BOSTER BRETON BOSTER

BRETON NEW K-12 NEEDS NAME

submitted by Wild Rose School Division

With the expected modernization of Breton High School into a K-12 school, the Board of Trustees will need to decide on a new school name for the modernized K-12 school.

Although the WRSD Board of Trustees will make the final decision regarding the name of the school, they would like to give the Breton community an opportunity to provide suggested names. According to Wild Rose School Division "Policy 02 - Appendix C - Naming of Facilities-Procedures"

- 2.1 individual's names should not be used for school names, with the exception where a case can be made for a person of historical significance
- 2.2 if there is only one school, or one school with that specific grade configuration in each community or region, consideration should be given for those schools to bear the name of the community or region.
- 2.3 the name shall not imply the Division's endorsement of partisan political or ideological positions, nor of commercial products or services.

2.4 unless otherwise directed by the Board, naming options shall include suggestions solicited from the community.

Please see Wild Rose School Division "Policy 02 - Appendix C - Naming of Facilities" for the entire policy.

The Board will only consider names that align with these policy guidelines.

Please use this survey

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<u>5lcjDWcLX_2A/viewform</u> to make your suggestion. You must complete all questions in the survey in order for your suggestion to be considered.

The deadline for submitting suggestions is February 6, 2024. Please only suggest one name per survey. If you would like to suggest more than one name, please complete a new survey for each name you submit.

Thank you for your input into this important decision.



BRETON HISTORY...BACK IN TIME

from the Breton Museum Facebook page

I came across this photo recently while looking for something else. Isn't that the way it goes. The photo was taken looking north on what is now 51st Street in Breton. The gate opening on the right side is where the Breton Elementary School and Museum are located. Notice the dip in the street as it crosses the Hooks Ravine. The large building in the foreground is the Breton hotel. While the photo has no date it is likely circa 1940.



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Classified Ads are \$5.00 for 2 weeks (up to 30 words) GST included

The Breton Library is no longer taking ads and payments for the Breton Booster. As of January 17, 2024 there will be a DROP BOX in the BRETON IDA PHARMACY for payments and ads.

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Sudoku Answers from Jan 17 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.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking a highly motivated, physically fit individual to join our team to work in our warehouse.

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QUALIFICATIONS

 Previous cooking experience, strong work ethic, WHMIS and Standard First Aid Certificate would be an asset; A sincere interest in working with and meeting the needs of our residents.

All employees will be required to have a pre-employment fit to work assessment, and a clear criminal record with vulnerable sector check.

Please send your resume quoting job posting number 2024 – CL - 01 to:

Attention: Human Resources Leduc Regional Housing Foundation 5118 – 50 Avenue, Leduc, Alberta T9E 6V4 Fax: 780.986.4881 or

E-mail: hr@leducregionalhousing.ca

Posting to remain open until a suitable candidate is found.



Village of Breton DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

Development involving the establishment of a cannabis shop, located at 5036 49th Avenue, Breton, Alberta, legally described as Lot 24,25 Block 1, Plan 4716CL, as further described in Application No 0001-24 is:

APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The development must comply with Land Use Bylaw No. 13-02 and Cannabis Retail Sales Bylaw No. 22-03.
- 2. The development must comply with the Village of Breton Bylaws.
- 3. The development must comply with all AGLC regulations and licensing.

You are hereby authorized to proceed with the development specified provided that all stated conditions are complied with; that development is in accordance with any approved plans and application; and that a Building Permit is obtained if construction is involved. Should an appeal be made against this decision to the Development Appeal Board, the development permit shall be null and void.

Date of Decision: January 10, 2024 Date of Issue of Development Permit: January 24, 2024



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UPCOMINGSPECIALEVENTS

(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

<u>January 25</u> - Wills & Estate Planning at the Wetaskiwin Ag Society Hall at 1pm or 7pm. FREE. Call FCSS 780-352-3321 or email fcssadmin@county10.ca for more information.

<u>January 26</u> - Jake Vaadeland and the Sturgeon River Boys at the Eleanor Pickup Performing Arts Centre in Drayton Valley. Go to <u>www.theepac.com</u> for information and tickets.

<u>January 31</u> - Clay for Kids at the Warburg Recreation Centre from 1:30-4:30pm. (\$30). Includes snacks. Register at the Warburg Office or email <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

<u>January 31</u> - Clay for Adults at the Warburg Recreation Centre from 6-9pm (\$30). Includes snacks. Register at the Warburg Office or email fcss@warburg.ca

<u>February 1</u> - Wills & Estate Planning at the Alder Flats Seniors Centre at 1pm. FREE. Call FCSS 780-352-3321 or email <a href="mailto:research:res

<u>February 2</u> - Wellbeing Workshop at the Winfield Agri-Plex from 9:30am - 2:30pm. FREE. Email <u>fcssadmin@county10.ca</u> or call FCSS 780-352-3321for more information.

