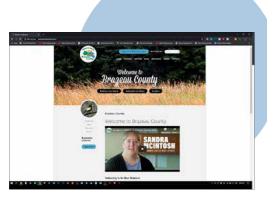
Brazeau County's economic development website is now live! Sandra and Melissa, our economic development team, have been working hard behind the scenes to make this website amazing!

Go to www.BusinessinBrazeau.com and check us out! We are the information portal for everything economic development related in Brazeau County.

While you are on the website, check out all the tabs:

- 1. Business Directory We have more space for our local businesses to add more information about your businesses.
- 2. Business License Application It's free and voluntary, but you should fill it out anyway.
- 3. Investment A spot where we can highlight opportunities in Brazeau County
- Resources This is where we can help connect our local businesses with the people and the companies to help achieve their next success.
- Visitors A great place for potential new businesses and new employees to find out why Brazeau County is not only where you want to work, but it's also where you want to live.
- Blog We have introduced a Blog series for 2020. Check out our inaugural blog post to start the year off right!

If you would like to see your business listed on the directory, call Sandra McIntosh at 780-542-7777 or email her at smcintosh@brazeau.ab.ca



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Family Day Celebrations - Thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed our winter Family Day activities. Even though the day was a bit cooler, there were lots of laughter, smiles and families enjoying the day together. This day would not be possible without the support of our dedicated teamsters - Dale and Shannon Metzger, the Village of Breton, Brazeau County, Brighter Futures and Breton FCSS. Thank you to Ralph Becker, Cheeky Doodles, Still Twisted Balloons and Pretty Baked for adding to our day. We hope that you found time to enjoy with your Family. There are lots of opportunities to enjoy free family time together in our community throughout the year. Go for a skate at the outdoor rink followed by a wiener roast at the RV Park, take in a FREE Community Movie, enjoy the playgrounds and the outdoor exercise equipment at Maple Ridge Park, purchase a family golf pass.

**Selfcare Workshop #2 – Introductory Meditation** - Thursday March 5 – 7:00 – 8:00 pm– Learn to gain awareness and find acceptance to your mind and body through meditation. Instructor MaryAnn Cygan w ill lead us through a couple of different types of meditation. No experience necessary. Cost: \$5 – Ages 14 – Adult, please register with Breton FCSS.

**An evening with Dr. Jody Carrington** – Tuesday March 17 - Brought to you by Breton FCSS and the Brazeau Parenting Coalition we invite you to join us for a presentation by Dr. Jody Carrington – author of Kids These Days. More details to follow.

Selfcare Workshop #3 – What Matters – Learning Your Values - Monday April 6 – With Danielle Reed from Coach on The Go - This workshop is for anyone who wants to choose to live a life in alignment with the things that matter most to them. Sometimes we just get so caught up on the hamster wheel of life...and it can leave us feeling exhausted, disconnected, unhappy and stuck. The alternative is to step back, and really examine what you want to say yes to and what you want to say no to... all from a place of honouring yourself and what matters. When we choose to align who we want to be with how we are actually living our lives....everything changes! This evening will include:

- A brief talk about values, what they are, why they matter and how we dig in to find our own truth

- An opportunity to use the What Matters™ cards to find

### your own top ten values

- Time to create your values' manifesto and set intentions for moving forward connected to all that matters It will be a night of connection, learning, fun and creativity. This is a night for you to focus on YOU! We welcome anyone from Grade 4 to Adult – Cost is \$20 which includes supper. Workshop is from 5:30 – 9:00 pm.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – FREE INCOME TAX PREPERATION - For Low Income Persons, Families, seniors and students. We will begin taking information for tax season on March 1. Although this is something, that most of us would like to avoid thinking about and doing, I am afraid that this is unavoidable. You need to file your income tax each year, even if you have no income to report. By doing this you may receive benefits that you did not know you were eligible for. Also, in the event of the death of your spouse, benefits can easily be transferred to you, if you have filled a return for the last calendar year. If you did not file a tax return in 2019, you may not be receiving benefits from the government that you are eligible for. The focus of the Community Volunteer Tax Program is to assist those individuals who have limited income. This includes seniors, families and students. If your income was in one of the following categories you may qualify for assistance.

