BOOSTER

KICK OFF TO CHRISTMAS

submitted by Deanne Young, Breton FCSS

The beautifully decorated Breton Community Centre was buzzing on Saturday over 550 patrons and children joined us for all the Kick Off To Christmas activities and the Brazeau Christmas Market.



The children were able to shop for their loved ones in Santa's Workshop, listen to Christmas stories, do a Christmas craft, get a glitter tattoo, take home a special Christmas book. We had 50 letters written or dropped off to be delivered to Santa.

Children were also able to have a visit with Santa and take a wagon ride around the Village, along with a complimentary cup of hot chocolate.

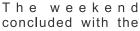


There were lots of smiles and Christmas greetings being exchanged. This day could not be possible without the assistance from the Breton Agricultural Society, Brighter Futures, the Community Parenting Coalition, Faith Covenant Church and the Breton Historical Society.

Thank you to our Volunteers that assisted with everything from decorating to running one of the activities that were enjoyed. Thank you to Jessica, Trina,

Kacey, Bonnie, Sandra, Noel, Bill, Jade, Nicole, Dawn, Charisse, Emma, Shea, Wendy, Arynn, Austin, Heather, Shawna, Connie, Verna, Cathy, Shannon, Jenn, Courtney, Cami, Rebecca and the Breton Ag Society members.

The Christmas Market was full of wonderful vendors. Those that attended were also able to enjoy the concession hosted by the Breton High School Travel Club.



Village of Breton Christmas Parade and fireworks. It was a wonderful way to start the Christmas season in the community.





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Sudoku Answers from Nov 29 Issue

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





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UPCOMINGSPECIALEVENTS

(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

<u>December 8</u> - Warburg Christmas Elves deadline for Referrals. Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828 or fcss@warburg.ca

<u>December 9</u> - Christmas Dinner & Dance at Mulhurst Legion. Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 6:30pm. Dance to follow. Contact Kate Brown 780-945-1453. Also Raffle Tickets for \$5

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

<u>December 10</u> - Christmas Sunday Brunch at the Warburg Legion from 9-11am. \$20 per adult, Kids 6 & under free. Contact Deb G 780-686-2623 or Kris 780-717-2580.

<u>December 11</u> - **Breton Christmas Wishes** deadline for referrals. Call Diane Wilson at 780-514-4273.

<u>December 12</u> - Turkey Bingo at the Mulhurst Legion. 24 turkeys to be won. 6:30pm. Soup and Bun served at 5pm for \$5

<u>December 12</u> - Candlelight Memorial Service at Telford House, 4907 - 46 Street, Leduc at 7pm. RSVP by Dec 10 to Hainstock & Son's Funeral Home at 780-986-2151

<u>December 12</u> - Christmas Program Advent Messages, at St Matthew's Lutheran Church at 7pm. If you need a ride, contact Carol 587-340-9235 by Dec 10.

<u>December 14</u> - Breton Ag Society AGM at the Breton Golden Age Club at 6:30pm. Call Trent 780-202-0140 for info.

<u>December 15</u> - Cram the Cruiser at the Drayton Valley Walmart from 4-9pm. Support the local food Bank and Santa's Anonymous. Hosted by Brazeau County.

<u>December 16</u> - Breton Community Christmas Supper at the Community Hall at 4pm. Sponsored by Breton Elks. FREE tickets at the Village office, ATB or Darren Scott Accounting.

<u>December 16</u> - Annual Christmas Potluck at Morrowdale Community Centre from 5 - 7:30 pm. Bring your favourite dish to get in. Door prizes and goodie bags. Bev 780-789-2571.

<u>December 16</u> - Christmas at the Breton Museum from 1-3pm. Music, refreshments, children's crafts & Santa. Featuring music by the No Hitch Hiker Band. FREE for all ages.

<u>December 16</u> - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact <u>davidemolyneaux@live.com</u>

<u>December 17</u> - Thorsby Fish and Game Scoring Day at Warburg Legion from 9am - 1pm followed by AGM held at 3:30pm and dinner at 5:30pm

<u>December 18</u> - Village of Breton Christmas Open House from 10am - 2pm. Stop into the Village Office for Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

<u>December 22</u> - Village of Warburg Christmas Open House from 3-6pm

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

<u>January 20</u> - Thorsby Ukrainian Malanka Festival. Dinner @ 6:30pm followed by Zirka Dance Performers at 9:30pm. Call Marlene for tickets at 780-217-9394 or 780-789-3734

<u>January 20</u> - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact <u>davidemolyneaux@live.com</u>

The CE Media / Community 39
Office will be CLOSED from
December 23, 2023 to
January 1, 2024.

