

THE BRETON BOOSTER

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BRETON!

Kick off to Christmas

On Saturday, December 7, Kick off the holiday season at the Breton Community Centre.

- ▶ Christmas Market - 10am - 4pm
- ▶ Santa's Workshop - 10am - 3pm (*A shopping area for children 17 & under. Youth can shop for their immediate family members only to ensure all youth have the opportunity to select something special*)
- ▶ Cookie Decorating
- ▶ Craft Area
- ▶ Glitter Tattoos - 10am - 1pm
- ▶ Visit with Santa - 12pm - 2pm
- ▶ Hayrides - 12pm - 2pm
- ▶ Christmas Play - 2:30pm - 3:30pm
- ▶ Bring your letters to be delivered to Santa or write one there.
- ▶ Help fill the cruiser with food bank donations.

Hosted by Breton Agricultural Society, Breton FCSS and additional community groups.

Parade of Lights

On Sunday, December 8 at 6pm, don't miss the parade of Lights in the Village of Breton.

- ▶ Fireworks to follow at the Breton Golf Course
- ▶ Cookies & Hot Chocolate at Scoops sponsored by the Breton Soccer Club.

Floats please line up at the Public Works Yard. Hosted by the Village of Breton.



BRETON CHRISTMAS WISHES

December is here and the countdown has started. Christmas is close and everyone is starting to get into the spirit of the season. Some people are not as fortunate as others, and some are struggling to put food on their tables. Breton Christmas Wishes is a volunteer run charity which provides food and gifts to families in need at Christmas.

If you meet the criteria:

- › Live in the County of Brazeau, east of the North Saskatchewan River, or in the Village of Breton.
- › Are in financial need at this time.
- › Have children in the home that are under the age of 16 years.
- › Consideration will be given to families who have no children in the home.

The referral deadline – December 12, 2024 (Thursday) is approaching extremely fast, so if you know someone who could benefit from our program call or text Diane at 780-514-4273.



DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS, THERE WILL BE NO BRETON BOOSTER ON JANUARY 1, 2025

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Classified Ads are \$5 for 2 weeks

(max. 4 lines or approx. 30 words) GST included

You can email your ads to media@community39.com, call 780-434-7446 or DROP OFF your Payments & Classified Ads at the **BRETON IDA PHARMACY**

**Please note: Ads will be picked up every Tuesday afternoon from Breton IDA so if your ad is time sensitive, please call in or email your ad by 10am Monday morning for the Wednesday Booster.*

We want your local stories & pictures!

Email media@community39.com

Thorsby Fish & Game Association Scoring Day

Sunday, December 8, 2024
from 10am - 2pm

at the Warburg Legion

Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Members and non-members welcome.

Everyone welcome to get their antlers scored!

Memberships will also be for sale for the upcoming 2025 year.

Annual General Meeting to be held @ 3pm

Lunch to follow. All Members Invited



CONGRATULATIONS

Steve and Samantha Trelford

on the birth of their new baby girl!!!

Piper Stacey Trelford

born on November 15th 2024.

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Sudoku Answers
November 27 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.

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

VILLAGE OF BRETON

Parade of Lights

Sunday, December 8th, at 6 pm



FIREWORKS to follow at the
Breton Golf Course



Cookies & Hot Chocolate

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at Scoops sponsored by Breton Soccer Club
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Floats, please Line up at the Public Works Yard.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

December 6 - Christmas Spirits: Holiday Cocktail Event at Warburg Library from 7-8:30 pm. Learn how to make holiday themed drinks. RSVP to shansontag@gmail.com by Dec 4.

December 7 - Breton's Annual Kick off to Christmas Santa's Workshop, visits with the jolly ole guy, children's activities, market and more. brandynbundt@gmail.com

December 7 - Firefighter Food Drive in Warburg at 10am for Christmas Elves. If you are not home leave on your step or drop off at one of the local businesses.

December 7 - Community Gym Night in the Warburg High School Gym from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Volleyball, floor hockey and other games. Open to everyone. Free. All ages welcome.

December 8 - Parade of Lights in the Village of Breton at 6pm. Fireworks to follow.

December 8 - Scoring day with the Thorsby & District Fish & Game Association. 10am - 2pm at the Warburg Legion. Coffee & Doughnuts. Everyone welcome to get their antlers scored. AGM to follow at 3pm. Lunch served following meeting.

December 8 - 'Make the Season Kind' Annual Holiday Drive at Blackjacks Roadhouse. Join CBC Radio's host Paul Karchut for a special on-location broadcast to help fight hunger & food insecurity with stories from the Nisku and Leduc region.

December 8 - Thorsby / Warburg Indoor Soccer Registration Deadline. U5 - U15. Visit Facebook or register at thorsbysoccer@gmail.com

December 10 - Magic of Lights Trip to the RAD Torque Raceway. Leaving Village of Breton office at 4:40. \$5. Please pre-register and pay prior to December 6 to Breton FCSS.

December 14 - Breton Community Christmas Supper at the Breton Community Centre. Free tickets at the Breton Village office, ATB or Darren Scott Accounting.

December 14 - Light the Night Winter Luminary at Rundle's Mission from 2-6pm. Celebrate the Christmas season with community. FREE. Contact 780-955-6410 for more info.

