

# THE BRETON BOOSTER

## BRETON COMMUNITY SUPPER

*From The Breton Elks #402*

The Breton Elks decided to do a supper for the whole community as a big "thank-you" for their support over the years. The whole Lodge got behind this project, then we started getting offers of help from the Breton Royal Purple Elks, the Breton Village Council and Staff, and local residents of all ages. We were especially happy to see volunteers from Warburg area and the youth volunteers from Breton High School Class of 2023. There were over 90 hours of volunteer work put into this supper. Many hands make light work.



We would like to send out a big thank-you to all the other people that helped make this supper a Huge Success. Thank-you to our local stores for trying their best to keep up to our changing orders. Thanks also for the generous loan of Christmas decor from the Warburg Cultural Society and other generous individuals.



Guests commented that the hall looked wonderfully festive.

We were extremely happy that the jolly man in the red suit and his lovely assistant were able to stop by for children to visit with. Thank-you to them.

We would also like to say THANK YOU to all who came out for our supper and those who brought donations for the Breton Food Bank and Christmas Wishes. Without your support we would not be the Great Community that we live in today.



**Winner of the Breton Golden Age Club 50/50 for \$1,000.00 is Tammy Mosicki. Congratulations and Merry Christmas!**

***There will be no Breton Booster on December 28. Next Booster will be January 4, 2023. New Deadline is 10am Monday morning! Happy Holidays!!***



# Classifieds

## EMPLOYMENT

**JANITORIAL WORKERS WANTED** at Genesee- full & part-time needed. Mon-Thurs 10:30am - 7pm, Fridays 8:30am - 5pm. Call 780-982-7701

## FOR RENT

**1 BEDROOM CABIN IN MULHURST BAY** for rent, available January 1. 3 blocks from the water, full bathroom, fridge and stove, fireplace, nice treed yard, firepit, incl. heat, water, sewer, power, garbage p/u. \$900/month. Call Steve 780-918-8495

## WANTED

**LOOKING FOR PASTURE** for cow/calf pairs. Also looking for hayland. Contact Levi at 780-312-9891

**LEAD BATTERIES & SCRAP VEHICLES** Will buy your old lead batteries for re-cycling. Also FREE removal of scrap vehicles. We pay cash for both! 403-396-8629

**OLD FARM TRACTORS OR CATERPILLARS** Will buy Complete or Incomplete. 403-396-8629

**WANTED LONG TERM RENTAL**, Looking for a good landlord with a good house that will pass inspection. Single Family Home for 3 people on pension and 2 cats. \$1600 mth w/utilities. Call Eric 780-887-7057

## SERVICES

**FULL-SERVICE BOOKKEEPING & PERSONAL TAX SERVICES** Check out [jensbookkeepingservices.ca](http://jensbookkeepingservices.ca) for a full list of services. Call Jen at 780-898-5198 or email [jensbookkeepingservices@outlook.com](mailto:jensbookkeepingservices@outlook.com)

**JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER/GASFITTER & CERTIFIED SEWER INSTALLER** Providing repairs, replacement and new installation. Hot water tanks, furnaces, boilers, gas lines, sewer tanks/fields/pumps. Call Ryan at 780-514-9246

**RELIABLE DJ** for your party or special event. We also offer Karaoke, Music Bingo, Minute to Win It games and have local references. 587-991-4977 or [www.carrielevins.com](http://www.carrielevins.com)

**Classified Ads are \$5 for 2 weeks  
(up to 30 words) GST included**

You can drop off your ads at the **Breton Library** or **CE MEDIA - 4928 Hankin Street Thorsby** 780.499.9006 or email to [media@community39.com](mailto:media@community39.com)

The Breton Booster can be viewed online & in color at [www.community39.com](http://www.community39.com)

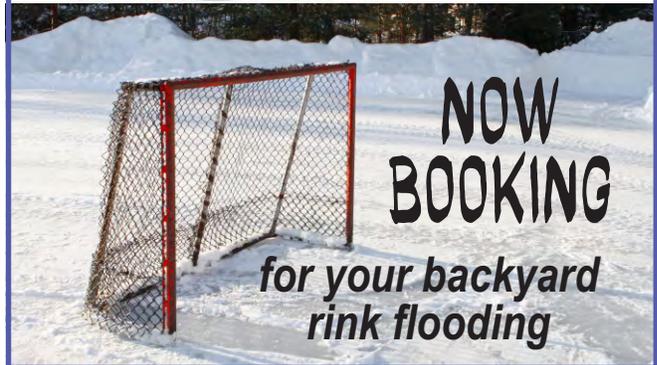
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**Skating Rinks**  
**Hot Tubs**  
**Pools**  
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**SAME DAY  
EMERGENCY SERVICES**



## \*\*DEAR READERS CHANGES FOR 2023

*Starting in January 2023 the  
Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle will  
be one paper. The first issue with  
this change will be January 6, 2023.*

*The Breton Booster will not be  
affected.*

*Thank you for your understanding!*

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*Sudoku Answers  
from Dec 14 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.*

# MISSING

**HALEY & CLAIRE - MISSING FROM  
ALSIKE AREA 587-277-7207**



**Direct-Line Insurance**  
*One Stop - We Shop*

## **NOW HIRING ATB / REGISTRIES CLERK** **EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

- Competitive Compensation (depending on experience)
- Benefits
- Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Please email your resume to:  
[carol@directlineins.net](mailto:carol@directlineins.net)  
or contact Carol at 780-221-0479

**TEMPORARY  
LOCATION**

**WARBURG CULTURAL CENTRE**  
**5120 - 51 Avenue, Warburg**

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS! MORE TO COME IN 2023!

### PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

**FREE STAY & PLAY DROP IN** - Tuesdays from 10am - 11:30am. Breton Faith Covenant Church. 0-6 years. Brighter Futures - 780-514-5070

**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!

**LOW IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS** - Wednesday mornings from 10am - 11am at the Breton Community Centre. Contact Breton FCSS for more information.

