THE BRETON BOSTER

MISS JOANNE'S PRODUCTION OF OLIVER TWIST MUSICAL THEATRE

Interview by Russell Hickman

Miss Joanne's accent gives her away. She's from England. It's there her love of musical theatre began at age 12. One or two musicals a year, traveling theatre in Spain and a circus gig —*"the best of times"*— and her path was set. She's operated Miss Joanne's School of Dance in Drayton Valley and Breton and, not for the first time, is producing a community musical. It's Charles Dickens' story of the orphaned Oliver Twist set to music. Oliver runs away from Mr. Bumble's Victorian workhouse after asking for more, is pressed onto the street and into Fagin's gang of sordid thieves, then finds his true family. Miss Joanne broke away from rehearsal at EPAC to talk with me about *"Oliver Twist"*, the local cast and crew, and the many hats she wears as show runner. The interview has been edited for clarity and length.

Not your First Rodeo.

No, not my first. I choreographed and directed/produced The Sound of Music with River Valley Players at The EPAC in 2014. That was my first musical here. I grew up in England in theatre. I did my first musical when I was 12, also The Sound of Music. I was in musicals once or twice a year until I was 19. I did Oliver Twist when I was younger and I know the story. As a mature adult Dickens has been a big part of my life. I love to work with children. It opens up a whole world for them and gives them confidence. It just allows them to perform and makes them feel important up on that stage. I need to open up their minds to theatre.

What to expect of "Oliver Twist".

Oh, My Goodness! "Oliver Twist" is a very entertaining musical set back in the early 19th century in England. It touches my heart because it comes from my home country. We have children as young as 6 to adults singing, dancing, acting, doing comedy. It's PG. Not suitable for young, young children as there are brief raised voices and stage violence. The Bill Sykes

character, despite our actor's heart of gold, is a hard man.

Interview continued and more pictures inside this issue....

There are five performances of Oliver Twist at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre Pembina Stage in Drayton Valley: March 21, 22, 23 at 6:30 p.m. and matinee performances at 2 p.m. March 23 and 24. Tickets are available at Value Drug Mart and Miss Joanne's School of Dance in Drayton Valley. In Breton, tickets are available at Heads Up! Family Hair Care.

Left. Fagin (Andrew Farrow) and Bill Sykes (Steve Goodman) are entertained in the pub by Nancy (Kailey Hogan) Background Characters Left to Right: Jennifer Landers, Rebecca Elliot, Laura Free, Carolyn Meyer



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Sudoku Answers from Mar 6 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 × 3 subgrids.

General Service Worker - Casual Cloverleaf Manor – Warburg AB

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is looking for an enthusiastic individual who enjoys working in a team environment. This casual position will be required to work a **variety of shifts**. Shifts will include **afternoons** and **nights**. Applicants should be prepared and able to work all shifts. Duties may include kitchen-related responsibilities such as cleaning, cooking and food preparation or housekeeping responsibilities and other duties as assigned. A high standard of service is expected.

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Please send your resume quoting job posting number 2024 - CL - 06 to:

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Posting to remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY 2024/06 Transfer Station Attendant

The **County of Wetaskiwin** is seeking applications for a permanent part-time Transfer Station Attendant for Buck Lake Transfer Station.

For further information and position requirements, visit our website www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/jobs

Applications, along with cover letter, can be emailed directly to <u>bwolter@county10.ca</u>. Please include Posting Number on application.



Deadline for Applications: Monday, March 25, 2024





UPCOMINGSPECIALEVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg&Surrounding Areas)

<u>March 15</u> - Pub Night at the Warburg Legion from 5-10pm for St. Patricks Day.

<u>March 16</u> - Winfield Legion Spaghetti Supper. Legion doors open at 5:30pm, supper from 6-7:30pm. \$10 per plate, Kids 6 and under are free. Get your raffle tickets.

<u>March 16</u> - 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 <u>csts1992@gmail.com</u>

<u>March 16</u> - Kitchen Basics at the Winfield Hall. Get in the Kitchen with Professional Chef Andrew Hess from 10-12:30 Ages 8-10, \$10/student. <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u> to register.

<u>March 16</u> - Italian Adventure at the Winfield Hall, Get in the Kitchen with Professional Chef Andrew Hess from 1:30-4:30. Ages 10+, \$10/student. <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u> to register

<u>March 19</u> - Winfield Historical Society AGM at 7pm at the Winfield Community Centre. Everyone Welcome.

<u>March 20</u> - Warburg Seed Cleaning 60th Anniversary Customer Appreciation BBQ from 11am - 2pm at the Warburg Pioneer Rec Centre. CFCW Live on location.

