

THE BRETON BOOSTER

A FOND FAREWELL TO ALSIKE CORNER GAS

Submitted by Allan Goddard

February 28, 2023, brought the closure of an eighty-five-year-old area business as Alsike store closed. In the words of a Bob Dylan song ... "The Times They Are a Changing." For decades, Alsike Store was a landmark located at the junction of Highway 39 and 20. A place to stop for fuel, get a snack, ask for directions, or to learn the latest community news.

For the past eighteen years Willie Hatt and his family operated the store as "Alsike Corner Gas." With its cast of characters, it could have been a TV Sit Com, but Dog River had beat them to it. But we will get back to Willie and Alsike Corner Gas later. First let's take a trip back in time to the beginning of the story.

In 1938, Martin Oelkers built the original store one mile west of its present location (that's 1.6 km for the young people) on the Jack Myles quarter, at the "Old Breton Corner" ... today the Funnell Road, which at the time was the main road to Breton. He named his store Hillview Store, and had built it on skids so it could be moved. The following year he moved the store to its present location, the NW36-48-4-W5 which he had purchased. His wife, Phoebe, rode in the store as it was being moved to keep the store stock in place. Martin and his wife would operate the store until 1941 when it was sold to Sherman and Nellie Buffalo.

It is not clear when the name of the store was changed from Hillview to Alsike, but it likely has something to do with the Post Office. The original Alsike post office was established in 1931 on the James Innes farm. When a post office was established, it required a name. Mr. Innes named it Alsike for the abundance of Alsike Clover grown in the area to help build up nutrients in the grey wooded soil, and later as a cash seed crop for local farmers.

The Buffalo's ran the store during the 1940's.

Apparently, when negotiating with a customer over the price of an item Nellie would settle it with a flip of a coin. It seems Nellie's luck was quite good. Her granddaughter, Arlene, says she cannot imagine her prim and proper grandmother flipping a coin on a bet. Both Sherman and Nellie were well suited to running a store. Prior to coming to Canada, Sherman had been a travelling salesman and Nellie's family had retail experience in Kansas.

In 1948 the Buffalo's sold the store to Jim and Mamie Clark. It was about this time the post office was relocated to the store, with Jim Clark as postmaster. The store was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Cramer in 1952, who ran the store until 1957 when Stan and Lydia Taylor purchased the store.

Stan Taylor had worked for D.R Fraser Lumber Co. around Breton for several years driving equipment. In 1956, with the lumber industry drawing to a close, Stan approached "Big" Bill Fraser about a loan to purchase Alsike Store. Big Bill felt it was a good business opportunity and loaned Stan the money. In 1957 Stan and Lydia became the owners of Alsike Store, paying back the loan in 18 months. The Taylor's

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Alsike General Store Circa 1960's

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You will also find more information on how to advertise, submit an article and for previous editions of our papers.

Don't like going online?

A complete listing will be printed in the Booster once a month.



*Sudoku Answers
from Mar 1 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.

7	2	1	3	5	9	4	6	8
4	9	6	8	1	2	7	3	5
3	5	8	7	6	4	1	2	9
5	7	4	9	8	6	2	1	3
2	8	3	4	7	1	5	9	6
1	6	9	5	2	3	8	4	7
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9	3	5	1	4	8	6	7	2
8	4	2	6	3	7	9	5	1



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

BRETON Youth Centre - March 10th - Painting and Decorating - Drop In and see the new space - 3:30 - 8:30 - Downstairs - Breton Civic Centre - 4916 - 50 Avenue

WARBURG - Skating Club Presents our annual **Carnival "Candyland"** on **March 12**. Doors open at 12:30, show time at 1pm. Kids free. 18+ is \$5, 50/50, Raffle table, door prizes. Everyone welcome!

THORSBY - New Life Christian Fellowship church is hosting a community **Gospel Music Jam** on Sunday, **March 12th**, at 2 pm. Free event with light refreshments served!

WARBURG - **Babysitter Course March 13** from 9am-4pm. Lunch & refreshments provided. \$30.00 registration Fee, forms available at Warburg Village Office or Warburg School. Submit to Shawna @ FCSS Warburg Village Office 780-848-2828

THORSBY Junior Senior High School PTA - Next Meeting on **Monday, March 13**. Email tjshs.council@gshare.blackgold.ca

THORSBY - Outsmart the Scam! Fraud and Scam awareness and personal safety for older adults. **March 15 @ 11am-2pm** at 4901-48 Ave. Lunch included. Register for the 2 part session. Call Carla 780-955-4554 or email carla@leduc-county.com

BRETON - **St. Paddy's Cornhole** fun night at Breton Community Centre **March 17** hosted by Breton Ag Society. Go to www.bretonagsociety.com

WARBURG Legion Social - St Patrick's Special on **March 17**. Doors open at 5PM Highlights - The Special sandwich, Wear Green for Prizes, Specials all night long! Lets go Green!