**TASTE AROUND THE WORLD** - Ages 9-11 - Family Resource Network - Call 780-202-3158 to register

**BRETON GOLDEN AGE CLUB - CRIB** Saturdays @ 12:30pm Contact Pat 780-898-1651

**BRETON GOLDEN AGE CLUB - FLOOR CURLING** Tuesdays @ 1pm. Drop in fee of \$3. Contact Pat 780-898-1651

**BRETON GOLDEN AGE CLUB - CARDS** Mondays @ 1pm. Drop in fee of \$3. Contact Pat 780-898-1651

**BUSY BRUSHES** meet on Wednesdays at 10 am on Wed at the Warburg Cultural Centre. Call Linda Mayr 587-590-0378.

**SEW HEAVENLY QUILTERS** meet at 10:00 am Thursdays at Warburg Cultural Centre. Call Peggy Lunde 780-789-2545

**WARBURG CURLING CLUB SENIOR MEN'S DROP-IN** - Thursdays at 10am. \$5 drop-in fee. Call Les at 780-848-2661

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

**Does drinking affect your personal life in any way? AA CAN HELP!** 5203 - 54 Avenue at Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00pm 780-270-7903

**ALBERTA MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE** is a 24 hour, 7 day a week confidential service 1-877-303-2642

**VOLUNTEER YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM** - contact McMan Central 877-994-5465 or [www.mcmancentral.ca](http://www.mcmancentral.ca)

**BRIGHTER FUTURES BABY'S ESSENTIALS** - assistance for families with a baby from 0-12 months old. Call 780-514-5070 for more info.

**Breton & Area Family & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS)** Please contact Deanne at 780-696-3636 or email [fcss@breton.ca](mailto:fcss@breton.ca)

**HOME SUPPORT** - light housekeeping services or assistance with forms, information etc. 780-696-3636

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**SUBSIDIZED COUNSELLING PROGRAM** for individuals, Couples, Families and Youth - Call 780-696-3636 for more info

### BRETON FOOD BANK

Call 780-696-3669 by Thursday noon to request a hamper. Please leave a message and a volunteer will contact you.

**LEDUC & DISTRICT VICTIM SERVICES** - assisting victims of Crime & Trauma in partnership with the RCMP. Call 780-980-7232 or [www.leducvictimservices.ca](http://www.leducvictimservices.ca)

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**VILLAGE OF BRETON OFFICE** - Call 780-696-3636 or email [admin@breton.ca](mailto:admin@breton.ca)

**BYLAW ENFORCEMENT & ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**  
Doris McAllister 780-719-6447

**BRETON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY** Is open Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm except Wednesdays open until 6pm and Closed on Sundays [Bretonlibrary@yr.ab.ca](mailto:Bretonlibrary@yr.ab.ca) or 780-696-3740

**BRETON MUSEUM** - By appointment call 780-898-1155 or [bretonmuse@gmail.com](mailto:bretonmuse@gmail.com)

**BRETON RCMP** Call 780-696-3520 or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com)  
**For emergencies call 911**

Village of Breton **AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER.** In the event of a water, sewer or facility emergency call 780-202-4962. Leave a message for a staff member to return your call.

### MARKETS/THRIFT SHOPS (NONPROFIT)

**TREASURES THRIFT SHOP IN WARBURG**  
Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm. 5112 - 53 Street, Warburg

# TREASURES

## Thrift Store in Warburg

would like to thank our many friends and neighbours, donors and shoppers, for your support this year.

This year we shared our proceeds with Warburg Christmas Elves, Thorsby Christmas Elves and Breton Christmas Wishes as well as The Leduc and area Food Bank.

**WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK ON DECEMBER 28,** reopening Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

**Merry Christmas Everyone and Happy New Year!**



BRETON  
**I.D.A.**



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF  
OUR VALUED PATIENTS AND  
CUSTOMERS!

## Holiday Hours:

**OPEN:**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th  
9:00 PM-3 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**CLOSED:**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27th

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

MONDAY, JANUARY 2nd

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE ADEQUATE SUPPLY  
OF YOUR MEDICATION FOR THE HOLIDAYS!!**

## Thank you

*Becky Perfilow & Family would like to  
thank everyone  
for their  
condolences and  
donations to the  
Genesee Cemetary  
& Warburg  
Cultural Centre  
on Joe's Behalf.*



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

MARCH, 21, 2023

WARBURG COMMUNITY HALL

(DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE SPRING)

*May your heart and home be filled with all of  
the joys the season brings. Merry Christmas  
and a wonderful New Year!*



### Allan Ross McDonald

May 25, 1960 - Dec. 14, 2022



Allan Ross McDonald of Breton Alberta passed away at the Drayton Valley Hospital after a short battle with cancer.

Allan will be missed by his wife Cecille, brothers, Donald McDonald (Meta) of Breton, Alberta, Douglas McDonald (Carolyn) of Coffs Harbour NSW, Australia, Bruce (Debra) of Ear Falls, Ontario.

Sisters: Joyce Gill (Tom) of Moore, Texas U.S., and Barbara Johnstone of Brisbane QL, Australia, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Allan was predeceased by his parents Vivian and Colin McDonald, and his sister Bonnie McDonald.

**With respect to Allan's wishes no formal funeral service will be held.**

**Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at Perrault Lake, Ontario at a later date.**

Condolences may be sent by visiting:  
[www.affinityfuneralservice.ca](http://www.affinityfuneralservice.ca)

Arrangements in care of Dwayne Henley at

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





COMMUNITY  
EVENTS  
& info continued

### COMMUNITY GROUPS & MEETINGS

**BRETON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Monthly meetings the 4th Monday at 7pm at the Breton Museum. Jan-June & Sept-Nov. 780-898-1155 or [www.bretonmuseum.ca](http://www.bretonmuseum.ca)

**BRETON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY** - meets every second Thursday of the month (except July & August) at 7pm at the Breton Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**BRETON ELEMENTARY PARENT COUNCIL (Friends of BES)** for more information or if you are interested in attending a meeting [besparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:besparentcouncil@gmail.com) or on FB

**BRETON ELKS** meetings are at 7:30pm every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Community Hall, except for July & August. Contact 780-621-6558 or [bretonelks402@gmail.com](mailto:bretonelks402@gmail.com) or FB

**BRETON GOLDEN AGE CLUB** - Regular Monthly Meetings will be the first Monday of the month at 11am. Contact Pat Monteith 780-898-1651

**BRETON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY** - Board Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month except July & August and are open to the public. Meetings are at 7pm at the Library.

**BRETON ROYAL PURPLE** - meetings are the third Monday of the month (except July & August) at 7:30pm at the Breton Community Hall.

**BUCK CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** meetings at the Buck Creek Hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. Jam Dance & Cards Night the first Friday of every month

**BURNT WOOD '06' METIS LOCAL** monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the Wetaskiwin Moose Lodge. Call Rose @ 780-361-6019 for more information.

**VILLAGE OF BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS** are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Council Chambers of the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre.