<u>March 21</u> - Living Well, Sprouting Program with Robert Schmidt at the Warburg Library

March 21 & 22 - Oliver Twist presented by Miss Joannes School at the Eleanor Pickup Centre in Drayton Valley. 6:30pm. Tickets at Heads Up in Breton or call 780-621-2430

<u>March 22</u> - Spring Fiesta Name that Tune & Karaoke at the Winfield Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm. \$10 Cover Charge. Hosted by Winfield Ag Society. Call 780-514-6671 for info.

<u>March 23</u> - Tin Foil Sculpting, Art in the Hall at the Winfield Hall from 10-12:30pm. Ages 7-13, \$20/person. Email <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u> to register

<u>March 23</u> - Needle Felted Eggs, Art in the Hall at the Winfield Hall from 10-12:30pm. Ages 14+, \$20/person. Email <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u> to register

<u>March 23</u> - Oliver Twist presented by Miss Joannes School at the Eleanor Pickup Centre in Drayton Valley. 2pm & 6:30pm. Tickets at Heads Up in Breton or call 780-621-2430

<u>March 24</u> - Oliver Twist presented by Miss Joannes School at the Eleanor Pickup Centre in Drayton Valley. 2pm. Tickets at Heads Up in Breton or call 780-621-2430

March 26 - Beach Day Spring Break Activity for ages 6-13.

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<u>March 27</u> - Tacos & Movie Afternoon Spring Break Activity for ages 6-13. 11-3:30pm. Breton Community Centre. Limited Spaces so pre-register at 780-696-3636 or <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>

<u>March 28</u> - Crafts & Ice Cream Spring Break Activity for ages 6-13. 1-3:30pm. Breton Community Centre. Limited Spaces so pre-register at 780-696-3636 or fcss@breton.ca

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

<u>April 6</u> - Self Defense Class at the Warburg School, Full day of Training, lunch provided. \$40/person. Pre-register with Shauna at FCSS 780-848-2828 or <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

April 6 - Willow Weaving Workshop at the Winfield Hall from 10am-12pm. Ages 9-15, \$50/person. Hosted by the Winfield Ag Society. To register email <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u>

<u>April 6</u> - Willow Weaving Workshop at the Winfield Hall from 1-4pm. Adults 16+, \$60/person. Hosted by the Winfield Ag Society. To register email <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u>

<u>April 12</u> - Spring Pruning Workshop hosted by Winfield Ag Society. \$50 per person include dinner. Email <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u> to register by April 1.

<u>April 13</u> - Breton/Warburg Women's Wellness Day - a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, food and a vendor market! 1/3 Sold out. Tickets \$30, available at both Breton & Warburg FCSS or contact <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>

<u>April 13</u> - 58th Annual Trophy Night Banquet for Thorsby & District Fish & Game at the Warburg Hall at 5:30pm. Reserve tickets with Brent 780-898-5013 or Cara 780-621-8709

<u>April 29</u> - Melodies in Bloom Spring Concert at 7pm by the Lakeshore Singers choir joined by the Falun Children's Choir at the Lakedell Ag Society large hall. Admission by donation

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Stanley Robert Larsen December 1, 1943 – March 3, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Stanley Larsen of Breton, Alberta. Stanley passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at Bethany Riverview in Calgary, Alberta at the age of 80 years.

Stanley had a deep love for the outdoors, particularly for fishing, hunting, and drag races. Throughout his life, he found solace and joy in nature, whether casting his line in a tranquil lake, tracking game in the wilderness, or revving up his engine on the drag strip. His passion for these activities brought him immense happiness and fulfillment. He will be remembered for his adventurous spirit and his unwavering love for the great outdoors.

Stanley is survived by his children Rob (Pebbles) and Jodie; grandchildren Sheldon, Curtis, Rachel (Curtis), London, Ashley, Ryan, Alyssa and Brendan; greatgrandchildren Addison and Emmalyn, as well as siblings, Connie Tryon and Barb (Ralph) Becker.

He was predeceased by his wife, Ella; sons, Rick and Lorne; parents, Louise and Henry, and brothers, Eddie and Reggie.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to Bethany Riverview for their incredible care during Stanley's time there. May he rest in peace.

For those who so desire, memorial donations in *Stanley's name may be made directly to the charity* of one's choice.

> Condolences may be sent to: www.affinityfuneralservice.ca

Arrangements in care of Joelle Valliere at:

Affinity Funeral Service 5001 45 Avenue, Drayton Valley, Alberta 780.542.3338



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.

