

THE BRETON BOOSTER

BEWARE OF CYBER CRIME

Thwart-off Cyber Crime this Holiday Season

Media Relations RCMP Alberta – The holiday season is just around the corner, which means more and more people will be shopping for presents. Online shopping has become an increasingly popular and convenient way to find deals and cross things off our lists. With both Black Friday and Cyber Monday taking place this month, many Albertans will be handing out their credit card details in exchange for deals this month.

In the Alberta RCMP's jurisdiction in 2022 there were a total of:

- 34 reports of unauthorized use of credit card data (4 in November and 2 in December);
- 726 reports of Theft, Forgery, Misuse of Credit Card (53 in November and 47 in December);
- 1,796 reports of Fraud (money / property / security) greater than \$5,000 (183 in November and 150 in December); and
- 5,653 reports of Fraud (money / property / security) less than or equal to \$5,000 (445 in November and 401 in December).

The Alberta RCMP reminds all online shoppers to protect their personal and financial information making online purchases.

Here are some tips to protect yourself while shopping online:

- Don't reuse passwords; change them often, and be sure to use a combination of letters, numbers, and special characters to create a strong one!
- Many websites, especially social media platforms, offer the option of multi-factor authentication. Multi-factor authentication makes it more difficult for criminals to access your accounts by needing more than one piece of identifying information.
- Review privacy settings regularly in order to control who can see what personal information is posted to your profile.
- Don't purchase anything using public Wi-Fi; shop using your own data connection or a trusted network.

- Buy from reputable sources and don't let unbeatable prices cloud your judgement. Research retailers before purchasing.
- Install updates on your devices as soon as you're prompted. Updates fix security issues.
- Phishing is a commonly used tactic for cyber crime. Phishing messages ask you to validate information by clicking links and may threaten you with legal action. Verify legitimacy by calling the company directly.

Follow our social media accounts on Twitter @RCMPAlberta and Facebook @RCMPinAlberta, and check out #CyberSafety online for more tips.

RCMP encourage the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity to police. Reports tell us where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

CONGRATULATIONS MEADOW DREBERT

submitted by Principal Shannon Gallant

Breton High School is thrilled to share Meadow Drebert's excitement as she has recently signed with the University of New Mexico for running track and cross country. She will be pursuing a degree in Exercise Science. A HUGE Cougar Congratulations to Meadow.



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Sudoku Answers
from Nov 8 Issue

The object of the puzzle is to fill the remaining squares, using all the numbers 1-9 exactly once in each row, column, and the nine 3 x 3 subgrids.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

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

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 Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. Contact davidemolyneaux@live.com

November 19 - Grey Cup Party at the Carnwood Hall from 3-9 pm. Free Admission and snacks. Beer, coolers & pop \$5. Everyone welcome! (48513 RR52)

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 21 - Morrowdale Community Centre invites everyone to its AGM at 7:30PM. For more information, call Bev at 780-789-2571

November 22 - Teen Time (Junior/Senior High School) at the Thorsby Library from 3:30 - 4:30pm.

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 - "The McDades" performing at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. www.theepac.com

November 26 - Gospel Jam Sunday Service at the New Life Christian Fellowship Church in Thorsby at 10:30am. Followed by a potluck.

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-

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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 10 - Christmas with the Family at the New Life Christian Fellowship Church in Thorsby at 6pm. Music, Friends Forever Puppets, desserts, coffee & tea.

December 16 - Community Gym Night at 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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Everyone is welcome!

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.yourintrinsicelement.com/copy-of-services to book.

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

If you'd like to get a link to the paper in your inbox you can subscribe online or email media@community39.com



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

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

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

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Thank you

A big thank you to the Breton and Warburg ambulance attendants and also to Shane Blosky, Mark Raines, Rudy Frei and Brian Impey from the Breton Fire Department for their professionalism in the incident at our place on Nov. 10th. Our friend, Wendell Allen is recovering well because of all you guys.

Your service to our community is second to none and appreciated so much!

Darren and Cheryl Aldous



Christmas Wishes

From Breton
Christmas Volunteers

Once again Christmas is approaching and before we know it, it will be here. The Breton Christmas Wishes Society volunteers are gearing up to help needy families in the community. Our society covers Breton and area and the Brazeau County area east of the North Saskatchewan River, excluding those areas covered by other groups. We help families who are financially in need at this time and/or those who have children under the age of 16 years who are living at home. Consideration is also given to families who are without children living at home and are on a fixed income. Our goal is to help those who may not have the means to provide a Christmas meal and provide gifts for their children.