There will be NO BRETON BOOSTER on December 29, 2023

Community Events & Information is FREE to advertise

Breton Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday Dec 14, 2023
Breton Golden Age Club at 6:30pm



We would like to welcome everyone to our AGM. Your ideas, volunteerism and thoughts are all welcome, you don't have to be a director!!

Call Trent @ 780-202-0140 with any questions.

We hope to see you there.









PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

(Breton &Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (AQUASIZE OR WALMART) - Leaving Warburg & Breton on Monday mornings. Registration must be completed prior to the Monday trip. Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or Breton FCSS 780-696-3636 to register

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.

<u>FOOT WELLNESS</u> 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 <u>www.yourintrinsicelement.com/copy-of-services</u> 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 from 10:30–11:30 at the Breton Community Centre. Adult Only. Contact Breton FCSS. NO CLASSES IN DECEMBER, BACK IN JANUARY!

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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COMMUNITYGROUPS&MEETINGS

(Breton&Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

- > Breton Village Office
- > Brazeau County Office
- > CE Media Signs & Promotional
 - > Leduc County Office
 - > Thorsby Town Office
- Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex
 - > Warburg Village Office

Or go online to www.community39.com

You will find maps, contacts and information on:

the municipalities of Breton,
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- Rental facilities
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Oksana "Roxy" Rieck



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our dear mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-grandmother, Oksana "Roxy" Rieck (nee Pacholko), at the age of 95 years.

Roxy has touched so many lives, both in her family and in the community of Breton. She was a member of the Women's Institute of Canada and the Hospital Axillary, which helped raise funds in the community. She also held several positions within the Golden Age Club, which led her to be involved in planning events, such as those held on July 1st, including the annual bake sale.

Roxy enjoyed spending quality time with her family, like having her grandchildren for summer vacation, family reunions, holidays, or any celebrations. Roxy enjoyed playing bocce ball, in which her team won bronze in the Alberta Senior Games in 1999. She enjoyed bowling (average score of 200 or more), ice/floor curling, golfing, and whist tournaments with friends in the community. Roxy also enjoyed spending time outdoors, either camping, fishing, or attending stampedes like the Buck Lake Stampede. In her later years, she enjoyed a daily coffee time with friends at local restaurants, where they would spend hours chatting and playing cards.

She is survived by her daughter, Debra "Debbie" and husband, Terence "Terry" Sims; son, Larry and wife, Charlene "Char" Rieck. She was also blessed with four grandchildren: Damon Rieck, Amanda "Mandy" Rieck, Erin (née Sims) and husband, Travis Pierce, and Amber Sims and fiancé, Adrian Sawicki. Her legacy will continue on for many generations in her great-grandchildren: Mackenzie Nedov (nee Grant), Noah Rieck and his mother, Briana Currie, as well as her great-grandchild, Emma Nedov. She lives on within her sister, Olesia "Lisa" Ketchum (née Pacholko), as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Donald Rieck; parents, Andrew and Pelagia "Bessie" (née Szpylak) Pacholko, along with siblings: Andrew "Andy" and his wife Traute "Violet" Pacholko; Tina and her husband John Henry "Jack" Buchanan; Ann and her husband Samuel Glubish; and Alexander "Alex" Pacholko and former spouse, Ethel Mae Bell.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, December 8, 2023, at Breton Community Centre at 1 PM, with Colleen Sekura officiating and Shirley Coble as eulogist.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate directly to either the Alzheimer Society of Canada or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Arrangements in care of: Colleen Sekura and Mike McCrae at Drayton Memorial Cremation and Funeral Services. 587-673-1688 2234595 Alberta Ltd. o/a



FCSS NEWS

from Deanne Young

780.696.3636

Active Programs - Start making plans for our 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.

Or <u>Join us for Restore Yoga Class</u> - Will continue in the New Year. Please watch for more details here in the Booster or online on our Facebook page. 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. We are looking at holding two different sessions starting in January to meet everyone's level. 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 information, please contact Breton FCSS at 780-696-3636.

<u>Foot Wellness Service</u> 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.yourintrinsicelement.com/copy-of-services to book your appointment. These services are for anyone of any age. Treat yourself to a pedi, or other service.

<u>Calendar Project is Back</u> - 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. The Calendars should be available for pick up at the Village of Breton Office on Monday December 18th.

