

THE BRETON BOOSTER

ALBERTA RCMP REMINDS CITIZENS ABOUT ICE SAFETY

The Alberta RCMP is issuing a warning to the public reminding them to practice ice safety this winter. With the changing weather conditions and above average temperatures, it is hard to tell the strength or thickness of ice by its appearance.

RCMP have responded to multiple occurrences over this past weekend and want to remind the all Albertans the dangers of unpredictable thin ice and open water. If you choose to go out on the ice, keep in mind the following safety tips:

Consider Conditions: Keep a close eye on the weather, changing weather can make ice surfaces unpredictable. Do not travel over ice in early and late winter when conditions are more likely to be dangerous. Avoid slushy, thawed, recently refrozen ice, or ice near moving water. Avoid going on the ice at night as reduced visibility increases the risk of falling through.

Always check the ice for thickness and stability. The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength – clear blue to black ice is strongest, and likely the deepest. You should only skate or walk on ice that is 15+ cm thick, 20+ cm for a group of people and 25+ cm for off highway vehicles. White opaque or snow ice should be avoided, grey ice indicates the presence of water and is unsafe to stand on.

Plan Ahead: Don't travel on the ice alone. Leave a trip plan with someone that includes where you're going, for how long, and when you will be back. If you are unable to leave a trip plan with someone, leave a note on your car windshield. Don't drink alcohol and travel on ice, alcohol impairs judgment and reduces your ability to stay warm in cold conditions.

Safety: When spending time on the ice, you should always be prepared for the worst-case scenario and have an emergency plan.

Be Prepared: Carry a personal safety kit that includes:

- a lighter
- waterproof matches
- fire starting materials
- pocket knife
- whistle
- cellphone in a waterproof pouch

Carry a fully-charged GPS, a compass and map as a backup, and know how to use them. Familiarize yourself with your buckles, bindings, and belts on equipment so they can be removed quickly if needed. Changing weather conditions can also affect ice from day to day. So, remember, if in doubt, don't go out! Should you need emergency services, dial 911.

***PLEASE NOTE - the Breton Library is no longer taking ads and payments for the Breton Booster. Payments must be dropped off in Thorsby at CE Media, paid by e-transfer or credit card. Thank you for your understanding!**



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INVITATION

PIGEON LAKE FEEDER COOP ASSOCIATION

DATE: Friday, January 12, 2024
LOCATION: Falun Community Centre Hall,
1 Mile West of Junc. Hwy 795 & Hwy 13
TIME: 7:30 pm

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Sudoku Answers
from Dec 20 Issue

The object of the puzzle is to fill the remaining squares, using all the numbers 1-9 exactly once in each row, column, and the nine 3 x 3 subgrids.



VILLAGE OF BRETON

Attention DOG Owners

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in January



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UPCOMINGSPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

January 6 - Bottle Drive in Warburg for Warburg SR High Boys Team. Bring them to the Warburg Bottle Depot or contact the school for another arrangement.

January 7 - Family Dance at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Music by the No Hitchhiker Band. Admission by donation. Lunch donations appreciated.

January 8 - Winfield Ag Society AGM at 7:30pm at the Winfield Ag Hall. Dinner at 6pm provided by the Buck Lake Grad Class.
www.winfieldagsociety.com

January 20 - Thorsby Ukrainian Malanka Festival. Dinner @ 6:30pm followed by Zirka Dance Performers at 9:30pm. Call Marlene for tickets at 780-217-9394 or 780-789-3734

January 20 - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact davidemolyneaux@live.com

January 25 - Wills & Estate Planning at the Wetaskiwin Ag Society Hall at 1pm or 7pm. FREE. Call FCSS 780-352-3321 or email fcssadmin@county10.ca for more information.

February 1 - Wills & Estate Planning at the Alder Flats Seniors Centre at 1pm. FREE. Call FCSS 780-352-3321 or email fcssadmin@county10.ca for more information.

February 2 - Wellbeing Workshop at the Winfield Agri-Plex from 9:30am - 2:30pm. FREE. Email fcssadmin@county10.ca or call FCSS 780-352-3321 for more information.