**WARBURG CURLING CLUB LEAGUE PLAY** - [warburgcurling@gmail.com](mailto:warburgcurling@gmail.com) or call Rob at 780-789-3723. FB or [www.warburgcurlingclub.ca](http://www.warburgcurlingclub.ca)

**WINFIELD MINOR HOCKEY** - contact Karen at 403-318-6739 or [www.winfieldhockey.com](http://www.winfieldhockey.com)

**3 LAKES SKATING CLUB** - in Winfield. Learn to skate & Figure Skating. Email [3lakesskating@gmail.com](mailto:3lakesskating@gmail.com) Call/Text Lana at 780-999-2040 or on FB

### WORSHIP

**ALDER FLATS COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH** - Pastor Samuel Hayford 780-388-3926. Sunday Service & Sunday School at 11am 780-388-0018

**BRETON FAITH COVENANT CHURCH** - 4712 - 53 Avenue Breton In person or live-stream Sunday mornings at 11 am with Pastor Natasha Westerhoud. Call 780-696-3669 or email [office.faithcovenantchurch@gmail.com](mailto:office.faithcovenantchurch@gmail.com)

**BRETON WORD OF FAITH CHURCH** - Southwest corner of town on Hwy 616. Each Sunday, 10:30am, you are welcome to join us! [www.bwofc.com](http://www.bwofc.com) or call 780-898-4648

**WARBURG COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH** - 5112 - 53 Street, Sunday morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30am. Lunch and fellowship after service. For more information please call the church office 780-848-2227.

### FACILITY RENTALS

**ASHLAND DAM PARK** For reservations call Sheryl at 780-898-9636

**BRETON COMMUNITY CENTRE** Please contact Jodie 780-514-8335 or [communitycentre@breton.ca](mailto:communitycentre@breton.ca)

**BRETON GOLDEN AGE CLUB** building is available for rent. Call Jane 780-696-6599/403-542-7921 or alt Jean at 780-696-2439

**CARNWOOD HALL** - \$100/night, \$50 for meeting room. Contact Sharon at 780-542-2378 or 780-514-6255

**FUNNELL COMMUNITY HALL**  
For hall rental or more contact Ashley @ 780-514-6546

**GENESSEE COMMUNITY HALL** Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229

**WARBURG CULTURAL CENTRE**  
For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths phone Linda McLaughlin at 780-848-2916. Meetings held quarterly

**WINFIELD LEGION** Available to rent. Rental inquiries to Gordon 780-542-1243 or Ron 403-862-0769

**WARBURG PIONEER RECREATION CENTRE** For hall rental contact the Village of Warburg Office at 780-848-2841

**WARBURG LEGION HALL** rentals available at ½ day and full day rates. Please call Deb and Max Mellafont 780 848 2923

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

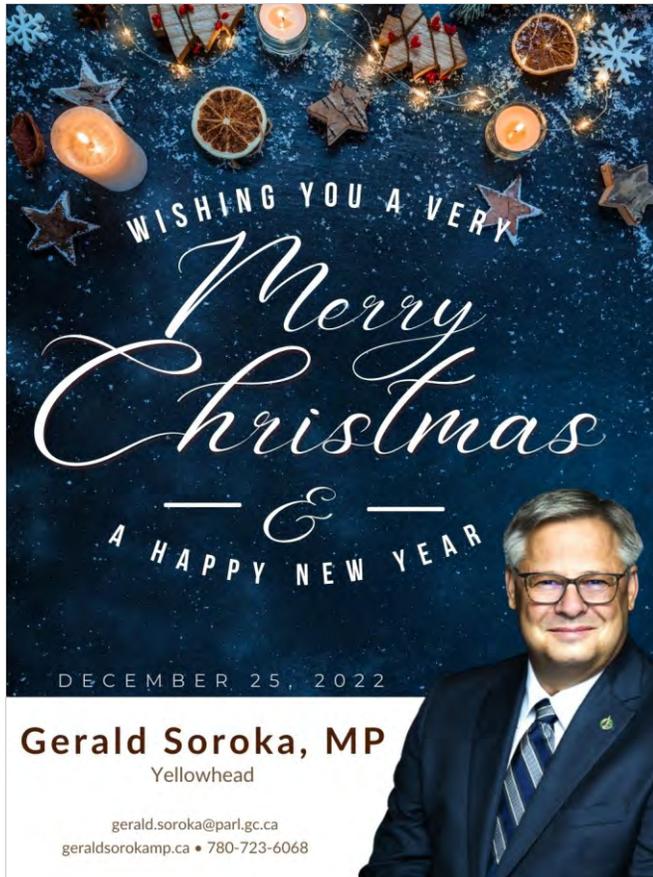
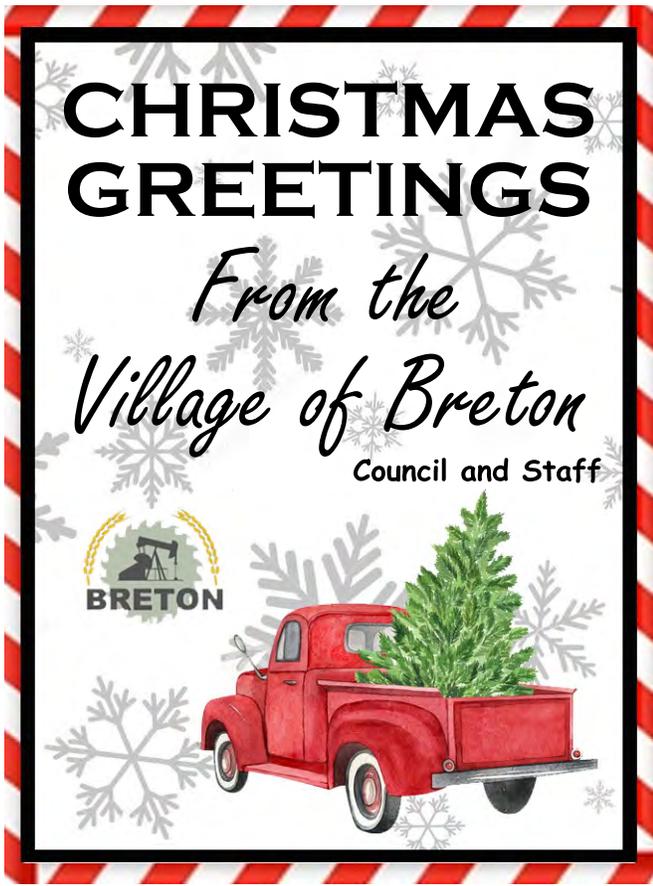
*"little papers...BIG RESULTS"*



*We would like to wish you  
a very Merry Christmas!*

*We invite you to join us for our  
Candlelight Christmas Eve service  
on Saturday December 24th at 6pm  
or join us on Christmas Day at 11  
am.*

Faith Covenant Church  
4712 53 Ave, Breton, AB T0C 0P0  
(780) 696-3669  
[www.faithcovenantchurch.ca](http://www.faithcovenantchurch.ca)



**VILLAGE OF BRETON  
NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC  
HEARING**

*Bylaw No. 23-01  
Proposed Amendment to  
Land Use Bylaw No. 13-02*

The purpose of the proposed amendment is the addition of *subsection (8) Age restrictions* under **SECTION 40 MOBILE (MANUFACTURED HOME)** (Bylaw No. 23-01) to Land Use Bylaw 13-02.