Stop by for our open house, have some Christmas treats and refreshments and pick up your calendar. The Open House is from 10 - 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

<u>Christmas Wishes</u> - if you know of a family or individual that is in need of a Christmas food hamper or Christmas gifts, Breton FCSS can refer their name to the Christmas

Wishes group. They must reside in the Village of Breton or Divisions 5 & 6 of Brazeau County East of the river. Please call 780-696-3636 with contact information and the number of individuals in the home. You may self refer. This information will then be passed on to the Christmas Wishes committee. Deadline for registering for a hamper is December 9th.

Christmas Tree of Honor and Remembrance - Our Tree of Remembrance is back. Thank you to the Breton Library for partnering with us. Starting December 1st, you are invited to come and place one of the ornaments provided on our tree with a tag to write a loved one's name on There is no cost to have an ornament placed on the tree. For more information, please contact 696-3636 or fcss@breton.ca

Secret Santa for Seniors - With Christmas just around the corner Breton FCSS will be coordinating a Secret Santa for Seniors. This program is for seniors that live in the Village of Breton or Brazeau County east of the North Saskatchewan River. There are two parts to this program.

- Seniors that are going to be alone for the holidays can phone in or stop by the Breton FCSS office and complete a profile. Information collected will be your name, address, phone number, Things you like to do, treats you like, items that you would like to have on your Christmas List. Seniors can also be registered by community members or agencies. This information along with just their first name will be placed on a Christmas Tag. Registrations must be received by December 4.=
- 2. Community members can view the Christmas tags at the Village of Breton Office and select a senior to shop for. Once they have completed their shopping, they will return the items to the FCSS office. Additional items will be added to your gift, wrapped and delivered by Volunteers. Shopping must be completed by December 19th. If you are unable to come into the office to make a selection,

please call or email fcss@breton.ca and we can assist you with the selection.

- If you love to wrap Christmas gifts, we are looking for VOLUNTEERS on December 18, 19, & 20th.
- Deliveries will be made on December 20 & 21. We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to do deliveries

If possible, we encourage purchases to be made in Breton and Drayton Valley to support our local businesses.





Brazeau County

IMPORTANT DATES

December 12 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 1 pm

December 15 | Cram the Cruiser 4-9 pm | Wal-Mart parking lot

December 19 | Council meeting 19 am

December 20 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 9 am

December 25 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Christmas Day

December 26 | Brazeau Count Administration Building closed Boxing Day

January 1 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed New Year's Day

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GROUP CAMPING Enjoy the great outdoors!

Bookings open February 1, 2024, @ 8:00 a.m.

Book at one of three group campsites

https://letscamp.ca/camps/brazeau-group-campgrounds

TO PREVENT HUNGER THIS CHRISTMAS

Come and support the local food bank in the cram the cruiser event:

December 15th from 4:00 - 9:00 PM at Walmart in Drayton Valley.

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Holiday Hours:

OPEN 10 AM - 4 PM December 23rd

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December 24th, December 25th & December 26th

Resume regular business hours Wednesday, December 27 from 9-6.

CLOSED

December 31st & January 1st for New Years

Resume regular business hours
Tuesday, January 2

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

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Thorsby Fish & Game Association

Scoring Day

Sunday, December 17th, 2023 from 9am - 1pm @ Warburg Legion.

Members and non-members welcome.

Memberships will also be for sale for the upcoming 2024 year.

Annual General Meeting to be held @ 3pm.
Dinner at 5:30pm
Everyone Welcome!

4 MINDFUL TIPS TO DE-STRESS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

submitted by Deanne Young, Breton FCSS

Managing Mood and Stress Managing Stress

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

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

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

- 1. Accept Imperfection Can good be good enough? "As we gear up for the holidays, we often set the bar impossibly high for ourselves and then feel upset when our celebrations don't live up to expectations," says Gould. Before you start preparing, acknowledge that things may not go exactly as planned. "It's OK if it's not perfect. Imperfection is healthy and normal. For some of us, it might just take a little practice," reminds Gould.
- 2. Don't Lose Sight of What Really Counts With long lines and nasty traffic, the holidays can get hectic. When overwhelmed by the hustle and bustle, ask yourself: Where does this fit in the grand scheme of things? If you're frustrated by the long grocery line you're standing in, remember that it is just a long grocery line - nothing more. Don't let it spoil your afternoon. Can I use this moment of frustration as an opportunity to reflect? While the cashier rings up the customers ahead of you, take inventory of the good things that have happened today or the things you are grateful for. Even if this moment seems stressful, can I find a way to make it pleasant? Connect with someone else in line with a compliment or kind gesture, or notice what's around you with fresh eyes and an open mind.
- 3. Respond with Kindness You can't change how others act during the stresses of the holiday season, but you can change how you respond to

situations: "Whenever I encounter a difficult person, I tell myself, 'this person is suffering, and that's why they're acting this way.' It softens my frustration, helps me be more compassionate and reminds me that it's not personal," says Gould. Keep in mind that the holidays are especially difficult for those who are alone. See if you can extend an act of kindness to those you know are without family and friends during this time of year. If things do get tense with someone, take a few deep breaths. "Those few breaths can shift things and give you new perspective," says Gould.