<u>CARDS & FLOOR CURLING</u> 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

INDOOR WALKING GROUP on Thursdays at the Breton Community Centre 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

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



COMMUNITYGROUPS&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

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

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 <u>bretonagsociety@gmail.com</u>

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 bretonelks402@gmail.com

The Breton Booster can be viewed online & in color at <u>www.community39.com</u>





Krazeau County

IMPORTANT DATES

March 27 | Agricultural Services Board meeting | 1 p.m. March 29 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Good Friday April 1 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Easter Monday April 2 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m. April 4 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m.

OPPORT 2

Invitation to Tender: Caretaker of Easyford Community Centre

Brazeau County is inviting bids for the contracted caretaker of the Easyford Community Centre located 16 km Northwest of the Town of Drayton Valley. Duties and requirements include the following; however, interested parties are encouraged to carefully review the tender package which can be found at www.brazeau.ab.ca.

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY:

Manage and operate the community centre until October 31, 2024, including:

- Facilitate existing bookings, including but not limited to taking payment, meeting with clients, ensuring activities are in line with statutory provisions and verification is provided (i.e. liquor permit, food handling), and responding to inquiries throughout the contract term
- Maintain the community centre and grounds in good working order for clients and as outlined in Appendix A.3 of the tender package
- Communicate with clients and the public in a professional manner and promote the region's recreational opportunities where possible
- Develop and implement an approved risk management plan as described in Appendix A.4 of the tender package

CARETAKER REQUIREMENTS:

- Carry liability insurance as outlined in subsection A.5 in the tender package
- Carry Worker's Compensation, as required

For complete information on the requirements for the caretaker, please see the tender package 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 April 3. 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.





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Food and refreshments will be provided at each workshop.

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

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

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

Brazeau County Office 7401 Twp Rd 494 Box 77 Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R1

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

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – FREE **INCOME TAX PREPARATION** - For Low Income Persons, Families, seniors and students. Although this is something that most of us would like to avoid thinking about and doing, I am afraid that this is unavoidable. You need to file your income tax each year, even if you have no income to report. By doing this you may receive benefits that you did not know you were eligible for. Also, in the event of the death of your spouse, benefits can easily be transferred to you, if you have filled a return for the last calendar year. If you did not file a tax return in 2023 you may not be receiving benefits from the government that you are eligible for. The focus of the Community Volunteer Tax Program is to assist those individuals who have limited income. This includes seniors, families, and students. If your income was approximately in one of the following categories, you may qualify for assistance. 1 person - \$35,000 / Couple -\$45,000 / Family \$52,500

We are not able to complete returns with income from the following sources: *Capital Gains or Losses, Farming Income, Rental Income, Self-Employment, Interest exceeding* \$1,000, Bankruptcies, Deceased Persons

This service is FREE to those who qualify. If you require this service, please gather your information, and bring it to the Village of Breton office Monday to Thursday between 8:30 - 4pm. Clients will be notified when your return is completed. The program will run from March 1 – April 30, 2023

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: *April* - *March*-25

"Yoga for Wellness" Every Tuesday 10 am to 11 am until April 30, 10–11am, 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 drop in fee

The Adult Exercise Program - 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.

Our FREE Community Connections booklet is available for pick up at:

the Breton Village Office, Brazeau County Office, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex, Thorsby – CE Media Signs & Promotional, Warburg Village Office

You will find contacts and information on rental facilities, community groups, the municipalities, community supports and so much more.

Or go online to <u>www.community39.com</u>

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SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Break Activities

Join us for a few days of fun during Spring Break. Register at <u>www.docs.google.com/forms/d/1IBFIbeIqMfMGYGGGr</u> <u>LOARcfga05aR1Ea3ck6ytaSpsw/edit</u> or in person at the Village of Breton Office. **March 26 - Beach Day** - 10:00 - 2:30. Join in the fun for

March 26 - Beach Day - 10:00 - 2:30. Join in the fun for "Summer Bingo", games, and pizza

March 27 - Tacos & Movie Afternoon - 11:00 - 3:30 - Movies TBA

March 28 - Crafts & Ice Cream - 1:00 - 3:30

Pre-register / Limited Spaces \$5/ Day/ participant or \$12 / participant for all 3 Days Ages 6 - 13 / Breton Community Centre Contact Breton FCSS for more information 780.696.3636 or <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>

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 this week at the Village of Breton and the Village of Warburg Offices. Tickets are 60% sold already! 2 of the breakout sessions are already full and only a few in the Cutflower session.