December 20-22 - Winter Wonderland at the Thorsby Lions Campground from 6-9pm. Hosted by the Thorsby Lions. Lights, hot chocolate, Santa, crafts and more.

December 20 - Cookies & Eggnog at Thorsby Recreation Centre from 3-4pm. FREE

January 18 - Community Gym Night in the Warburg High School Gym from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Volleyball, floor hockey

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and other games. Open to everyone. Free. All ages welcome.

January 25 - Ukrainian Malanka Festival at the Thorsby Hall. Call Marlene at 780-217-9394 or 780-789-3734 for tickets

February 22 - Community Gym Night in the Warburg High School Gym from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Volleyball, floor hockey and other games. Open to everyone. Free. All ages welcome.

*Community Events & Information
is FREE to advertise*

Pick up your **FREE** "Community Connections" booklet

at the Breton Village Office, Brazeau County Office, CE Media Thorsby, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex and the Warburg Village Office

Or go online to www.community39.com

You will find information on our local communities including maps, contacts, rental facilities, community groups and supports and more....



Breton Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday Dec 12, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
Salt and Pepper Restaurant

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.



General Service Worker - Cook Casual

Cloverleaf Manor – Warburg AB

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is looking for an enthusiastic individual who enjoys working in a team environment. This casual position will be required to work a **variety of shifts**. Shifts will include **afternoons** and **nights**. Applicants should be prepared and able to work all shifts. Duties may include kitchen-related responsibilities such as cleaning, cooking and food preparation or housekeeping responsibilities and other duties as assigned. A high standard of service is expected.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Housekeeping and/or food service experience in institution/hospitality industries.
2. Formal education in the area of housekeeping and/or food service would be beneficial.
3. W.H.M.I.S. Training
4. Strong English communication skills, both written and verbal is required.
5. Strong customer service skill including the ability to interact with everyone in a respectful manner.
6. Ability to perform work duties with a minimum of supervision.
7. Ability to work independently, as well as a team.
8. Ability to work a flexible schedule (evenings and weekends).
9. Satisfactory Criminal Records Check including Vulnerable Sector Check.
10. Experience working with and meeting the needs of seniors

*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-39 to:

Attn: 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.

WEST PINE LODGE IS HIRING!



A LODGE ATTENDANT IN WINFIELD

The Lodge Attendant is responsible to his/her supervisor to ensure a high standard of housekeeping and/or dietary services in the assigned facility.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT
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COMPETITION # TBG 3094**

QUALIFICATIONS

- Background experience with housekeeping duties
- Background experience with kitchen / dining room duties
- Familiarity with the use of cleaning equipment and chemicals preferred
- WHMIS training, Food Safety course (if applicable) an asset
- Willingness to learn

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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

****Please note - all events are subject to change - Please email us at media@community39.com or call 780-434-7446 if we have incorrect information.**

MONDAYS

BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (Aquasize or Walmart) Must pre-register. Contact Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828 or Breton FCSS 780-696-3636

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

DRAMA CLUB at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. Registration closed for Sept - Dec but accepting registration for Jan to June session. Email bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com

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. For more info 780-514-5070.

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

FOOT WELLNESS services the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Breton. Contact Christa at 780-514-5640 or online www.yourintrinsicement.com/copy-of-services

WEDNESDAYS

BRETON BOOK CLUB meets at the Breton Library the second Wednesday of the month at 1pm from September until June. All readers are welcome to join the conversation!

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

THURSDAYS

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME at the Breton Municipal Library on Thursdays from 11:15am - 11:45am

OLDER ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES - Thursday mornings at the Breton Community Centre from 9-10am, Drop In \$2.

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS at the Buck Lake Seniors Centre from 11am - 12pm. Drop in \$2. Call Erin at 780-352-3321 for more info.

TACO THURSDAYS at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. from 3-6pm.

FRIDAYS

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

FREE FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT at the Alder Flats Western Pioneers Seniors Centre at 7pm on Fridays until December 20. Book at 780-388-3793 or 780-542-0057

KIDS CLUB after school program at the Breton Municipal Library. School day Fridays until December 13. 3:15-4:45pm. Ages 6-12. Must pre-register at FCSS or Library.

MUSIC, BIBLE & PIZZA on alternating Fridays at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12 from 3 - 5:30pm.

SATURDAYS

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WELCOME TO BRETON - We want to help newcomers feel welcome by giving you a package of promotional and informational items from local businesses and community organizations. We look forward to meeting you! Call or text: Diane - 780-514-4273

MEMORIAL PLAQUE - Anyone wanting to put their loved ones name on the memorial plaque at the Breton Cemetery can contact Diane with the Breton Royal Purple Elks at 780-514-4273 for more information.

TABS FOR TOTS - The Breton Elks collect the tabs off beverage cans and other recyclable metals. This is sold for scrap and the funds help local hospitals. To donate your tabs or other recyclable metals please call 780-696-3800

BRETON YOUTH CENTRE is located at the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre downstairs from the Breton Library. All activities are FREE! All kids grade 6-12 are welcome. Contact them at bretonyouthcenter@gmail.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. 780-898-1155 or bretonmuse@yahoo.com

BRETON GOLDEN AGE CLUB - Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11am (except July & August). 780-898-1651 or dwaymon@telus.net

BRETON ROYAL PURPLE ELKS NO. 285 - the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Community Hall (except July & August) 780-514-4273 or bretonrp285@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

BRETON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD - Meetings are typically the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm (except July & August) 780-696-3740 or bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca

BUCK CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Meetings at the hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. 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. 780-202-0140 or bretonagsociety@gmail.com

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

NOW OPEN!

