THE BRETON BOOSTER

Breton Royal Purple Elks Community Calendar

May of 1992 saw the beginning of a very exciting project sponsored by Breton Royal Purple of the day. Several members began canvassing for the Community Calendar, and as May was designated speech and hearing month, this project was launched.

The first picture was of the Memorial Monument located at the Breton Cemetery. As time went forward pictures were collected from groups and individuals from the Breton community.

This calendar gave residents an opportunity to recognize birthdays, anniversaries, and deaths of loved ones. Organizations advertised their meeting days. Also, local businesses had an opportunity to advertise.

But the hands of time slowly started to take a toll on this project. Firstly, several members succumbed to old age. Modern technology began inducing pressure on the printing industry. Finally our good old Covid-19 has dealt a final blow. Linmark Publishing has been printing these calendars since their beginning. Unfortunately, Linmark has decided to cease operation.

It is with heavy heart and sadness that a decision to cease production of the Community Calendar was made. To all who have supported this project over the past 28 years, thank you. To the volunteers who pushed this project forward, thank you so much for all your efforts.



Village of Breton Holiday Office Hours

Closed on December 24th – January 3rd, 2021

Payments postmarked or made online dated December 31st will be honored without penalties.

Breton Booster Holiday Schedule

The office of the papers will be closed December 24th - January 3

The last Breton Booster of the year will be published on December 23rd.



We wish you all a wonderful Christmas season and the happiest of the new year.



FOUND

Chainsaw found - On Township Rd. 470, West of Highway 20. 780-696-2227 to claim. (2-2)

FOR SALE

Woodworkers Hobby Shop / Machine and Tool Sale: Asst'd Material, Wood - Everything must be sold! Asking Price - Asking Offers!! For a personal viewing appointment or list please contact 780-221-8544 (3-3)

HAY HAY HAY - Winter's Here! <u>130 2nd cut alfalfa</u> <u>bales</u>, large round, no rain - baled dry. Horse & dairy quality. Protein samples avail. \$85; <u>21 grass bales</u>, baled dry, horse quality. \$45; <u>38 1st cut alfalfa</u>, 70% alfalfa 30% timothy, large 1200lb-1400lb bales, good quality. \$60. All located in the Pigeon Lake area.

780.405.3260 (2-3)

Frozen Rasperries for Sale: Ice cream pail size. \$20 per bag. 780.696.2447 (2-2)

Butcher ready pigs for sale. Must be picked up live. Contact Tyler at (780) 621-7120 (1-1kr)

SERVICES

SNOW REMOVAL - Breton & area driveway plowing for winter storms. Please call Pat Garrett for any snow plowing needs.

780.621.7989 (3-4)

FOR RENT COMMERCIAL

Building for rent in Breton - \$500/mth plus utilities. Call 780.696.3551 (3-3kr)

BUILDERS/RENOVATIONS

Custom Built Epoxy Countertops and Interior Renovations - are you looking to update your countertops, renovate your home or need home repairs - call Greg Sharman @ 780.898.3866 or visit www. gregsharman.com or www.counter.gregsharman.com (3-3kr)

Dueck Construction can build from start to finish: framing, insulating, drywall & taping, painting, tile work, base boards, custom cabinetry, siding & decks. References available. Phone Mike 780-621-3658 (26-50)

Classified Ads

- call or text 780-887-0077
- drop off your ad at The Breton Library
- email media@community39.com



Glenn Kenneth Prysko September 2, 1948 - December 16, 2003

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Love Always Judy

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The Breton CentraPlex Skating Rink will be opening the weekend of December 12

Due to Covid-19 the skate change building will remain closed.

Please follow Covid-19 AHS Protocols for Social Distancing.

Individuals or households who independently go skating at rinks and ponds are not considered to be part of a social gathering.

However, if a group of people attends a rink or pond together to skate, this is a social gathering.

Therefore, groups coming to skate together cannot be more than 10 people, unless they are part of the same household.

These 10 people should maintain physical distancing from each other - and everyone else - at all times.

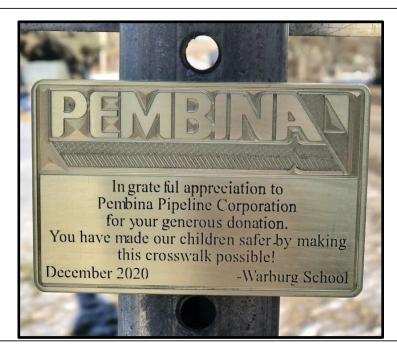
> Games like shinny or pick-up hockey should not occur.