WINFIELD Legion Spaghetti Supper on **March 18th** at 5pm Doors open at 4:30 pm. \$10 a plate..

THORSBY - Inviting all people who love **Old Time Music** on **Saturday, March 18th**, at 1pm. The Thorsby Seniors Center will be hosting a music jam. We need musicians, singers, listeners & dancers! Admission: \$5

WARBURG - **Open Bonspiel March 18-19** - \$300 per 4 person team (any combo) 3 games guarantee plus Saturday night meal included. To enter email: warburgcurlingclub@gmail.com or call Brittany @ 780-621-2087 or Rob 780-789-3723

BRETON Youth Centre - **March 21** - **Touch up Time and Fun** with the Family Resource Centre Staff - 3:30 - 5:00, Downstairs - Breton Civic Centre - 4916 50 Avenue

BRETON FCSS Spring Break Activities Monday **March 27** from 10am-2pm. Contact fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636. Watch for further details next week or on our Facebook page.

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LEDUC Square Dance Club is hosting annual **STARS Benefit Dance** at 6:45 pm on **Wednesday, March 29** at Telford House (4907-46 St, Leduc). Admission by donation.

DEVON - **Free Family Paint Night March 27 6-7:30pm**. Free busing from Warburg to Devon with pick ups in Thorsby and Calmar. Please register with FCSS @ 780-848-2828 before March 20.

Miss Rodeo Drayton Valley at the Pro Rodeo May 5-7 Contact mrdvcommittee@gmail.com or call Jayden at 780-514-8503 for more info. Applications close March 31.

MORROWDALE Community Centre invites everyone to its **Card and Games** afternoon on **April 2** from 2-5pm. Come beat the winter blues with some fun and great conversation at Morrowdale! For more info call Bev at 780-789-2571

THORSBY - **Soccer Registration** at Arctic Spas Recreational Complex **April 4** from 6-8pm or online at Thorsby Soccer Facebook Page.

BRETON Playschool - **Dueling Piano Supper & Dance** on **April 29** at Breton Community Hall.

FALUN Seniors Spring Brunch - **Falun Community Hall** Sunday April 30th 10 Am - 1 Pm Cost - By Donation

MARKETS/THRIFT SHOPS(NONPROFIT)

Winfield Public Market from 10am-2pm **March 18th** for St Patricks Day, **April 1st** for Easter. Call or text Carla 780-621-1285 or follow us on FB.

Thorsby CL Country Market from 10am-3pm, Thorsby Rec Complex. **April 22, May 20** (Thorsby May long weekend) **June 24** (Warburg Heritage Days) Email clsoapco@hotmail.com

Mulhurst Bay Farmer's Market at the Mulhurst Bay Community Hall (3802 50 Ave) **every Saturday** 10-2pm. Contact Carol 587-920-2065 for more info.

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store
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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

BRETON Baby & Me for mom's with baby's under 18 mths - **Thursday mornings** from 10-11:30am at the Breton Community Centre. Contact fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636

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!

BRETON Children's Gym Time - FREE Drop in for 0-6 years old on **Tuesdays** from 10am -11:30am at the Breton Faith Covenant Church. Hosted by Brighter Futures - 780-514-5070

BRETON Golden Age Club - Crib on **Saturdays @ 12:30pm / Floor Curling on Tuesdays @ 1pm**. Drop in fee \$3. / **Cards on Mondays @ 1pm**. Drop in fee \$3. Contact Pat at 780-898-1651

BRETON Kids Klub - After School Program **Wednesdays** from 3:15-4:45pm for ages 6-12. No fees. Limited spaces. Pre-registration required. Forms at the Library or FCSS office.

BRETON Low Impact Exercise Class - Wednesday mornings from 10 - 11am at the Breton Community Centre. \$2 per class. Contact fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636

BRETON - MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers & Moms) is at Faith Covenant Church the **third Thursday** of the month at 7pm, ending in May.

BUCK CREEK Community Association **Jam Dance & Cards Night** the **first Friday** of every month.

CALMAR - Seniors Music Jam Session 4th Tuesday of the month @ 1pm with light refreshments. 4916 - 50 Ave

FALUN Seniors Centre - Cards at 1 pm every Tuesday - \$1 / **Floor Curling** at 1 pm **Wednesdays** (except first Wed of the mth) - \$1. Last day for events - April 25 & 26. Start again in fall.