Copies of Bylaw No. 23-01 are available at the village office during regular office hours and on the village web site [www.breton.ca](http://www.breton.ca)

Anyone wishing to file comments or concerns respecting Bylaw No. 23-01 shall submit their comments or concerns in writing no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2023.

Mail to:  
Village of Breton  
Box 480  
Breton, AB T0C 0P0

Fax to:  
780-696-3590

Email to:  
[cao@breton.ca](mailto:cao@breton.ca)

**Date of Public Hearing Meeting:  
January 11, 2022  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Place: Village Office Council Chambers**



**FCSS NEWS**  
from  
Deanne Young  
**780.696.3636**

**Secret Santa Program** - Thank you to everyone that shopped our Secret Santa Tree. You are bringing Joy to 38 seniors in our community this Christmas season

**Wellness Calendar Project is Back** - Our Community Christmas Calendars are here! Breton and Area FCSS together with the Rural Mental Health Project are putting together a Community Calendar with positive messaging around Mental Health and Wellness. You can pick up your calendar at the Village of Breton Office or the Breton Municipal Library.

**The Adult Low Impact Exercise Program** is continuing. This class runs from 10:00 – 11:00 am. on Wednesday mornings. Please watch for further information or call our office at 780-696-3636. 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, whichever their ability will allow. This program is facilitated by Cassie Kreil a certified instructor. Participants will be asked to pay a small fee of \$1/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. There is a new location – Breton Community Centre – 4715 50th Avenue. Hope to see you there. **It will resume on January 4th, 2023**

**Counselling Subsidies – Breton and Area FCSS is pleased to offer Counselling Subsidies.** – A subsidy is available for individuals, couples and/or families who are struggling with common, everyday issues to access short-term preventative counselling services. The goal is to:

- Improve relationships with better communication and conflict resolution skills;
- Improve mood with anger management and emotional support;
- Enhance personal growth with creativity, spirituality, self-esteem, self-awareness, goal setting;
- Improve parenting skills by focusing on attachment;
- Reduce stress with life balance; and/or
- Learn new skills and behaviors

The cost of counselling can be a barrier for many individuals and families. This subsidy is available to those who do not have access to coverage through health benefits or employee benefits, such as an Employee Assistance Plan (EAP), and whose family income is less than \$75,000 per year. Fees are determined according to a sliding scale based on income and family size. Fees range from \$15 per session to \$45 per session. The maximum number of sessions available is seven for individuals and nine for couples or families.

We know that in this current environment many may have additional stress and anxiety. We also know that transportation may be an added barrier. These sessions can be arranged to be in person in the Karunia offices in Leduc, over the phone in your own safe environment or virtually on your computer.

To apply for the subsidy services, application forms are available through the Breton FCSS Office at 4916 50th Avenue or by contacting them at [fcss@breton.ca](mailto:fcss@breton.ca) or calling 780-696-3636. ALL APPLICATIONS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Breton and Area FCSS will be doing the intake of the applications. Counselling services are provided by Karunia Counselling by Registered Psychologists, Registered Provisional Psychologists, Canadian Certified Counsellors and Masters or PhD level student interns under the supervision of a qualified psychologist.

***Breton and Area FCSS would like to thank each and everyone of you who have volunteered or given your time to help someone in our community this year. We have very generous people that live in our community who are always willing to lend a helping hand and it is very much appreciated. Merry Christmas to all and wishing everyone a year of good health and happiness in 2023.***

**I will be out of the office from December 23 and returning January 9. The office will be open January 3 – 5 if you would like to leave a message.**



# VILLAGE OF BRETON

## OFFICE HOURS

Closed December 23rd 2022  
until  
January 3rd 2023

## WASTE TRANSFER SITE

Closed December 23rd & 24th  
Open December 29th & 30th  
Closed December 31st



# Brazeau County News

Proud home of Miss Rodeo Canada 2022 Jayden Calvert and Miss Alberta High School Rodeo 2021/2022 Tawnie Thompson

## IMPORTANT DATES

**December 23** | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | In lieu of Christmas Day

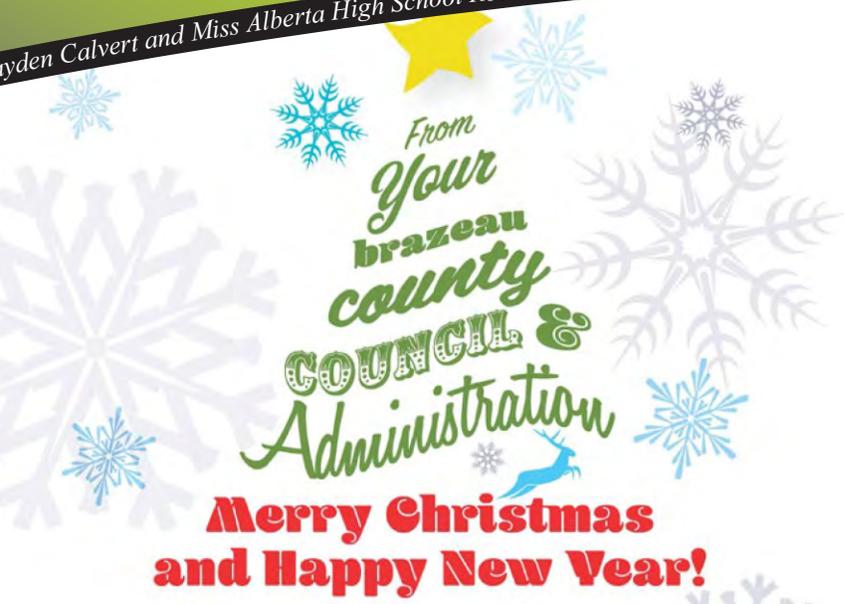
**December 26** | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Boxing Day

**January 2** | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | In lieu of New Year's Day

**January 5** | ALUS PAC Meeting | 9 am

**January 10** | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 1 pm

**January 17** | Council Meeting | 9 am



## CONSUMER FIREWORKS SAFETY

Consumer Fireworks are not toys. They are in fact, powerful pyrotechnic articles and, for this reason, both their sale and purchase are regulated.

