

THE BRETON BOOSTER

“LEST WE FORGET” REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

written by Allan Goddard, Breton Museum

As we approach Remembrance Day on November 11th, our minds should take time to quietly consider the sacrifices of the men and women, who over the years have served in Canada's military to protect the freedoms we enjoy. While many of those who served paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives, never to grow old. For those who “safely returned,” many would carry both physical and emotional scars of their experiences. It is now 105 years since the end of World War I, the Breton Museum would like to pay tribute to a WWI veteran Peter “Pete” Mattison. For a period of 18 years Pete made the Lindale area his home. The Breton Museum discovered much of the information about Pete through his homestead and military records, in addition to a 1987 Rainy River, Ontario newspaper article written by Dan Holm.

Pete was born, one of eleven children, to Norwegian parents Ollie and Carrie Mattison, at Harred, North Dakota on April 2, 1892. In 1914, at the age 22, he along with his brother-in-law Julius Hannem arrived in the Keystone area filing homesteads on the SE and NE of Section 15-48-4-W5. For some reason they soon cancelled their homestead applications on those two quarters and in September filed on two quarters southwest of Lindale, both with the Modeste Creek running through the homesteads.

For the next two years Pete remained on his homestead carrying out the required duties of clearing the land and erecting a dwelling. Only a month before Pete had filed on his homestead World War I had been declared, plunging much of Europe into armed conflict. The initial opinions were that the war against Germany would be over by Christmas 1914. It would be almost four Christmases later before it was over.

By the spring of 1916 the war had become a war of trench warfare and attrition, with battles being won or lost over a few feet of territory. In the news article Pete maybe

sheds a little light on why he decided to enlist... *“I’ll tell you those days things was so damn hard. I had just got out there and taken a homestead, and no meals...I said the hell with it, I’ll get out. I’ll see something, anyway.”* I am sure Pete did see things, many that he would have liked to have erased from his memory.

On April 2, 1916 Pete enlisted with the 194th Battalion of CEF Edmonton Highlanders. After some training at the Sarcee Camp, Pete embarked for England in November, 1916 where he received additional training. Pete arrived in Vimy France in May 1917, about a month after the battle of Vimy Ridge. Dan Holms writes, *“Peter was placed with the 10th Battalion and soon learned the truth about life in the trenches.”* In the 1987 article Pete sums up life in the trenches...*“There was no bright spots in them trenches; it was miserable. Anyone who hasn’t been there, he’ll never imagine what we went through.”*

About a month after arriving in France Pete was wounded while on a work party, when a large artillery shell exploded near them. Shrapnel tore the skin off the side of his neck, but luckily didn’t cut his jugular, and his legs were paralyzed for a short period of time.

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Sudoku Answers from Nov 1 Issue

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UPCOMINGSPECIAL EVENTS

(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

November 1-14 - Breton Fall Cleanup for Village Residents Only. Thursday - Sunday from 10am - 4pm at the Waste Transfer Site. Site closed for the winter as of Nov 15.

November 11 - Remembrance Day Wreath Laying Service at the Breton Cenotaph at 10:45am.

November 11 - Remembrance Day Service at Thorsby Jr/Sr High School at 10am. Sponsored by RCL Pioneer Branch 144.

November 11 - Remembrance Day Service at the Warburg Community Centre. Hosted by the Warburg Legion Br. 205. Doors open at 10am. Luncheon at 12:15pm.

November 11 - Remembrance Day Service at Winfield Recreation Hall to be seated by 10:30 am. Pot Luck to follow. The hosts, Winfield Legion will supply Roast Beef & Gravy.

November 11 - Remembrance Day Service at the Mulhurst Bay Community Hall at 10:45am. Hosted by the Mulhurst Legion Branch No. 246.

November 16 - Making Bath Bombs Workshop at the Thorsby Municipal Library from 5-6:30pm. Must pre-register.

November 16 - Charity Hockey Classic game against the 840 CFCW Critters at the Leduc Rec Centre. For information, to play or sponsor a player contact lchfoundation@ahs.ca

November 18 - Warburg Curling Club is Celebrating their 70th Anniversary. A Stirling Spiel, Banquet and Commemorative Program. Call Gladys 780-915-1211

November 18 - Winfield Public Market, Christmas, 10am-2pm. Call or text Carla 780-621-1285 or follow us on FB.