MULHURST - Family bingo's every **Tuesday @ 6:30pm** at the Royal Canadian Legion #246.

MULHURST - Royal Canadian Legion Mulhurst #246 hosts **Community Socials** on the **Last Friday** of the month at 7pm.

SANDHOLM Square Dance Club - Youth, couples & singles **Thursdays, 7 - 9:30pm** at the Sandholm Hall (10 miles S of Thorsby). For info call 780-238-5844 or 780-389-2381.

THORSBY Arctic Spas Rec Complex - Shinny on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday** from 3:30-5:00pm / **Family Skate** on **Mondays** from 5-6pm

THORSBY - LEGO Club Monday's after school 3:30-4:30pm. Come join us for an hour of Lego building! Free drop-in program ages 7+, 6 & under accompanied by parents

THORSBY - Lions Campground hosting a **Pancake Breakfast first Sunday** of the month at the Senior's Centre 8am - 1pm. Ages 13+ \$8.00/plate, Ages 6-12 \$5.00/plate, Age 5 & under FREE. More info call Mercedes King 587-338-7065

THORSBY Parent & Tot Drop In Program on **Thursdays** from 10-11am at the FRN Site (Modular next to the Arctic Spas Rec Complex) Fun games, activities & making new friends

THORSBY Pickle Ball on **Tuesday & Thursday morning** 9:30am to 11:30am and **Thursday nights** from 7-9pm at the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. \$5 drop in fee

THORSBY Seniors Centre - Bingo every **Thursday evening** starting at 7pm / **Afternoon Crib** every **Monday** at 1:30pm. / **Soup & Sandwiches** starting at 11:30am on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month / Everyone welcome!

WARBURG Arena - Shinny on **Mondays** from 3:45-5:15pm / **Family Skate** on **Wednesdays** from 3:45-5:15pm / **Mom & Tot's** on **Fridays** from 10am - 2pm

WARBURG - Busy Brushes meet on **Wednesdays** at 10 am at the Warburg Cultural Centre. Call Linda at 587-590-0378.

WARBURG Curling Club Senior Men's Drop-in - Thursdays at 10am. \$5 drop-in fee. Call Les at 780-848-2661

WARBURG Floor Curling at the Pioneer Ag Society Community Hall on **Thursdays** at 1pm. Everyone Welcome.

WARBURG Pickleball Thursdays from 6-8pm \$2 each. Warburg School Gym. Equipment provided, no experience needed. Register at the Village office or call 780-848-2828

WARBURG - Pie & Coffee from 1pm - 4pm at the Warburg Museum on the **first Saturday** of every month

WARBURG Seniors Centre - Cards at 1pm every **Wednesday / Soup & Sandwiches** every **3rd Wednesday** at 12pm for \$10 / **Tai Chi** at 10am every **Wednesday** for \$2 / **Quilting** on **Tuesday & Thursdays** at 9:30am for \$2

WARBURG - Sew Heavenly Quilters meet **Thursdays** at 10am at Warburg Cultural Centre. Call Peggy 780-789-2545

WARBURG Social Evening - at the Warburg Legion **3rd Friday** of every month. Doors open at 5pm, Dinner 6-7pm. Come join us for an evening of fun!

WARBURG - Songs For Toddlers at the Warburg Library on **Wednesdays** at 1pm at the library.

WARBURG Saturday at the Library is **Craft Fun Day**, with a table full of supplies to create a craft for a special day that month

FACILITY RENTALS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

Breton Community Centre Please contact Jodie 780-514-8335 or communitycentre@breton.ca

Breton Elks Tent Rentals (3) 20ft x 20ft & (1) 20ft x 40ft. For details contact Darren Scott at 780-696-3800

Breton Golden Age Club building is available for rent. Call Jane 780-696-6599/403-542-7921

Calmar Seniors Hall is for rent. Please call Terry at 587-988-3636

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

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

Glen Park Hall - Call Mike at 780-919-1250

John Turgeon Hall - Located in the Summer Village of Sundance Beach. For rental contact Shawna at 780-389-4409

Morrowdale Community Hall
 For bookings call Samantha at (780) 995-6890.