### **YOU MUST OBTAIN A FIREWORKS PERMIT PRIOR TO DISCHARGING ANY FIREWORKS**

Fireworks permit can be obtained from Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services at 5120- 52nd in Drayton Valley during regular business hours, for a \$10 fee.

#### Fireworks permit application shall include the following information:

- Name, address, and signature of applicant
- The date and time of proposed display
- A detailed description of the proposed display
- The exact location planned for the fireworks display including a diagram of the grounds on which it will be held, showing the point from where the fireworks will be discharged, the location of all highways, and the lines behind which the audience will be restrained
- Written consent from the owner of the property on which the fireworks display will occur • The manner and place of storage of all fireworks prior to, during and after the display
- The name and address of the vendor or vendors that supplied or will supply all the fireworks used in the fireworks display

*It is the responsibility of the permit holder to know the rules and regulations of the municipality in which they will be discharging the fireworks.*



For additional inquiries pertaining to the storage, transport and discharge of fireworks please contact our office @ (780)514-2216.

### Fireworks Safety Tips

- Choose a wide, clear site away from all obstacles.
- Refer to the safety instructions on the fireworks label for minimum distance from spectators.
- Do not discharge fireworks in windy conditions.
- Read all instructions on the fireworks.
- Kids should never play with fireworks.
- Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place. Illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80, M100, blockbuster, or quarter pounder. These explosives were banned in 1966, but still account for many fireworks injuries.
- Never try to make your own fireworks
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water (or an ABC fire extinguisher) and a house nearby in case of an accident.
- Steer clear of others setting off fireworks. They can backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction.
- Use a good firing base such as a pail filled with earth or sand.
- Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even as a joke.
- Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Recommended wearing eye protection.
- Light one firework at a time (never place fireworks in glass or metal containers), and **never** relight a dud.
- Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time. Allow 30 minutes before cleaning-up debris, or before approaching a firework that did not go off.
- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.



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**Anthony Heinrich**  
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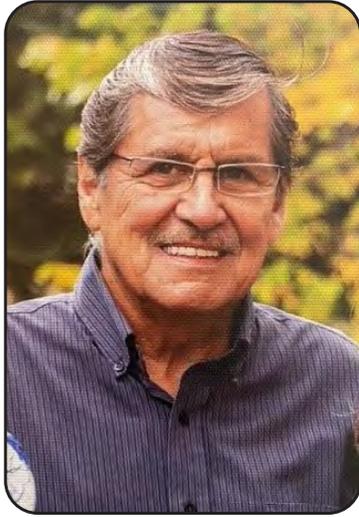


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After Hours On Call:  
780-898-9901

[www.brazeau.ab.ca](http://www.brazeau.ab.ca)



## John Albert Houle

March 18, 1945 – December 9, 2022

John Albert Houle of Warburg, Alberta, passed away on December 9, 2022.

John was born in Meadowlake, SK on March 18, 1945, to parents John and Lucy Houle. They moved to Edson, Alberta where John was raised. He moved to Edmonton in 1972 where he worked as a hot tar roofer for many years.

In 1974, John met Bonnie and they married on October 16, 1976. They had two children, John Harold and Tammy Jean.

In 2006, John retired from Weyhaeuser and spent his time hiking and camping in the mountains and working outdoors. He loved falling trees and preparing the timber for wood working. He enjoyed carpentry and cutting his own firewood to heat his home. John was always there for others who needed company or a lend helping hand, including family.

John was predeceased by his parents and two of his siblings Laurence Houle and Margaret Gagnon.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and their two children: John (wife Sabrina and daughter Darling) and Tammy (husband Ricardo and children Noah, Rodrigo and Luiza). He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Nancy Gulde, his siblings Leslie Houle, Margie LePage and Marion Tallick and two brother-in-laws, Melvin and David Gulde.

John gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized into the Seventh Day Adventist church in Warburg in 1999.

Those closest to John will remember him most by his warm smile, infectious laugh, and intense love for the Lord. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he loved to play games and get them laughing.

**Services will be held at Warburg Seventh Day Adventist Church on Sunday, January 22nd at 1 PM.**

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**Breton Museum**

*submitted by Allan Goddard*

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### **“The Christmas Wish Book Is Here”**

In bygone days, not so long ago, these words ringing in a home as the mail was delivered indicated the Christmas season was upon us. Before the days of on-line shopping, Amazon and retail malls the majority of people relied on mail order catalogues for much of their shopping needs. The two major catalogues of the time were from the T. Eaton Company and Simpson Sears. Over time the Simpson Sears Christmas Catalogue became known simply as the Sears Wish Book, a very appropriate name. From the many items available, you wrote out your order on the provided order form, and along with a Post Office money voucher you mailed it off. In about ten days your order wrapped in brown paper packaging would arrive, freight paid at the local post office. **Hey wait minute, doesn't that sound an awful lot like the precursor to Amazon and on-line shopping, less a credit card payment!**

From the yearly array of catalogues that would arrive periodically throughout the year, the most anticipated catalogue was the yearly Christmas Catalogue. Arriving some time during the fall, it contained in its pages a wide range of items, from the practical to we can only dream, for the whole family. There were the latest fashions for mother, toys, games and books for a child to dream of receiving, and for the men maybe a new fedora hat. The pages of the catalogue were longingly and lovingly thumbed through and dog-eared by Christmas time, as each member of the family dreamed of Christmas morning to see what was under the tree.

In the Breton Museum's collection, we have one of those dreams that came true for a little girl in Breton. In 1958, this little five-year girl discovered brides, possibly because their home was across the street from the Breton United Church. Christmas was coming and she wanted a bride doll. The little girl was Helen Raczuk, who grew up in Breton during the 1950's-1960's.