Donations of non-perishable food may be made at any of the local businesses in Breton. We will have our totes/boxes in the stores and schools in Breton starting this week. We also will have donation cans in the businesses who do not have a tote.

Referrals can be made by schools, churches, social agencies, neighbors, friends, or even the recipient. If you know of someone who may be in need or needs some extra help this year and would like to make a referral please contact one of the above agencies or call/text Diane Wilson at 780-514-4273. Referrals are taken on a yearly basis.

We, the Breton Christmas Wishes Society volunteers, thank everyone in the community for their generosity. Watch the paper for referral deadlines.



**LET'S JOIN
Village of Warburg
70th Anniversary
Celebration
EVE PARTY**

* December
31

- Cocktails: 5:30
- Supper: 6:30
- Fireworks: 10:00
- Dance: 8-12:30 (Herding Cats)
- Cash Bar
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- at the Village Office
- Pioneer Rec Center



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FCSS NEWS
from
Deanne Young
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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.

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 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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BUDGET MEETINGS

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



IMPORTANT DATES

- November 15 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9 am
- November 21 | Council meeting | 9 am
- December 5 | Council meeting | 9 am
- December 12 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 1:00 pm
- December 15 | Cram the Cruiser | 4:00-9:00 pm | Wal-Mart parking lot
- December 19 | Council meeting | 9:00 am
- December 20 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9:00 am

Brazeau County Christmas Market

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023
10AM-4PM
Breton Community Centre Hall

For more information contact Melissa at 780-542-0446 or mkeeley@brazeau.ab.ca



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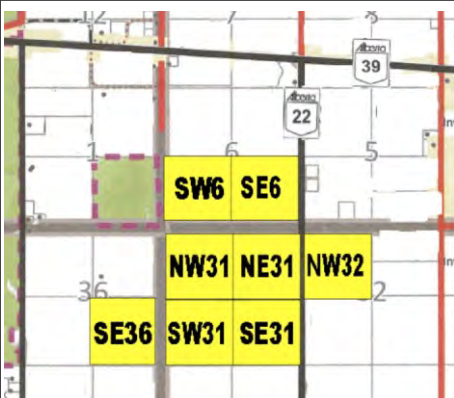
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Vant Eric Hayes

June 22, 1936 - November 8, 2023



Vant Eric Hayes, a man of warmth and great conversation, has sadly left us. He passed away peacefully at the Red Deer Hospital on November 8, 2023. Vant was born in Edmonton on June 22, 1936, and throughout his life, he touched the hearts of many as a dedicated husband, father, farmer, and friend.

His loving spouse, Ethel Frieda Hayes, will forever cherish Vant's memory. Their bond was one built on trust, companionship, and unwavering support. Together they weathered life's storms and celebrated its triumphs.

He also leaves behind two daughters who were the light of his life. Peggy Hayes (Gregory) and Christie Hayes (Christopher) brought immeasurable joy into Vant's world. He also leaves his grandchildren; Saldana (Tim) Skramstad, Shiloh Bauman, Shaka Bauman, Dakota McLellan, Austin Seich Hayes, and Tristan Thorne Hayes; also his great-grandchildren, Alannah Elliott, Kaeda Skramstad, Danver Bauman. They were a constant source of inspiration, reminding him of the importance of family bonds and unconditional love. He is also survived by Lloyd Hayes, many extended Family members along with many loved and treasured nieces and nephews.

Vant's circle of family and friends extended beyond those closest to him within his home. He was predeceased by; His parents, Floyd and Elizabeth (Queenie) Hayes; his grandparents, William and Mollie Hayes; his Siblings, Elizabeth (Harvey Smith), Nellie (Kenneth Whalen), Adrian Hayes, Beatty Hayes, Luvern (Margaret) Hayes, Eugene (Daisy) Hayes, Orville (Marilyn) Hayes, and Cleaveland (Vivian) Hayes were all major pillars in Vant's life. Their love and support carried him through both joyous and challenging times.

The outpouring of condolences, love, compassion and support that has extended from family, friends and all those who knew Vant has been overwhelming. He was a man of such warmth, great conversation, heartfelt laughter, immense history and knowledge, a man of the land, a husband, a father, a farmer and friend.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude and many thanks to Drayton Valley and Red Deer Hospital's for the quality of care they provided to Vant in his final days. To the many doctors and nurses that assisted in his care, answered questions, offered support, and kindness. To Nurse Rique at Red Deer Palliative Care, your compassion, support and love was deeply felt.