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

Breakout sessions:

Morning Choices for breakout session - choose one

- Mastering Clutter Lisa Blough
- Full Homestead Thirty-Nine Learn how to make Lavender Deodorant & Fermented Garlic Honey
- Make-up Demo-Mikayla Leibel

Afternoon choices for breakout session - choose one

- Planning with Heart Lisa Blough
- Flourished Creekstead Creating a cut flower garden
- Full 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 <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>. Tickets are available at both Breton FCSS and Warburg FCSS.

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 bus for one week + swimming lessons \$55 = \$96 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 off one child's registration for helping us out. You can register online at

www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSenD8cs0V m r t M I I I q b g Z I g f B Z w F z j M 7 - I y _ A p U -DtHBkAmc2g/viewform or at either the Warburg FCSS office or Breton FCSS office.

Contact us at: WARBURG - Shauna (780-848-2828)or <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u> / BRETON- Deanne (780-696-3636) or <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>

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

Winfield & District Historical Society Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

7:00 pm in the Meeting room at the Winfield Community Centre

Everyone is welcome to attend





Village of Breton Council Meeting

DATE CHANGE

NEW Date:

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

TIME - 7:00 pm

Location -Carolyn Strand Civic Centre 4916 50th Ave, Breton, Alberta



BRAZEAU COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 5, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Western Economic Corridor (WEC) Incentive Bylaw 1173-24

Council adopted the Western Economic Corridor Investment Incentive Bylaw 1173-24. The purpose of this bylaw is to provide an incentive for new businesses to relocate or establish themselves in Brazeau County and provide an incentive to encourage existing business to expand.

The incentive provides three years of tax relief to construction projects that increase the existing assessed value of a property by \$1 million or more. The property must be a Small Business as defined in Brazeau County's Non-residential sub-Classes Bylaw 1148-23, or in one of the Western Economic Corridor Sectors, which includes Energy Value Chain Development, Cleantech, Geothermal, Forestry Processing, Biomass, Manufacturing, Critical Minerals, Hydrogen, and Agricultural Processing.

A tax incentive bylaw is helpful in the early years of a business as it establishes itself and begins to generate revenue. The intent of the bylaw is that if a company has a choice between Brazeau County and somewhere else, the absence of property taxes in the first three years will provide the incentive for them to choose to locate in Brazeau County. Once their business is established and three years have passed, the assessment value that they have created is available for taxation by the County in subsequent years.

Transition of Chief Administrative Officer

Council appointed Director of Corporate Services as Acting Chief Administrative Officer as of March 16th. Current CAO Kent Edney has accepted a new position in southern Alberta. Council will consider applicants for the new CAO in the coming weeks.

Fire Suppression Water Tanks

Council approved \$250,000 for the installation of a 210 m³ concrete water tank in Lindale, and \$310,000 for the installation of a 210m³ concrete water tank and water well in Buck Creek.

Based on an investigation by staff, it was confirmed that the areas of Lindale and Buck Creek were deficient and required a water source within the proximity of each area. The Lindale tank, a replacement for the current holding tank, will provide year-round fire suppression for structure fires as well as assisting in supporting wildfire operation, if required. A larger holding tank will also benefit the agricultural users of this station. The current site is ideal as there is a supply water well on site and the location is regularly maintained and checked by the Utilities department.

A water well and the below ground tank near the Buck Creek lift station will provide fire suppression for structure fires as well as assisting in wildfire requirements. Water will be available all year round with no risk of freezing. If drilled to a lower aquifer, the water well will not place residents' wells at risk.

For detailed information on Council meetings, including current minutes, please visit <u>www.brazeau.ab.ca</u>. Please direct inquiries to the office of the CAO at <u>cscharfl@brazeau.ab.ca</u> or 780-542-7777.



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There will be various reps at the BBQ to answer any questions you may have. Thorsby, Drayton Valley and Leduc 4-H clubs, Alberta Canola Commission and some of our Pedigreed Seed Growers will also be set up there.

WARBURG SEED CLEANING CO-OP CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

submitted by Warburg Seed Cleaning Co-op

The Warburg Seed Cleaning Co-op started in 1964 when farmers in need of a better way of cleaning their seed and controlling the spread of weed seeds got together to raise 1/3 of the funds needed to build the Plant. The other 2/3 of the funds came from Leduc County and the Province of Alberta. In the early years, the main business was just seed