4. Rethink Your Resolutions - "Typical New Year's resolutions set you up for failure," warns Gould. If you want to better yourself in the New Year, follow these tips for success: Start small. Break your goal into tinier steps over the course of the year. If weight loss is your goal, it doesn't have to be drastic. Try to eat more veggies during your first month and aradually cut back on sweets throughout the next, suggests Gould. Be kind to yourself. If you didn't achieve last year's resolution or stray from the path this time around, let it go. "We often contrive these stories ('I'm never going to guit smoking!') that only add to our distress," says Gould. "With practice, we can notice this self-critic, let go of that negativity and pick our goals back up without the guilt or shame."



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Breton & District Chamber of Commerce

Christmas Shopping Spree



to spend at Local Chamber of Commerce Businesses

Shopping Spree Rules 2023

PRIZE: Local shopping spree to be redeemed at participating businesses that are members of the Breton & District Chamber of Commerce.

- 1. Must be 18yrs of age to enter 2. No purchase required
- 3. Only 2 entries at a time, please
- 4. Owners, immediate families and employees of the sponsoring business may not enter in their own box, but are welcome to enter at other businesses.



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One name will be drawn from each box and the final winner will be drawn from those names Entries will be accepted until closing December 17, 2023. Names drawn are to be phoned to Darren Scott at 780-696-3800 and leave message.

Main draw will take place on December 18, 2023 at 10:00am. at Darren Scott Accounting Services.

BRETON AND DISTRICT CHAMBER COMMERCE NEWS

The Breton and District Chamber of Commerce annual renewal of memberships for 2024 will only be \$10.00 for everyone this year, as we see that the cost of things have skyrocketed again this year.

We offer a Christmas Shopping Spree for Chamber dollars to be used at our local businesses listed in the Breton Booster. This is the way Breton Chamber members give back to our community saying thanks for your patronage this past year.

The Alberta Chamber also offers **DISCOUNTS** on business products as well as **HEALTH BENEFITS**. The benefits and discounts below. The Canadian Chamber also has benefits which are not listed here.

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UPDATE!

It is starting to look a bit more like Christmas everywhere you go. We have some snow and the weather is getting colder. We have delivered our bins and cans to the local Breton stores and have bins in the schools. We encourage people to donate non-perishable goods or unwrapped gifts which will be distributed into the hampers.

Our Society covers Breton & area and the Brazeau County area east of the North Saskatchewan River, excluding those areas covered by other groups. If you know of a family who is in need of a hamper this year feel free to contact us. We help families who are financially in need at this time and/or have children under the age of 16 years who are living at home. Consideration is given to families who are without children and are on a fixed income.

Referrals can be made by schools, churches, social agencies, neighbors, friends, or family. Our referral deadline is Monday, December 11th, 2023. Referrals will be accepted by calling or texting Diane Wilson at 780-514-4273.

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Black Creek Pony Club NEWS

Black Creek Pony Club held their AGM recently and celebrated the end of an amazing year by having the kid members ride with their parents and play some fun pony games, followed by awards, gifts, hotdogs and cake! Some of their achievements this year included:

- Club members took part in the Prince Philip Games (PPG) Regionals in July at the Thorsby Haymaker arena, run successfully by our own club district commissioner Kim, and everyone ROCKED IT! The junior rider team of Wyatt, Kayleigh, Avery and Dayna won Best Stable Management team and were runners up in the Games competition. Older members Erika and Lina were on the winning team for the Masters Division Competition. Two of the club parents even won a trophy for volunteering!
- Two members tested, passed and moved up a level. Congratulations Lauren (D2) and Lina (C1) -Two members went to rally camp (Lina and Zoe), which was run very successfully by our very own coach Dallas, who herself won Coach of the Year for the Alberta North Region.
- Lina groomed at National showjumping in British Columbia and won Best Achievement of a Rider aged 17-25 years in the Alberta North Region.

