THE BRETON BOOSTER

Season's Greetings from the Museum

From Allan Goddard

As 2020 comes to a close the Breton Museum wishes everyone best wishes for the Holiday Season. I am sure 2020 will be a year most of us would like to have missed. With the current Alberta Health Order in place Christmas this year will take on a much different feel, as no large social or family gatherings are permitted. However, we need to appreciate that we do have numerous means to connect with others, from telephone calls to Facetime video calls to Social Media and meeting on Zoom. Many of the terms we use today were not envisioned a couple of decades ago.

While going through some old letters in my own family archives I came across letters written to my grandmother from her son who was in the armed services during WW2. During that time period many families had loved ones in the armed services who were stationed in the far flung regions of the world. The only means of communicating was through letters home and treasured photographs. Let us count our Blessings!

This past year has been very different for the museum as well. With all the uncertainty this year the Museum Board, after much soul searching, decided for health and safety reasons that the museum would be open by appointment only. While the museum was not open on a regular basis, behind the scenes the work carried on although at a much slower pace. The Breton Museum Board would like to take this opportunity to thank those agencies who support the museum through financial contri-

butions to the operations of the museum. Brazeau County and the Village of Breton who provide annual operational funding to the museum. Without this support the museum would find it very difficult to operate. Also this year the museum received a Covid–19 grant from Heritage Canada to help heritage organizations with the preservation of their collections. The grant will help the museum complete the documentation of the backlog of artifacts at the museum. This work has started and will continue once we are able to resume work at the museum.

Hopefully 2021 will allow the museum to get back to normal operations and we look forward to greeting visitors back to the museum on a regular basis. In the meantime please stay safe and take time to connect with that family member or neighbor even if it is just to ask how they are doing. We will get through this.

Breton Booster Holiday Schedule

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

The first Breton Booster of the year will be published on January 6th.



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



WANTED

Wanted: SUV! Oder, smaller SUV wanted in good operating condition. 4 door, 4 wheel drive. Please call in the evening. 780.719.7884 (1-1)

Breton Elks are looking for a reliable person to supply and sell good, dry, split wood to the Breton RV Park campers on a daily basis from April through October. You will need to have adequate liability insurance and WCB. For further information and a job description phone Bob at 780-514-4019 or Darren at 780-696-3800 (during business hours). (1-2)

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 (4-4)

HAY HAY - Winter's Here! 130 2nd cut alfalfa bales, large round, no rain - baled dry. Horse & dairy quality. Protein samples avail. \$85; 21 grass bales, baled dry, horse quality. \$45; 38 1st cut alfalfa, 70% alfalfa 30% timothy, large 1200lb-1400lb bales, good quality. \$60. All located in the Pigeon Lake area. 780.405.3260 (3-3)

Butcher ready pigs for sale. Must be picked up live. Contact Tyler at (780) 621-7120 (2-2kr)

SERVICES

SNOW REMOVAL - Breton & area driveway plowing for winter storms. Please call Pat Garrett for any snow plowing needs. 780.621.7989 (4-4)

FOR RENT COMMERCIAL

Building for rent in Breton - \$500/mth plus utilities. Call 780.696.3551 (4-4kr)

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 (4-4kr)

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 (27-50)

Thank you

We would like to send heartfelt thanks to the many family, friends and neighbors, for their generous acts of kindness.

Through cards or calls, prayers, floral tributes, food and charitable donations, in mom's memory.

It was greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Father Sylvio Lacar and Oberhammer Funeral Chapels.

The Family of Phyllis Kluczny



Thorsby & Breton RCMP Detachments

HOLIDAY HOURS

The members and staff of the Thorsby & Breton RCMP Detachments would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

For the holiday season, our office hours will be as follows:

December 24, 2020 – CLOSED at noon

December 25 & 28, 2020 – CLOSED

December 31, 2020 – CLOSED at noon

January 1, 2021 - CLOSED

Complaints can be made 24 hours a day by contacting the complaint lines at:

THORSBY - (780)789-3950 BRETON - (780)696-3502



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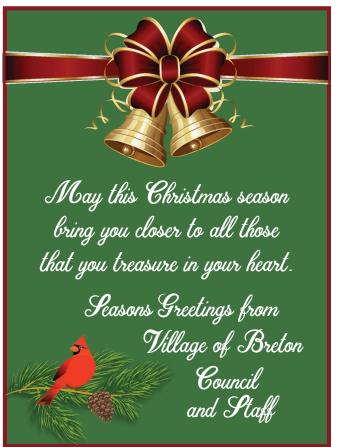
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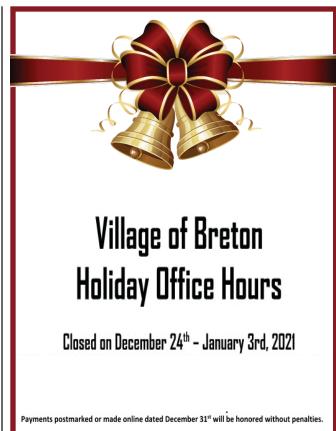
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Betty Williams Walter Williams Thelma Williams Elsie Williams

Frank Wipf and all the many others in our community that we have lost.