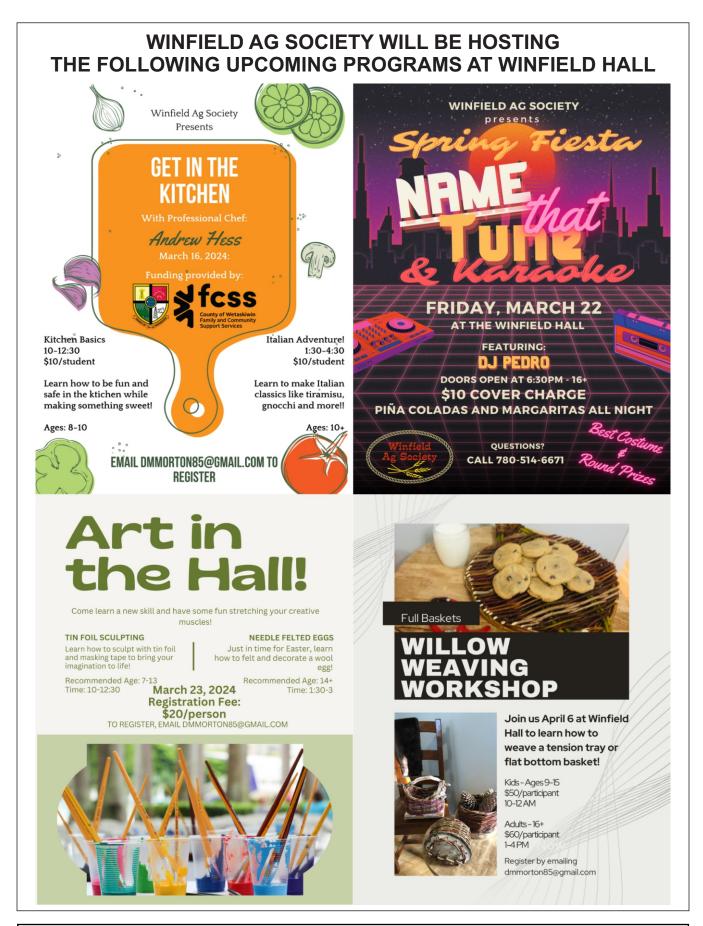


cleaning. Over the years, the business has grown to include forage seed sales, fertilizer sales and spreader rental, grass seeder rentals, Pedigreed seed sales and herbicide sales. The plant was also the canola gathering point for Canbra Foods which eventually was taken over by Richardson Pioneer. We obtained more land for our bin yard which meant we could offer more varieties of seed to sell. We currently have 38 seed bins and 3 fertilizer bins in the bin yard plus bins for our feed grain and a bin to store sunflowers for bagging. A ring road was built to accommodate the large trucks and trailers and a warehouse so we could better handle forage seed, tote bags, conduct repairs and have a place for storage. Part of the warehouse also serves as AWSA compliant herbicide Storage.

2010 saw the installation of an optical sorter and a new wind & screen. The color sorter was a major advancement to grain cleaning. In the past few years there has been some major updates such as a new gravity table, a 4000 bu. Bin for incoming seed storage, 6000 bushels of overhead clean seed storage, the addition of a 90 foot truck scale and a new color sorter with true color and infrared cameras for even more advanced cleaning capabilities. We added a roller mill and blender for feed sales so we can offer a variety of feed grains in small 50 pound bags, mini bulk bags or bulk and upgraded our bagging system. We moved into our new sales office in October of 2022.



In 60 years, Warburg Seed has had a lot of changes and we couldn't have done it without all of our customers! Thank you for your support!



BRETON HISTORY Breton Fire Hall and Village Office Breton Museum Facebook

January 23, 2024

Today's post is a photo, circa 1960, of the first Village Office and Fire Hall. An undated news clipping in the *"Ladder of Time"* describes the official opening of the Fire Hall and Village Office.



The opening ceremonies included a demonstration by the fire department.

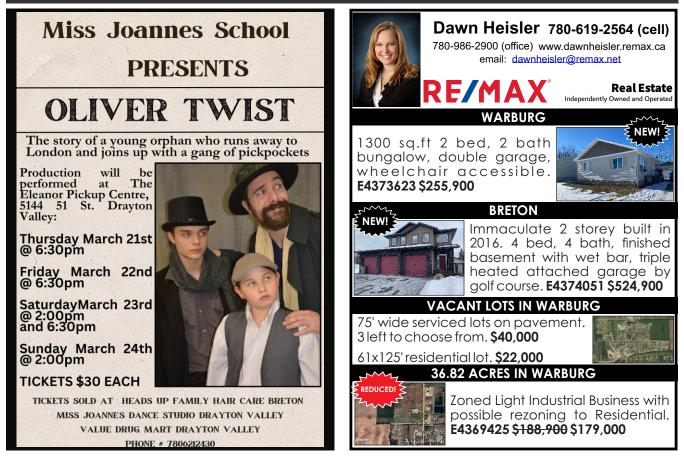
The NEW facility includes: the secretary/treasures office, council room and a cell at the rear. On the other side is a water well and tank along with the fire hall. A banquet and dance followed in the evening at the old curling rink.