<u>February 3, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24</u> - Dinner Theatre "Francine's Will" at Liberty Hall near Bluffton. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets are available for \$50 at www.showpass.com/francines-will/

<u>February 4 & 11</u> - Matinee Dinner Theatre "Francine's Will" at Liberty Hall near Bluffton. Doors open at noon. Tickets are available for \$50 at www.showpass.com/francines-will/

<u>February 8</u> - Free Public Information Session on your Pension at 8:30pm, Eleanor Pickup Centre for the Arts, 5144 51 St, Drayton Valley. Hosted by Public Interest Alberta.

<u>February 10</u> - 9th Annual Predator Hunt hosted by the Thorsby & District Fish & Game Association. For more info contact Brent Lee 780-898-5013 or Bruce 780-621-2200.

<u>February 11</u> - Aaron Pritchett Liquored Up Tour at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre, 5144 - 51 St, Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available 1-888-655-9090 or <u>www.ticketpro.ca</u>

<u>February 16</u> - Camo & Bling Fundraiser presented by the Breton Ag Society. Get your tickets at the Breton ATB or by calling Mark @ 780-542-0637 or Bonnie @ 780-514-5501.

<u>February 17</u> - "Raise the Roof" Comedy Night at Wilton Park Hall. Dinner & Show. \$50 per ticket. Tickets available through www.tickettailor.com or call 587-581-0404.

<u>February 17</u> - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact <u>davidemolyneaux@live.com</u>

<u>February 19</u> - Family Day event in Breton including a pancake breakfast hosted by the Breton Elks and wagon rides around the village. More details to come.

<u>February 24</u> - Zirka Zabava at Devon Community Hall. Zirka performance, Ukrainian dinner by Saskitoba and dance. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

<u>April 13</u> - Breton/Warburg Women's Wellness Day - a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, fabulous food and a vendor market to shop! More information available soon!

Community Events & Information is <u>FREE</u> to advertise





Brazeau County

IMPORTANT DATES

February 1 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9 a.m.

February 6 | Council meeting | 9 a.m.

February 19 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed

February 20 | Council meeting | 9 a.m.

February 21 | Agricultural Services Board meeting | 1 p.m.



Brazeau County is committed to improving its emergency response to better protect people and property in the event of disasters.

The County is developing a list of local resources and equipment to be called upon in the case of an emergency. The County is also looking for individuals with heavy equipment or water hauling experience interested in taking emergency management training.

Two streams of training will be offered:

Dozer boss training for the construction of fireguards, and safe operations during a wildland fire, including Incident Command System (ICS) training

Water hauler training, including ICS structure training, staging, and safe operations during a wildland fire.

These training courses will enable local resources and personnel to effectively and safely contribute to future emergency response efforts in our community.

Course dates are expected to start in February, and are being finalized. They will be announced on the Brazeau County website and Facebook page.

Please e-mail firetraining@brazeau.ab.ca to provide lists of available equipment and personnel interested in the training courses. If you have questions, please call Public Works at 780-542-7777.

If you wish to be a firefighter, please contact Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services at 780-514-2216.





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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

(Breton &Surrounding Areas)

**Please note - all events are subject to change

MONDAYS

BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (AQUASIZE OR WALMART) - Leaving Warburg & Breton on Monday mornings. Registration must be completed the Thursday prior to the Monday trip to save your seat. Contact Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828.

<u>CARDS & FLOOR CURLING</u> at the Breton Golden Age Club at 1pm (\$3)

TUESDAYS

YOGA FOR WELLNESS - Every Tuesday from 10 -11 am at the Breton Community Centre until April 30. Adult Only. Instructed by June Knobel. \$2 drop in fee.

<u>CHILDREN'S GYM TIME</u> - FREE Drop in for 0-6 years old from 10am -11:30am at the Breton Faith Covenant Church. Hosted by Brighter Futures. For more info 780-514-5070.

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

<u>FOOT WELLNESS</u> services the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Breton. 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

NEW INDOOR WALKING GROUP on Thursdays at the Breton Community Centre starting January 18 from 9:30-10:30am. \$2 drop in fee. Please bring inside shoes.