November 18 - CL Country Market in Thorsby.

November 18 - Community Gym Night at the Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. Contact davidemolyneaux@live.com

November 21 - Warburg Seniors Trip to Cow Pattie Dinner Theatre in Lacombe. Open to all seniors, sign up and payment details at the Warburg Village Office.

November 24 - Warburg Light Up the Night at the Warburg Community Park from 6-8pm. Hot dogs, Hot Chocolate, Christmas Music, Sleigh Rides, Bonfire, Santa

November 25 - Warburg Christmas Bazaar - at the Warburg Hall from 10-2pm. Concession. Meet Santa at 1pm

November 25 - Mulhurst Christmas Market from 10-4pm at the Mulhurst Community Hall.

November 25 - Yeoford Homeschoolers Christmas

Fundraiser at the Yeoford Hall from 2-4 pm

November 25 - Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce Christmas Gala. Featuring live band Travis Dolter. Email thorsbyabchamber@gmail.com for tickets.

December 1 - Thorsby's Christmas in the Village. Customer Appreciation by the Chamber of Commerce. FREE Wagon Rides, Bonfire, hotdogs, Santa, the Grinch and more

December 1 - Community Christmas Tree Lighting, starts at 5 pm. Tree lights up at 6 pm. Hotdogs, Coffee & Hot Choc supplied by the Winfield Legion.

December 2 - Winfield Public Market, Christmas, 10am-2pm. Call or text Carla 780-621-1285 or follow us on FB.

December 2 - Warburg Firefighters Food bank Drive at 10am. Donate non-perishable items for Warburg Elves.

December 2 - Breton Kick Off to Christmas, Christmas Market and Santa's Workshop for the kids. Contact Breton FCSS at fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636.

December 6 - Outdoor Holiday Planter Workshop. Hosted by CIB. 6-7:30pm at the Thorsby Seniors Centre. Pre-register by Nov 17 at thorsbycib@gmail.com

December 16 - Community Gym Night at the Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. Contact davidemolyneaux@live.com

December 31 - 70th Anniversary Celebration of the Village of Warburg. 5:30pm - 12:30am Supper & Dance at the Community Centre. Tickets at the Warburg Village Office.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN **ANNUAL MEETING** OF THE MEMBERS OF THE **WARBURG SEED CLEANING CO-OP LTD.** WILL BE HELD AT THE **WARBURG LEGION HALL AT WARBURG**, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, ON **THURSDAY THE 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**, FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

AGENDA:

- TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR END
- TO ELECT DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION
- TO APPOINT AN AUDITOR OF THE ASSOCIATION
- MANAGER'S REPORT
- ANY NEW BUSINESS THAT MAY BE PROPERLY BROUGHT FORWARD

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (AQUASIZE OR WALMART) - Pick up and drop off in Warburg & Breton on Monday mornings. Registration must be completed the Thursday prior to the Monday trip. Please contact Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or Breton FCSS 780-696-3636 to register or for more information.

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

RESTORE YOGA CLASS - Every Thursday a one-hour class will be held from 10:30-11:30 at the Breton Community Centre. Adult Only. Contact Breton FCSS.

FRIDAYS

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

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

SATURDAYS

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

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COMMUNITY GROUPS & MEETINGS

(Breton & Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

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Remembrance Day

November 11, 2023

Poppy Campaign starts October 28/23

It is time again to think about sponsoring a wreath, buying a poppy and reflect on the freedom and peace in your life.

We all enjoy these **Privileges Year Round** provided by the men and women who served, those that sacrificed their lives and those that are still serving.

Poppy funds help Military, RCMP, Veterans, and their families in numerous ways.

EXAMPLE: This year our Winfield Legion #236 helped a local veteran complete the forms to receive funding from the Alberta-NWT Provincial Command Poppy Fund for the drilling of a water well and piping it into his home.

In the past permission was received for use of poppy funds locally to help a veterans widow install a new furnace.

On November 11 at 11am we will observe 2 minutes of silence to Honor and Remember those past and Present that served or are serving to keep this country we call CANADA FREE.

Please support and honor them with a wreath sponsorship and wear a poppy to show your respect.

