

THE BRETON BOOSTER

HIGHWAY 20 STILL CLOSED

*from the Village of Breton Facebook page - spill update #16
Feb 9, 2024*

Crews are still diligently working at getting things cleaned up in hopes of opening the south bound lane on highway with escorted alternating traffic. There isn't a time that this will happen just yet so Highway 20 is closed between Alsike and Winfield.

The trucks are allocated to the highway clean up for next week so once we have confirmation on equipment availability we will announce the next day that appointments will be available. We will definitely try for a weekend day to accommodate those that may not be able to make weekday appointments.

Thank you again to everyone with being understanding and tolerant of the clean up effort. Everyone understands that it is getting tiring for residents, but I am sure it is wearing on those involved directly on the highway and behind the scenes. So thank you to all.

FAMILY DAY EVENTS

Monday February 19, 2024

Breton Community Centre

•Pancake Breakfast – 9- 11 – Pay what you can



•Entertainment – Magic Show – 11:00 – 11:45

•Community Bingo – 12:00 – 3:00 – \$1 per card.



All ages welcome (under 12 must be with an adult)

•Wagon Rides 1:00 – 2:00 from the Community Centre

•Fire wood available at RV Park for wiener roast – bring your own supplies

•Ice skating – weather permitting



Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT

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Classified Ads are \$5 for 2 weeks

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You can email your ads to media@community39.com or call 780-499-9006

The Breton Booster can be viewed online & in color at www.community39.com

West End Swimming Pool Society

AGM

February 27th @ 7pm
Salt N' Pepper's Lounge



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6	8	9	1	4	2	7	3	5

Sudoku Answers
from Feb 7 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.



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QUALIFICATIONS

- › Attention to detail is a MUST
- › Must be self motivated
- › Must be willing to learn
- › Experience with Corel Draw an Asset
- › Must have valid Class 5 Drivers License

HOW TO APPLY

Please email your resume to Shane at
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UPCOMINGSPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

February 16 - Camo & Bling Fundraiser presented by the Breton Ag Society. Get your tickets at the Breton ATB or by calling Mark @ 780-542-0637 or Bonnie @ 780-514-5501.

February 16 - Pub Night hosted by Warburg Legion. Let's rock the 1950's with 50/50 Draw for best outfit, dance and song.

February 16, 17, 19 - Escape Room at Thorsby Library. Call 780-789-3808 or stop in to Register. Times: 16th - 3:30 - 7pm, 17th - 10am - 3:15pm, and 19th - 11am - 3:15pm

February 17 - Music Jam & Dance @ Thorsby Community Centre. Admission \$10 Jammers \$5. Light lunch Included. Everyone welcome

February 17 - "Raise the Roof" Comedy Night at Wilton Park Hall. Dinner & Show. \$50 per ticket. Tickets available through www.tickettailor.com or call 587-581-0404.

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

February 19 - Family Day Pancake Breakfast at the Thorsby Community Centre from 9am - noon. Hosted by the Thorsby & District Cultural & Historical Society.

February 17-19 - Escape Room at the Thorsby Library. Confirmed details and dates to come.

February 19 - Family Day Event in Thorsby @ Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 11am - 3pm. All FREE family event with free hot dogs and snow cones.

February 19 - Family Day event in Breton including a pancake breakfast hosted by the Breton Elks and wagon rides around the village. More details to come.

February 19 - Family Day with the Lakedell Ag Society from 4-7pm, Indoor & Outdoor Fun, Sleigh/Wagon Rides, Wiener Roast, Fireworks at 7pm, Free, 461043 Range Road 12

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

February 25 - Black History Month Performance at the Faith Covenant Church in Warburg @ 1:30pm. Admission is by donation. Also, collecting donations for the food bank

February 27 - West End Swimming Pool Society AGM @ 7pm in Salt & Pepper Lounge. Everyone welcome

March 2 - Andrew Boitchenko's coming to the Warburg

musuem @ 2:00pm

March 9 & 10 - First Aid Training @ Genesee Hall from 8am - 5pm. \$30 per person, lunch included. Email mhill@capitalpower.com to register.

March 16 - Off to the Races Fundraiser at the Mackenzie Centre in Drayton Valley for the CSTS Society. Contact Krista 780-898-2903, Mandy 780-621-6262 or csts1992@gmail.com

April 6 - Gord Bamford Canadian Dirt Tour 2024 at Warburg Community Center. Go to www.showpass.com/gord-bamford-canadian-dirt-tour-warburg-ab/ to purchase tickets.