FRIDAYS

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

<u>JAM DANCE & CARDS NIGHT</u> 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

We want your local stories and pictures, email media@community39.com

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. 780-898-1155 or <u>bretonmuse@yahoo.com</u>

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

<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

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

Buck Creek Community Association - Meetings at the hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. 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. 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. 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, Brazeau County, Leduc
 - County, Thorsby & Warburg
 Rental facilities
 - Community groups
 - Community Supports
 - and more...

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INVITATION

PIGEON LAKE FEEDER COOP ASSOCIATION

RESCHEDULED

DATE: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

LOCATION: Falun Community Centre Hall,

1 Mile West of Junc. Hwy 795 & Hwy 13

TIME: 7:30 pm

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS WELCOMED & APPRECIATED

In Memory of



Harry Hutchinson September 1937 - January 2024

No service will be held as per Harry's wishes

9th Annual TFGA PREDATOR HUNT

9th Annual Predator Hunt on Saturday, February 10, 2024

Registration 6:00 - 7:00am at Warburg Legion Hall Check-out Time is 5:30pm (no later)

Cost is \$200 for a 2 person team plus a youth under the age of 16 which includes a chili supper and two tickets to the TFGA Annual Banquet held in April of 2024.

Participants must be a TFGA member. Memberships available before or on the morning of the hunt.

All prizes awarded at the banquet.

Do not delay in registering, space is limited!!!

For more information please contact: Brent Lee (780) 898-5013 or Bruce (780) 621-2200





BRUCE EARL SEATH

March 29, 1947 – January 9, 2024

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Bruce Seath on January 9th, 2024, in Drayton Valley with his loving wife Joan at his side.

Bruce will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

Bruce is survived by his wife Joan Seath of Lindale, Alberta; Daughter – Cathy (Brent) Church, Grandson – Kyle Seath all of Whitehorse, Yukon Territories; Son – James (Teresa) Seath of Spruce Grove, Alberta; Uncle – Andy Seath of Edmonton, Alberta; Two sisters - Bonnie Carnegie of Evansburg, Alberta; Margaret (Allan) Aldi of Sherwood Park, Alberta; Brother-in-law – Bert Jonas of Edmonton, Alberta; Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family & friends.

Bruce was predeceased by his parents - Mabel & Robert (Bob) Seath; sister – Heather Jonas; brother – Robert (Terry) Seath; niece – Brenda Seath; grandparents; aunts; uncles & extended family & friends.

Memorial Cruise & Celebration of Life to be announced later.

In lieu of flowers Donations may be made to Cross Cancer Institute, Your Local Animal Shelter, Heart & Stroke Foundation, or a Charity of your choice.



FCSS NEWS

from Deanne Young

780.696.3636

Please feel welcome to contact me at fcss@breton.ca
or 780-696-3636. Our office hours are Monday to
Thursday 8:30am - 4pm.

Looks like the cold snap is behind us, at least we can hope it is. Lots of things going on in our community to keep you active and busy until spring arrives.

"Yoga for Wellness"

Every Tuesday 10 to 11 am January 16 to April 30, 10 to 11 am, Breton Community Center. Gentle flow yoga to help strengthen and relax the body and the mind. Pose sequences, meditation and breath work also promotes flexibility, balance, as well as, mind and body wellness. Adults of all ages are welcome, however class content was developed with age 55 plus in mind. Instructed by June Knobel, Certified Yoga Teacher with, Yoga Association of Alberta. \$2 drop in fee

The Adult Exercise Program

This class runs from 9:30-10:30 am on Friday mornings. Equipment is provided. This class will focus on toning, balance, increased mobility, strength gains, and increased flexibility. Participants will be able to either do the exercise standing or sitting, which ever their ability will allow. This program is facilitated by Cassie Kreil a certified instructor. Participants will be asked to pay a small fee of \$2/class. Join today and start to get fit with friends. This is a drop-in group so you are welcome to start attending at any time throughout the year.

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.

Walking Group

Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 am. At the Breton Community Centre, Drop In \$2, Organized by Kasey and Lorraine.

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.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.

Golden Age Club

Join older adults in the community for their monthly meeting. Held the first Monday of each month at 11am. The Golden Age Club offers cards, floor curling and other activities for older adults in our community. For more information, please contact Pat at 780-696-6557. New members welcome.

Brighter Futures Gym Time

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

Volunteer Opportunities:

* Breton ELKS / * Breton Royal Purple / * Breton Agricultural Society / *Breton Historical Society

Need to Keep on Track?

Pick up one of our Community Calendars at the Village of Breton Office or the Breton Municipal Library located in the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre at 4916 50 Avenue. These are free of charge and feature pictures of the Village of Breton and surrounding areas.