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and Pizza Parlour**
West of Winfield on Hwy 13

Hours of Operation
Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm
Friday & Saturday 8am-8pm
Sunday 10am-6pm





Part Time Day Cook

Cloverleaf Manor – Warburg AB

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is seeking an enthusiastic and motivated individual for a Part-time Day Cook position (60 hours/bi-weekly). Reporting to the Chef, the Evening Cook is responsible for meal preparation and service to the residents. As a member of the Leduc Regional Housing Foundation team, the Day Cook ensures that a high standard of services is provided to the residents.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Formal training along with a minimum 3 years' experience with cooking and baking in a commercial kitchen setting is required.
2. Minimum 3 years' experience in quantity food preparation.
3. Knowledge of proper food handling practices – Food Handler's Certificate preferred.
4. W.H.M.I.S. Training.
5. Strong English communication skills, both written and verbal is required.
6. Strong customer service skill including the ability to interact with everyone in a respectful manner.
7. Ability to work a flexible schedule (evenings and weekends).
8. Satisfactory Criminal Records Check including Vulnerable Sector Check.
9. Standard First Aid Certificate.
10. Experience working with and meeting the needs of seniors.

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-39 to:

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Leduc Regional Housing Foundation
5118 – 50 Avenue, Leduc, Alberta, T9E 6V4
Fax: 780.986.4881 or
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Position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.



NOW HIRING MILL OPERATOR TRAINEE

About Us:

Frontier Construction Products Ltd is an Alberta based culvert manufacturer and retailer. We specialize in culverts, geotextiles, fabrication, guardrail, and erosion control with experience in the drainage industry. Our company prides itself on hiring locally and working with staff to develop their skills, enhance our company, and provide exceptional customer service.

Job Overview:

As a Mill Operator - Trainee employee at our Thorsby office you would be responsible for aiding in the day-to-day operations of the company. You would be required to work individually, but also as part of a team to provide exceptional customer service. Your responsibilities would entail a variety of duties such as (but not limited to) operation of roll forming equipment, fabrication of materials to CSA standards, repair & maintenance according to manufacturers specifications, other duties assigned by the Facility Superintendent.

We are looking for:

- machine manufacturing experience in a production type setting
- mechanical aptitude/ability to trouble shoot mechanical problems
- welding experience is an asset but not necessary
- first aid training would be an asset
- be physically fit (bend, crouch, kneel, handle heavy loads, fast paced environment, work outdoors)
- excellent communication, both written and verbal
- team player, mature, responsible
- ability to follow direction

Resumes can be submitted to
careers@frontier-cp.com



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

Older Adult Exercise Classes

Thursday Mornings at the Breton Community Centre - low impact older adult exercise classes with our fabulous instructor Cassie. Thursday mornings from 9-10am. These are Drop-in classes cost and \$2/ session. You are encouraged to participate at your own level, this can be sitting or standing.

Busing to Aquacise in Drayton Valley

Together with Warburg FCSS the bus will arrive in Breton at 9:10am to head to the Drayton Valley Gentle Aquacise class. Returning at approximately 11:30am. Purchase a 5 ride Bus pass for (\$36) or 10(\$72) or individual passes for \$10 from the Village of Breton office. Register with Katlynn 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 each week to make a trip.

Calendar Project is Back

Thank you to everyone that sent in photos. We had a great cross section from individuals and groups for this year's calendar. We should have them in our office by December 10. Stop by for your FREE Community Wellness Calendar.

Christmas Tree of Honor and Remembrance

Our Tree of Remembrance is back. Thank you to the Breton Library for partnering with us. Starting December 2nd, 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.

Kick Off to Christmas

Save the date for our Annual Kick Off to Christmas and Christmas Market on Saturday December 7th. We have a few more details on our Kick Off to Christmas and Santa's Work shop.

- Santa's Workshop – 10am-3pm – Children under 18 can shop for immediate family members. Volunteers will be available to help them shop and wrap their gifts.
- Cookie Decorating with McMan Family Resource staff – 10am-2pm
- Christmas Crafts - 10am-2pm
- Christmas Book Giveaway – Faith Covenant Church – 10am-2pm

- Glitter Tattoos – with Heads Up Family Hair Care – 10am- 1pm
- Visits with Santa – 12pm -2pm
- Hayrides around the Village – 12pm -2pm
- Children's Christmas Play 2:30pm
- Fill the Cruiser – Bring non perishable food donations for the Breton Foodbank to help us fill the cruiser. It will also be at the fireworks on Sunday night following the Christmas parade.

There will also be a Christmas Market. The market is currently full. The community centre will be full of vendors to help you with your holiday shopping. The market will run from 10am – 4pm. We could use volunteers to assist with the following activities:

- * Gift Wrapping & Helping children shop

Please contact Deanne at Breton FCSS or Bonnie at ATB Financial if you are able to assist. We would like to remind community members that our Santa's Workshop is for youth 17 & under to shop for their immediate family. We want to ensure that all children have the opportunity to select items for their family members.