April 13 - Breton/Warburg Women's Wellness Day - a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, fabulous food and a vendor market to shop! More information available soon!



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BRETON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

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Mark Raines 780-542-0637

Proceeds for Ag Society operations and Community Re-investment

Must be 18 years of age or older to attend



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 the Thursday prior to the Monday trip to save your seat. Contact Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828.

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

TUESDAYS

YOGA FOR WELLNESS - Every Tuesday from 10 - 11 am at the Breton Community Centre until April 30. Adult Only. Instructed by June Knobel. \$2 drop in fee.

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. For more info 780-514-5070.

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

FOOT WELLNESS services the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Breton. 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

****NEW** INDOOR WALKING GROUP** on Thursdays at the Breton Community Centre starting January 18 from 9:30-10:30am. \$2 drop in fee. Please bring inside shoes.

FRIDAYS

LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS on Fridays from 9:30 - 10:30 am 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

Pick up our FREE "Community Connections" booklet

at the Breton Village Office, Brazeau County Office, CE Media Thorsby, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex and the Warburg Village Office

Or go online to www.community39.com

You will find information on our local communities including maps, contacts, rental facilities, community groups and supports and more....

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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. 780-898-1155 or bretonmuse@yahoo.com

Breton Golden Age Club - Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11am (except July & August). 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). 780-696-3740 or bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca

Buck Creek Community Association - Meetings at the hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. 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. 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. 780-898-3557 or bretoneleks402@gmail.com

Community Events & Information is **FREE** to advertise



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Terry Vernon Olson

December 20, 1950 – February 4, 2024

With great sorrow we announce the passing of Terry Vernon Olson on February 4, 2024 at the Red Deer Regional Hospital. He was a beloved husband, father, brother, grandpa, uncle and friend to many.

Terry was born in Edmonton, Alberta on December 20, 1950 to Alice (Hernberg) and Joe Olson. Terry spent the formative years of his life growing up in Lindale with his mess of siblings, and cousins. Leaving home as a young man to work on the oil rigs. He married Benita Sterling on May 31, 1974. They had three children, Kevin, Jolene, and Dean.

Terry worked on the rigs for several years before he took up welding to be home with his kids. He welded in Drayton and Rocky until he retired in 2016. Throughout his life Terry enjoyed playing ball, boating, fishing, golfing, watching CFL, and spending time camping with his family. Terry was a skilled hobbyist inventor and engineer, and while he may not have always got it right on the first try, it did not matter. As a lover of big, roaring bonfires, screaming fireworks, and all things that went kaboom – if it blew up in his face, that was only a bonus.

Terry is survived by his wife Benita, son Kevin (Krista) Olson, granddaughter Khloe daughter Jolene Olson (Bryce Johnson), grandson Logan Niemi, Dean Olson (Tara Randall), grandchildren: Randell (Chad Houle), Rhownen, Rhyden, Rexley Olson-Besuyen; their mother Courtney Besuyen, great grandchildren: Ruchleigh, Rhenley, and Rheindrick. His siblings: Judy Morrison (Tom), Brian Olson (Julie), Delores Olson (Carl Myshak), Violet Olson (Bruce Sanderson), Debby Olson (Mike Kernahan), Coreen Sleno (Roger), Darwin Olson (Cindy Platz), Darcy Olson, Melody Olson; Benita's siblings who loved him like a brother. Multiple generations of nieces and nephews, and lots of cousins who loved him dearly.

He was predeceased by his parents Joe and Alice Olson, brothers Jim and Ricky Olson, sisters Charlene and Tammy Olson.

In lieu of flowers donations in Terry's name can be made to STARS Air Ambulance or the Cancer Society.

Please join the family for a celebration of life on Saturday February 17, 2024 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta at 1:00 PM.

Condolences may be forwarded to www.rockyfuneralhome.ca
Rocky and Sylvan Lake Funeral Homes and Crematorium, your Golden Rule Funeral Homes, entrusted with the arrangements.

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Please feel welcome to contact me at fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636. Our office hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30am - 4pm.