Just In Case

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

Save these Important Dates

Monday February 19 – Family Day. Plans are still coming together, but we do know that you will be able to enjoy a wonderful pancake breakfast hosted by the Breton ELKS. Also, weather permitting there will be some wagon rides around the Village. More details to come!

Breton /Warburg Women's Wellness Day – Saturday April 13, 2024. We are excited to partner with Warburg FCSS and bring you a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, fabulous food and a vendor market to shop! More information on the sessions and how to sign up as a participant or vendor will be available soon!

Breton FCSS Continued

Would you like to have a say in how Daycares are operated in Alberta?

Take the survey that the Alberta Government has put together. We're seeking feedback from parents and guardians on how they define quality child care, programs and services they expect from child care operators, and what factors contribute to their child care choices.

By 2025-26, Alberta will reduce core child care fees for families to an average of \$10 per day and transition from an Early Learning and Child Care system funded by parent fees to one primarily funded by government.

As we make this transition, parents and guardians have a critical role in assessing quality child care and identifying opportunities for continuous improvement to support long-term success.

Survey open January 15 to February 11, 2024

Share your thoughts on high-quality child care, programs and services you expect from child care operators, and what factors contribute to your child care choices. Complete the online survey by February 11, 2024. www.your.alberta.ca/elcc-cost-control-framework-and-for-profit-expansion-plan-parents/survey_tools/elcc-parent-survey-english

Counselling Subsidies

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

The cost of counselling can be a barrier for many individuals and families. This subsidy is available to those who do not have access to coverage through health benefits or employee benefits, such as an Employee Assistance Plan (EAP), and whose family income is less than \$75,000 per year. Fees are determined according to a sliding scale based on income and family size. Fees range from \$15 per session to \$50 per session. The maximum number of sessions available is seven for individuals and nine for couples or families.

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

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

Breton and Area FCSS will be doing the intake of the applications. Counselling services are provided through a partnership with Karunia Counselling from Leduc.



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WENDY LOUISE FILEWICH

July 11, 1953 - December 23,2023



It is with great sadness the family of Wendy Louise Filewich wishes to announce her passing at the Rimbey Hospital and Care Centre on December 23, 2023 at the age of 70.

Wendy is survived by her eldest son Michael of Breton AB and her youngest son Trevor (Sheila) of Breton AB. Grandchildren: Braydan, Kallie and Bodie. Special friend Tom and Family. Sisters Diane

Marshall of Stettler, Doris Merrick of Medicine Hat. Stepbrothers Gary Barr of Edmonton and Dale Barr of Warburg. As well as numerous extended family and friends.

Wendy is predeceased by her husband Mike, Father Art Weis, Mother Joan Barr, Stepdad Mel Barr, Brothers Dale Weis and George Weis.

Wendy was born on July 11, 1953 in Alix AB. She was the youngest of 5 children born to Art and Joan Weis.

Wendy met her husband Mike in Calgary AB and they were married in 1975. The boys were born not too long after. They lived in Calgary for a few years before making the move to Winfield AB. They lived in the Winfield area for a few more years before moving to what is now the family farm south of Breton AB, where she resided until her passing.

Wendy was well known in the community for her number of years of service at the West Pine Lodge. She started working there shortly after their move from Calgary. She began as a housekeeper/general service worker. Eventually working her way up to Manager. She not only managed the West Pine Lodge but also a few other lodges within the Bethany Group. She retired from West Pine Lodge in June of 2018.

Wendy had a passion for gardening and flowers. She could always be found out in the yard, planting, weeding or cutting grass. She also had a love for farming and cows. Wendy enjoyed her garden and flowers, raising a few cows and spending quality time with her family and friends right up until her passing.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Wendy on February 2, 2023 at 1pm at the Breton Community Centre. With a luncheon to follow.

Memorial Donations can be made in her honor to any of the local greenhouses, or to the West Pine Lodge.

Condolences may be sent to: www.wilsonsfuneralchapel.ca





Dennis Carl Martin

October 18, 1947 - January 7, 2024



It is with sorrowful hearts that the family announces the peaceful passing of Dennis Carl Martin on Sunday, January 7, 2024 in Red Deer Regional Hospital, at the age of 76 years.

Dennis will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Debra; children David, Dana, and Dawn (Darren); grandchildren, Taylor, Jordon, Patience, and Trace; and brother-in-law, Dino Wylie.

Dennis was predeceased by parents, Tom and Ingrid; and sister, Lynne Martin.