February 11 - Aaron Pritchett Liqueured Up Tour at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre, 5144 - 51 St, Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available 1-888-655-9090 or www.ticketpro.ca

February 17 - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact davidemolyneaux@live.com

February 24 - Zirka Zabava at Devon Community Hall. Zirka performance, Ukrainian dinner by Saskitoba and dance. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

Community Events & Information is FREE to advertise

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- Edwin Louis Cole -

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WILLS & ESTATE PLANNING SESSION

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Location: Wetaskiwin Ag Society Hall

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM OR 7:00 PM

Location: Alder Flats Senior Centre

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Cost: FREE

REGISTER: county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca
or Scan the QR Code

Questions: Call FCSS 780-352-3321
or email fcssadmin@county10.ca

ESTATE PLANNING



2024 AGM



JANUARY

08

STARTS AT

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Dinner at 6:00pm

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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

***Please note - all events are subject to change*

MONDAYS

BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (AQUASIZE OR WALMART) - Leaving Warburg & Breton on Monday mornings. Registration must be completed prior to the Monday trip. Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or Breton FCSS 780-696-3636 to register

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

TUESDAYS

CHILDREN'S GYM TIME - FREE Drop in for 0-6 years old from 10am -11:30am at the Breton Faith Covenant Church. Hosted by Brighter Futures

FLOOR CURLING at the Breton Golden Age Club at 12:30pm

KIDS CLUB - After School Program from 3:15-4:45pm for ages 6-12, FREE, Limited spaces. Pre-registration required. Forms at the Library or FCSS office.

FOOT WELLNESS will be offering services the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Services include nail care, pedicures, detox treatments. Contact Christa at 780-514-5640 or online www.yourintrinsicelement.com/copy-of-services to book.

KNIT & KACKLE - meet to knit and crochet items to be give to non profits. No experience necessary. The 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Breton Faith Covenant Church at 1pm. Contact Gaylene at 780-696-3597

BRETON BOOK CLUB meets at the Library the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm from September until June. All readers are welcome to join the conversation!

THURSDAYS

BABY & ME for mom's with baby's under 18 months - 1st & 3rd Thursday from 10-11:30am at the Breton Community Centre. Hosted by Breton FCSS

RESTORE YOGA CLASS - Every Thursday from 10:30-11:30 at the Breton Community Centre. Adult Only. Contact Breton FCSS.

FRIDAYS

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS on Fridays from 9:30 - 10:30am at the Breton Community Centre. Drop In - \$2 per class. For more information call 780-696-3636

JAM DANCE & CARDS NIGHT at the Buck Creek Community Hall the first Friday of every month.

SATURDAYS

CRIB at the Breton Golden Age Club on Saturdays at 12:30pm. Contact Larry at 780-975-8755

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and pictures, email
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COMMUNITY GROUPS & MEETINGS (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

Breton & District Historical Society - Monthly meetings the 4th Monday at 7pm at the Breton Museum. Jan-June & Sept-Nov. Ph: 780-898-1155 or bretonmuse@yahoo.com

Breton Golden Age Club - Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11am (except July & August). Ph: 780-898-1651 or dwaymon@telus.net

Breton Royal Purple Elks No. 285 - Meetings are the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm (except July & August) at the Community Hall. 780-514-4273 or bretonrp285@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

Breton Municipal Library Board - Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm (except July & August). Ph: 780-696-3740 or bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca

Buck Creek Community Association - Meetings at the hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. Ph: 780-542-6604 or buckcreekhall@gmail.com

THURSDAYS

Breton Ag Society - Meets the second Thursday of every month (except July & August) at 7pm at the Community Centre. Ph: 780-202-0140 or bretonagsociety@gmail.com

Breton Elks 402 - Meetings are at 7:30pm every 3rd Thursday of the month (except July & August) at the Community Centre. Ph: 780-898-3557 or bretonelks402@gmail.com

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- › Breton Village Office
- › Brazeau County Office
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 - › Leduc County Office
 - › Thorsby Town Office
- › Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex
 - › Warburg Village Office

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information on:***

- the municipalities of Breton,
Brazeau County, Leduc County,
Thorsby & Warburg
- Rental facilities
- Community groups
- Community Supports
and more...



Harrison, Ruth (Wegner)

May 27, 1938 - December 9, 2023



It is with great sadness and much love that we announce the passing of our dear mother, grandmother, and oma. Remembered for her adventurous spirit, intellect, quick wit, kindness, and faith. Ruth will live on through her daughter, Shannon (David) and son, Russell (Deanna); cherished grandchildren Nathaniel (Charlene), Mackenzie, Kristen (Deena), Colin; and great-grandson, Elijah.