Notice the fire siren in the upper right hand corner of the photo.

ALBERTA FACTS - DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta's largest and smallest cities are Calgary and Wetaskiwin, with populations of 1,306,784 and 12,594, respectively (according to the 2021 Census).

Alberta's largest and smallest towns are Okotoks and Stavely with populations of 28,881 and 541 respectively. Diamond Valley is Alberta's newest town, which incorporated on January 1, 2023 via amalgamation of the former towns of Black Diamond and Turner Valley.





MISS JOANNE'S PRODUCTION OF OLIVER TWIST MUSICAL THEATRE

interview by Russell Hickman

Continued from Front page

Recruiting a Cast and Crew.

It was me—begging! (laughing) I had a vision of who I wanted in the musical. I went to them first and said, "I would love you to do this with me. This is the part I want you to play."

The biggest surprise for me is Andrew Farrow. He is a music teacher in Breton and a personal friend. He did musical theatre with me years ago. He plays the part of Fagin. Even in a professional production he would steal the show! We have a company of adults and kids. Some from as far as Warburg, and many from Drayton Valley. Twenty five singers from the Aurora Elementary grade 3/4 School Choir taught by Heather Karlstrom perform in the first two opening scenes. Auditions were held and everyone in the cast can sing and move. We have 8 children in Fagin's gang and 16 adult performers.

It Takes a Versatile Village:

We are very, very versatile. All of us! Morgan Holden, our Dodger dances with me and joined my youth production company last year in Peter Pan. He's fourteen and been in quite a few things. My Oliver, Riley Neveu, is ten. She's in dance, but when she began to sing at her audition, she brought tears to my eyes. She's lovely. She is so talented and this is her first rodeo!

Most of Fagin's gang have danced with me but have never done a musical before. Most of my adult players have performed before with the River Valley Players and are used to performing on the stage. A few of them were in the Sound of Music.

My musical director is Carolyn Meyer from Warburg. She

was also on the Sound of Music and has helped with the acting and singing. We go back 40 years. I am wearing many hats: choreography, the scenes, (coaching) acting, designed the set with Darcy Mulroy, worked with set painter Karen Strong, props with backstage manager Lisa Bell. The only thing I haven't done is the vocals. I do not profess to be a singer! Not my genre! We have a wonderful pianist, Kalinda Kozac. Darcy and Karen Strong are a remarkable team. Carolyn Meyer and Heather Nickel assist. Layna and Ella Kozac are amazing! Thanks to ACR—All Choice Rentals. They've donated backstage equipment, change trailers, generators, a bathroom, fencing all for a small fee! A big thank you to them and the whole team. Everyone has been so supportive! We are going to have fun!

Making Musical Theatre:

It's not been easy. But we're here and it's going to happen. And everyone's excited. This process began in 2020 when I decided on a musical and then the whole world shut down. No, it's not been easy.

After (COVID) I waited until I had the hours to put in. I decided last summer on Oliver Twist and started looking for a cast in October through November. Adults always have a lot going on. I've had two rehearsals with every cast member present! Sickness, holidays, work, family, cold snowy weather, school closures; it's a big commitment! We have people driving from Breton, Warburg and there's a blizzard coming! Some changed their mind. It's been hard.

Please!

Come out and see the show! You need to see the talent this community has. We need to get people back into the theatre, back into live performing! It is such a great community. It is such a great thing for children, adults, for everybody! But, unless you come....

Performing at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre Pembina Stage in Drayton Valley: March 21 - 24



FAR LEFT - Fagin (Andrew Farrow) gaslights Nancy (Kailey Hogan) in a scene from Oliver Twist.

MIDDLE - Hard man criminal Bill Sykes (Steve Goodman) looks out for himself in a scene from Oliver Twist.

LEFT - Kailey Hogan(Nancy) and Thane Wirsig rehearse a musical number from the Pub Scene.