February seems to be going by quickly. Here we are already at the Family Day long weekend. We hope that you will be able to take in the events happening on Family Day or find a way to spend some time with your family members. Here is some fun no cost ways to spend time together:

- * Cook a meal - make it more special if it is a family recipe
- * Play cards or a board game
- * Do a puzzle
- * Take a walk around your neighborhood
- * Go ice skating
- * Look through old photos together
- * Write a letter/ draw pictures to mail to a family member that lives far way
- * Tell stories of family members and how they moved to the area
- * Start a family tree
- * Build a family of snowmen
- * Share your list of favorite things....color, food, song, memory

Changes to Alberta Government Payments - Albertans who rely on the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) and Income Support programs will get their payments four business days before the first of the month. Here are the next few payment dates:

February	Feb-01-2024
March	Feb-26-2024
April	March-25-2024

"Yoga for Wellness" Every Tuesday 10 am to 11 am January 16 to April 30, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Breton Community Center

Gentle flow yoga to help strengthen and relax the body and the mind. Pose sequences, meditation and breath work also promotes flexibility, balance, as well as, mind and body wellness. Adults of all ages are welcome; however class content was developed with age 55 plus in mind. Instructed by June Knobel, Certified Yoga Teacher with, Yoga Association of Alberta. \$2.00 drop in fee

The Adult Exercise Program is returning This class runs from 9:30 - 10:30 am on Friday mornings. Equipment is provided. This class will focus on toning, balance, increased mobility, strength gains, and increased flexibility. Participants will be able to either do the exercise standing or sitting, which ever their ability will allow. This program is facilitated by Cassie Kreil a

certified instructor. Participants will be asked to pay a small fee of \$2/class. Join today and start to get fit with friends. This is a drop-in group so you are welcome to start attending at any time throughout the year.

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.

Walking Group - Thursday Mornings - 9:30 - 10:30 - Breton Community Centre, Drop In \$2. Organized by Kasey and Lorraine.

Save these Important Dates

Monday February 19 - Family Day. We are excited to partner with the Breton ELKS and Breton Royal Purple to bring you Family Day celebrations.

The day will include:

- * Pancake Breakfast - 9- 11 - Pay what you can
- * Entertainment - Magic Show - 11:00 - 11:45
- * Community Bingo - 12:00 - 3:00 - \$1 per card. All ages welcome (under 12 must be with an adult)
- * Wagon Rides 1:00 - 2:00
- * Fire wood available at RV Park for wiener roast - bring your own supplies
- * Ice skating - weather permitting

Watch for further details.

Breton /Warburg Women's Wellness Day - Saturday April 13, 2024. We are excited to partner with Warburg FCSS and bring you a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, fabulous food and a vendor market to shop! Tickets are \$30 and will be available February 12 at the Village of Breton and the Village of Warburg Offices.

We are just finalizing our day but it will feature:

Keynote - Christine Holubec Jackson - Finding our Super Power Through Adversity: Lessons From the Classroom of Life.

Breakout sessions with

- Hot Mess Organizing - Lisa Blough
- Homestead 39 - Learn how to make Lavender Deodorant & Fermented Garlic Honey
- Flourished Creekstead - Creating a cut flower garden
- Sarah's Sourdough - Learning about Sourdough making
- Closing Speaker Billi J Miller - "Overcoming Diversity: Blooming Where Planted"

If you would like to be a vendor at the event, please contact fcss@breton.ca

Bus to Swim - Summer 2024 - It is never too early to start thinking about Summer activities. July 15-19, 2024 bus leaves Warburg at 10 am, stops in Breton at 10:15, swim lessons at 11-12, then bus leaves at 12:10 from Pool to return home. Please arrive 5 minutes earlier as the bus will be leaving SHARP at 10 am.

Cost: 41.00 bus for one week+ swimming lessons
55.00= 96.00/total

Bus to Swim is for youth ages 5+. 4 parent volunteers (must be attending all week) for the bus to swim are needed. If you sign up to volunteer, we will give you \$20.00 off one child's registration for helping us out. You can register online at www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenD8cs0V_mrtMlllqbgZlqfBZwFzjM7-ly_ApU-DtHBkAmc2g/viewform or at either the Warburg FCSS office or Breton FCSS office.

Contact us at: WARBURG-Shauna (780-848-2828) or fcss@warburg.ca

BRETON-Deanne (780-696-3636) or fcss@breton.ca

Confirmation of registration is made upon payment. Please send all E-transfers to office@warburg.ca, or pay at either Village office.