Magic of Lights Trip

We will be taking a trip to see the Magic of Light on Tuesday December 10. The van will leave from the Village of Breton office at 4:40. If the majority of the passengers wish, we will be stopping for a evening meal at Ku's in Thorsby following the tour through the lights. The cost to travel and see the lights is \$5/person. Space is limited to 17 passengers. Please register and pay prior to December 6. Cost of the meal is not included. This will be up to each individual.

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 5.
- * 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.

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FCSS NEWS continued

Secret Santa for Seniors

- * If you love to wrap Christmas gifts, we are looking for VOLUNTEERS on December 18, & 19.
- * Deliveries will be made on December 23. 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.

NEW – Secret Santa for Youth

We have decided to expand our Secret Santa Program to include the youth of our community. This will run the same way as the Senior's program (see above). Youth that are from families that are experiencing some financial hardship this year, can complete a "Christmas Wish List". Tags will be placed on a separate Secret Santa Tree in the Village office. The tags will only include their gender and age. Once a tag is selected you will receive information on the child's "Christmas Wishes." You shop for the individual and return the unwrapped gifts to our office to be wrapped and delivered to the youth. All recipients remain confidential for both the youth and senior program.

Both the Secret Santa Tree for seniors and the Youth Giving Tree will be available to choose from starting on December 2nd and gifts need to be returned by December 16th.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Join us for the Magic of Lights
Christmas display drive through at RAD Torque
Raceway

Tuesday December 10, 2024
Van leaves Breton at 4:40
Returns approximately 7:30 pm
(If the group agrees to stop for supper)

Admission- \$5/person
(supper cost not included)



Must pre-register with Breton FCSS - 780-696-3636
Space limited to 17 passengers



NOW HIRING YARD HAND/WORKER

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Job Overview:

As a Yard Hand employee at our Thorsby office you would be responsible for aiding in the day-to-day operations of the company. You would be required to work individually, but also as part of a team to provide exceptional customer service. Your responsibilities would entail a variety of duties such as (but not limited to) packaging & shipping orders, shipping/receiving, operating various yard equipment such as forklifts and small power tools, cutting grass, cleaning and disposing of litter, and other general yard duties in all types of weather.

We are looking for:

- forklift certified – will train
- shipping/receiving experience is an asset
- labour and powertool experience is an asset
- strong customer service focus
- be physically fit (bend, crouch, kneel, handle heavy loads, fast paced environment, work outdoors)
- excellent communication, both written and verbal
- team player, mature, responsible
- ability to follow direction

Resumes can be submitted to
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Shirley Anne Hoch

January 7, 1938 – November 24, 2024

Shirley Anne Hoch of Rimbey, Alberta passed away at the Rimbey Hospital and Care Centre on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at the age of 86 years.

Shirley was born on January 7, 1938, in Edmonton, Alberta to Eric and Gertrude Boden. Being an only child, she was lucky to have a large group of cousins that she spent lots of time with. Shirley was raised at Pigeon Lake, Alberta and attended school at the Lakedell School. Following high school, she continued her education at a business school in Edmonton. In 1957, Shirley met Alfred Hoch of Wetaskiwin, and they were married on September 6, 1958. The Hoch family grew with the arrival of Karen in 1959 and Lorne in 1963. Shirley worked as a bookkeeper while Alfred worked and saved money to buy a farm. That dream came true when they purchased land in the Yeoford, Alberta area in 1961. On November 24, 1964, they moved the family to Yeoford where Shirley lived until Alfred passed away in 2017. After leaving the farm, she moved to the Valley View Manor in Rimbey and then to Long Term Care a year ago.

Shirley was active on the farm helping milk cows and haying. She always had a big vegetable garden, but especially enjoyed her flower garden. Shirley constantly kept busy sewing clothes for Karen and eventually for her granddaughters. She loved sewing Barbie doll clothes, which her great-granddaughter Paige still plays with today. Shirley also enjoyed quilting, but spent more time designing her quilts than sewing them. She was a gifted artist and enjoyed different types of painting; her favourite being watercolours, with many fine pieces being cherished gifts to family. For many years Shirley was active in the Yeoford Ladies Club, the Winfield Art Club, and the Crown Jewels of Canada Society. Shirley loved her grandchildren with all her heart, and they all loved spending time on the farm during summer holidays. Shirley and Alfred enjoyed many travels across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia to visit family and friends. Her favourite trips were to Dawson Creek, British Columbia to see her son Lorne and his family, and explore their part of the country.

Shirley is remembered by her daughter Karen (Bruce) Viney of Olds; and her son Lorne (Patti) Hoch of Dawson Creek. She is also remembered by her grandchildren Tanya Viney of Bentley; Nicole (Mike) Fischer of Calgary; Jennifer Viney of Livelong, Saskatchewan; Cody Hoch of Dawson Creek; and David Hoch of Penticton, British Columbia; as well as three great-grandchildren Brayden Viney, James Fischer, and Paige Fischer. Shirley was predeceased by her husband Alfred; her parents Eric and Gertrude; and her grandson Michael Viney.