Mulhurst Bay Community Hall call 780-389-2455

Mulhurst Legion: Give Marie a call 780-361-7350

Sandholm Community Hall Call Doris 780-389-2381

Strawberry Community Hall
 For booking contact Cindy Miller at 780-789-2446

Sunnybrook Community Hall -For rentals contact Mandy Miller at 780-850-3629

Telfordville Hall Call Tracy at 780-718-9549 after 5pm

Thorsby Community Center Call Marlene at 780-789-3734 or text 780-217-9394 or thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Thorsby Seniors Centre - Call Dora Shier at 780-662-2066

Warburg Cultural Centre - For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths phone Linda McLaughlin at 780-848-2916.

Warburg Legion Hall rentals available at 1/2 day and full day rates. Please call Deb and Max Mellafont 780 848 2923

Warburg Pioneer Recreation Centre For hall rental contact the Village of Warburg Office at 780-848-2841

Warburg Seniors Centre for rental. Contact Allan or Nancy at 780-848-7756

Wilton Park Community Centre for booking text Aileen @ 587-930-2519.

Winfield Legion Available to rent. Rental inquiries to Gordon 780-542-1243 or Ron 403-862-0769



COUNTRY COOKIN'

Back from the past....

From the Breton Booster September 17, 2008 (Edition 847)

Best Fried Green Tomatoes

- 4 large green tomatoes
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons coarse kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 quart vegetable oil for frying

Slice tomatoes 1/2 inch thick. Discard the ends. Whisk eggs and milk together in a medium-size bowl. Scoop flour onto a plate. Mix cornmeal, bread crumbs and salt and pepper on another plate. Dip tomatoes into flour to coat. Then dip the tomatoes into milk and egg mixture. Dredge in bread crumbs to completely coat.

In a large skillet, pour vegetable oil (enough so that there is 1/2 inch of oil in the pan) and heat over a medium heat. Place tomatoes into the frying pan in batches of 4 or 5, depending on the size of your skillet. Do not crowd the tomatoes, they should not touch each other. When the tomatoes are browned, flip and fry them on the other side. Drain them on paper towels.

There has been some concern because some of the Halls, Churches, Services or Meetings are not in every paper. We have been making some changes and trying new things. We are continually getting more and more information on our communities and I have been told that our readers want to know what is going on in all surrounding communities. There are now too many FREE listings to print in every paper without page sponsors.

Upcoming Events & Programs will be in every paper but the other services will only be guaranteed once a month. These listings are always available on our website at www.community39.com under "Community"

We apologize for the confusion this has caused.



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Things to do in and around Breton in March

The Adult Exercise Program - This class runs from 10:00 – 11:00 am on **Wednesday** Breton Community Centre – 4715 50 Avenue - \$2 / class

Brighter Futures Gym Time -Tuesday mornings - from 10-11:30 am. Hosted by Brighter Future's, held at Faith Covenant Church, 4712 – 53 Ave. Children 0 – 6 can burn off all that extra energy with physical activity. Drop in – Free. For more info call 780-514-5070

Baby & Me -Thursday Mornings - New Group for Expecting Moms and Mom's with new Babes (18 months and younger) – This group will take the direction of the Mom's participating. A time to learn, have coffee and support one another. For more information contact us at fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636

Breton Youth Centre

- **March 7th** - Cleaning, Planning, & Pizza - 3:30 - 5 pm - Downstairs - Breton Civic Centre - 4916 50 Avenue. Contact Jessica for more info Jessica.Doucette2@albertahealthservices.ca
- **March 10th** - Painting and Decorating - Drop In and see the new space - 3:30 - 8:30pm - Downstairs - Breton Civic Centre - 4916 50 Avenue
- **March 21** - Touch up Time and Fun with the Family Resource Centre Staff - 3:30 - 5:00pm, Downstairs - Breton Civic Centre - 4916 50 Avenue

Cornhole Tournament – Friday March 16th – Adult only event hosted by the Breton Agriculture Society. Check out their Facebook Page for more details.

Spring Break Activities - Save the Dates - Breton FCSS will be holding 2 activity days during Spring Break. Monday March 27 from 10am-2pm (this time may be divided into age groups) and Wed. March 29 - Movie afternoon at the Breton Community Centre - 1-3pm. Further details next week or on our Facebook page.

Just In Case – Is a resource that you put together for those that may need when a loved one is unable to communicate with you or passes on. We have put together this binder for you to fill out, use and share with important people in your life. If you would like one of the binders, please contact us or come into the Breton FCSS Office at 4916 50th Avenue. We can also email you an electronic version for you to fill in and print.