Please remember POPPY FUNDS collected are sent to Alberta-NWT Command in Calgary and remain in Alberta for Alberta Veterans.

Please send your sponsorship and include your full name and return address to:

Royal Canadian Legion Winfield BR #236

Box 183 Winfield AB T0C 2X0

or e-transfer to rclwinfield236@gmail.com

All Wreath Sponsors will be recognized in the Breton Booster.

November 11th, 2023, Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Winfield Recreational Center.

Please be seated by 10:30am.

Potluck lunch to follow Winfield Legion #236 will supply hot roast beef & gravy.

Further information
contact: Branch President
Gordon Watson
780-542-1243





FCSS NEWS
from
Deanne Young
780.696.3636

Older Adult Exercise Classes – Friday Mornings @ Breton Community Centre – We are excited to get started with our low impact older adult exercise classes. We have the same fabulous instructor in Cassie but will be holding them on a new day and time. We will be at the Breton Community Centre on Friday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30. These are drop-in classes and have a fee of \$2/ session. You are encouraged to participate at your own level, this can be sitting or standing.

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.

Foot Wellness Service Available in Breton

- Due to the overwhelming interest this service will now be available on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Footprints Wellness Pedicure will be offering services that include nail care, pedicures, detox treatments. Contact Christa at 780-514-5640 or online at www.yourintrinsicement.com/copy-of-services to book your appointment. These services are for anyone of any age. Treat yourself to a pedi, or other service

Join us for Restore Yoga Class – These classes will be held on Thursday Mornings. A one-hour class will be held from 10:30–11:30 at the Breton Community Centre. The class will assist with enhancing overall mental and physical well-being, decreasing mental and physical fatigue, promoting healthy sleep patterns, reducing chronic pain and the regulation of the nervous system. Please bring a yoga mat, water, one – two yoga blocks, a bolster, and a blanket. For those that would like to try a class there will be some equipment available. Due to the calming environment required, this will be an adult only class. Childcare is not currently available. For more info, please contact Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636

Calendar Project is Back - 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. We would like this calendar to reflect our community and community members. That is where we need your help. We are looking for pictures from around our community that show health and wellness. It can be anything from enjoying the outdoors, spending time together with family and friends, enjoying our pets or an activity. We are also looking for a few models from these demographics - Youth, teens, families, women, men, seniors, Indigenous and immigrants. A positive message will be added to the photo and used in the calendar. The calendars will be printed and distributed for free to members of our community. Please contact us at fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636 for more information or to be a part of this project.



WE NEED PICTURES

Send us your pictures that help describe community, health and wellness.. Must be high resolution. Pictures become the property of Breton FCSS for the Community Wellness Calendar

Save the Date – Saturday December 2 – Kick Off to Christmas. – The Breton Agriculture Society together with Breton FCSS invite you to join us at the Kick Off to Christmas. Plans are still being made but there will be a Christmas Market organized by Brazeau County, along with Santa's Workshop – a place for the kids to shop for their parents and siblings, crafts, games, story time, visit with Santa and much more. If you love the Christmas season and would like to be involved, please contact Breton FCSS at fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636.



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IMPORTANT DATES

November 13 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | in lieu of Remembrance Day

November 14 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 1 pm

November 15 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9 am

November 21 | Council meeting | 9 am

December 5 | Council meeting | 9 am

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

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- Brazeau County recognizing the need for Agricultural Focused mental Health services.
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BUDGET MEETINGS

November 22, 23, 27, and 28
In the Council Chamber
Meetings start at 9 a.m.
Open to the public.



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Village of Breton



Waste Transfer Site Closure

As of November 15th, 2023 the Breton Waste Transfer Site will be closed for the winter months.

The site will reopen on March 15th, 2024.

FALL CLEAN UP

Prior to closing the Waste Transfer Site, the Village will be holding a Fall Cleanup for Village residents.

There will be bins placed at the Waste Transfer Site from November 1st until November 14th. During this time the gates will be open Thursday to Sunday from 10am until 4pm.

Any item (except hazardous waste such as tires, batteries, paint etc) that will fit in the bins will be allowed to be put into the bin.

PLEASE NOTE - ITEMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE BIN.

It cannot be left outside of the bin.