Helen wrote, typically gifts did include a toy, but the majority of gifts were more practical in nature: books, slippers, mittens, scarf, and the stocking filled with ribbon candy and the precious mandarin orange. Helen writes on Christmas morning, “Imagine my joy when I found a big box with my name on it and opened it to discover the most beautiful bride doll I had ever

seen! ... In my five-year-old mind, this was the best present ever. The doll didn't do anything but open and close her eyes. I couldn't play with her like other dolls and change clothes or feed her or comb her hair. But she was pretty to look at, and likely inspired the dreams of many little girls to be a bride”.

Helen cherished her bride doll for over fifty years, but when she was downsizing and moving from her Spruce Grove home, the doll was donated to the Breton Museum along with the beautiful story that goes with it. Today the bride doll is one of the many cherished artifacts contained in the Breton Museum.

As the Holiday season is upon us, take time to relive some childhood memories of Christmas's past. Was there that treasured gift and do you still have it many years later? Share these memories with family and friends. From the Board and staff at the Breton Museum, we wish everyone the very best for the Holiday Season and the New Year.



*“Helen Raczuk Christmas 1958 with her bride doll. “*



## Shannon Lea Metzger (Miners)

November 21, 1968 – December 12, 2022

We are heartbroken to announce the passing of a beautiful wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. Shannon passed away on Monday, December 12, 2022 at Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre surrounded by her loving family at the age of 54 years.

Shannon will forever be cherished and always be remembered by her husband, Dale Metzger; children, Amanda (Chance) Thomson and Cody (Corrine) Metzger; grandchildren, Khloe Thomson, Layne Thomson, and Colby Thomson; her parents, Judy and Bruce Miners; siblings Shane Miners (Donna), Bruce Miners (Kelly) and Jennifer Miller (Jason); grandparents, Lucy and Joe Zerr and William and Margaret Miners. She was predeceased by her nephew Ethan Miller.

Shannon had a rancher's heart. She and Dale raised their two children with the love of the open fields and of a hard day's work on the farm with horses, cows and dogs. Shannon felt so blessed to be a grandma of three beautiful and much-loved grandchildren. She loved to be with family and friends, on horseback, sleigh rides, at the river or just around a fire with family and friends. To her friends, Shannon was fiercely loyal and dedicated. Shannon will be incredibly missed.

Shannon's family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Carol Johnson, Jody Peck, Kerry Doran, Kelly Miners and Rhonda Dever for their compassion and wonderful care throughout Shannon's illness.

**Funeral Services will be held at Breton Community Centre on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. with interment to follow at Breton Cemetery.**

*For those who so desire, memorial contributions in Shannon's name may be made directly to Stollery Children's Hospital or Cause for Critters Animal Rescue Society.*

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## Greetings from Breton Elks Lodge #402



Well, hello everyone here is hoping that all is well. It is amazing how fast time is moving forward. Last month we were planning the kick off to the holiday season. Since then a parade was held to recognize the season and it would appear that it was a successful hit. Then it was time to start having conversation about the community supper. Now today the Elks and Royal Purple Elks along with other community members are hard at work preparing a fantastic feast. And of course the famous guy from the far north is scheduled to appear as well. Now we have to remember that this project is coming together under the strict supervision of Robert. Better known to all as Bob Shave and he does carry a big stick.

Along with all the action at the community centre, the local ice skating rink is also in fine shape and awaits the presence of skaters. There is no age restriction, however everyone is reminded that volunteers put this ice together and you skate to your ability and your own risk.

A short time ago, I was reminded by our very own sister Katherine that she had taken a step forward into her future. She agreed to become the blushing bride of Barry Muller. I have assured Katherine that her present name is much easier to spell. So I look forward to not facing the wrath for bad spelling. From my past experience with Barry, I think he is one of the finest gentlemen on the go. I have great confidence that a very fine couple are about to start a rewarding journey together. Congratulations to Barry and Katherine.

Now before we forget our main mission, the Elks did deal with a few business items at our recent meeting. The Audio Video System for the Community Centre is 95% complete. There is a piece of equipment that is on back order but loaned equipment is filling in at present.

Vegreville Elks Lodge is planning a floor curling tournament for February and have invited Breton Lodge to participate. Two years ago Breton Lodge attended, had fun and brought home a trophy for bragging rights. This matter will be discussed again in January.

The final statement of affairs for the R.V. Park have been completed and another successful year has been documented.

A private financial fund has been established for the purpose of supporting persons experiencing financial hardship in obtaining medical assistance. This has been named the Randy Crowe Memorial Fund. Anyone wishing to access this fund or obtain more details should contact Darren Aldous. The Breton Elks only administers the funds.

Now that we have covered off the latest and greatest it is now time to wish each and everyone a Great Holiday Season. Stay warm, stay safe, care for each other and all the best.



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**Breton Museum**  
*submitted by Allan Goddard*

**Dateline December 20th, 1913  
Keystone, Alberta  
Funnell School Holds Christmas  
Concert**

This summer a lady stopped at the museum to express how much she enjoyed the stories in the Breton Booster. As we talked, I asked her if there was a topic she would like to see featured in an article. What about Christmas Concerts, she answered, they were held in every school and were synonymous with the Christmas Season. It was about a month later that I came across a detailed news article in the Leduc Representative, dated December 26, 1913. A Christmas concert had been held at the Funnell School; I would hazard a guess that this was the first Christmas concert ever held in the community. The article indicates that the school house was nicely decorated with evergreen boughs and paper streamers, along with a well-lit tree. Now you might ask, how was the tree lit with no electricity. You fire conscious type people hang on to your fire extinguisher and don't have a melt down, but the tree would have had small candle holders attached to the boughs of the tree with lit candles!

The program included an array of songs and recitations by the students and community members. Family names included: the Allen's, King's, Ramsey's, Hayes' and Baileys', all names associated with founding families of Keystone. After the completion of the Christmas program, gifts were handed out to the children. Not only had the whole Keystone community attended the concert, but guests from the surrounding communities.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Ramsey conveyed thanks to the teacher Mr. V.E. Nordlund for his work, and how well the students had done in the school term. In reply Mr. Nordlund expressed his sadness that this would be his farewell to the school, as he was returning to take additional teacher training. This Christmas concert was the start of many concerts that would take place, at Funnell, over the following decades.

During the 1930's money was scarce, and it was the unflinching support of the Funnell Mother's Club that would raise funds to help the teacher put on a Christmas concert. It was the Mother's Club that

continued the tradition after Funnell was closed as a school in 1954. Their support continued for fifty years at which time the community club took up the reins for many more years.