Overall, everyone improved their riding and their skills



immensely and had such a great year. We look forward to even more funnext year! Black Creek Pony Clubh a smembers from the Thorsby.

Warburg and Breton areas, with club meetings and lessons taking place near Breton throughout the year. We welcome new members who have regular access to a pony or horse, or have one of their own. As well as learning to ride in the English style, members learn





about safety, stable management and how to care for their horse or pony, from the ears to tail down. Canadian Pony Club is a volunteer-run, national, non-profit organization, with around 2000 members from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia. It is for young people and their families who want to learn more about horses, riding and horse care. Our motto is "Loyalty, Character, Sportsmanship through Horsemanship", and we believe that we instill these values into our members.



For more information, please contact our club district commissioner Kim Chung at 780-405-5455 or email the club at blackcreekponyclub@gmail.com







Breton Booster November 19, 2008 (Edition #856)

Candied Christmas Cookies

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- · 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1 tablespoon rum
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 cups candied cherries
- 3 cups dates, pitted and chopped
- · 4 cups chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease cookie sheets. In large mixing bowl, cream together eggs, butter and brown sugar. Mix baking soda with the milk and add to mixture. Stir in orange juice and rum. In a small bowl, lightly toss candied fruits with a small amount of flour until fruits separate easily. Add to mixture. Add flour, dates and pecans. Stir until well blended. Drop by teaspoons about 2 inches apart onto cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely

Breton Booster December 10, 2008 (Edition #859)

Christmas Creamy Egg Nog

- 4 egg yolks
- 1 (5 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 1/2 cups milk
- 4 egg whites
- 1 fluid ounce rum or rum flavouring to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

In a large mixing bowl, beat egg yolks until they are thickened and light. Gradually stir in condensed milk, sugar, vanilla and milk. Beat the egg whites until stiff, then add them to the milk mixture. Stir rum into the mixture (to taste). Garnish with nutmeg.

Breton Booster December 3, 2008 (Edition #858)

Chocolate Cookie Mix in a Jar

"This is a great Christmas gift!"

- 13/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Combine all-purpose flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside. In a 1 quart wide mouth canning jar, layer dark brown sugar, white sugar, cocoa, chopped pecans, and chocolate chips. Pack everything down firmly before you add flour mixture, it will be a snug fit.

Attach a tag with the following instructions: Chocolate Cookie Mix in a Jar: 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) 2. Empty cookie mix into large bowl. Thoroughly blend mixture with hands. Mix in 3/4 cup softened butter or margarine, 1 egg, slightly beaten, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Shape into walnut size balls, and place 2 inches apart on a parchment lined baking sheet. 3. Bake for 11 to 13 minutes. Cool 5 minutes on baking sheet, then move to wire racks.

Breton Booster December 3, 2008 (Edition #858)

Brownies in a Jar

"Another great Christmas gift idea!"

- 2 1/4 cups white sugar
- 2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- · 1 teaspoon salt

Pour sugar into a clean and dry one quart jar. Press down firmly. Add cocoa powder and press down firmly. Pour in chopped pecans, making sure pecans are evenly layered in the jar. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Pour into jar and seal.

Attach the following directions to the jar: Empty mix into large bowl. Use your hands to mix thoroughly. Add 3/4 cup of butter or margarine and 4 slightly beaten eggs. Mix until completely blended. Spread batter into a lightly greased or sprayed 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees F (180 degrees C) for 30 minutes or until done. Cool in pan. Cut into 2 inch squares.

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Cst. J. Conway, Thorsby/Breton RCMP Detachment

Total Calls for Service	296	
Suspicious Persons/ Vehicle	12	
Collisions	54	
Vehicle Theft	10	
Fraud	5	
Break and Enter	5	
Assault	3	
Impaired	0	
Recovered Vehicles	6	
Missing Person	1	

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

November 21, 2023 – Area of Mulhurst Bay

Thorsby RCMP responded to a report of an attempted theft of a vehicle. An individual gained access to a vehicle as the owner had it running in their front yard to warm up. The occupant attempted to leave the property in a rush, and subsequently crashed the vehicle into the ditch outside the residence before fleeing on foot. The male then gained access into a neighbouring truck and rummaged through the contents before leaving the scene.