Ruth was born to Adolph and Martha Wegner and was the youngest of ten children. She will be missed by her remaining sister, nieces and nephews. Ruth was married to Clifford Russel Harrison in 1958 who predeceased her on December 8, 2014. Ruth was always planning and thinking ahead, energetic, courageous, resourceful, and curious. Blessed with a brilliant and creative mind; her only valued possessions were her books, her own paintings, and collection of artwork. In 1956, Ruth was valedictorian of her graduating high school class, and she was determined to put herself through university to become a teacher. She was passionate about teaching, and the joy of learning. She was a gifted writer with published works such as newspaper articles, a community newsletter, short stories, and a cookbook. Her love of learning served her well when she lived in Libya 1969-1979. While overseas, her love of art, music, and travel flourished. Ruth was the travel agent and guide for her family to many countries in Europe and the Middle East, churches, museums, and culturally important sites. On the top of her bucket list was to tour Israel and the Holy Land. She greatly enjoyed the different languages, cultures, foods, people, and the unique challenges that living abroad offered. Ruth was very entrepreneurial and enjoyed co-owning the family business in the Libyan oil patch. Upon returning to Canada in 1979, her life became devoted to farming, charity and volunteering thousands of hours in the community. Ruth was an enthusiastic long-standing member of thirty-seven years in the Alberta Fish and Game Association. She was always a very passionate conservationist, and protector of wildlife, natural habitats, and watersheds. She was very dedicated and hardworking in her roles as president and secretary of the Thorsby Fish and Game. Ruth was very proud of her accomplishments as a volunteer, and as a Division 6 Councillor for the County of Leduc for nine years. While on council, Ruth served on thirteen committees such as: present member of Alberta Lake Management Society, lifetime member – Alberta Wilderness Association, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Pigeon Lake Watershed Alliance, North Saskatchewan Alliance, Recycling Council of Alberta, and Rundle's Mission Society. Ruth loved giving back to the community and making a difference. Ruth was a supportive colleague, and a loyal, cherished friend to many. She will be deeply missed.

We love you, Mum, and you will be forever in our hearts. We are so grateful for all that you have done for our family. We will miss your smile, laugh, support, sage advice, and delicious home cooked meals. You were an incredible role model who taught us about strength, to always push ourselves to learn more, and to believe in ourselves. We are blessed by, and can find comfort in, that your life was well lived.

As per Mum's request, there will be no service. In honour of Mum, memorial donations can be made in her name to any of her favorite charities:

The Alberta Fish and Game Association – 13045 - 156 St NW Edmonton, AB T5V 0A2

Alberta Habitat Fund – Charitable # 106693351 Rr0001

Website: <https://www.afga.org/>

Pigeon Lake Watershed Association – Box 219 Mulhurst Bay, AB T0C 2C0

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Rundle's Mission Retreat Center – Box 12 Site 8 RR#1 Thorsby, AB T0C 2P0



FCSS NEWS
 from
 Deanne Young
780.696.3636

For more information, please contact
696-3636 or fcss@breton.ca

Busing to Aquacise or Walmart in Drayton Valley - Monday Mornings- Together with Warburg FCSS the bus will arrive in Breton at 9:15 to head to the Drayton Valley Gentle Aquacise class. Returning at 11:30. Purchase a 5 ride Bus pass for (\$36) or 10(\$72) bus pass from the Village of Breton office. Register with Shauna the Thursday prior to the Monday class to save your seat on the bus. If you register with the Active 55 program (at the pool) and live in Brazeau County (including the Village of Breton) there is no cost for the Aqua Size class. If you do not qualify for Active 55 the cost for the aquacise class is \$7.50 or a 10 card pass for \$67.50. We must have at least 8 riders to make a trip. The bus will also make a stop at Walmart for those that would like to shop for 1 hr.

Or **Join us for Restore Yoga Class** - Will continue in the New Year. Please watch for more details here in the Booster or online on our Facebook page. These classes will be held on Thursday mornings. A one-hour class will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 at the Breton Community Centre. We are looking at holding two different sessions starting in January to meet everyone's level. Please bring a yoga mat, water, one - two yoga blocks, a bolster, and a blanket. For those that would like to try a class there will be some equipment available. Due to the calming environment required, this will be an adult only class. Childcare is not currently available. For more information, please contact Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636.

Foot Wellness Service Available in Breton - Due to the overwhelming interest this service will now be available on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Footprints Wellness Pedicure will be offering services that include nail care, pedicures, detox treatments.