Merry Christmas





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 Municipal Library

Contactless Pickup

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

NOW AVAILABLE!





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 table.

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

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You can pick up the Breton Booster at the following locations:
 Alsike Gas Station
 Teddy Bear's / Tempo
 Big Tee Golf Resort
 Esso
 Nature's Fuels
 Salt 'n' Pepper
 Both Grocery Stores
 Breton Family Dining
 AIF / ACE Hardware
 Winfield - Buck Lake
 Malone Clinic - Drayton Valley
Foundation Dodge - Drayton Valley

Around The Coffee Pot Winfield Legion #236 Updates

As the year 2020 comes to an end it's time to reflect on our annual activities. There is no doubt that 2020 will be recorded in the history books as the year the world stopped. The Covid-19 pandemic has definitely changed our daily lives, the way we go to work, the way we visit people, and the way we've learned to appreciate what we do have. This year the Winfield Legion continued to do what we could to support our veterans and our community, so to summarize it in a nutshell, albeit slightly cracked, here are the highlights.

Over the last year we have made donations to the Breton Food Bank, the Winfield Alder Flats Buck Lake Santas Anonymous, The Westpine Lodge Old Timers and the Provincial Command Poppy Fund. This year we did not receive any applications for our scholarship program. Each year applications are accepted by the branch until September the 15th for students under the age of 21 attending post-secondary schooling. We have available two \$1000 scholarships for students who attend schools within our area. If you would like information on how to apply please email rclwinfield236information@gmail.com

In January and February, we were able to hold our monthly socials on the last Thursday of the month. We start with a potluck supper followed by dancing to live music. These activities are well attended and are open to all over the age of 18.

The branch did work with the Winfield Elementary School to participate in the annual poster and literacy contest for Remembrance Day. We were very pleased to receive many entries, and we are in hopes that we end up with a district winner again. November 11th was marked with a small ceremony outside to honor our veterans.

We did light up the tree on Main Street in Winfield on November the 27th, without our usual festivities, fanfare and fun evening for those who usually attend.

Hopefully 2021 brings back the other events we normally participate in on an annual basis. This

would include our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, monthly Potluck Socials, burger sales at the Winfield car show and Ugetuk Days, as well the Christmas tree light up festivities.

The most notable change for the year was our inability to hold or participate in our annual fund-raising activities. We did manage to sell out the 50/50 cash raffle after requesting an extension of the draw date to November 11th. We are hoping that normal fund raising will be achievable as we move forward through the pandemic. The Branch like most non-profit organizations relies on fundraising to cover our operating expenses and programs.

December marks the end of another year which means that memberships need to be renewed. They can be completed online at www.legion.ca. New memberships can also be applied for online at the same address. Renewals can also be mailed to Box 183, Winfield Alberta.

We extend a huge thank you to our community supporters, our members who continue to work together and the Executive committee for their commitment and hard work.

We wish you all the best for the Holiday Season and that 2021 is Joyful, Blissful and pandemic free!



Take Your Place In History

Breton Community Centre Fundraising Project
Brick By Brick - Fundraising Campaign

Order Yours Today



The Breton Community Centre is under construction. Take your place in history by purchasing a brick that will be placed on a wall in the new Community Centre.



Project Details

Proposed Completion - 2020

4 x 8 Brick = \$100

Includes up to 2 lines of engraving- (Max 18 spaces)

8 x 8 Brick = \$200

Includes up to 4 lines of engraving (Max 18 spaces)

12 x 12 Brick = \$500

Includes up to 6 lines of engraving (Max 21 spaces)

For more information

Village of Breton - 780-696-3636

admin@breton.ca





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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 METRIED back for one last market of the year CANGE LILE 11 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 will be CLOSED for Holidays from Decmeber 24th - January 14th. We will still be accepting donations during that time.

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



WORSHIP

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thorsby is holding in-Church Pender 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 Inquiries - 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

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

Funnell Community Hall - For hall rental or more info contact Kelsey at 709.638.3689.