Funeral Services will be held November 17, 2023 at the Breton Community Centre located at 4715 - 50 Avenue in Breton, Alberta. Viewing 12-1pm with funeral services to follow at 1pm. Interment to follow at Breton Cemetery.

Arrangements in care of Colleen Sekura and Mike McCrae
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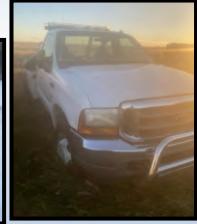


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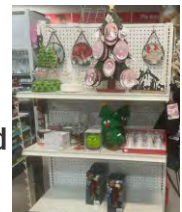


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Wall of Fame

The Warburg School Wall of Fame committee would like thank Leduc County and the Village of Warburg for the cost sharing grants that we have received for the induction ceremony of our former students to the Wall of Fame. Without these grants we would not be able to acknowledge these past students.

What is the Wall of Fame?

The Wall of Fame was started by a former principal, Mr Howard Rasmusson (some of you may remember him) and the Wall of Fame committee is carrying on with his initiative. The Wall has framed displays honoring former students who have done "great things" in their lives and were recognized locally, nationally and or internationally.

How does one get on the Wall of Fame?

If you know of someone you think deserves to be on the Wall, go to the Warburg School website and under the Wall of Fame link, the guidelines are listed for nominating someone to the Wall. Then pick up a nomination form from the school office or copy one off the website. Fill out the form with the nominee (the person you are nominating) giving as much information as possible about that person. Return the form to the office. The committee will review it and make the final decision to accept the nomination. If accepted a framed display with a picture and a short biography of the nominee is to be completed by the family to display on the Wall. At the next Induction and Awards Day Presentation that person will be inducted to the Warburg School Wall of Fame.

For more information phone the school and they will direct you to one of the committee members to answer your questions. OR talk to one of the committee members today. Wilfred Schnick, Bob MacDonald, Garry Bredin, Carolyn Meyer, Mrs. Maltais (our principal), Gail Slusarczyk, Max Sarvas, OR you can also ask me, Gladys Meinczinger, a question or two.

Being inducted to the Wall of Fame is quite an honor and every one of our inductees deserve this special honor. So keep those nominations coming!

List of Inducted Students to the Wall of Fame 2023

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| - Collette Bredin - hockey | - Corrine Bredin - hockey |
| - Gary Bredin - WHA (hockey) | - Nicole Brook - author |
| - Farah Elawar - PHD in virology | - Nancy Farmer - female police officer (Calgary) |
| - Taylor Gidosh - gymnastics | - Dave Hakstol - NHL hockey coach |
| - Corey Lawrence - auctioneer | - Greg Lermeyer - political analyst |
| - Fraser Hallan - oil industry | - Russell Liba - ski doo racer |
| - Tyler Pankewitz - bull rider | - Emma Rapiti - Google |
| - Brent Ruff - hockey | - Lindy Ruff - NHL hockey coach |
| - Marty Ruff - hockey | - Randy Ruff - hockey |
| - Frank Stenger - mathematical analyst | - Katherine Stenger-Frey - filmmaker, author |
| - Meghan Simpson - helicopter pilot | - Corbin Tomaszewski - chef |



WARBURG SCHOOL

Wall of Fame Inductee

submitted by the Warburg Wall of Fame Committee

Nicole (Nickie) Brook

Inducted October 17, 2023

- Graduated from Warburg School in 2004
- Published in local newspapers in 2004
- Started a career with Human Resources (HR) in 2009 with National Oilwell Varco (NOV)
- Advanced to a leadership position with NOV in 2012
- Launched a mom blog in 2013, *Blogging Momma*, recognized as one of the top 100 mom blogs by Feedspot
- Launched HR consulting company in 2013 working with both profit and nonprofit clients
- Published, **Pirate's Playground** and **Dr. Swan's Magic Kingdom**, the first 2 books in the Abigail Andrews series, in 2014 with novel study program for at home or school
- Toured over 100 book stores within Canada
- Visited over 100 elementary schools within Canada
- **Pool of Secrets**, the third book in the series published in 2015
- Donated hundreds of books to schools and children's hospitals
- Book series was adopted for use in curriculum of selected schools in Alberta in 2018
- Returned to NOV in 2018 as an Organizational Development Specialist for Canada
- Fourth book of the series, **Planetarium Panic**, published in 2020 in partnership with Amazon
- 2020/2021 winner for *Blogger of the Year* with the Canadian Prestige Awards
- Given a new client group in the USA for Organizational Development with NOV in