The Golden Spur Gymkhana Club would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU to the following businesses and individuals for their support and contributions towards our 2020 season.

Prizes: Donations/Sponsors: -Keddies -Village of Breton -AKJ Contracting and Services Inc. -Western Outfitters -Bpoe Gem -Ellys Woodwork -Jim and Ev Aldous -Jones Boys - Ponoka -Brazeau County -Classic Embroidery -Big Tee Restaurant -Country Stitch Design -Breton Family Dining -DH Custom Conchos and Leather -Urban Habitat -IGA Drayton Valley Please Note: Annual General Meeting - January 23, 2021@ 1 pm Location: TBA

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It is with sincere appreciation that we say THANK YOU to <u>Pembina Pipeline Corporation</u> for their generous donation. For many years, we have worked to get crosswalks installed to keep our community safe while crossing the busy highway 770 that runs through town. <u>Pembina</u> donated <u>all</u> of the funds needed to purchase a set of cross-walk lights. The lights were installed October 2020 and have been a great benefit to so many, especially our young school aged children. We want to formally recognize Pembina for supporting this great safety initiative!



Also, a special THANK YOU to <u>Al and Louise McBeath Schoepp</u> for creating this beautiful plaque as a tribute to Pembina.

The Warburg Legion, Branch No. 205 would like to acknowledge the business sector, community groups, schools, village and town service centers for their support of the Poppy Fund Campaign, Wreath Rental Service and Poppy Trays

Thank you.

Alsike:

Alsike Corner Gas

Breton:

AIF/Napa & Ace Hardware **ATB Breton Breton Autobody JNK Mechanical Breton Supermarket Breton Family Foods Breton Family Dining Heads Up Hair Care Breton IDA Pharmacy Darren Scott Accounting** Hill & Dale Insurance **Nature's Fuel Liquor Store Breton Elementary School Breton High School Breton Post Office Breton Library Breton Hotel Liquor Store** Village of Breton **Teddy Bear's Restaurant Tempo Gas Breton Esso**

Sunnybrook:

Sunnybrook Hotel & Cafe Sunnybrook Welding Nitro Nut Mechanical Sunnybrook Post Office

Warburg:

Apollo Concrete ATB Financial & Warburg Insurance Martin Deerline R & T Firearms Two B's Flowers Warburg Car Wash & Bottle Depot Warburg Village Market Warburg Library Warburg School Warburg Seed Cleaning Co-op **Warburg Seniors** Wilf Brandt Trucking Village of Warburg Warburg Hotel Warburg Family Drug Store **Buck Mountain Gas Co-op UFA Co-op** Warburg Seed Cleaning Co-op Warburg Corner Cafe Warburg Post Office **Cloverleaf Manor Bancor Accounting**



Village of Breton - December 2020 Notice



The Village Office is still open to the public. Masks are mandatory to enter the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. Social Distancing applies. We ask the public if they can make online payments or mail in payments it would be appreciated to alleviate traffic coming in unless necessary.

Property Taxes: All outstanding property taxes are due December 31st. A penalty of 15% will be levied January 1st, 2021 on taxes and related costs that remain unpaid

Utility Payments: Due December 31st . Penalties will be applied January 4th, 2021

Payments can be made online thru your bank, mailed to the Village Office at Box 480 Breton, AB TOC OPO, credit card at www.breton.ab OPTION PAY, or at the Breton ATB

Payments postmarked or made online dated December 31st will be honored without penalties.

Sidewalks: Residents and business owners are reminded they must by *Sidewalk Maintenance Bylaw 20-06* keep their sidewalks free from snow and ice within 48 hours of a snowfall. Please use ice melt instead of salt to avoid damaging the sidewalk. You are responsible for the cleaning of the sidewalk even if the property is vacant.

Waste Transfer Site: The Breton Waste Transfer Site will be closed Saturday, December 26th.