I recently spoke to Vi Westling, long time resident of the community, for her memories of the concerts. She spoke of her husband Theo acting as MC for many years and coming home chuckling about all the little ones performing. No Christmas Concert would be complete, without a visit from Santa handing out gifts and candy bags to the children. She recalled one little boy marched up to Santa and asked him ...where are your reindeer... the quick-thinking Santa answered, well while I am busy here passing out treats, I gave them a break so they could go get something to eat... Santa always had the right answer. Rest in Peace R.E.

Did you know that the Beatles performed at the Funnell Christmas concert in the 1960's, well not "THE BEATLES", but the Funnell version of the Beatles. With help from Vi, complete with plywood guitars and a black wig for the one girl who was blond haired, four young girls from the community air guitared their way to fame, if not fortune, for one night only.

The community history books abound with memories of Christmas Concerts. Betty Impey/ Williams speaks of her and her sisters with rag rollers in their hair to make it curl, and getting a new outfit for the concert even though money was in short supply. Others speak of bundling up in heavy quilts and heated rocks or irons to keep warm on the long sleigh ride to the local school house. Many mentioned the sleigh bells, with each set of bells having its own unique sound. While the sound of the sleigh bells has ceased, the memories of Christmas Concerts past have not.

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# 4 Mindful Tips to De-Stress This Holiday Season

**Managing Mood and Stress Managing Stress**  
*submitted by Deanne Young, Breton FCSS*

Not feeling particularly cheery this time of year? You're not alone. Many find that the holidays bring as much stress as they do joy. But there are ways to ease through the season. To help make the most of your festivities, Neda Gould, Ph.D., clinical psychologist and director of the Johns Hopkins Mindfulness Program at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, shares some mindful tips.

What is mindfulness? *"Mindfulness is bringing your attention to the present moment with an element of nonjudgment and acceptance. It is noticing when we get caught up in thoughts about the past or the future, and returning our attention to the present — the only reality,"* explains Gould.

While mindfulness can be a formal meditation practice, there are also informal ways to practice this skill. This can give us perspective and decrease stress.

## 1. Accept Imperfection

Can good be good enough? *"As we gear up for the holidays, we often set the bar impossibly high for ourselves and then feel upset when our celebrations don't live up to expectations,"* says Gould.

Before you start preparing, acknowledge that things may not go exactly as planned. *"It's OK if it's not perfect. Imperfection is healthy and normal. For some of us, it might just take a little practice,"* reminds Gould.

## 2. Don't Lose Sight of What Really Counts

With long lines and nasty traffic, the holidays can get hectic. When overwhelmed by the hustle and bustle, ask yourself:

Where does this fit in the grand scheme of things? If you're frustrated by the long grocery line you're standing in, remember that it is just a long grocery line — nothing more. Don't let it spoil your afternoon.

Can I use this moment of frustration as an opportunity to reflect? While the cashier rings up the customers ahead of you, take inventory of the good things that have happened today or the things you are grateful for.

Even if this moment seems stressful, can I find a way to make it pleasant? Connect with someone else in

line with a compliment or kind gesture, or notice what's around you with fresh eyes and an open mind.

## 3. Respond with Kindness

You can't change how others act during the stresses of the holiday season, but you can change how you respond to situations:

*"Whenever I encounter a difficult person, I tell myself, 'this person is suffering, and that's why they're acting this way.' It softens my frustration, helps me be more compassionate and reminds me that it's not personal,"* says Gould.

Keep in mind that the holidays are especially difficult for those who are alone. See if you can extend an act of kindness to those you know are without family and friends during this time of year.

If things do get tense with someone, take a few deep breaths. *"Those few breaths can shift things and give you new perspective,"* says Gould.

## 4. Rethink Your Resolutions

*"Typical New Year's resolutions set you up for failure,"* warns Gould. If you want to better yourself in the New Year, follow these tips for success:

Start small. Break your goal into tinier steps over the course of the year. If weight loss is your goal, it doesn't have to be drastic. Try to eat more veggies during your first month and gradually cut back on sweets throughout the next, suggests Gould.

Be kind to yourself. If you didn't achieve last year's resolution or stray from the path this time around, let it go. *"We often contrive these stories ('I'm never going to quit smoking!') that only add to our distress,"* says Gould. *"With practice, we can notice this self-critic, let go of that negativity and pick our goals back up without the guilt or shame."*

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RCMP are warning the public of Business Email Compromise frauds (BEC) and sharing safety tips to help protect businesses from falling victim to these scams.

BEC is a type of scam targeting companies who primarily send funds electronically. This is typically done by criminals gaining access to company email accounts (via phishing) or creating nearly identical email addresses (spoofing). Fraudsters then trick employees into forwarding business payments to a new bank account controlled by them.

## Signs you may be communicating with a fraudster:

- Emails that usually have an email signature no longer do
- Any emails that are requesting payment in an urgent and out of character fashion
- Any requests via email that request a change in banking information
- Any changes in a predetermined agreement including method of payment, payment or invoice date, amount owing, person you are primarily in contact with, etc.

## Ways to protect yourself and your business:

- Do not rely on email alone – always take the extra step to confirm any changes over the phone
- Minimize the risk of phishing/spoofing by adding known email addresses to your contact list and setting a flag or filter for any communication coming from outside your contacts
- Ensure email passwords are changed often and are strong (numbers, upper and lowercase letters and symbols as well as 10+ characters in length)
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- Protect your devices by keeping the software up-to-date. Enable automatic software updates where applicable, as running the latest version of software helps ensure the manufacturers are still supporting it and providing the latest patches for

vulnerabilities.

- Do not click links or download attachments unless you're confident of where they came from. If you're unsure if an email is legitimate, type the URL of the retailer or other company into your web browser as opposed to clicking the link
- Some attackers may try to trick you by creating malicious websites that appear to be legitimate. Always verify the legitimacy before supplying any information. If you've never heard of it before, check twice before handing over your information

For more tips on how to protect your business visit: Business Email Compromise (BEC) | Royal Canadian Mounted Police (rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

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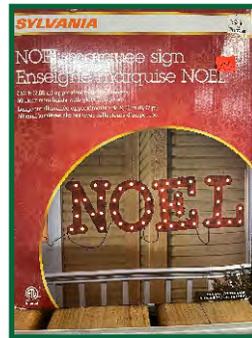
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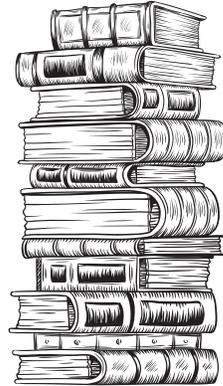
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  - In issues we face in this present life.
- He does this through our relationship with Him. We each have our own role to play.
- Friends, spiritually speaking, we cannot just sit back and hope for the best. Many things happen in this life that are unfortunate and not part of God's good will for us.
- Church is about learning our role and pro-actively participating in relationship with Him.
- We are learning to live in the power of God.
- We are learning to live in His love.
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# Something to Think About.....