1 person		30,000
2 person family		37,000
3 person family		40,500
4 person family		43,500
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We are not able to complete returns with income from the following sources:

Capital Gains or Losses, Farming Income, Rental Income, Self-Employment, Interest exceeding \$1,000, Bankruptcies, Deceased Persons

This service is FREE to those who qualify. If you require this service, please gather your information and bring it to the Village of Breton office Monday to Thursday between 8:30 - 4:00. Clients will be notified when your return is completed. The program will run from March 1 - April 30, 2020

We require the following information in order to complete your return:

Personal Information (Social Insurance Number, Birth date, Marital Status, Address)

Dependant's information – spouse/ children's names, birthdates.

All "T" Slips (T4's, T4A, OAS ect.)

All Forms, Schedules, and Labels you have received from Revenue Canada.

Receipts for any expenses such as medical, moving, tuition, sporting activities. Printouts from your pharmacist are available for those with numerous prescriptions. Previous year's tax returns



Save The Dates! Submitted by the Breton Ag Society

Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15 - Firearms Course

Friday March 27 - Una Notte in Italia

### Friday April 24 - Name That Tune

The Breton Ag Society has been very busy planning some fantastic events for you this spring and we are hoping you will be able to join in the fun!

Our first event is the two-day firearms course on March 14 and 15. This two day course will give you the training you need to apply for your firearms licenses. The first day course is for anyone 12 years of age and up that would like to hunt or carry a hunting firearm. Cost is \$130. The second day is for anyone 18 years of age and up and will give you the training you require to apply to handle a restricted firearm. Cost to take the two day course is \$250. The Breton Ag Society is very pleased to bring this course to our community members. Registration is at the ATB or by calling 780-696-4890. Lunch will be provided to you both days. We do require a minimum of 10 people so please register prior to March 6.

Our second event we have partnered with the Breton High School Travel Club to bring you Una Notte in Italia (A Night in Italy) on Friday March 27. This adult's only evening is going to be a grand Italian event with Italian themed drinks, food by Bob Ronnie Catering as well as Italian themed auction items and raffle items. Entertainment includes a hypnotist show by Jaydee Comedy followed by a live band Siren's Lament. Tickets for this fantastic evening will be sold in advance for \$40 and available at the ATB in Breton. If you would like to donate to this evening please contact Rhonda @ 780-514-5200.

Back by popular demand is our Name that Tune evening. Join us on Friday April 24 to have your team crowned as the Name That Tune champions of 2020! More details of this event to follow in the coming weeks but the evening is looking to be bigger and better than last year so start stacking a team and picking a team name.

As always our events are on our website or you can find details from one of our great Ag Society members. If you would like to volunteer your time or come see what we are all about please contact us, we would love to have new ideas and people.



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### Food Bank Update

Breton Food Bank had a record year in 2019. We distributed 301 hampers to clients in our service area. We serve the County of Brazeau east of R.R. 60 and the Wetaskiwin County west of R.R. #30 to the west end of Wetaskiwin County including Buck Lake & Alder Flats.

Hampers include non-perishables (cereal, soup, soda crackers, canned fish/meat, jam, peanut butter, pasta, KD, rice and/or potato, canned veggies, fruit, beans, tomatoes, pasta sauce, juice, granola bars) and perishables (bread, pastry, eggs, frozen meat, milk, margarine, cheese). In 2019 we provided breakfast, lunch and supper for 5-7 days to 65 different households. The total number of people fed was 1023. This was the equivalent of feeding a minimum of 42 people one meal everyday in 2019. This could not have been accomplished without the help of many hands who volunteered, and many hearts who gave generously.

In the latter part of 2018, the food bank began the process of becoming the Drayton Valley Walmart's affiliate food bank so we could receive rescue food products from that Walmart store. We greatly appreciate the non-perishable and non-food items we receive. These items have been damaged (in transport and/ or in store), but the damage does not affect the quality of the product. The rescue products help us provide food and non-food items to our clients that we normally would not purchase.

In October we also held our "Annual Food & Fund Drive". We are very thankful for the 24 volunteers who gave of their time to canvass the Village of Breton, and also to process donations. We are proud of our generous community who donated \$641.95 in monetary donations and 1571 lbs of food donations. Thank you to Breton Elementary, Breton High School and Breton businesses for their support during Food Drive week and also to Breton F.C.S.S. for providing pizza for our hungry volunteers. Mr. Gauvin who donated their baking to the food bank and also for the monetary donations they collected. Thank you to Buck Mountain Central School who collected food donations at 2019 school functions and also delivered the donations to the Breton Food Bank.

