BOOSTER



The Breton Chamber of Commerce is offering a \$1000 Christmas Shopping Spree for Chamber dollars to be used at our local businesses. This is the way Breton Chamber members give back to our community saying thanks for your patronage this past year. You can enter at

local businesses around Breton until December 15. The draw will take place on December 16 and winner will be in the paper next week.



More details inside this issue!!

The referral deadline for Breton Christmas Wishes is December 12.

Call or text Diane if you know someone who could benefit or would like to donate!

THE BRETON YOUTH CENTRE DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:

IS THERE GARLICIN THAT FRUITCAKE?

A VERY SCARY CHRISTMAS PLAY

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16 DECEMBER, 2024

BRETON HIGH SCHOOL BANDROOM

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FOR MORE INFO:
BRETONYOUTHCENTRE@GMAIL.COM



Due to the holidays, there will be NO BRETON BOOSTER ON JANUARY 1, 2025!

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*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.







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Sudoku Answers from December 4 Issue

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



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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.
- 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.
- 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: <u>hr@leducregionalhousing.ca</u>

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

<u>December 11</u> - FRN Holiday Movie at the Breton Youth Centre from 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

<u>December 12</u> - After School Christmas Movie and Craft in the Village of Warburg Office basement from 3:15 - 4:45pm.

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

<u>December 14</u> - 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.

<u>December 15</u> - Divine Liturgy on Sunday at St. John The Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Thorsby at 12:00 p.m. For further information, contact Dan at 780-789-3698.

<u>December 16</u>-Christmas Open House hosted by the Village of Breton from 10am-2pm. Conversation & Cookies with Council at the Breton Village Office.

<u>December 16</u> - Christmas Drama Club Show presented by the Breton Youth Centre Drama Club in the Breton High School Band room at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

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

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

<u>December 20</u> - FRN Gingerbread Houses at the Breton Youth Centre from 3:30pm - 5pm.

<u>January 1</u> - PJ Day Movie-A-Thon from 2-4pm & 5-7pm at the Breton Youth Centre

<u>January 18</u> - 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.

<u>February 5,- Managing Menopause</u> class at the Warburg Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic from 6-8pm. Register with Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or email <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

<u>February 15</u> - Comedy Night with the Pepper & Dylan Show's Rob Pepper hosted by the Warburg playschool. Get your tickets at www.funnyfundraising.ca

Community Events & Information is <u>FREE</u> 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....





NOW HIRING

Wilf Brandt Trucking Ltd. is seeking Experienced Class 1 Oilfield Drivers, for Year-Round Production Fluid Hauling in the Warburg, Thorsby, Leduc, Drayton Valley and Pigeon Lake areas.

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Please email resume along with a current drivers abstract to info@wilfbrandttrucking.ca

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.

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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





BRETON AND AREA FCSS

Tree of Remembrance

Celebrate the memory of your loved one on our Tree of Remembrance. The Tree will be placed in the Breton Library on December 2. Ornaments are available for you to place on the tree with a loved one's name. An ad with all the names will be place in the Breton Booster prior to Christmas.

There is no cost to place an ornament.



For more information please contact Breton and Area FCSS at 780-696-3636 or fcss@breton.ca

This is a partnership with the Breton Municipal Library.



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

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

<u>DRAMA CLUB</u> at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. Accepting registration for Jan to June session. Email <u>bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com</u>

TUESDAYS

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

TAI CHI at the Warburg Community Hall, Wednesdays 10am to 11am, \$2.780-848-2841 or office@warburg.ca

THURSDAYS

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

<u>OLDER ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES</u> - 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. (NOT December 19 or 26)

FRIDAYS

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

<u>MUSIC, BIBLE & PIZZA</u> on alternating Fridays at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12 from 3 - 5:30pm. (December 13)

SATURDAYS

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

<u>WELCOME TO BRETON</u> - 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

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>

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

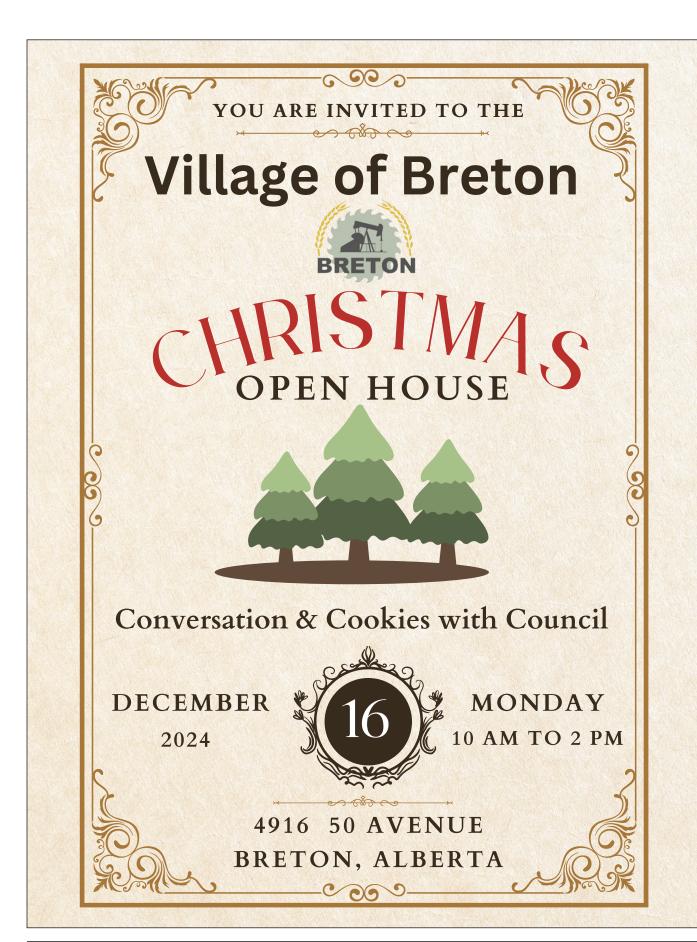
BRETON ELKS 402 - at 7:30pm every 3rd Thursday of the month (except July & August) at the Community Centre. 780-898-3557 or bretonelks402@gmail.com