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BRAZEAU COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Emergency Management Preparation

Council directed staff to investigate Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) funding for planting edible trees in Cynthia and other Brazeau County areas, including costs.

FCM has partnered with Tree Canada to ensure local governments have access to key expertise and information that informs best practices.

The Edible Trees grant helps fight food insecurity by offering financial and logistical support to plant fruit and nut bearing trees and shrubs in communities on publicly accessible sites. A grant of up to \$10,000 may be available.

Lodgepole Water Wells

Council directed staff to conduct a table top investigation on the water wells in Lodgepole to address resident concerns about dried up wells.

Agricultural Inspector Appointment

Council appointed Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Greg Cameron as a weed inspector, pest inspector, and soil conservation officer.

Final Budget Meeting Dates

Council set April 5 and April 8 as the dates for Council to deliberate the final 2024 budget.

Meetings are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are open to the public.

*For detailed information on Council meetings,
including current minutes, please visit*

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of the CAO at

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Join us at one of our upcoming workshops to learn more about FireSmart™ techniques that residents can use to help protect their property from wildfire, how to prepare for an evacuation, how to build an emergency kit and other important information to help you and your family prepare for an emergency.

Workshops have been scheduled at local community halls throughout the month of March to allow residents to attend the workshop at the location, date or time that works best with their schedule.

Food and refreshments will be provided at each workshop.

For more information, please contact Deputy Fire Chief of Inspections, Investigations & Safety, Kamil Lasek at firetso@draytonvalley.ca

March 5 | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Buck Creek Community Hall

March 7 | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Lindale Community Hall

March 12 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Breton Community Hall

March 14 | 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Drayton Valley MacKenzie Conference Centre

March 19 | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Easyford Community Hall

March 21 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Lodgepole Community Hall

IMPORTANT DATES

February 19 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed

February 20 | Council meeting | 9 a.m.

February 21 | Agricultural Services Board meeting | 1 p.m.

March 5 | Council meeting | 9 a.m.

March 12 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 1 p.m.

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INFORMATION SESSIONS

WILDLAND FIRE INDUSTRY RESPONSE INFORMATION SESSIONS

As previously announced, information sessions will be provided to interested contractors to allow them to effectively and safely contribute to future emergency response efforts.

Two sessions will be offered:

- Breton Community Hall February 21, 2024 10am-2pm,
- CETC (Clean Energy Technology Centre) - February 23, 2024 10am-2pm.

A light lunch will be provided at both sessions.

The names of all those attending are required, along with a copy of valid WCB and COR/SECOR certification, by **Friday, February 16th @ 4pm.**

A company representative will not suffice. Each individual interested in providing assistance, should the need arise, is required to attend one of these sessions.

To register for these sessions, please e-mail firetraining@brazeau.ab.ca or call Public Works at 780-542-7777.

The discussion will focus on the following topics:

1. Incident Command System

An overview will be provided of the incident command structure which will involve a discussion around an incident action plan and what information it provides and why it is important for industry members to understand it.

2. Staging and Checking into an Incident

Discussion will focus on what staging is, what forms need to be completed at staging so members of industry can get paid.

How vehicles are marked at staging so they can be deployed into the incident

Why this is important for accountability in an incident

It will also include checking in and checking out of the incident and how resources are assigned and deployed to assist.

3. Emergency Operations Best Practices

This section will focus on how industry and emergency services work in a shared space during an emergency.

It will include items such as what color fire helmet should a contractor be looking for to get directions.

It will give a general overview of air operations

The water haulers discussion will focus on fittings that are needed to attach to a fire apparatus, where these fittings can be found on a fire truck, as well as how water haulers park so they supply water but also exit quickly and safely if needed.

For heavy equipment operations, discussions will focus on a general overview of dozer operations in terms of dozer fire guards, flagging, as well as some basic information on safe dozer operations.

4. Framework for Integration

In this section the focus will be on the payment for services based on the provincial tender rates for equipment. We will focus on what the rate covers and does not cover.

We will also talk about establishing contracts with companies prior to any incident.

We will also look at the pre-employment training that will be required to work with the municipality. What training do they need to have? (Wildfire Contractor Orientation Online Program), Fireline Safety, Dozer Boss courses, etc.

There will also be discussion on equipment expectations and maintenance programs for equipment and what the expectations are for contractors sharing maintenance program records and ensuring the company has a safety program for their equipment and personnel.