Contact Christa at 780-514-5640 or online at

www.yourintrinsicement.com/copy-of-services to book your appointment. These services are for anyone of any age. Treat yourself to a pedi, or other service.

Calendar Project is Back - Breton and Area FCSS together with the Rural Mental Health Project have put together a Community Calendar with positive messaging around Mental Health and Wellness. They are available for pick up at the Village of Breton Office.



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Brazeau County

IMPORTANT DATES

January 16 | Council meeting | 9 a.m.

January 17 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 1:00 p.m.

February 1 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m.

February 6 | Council meeting | 9 a.m.

February 19 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed

February 20 | Council meeting | 9 a.m.

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FEBRUARY 1 @ 8AM

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Invitation to Tender: Operation and Maintenance of Easyford Community Centre

Brazeau County is inviting bids for the contracted operation of the Easyford Community Centre located 16 km Northwest of the Town of Drayton Valley. Interested parties are encouraged to carefully review the tender package which can be found at www.brazeau.ab.ca. Please direct inquires to Colin Loose, Parks & Recreation Supervisor at (780) 542-7777 or by email at cloose@brazeau.ab.ca.

Closing Time January 26, 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.

Community Event Grant Deadlines

The next deadline is
January 1

Are you a community organization looking to host an event? Brazeau County has a grant program to assist in the costs to host community events, find out more about this and other grants at www.brazeau.ab.ca



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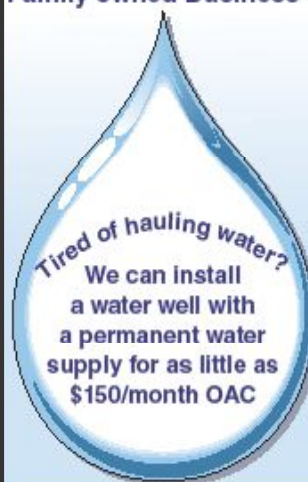
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RCMP COMMUNITY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023

*Cst. J. Conway, Thorsby/Breton
RCMP Detachment*

Total Calls for Service	271
Suspicious Persons/ Vehicle	3
Collisions	48
Vehicle Theft	6
Fraud	1
Break and Enter	9
Assault	2
Impaired	3
Recovered Vehicles	3
Missing Person	3

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

December 6, 2023 – Area of Wetaskiwin County

Thorsby/Breton RCMP responded to a report of a break and enter to a lease site. RCMP attended and were successful in deploying a tire deflation device on the suspect vehicle. The vehicle was located abandoned shortly after. With the help of Police Dog Services, RCMP were able to locate the male suspect in the nearby wooded area. Guy ROASTING (26), a resident of Wetaskiwin, Alta, was arrested and remanded into custody. ROASTING was charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000
- Mischief, damage to property over \$5,000
- Fail to comply with release order
- Possession of break in tools
- Theft over \$5,000

ROASTING was held for a bail hearing and transported to Edmonton Remand Centre.

December 6, 2023 – Area of Leduc County

Thorsby RCMP were conducting proactive patrols on Hwy 616 and located a Ford F350 with an unregistered license plate. RCMP learned the Ford F350 was reported stolen earlier that day. The male driver of the vehicle was arrested and held for a bail hearing. Lloyd HANDBURY (40), a resident of Winfield, Alta, was charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000
- Fail to comply with release order
- Drive while prohibited

HANDBURY was held for a bail hearing and transported to Edmonton Remand Centre.

December 11, 2023 – Area of Wetaskiwin County

Thorsby/Breton RCMP received a report that two abandoned trucks were located in a wooded area. RCMP attended and located the vehicles running and observed two males on scene. One male fled into the bush, and the other was arrested on site. Police Dog Services attended, but the track for the second male was unsuccessful. Jason ROY (36), a resident of Alder Flats, Alta, was charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 (X3)
- Possession of a controlled substance - Cocaine
- Possession of a controlled substance - Fentanyl
- Possession of a controlled substance - Methamphetamine
- Mischief, Damage to property over \$5,000
- Fail to comply with release order

ROY was held for a bail hearing and transported to Edmonton Remand Centre.