Genesee Community Hall - Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229.

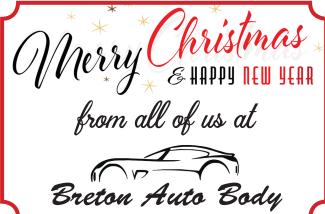
Royal Canadian Legion #246 MULHURST Hall Rental Call: Marie @ 780-361-7350

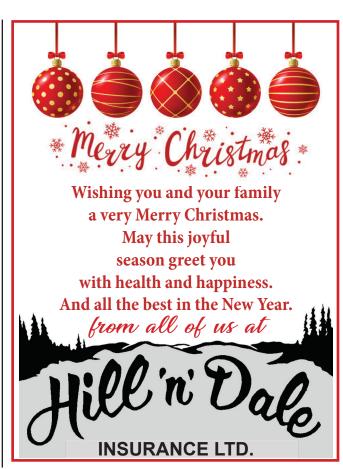
Sunnybrook Community Hall Rentals: Contact Name: Mikayla, Phone Number: 306-307-2599,

Community Events are placed FREE of charge, thanks to the community commitment of











LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In my effort to keep the public informed, I submit the following letter.

On or about November 26, 2018 (Motion 1174), RR81 (near Cynthia) was approved for paving for two miles North of Township Road 621.

What was the justification for this expenditure as there are only nine residences along this two-mile stretch?

A perusal of a county map shows that three quarters along this road are owned by B. Guyon. The question arises again, did Mr. Guyon declare a pecuniary interest and refrain from debate and also a vote on this issue? The minutes suggest that he did not.

On what basis (data) does the County use to determine paving (which in itself is a luxury that the rest of the tax-payers subsidize and get little or no benefit from).

It was also proposed (Motion 0917/20-11-26) to raise Township Road 495 RR 71-73 to paving standard. The county map shows this road is going nowhere (dead end?) Here again what was the rationale and data to justify this action? The map shows 14 residences on this road. That means that if the road is paved, they receive the benefit of \$200,000 each, subsidized by the rest of us (assuming (\$1.5 million per mile for paving).

Given that we have a provincial downloading for policing and a significant reduction in our linear tax base, paving (as a luxury) seems out of place.

Perhaps council should come up with criteria/guidelines (such as traffic flow) to guide paving decisions. This would remove the mad rush to "you got a mile of pavement last year; therefore, it's my turn this year." When in reality perhaps no project is reasonable under appropriate guidelines. With those guidelines, long-term planning might be more productive.

When only a few people benefit from the expenditure of millions, one gets the feeling that (a) the common good, (b) the benefit of the whole, or (c) the greater good for the greatest number is definitely not part of the thinking,

Lynn Oberle



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Brazeau County News



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UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- 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.

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"He Shoots He Scores"

From Allan Goddard Breton Museum

In the articles I write for the Breton Booster I try to focus on a subject that highlights something about Breton's past and connects it to an artifact or archival item from the museum's collection.

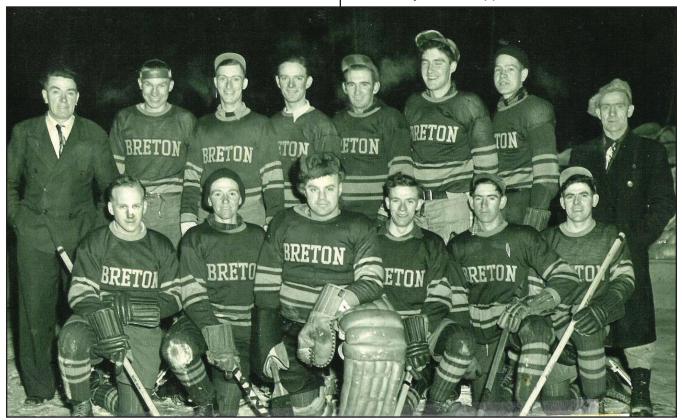
The above title, for those of us of a certain age, is a very recognizable quote from the legendary hockey announcer Foster Hewitt. Foster Hewitt provided the play by play action for the NHL during the days of the original six teams. First on radio and then later on grainy black and white Television. As the joke goes... "I would really like to see the Toronto Maple Leafs win the Stanley Cup again just so I could watch it in colour". It was back in 1967 the last time they won the Stanley Cup. I was twelve at the time.

Before the days of improved road infrastructure and dependable transportation each community had to find the means of providing recreation and entertainment within the confines of their own, or neighboring communities. Breton, as with most rural communities of the time was no different. Sports played an integral part in providing this entertainment. Baseball was popular during the summer months and hockey, during the winter months.