A discussion will also be had regarding insurance and liability and what expectations are for holding insurance policies.

We will also discuss the preseason information registration process which will include type of equipment, training, etc. This will also include protocols for resource sharing and coordination with emergency responders.

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Thomas'
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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ANOTHER PIECE OF THE STORY THE ALEXANDER BROTHERS

*Submitted by Allan Goddard, from the Breton Booster
March 1, 2023*

As Black History Month draws to a close, I wanted to write an article which has been on my to do list for over a year. The amount of information which the Breton Museum has on a particular family or individual depends to a large extent on what was published in the community history book the "Ladder of Time", or is included in the archival records of the museum. This was the case with the Alexander family.

One of the main themes at the Breton Museum is documenting the story of the Keystone, and the African American families who settled here in the early 1900's. These families left Oklahoma escaping limited opportunities and racial prejudice. They turned their eyes northward, to western Canada, where the lure of homestead land was available to all males over the age of 18. From 1909 -1911 small groups travelled by train from Oklahoma, arriving in Edmonton. Once in Edmonton, the groups split with some travelling north to Amber Valley, others to Junkins (Wildwood) and Campsie, and some to the community of Keystone.

In 2021, I had an Email from Andrea Alexander the great grand daughter of Clifton T. Alexander. As a child she had been out to the museum with her parents, but with the passing of her father Clifford III, interest in her family's past became a priority to her. Thanks to her research and passing the information along, the museum now has a more detailed picture of the family and the time they resided in Keystone, and where their lives lead them after moving from Keystone.

Mrs. Emma King wrote a short article (seven sentences to be exact) about the four Alexander brothers, who arrived in Edmonton in 1911 along with the King family. She also writes that the brothers stayed with Charlie and Emma King when they first moved out to Keystone.

All four brothers had been born in Alabama. Marvin the eldest was born in 1888 at Florence Alabama. Marvin did file on a homestead at Keystone in 1911, but by 1913 there is evidence that he had returned to the United States, and his homestead application was cancelled. He has remained somewhat of an enigma in Andrea's research.

Clifton T. Alexander, born in 1892, also filed on a homestead at Keystone shortly after his arrival. He would marry Victoria Bella Briscoe of Athabasca Landing in 1913. By 1916 records indicate that he had completed

the requirements of the Homestead Act and received title to his land. At some point the family moved from Keystone to Edmonton where Clifton was employed as a porter with the Northwestern Railroad. Clifton passed away December 31, 1957, and was survived by his wife and four children. Clifton would have a son he named Clifford II, and a grandson also named Clifford III. It was from this family branch which Andrea's research started.

Elmer L. Alexander also filed on a homestead next to his brother Clifton. He married Lottie Ramsey a daughter of George and Leutisha Ramsey, an early Keystone family. By 1921 we find Elmer and Lottie living in Edmonton with their two children, where Elmer is listed as a labourer. Elmer, like his brother, would also work as a railway porter. Elmer and family moved back to the United States, where he passed away in 1951.

Eugene, the youngest Alexander brother, filed on the homestead that his brother Marvin had filed on and abandoned. He would marry Mattie Allen at Keystone in 1917. Mattie was the daughter of William and Mattie Allen, one of the earliest families to settle in Keystone. As with his brothers, Eugene and family would leave Keystone in the 1920's. Eugene would also follow his brothers and work as a porter on the railway. Eugene passed away in 1949 while living in Vancouver. Mattie would remarry and eventually relocate to the United States where she passed away in 1994.

While the Alexander family's stay at Keystone was relatively short, their story deserves to be documented at the Breton Museum. Is the puzzle complete, no but we definitely have more details than we had before, thanks to a family member who took up the cause.



Clifton T. Alexander (photo courtesy of Andrea Alexander)

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THE HISTORY BEHIND WHY VALENTINE'S DAY IS CELEBRATED

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People have been sending Valentines since the year 269 A.D.

Whether you spend the day celebrating your gal pals or cooking a romantic dinner with your partner, Valentine's Day is all about love. But why do we celebrate February 14 with cards, flowers, and chocolates—and what does St. Valentine have to do with it all?

As it turns out, St. Valentine was a real person, credited with sending the first-ever valentine in the third century. We dug into the history of the holiday so you can read up on the sweet traditions before you send flowers to your sweetie and mail your valentine cards. Who knows—they may inspire a few new Valentine's Day traditions for you and your loved ones.