## Why Kindness Counts

submitted by Deanne Young, Breton FCSS

**1 - Everyone is fighting their own inner battle** - although life brings us so many joys and victories, it is undeniable that we each face our own individual struggles within our own minds that nobody knows about. Make every effort to find compassion for others - even when you can't relate. Be kind.

**2 - Human connection is paramount** - In a world where we are looking down at our phones more than we are looking up at the people around us, we need to revisit this idea of truly connecting with another human being and what that looks like for us. Be kind.

**3 - We are losing ourselves** - Sometimes we get so caught up in making sure that everyone around us is well and that other people's perceptions of us are as we wish them to be, that we forgot ourselves in the mix. Practice self-kindness and know that your feelings and your thoughts matter. Be kind.

**4 - You make a difference** - Our words, our energy and our light have the potential to impact another human being's life in so many ways. Don't take that power lightly. Be kind.

**5 - It feels good to be kind** - Robert Ingersoll's famous quote that states "We rise by lifting others". Supporting others gives us a natural high. Unfortunately, we all get so caught up in the "busyness" of our own lives that we forget to take the time to practice acts of kindness. Take a moment and step outside of yourself and raise somebody up who needs your support. Be kind.

**6 - Kindness is contagious** - When people are in the presence of kindness, they can't help but feel joyful. Expand your reach and watch all of those around you enliven in the presence of your warmth. Be kind.

**7 - Small actions can have far-reaching consequences** - There is not doubt that the human race is connected in more ways than we can quantify. When you do good, you cause a ripple effect on our planet that reaches the masses. Be kind.

**8 - You can be a voice for someone who doesn't have one** - Acts of altruism speak volumes for those whose voices have been silenced. Speak up for someone who needs it and you will give them to opportunity to learn how to speak on their own behalf.

Be kind.

**9 - Somebody is watching you** - We are so much more influential than we realize. The next generation is observing and picking up our cues and how to treat others. Set a good example by being an ambassador for thoughtfulness and mindfulness. Be kind.

**10 - Judgement hurts** - We need to elevate the consciousness of the planet by seeking to understand rather than to judge. When we judge another, we are essentially judging ourselves and creating separation between ourselves and those around us. The healing of the world begins with each of us. Be kind.

**11 - Kindness is in our nature** - Human beings are intuitively geared to be good and do good. Fear is a learned emotion. Reconnect to the part of you that is love and allow that to guide your everyday interactions. Be kind.

**12 - Spread love** - We have the same power to spread good as those who wish to spread hate do. Find a way to share your unique light. A simple smile or a positive thought on social media goes a long way. Be kind.

**13 - Just because.....**Do we really need a reason to be kind? *Just. Be. Kind.*



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# Soul Care

The story of Christmas in the Bible is one that has been read and treasured across the world for generations. When you read it, you can see that it is a story of love, faith, commitment, and overcoming all difficulties to fulfil the promises of God to His people. A story that was thousands of years in the making, as we see in the Old Testament the prophets foretelling of a mighty King was coming.

**It is the greatest story ever told. The Story of Jesus.**

There are many reasons why Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. One of the most important reasons is that Jesus was the promised Messiah, who came to save humanity from their sins. He was born a humble boy, in a stable behind an inn, in the little town of Bethlehem.

**He was born to bring light into a dark world. He was born to save us all.**

This Christmas I invite you to take some time to read the Christmas story. May it fill you up with Love and a sense of Hope that can only come from Jesus.

*Luke 2*

*2 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. 2 (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. 4 And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. 5 He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. 7 She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. 8 That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. 9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, 10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. 11 The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! 12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,*

***14 "Glory to God in highest heaven,  
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."***

*15 When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. 17 After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. 18 All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, 19 but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. 20 The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.*

**This is the greatest story ever told. He was born to bring light into a dark world.**

Merry Christmas my friends!

*Natasha Westerhoud*

Pastor, Breton Faith Covenant Church

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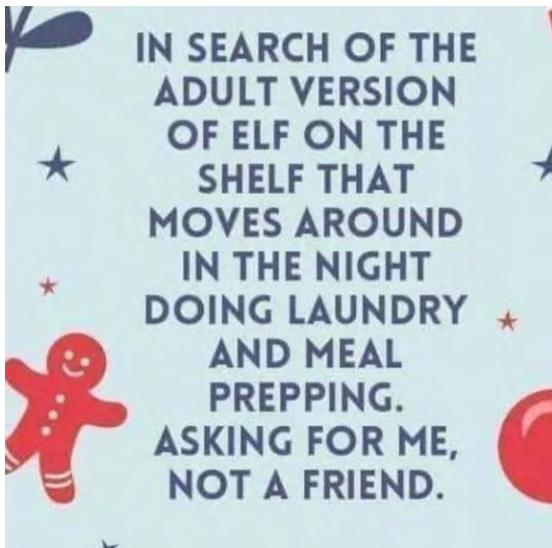


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# Laurie's Laughs



**GONNA GO LAY UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE TO REMIND MY FAMILY THAT I'M A GIFT.**



its that time of the year again, don't forget to hang your missile toads



**WHEN I WAS A KID I DIDN'T NEED AN ELF ON THE SHELF TO MOTIVATE ME TO BEHAVE DURING CHRISTMAS TIME. I HAD A BELT ON THE SHELF THAT MOTIVATED ME TO BEHAVE THE WHOLE YEAR THROUGH 😂**

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Answers will be published in the next issue!

# Merry Christmas

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**\$285,000**

10 acres. 3 bed 2 level split home with attached garage. Along paved hwy just north of Tomahawk. Approx half treed.

### BUCK LAKE



**\$379,900**

Sunset Bay: 4 bed, 3 bath home, walkout ICF basement, deck, view of lake. Share in community lakefront & dock slip - annual fee.

## LAND

#### AMAZING 316 ACRES at TOMAHAWK

316 rolling acres +/-, several creeks & Tomahawk Creek runs thru south end of property. Awesome recreational property or grazing land.. Underground 200 amp service, nat gas, well & septic tank. Perimeter fenced, electric fence cross fencing. Beautiful building sites overlooking valleys & creeks. Buildings in yard are of nominal value Tomahawk \$765,000

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