Village Office Christmas Hours:

Closed December 24th – January 3rd Regular hours resume January 4th, 2021

Breton Golf Course Christmas Special



2021 Golf Memberships at 2020 prices!

Purchase at the Village Office until December 18th



If Interested please TEXT 780.721.9049 (NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE)



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Community Events Page

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Golden Spur Gymkhana Club Annual General Meeting on January 23, 2021 @ 1 pm, location TBA

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

Breton Golden Age Club: Cards (Whist) Mondays at 1 pm. \$3. Floor Curling on Tuesdays at 1 pm \$3. Crib Saturdays at 12:30 pm starting Oct. 17th. Minimal fee. Come join the fun! COVID protocols in place. Masks are optional. Until further notice the Breton Golden Age Club is NOT available for rent. For additional info you can contact Pat Monteith at 780.696.6557 or clwaymon@telus.net

Winfield Community Library is open *Please note we have new hours as of Sept. 6th* Wednesday nights 5 - 8 pm Saturdays 10- 2 pm. Restrictions are in place. No public access to the school, not even the bathrooms. Please call 780-682-2498 for more info.

Thorsby Bingo has been cancelled (due to COVID-19) until further notice.

"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.

MARKETS / THRIFT SHOPS (NON PROFIT)

Winfield Public CANCE Deack for one last market of the year CANCE DI am-2 pm. Call or text Carla for info 780-621-1285.

Treasures Thrift Shop –**IS NOW OPEN!** (With restrictions) Please see signs at the store for everyone's safety. Wednesdays from 10 am - 4 pm. Donations will only be accepted during store hours, please ensure your donations are clean. 5112 - 53 Street Warburg.

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store is open for

"You Dream It – We Build It!"

Christmas Shopping. Christmas Clearance 50 % OFF! Regular hours remain: Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am - 3 pm. All COVID-19 regulations apply when shopping.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Breton & Area FCSS (Family & Community Support Services) Please contact Deanne at 780-696-3636 or email fcss@breton.ca

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.

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

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

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 8:00 pm 780-270-7903

WORSHIP

Faith Covenant Church - 4712 53rd Avenue Breton, Alberta T0C 0P0 office.faithcovenantchurch@gmail. com 780.696.3669

Community United Church – 5112 – 53 St., Warburg. Join us for Sunday morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10:30 AM. For information please phone the church office 780-848-2227.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Thorsby Mass Every Sunday 9:00 am, Father Arun Rodrigues. For more information call 780-987-2858 or visit www. olvthorsby.wordpress.com.



NOW HIRING IN THORSBY & BRETON

Career Opportunities Benefits (Vision, Dental & Health Care) Bonus and RRSP Plans

Job Title: Production Team Member

Base Salary: Start @ \$18.00 hourly

Summary:

· Working in the production facility assembling Arctic Spa Hot Tubs @ Blue Falls Manufacturing in Thorsby & Breton, Alberta.

Required Skills:

- Physically fit and capable of performing repetitive tasks in a fast paced environment.
- · Unskilled and Skilled positions available.
- · Experience working with air tools, hand tools would be an asset.

Key responsibilities:

- Reporting daily to the Production Manager/ Supervisors to be informed of daily tasks.
- · Meet the scheduled build demands as set by daily, weekly, monthly orders.

Physical Demands Required:

- Able to be on your feet 8 hours per day.
- · Able to work in a warm environment.
- · Have no issues with adjusting personal schedule to work overtime hours when required.

PPE:

Due to COVID-19, Mask, safety glasses & steel-toe boots required, any further PPE required will be provided.

This is not a complete statement of all duties and responsibilities of this position. The position holder may be required to carry out any other duties as directed by their Manager.

Please submit resume in person at Blue Falls Manufacturing:

- 4549-52 Street, Thorsby, Alberta T0C 2P0
- 5303-47 Street, Breton, Alberta T0C 0P0
- or via email to hr@goarctic.com





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WORSHIP

St. Matthew's Lutherar phurch Thorsby is holding in-Churce Supplement Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Following Covid protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on You Tube.

Alder Flats Community Bible Church - 780-388-0018, Pastor Samuel Hayford - 780-388-3926. Reg. Sunday Service & School - 11:00 am. Welcome to all!

Warburg Alliance Church is open. 11 a.m. worship service. For more information please phone 780-848-7577, check out our Facebook page or email us warburgalliance@gmail.com.

Warburg Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sat. Sabbath School 10 am, Main Service 11:30 am, Pastor Jason Williams 780-848-2271

COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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

Breton Golden Age Club: Regular Monthly Meetings on the first Monday of the month at 11 am. Come see what we are up to!

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 CHANGING starting in January 2021 to the third Thursday of the month (except in the months of July and August) at 7:30 p.m.

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.