Dennis was a dedicated individual whose life's journey encompassed various roles and accomplishments. He began his path to success as a proud graduate of Breton High School and SAIT's agricultural mechanics program, where he honed his skills and expertise. Dennis then embarked on a remarkable 17-year journey with Mobile Oil, where he made significant contributions to the company. However, it was his unwavering passion for agriculture that truly defined Dennis's life. He wholeheartedly embraced the life of a farmer, dedicating the remainder of his working career to nurturing the land and cultivating its bounties. His commitment to the farming community was a true testament to the heart of a farmer. Beyond the farm, Dennis's commitment to community was evident in his role as the President of Lindale Hall Board. Through his leadership, he made a lasting impact on local gatherings and events, fostering a sense of togetherness and camaraderie. Dennis's dedication to mentoring and shaping the next generation was also evident through his involvement in 4-H, where he served as a beacon of guidance and inspiration. Dennis will be remembered as a dedicated individual who left an indelible mark on the lives of those he encountered. His unwavering commitment to his work, community, and the next generation serves as a testament to his character and values. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Dennis's family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at the Red Deer Regional Hospital and the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre for the compassionate care shown to Dennis during his stay. Also, to the support of family and friends during this difficult time.

For those who so desire, memorial contributions in Dennis's name may be made directly to Сатр Не Но На.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lindale Hall.

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In 2022 the Breton Ag Society held a wonderfully successful fundraiser called the "Ukrainian St Patrick's Day" where we raised an amazing \$44,500. Of these funds \$31,000 was donated to the crisis in Ukraine and \$13,500 was retained for needs right here in our own community. In 2023 the Breton Ag Society donated a shocking \$43,000 back into our local community. Donations ranged to kids' sports, food needs, community centre sound system, local needs in the schools as well as many other worthy causes in our community. We enjoy giving back to our community and feel this is a major role of the Ag Society in our community.

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Village of Breton LETTER TO THE EDITOR RESPONSE

January 16, 2024

Mr. Lynn Oberle Box 40 Breton, AB TOC 0P0

Dear Mr. Oberle,

Thank you for your letter of concern regarding the Breton Municipal Library and the Breton and Area Community Centre.

The transparency of board appointments is followed as per the requirements when performed. It is required that appointments be done in open session, at a public meeting, by the founding municipality. This is how the Village Council performs this task and the appointments are recorded in the respective meeting minutes. If appointments require a special council meeting to be called, then this is done in accordance with Municipal Affairs guidelines.

Individuals were removed from the library board, even though they still had time on their terms, due to the conduct of the board members. When individuals accept a position as a library board member, they accept the responsibility to act in the best interest of the library board. That was not being done. The Village Council and administration had been approached by other board members expressing their concern on the behavior of some board members as well as the processes that weren't being followed while in meetings. After the Council heard the concerns voiced by other board members and consulted with the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) of Municipal Affairs, they made the decision to act in accordance with the PLSB advice and in the best interest of the success of the library. With the productiveness of the current board in their short tenure. it appears that Council made the appropriate decision. The former board had items that needed to be addressed and hadn't been able to achieve this in 12 months while the current board achieved it in 3 weeks. A review of the 2022/2023 Library board minutes will show the absence of an effective board with very few items executed in that time frame.

We understand and can appreciate your perspective that it appears the County of Brazeau doesn't have any oversight of the library expenditures. The process of the approval of funds within the library structure is not approved at each meeting of the library board. The library board forms a budget committee who then works in conjunction with input from the library manager to formulate an annual budget. At this point the library

board presents their budget to the Village Council when requesting the annual appropriation. Once the Village Council approves the annual appropriation the Library Board then can approve their budget since they now know the total of funded income being received for the fiscal year. The County of Brazeau has entered into a two-year funding agreement with the library, not the Village. And a condition of that funding agreement is to have the library budget forwarded to the County once approved each year. So even before the budgeting process begins, your tax dollars, as referred to in your letter, are already allocated to the library from the County of Brazeau. Then once the budget has been approved by the library board the library manager is given the budget with which the library operates for the year. So, any oversight of spending that is gained from a seat on the board is via financial records provided at each meeting, of which can also be provided to County Council and provide the same oversight.