Thank you to the organizations and individuals who gave monetary and/or food donations thru out 2019. The Black History Month Celebration, Breton Elks Community Christmas Party, Winfield Community Health Services, and the FCSS Christmas Supper also received donations on our behalf in 2019. Big Tee Restaurant, Alsike Gas, Breton Supermarket and Wild Rose Thrift and Consign collected coins in our coin jars, thank you! We are grateful for these events and to the people who gave so generously.

We are also grateful to the Breton Faith Covenant Church Council and congregation for allowing the Food Bank to use their building as our base of operation and for their financial support, encouragement and prayers. If we have accidentally missed thanking you, please accept our apology.

Looking ahead, 2020 could be a busy year also, as our economy is slow to recover. Businesses are still closing down, people are still being laid off, many are still unemployed, and the cost of living continues to increase. Families, seniors and individuals are struggling to make ends meet and those who are unable to work due to a disability and those who have health problems requiring medication even more so.

If you are in need of a hamper, call 780-696-3669 and leave a voicemail in the Food Bank voicemail box. We do not accept referrals, only direct requests from individuals.

We thank God for His provision, we pray for continued support from our service area, so that we would be able to continue to provide for those who are in need. May God bless you all in 2020!

Thank you to the Breton High Foods class and |



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### The Founding of Keystone The William Allen Story

In all the communities settled in rural Alberta by African American's from Oklahoma and other neighboring States from about 1908-1911 it appears that an individual or small group would scout out an area that they felt would be suitable for others to settle and then contact families back home. All the communities, started at this time, were fairly remote and it is likely they were chosen so families could obtain homesteads in close proximity to each other and create their own community. For the Keystone community it is William Allen that is credited for being the one to scout out the area and felt that it would be a suitable area for other black families to move to. He then contacted other families from Oklahoma to settle in the area.

William Allen was born in Georgia in 1853 and lived in several States before moving Oklahoma. After a clash with the KKK in Oklahoma he decided to try Canada and along with his wife Mattie and several children they moved to Keystone. Mr. Allen came to Canada in about 1907 and in 1909 he filed on a homestead. The Dominion Land Survey had only been completed in 1906 and it was after that date the area would have been opened up for homesteads. One of the only persons living in the area at that time was Richard Funnell who had filed on a homestead in 1907. Numerous other African American families would move to the area in the next few years. William Allen's two sons Harry and Lee also filed on homesteads in Keystone, and his daughter Pearl married Alvin Ramsey.

It was at William Allen's home that the community met in September 1911 for the purpose of establishing a church which they named the "Good Hope Baptist Mission". The Allen family was active in the establishment of the Funnell School and part of the Keystone Cemetery is located on the Harry Allen's homestead. Archival records at the museum and other sources can follow the Allen family in the community to the mid to late 1920's. We know that William Allen was alive in June 1923 from a border crossing document when he returned to visit his son in Utah. At that time he is 69 years of age and is listed as being a widow. Harry Allen's land was purchased by the Art Westling family in 1927, as a result of a tax sale on a number of properties in the Keystone area. It is after that we lose track of the Family and it is very likely that they moved from the area.

The Breton museum continues to research the history of the Keystone community and the families that settled Keystone. For every question we find the answer to there is usually more questions that need answered, so the research continues.



### **Covenant Corner** from Pastor Jeff Gooderham

from Pastor Jell Goodernam

A.W. Tozer once wrote; "The meek man is not a human mouse afflicted with a sense of his own inferiority. Rather he may be in his moral life as bold as a lion and as strong as Samson; but he has stopped being fooled about himself. He has accepted God's estimate of his own life. He knows he is as weak and helpless as God declared him to be, but paradoxically, he knows at the same time that he is, in the sight of God, of more importance than the angels themselves. In himself, nothing; in God, everything. That is his motto."





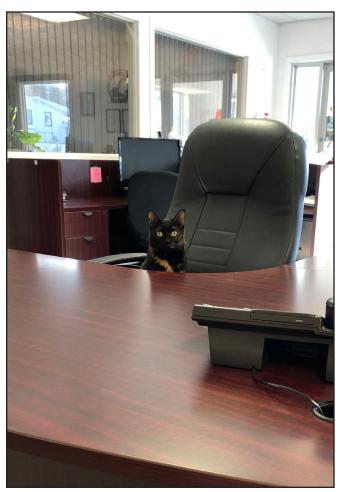
everyone is silent. Stomach: I will now demonstrate the mating call of a whale.

Bad puns.

### That's how eye roll.

*Experts:* A serving size of chips is 10 chips.

Actual humans: I eat 10 chips while I'm standing in the pantry with the bag open, trying to decide if I want to eat chips.



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