When Is Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day is always celebrated on the 14th day of February, so it falls on a different day of the week each year. This year, Valentine's Day is on Monday, February 14, 2022.

Who Was St. Valentine?

There are multiple saints named 'Valentine' that appear throughout history, but only one is credited with starting the romantic origins of the holiday we know today. The story goes that in the year 269 A.D., a Roman priest named Valentinus was in jail and ordered to be executed. His last act before he died was writing a love letter to the woman who frequently came to visit him while he was imprisoned. He signed the letter, "From your Valentine," and from then on it has been considered the very first Valentine's Day card in history. Valentinus died on February 14, 269 A.D., and several hundred years later Pope Gelasius declared his death date would be known as St. Valentine's Day.

The History of Valentine's Day

While St. Valentine lived in ancient Rome, the holiday actually combines both Christian and ancient Roman traditions—but it didn't begin as a day filled with cards and flowers.

In the fourth century, a celebration called Lupercalia was celebrated on February 15. On that day, it's said that Roman priests would sacrifice an animal they believed to be associated with fertility (typically a goat). That evening, all the single women in the area would come and place their names in a large urn; names were then drawn by all the eligible bachelors, and typically the couples would decide to get married.

Two centuries after Valentinus wrote his love letter in 269 A.D., the celebration of Lupercalia was outlawed. At the end of the fifth century, Pope Gelasius effectively

declared February 14 to be St. Valentine's Day, merging the two holidays.

Because the holiday came to be associated with the marriage rituals of Ancient Rome, it's believed that this is when the holiday took on a romantic meaning—but it wasn't celebrated with cards and gifts until almost 1,000 years later. In the early 1800s, Valentine's Day cards began to be mass-produced in Britain and the United States, and in the early 1900s, the Hallmark company was founded.

People often refer to Valentine's Day as a "Hallmark holiday," and there's some truth behind the nickname; the Hallmark company was actually instrumental in creating the holiday we know and love today. They created some of the first affordable Valentine's Day cards (\$2, Hallmark) in the United States, and as the mail system became more efficient and less expensive, people began sending cards—which eventually led to sending flowers, special Valentine's Day gifts, and other items as well.

Today, Valentine's Day is celebrated in the United States, Canada, Britain, Mexico, France, and Australia. And while we certainly still do send greeting cards to celebrate (these are our favorite funny Valentine's Day cards), it's now customary to share flowers, chocolates, candy, and gifts on the holiday as well. According to the National Retail Federation, Americans spent more than \$20 billion on Valentine's Day last year, and the NRF predicts this year spending will increase to more than \$27 billion. That's a lot of heart-shaped chocolate boxes (\$5, Party City)!

So as you choose your card and gift this year, remember the sentiment of the very first valentine written by St. Valentine himself—while gifts are a popular choice, a love note to your special someone can be just as meaningful.



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65 Achievable New Year's Resolutions For Building A Healthy, Happy Life

By Zee Krstic and Cameron Jenkins

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www.goodhousekeeping.com/health/wellness/advice/g985/achievable-new-year-resolutions/

Continued from last week, here are more goals for 2024 to help you look and feel your best.

47- Do one thing at a time.

Multitasking doesn't make you more efficient, but it does stress you out, says mindfulness expert Pedram Shojai, author of *Focus: Bringing Time, Energy, and Money Into Flow*. *"If your focus is fragmented, you'll likely find yourself getting anxious as new items come up when old ones are still incomplete,"* he says.

Instead, he suggests, organize your activities into chunks of time, such as kid time and cooking time, and then *"commit to being focused in those allotted minutes and see what happens."* It'll help stop you from overthinking everything.

48- Make chaotic zones calm.

Make the chaotic zone by the door a calm, happy space, advises Carly Moeller, founder of interior design firm Unpatterned. Set up simple systems (a mail basket, a shoe bench, hooks) for tidying. Then move art or flowers from the living room and invest in a mirror or a colorful rug.

49- Embrace your new work schedule.

If you've gone fully remote since 2020 and have discovered that returning to the office simply won't be happening, there's an opportunity at hand to revitalize your calendar this year. *"If you could live anywhere"* by Melody Warnick is a guide to the post-pandemic reality that many career-minded individuals are facing and can help you to create a personal location strategy. It's one of many self-help books that can shake up how you may view setbacks, turning them into major wins in your own book of life.