The Breton Book Club has online Facebook

Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month all day. All readers are welcome to join the conversation! Look for us at "Breton Book Club".

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.

Funnell Community Hall - Meetings held the second Monday of January, April, & July at 7:00 pm at the hall. Everyone welcome to attend.

Thorsby & District Fish & Game Regular Meet ings are held on the third Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Warburg Village Office Basement (entrance through the back). Please join us. Contact Bruce at 780-848-2242 for more information.

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!

FACILITY RENTALS

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

Winfield Legion is available to rent. Rental Inguiries - Gordon 780-542-1243 or Mona 780-361-9558

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

Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club 4916 - 50 Ave Calmar: **hall rentals**, please contact Marg Roskewich 780-985-3221. Rental Rates: 4 hr or less \$100 and more than 4 hrs \$200.00

This Holiday Season SHOP LOCAL





May this Christmas season bring you closer to all those that you treasure in your heart.

> Seasons Greetings from Village of Breton Council and Staff

We here at Lone Wolf Mechanical would like to send a huge thank you to the community for supporting us

As long as we are still here we will continue to give back, whether it's helping to raise money, doing after hours service calls, working late into the night to get you back on the road, We can always be reached and are ready to help!

We wish all our customers & the community safe and happy holidays this year and we look forward to serving everyone in the new year.

Thank you, we couldn't be more grateful to this wonderful

587.643.WOLF (9653) Ionewolfmechanic@hotmail.com www.lonewolfmechanic.com 4813 - 50 Ave Thorsby

Our Telephone Book From Gayle Sacuta

Have you ever read a telephone book? There it sat, a permanent fixture on the counter in front of the clock radio, when I was little, wispy pages wrinkled and edge-torn by the time next year's version was released. White pages at one end, yellow at the other, and a skinny blue section filled with public service information such as call before you dig, emergency phone numbers and standard first aid. All the phone numbers with the prefix (579) fit on only a few columns. Our community was so tiny we knew every family within. But today I'm writing about a different telephone book.

The escalation of this Covid business means spending time in remote areas is for the fool hearty. risk takers, or those with no other option. The Covid virus has been taking its toll in our rural communities in more ways than we care to think about, making it harder to connect with loved ones living in special areas. A couple of months back, Mom, a senior over 80 years old, ended up in hospital for three weeks. She needed significant care on return to her condo, lest she be forced to transition to an assisted living situation. My siblings and I stayed night and day for 6 weeks until her confidence returned to be on her own again. We too needed to return to our daily routines. I was looking for a way to spend time together, but apart, especially the first few nights alone. I remembered an idea I had from the past but had never taken up and now seemed like a good time to take it for a drive-the telephone book club, for two.

I learned of this idea a few years back while living in Lethbridge with an elderly room mate, Dorine, who is vision impaired. I walked to work every day to the public library. Every night after dinner, Dorine would slip into the sitting room for a phone call from Atlanta, Georgia, from her son. They read a book together over the phone lines and I thought, what a good idea, and tucked it away. Now I'm doing the same thing. Every day Mom and I call in the morning and ask, do we want to read that night? If so, we set a time. In the evening, then I read to her for 15-30 minutes from a work of fiction. What happens during that time? I feel close even though we are miles apart, Mom has my undivided attention for a full 30 minutes. I learn things about her that I never knew when we talk about the story and she helps me with vocabulary. It's a moment of tenderness between mother and daughter who much of the time have diverse tastes and interests. It builds trust every day when we show up for the story. It can be hard to talk about such strong feelings as love and worry, but we know it when we feel close. Mom looks forward to hearing what happens. We get to know each other through story, a welcome activity, so needed at a time when other areas of life seem less hopeful.

Our telephone book is "The Pull of the Stars," by Canadian author, Emma Donoghue. Set in a maternity ward in a hospital in 1918 during the flu epidemic and WWI, it is full of death, delirium, and highly relevant today. Language style and specifics from history give the opportunity to test each other on bits of trivia we can look up during the day on the Internet. I have the opportunity to put myself in the shoes of pregnant women from historical Ireland, who may have been my grandmothers or great grandmothers, and to vicariously share of that experience with ancestors I will never know personally. I hope this story encourages you to try it, if you have a loved one from whom you are isolated, ask them to read a telephone book with you! Set a date and time, find a good story, and get reading.



Breton Municipal Library

Contactless Pickup

Place items on hold with your library card and pick up when ready!