Alberta Government Affordability Payments Information - Affordability payments of \$600 over 6 months are coming soon to help millions of Albertans struggling with the rising cost of living as part of the

www.alberta.ca/affordability-action-plan.aspx

Seniors and families with children under 18 can apply for their payments online starting January 18, but can get ready now by signing up for a Verified Account www.alberta.ca/affordability-payments.aspx#apply

Anyone receiving monthly benefits through AISH, Income Support, Alberta Seniors Benefit or services through Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) will get their payments automatically, but will need to apply for additional payments if they have kids under 18.

Breton FCSS can assist with helping you navigate through this process if you need to apply.

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 2021 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 - 4:00. Clients will be notified when your return is completed. The program will run from March 1 - April 30, 2023

We require the following information to complete your return:

- Personal Information (Social Insurance Number, Birth date, Marital Status, Address)
- Dependent's information - spouse/ children's names, birth dates.
- All "T" Slips (T4's, T4A, OAS ect.)
- All Forms, Schedules, and Labels you have received from Revenue Canada.
- Receipts for any expenses such as medical, moving, tuition, sporting activities. Printouts from your pharmacist are available for those with numerous prescriptions.

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

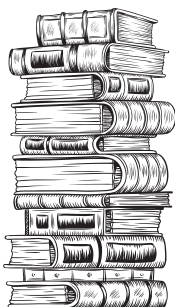
IWD has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. IWD is not country, group or organization specific. #IWD2023 #EmbraceEquity

Here are some ideas that you can do as a family or community member to celebrate the Women in our community.

- Interview a girl or woman who inspires you.
- Write an inspiring letter to send to your later self in life.
- Make a gift for a girl or woman who is special to you.
- Develop a list of the qualities you see in women leaders.
- Describe five issues you would like to fix for girls and women.
- Create a collage to show girls and women in different jobs or sports.
- Make a word cloud listing jobs women do across the world.
- Come up with a quiz about women's equal rights throughout history.
- Create a cartoon strip featuring a girl or woman as the hero.
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March 22 | Agricultural Service Board Meeting | 1:00pm

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A FOND FAREWELL TO ALSIKE CORNER GAS

Submitted by Allan Goddard

Continued from front page...

would run a very successful business until May of 1966 when failing health required them to sell the business. It was during this time period the area really started to develop. Farms were expanding and oil had been discovered in the area, bringing jobs for many of the local residents. The dirt roads that had led to Alsike for years were upgraded to a gravel highway by the Alberta Government. All these factors brought increased traffic and business to Alsike. Alberta Transportation rented space at the east end of the property for a large stock pile of gravel used in the building of the highway. A platform was built for the local farmers to deliver their cream cans to be picked up and transported to Calmar for processing. Although vehicles and roads were improving, many local residents relied on the Canadian Coach Way bus stopping at Alsike to transport them to Edmonton for appointments and shopping.

The Alsike Store was purchased from the Taylor's by Harold Blize in 1966. Previous to purchasing Alsike, Harold had managed a Loblaw's Store. The Blize's operated the store until the mid 1970's, when they pursued other business interests. Harold sold the store business, but retained ownership of the property. For the next 25-30 years Alsike Store was leased and operated by the Lyle Mc Mann family and by Wally Tabet, until 2005, when the Hatt family took over.

Now back to Willie. Willie mentioned that he worked for Stan Taylor on Sundays when he was young ... yes Willie was young once... maybe that is where he caught the bug to be a store owner. Open seven days a week from 6AM-10 PM, Willie was there to open for the early morning customers, the coffee was on and it was free. No matter what time of day you stopped you received friendly service, and were often entertained by the cast of local characters who frequented the store. Over the years Alsike provided many young people from the area with their first job. Or to the young couple who were establishing a farm or

business a part time job to help them get on their feet. The Hatt's were strong supporters of many community groups seeking sponsorship, but none more than the 4H clubs often purchasing a steer from local 4H members on Achievement Day.

But yes, "The Times They Are a Changing". Many factors have combined in recent times to bring the demise of the family run small business, and Alsike Corner Gas was no exception.

So, to Willie, Roberta, Tara and the cast of characters ... and there were many... of Alsike Corner Gas, remember you were in business thirteen years longer than the real Corner Gas... take that Dog River! Farewell and Thanks For The Memories.