The largest factor in not having a council member from either municipality on the board is to maintain unblurred lines of roles and responsibilities. When a council member sits on the library board, they are a library board member, not council member nor council representative. In the recent past council members appointed to the board have forgotten this very important definition. So, to appoint a council member to the board as a board member but expecting them to be acting in the best interests of their respective municipality contradicts the role and obligation of a library board member. I have enclosed a copy of the Municipal Councils and Library Boards - Roles and Responsibilities publication for your reference. An alternative, as we previously suggested, is for any municipal council wishing to have a representative attend the library meeting assign a member of their council to attend as an observer. Any items that the council may wish for the library board to discuss could then be asked to be added to the upcoming library board meeting once the council representative has discussed it with their council.

To speak to your point regarding funding the Village of Breton has received in the recent past from Brazeau County, you are correct that Brazeau has been very supportive to the Village of Breton in many ways including monetary contributions to capital projects. Support that the Village is very, very grateful for. We are also very appreciative that Brazeau County Council and administration has instilled the confidence in our Breton Council and administration to effectively manage our finances including those contributions from other organizations. Similar to what we, the municipality, are trying to do for the library. When you speak of a moral or ethical obligation, we feel that this is rather histrionic. It is common practice that municipalities contribute to neighbouring municipal projects and/or programs, without involving themselves in the day to day construction and/ or management. To have you suggest that any of the construction deficiencies of the Breton

and Area Community Centre could have been averted by having Brazeau County "oversight", as you referenced it, is insulting and in our opinion is an unsubstantiated correlation to the library operations. There are currently no deficiencies outstanding from the construction of the facility. We also feel it prudent to mention that the list of deficiencies you refer to is 3 years old at minimum. There are repair items that have resulted from use of the building, as is to be expected of any facility, of which are all being handled accordingly.

In closing it is the position that Breton Village Council will not be appointing council members to the Breton Municipal Library board this year. It will be reviewed with the library board for next year. Until that time, Brazeau County Council is welcome to assign a council member to attend any public meetings of the library board as previously stated.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Breton and area communities.

Best regards,

Mayor Shayanne Sheaves

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BRAZEAU COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Emergency Management Preparation

Chief Administrative Officer Kent Edney gave a verbal update on ongoing emergency management preparations, including:

- the recent request for proposal for professional
- help to assist with the County's Emergency Response Plan:
- planned intense training for staff with a target completion date of April 1, 2024;
- the compilation of a non-governmental local contractor list:
- the Fire Chief working with a local dozer boss and hosting dozer boss training sessions for private equipment operators;
- offering a course on proper water hauling procedures, with the intent to familiarize local
- contractors so they can assist in an emergency in compliance with Incident Command System (ICS) safe operating practices;
- Fire Smart programs and the production of instructional videos for landowners on how to protect their properties.

Speed Limit Amendment Bylaw for Township Road 492

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 1171-24, which will reduce the speed limit to 60km/hr along Township Road 492 extending 750 meters west of Range Road 80. The change assists in providing safer turning opportunities onto and off Township Road 492. A public hearing on the bylaw will be held at 10 a.m. on February 20, 2024 during the regular Council meeting.

Topics for Ministerial Discussion

Council will inform Minister of Municipal Affairs Ric McIver that the issues it wishes to discuss with him at an upcoming meeting are:

- the well drilling tax;
- Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) legislative changes;
- · party affiliations for municipal elected officials

Councillors normally meet with the minister during the Rural Municipalities of Alberta spring convention to discuss issues important to the municipality, in addition to regular communication throughout the year.

For detailed information on Council meetings, including current minutes, please visit www.brazeau.ab.ca. Please direct inquiries to the office of the CAO at cscharfl@brazeau.ab.ca or 780-542-7777.





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65 Achievable New Year's Resolutions For Building A Healthy, Happy Life

By Zee Krstic and Cameron Jenkins
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chievable-new-year-resolutions/

Continued from last week, here are more goals for 2024 to help you look and feel your best.

35-Decorate with family history.

In happy and long-lived cultures, people often display items from their families' pasts, says The Blue Zones of Happiness author Dan Buettner. "They remember and honor where they come from," he says. "We find that in happier cultures around the world, folks feel like part of a continuum." So hang your grandparents' wedding portrait, or put meaningful memorabilia on shelves.

36-Try hydrotherapy.

Feeling sore? You can switch between 10 minutes in a hot sauna and 30 seconds in a 60°F bath, a treatment known as hydrotherapy.

The temperature shock helps to increase blood flow in your body while mitigating pain, stiffness. Research suggests that hydrotherapy may aid in muscle recovery more than a day of rest. For at-home treatment, end a hot shower with a burst of ice-cold water.

37-Delegate more chores.

A large study found that people who spent money on time-saving services to get someone to clean out the garage, obtained greater life satisfaction and happiness than those who shelled out for material goods. If money is tight, take on the least favorite chore of a friend and have she or he do the same for you.