50- Make your bed every morning.

Yes, it's time to grow past the messy bed look! Mastering the art of making your bed will simply transform your space, but also kickstart a productive morning routine. Taking care of your pillows, sheets, and comforter is easy when you have an expert to show you how.

51- Go to bed on time, with your partner.

Getting sufficient zzz's can make you feel ready for action. A study in the *Journal of Sexual Medicine* found that women who got more sleep had more desire the next day and an overall easier time becoming aroused. Every additional hour they slept increased their likelihood of having sex by 14%. So skip late-night web

searches and hit the hay.

52- Stay glued to the windows (with sunscreen, of course).

Spending as much time outside as possible is a great thing for your health — but even when the weather becomes frigid, sunlight is crucial to regulate your mood throughout the day. Sunlight can help regulate our circadian rhythms, which directly impacts how productive we are as well. If you can't find natural light in your home, try investing in a few supercharged lights for indoor living, and watch as your mood brightens over time.

53- Treat yourself to more facials.

Give yourself a spa-level nutrient infusion without footing a massive bill.

54- Give yourself more compliments.

Repeat after us: *"Today is my day. I'm thankful for me."* Positive self-talk can help you focus on what's good in your life, says psychologist Joy Harden Bradford, Ph.D. Research shows that a little vitamin G (for gratitude) can make you feel happier and more satisfied and even improve your sleep. *"If you repeat an affirmation related to gratitude in the morning, you're likely to show and feel more of it throughout that day,"* Bradford says.

55- Head outside without your phone.

In a previous GH survey, 83% of people told us they lost track of how long they spent on their devices. But short of deleting all social apps, it can be hard to trade screen time for more productive pastimes like walking the dog and coffee with friends. Whether you're Team iPhone or Team Android, download the latest software to access built-in tools that help you track your personal app usage.

56- Say goodbye to toxic friends.

It may feel impossible now, but there is a way to break up with a once friend turned frenemy without imploding your social life. Sometimes, ghosting is appropriate — but more often than not, approaching the situation with a structured conversation can help you get the closure you need to grow.

57- Be current about the news.

It can be hard to keep up with what's going on in the world given the lightning-fast news cycles. But it's more important than ever to stay informed.


58- Add more citrus to your grocery cart.

When you see all those gorgeous in-season grapefruits, oranges, clementines, and pomelos in the produce aisle, grab an armful. Winter citrus can help keep skin looking healthy thanks to vitamin C, which aids in collagen production. In fact, an *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* study found that people who ate foods high in C had fewer wrinkles and less age-related dry skin than those who didn't. Try clementine sections sprinkled with pistachios or sweet grapefruit dipped in Greek yogurt for a snack.



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DRAYTON VALLEY



\$1,200,000

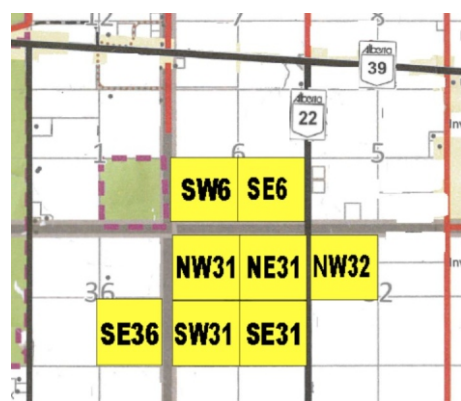
2 Acs. 5,160 sq ft industrial bldg.
2 drive thru bays, 3rd bay (not
drive thru), 100' drive thru wash
bay, offices. Chain link fence.

BATTLE LAKE



\$325,000

27 acres hillside property, View of Mount Butte & Battle Lake. Water well, septic, power, Seacan & 45"reefer trailer included.



INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
8 quarters (1267 acres), spacious
home, 32x40 heated shop, Quonset, 2
waterers. 2nd serviced yard site is on
the quarter to south. Substantial annual
revenues received from surface leases
& land rent. On Hwy 22. short distance
to Drayton Valley \$6,500,000

WINFIELD



\$949,000

158 acres, creek, mature forest, cabin, peace & tranquility! East Poplar Creek flows thru this land. on no exit road.

BUCK LAKE



\$165,000

Highland Spruce Estates - 1.28 acre. 7 RV sites, underground power, sewer, water, fenced, insulated shed, wood shed.

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