STEP 1: Place your holds Monday to Friday by calling us

at **780-696-3740**, messaging via Facebook or emailing us at bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca Not sure what you want? Call or message us for help and to schedule a pickup time.



STEP 2:

You can still order all your materials on tracpac.ab.ca or through the TracPac app both logging in with barcode and PIN.



STEP 3:

Come on in to the lobby and find your bag of goodies on our pickup table!



STEP 4:

Enjoy your items! A receipt with return due dates will be included with your items. Our drop box is open 24hrs on the east side of the building. Oversized items that cannot fit in the slot can be returned in the lobby on the Returns

Pickups are unavailable from Dec 24-Jan 3 as the library is closed.



Breton FCSS is excited to announce that we are offering this FREE Online Course to any parents, grandparents, caregivers, and anyone that works with kids.

Please contact Breton FCSS at fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636 for more information. Applicants must be from the Village of Breton or Brazeau County.

Sending you the warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year!

> - From all of us at the Winfield Lions Club

- ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE FOR THIS FINAL SALE OF 2020 -

Vold, Jones & Vold Auction Co. Ltd. Rimbey AB

FRIDAY, DEC 18 – 12 NOON Bred Cow Sale - Final Sale of 2020!

Sargeant Cattle Heifers

- All home raised full health, safegaurd and boss this fall
- 9 Red 1/2 to 3/4 Simmental
- Bred Red Angus same bull we used on our purbred heifers. To start March 23rd
- 34 Black Angus 1/4 to 1/8 Simmental
- Bred Black Angus 72 and 74 lb bw bulls
- To start April 1
- Both groups 70 day breeding period

Darcy McDonagh

- 10 cows
- 8 year old cows bred to Red Simmental bulls
- Start calving Feb 1st

Medicine Ranch

- 35 really good black Angus heifers
- Super quiet, good sized heifers, mostly solid black heifers
- Exposed June 1st to black Angus bulls (79 & 84 lbs)
- 1st scour boss shot, preg checked at home

Bob Dublanko

- 20 bred heifers Bred Black Angus to start calving mid April
- Express 5 in spring Ivomec in fall

Will Mackinaw

- 30 Longhorn Cows Bred red Simmental April/May calving
- Calves in pictures are off of same bulls

Erik & Karen DeBruin

- 25 bred 2-3 year olds straight Angus cows
- Exposed to a full blood Simmental or Charolais
- bulls August first.
- Start calving May 10
- **Brush Hills Ranch**
- 18 Speckled Park cows
- All 6 year olds
- Bred to a Beechinor Black Simmental bull for 45 days
- Start calving April 15th
- Full herd health, Very quiet, Electric fence broke & Blue rock mineral program

Cody Green

- 50 Red RBF bred heifers
- Heifers are Simmental Limousin cross or Red Angus cross
- Exposed to Red Angus bulls June 14
- Vaccinated in May with Express FP5 & 8-way, this Dec had Scour bos 9 & Ivomec

Gordon Leslie

• 25 head home raised Red heifers bred Black Angus calving mid March

Reedridge Ventures

• 20 mixed heifers bred to easy calver Red Charolais, due to calf April/May

FINAL SALE OF 2020! Find pictures & videos www.vjvauction.com

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Brazeau County News



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UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- December 22 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 1:00 p.m.
- December 24 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed
- December 25 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed
- · January 1 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed
- January 5 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

Request For Proposal - Returning Officer

Brazeau County is looking for a returning officer to oversee the 2021 Municipal Election. A Request for Proposal is available for those interested in submitting a proposal for the position. The Request for Proposal can be found on the Brazeau County website at www.brazeau.ab.ca. Inquiries may be directed to Courtney Whalen at cwhalen@brazeau.ab.ca. or 780-542-7777.

Nominations for 2021 Election Accepted as of Jan. 4

Under the *Local Authorities Elections Act* S. 25 (2)(a) nominations for the 2021 General Election may be filed at the local jurisdiction during business hours beginning on January 4, 2021 and ending at 12 p.m. on September 20, 2021.

Nominations as set out in *Local Authorities Election Act* S. 27 shall be accepted at the Brazeau County Administration Office located at 7401 Township Road 494 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays until the close of nominations as set out above.