With respect for Shirley's wishes, no formal funeral service will be held. She will be laid to rest with her husband Alfred in the Mount Clare Cemetery, Winfield at a later date.

If desired, memorial donations in Shirley's memory may be made directly to STARS Air Ambulance, Box 570, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 8M7 (www.stars.ca); or to the Rimbey Hospital and Care Centre, c/o the Rimbey Hospital Legacy Committee, Box 440, Rimbey, Alberta T0C 2J0 (www.rimbeyhospitallegacycommittee.com). Condolence messages may be forwarded to the family by visiting: www.ofc-ltd.ca

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- Friday, December 27 9am - 3pm
- Saturday, December 28 10am - 4pm
- Sunday, December 29 CLOSED
- Monday, December 30 9am - 3pm
- Tuesday, December 31 9am - 3pm
- Wednesday, January 1 CLOSED



*Please ensure you have adequate supply
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Greetings from Breton Elks Lodge #402



Well hello everyone, here is hoping that all is well with everyone. It appears that old man winter has arrived with a vengeance. This reminds me of what my Dad used to tell me "What did we do with our summer wages". For sure you don't want to leave the house without a big coat.

Well with the arrival of winter, it is time to get down to the business at hand. Work has begun on the ice rink for another season of skating. So stay tuned for results on this project. On December 8 the Village will once again see a parade of lights to kick off the holiday season. This parade will terminate with hot chocolate and cookies at the ice cream shop at the RV Park. Also enjoy the fireworks.

Moving on from this event will see the annual Christmas supper at Breton Community Centre December 14th. This will be sponsored by Breton Elks and Royal Purple Elks along with Village Council. The event will also see a visit from the Big Guy in the red suit from the far north. I am sure we are all eager to have an opportunity to say hi to Santa. Then enjoy a magnificent helping of roasted turkey, ham and all the trimming, a feast prepared by a group of loving and caring individuals.

Although the festive season is at the top of everyone's list, there still remains ongoing business. Breton lodge will be traveling to Camrose for April 11 and 12 to do their part in working the casino. This is the opportunity to bring back some cash to our community in order to support the ongoing events which take place throughout the year.

A decision was made to make a cash donation to The Sew Heavenly Quilters in support of their efforts. This group gets together to manufacture warm quilts which are donated to individuals young and old who suffer from unfortunate events in their lives. Keep up the good work quilters.

This past year Breton Elks decided to become involved with the Covenant Bay Bible Camp by contributing a cash donation. This camp has been in business for a number of years and specializes in promoting good citizenship among young people. A number of young people from our community have attended.

A group of Elk members from our lodge will be travelling to Rimbey to assist with the Albert Women's Championship Curling which will take place January 21 to 25. This event will be the front runner to the Scotties Tournament of Heart. During this prestigious event in Rimbey, the Elks will have an opportunity of much appreciated publicity and the opportunity to spread the good word of Elkdom.

Since this completes our monthly review of Elkdom in our community, I will bid all of you a farewell for now. But I do look forward to chatting again soon. So stay safe, stay happy. AI

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3. Only 2 entries at a time, please
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Entries will be accepted until closing December 15, 2024. Names drawn are to be phoned to Darren Scott at
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**Main draw will take place on December 16, 2024 at 10:00am.
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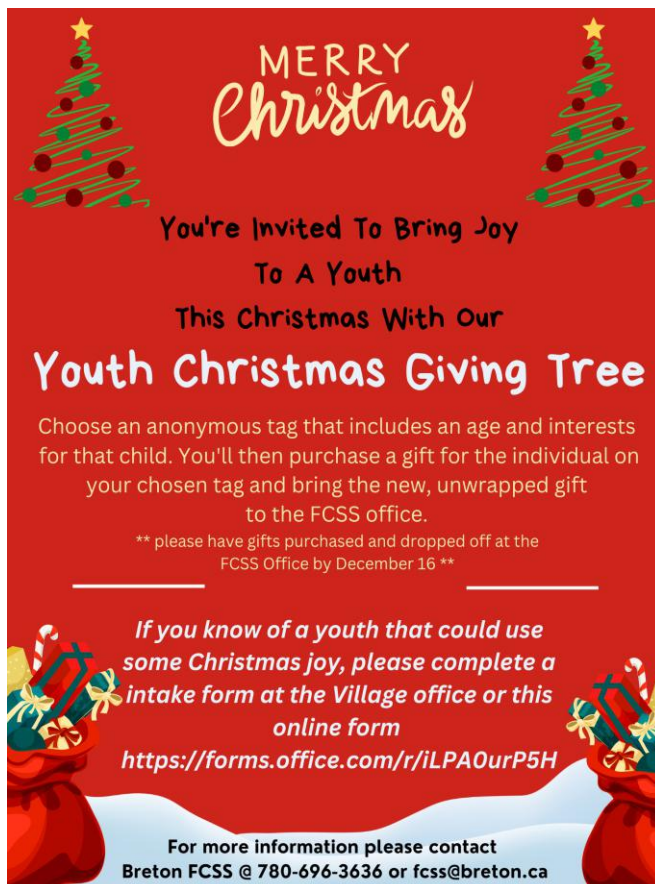
We are inviting Seniors to register to receive a
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Names should be submitted by December 6th.