Stan Taylor Ash Tray (Breton Museum)



*Alsike Store Circa 1940's Sherman and Nellie Buffalo and Martin Oelkers
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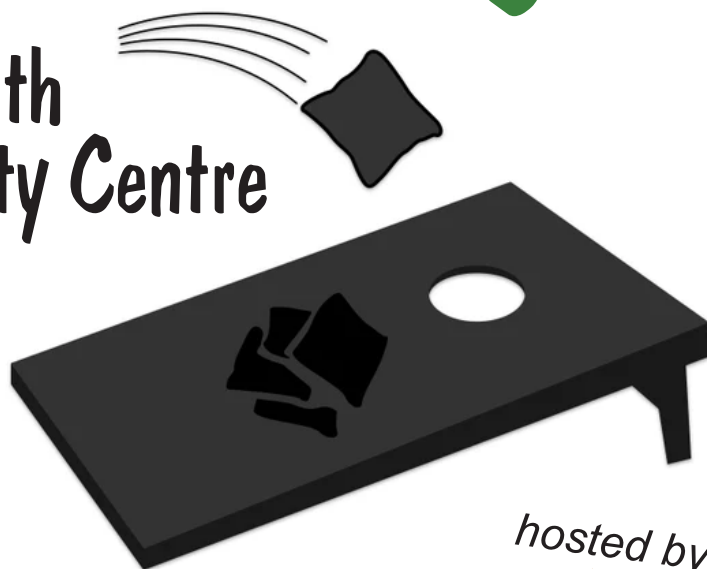


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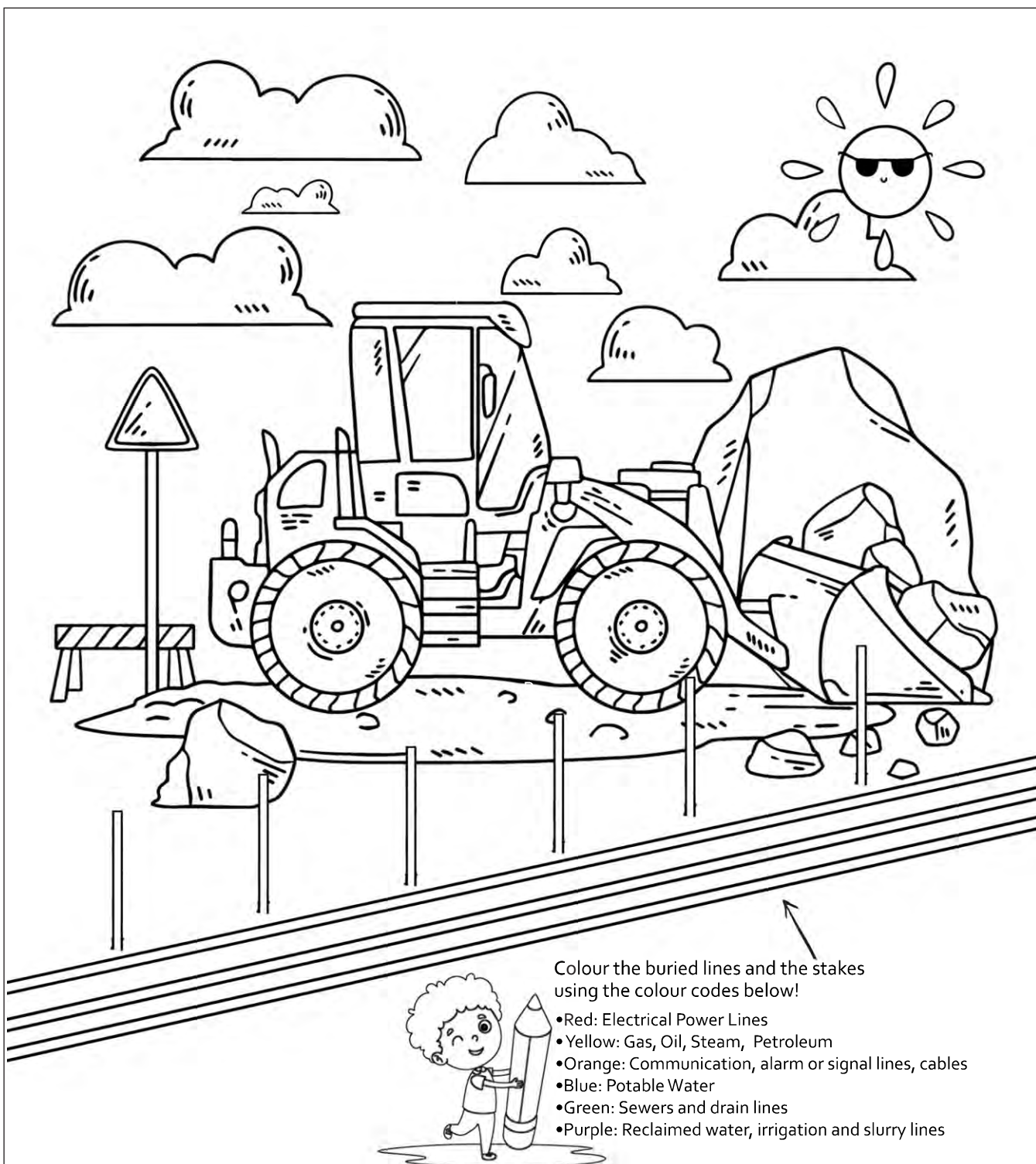
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1. Joint ownership means joint liability.