Brazeau County is accepting nominations for the following positions:

Reeve (1) Councillor Division 1 (1) Councillor Division 2 (1) Councillor Division 3 (1) Councillor Division 4 (1) Councillor Division 5 (1) Councillor Division 6 (1)

All requirements for nomination and candidates is set out in the *Local Authorities Election Act*. For questions please contact Jocelyn Whaley at jwhaley@brazeau.ab.ca or Courtney Whalen at cwhalen@brazeau.ab.ca, or 780-542-777.

brazeau.ab.ca | (780) 542-7777

As we approach the new year, what a wonderful time to say "Thank You" for the opportunity to serve you.

> Derryl and Jackie Knopp & family, Emil and Irene Knopp, & all the staff of the Thorsby Tire Shop



Happy Holidays





Secret Santa for Seniors – With Christmas just around the corner Breton FCSS will be coordinating a Secret Santa for Seniors. This program is for seniors that live in the Village of Breton or Brazeau County east of the North Saskatchewan River.

Community members can view the Christmas tags at the Village of Breton Office and select a senior to shop for. Once they have completed their shopping, they will return the items to the FCSS office. Additional items will be added to your gift, wrapped and delivered by Volunteers. Shopping must be completed by December 18th. If you are unable to come into the office to make a selection, please call or email fcss@breton.ca and we can assist you with the selection. Deliveries will be made on December 21 & 22. If possible, we encourage purchases to be made in Breton and Drayton Valley to support our local businesses. We will be looking for Volunteers to wrap and Deliver the gifts on December 21 & 22. These activities will be done according to Covid-19 regulations set out by Alberta Health Services.

We have 46 seniors nominated, call in to the office to have a senior selected for you from the tree or stop by and pick one. As of Monday we still have 7 tags on our Tree. Thank you to everyone that has supported the program.

Christmas Wishes – if you know of a family or individual that is in need of a Christmas food hamper or Christmas gifts, Breton FCSS can refer their name to the Christmas Wishes group. They must reside in the Village of Breton or Divisions 5 & 6 of Brazeau County East of the river. Please call 780-696-3636 with contact information and the number of individuals in the home. You may self refer.

Virtual Christmas Tree of Honor and Remembrance –Our Tree of Remembrance will be different this year. Please call into our office at 780-696-3636 or email fcss@breton.ca prior to December 14th. Names will be collected and placed in an ad

in the Breton Booster prior to Christmas. We wish that we could have the tree on display with ornaments for those loved ones that have passed away, but due to Covid-19 this is not allowed this year. For more information please contact 696-3636 or fcss@breton.ca. Thank you to the Breton Library for partnering on this project in previous years... Note: There is no cost to have your loved one's name placed an ornament on our virtual tree.

Window Connections for Older Adults. – With the weather turning colder and many people not wanting to go out as much we will be putting together a package of three colored signs for older adults to let their neighbors know how they are doing. Green will mean doing just fine! Yellow I could use a phone call or help with something and Red – PLEASE Check on me. Packages can be picked up the first week of November at the Village of Breton Office.

Cancelled until January 2021 Update of Schedule - Adult Exercise Class - Mornings– The Adults Exercise Program is returning on at the Breton Golden Age Club. This class runs from 10:30 – 11:30 am.

HOME ALONE - Online Course - This safety program is ideally suited for children aged 9-12 years old. Safety and accident prevention are the common themes throughout the program. The information is relevant and current to today's young learners. Course content includes: Street smarts and bike safety People safety ("Tricky People" and Safe strangers) Online and internet safety Snacking and kitchen safety Home fire safety Sibling rivalry Preventing accidents How to handle emergencies and other situations Basic first aid skills Cost- \$10 - two weeks to complete from the time of registration.

Please contact our office to register for the course. Payment can be made at our office or on your credit card through Option Pay on our website at www. breton.ca



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Covenant Corner from Pastor Jeff Gooderham

Marjorie Talcott was married and had one child during the Great Depression. Her family managed to scrape their way through, but as Christmas approached one year Marjorie and her husband were disappointed that they would not be able to buy any presents. A week before Christmas they explained to their six-year-old son, Pete, that there would be no store-bought presents this Christmas. "But I'll tell you what we can do" said Pete's father, "we can make pictures of the presents we'd like to give to each other."

That was a busy week. Marjorie and her husband set to work. Christmas Day arrived and the family rose to find their skimpy little tree made magnificent by the picture presents they had adorned it with. There was luxury beyond imagination in those pictures- a black limousine and red speedboat for Dad, a diamond bracelet and fur coat for mum, a camping tent and a swimming pool for Pete.