38-Keep clutter out of the kitchen.

If you can hardly see your counters through all the papers, Post-its, and not-yet-put-away groceries, you may pay for that chaos later when it comes to meals. Take 20 minutes to whisk it all where it belongs, and it can help you eat more mindfully in days to come.

39-Wear workout gear that makes you feel good.

Spend the afternoon shopping for workout clothes that flatter your body: Studies show that what we wear affects the way we feel, which impacts our ability to get stuff done, says Hajo Adam, Ph.D., a professor at Rice University. It's a phenomenon known as "enclothed cognition," and it's as true in Zumba as it is at work.

40-Upcycle your wardrobe for good.

Bye-bye, too-tight jeans. "Keeping smaller clothes as motivation to slim down is baloney," says Kit Yarrow, Ph.D., a psychologist at Golden Gate University, "and it tends to backfire." Studies show that muffin-top shaming doesn't help, but focusing on being healthy does.

41-Explore new hobbies.

Another sleepy Sunday? Today's the day you try Ethiopian food, attend a ballet, or take a painting class — whatever feels fun. When researchers followed 7,500 people for 25 years, they found that those who complained of major boredom were roughly twice as likely to die from heart disease.

42-Give yourself a new look.

Working on your look is just as refreshing as turning over a new leaf internally. Taking off a few inches can make you feel (literally and figuratively) so much lighter in the new year. Even a simple new style or hair color could brighten your days and put pep back into your step in 2024.

43-Invest in your skincare routine.

And no, we don't mean load up on foundation. Streamline your daily routine to allow yourself some time to incorporate products that really replenish your skin, not weigh it down. Rather than focusing on covering up, use tips and tricks to help you bare all — and feel really good about it.

44-Play upbeat music.

Blasting any happy-making tune can work multiple mindbody wonders including reducing pain during exercise, elevating mood, and lowering stress, research shows. So make a playlist — any songs that boost your spirit will do the job.

45-Start walking more.

Even if you can't keep track of a new fitness routine, keeping yourself moving on a simple walk around the neighborhood is a must. Adults should spend as much time moving each day as possible — and some physical activity (even just walking!) is better than none.

46-Write to yourself.

When your inner critic picks up her bullhorn, jot down the kind words you'd say to a friend in the same situation. "We have such a hard time channeling compassion for ourselves," says Emma Seppala, Ph.D., of Stanford's Center for Compassion and Altruism Research. "Writing it down makes it easier to shift perspective."

More Resolutions in next week's Breton Booster or go to www.goodhousekeeping.com/health/wellness/advice/g985/achievable-new-year-resolutions/



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From the farm to the office, civil engineers Leo, Corry and Martin Broks build successful Alberta-based engineering firms from the ground up

Growing up on a mixed farm in Winfield, a small hamlet in central Alberta, the Broks brothers – Leo, Corry and Martin – were no strangers to hard work. As farm boys and the sons of immigrants from the Netherlands, they were expected to milk the cows, among other chores, and attend school.

Education was a priority for the Broks family. "Our parents had a rule – we had to finish high school and that rule was non-negotiable," says Corry, (P. Eng), adding that all three brothers would eventually earn civil engineering degrees from the University of Alberta.

In 1976, Leo started Al-Terra Engineering Ltd., a successful Edmonton-based engineering and landscape design firm, still in operation. Corry would also join the firm, and in 1989, Martin joined as manager of the Red Deer office of D.A. Watt Consulting Group, which Al-Terra had purchased the previous year.

The family business thrived under the careful stewardship of Leo Brok, (P. Eng), who served as President and CEO for 32 years, followed by Corry, who served in the same role for another decade. The current President and CEO, Sheldon Hudson, (P.Eng, MBA), started at Al-Terra as a U of A co-op student, and several employees are also former co-op students.

One of the reasons Corry was drawn to civil engineering, he says, is the intuitive, common sense nature of the field and the versatility of the degree. Initially he worked in municipal engineering and land development but switched to transportation planning when the recession of the 1980s shrunk the economy. Through adversity and success, Corry could always rely on his brothers.

"Working with Leo and Martin has been great," he says. "Great partners and exceptional engineers. They work very hard in the best interest of their clients, and both are ethical and honest and always take the high road in their professional and personal lives. I learned from Leo that taking the high road professionally is always the prudent approach to dealing

with issues and people."

For the last 25 years Corry has been a project manager for Al-Terra's large, complex transportation projects, including the Walterdale Bridge and the Calgary Trail/23 Avenue Interchange, where Al-Terra partnered with other local firms to complete the services required.