2021 while still overseeing Canada

- Released second editions of the first three books of the Abigail Andrews Series with new branding and new illustration in 2021
- Continuing with NOV in Organizational Development 2023
- Completing the fifth book of the series with a tentative release date of fall 2023
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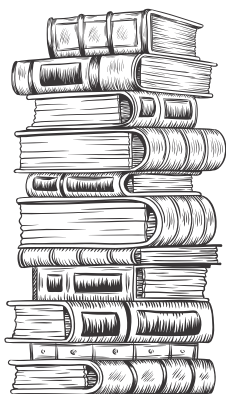
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Recently, Brazeau County held its annual organizational meeting (October 23). After listening to a recording of proceedings, this writer makes the following observations.

There seemed to be a concern that all counsellors get "equal" time on boards/committees. While the sharing to "spread out the load," is understood, how does sharing fit with placing the best qualified for the requirements of the position?

Other questions are whether we need all the boards/committees now in place? Do we need as many people on each one? Are evaluations done as to how well the various boards/committees are carrying out their mandates (e.g., proper agendas on time)? Sometimes only two people applied for 2 spots (OK), but why not reopen for more applicants?

In some cases, it appears the requirements to describe qualifications for a position are inadequate. The term "professional" was used without describing what it refers to.

The worst and perhaps the most revealing part came near the end when several counsellors complained about ratepayers "confronting" them. Mr. Guyon complained about being "threatened" by someone. Knowing the issue, one wonders why he complains when the issue was not created by a taxpayer.

Mr. Ekstrom used the words "unacceptable" and "unprofessional" in reference to some appointments. Strong language from a council that had at least 3 code of Conduct complaints registered against them. This writer is aware of others that could/should have been submitted. Hypocrisy?

Lastly, Mr. Ekstrom offered to resign from one committee over an appointment. It seems to this observer that if the job of looking after the "best interests of the county" is a problem, then one should resign. After all it is the public interest, not your own that you are supposed to protect according to Oath of Office, the MGA, and Code of Conduct, as well as an obligation to those that pay your per diems / expenses,

A motion by Mr. Ekstrom (683/23-10-23) to refer the results of the MPC for legal advice also raises questions. Perhaps Mr. Ekstrom should pay for this legal advice, not the rest of us, since this appears to

be only his concern.

Should there be any question about "misinformation" in this or any other letter, request a tape and confirm it for yourself.

Lynn Oberle
Brazeau County
November 12, 2023

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Silence is golden. But when you have kids, silence is suspicious



I got called 'pretty' today!
Well actually the full statement was 'you're pretty annoying'
But I only focus on positive things

I forgot my cat outside.
I am too scared to let him in now.



This may be my last post

Wish we could crossbreed the mosquitoes and the lightning bugs. At least then we could see them coming.

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Answers will be published in the next issue!

Alberta is refocusing our health care system on patient-centred care

Alberta's government is taking significant action to make health care better for Albertans and frontline workers who work tirelessly every day to serve their patients.

We are at a critical time when it comes to health care in Alberta.

We have heard clearly from Albertans that the current system centred on Alberta Health Services (AHS) is not working. The AHS organization is shouldering a burden it was not intended to carry and, through no fault of our incredible front-line workers, Albertans are facing long wait times and delays to the care they desperately need.

Alberta's government has announced a significant refocusing of AHS and our health care system. The improvements we are making will provide more effective care and will improve frontline service delivery for Albertans.

This refocusing will centre around four priority areas: primary care, acute care, continuing care, and mental health and addiction to ensure Albertans get the health care system that actually works for them.

Additionally, we will focus on improving EMS wait times and the delivery of Indigenous health care services across the province.

Health care services will be accessed as they usually are during the system's transition period.

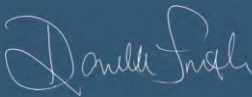
We know frontline health care workers provide exceptional care to patients and families and our priority is to protect frontline jobs during this transition and ensure all voices are heard.

To our health care workers, the work ahead will take time. We will partner with you to learn and find ways to best remove the many obstacles you face while working to serve Albertans and their families.

To all Albertans, we also want to hear from you: the patients, family members, caregivers and seniors who interact with our system day in and day out.

That's why we invite all Albertans to become involved in shaping a stronger provincial health care system. This starts now and will take many forms over the coming weeks and months.

For too long we have had to experience a health care system that is not operating as we all expect it should. It's time for that to change. Please join us on this journey!



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