There may be a few community members who can remember the skating rink being located in the Ravine just to the north of the Breton Elementary School. This rink provided the community with a place to go skating and to play hockey. Being located in the bottom of the ravine it stayed shaded from the trees on both sides of the ravine, and could be used two –three weeks longer in the spring.

In about 1946-47 a group called the "Breton Ladies Sports Auxiliary" was formed to raise funds for community sports and recreation. Their first project was to raise funds for hockey uniforms for the Breton Men's hockey team. By the early 1950's the rink was moved to the west of the playground located one block north of Main Street. Both projects of this organization. The photograph pictured here is from the Museum collection. It shows the Breton men's Hockey team from 1951.

Finally, I would like to salute members of the Breton Elks who do an exceptional job in maintaining the Breton Skating rink. Their dedication to the Breton community is to be applauded.



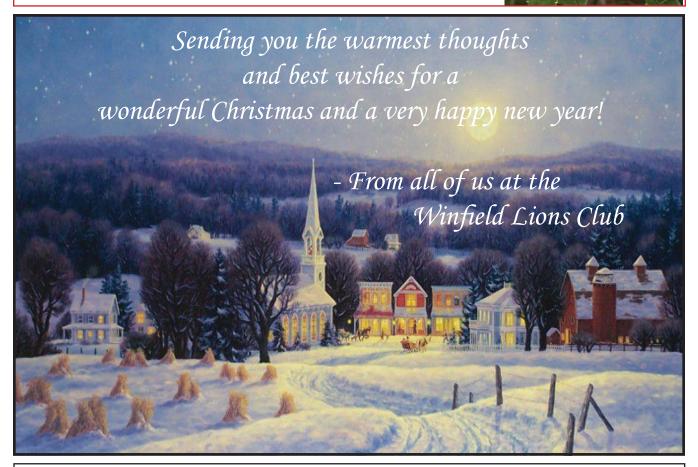
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The Staff at Darren Scott Accounting would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season.

Thankyou for your patronage in the past and we look forward to serving you in 2021.

Please Note: We will be closed from December 19, 2020 to January 4, 2021





Greetings from the Elks

from Allan Smith, Breton Elks Lodge #402

Well first we had Covid. We know, that if you wear a mask, take your vitamins and in, time get a shot, Covid will go away. Now it is Zoom, and for that we need younger people, that is my recommendation.

On the business side, the skating rink is open for business and it appears that it is getting daily tests. Officially, December 12 was official launch, but a few previews were observed. Thank you to all the Brother and Sister Elks for bringing this project forward for another season. At this time, we have to say a huge thank you to Pat Garrett for his assistance. We also need to thank Pat for his very gracious and kind words on Facebook. These words are what drives these projects and organizations forward.

When we recognize the average age of our membership, we need more Pat Garretts, Kathy Paramors and Andrew Farrows. You are the age group to carry this torch forward.

On further news, the Lodge held their regular meeting via Zoom on December 17. I have to thank my blushing bride for taking time out on our anniversary night to take notes and learn all about Zoom.

Most notably, the R.V. Park is in line for some serious upgrades in the coming year. The Lodge is still in pursuit of someone to supply firewood for the coming year.

In the meantime, we want to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season and hope the New Year brings good health and much happiness. Stay safe, stay healthy and we will chat in the New Year.

- Allan

Covenant Corner

from Pastor Jeff Gooderham

Consider the year 1809. The international scene was tumultuous. Napoleon was sweeping through Austria; blood was flowing freely. Nobody knew or cared about a few babies that were born that year. But, in all the chaos, the world was overlooking some very significant births.

For example, William Gladstone was born that year. He was destined to become one of England's finest statesman. That same year, Alfred Tennyson was born to an obscure minister and his wife. The child would one day greatly affect the literary world in a marked manner. On American soil, Oliver Wendell Holmes was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. And not far away in Boston, Edgar Allan Poe began his eventful, albeit tragic, life. It was also in that same year that a physician named Darwin and his wife named their child Charles Robert. And that same year produced the cries of a newborn infant in a rugged log cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky. The baby's name? Abraham Lincoln.

If there had been news broadcasts at that time, I'm certain these words would have been heard: "The destiny of the world is being shaped on an Austrian battlefield today." But history was actually being shaped in the cradles of England and America. Similarly, everyone thought Roman occupation and taxation was the big news--when Jesus was born. But a young Jewish woman cradled the biggest news of all: the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

Today is again a very chaotic time, and in the midst of all the struggles and endless news reels, we might lose sight of what is most important. It remains the life of Jesus. Listen to these great words of hope from John chapter 16 verse 33; "I have told you these things, so that in Me you might have peace! In this world you will face tribulation, But, take heart! I have overcome the world." Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose again! That is the hope that He offers each one of us this Christmas the gift of eternal life!