Your children may be good people, but as we all know, bad things happen to good people. If your child's name is on your land and your child ends up being sued for money then the creditors may be able to take your land in satisfaction of your child's debt.

2. Reduction in control over assets that parents may need.

By putting your child's name on title to your land you cannot sell it without your child's permission, it also grants your children the right to keep half of the money when it's sold. Most people believe that sharing control with their children won't be an issue, however, when money is involved it can really begin to hurt relationships; along with the rise in elder abuse it's generally advisable to retain as much control for as long as possible.

3. Taxes

If you leave land to your kids in your Will, then your estate will pay the taxes on the increase in value from when you bought it to when you died. Your estate will likely also have access to substantial amounts of capital gains exemptions which can be used to reduce the actual taxes paid. If your kids' names are on title before you pass, then your children will likely not have access to your lifetime capital gains exemption and so will need to pay the capital gains taxes themselves when they either sell the property or pass it on to their kids.

4. No real benefit.

In Alberta, there is no inheritance tax, the highest government fee is \$500 for filing the application for probate. The lawyer's fee will likely increase by a small amount as it is often determined as a percentage of the estate, but that percentage is significantly smaller than what you and your kids may

end up paying in extra taxes because of this decision. Estate planning is a complicated task and most people require the assistance of a team of professionals, not just lawyers, but accountants and wealth advisors as well. Here at West of the Fifth Law we are happy to assist you in coming up with a fair and cost-effective way of transferring your hard-earned wealth to the next generation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office and book an appointment to speak with one of our lawyers.

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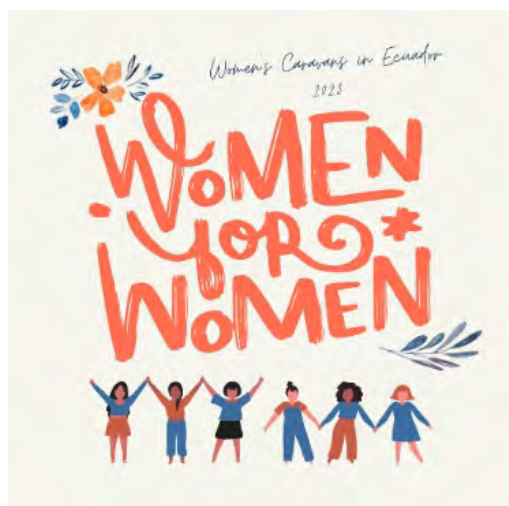
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many will be women who find themselves in Domestic Violence circumstances.

I am honored to be able to be a part of this life-giving work and ask if you would consider partnering with me. First, I ask if you would consider praying for the team of 15 women heading to Ecuador, in particular for good health, travel mercies and unity. Then I ask if you would pray for the woman that will be coming to see us, we could have over 300 women that week traveling to receive the care they are needing. And lastly, I am reaching out to the community to see if you would like to partner with me as we will be bringing some needed supplies! If you would like to join me in collecting these items, they can be dropped off at the church before April 10th

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Jeremiah 29:11-13


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

A rather interesting thing happened in response to an email (letter) submitted to Brazeau County Council. A staff member responded to me with “advice” on what I could write in this letter. This raises some interesting questions.

1. My letter was addressed to Reeve and Council, not staff; why is he responding?
2. Since when do staff get to determine the public's letter content and control of its recipients? There is no legal backing to allow such action in either the Municipal Government Act (MGA) or County Bylaws or Procedures
3. The MGA makes it clear that this staff person has the responsibility to make sure staff (employees) follow all the rules as set out by council either by motion or policy/bylaw—not evaluate public letters.
4. The issue being addressed had to do with what he deemed a “toxic environment.”
5. As a member of the public, this writer (as well as anyone else) can evaluate the public performance of staff in council.
6. If this staff is really concerned about toxicity in the work place, perhaps the first efforts should be to make sure staff performs for the public benefit.
7. Perhaps an area of need of toxic reduction (to the public) is Council itself—note the following:
 - a. Overspending by \$40 million over revenues over 4 years;
 - b. Little or no public involvement in various “dumps” now located in the county;
 - c. The use of “workshops” to exclude the public from council proceedings (probably illegal);
 - d. Paving roads to benefit the very few at the expense of the rest of us—without using “a local improvements tax” (for the recipients of same);
 - e. Not providing reports after attending various conferences—in violation of county policy;
 - f. Allowing reserve funds to be severely depleted—not sound fiscal policy;
 - g. Having 3 “Code of Conduct” complaints (one from staff);
 - h. Not as yet signing this term's “Code of Conduct,” as required by the MGA;
 - i. \$700,000 in legal fees for arbitration; \$118,000 in legal fees for Code of Conduct issues. Problematic?
 - j. All too often, an apparent inadequate preparation for meetings (e.g., the Lafarge gravel request in the last meeting).
 - k. The removal of fees for subdivision--why should the general public subsidize the cost of subdividing?