November 27, 2023 – Area of Wetaskiwin County

Breton RCMP received a report of a road-rage incident at a battery site in the County of Wetaskiwin. Two vehicles boxed in a tanker-truck and brake checked the driver. One vehicle stopped in front and one behind the tanker-truck. One male

exited the vehicle behind the truck and appeared to brandish a firearm while approaching the driver of the tanker-truck. The tanker-truck was able to drive away prior to having an interaction with the male. The vehicles involved were described as a 2004 era black truck believed to be a Chevrolet, and a Jeep Cherokee.

Local residents are reminded that as temperatures get colder in the coming weeks to be mindful of the increased risk of auto theft. Do not leave your keys in your vehicle with it running unattended.

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MCDADES CONCERT IN DRAYTON VALLEY

by Russell Hickman

Poinsettias, large and healthy, arced the front edge of the Pembina Stage. A drum kit at centre back, an upright bass prone at stage right near the brightly lit Christmas tree, a violin at centre, acoustic guitar back left were all ready and waiting. At stage left front, a group of wind and reed instruments stood like wooden soldiers at attention. The flute, Irish tin whistle, recorder, larger than your school music class model, and a gleaming alto sax at the centre waited for their moment in the spotlight. Multi-coloured giant snowflakes, projected from the stage lights above,

hovered and drifted across the back drop. The walls of the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre Theatre were hung with Christmas wreaths. Drayton Valley's best live theatre sound blended with the friendly chatter of an expectant audience awaiting a great evening. The stage was set. The house lights came down; the stage lights came up. All that was missing was the music. And then McDades took the stage!

The McDade's took their audience, too. Siblings Shannon, Solon and Jeremiah, backed by drums and guitar, took the audience on a Yuletide Night sleigh ride through their extensive songbook. Their set list glided from Christmas carols to Celtic holiday through jazz and folk fusion. Shannon's violin was nuanced and expressive. Jeremiah's multi-instrumental solos were exuberant, often soulful and definitely key to their sound. Solon McDade made his upright bass look small holding

in it one hand, the other in his tucked in his right jeans pocket, while spinning banter and tall tales. He had found his upright bass in pieces being used as a plant stand. Rescued and restored, the almost 200 year old instrument has toured world with "one of the most exciting bands in the Canadian roots music scene.'



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2024 Canada Summer Jobs Application for Employers

OTTAWA, ON – Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that Canada Summer Jobs 2024: Application period for employers was launched November 21, 2023. Employers from not-for-profit organizations, the public sector, and private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees in Canada can apply for funding until January 10, 2024, to hire young Canadians next summer. Full-time job placements will become available starting in April 2024.

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- Sustainable jobs that support the protection of the environment or delivering positive environmental outcomes

Employers interested in applying for CSJ 2024 funding are encouraged to submit their applications electronically on the Grants and Contributions Online Services (GCOS) portal. Creating a GCOS account is a one-time process that allows organizations to apply for various Employment and Social Development Canada funding opportunities in a secure web environment.

For more information, please go to the following links:

www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/gcos.html and www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html

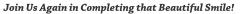


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Community of Breton

We had the privilege of attending a couple of Christmas events in Breton this weekend, the" Kickoff to Christmas "on Dec. 2nd and the Santa parade and fireworks on Dec. 3rd.

Once again, this community has proven just how amazing it is. We would like to congratulate the organizations that hosted "The Kickoff to Christmas "event. Thank you for helping to spark that warm Christmas feeling for so many. This event provided such a great atmosphere for all ages, from seeing Santa, to the wide array of vendors, wagon rides, the children's area that had crafts, stories and an opportunity for kids to do some shopping too. The smiles were endless.

On the 3rd, the lights were bright and shining, like the eyes and cheeks of so many that came out to see Santa in the parade. What a great turn out of floats and parade attendees. Thank you to the organizers and those that took time to craft and build all the beautiful floats.

Great job Breton on lighting up the skies with a fantastic fireworks display that awed our community.

What a great weekend to help get us in the Christmas spirit. Thank you once again to those who put in such a great effort to a weekend that makes us all proud to say, "I'm from Breton".

Have a safe and Merry Christmas, Lynn and Mark Raines

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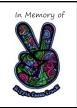
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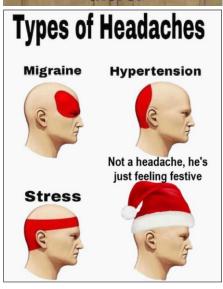
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Laurie's Laughs





I don't have an advent calendar so I'm just opening cupboard doors and eating whatever's in there.





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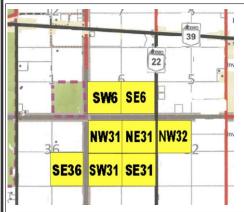
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