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BRAZEAU COUNTY PASSES 2025 INTERIM BUDGET

BRAZEAU COUNTY, November 28, 2024 — On November 21, Brazeau County Council passed an interim budget for 2025, with a focus on core services.

The interim budget maintains the years-long freeze on municipal taxes. Fees, which were limited to zero or to minimal levels in previous years, are not set to increase.

The budget also includes \$11.25 million in capital investment in roads, equipment replacement, and other infrastructure.

"Low taxes, low fees, and investment in infrastructure continue to be the focus for Council," says Reeve Bart Guyon. "We have a balanced budget that keeps money in ratepayers' pockets while focusing on priority capital projects."

Infrastructure investments and other initiatives include:

- Five microsurfacing road maintenance projects
- Base stabilization and cape sealing of internal roads at Northside Acres and Fairway Meadows
- Replacement of fencing and new sorting equipment at the Lindale Rodeo Grounds
- Replacement of Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services aerial truck
- Investment in efficiency upgrades at the Cynthia solar aquatics plant
- Equipment replacement

Council passes an interim budget in order to proceed on approved operational and capital projects in the period between now and when the County receives final property assessment information, and approval of a final budget in April.

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Community Event Grant Deadlines

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find out more about this and other grants at
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IMPORTANT DATES

December 6 | Cram the Cruiser |
4-9pm

December 10 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting |
11:00 am

December 17 | Council Meeting | 9:00 am

December 18 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 1:00 pm

December 25 | Brazeau County Administration Building
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December 26 | Brazeau County Administration Building
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December 27 | Brazeau County Administration Building
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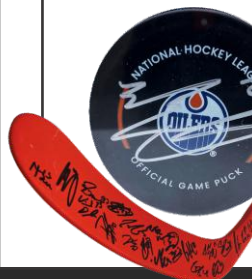
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

As you may know, there are ongoing postal disruptions at Canada Post. As a result, utility bills being issued via mail will not be delivered. **However, your bill due date will remain the same.**

The December utility bill will be issued on Wednesday, December 6th. Residents will be able to come to the office to pick their bill up during business hours of Monday to Thursday 8:30 to 4pm. **As an alternative we strongly encourage residents to sign up for e-billing.**

What is e-billing?

Village of Breton utility customers can now **go paperless with their monthly utility bills** by signing up for the Village's e-billing service.

How does e-billing work?

Once you have signed up for the e-billing service, you will receive an email with your utility invoice attached once it has been generated.

How can I pay my utility bill?

There are several options for paying your utility bill:

- In person
- At your bank
- Through online banking
- Automatic withdrawal

How do I sign up for e-billing?

To sign up for the e-billing service you can either:

- Call the Town office at (780) 696-3636 ext 2
- Come in person; or
- Email **admin@breton.ca** with your name, address, account number and email address you would like to use.



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RCMP COMMUNITY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024

*Cst. J. Conway, Thorsby/Breton
RCMP Detachment*

Total Calls for Service	278
Suspicious Persons/ Vehicle	12
Collisions	37
Vehicle Theft	8
Fraud	5
Break and Enter	10
Assault	0
Impaired	3
Recovered Vehicles	6
Missing Person	0

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Thorsby/Breton RCMP encourages drivers to prepare for winter driving conditions

Thorsby/Breton Alta. – Alberta motorists are no strangers to how treacherous the roads become when the snow starts falling, especially on highways. Slippery conditions and reduced visibility can make winter driving hazardous, requiring extra caution and preparation.

Thorsby/Breton RCMP remind drivers to stay safe this winter by following these driving tips:

- Ensure your car is winter-ready by installing winter tires, checking fluid levels, and replacing windshield wipers if needed.
- Drive at a slower speed to account for reduced traction on icy or snow-covered roads.
- Leave extra space between your vehicle and the one in front of you to allow for longer braking distances on slick roads.
- Make sure your headlights and taillights are on at all times to improve visibility for yourself and others.
- Fully clear all snow and ice from your vehicle,

- including windows, mirrors, and lights, before driving.
- Equip your vehicle with a winter survival kit, including items like a blanket, flashlight, food, water, and a shovel in case you get stuck.
- Be cautious on bridges, overpasses, and shaded areas, which tend to freeze faster and may have black ice that's difficult to see.
- Steer, accelerate, and brake smoothly to maintain control of your vehicle in slippery conditions.
- Keep your full attention on the road and avoid distractions, as winter driving requires heightened awareness of your surroundings.

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
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RESPONSE TO FEDERAL- PROVINCIAL MEETING

Alberta News, November 27, 2024

Premier Danielle Smith released the following statement after the meeting between the prime minister and premiers:

"The Council of the Federation had a meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to discuss an approach to dealing with the 25 per cent tariff on Canadian products threatened by the incoming U.S. administration.

"Although I oppose any tariffs on Canadian or U.S. products, it is my view that President Donald Trump, and the tens of millions of Americans who voted for him, have valid concerns related to illegal migrants and drug smuggling at our shared border. We know that the problem is much more serious at the Mexican-U.S. border, however, that does not diminish the need for the federal government and every province bordering the United States to take immediate steps to crack down heavily on these illegal border activities. Doing so is good for both the United States and Canada.