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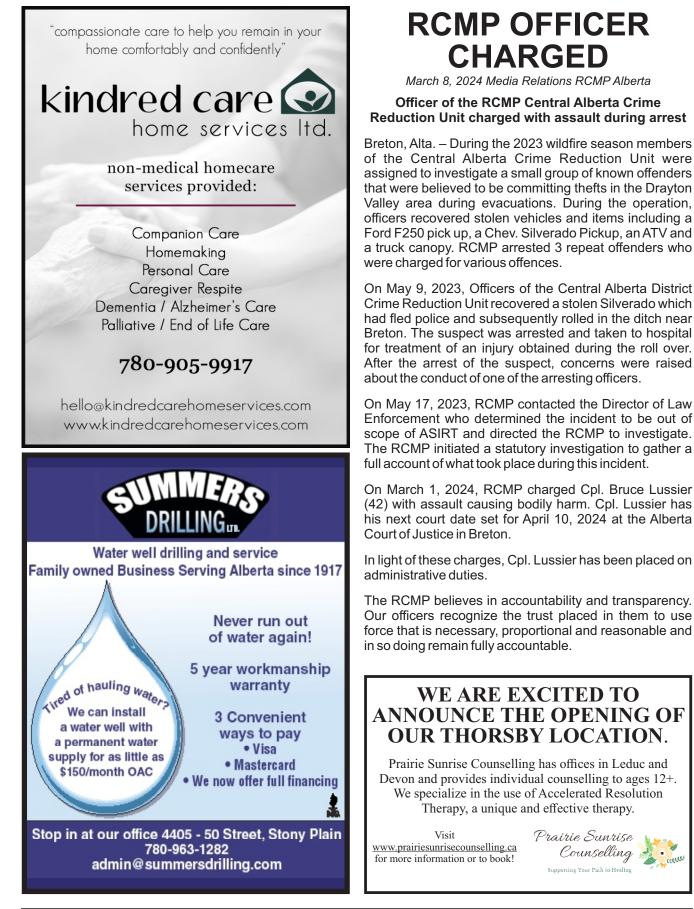
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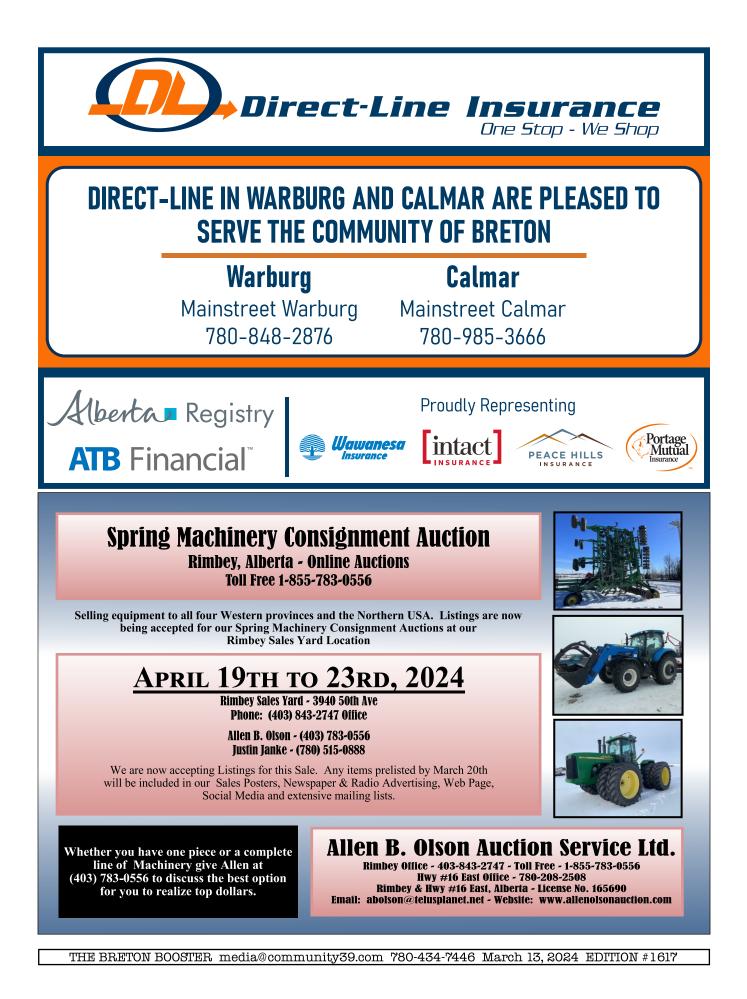
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Rising Taxes, Falling Services: Time for Change in Canada

Press Release March 11, 2024

As tax season arrives, Canadians are bracing for more than just the usual paperwork. Thanks to the Liberal government, this April 1st marks significant tax increases: a 2% excise tax on alcohol (increasing to an annual 4.7% in 2026) and a 23% increase in the carbon tax. These hikes are not just numbers on a page; they are real burdens on every Canadian household.