‘PUT AND TAKE’ - GOODWILL BUILDING

The services offered in the goodwill building will be relocated to 5019 50th Avenue as of November 1st. This building will be accessible from 8am to 7pm daily. The intent of this building is to help with repurposing usable items. If items are broken or inoperable, they do not go to this building.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF ITEMS THAT ARE BROKEN OR NOT SUITABLE TO BE REPURPOSED ARE DISPOSED OF AT THIS SITE, THE SITE WILL BE CLOSED.

Alberta-NWT Command



Submitted by Deb Mellafonte, Warburg Legion Branch No. 205

2023 POPPY CAMPAIGN

As a Member of the Royal Canadian Legion, you know the difference that the Legion makes in the lives of Canada's Veterans and their families.

Your membership demonstrates your Commitment to Remembrance and to those who have served Canada. Each year we take time to wear a Poppy, to remember. Many of you also volunteer your time and efforts to ensure that the Poppy Campaign encourages Canadians to not only remember but to donate to the Poppy Fund.

Poppy Funds are collected annually to provide countless services and supports to our Veterans and their families who find themselves in need.

In today's digital age, as more people embrace online and electronic methods of giving, options like **PoppyBoxABNWT** and credit card tap are becoming increasingly available in your communities, alongside the traditional cash donation boxes offering Poppies. No matter the mode of your contribution, rest assured that your donations directly influence the Legion's capacity to positively impact the lives of veterans.

Every dollar you donate has a substantial impact on the well-being of our veterans, and we encourage you to donate if you are able. Additionally, we ask you to reach out to your friends, family, and colleagues, sharing with them the opportunity to join in supporting Canada's veterans.

Your generous contributions are the lifeline that allows us to assist our veterans, and this year, your support is more vital than ever. Countless veterans in Alberta and the Northwest Territories are facing dire hardships, and it is our collective responsibility to bridge the gap. By donating to the Poppy Fund, you can transform your act of remembrance into tangible actions that uphold and care for Canada's veterans.

Thank you!

Alberta-NWT Command and the Local Branches Poppy Fund

For Warburg Branch 205 Poppy trays are distributed throughout Breton, Warburg,

Sunnybrook areas. If you join online with us, we receive your information.

Thank you for your support

Alberta-NWT Command



Doors open @ 10:00 am

Please be seated by 10:30 am

Honor Parade @ 10:45 am

Service starts @ 11:00 am

Poppy Campaign 2023

Remembrance Day Service

November 11, 2023

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Luncheon @ 12:15 pm

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November 1, 2023 - In a move to responsibly manage resources and to ensure uninterrupted and high-quality education for students, the Black Gold School Division (BGSD) and the Wild Rose School Division (WRSD) are collaborating to facilitate the temporary relocation of Breton High School's grade 7-12 students to Warburg School during the anticipated Breton High School modernization project.

Following careful consideration and consultation with their school community and the project architects, the WRSD Board of Trustees passed a motion on October 17, 2023, to temporarily move all grade 7-12 students from Breton High School to Warburg School in September 2024 until February 2026 or until the project is completed, pending construction funding approval from the Province.

On October 24, the WRSD sent a letter to BGSD, formally requesting to jointly utilize the Warburg High School for the duration of the modernization process. At their regular meeting on November 1, the BGSD Board of Trustees expressed their readiness to collaborate.

"Black Gold is pleased to support our neighboring school division by working together to ensure that Breton High School students receive a seamless and high-quality educational experience at Warburg School during their school's modernization project," said BGSD Board Chair Esther Eckert. "We look forward to a productive partnership with the Wild Rose School Division and are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible."

"Our Board and administration thank Black Gold School Division for allowing us to temporarily utilize Warburg School during our high school's modernization," said WRSD Board Chair Daryl Scott. "We believe this move is the most efficient way to ensure minimal disruptions and provide the highest quality of instruction for our students."

Breton High School will retain its staff, students, and identity throughout the modernization project and will occupy an unused portion of Warburg School, and will have access to sufficient classrooms, a gymnasium,

shop, science lab, and music room for the duration of the construction.

While the decision to temporarily relocate to Warburg School will present challenges, such as longer school bus rides, both school boards are optimistic that the benefits of this collaboration will ultimately result in a fully modernized school that will serve K-12 students in the Breton community for many years to come.

Both school boards also extend their gratitude to the Breton and Warburg school communities for their support and understanding during the anticipated construction period.