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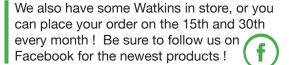


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The Bible Truth Page #7

If God Is Good Why Is There So Much Evil In The World?

When God created the heaven and earth he said that it was very good. Genesis 1:31 'And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good'. So what happened? Why is there so much evil in the world now? Fortunately for us we have someone to blame it on, and his name is ADAM. Adam and Eve where brought into an almost perfect world and they walked and talked with God, which is what God created them for. It was all good until they broke the ONE rule that God had given them. Genesis 2:16-17 'And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.' What happened is that Adam and Eve chose to believe the devil's lies rather than the Word of God, and as a result they ate the fruit (Genesis chapter 3). When they ate that fruit they surely did die as God had said. They died in spirit, they took on the nature of sin and death, and in so doing brought death, sin and destruction into the world, and into their bodies. Romans 5:12 'Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.' Man became sinful and could no longer walk and talk with a Holy God as he did before; man became more like the devil whom he obeyed. Jesus summed it up well in conversation with the religious leaders of the day in John 8:44 'Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.' By disobeying God, Adam caused the entire human race to switch from being Holy and righteous with God, to sinful and evil like the devil. The devil became the god of this world, and man became subject to him. The devil now had dominion over man and the earth. This is why bad things happen, and there is evil in the world. It is not what God wanted. It was caused by the disobedience of man. See Eph. 2:2.

The good news is that God found a way to save people from sin and death. Romans 6:23 'For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.' Romans 5:17 'For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. John 3:14-17 'And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.' Jesus was able to save us because he lived a perfect and sinless life, and he gave his body to be whipped, and he gave his life on the cross, so that he could take the punishment that we deserved. He burned in hell on our behalf, so that we would not have to. WHEN HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD THE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN HAD BEEN PAID IN FULL. 1 Peter 2:21-25 '... Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: BY WHOSE STRIPES YE WERE HEALED. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.' Jesus gave his life in exchange for ours. He suffered death on our behalf. All we have to do to receive the benefit of his sacrifice is give up our own way of life, and live the rest of our life on earth for Him, making him our Lord. Romans 10:9 'That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession in made unto salvation.

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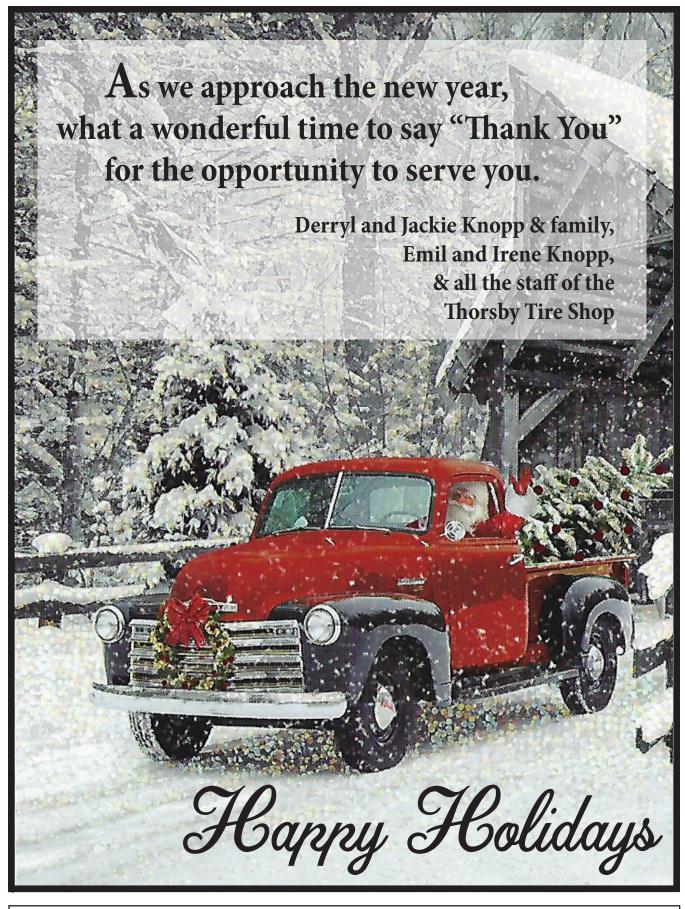




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