Then Pete pulled out his present, a crayon drawing of a man, a woman and a child with their arms around each other laughing. Under the picture was just one word: "US".

Years later Marjorie writes that it was the richest, most satisfying Christmas they ever had.

It took a present-less Christmas to remind Marjorie and her family that the greatest gift we can ever offer is ourselves, our presence. This too is the great gift that Christ offers us, not only at Christmas but throughout the year - Himself. If He was to draw a gift perhaps it would be just like Pete's: three people with their arms around each other laughing – a family with Christ at the centre.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16





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Comfort And Joy During Coronavirus Pandemic And The Holidays

Submitted by Breton FCSS

With a little creativity and flexibility, the holidays can be as connected and joyous as ever this year

It might be hard to count our blessings in 2020, the year that may rank as the worst in history. The pandemic has imposed some new restrictions on our holiday rituals, but it can't take away what's best about the season: the experience of gratitude, love, and connection.

Here are some COVID-conscious ideas for savoring the season safely, and spreading comfort and joy to our families, friends and community.

Take Care of Yourself So You Can Take Care of Others

The holidays can be a stressful time for many of us. With the cloud of coronavirus hanging overhead, this year may be even harder. There are two keys to making the most of the season: First, give yourself permission to feel whatever emotion you're feeling. Disappointment, sadness, worry, anger, or even grief -- any of those emotions may be natural or normal this year. Don't beat yourself up if you're not feeling jolly all the time. Second, try to adjust your expectations. The holidays might not look like what we're used to, but that can be OK. With a little flexibility and creativity, you can still find ways to show love and spread joy. Begin by asking yourself, "What is most meaningful and fulfilling to me?" The answer probably isn't a perfectly brined turkey or magazine-quality gift wrapping. Give yourself permission to envision a new kind of holiday season.

More tips for self-care:

Do something to nurture yourself, even if it's just for 15 minutes each day. Take a hot bath. Call an old friend. Try yoga or meditation. Plan ahead and make lists. Schedule days for shopping, baking, wrapping. You'll avoid last-minute scrambling. Stick to a budget. Remember, the things we love most about the holidays usually aren't "things." Practice gratitude. It's a proven way to increase our own happiness. Write down three things you're grateful for each day and make a point to tell others what you appreciate about them. Follow healthy habits, Eat healthy meals, Get plenty of sleep. Try to exercise every day. Moderate your use of news and social media if they cause you stress. Seek professional help. If you have persistent sadness or anxiety, can't sleep, feel irritable and hopeless, and have difficulty doing routine chores, it may be time to talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

Head for the Great Outdoors

Nature may be the secret to surviving the holidays during the coronavirus pandemic. It's the safest place to be, but make sure you take a mask if you'll be with others who aren't in your bubble or you'll be crossing paths with strangers.

Try a virtual jingle bell race, Try a hike , snowshoeing or Go cross-country skiing, Downhill skiing or snowboarding, are also options, Sledding. Look for a hill that's not too crowded.

Take in a holiday light display, Ice skating. Following the guidelines from AHS for outdoor rinks, Up Your Zoom Game: Zoom can be a sad replacement for a traditional gathering with extended family or friends. Or, it be used creatively to reimagine holiday traditions:

Plan a cooking class. No one makes stuffing like Grandma. Have everyone prepare it at the same time, with tips from the OG herself. Host a family gathering and choose a family "interviewer" to ask funny or pointed questions. Hold a talent show with all the kids in the extended family. Sing Christmas carols together. Open gifts virtually so that grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins can see everyone's reactions.

Making the Holidays Special for Kids

Recognize that kids can get the holiday blues, too. Encourage them to talk about their feelings and let them know it's OK to feel disappointment about the pandemic. But families can still have a magical holiday season, even with the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus. Here are some of tips for making the season merry:

Have the whole family brainstorm ideas for safe holiday activities. Kids will love creating a holiday plan. Schedule a movie marathon and start making popcorn. Now is the time to watch the Christmas classics or every Star Wars movie ever made. Make a virtual visit to the North Pole with JingleRing, Cameo or other low-risk Santa services. Read your favorite holiday stories while lying under the Christmas tree. Take a special family portrait and let the kids be the art directors. Can't attend the Nutcracker ballet this year? Bake and decorate Nutcracker-themed cookies. Organize a night of your favorite family game - Scrabble, Telestrations, Monopoly, charades or Texas Hold 'em.