I wish to extend my deepest thanks to the many individuals across Yellowhead who responded to my previous OP-ED by sharing their heating bills. Your contributions have highlighted the outrageous cost of the carbon tax, underscoring the real-life impact of government policies on the cost of living.

These tax increases are part of an escalator tax mechanism, a strategy deployed by the Liberals that ensures annual tax hikes without parliamentary debate or vote. This automatic increase mechanism strips away any semblance of accountability or transparency in how we are taxed, essentially bypassing democratic processes.

The irony of these tax hikes is not lost on me; as Canadians pay more, the quality of government services does not improve—in fact, in many cases, it worsens. Since Trudeau was elected, the government bureaucracy has increased by over 100,000 employees, with spending on public services up by more than \$151 billion in that same period. Yet, Canadians are left asking: where is the value for our hard-earned taxpayer dollars?

Furthermore, ample evidence points to wasteful spending and mismanagement of taxpayer dollars, from the failed safe supply drug experiment that has tragically failed to address addiction, to scandals and corruption like ArriveCAN, which has seen taxpayer money funneled into the pockets of corrupt individuals within the government. These examples are not just fiscal missteps; they are betrayals of the public trust.

As we navigate this tax season, it's crucial to reflect on the broader implications of the NDP Liberal government's financial policies. It's evident that Canadians deserve better. We deserve a government that respects taxpayer dollars, invests wisely in public services, and ensures accountability for every dollar spent.

The Conservative vision is clear: a Canada where taxes are fair, government is accountable, and public services are efficient. I pledge to continue to fight for these ideals, ensuring that the voices of Yellowhead residents are heard loud and clear, and working towards a future where your hard-earned money is respected and wellutilized.

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Laurie's ***** Laughs



She says I keep pushing her buttons. If that were true, I would have found 'mute' by now.

WHEN IT'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY



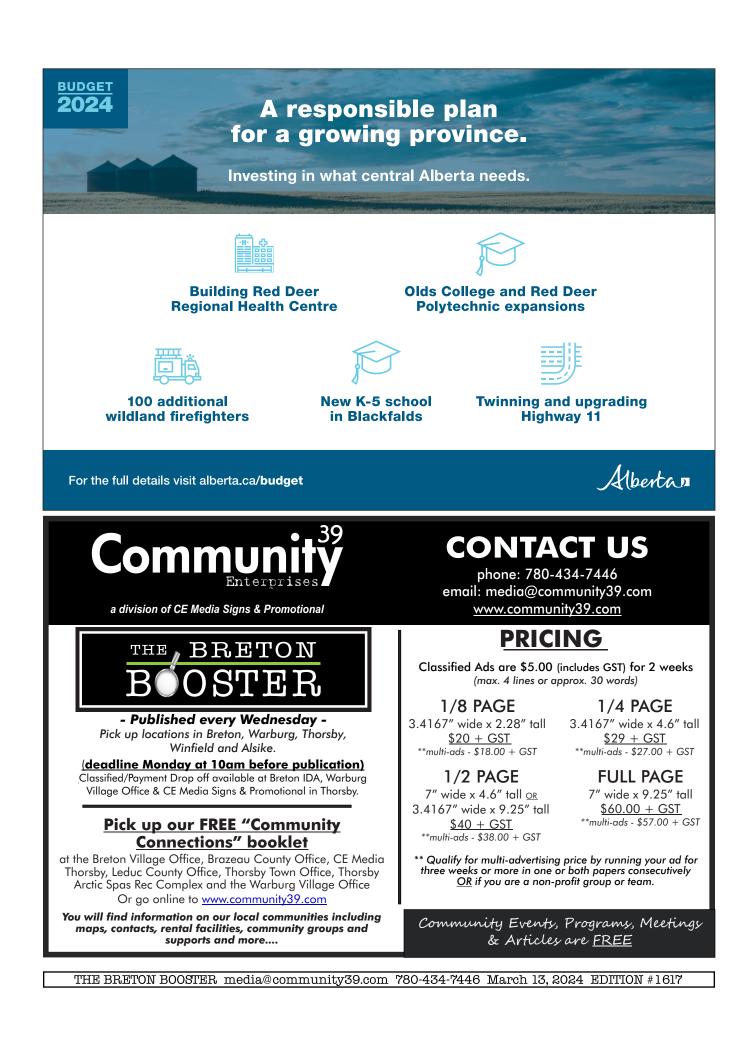
At the end of the day, life should ask us, Do you want to save the changes? THISIS WHY IBARF ON VOUR BED, KAREN.

Vegan: The chicken you're eating had a family.

Me: That's why I ordered the family bucket, no-one gets left behind.

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