"I communicated this very clearly to the prime minister, and further indicated that Alberta will be acting urgently and decisively to patrol our own shared border with Montana, with more details to be announced soon in that regard. I also expressed the need for the federal government to aggressively move up compliance with our country's NATO obligations of a two per cent of GDP spend on our military forces which is yet another concrete way to solidify our economic and military alliance with the United States.

"I also ensured the prime minister and premiers understood the supreme importance of recognizing the incoming administration's commitment to energy security, and that Alberta is uniquely positioned in all of the world as the perfect partner to the United States in achieving that objective. It is therefore utter foolishness for the federal government to enact an energy production cap that would result in a massive curtailment of oil to the United States. I urged the Prime Minister to withdraw this energy production cap immediately as a show of commitment to North American energy security and partnership.

"In the coming months, my ministers and I will be working aggressively to reach out to our U.S. allies involved with the incoming U.S. administration and Congressional leadership to work on strengthening our economic and energy partnership and detailing the work that premiers across the country are actively engaged in to strengthen our nation's border security."

In Response to Canada-U.S. Tariff discussion Premier Danielle Smith also released the following statement on November 30 after a meeting between Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and incoming U.S. President Donald Trump.

"It is telling that one of the primary topics of discussion between incoming President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was oil and gas pipelines. It once again demonstrates that the path to strong security and economic relationships with the United States is directly tied to our nation's commitment to providing the United States with the oil and gas it requires to achieve its energy security and affordability goals.

"We therefore reiterate our call to the Prime Minister to immediately scrap the Canadian oil and gas production cap and work with Alberta and all provinces to secure the border from illegal drugs and illegal migrants and, critically, to commence work on additional pipeline infrastructure between Canada and the United States."

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- **Craft Area**
- **Glitter Tattoos - 10:00 - 1:00**
- **Visit with Santa - 12:00- 2:00**
- **Hayrides - 12:00 - 2:00**
- **Christmas Play - 2:30 - 3:30 *NEW! TIME***
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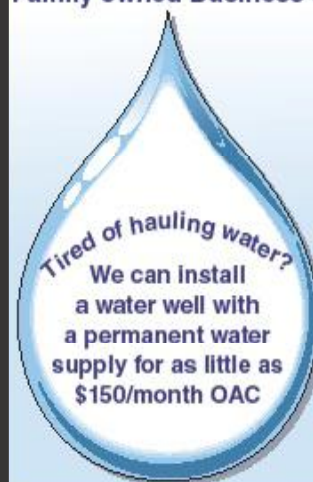
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PUTTING AN END TO THE PHOTO RADAR CASH COW

Alberta News, December 2, 2024

Alberta's government is ending the photo radar cash cow, eliminating areas where photo radar is used to generate revenue with no traffic safety benefit.

Many Albertans have expressed growing frustration with photo radar, questioning its focus on revenue rather than safety. In response to these concerns, Alberta's government paused the introduction of new photo radar equipment and locations on Dec. 1, 2019. Now, after thorough analysis and consultation, Alberta's government is taking bold steps to restore public trust.

Effective April 1, 2025, ticketing on numbered provincial highways will end as photo radar will be restricted to school, playground and construction zones. Intersection safety devices in Alberta will also be restricted to red light enforcement only, ending the 'speed-on-green' ticketing function.

Municipalities will also be able to request that the province approve additional photo radar locations on an exceptional basis, for high collision areas and where other safety measures cannot be implemented effectively. These types of exceptions will be subject to an audit every two years to assess the effectiveness of photo radar at the site in reducing collisions.

"This is great news for Alberta drivers. These changes will once and for all kill the photo radar cash cow in Alberta. Albertans can be confident that photo radar will only be used to improve traffic and roadside worker safety and not to make money." Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

The next step for government is to review every existing photo radar site in the province over the next four months. As part of that review, those that are deemed ineffective, or outside of a school, playground, or construction zone, will be removed. This is expected to reduce the current 2,200 approved sites by 70 per cent, which would also better align the amount of photo radar with other provinces. Currently, there are about 70 per cent more photo radar sites used in 24 Alberta municipalities than the next highest province. Allowing these changes to be implemented over the next four months provides municipalities time to transition, update equipment and adjust contracts with vendors.

"It is vital we maintain safety where it matters most—around our schools, playgrounds and construction zones. These are areas where enforcement can genuinely protect lives, not just

generate revenue. With this new policy change, we'll see more officers back in neighbourhoods and that visibility will help tackle the growing issues of crime and disorder – a top priority for Edmontonians and Albertans." Tim Cartmell, councillor, Ward pihêsiwin, City of Edmonton

"The Minister's announcement will ensure that the use of photo radar is focused on enhancing traffic safety on high-risk roadways. RMA looks forward to learning how current photo radar sites will be assessed and is optimistic that this will result in an approach that supports safer roads without unfairly penalizing drivers." Kara Westerlund, president, Rural Municipalities of Alberta

Municipalities will be encouraged to use traffic-calming measures to improve traffic safety, including speed warning signs, speed tables (large flat speed bump), public education campaigns and other tools designed to improve traffic safety. The province will also help make roads safer by providing municipalities with support to reengineer roads and intersections that have been proven to be unsafe.