Connecting With Family and Friends

We may not be able to gather for the traditional extended family feast or office holiday parties, but we can still make the season fun and special for close friends, co-workers, and family members. Here are some COVID-friendly ideas:

Set up an out-of-office Secret Santa exchange. Gifts can be ordered online and shipped directly for a no-contact celebration. Check in. Set a goal to make two or three calls a week. That's a lot of holiday connectedness! Write a sincere letter to someone you love on your nicest stationery. Create and gift a photo memory book using old photos.

Caring for Our Neighbors and Community

Lots of people in our neighborhood and community need care right now. Here are some ideas for connecting with those outside our immediate circle.

Check in on neighbors, especially those who are older or may be alone. A phone call, text, or card might brighten their day. Ask if they have everything they need to be safe and comfortable.

Offer to help with errands and shopping, Shovel their driveway on snowy days, Drop off dinner or a holiday treat, Donate or volunteer at a food bank, Give blood. Or make an appointment to do so in the New Year, Patronize local business. Order takeout and make holiday gift purchases from local-owned establishments.



The Bible Truth Page #14

Whom Should We Obey?

It appears as though believers in The Lord Jesus Christ are in a difficult situation. We are now restricted, by government orders, from obeying the commandments of The Lord Jesus Christ. The government says: No gathering together, no home meetings, only very small church services. The Word of God says: Hebrews 10:22-25 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. The bible is very specific in that last sentence; "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together". The word of God tells us that we must get together to help each other, and encourage one another in our faith in Him. Jesus also told us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. It is not possible to preach the gospel and train up new believers without gathering together. We can't obey government orders and The Creator of The Heaven and Earth at the same time. The government says stay 2 meters apart. Jesus says lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Mark 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. We can't lay hands on the sick from 2 meters away. It appears as though the government is requiring believers to obey them rather than our Creator. Who then should we obey?

The twelve disciples had similar problems, perhaps we can learn from them, after all they did write much of the New Testament. The rulers of the day locked them in jail for peaching the gospel, as recorded here in Acts. Acts 5:16-20 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life. The angel of The Lord released them from prison, and commanded them to go and preach, and that is exactly what they did. As you can imagine the rulers were not impressed, and had them arrested again. Here is what happened next.

Acts 5:27-32

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, [28] Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. [29] Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. [30] The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. [31] Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. [32] And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. So there it is as spoken by Peter. "We ought to obey God rather than men." But what about Romans chapter 13?

Well, I am glad you asked. In Romans chapter 13 we are instructed to be subject to the higher powers, and that includes the government.

Romans 13:1-7

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. [2] Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. [3] For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: [4] For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. [5] Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. [6] For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. [7] Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. As mentioned in verse 3, the rulers referred to in this passage are rulers that are enforcing good laws, and punishing evil works. Verse 4 tells us that the ruler is the minister of God to us for good, and that we should be afraid of the ruler if we are doing evil. Whose idea of good, do you think God is talking about? That would be God's idea of good, of course. So the higher powers in Romans 13 are powers that are implementing and enforcing law that is good in God's opinion, such law would have to be in agreement with The Word of God. God can not ask us to obey a law that is contrary to his own laws and commandments. Clearly Romans chapter 13 is telling us to obey government law that is in alignment with his own law.

As believers in The Lord Jesus Christ we are definitely in a difficult position. However the answer to the question: "Whom should we obey" should be an easy one. I think Peter said it best: "We ought to obey God rather than men".

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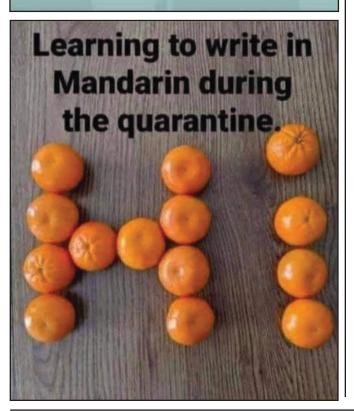


My kids say they want a cat for Christmas.

Normally I do a turkey but hey, if it'll make 'em happy...



Diesel & Bear let Nuge have a sleepover and they wanted to play dressup for Christmas! Have a cute or funny pet picture or a wildlife picture taken in the area? Email it to media@community39.com or text to 780.887.0088



I just had a physical.

The doctor said, "Don't eat anything fatty"

l said, "Like bacon and burgers?"

He said, "No fatty, don't eat anything!"