Andrew Boitchenko, MLA

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Reflections on the First Week of the 2023 Fall Session: A Journey of Gratitude and Responsibility

On Monday, October 30th, the 2023 Fall session opened with Her Honor, The Honorable Salma Lakhani, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, giving the traditional Speech from the Throne. It was both my honor and privilege to enter the Chamber as the representative for the unique and diverse constituency of Drayton Valley-Devon. It is a unique honor to note that I stood before the Chamber as the first Canadian MLA born in Ukraine. This milestone fills me with a profound sense of pride and responsibility.

During the Speech from the Throne, The Honorable Lieutenant Governor depicted the course that the UCP Government will take throughout the next six weeks while the house is sitting. There will be new legislation introduced regarding Taxes, Affordability, Indigenous Financial Backing, and Job Creation.

The Government will focus on standing up for Alberta and protecting us from an overreaching Federal Government. The UCP has already passed Motion 8, which is a motion to remove the Consumer Carbon Tax and stop the Federal Government from forcing their involvement in our provincial legislation. Although there were opposition members who voted against the motion and therefore in support of the Federal Tax, the motion passed and will move on to the next stage of legislation. This motion states that the Alberta Government will take all necessary steps required to end the Federal Consumer Carbon Tax.

There have been numerous bills introduced in the first week of the session. I wanted to provide a brief description of the steps being taken by the UCP to make life better for Albertans. Bill 1, the Alberta Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, which would, if passed, protect Albertans and Alberta businesses against future income tax rate increases. This bill keeps with our government's promise that we will protect Alberta's tax advantage. Bill 2, The Alberta Pension Protection Act would, if passed, guarantee the government won't launch an Alberta Pension Plan unless Albertans vote in favor of it in a referendum. Bill 3, the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act. Through Bill 3, Alberta's government is planning to strengthen its case against those who have contributed to the creation of the opioid addiction crisis. The proposed legislation contains technical amendments for the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2019. Bill 4, the Tax Statutes Amendment Act, is intended to ensure Alberta's tax laws remain clear and consistent. This bill proposes legislative amendments that would help formalize a key part of Alberta's commitment to affordability, provide clarity around the collection and remittance of Alberta's

tourism levy, and update several technical and administrative aspects of Alberta's tax system. Under Bill 5, the proposed Public Sector Employer Amendment Act, the new model would streamline and harmonize the government's direction for non-union compensation across Alberta's public sector, ensuring unionized and out-of-scope employees receive comparable pay for comparable work. Finally, Alberta's government has introduced Bill 6, the Public Health Amendment Act, to ensure that decisions made during declared states of public health emergencies are made by the people Albertans voted for. If passed, Bill 6 would create clear lines of authority related to public health decisions and affirm that the people elected by Albertans should make the final decisions based on scientific and medical public health factors during public health situations.

What an honor, privilege, and learning experience this last week has been. It has provided me with a renewed energy to continue to learn about, advocate for, and stand up for my Drayton Valley-Devon constituents both in the House and in the riding.

This coming week, we must acknowledge and honor our Veterans. On November 8th, I encourage my constituents to take a moment and remember our Indigenous Veterans and the sacrifices they made for our extraordinary country on National Indigenous Veterans' Day. My family, my staff, and I will be attending numerous Remembrance Day Ceremonies within the riding on November 11th to commemorate all the sacrifices made by our Veterans and their families.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you, my constituents, for the trust you've placed in me. Serving you in this capacity has been an immense privilege and responsibility, and I consider it an honor to represent your voices and concerns. As I continue to work on your behalf, please know that I do so with a sense of duty and humility, always mindful of the faith you've shown in me. May our shared journey be one of progress, unity, and prosperity. Together, we can accomplish great things. I am humbled by your trust, and I am blessed to have you as my constituents.



Blessings from your MLA
Andrew Boitchenko,
MLA for Drayton Valley – Devon

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“LEST WE FORGET” REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

written by Allan Goddard, Breton Museum

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After a two-month hospital recovery period at Le Harve he returned to active duty. At the Battle of Amiens in August 1918 Pete's battalion suffered horrendous losses, *"We went in there one morning, and we went over the top. We went in there with 800 men and we come out with 51."* Pete was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, for Distinguished Conduct in the Field, the second highest honor bestowed by the British Army, for his role in neutralizing two German machine gun nests.