Quick facts

- Alberta first introduced photo radar in 1987.
- All photo radar sites were removed from ring roads in Calgary and Edmonton on December 1, 2023.
- The government engaged with municipalities in June and August 2024 about photo radar and specifically to discuss solutions to eliminate 'fishing holes.'
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article by Russell Hickman

Electrified, note-bending guitar riffs, cranked and distorted, amplified by EPAC's theatre sound system were music to the ears of a thunderstruck EPAC audience. Regina based multi-genre guitar virtuoso guitarist Jack Semple's fireworks earned the most ardent ovation of the Friday evening. Semple's Gordon Lightfoot tribute at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre featured Lightfoot's best. They were performed in versions touchingly familiar, was evocative of the era, yet sounded fresh and vital.

A Lightfoot concert inspired 11 year-old Semple to a 55 year playing career and this tribute tour. *"My brother Jim took me to the Gordon Lightfoot concert. It was the first live music I'd ever heard, the first guitar I'd ever seen played and the first time I saw Lightfoot play. I was spellbound by his performance, his songwriting and the attention the audience was paying to him! That was my bar to meet! So, I started playing guitar and became enamoured by it. At 67 I'm still practicing and learning."*

Fans of Lightfoot's ever present 12-string may wonder into which of his works an Eddy Van Halen level solo fits. (Lightfoot's 1967 Gibson B45-12 Sunburst "Sundown" acoustic recently sold at auction for \$490,000 C\$) The Grammy-nominated *"The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald"* is the only reason Semple carries an electric guitar on the tour. A single from 1976's *"Summertime Dream"* album, it was the No. 1 single on Canada's RPM chart and Billboard's No. 2. in the U.S. The lyrics recall the fate of a *"good ship and true"* that *"was a bone to be chewed, when the gales of November came early"*.

The ore carrier Edmund Fitzgerald sank into a stormy Lake Superior on November 10, 1975, with the loss of 29 seamen. The song was written and recorded shortly after. Terry Clements' electric guitar's extended atmospherics and PW Charles' pedal steel bell-like tones played over Lightfoot's 12-string on the recording. Semple recalled that they created *"the most magical sounds I've ever heard. I use a Fender Stratocaster for playing 'The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald' onstage. It's probably the only Lightfoot song with distortion! It's the song I wait for all night because I get to rock out on my Stratocaster."* And so he did. His extended solo was emotional, inventive and technical. The ovation was long and loud.

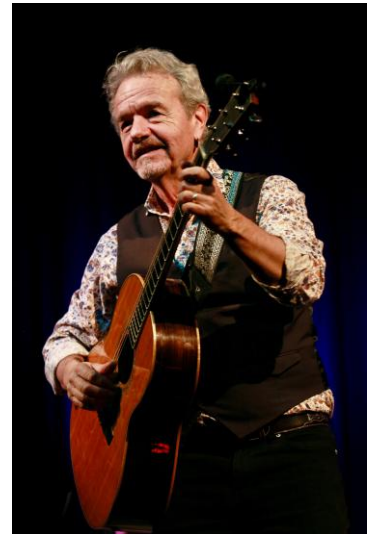
Semple kept his Stratocaster hot for the next song: a funky jazz version of *"Oh Linda"* (Lightfoot! 1966). A local *"Linda"*, responding to the propulsive beat, took up the challenge from the stage asking for a *"sexy dance"* for which she also received a spirited ovation. Sadly, this reporter had a blocked view.

The extra 6-string Larrivee #09 on stage was played by Semple's 35 year side-man, Dave Chabot. Semple praised his friend's musicianship: *"He learned all of Red*

Shea's brilliant extra guitar parts for this tribute. They're in the style of Cat Stevens [Yusuf/Cat Stevens], and Jim Croce. Those beautiful sixths moving along and fingerpicking. He learned them all."

Eighteen songs comprised the setlist. Audience favourites also included *"Early Morning Rain"* (Lightfoot! 1966), *"If You Could Read My Mind"* (Sit Down Young Stranger 1970), and *"For Lovin' Me"* (Lightfoot! 1966). Semple explained his choices: *"The era of Lightfoot's songs between 1966 and 1976 are my favourites. Those were formative years for me. I was born in 1957. Any music that you're in love with in that age range stays with you. They are all brilliant, they are all h i g h l e v e l compositions!"*

The standing ovation and cheers as Semple and Chabot returned for the encore attest to the brilliance on stage as well. Their heart felt tribute, accomplished playing, and genre-blending versions of Lightfoot classics made for a great evening of entertainment.



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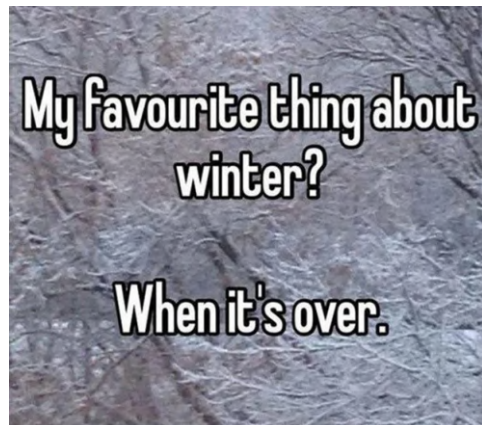


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