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GRINS FROM THE INTERNET

- The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.
- Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.
- When I get a headache, I take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says.
- Just once, I want the prompt for username and password to say, "Close enough".
- Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I've ever done.
- If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting.
- "Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo."
- Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?
- I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and past his bedtime.
- Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud.
- Tips for a successful marriage. Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.
- So, you drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill.
- I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
- I decided to stop calling the bathroom "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.
- Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.
- Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

- You don't need anger management. You need people to stop irritating you.
- Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- "On time" is when you get there.
- Even duct tape can't fix stupid-but it sure does muffle the sound.
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BRAZEAU COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Notice of Fire Costs Payment

The County has received notice that a \$3.71 million payment from the Disaster Recovery Program has been processed by the Province. The County is still waiting for \$1.5 million from the Fire Guard Program.

Grant applications

The County will apply for a \$50,000 Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) grant to contract an independent, reputable third-party firm to conduct research and prepare a report on sector development and investment attraction strategies.

This report will be used by Administration and the Technology, Innovation, and Investment Attraction Committee to focus economic development initiatives towards the most relevant sectors that are likely to be successful in Brazeau County.

Council also approved an application for a Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) Fire Smart Grant to provide public education to County residents in the form of town hall meetings.

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STORIES OF LIFE

Written by PK

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? OOPS

Joshua was full of energy, to say the least. He was one of those 4 year old kids who could go outside in the morning and be out all day, which explains his beautiful tan. He could always find something to do, even if that something was not exactly what he should be doing.

His hair was so wavy and blond. He looked like a little California surfer. Josh had a friend, Philip, who lived a couple houses from ours. You could always find them playing together in the yard, the playroom or the garage. On one of their adventures, Josh discovered an empty glass jar in the garage that he thought would be fun to play with. Kids can find treasures in any junk pile.

When he came into the house he asked me if he could take this glass jar outside, as any loving father would say, I said *"no, use a plastic cup."* He wasn't very happy with my decision and said that it wasn't the same thing.

I never heard another word about it as they both wandered back into the garage and out of sight. I never thought about it again until about twenty minutes later while I was sitting in the living room. CRASH! I looked out the front window and there was this tanned little blonde haired kid standing over a broken bottle. I was out of the door right away and I ran over to him, grabbed his shoulders from behind and told him to get home.

So off he ran, in the wrong direction. *"Hey, where are you going?"* I yelled, but he never stopped to look back. Now I was confused. Why was my son running to the neighbour's house? I called out a few times, *"Josh, where do you think you are going?"*, but that never even slowed him down.

Just then, from the corner of my eye I saw something very disturbing. Josh came walking out from the side yard of the house. Looking at the little boy running into the neighbour's house, and then looking at my son, I realized that I had made a mistake. I neglected to mention earlier that his friend Philip was the same size, tanned and had the same beautiful blonde hair, and for that instance could run as fast as Joshua.

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Membership with the Legion – Have you thought about becoming a member at The Warburg Legion?

ABOUT US

We are very proud of what our legion stands for and what we can do in the community. Our members are a diverse group that contributes so much and in many ways.

Our Charter started in June 1946 and over the years a lot has happened in our legion as well as the world. The history we have is monumental. We have family members who came to see us during Legion week, Remembrance Day telling stories of family members and what they did for The Warburg Legion. Even this building is a legacy for what has come through our doors. One Life Member once told us a story about *"leaving the trenches during war and coming home to Canada was like a dream and being able to walk any legion, yes ours, and feeling so comfortable to speak with veterans, old and young members was one of the highlights to being home once more."*

When they say there is history in our walls, and we have the pictures to prove it. Our memoirs are carefully being reviewed so we can show families of veterans who walked our floors that this is a place to be proud of. Another community project we will be implementing this spring is placing Poppy Markers at various veteran's graveyard sites.

Being a member at our Legion is only a step in your walk with The Royal Canadian Legion which is Canada wide.

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- History and more

Memberships for 2024 are available to those who would like to become a member or for existing members to renew.

New members have the option of a digital card or regular membership card. Simply go to www.Legion.ca and

follow directions from there. It is quite easy. Your other option simply call our membership chair at 780-848-2923.

Existing members can renew online at www.Legion.ca or at our local branch.

First of the year watch for more information on –

- Meeting on January 10, 2024, at 7PM at the Warburg Legion
- Friday Night Bar nights from 5pm to 10pm. Watch for further information on marketplace, our website and join in on the fun! It all happens at the Warburg Legion.
- Friday Night Pub night January 19, 2024, Name that Tune & 50/50 draw. Come out for an evening of good food, good fun! Watch for further advertising in the Breton Booster and Connect 39 papers as well as social media.