November 11th, 1918 found Pete in the trenches south of Arras France when the war ended. *"I was right in the trenches the day it ended...You couldn't believe it. Everything disappeared, not a plane to be heard or a damn thing. You couldn't believe yourself that it was over."* For Pete he would spend the winter of 1918-19 in Germany as part of the occupation forces before he was discharged.

By May of 1919 Pete was back in Canada, and soon back on his homestead. However, the effects of the war weren't easily left on the battlefields of France. *"You see, we got terribly gassed. We were gassed all the time."* For over a year Pete suffered the after effects of phosgene and chlorine gas, resulting in large water blisters breaking out on his face at times. *"And we had them big woodpeckers in Alberta and when they'd get on a dry stump...it sounded like a machine gun. You'd walk along and one of them start peckin', hell, you'd duck!"*

Pete returned to proving up his homestead and applied for a second homestead through his entitlement as a return veteran. He would marry Mary G. Lee from the area in 1928. However, by 1936 the effects of the Great Depression took their toll on farm prices and Pete decided to move to Rainy River, Ontario located on Lake of the Woods where he established a fur farm raising mink. He would remain in the community until his death on August 7, 1987 at the age of 96.

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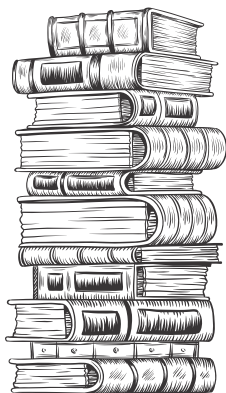
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

After some delay, it is felt that a response to a letter by Holly Ekstrom must be made.

At the outset, it must be stated that I am no stranger to potential calamity. I was the recipient of a phone call at 2 a.m. from a doctor stating "... your son is in hospital as a result of an accident ..." on a major highway. The cow and vehicle were killed instantly; fortunately, seat belts work even in a roll-over.

In other words, all roads are subject to or have had accidents. Do we need alternative trails for all roads?

I have moved equipment (cultivators, drills, combine, bales, etc.) on 616 for 35 years over a distance of 25 miles one way, without a problem.

In her letter, Ms. Ekstrom states that a one-mile road extending Township Road 474 is "critical infrastructure." Staff made it clear at an earlier meeting that this road would NOT be suitable for vehicle traffic (like a school bus).

The letter also stated that this proposed extension would be "... for the use and safety of the greater population." A view of a county map would show how few a "greater population" would be.

Her letter also suggested that 200 signatures back the project. This writer is aware of 250 signatures opposing. The attendants at two public meetings were also against the project. As to a small group of "individuals ... spreading misinformation," one only needs to check out the group's information and decide for oneself how misinforming it is.

As to formal complaints (Code of Conduct) and their costs, it should be noted that all three were settled by Council (which was the object of the complaints)--note the fox guarding the hen house concept!

As far as fostering trust and confidence (in Council), perhaps Council should follow the MGA and hold "all meetings in public" instead of using "workshops" to exclude the public. Enough said.

This road project may have been proposed years ago, but it was not approved then for the same reason as now -- its merits are inadequate.

Lynn Oberle

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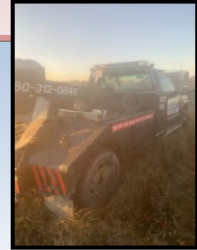
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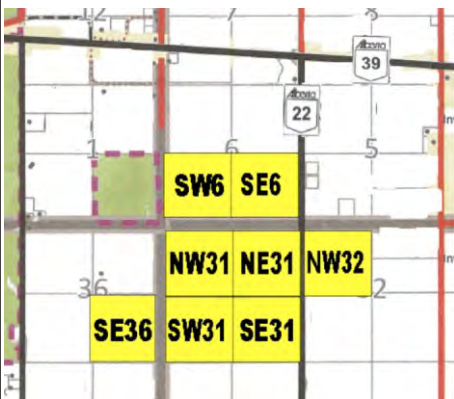
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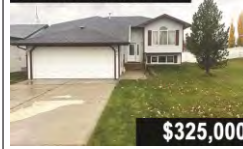
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