"I feel Al-Terra has built a solid reputation in our industry and has given back abundantly in the communities in which we work," says Corry. "Civil engineering has been an enjoyable and gratifying career choice and in my twilight years, it's cool to show my grandchildren successful projects that I have worked on. My grandchildren call Waterdale Bridge "Opa's Bridge", because they know I was involved in that project. I have not had the heart to tell them I only planned and designed the roadways!"

Like Corry, Martin Broks (P. Eng) followed his brother Leo into civil engineering for the career opportunities but also because it seemed like a good fit, temperamentally.

"As farmers, we were very hands-on and we were always building or fixing things – just like engineers do," says Martin. "As well, our oldest brother John was a civil technologist and was already working for Alberta Transportation while I was still in grade school, so why not choose engineering?"

In 2000, Al-Terra separated into two separate companies – Al-Terra Engineering Ltd., the Edmonton based company owned by Leo and Corry, and Al-Terra Engineering (Red Deer) Ltd., the Red Deer based company owned by Martin. As each company continued to grow in size, with Al-Terra (Edmonton) adding another office in Calgary, the decision was made to change the name of the Red Deer operation to Aptus Engineering Ltd., in 2023, where Martin continues to serve as President and CEO.



Broks Brothers continued...

Though two separate companies, the brothers still work together on projects from time to time. "Working with my brothers has always been an enjoyable experience," says Martin. "I relied on Leo, in particular, for his mentorship relating to the business management aspect of the company, both when we were one company, and even after we became separate companies. It's always more satisfying when you are working with family."

Both Al-Terra and Aptus Engineering are employeeowned companies, a business model that gives employees a greater stake in the company's success. Reciprocity is at the core of the brothers' business philosophy, which also includes many community outreach initiatives.

"Certainly, I am proud of some of the projects I worked on — the subdivisions that turned out very well, the road projects that we're all now driving on," says Martin. "However, the thing I am most proud of is that we shared the opportunity of ownership in the companies with our key employees. It gives me great pleasure to know the people that are continuing to make the company a success are also receiving significant benefits from ownership in the company."

To the Broks brothers, giving back has always been a top priority. In addition to their support of co-op students throughout the years, many of whom have become full-time employees, Al-Terra Engineering also supports the Broks Family Bursary in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

All three brothers continue to work in various capacities for their respective companies, and remain strong supporters of civil engineering as a career.

"Most people want variety in their work life and civil engineering gives you that opportunity," says Martin, adding that the U of A engineering program remains highly regarded across Canada. "I have spent my whole career in municipal engineering, and while there is no good reason for me to be still working – my "job" is now my "hobby!"

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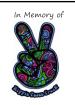
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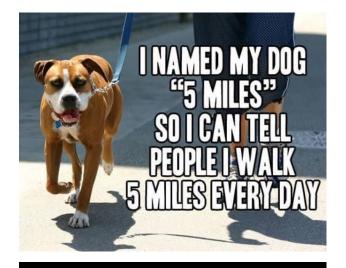
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15 acre hobby farm, 15 minute from Leduc. 2977 sq. ft. 3 bed 3 bath home. season rustic cabin, greenhouse, 2 chicken coops, barn with lean-to, outdoor riding



arena, round pen. garage/shop attached to barn, 2 storage sheds, 2x 20' seacans. Ample pasture



27 acres hillside property, View of Mount Butte & Battle Lake. Water well, septic, power, Seacan & 45" reefer trailer included



3 bedroom, 3 bathroom bi-levell home with attached garage. Numerous upgrades over past 3 vrs.



2 storey office bldg, full basement, 3 bay heated garage. . Multiple offices, boardroom w/ kitchenette, 2 executive offices



2 Acs. 5,160 sq ft industrial bldg 2 drive thru bays, 3rd bay (not drive thru), 100' drive thru wash bay, offices. Chain link fence.



2 bedroom, 1 bath home.. Upgrades: .newer peaked roof, vinyl siding, laminate flooring, hot water tank, furnace, and modern kitchen appliances. Insulated 8x12porch.,2 storage sheds



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Highland Spruce Estates - 1.28 acre. 7 RV sites, underground sewer, water, fenced, insulated shed, wood shed.

STAY

WARM



INVESTMENT OPPOURTUNITY

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



158 acres, creek, mature forest, cabin, peace & tranquility! East Poplar Creek flows thru this land, on no exit road, UPDATE: addition has been sided & covered veranda added along that portion.

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