Hall Rentals are available at the Warburg Legion. Listed in the local papers or simply call 780-848-2923. Available for all functions, events, meetings and family fun!

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ALBERTA TO FIGHT FEDERAL PLASTICS BAN ONCE MORE

December 19, 2023 - Alberta News

Alberta's government will continue defending the province's constitutional jurisdiction and economy by intervening in Ottawa's appeal of the Federal Court's ruling on plastics.

On Nov. 16, the Federal Court of Canada ruled that the federal order-in-council classifying plastics as toxic is not only unreasonable but unconstitutional. The federal government has chosen to appeal this decision, ignoring calls from Alberta and others to accept the court's decision.

As a result, Alberta's government will participate in the appeal and will argue that the federal government's decision to label plastic as a "toxic substance" is an unconstitutional intrusion into provincial jurisdiction.

"It is past time for Ottawa to listen. We have told them they are overreaching their jurisdiction, the private sector has told them so, and so have both the Supreme Court and the Federal Court. Ottawa cannot assume regulatory authority over any substance simply by designating it as toxic. We will continue to push back against Ottawa's unconstitutional actions, including through this legal action, until they listen."
Danielle Smith, Premier

The toxic designation and bans have also had a detrimental impact on Alberta's economy. Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association estimates the designation will potentially jeopardize more than \$30 billion in capital investment in the petrochemical sector by 2030. Those risks would also put Albertan and Canadian workers at risk of losing their jobs.

"The Federal Court clearly ruled that the federal government's plastics ban policies were unconstitutional. The federal government's environmental policies and constitutional overreach have been heavily criticized and this ruling further confirms the indisputable nature of provincial jurisdiction in these matters. We are intervening in this appeal and will continue to participate wherever and whenever necessary to protect Alberta's interests."
Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice

In addition to intervening in the appeal, Alberta will monitor any further legal action taken to remove plastic manufactured items from the current Schedule 1 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act. Several Calgary-based companies producing compostable plastic bags are now caught in the ban

and will be barred from supplying Albertans with low-emissions alternatives to traditional plastic shopping bags.

"Instead of listening to the courts and to Canadians, the federal government has chosen overreach once again. We will continue standing up for our constitutional jurisdiction while focusing on more effective ways to reduce plastic waste and keep it out of landfills." Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

Alberta is committed to reducing plastic waste through initiatives like extended producer responsibility, which encourages businesses to find new ways to recycle materials and reduce waste. The province also advocates for strategies that create economies of scale, promote recycled content and develop local markets for transformed plastic waste.

Quick facts

- On April 23, 2021, the administrator in council issued an order-in-council directing that "plastic manufactured items" be added to Schedule 1 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CEPA).
- The category of plastic manufactured items includes every piece of plastic that enters Alberta.
- Once a substance is designated as toxic under CEPA, CEPA allows the federal government to make regulations regulating every aspect of that substance's life, from manufacture to sale to use and to disposal.
- Canada subsequently enacted the Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations (SUPPR) prohibiting the manufacture, import and sale of six single-use plastics. SUPPR is only valid if "plastic manufactured items" is listed as toxic on Schedule 1 of CEPA.
- The Responsible Plastic Use Coalition, Dow, Imperial Oil and Nova applied for a judicial review of the order. They challenged it as unreasonable on administrative law grounds and as unconstitutional on division of powers grounds.
- On Sept. 7, 2022, Alberta intervened in the application to address the constitutional questions. Saskatchewan intervened on Oct. 24, 2022.
- The application was heard March 7-9, 2023, and the court reserved its decision.
- On Nov. 16, the federal Court of Canada issued its decision. Justice Angela Furlanetto concluded that the order adding "plastic manufactured items" to the Schedule 1 was both unreasonable from an administrative law perspective, and unconstitutional.

Laurie's Laughs

In Memory of



I remember the old days...



When "Snap, Crackle and Pop" were sounds that came from my Cereal, not my body!

Don't expect any New Years Resolution from me. I intend on staying the same awkward, out-spoken delight you have all come to know and love.

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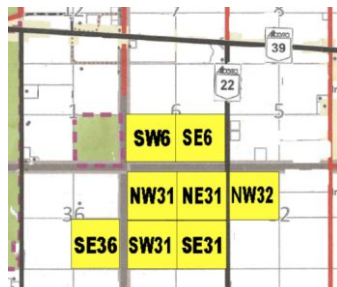
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