If public input is deemed a problem, make sure your staff doesn't provide reason to complain. Remember I have every right to assess your performance as it is my (our) tax dollars at stake.

As voters affected by the above, call your councillor to confirm the above. They are being paid about \$1500 a month to answer your calls.

Lynn Oberle, Brazeau County

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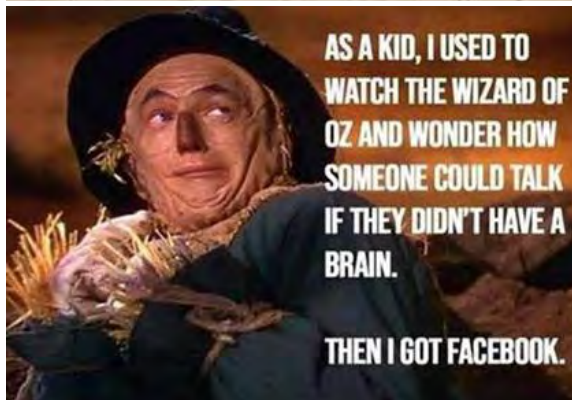
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BUCK LAKE



\$379,900

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

BRETON



\$49,900

12 Fraser Drive - large lot backs onto golf course - 159 ft golf course frontage. No time restrictions to build. GST included.

LAND

**312 ACRES
PRIME FARM LAND**

Located only 2 miles east of Wetaskiwin.
Land is primarily #1 & #2 soil & has \$8,800 in annual surface lease rev.
Yard site with 1970s home, a 30x48 shop, a 60x100 pole shed, 2x5000 +/-bu grain bins, 3 hopper bottom feed bins & a number of older bldgs including a dairy barn, poultry barns & cattle shelters.
Wetaskiwin \$2,300,000

BUCK LAKE



\$189,000

GREYSTONES Lakeview 1.13 acre, services - power, well, nat gas riser, 40 ft Jayco RV with 3 slides. Shed.

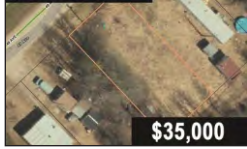
BUCK LAKE



\$190,000

1 bedroom 1 bath cabin built 1988, 0.8 acre lot. Wood stove, full kitchen, 4 pce bath, Drilled well, 2000 gal septic tank & power

LODGEPOLE



\$35,000

60x130 lot. Natural gas & drilled well on property. Power & sewer at lot line. Zoned Hamlet Residential. Mfg homes permitted.

WINFIELD



\$949,000

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

BRETON



\$389,000

10 ± acres, 3 bedroom home, 3 season sunroom, 32x40 metal clad shop. Subject to final subdivision approval.

LAND

INCREASE YOUR PASTURE LAND BASE

Pasture ranch land located close to Alder Flats. - divided into 10 separate pastures for rotational grazing. All pastures have water. Water is supplied by dug outs & very productive water wells. Corrals on each quarter. Open faced shelter along with power on the one quarter (SE-34). Traditional AG water rights are registered on all 3 quarters. SW35-45-7-W5 155 acres, SE34-45-7-W5 155.07 acres, SW34-45-7-W5 148.62 acres
\$1,349,000

LAND

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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WINFIELD LIQUOR LOFT



Opportunity knocks in the community of Winfield, Alberta. Be your own boss of this Liquor Store. The Winfield Liquor Loft has been serving the community and surrounding areas for 10+ years. Built in 2011, this solid built 1152 sq ft building has a metal clad exterior & covered front sidewalk running along the front of the store. Inside is the attractive front & cold room retail spaces, storage space, off loading double doors and outside metal security gate. Inventory not included in list price. The buyer will have to obtain their own liquor license from AGLC as the current liquor license cannot be transferred.

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