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.





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.

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

What a weekend in Breton! The Village was full of Christmas cheer, children laughing, wagon rides around town, visits with Santa, crafts, cookie decorating, glitter tattoos and shopping for loved ones in both Santa's Workshop and the Christmas Market, followed the next night by the Christmas Parade, hot chocolate and cookies along with the most wonderful fireworks! None of this would have been possible with out the many volunteers and the partnerships with the Breton Agricultural Society and the Village of Breton. When the community comes together, magical things can happen.

Thank you also to Shawna from McMan Family Resource Network, Conny from Brighter Futures, the Breton Playschool, Amanda and her team, all of the volunteers in Santa's Workshop, the craft area and anyone that brought food to help Fill the Cruiser

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.
- * 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.



Dawn Heisler 780-619-2564 (cell)

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Real Estate

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VACANT LOTS IN WARBURG



75' wide serviced lots on pavement. 3 left to choose from. **\$40,000**

FCSS NEWS continued

Christmas Budgeting

Here are six last-minute Christmas budgeting tips for you master procrastinators... err... busy people.

- 1. Make a List and check it twice Make a list of all your family and friends who have been good girls and boys. Once you decide who is deserving of a gift from you, determine how much money you can realistically afford to spend. Then, designate a set portion of the total amount for each person on your list. For example, let's say you have \$600 to spend, and you need to buy gifts for ten family members and five friends. You may decide that you'll spend \$40 on each person on the list. On the other hand, you may want to spend \$50 on each of your family members and \$20 on each of your friends. No matter what, stick to your initial budget, and don't spend money you don't have.
- 2. **Avoid Overspending** Many holiday shoppers let their emotions get the best of them, and they end up overspending. Maybe you feel terrible that you don't visit your mother enough, so you decide to spend \$300 on a fancy bracelet for her. Don't fall prey to holiday guilt. Not only will overspending break your budget, but you'll also set unrealistic expectations. In other words, your friends and family will begin to expect lavish gifts from you every Christmas.
- 3. Pay in Cold, Hard Cash One way to force yourself to stick to your holiday budget is to pay for all your gifts with cash. Simply withdraw the amount that you can afford to spend on your holiday gifts. When that money is gone, Christmas shopping time is over. When you pay with a credit card, it can be easy to lose track of exactly how much money you've spent. An extra \$5 here or \$12 there may not seem like a big deal when you're paying with plastic. However, when you have a set wad of dollars in your pocket designated for Christmas gifts, you have a visual, concrete reminder of how much money you have left to spend. Therefore, you'll be less tempted to go over budget on each individual gift.
- 4. **Become a Lone-Wolf Shopper** People who shop alone generally spend less money than those who shop with friends and family members. Not only can a shopping partner cause distraction and break your fiscal focus, but they may also pressure you into buying items you really don't need.
- 5. **Don't Buy Presents for Yourself** When you're out shopping for friends and relatives, you're bound to come across some glorious item that you absolutely must have. However, remind yourself that this is the season for giving, not receiving.
- 6. **Get Creative** If you're really strapped for cash this Christmas, consider giving out non-monetary gifts. For example, you may offer to paint your

grandmother's kitchen or babysit your best friend's son. Create hand-made or computer print-out certificates that say things like, "Good for One House Cleaning," or "Dog-Sitting Gift Certificate," and enclose them in a card. You could also save bundle by baking cookies, brownies and other Christmas goodies to give to give out to neighbors and coworkers.

Even if you've waited until the last minute to save up for gifts, it is still possible to avoid bankruptcy this Christmas. Whether you're a procrastinator, ridiculously busy or just down-right forgetful, these six last-minute tips will help you stick to Christmas budget and stay out of the red.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES DECLARATION

SERVICE ALBERTA AND RED TAPE REDUCTION

Due to the Canada Post mail strike, expiry dates for the interim driver's licence issued from November 1, 2024 to January 14, 2025 are extended to expire on February 15, 2025. Albertans with interim driver's licences can continue to operate a motor vehicle while awaiting the final driver's licence card once mail service is reinstated. Motor Vehicle Services continue to be delivered through Alberta's Registry Agents and online.

Visit Alberta.ca for additional information



Royal Purple Elks Photo Contest

Send in or drop off your favorite pictures.



\$1 per picture entry fee

Winning photo receives 50% of the money collected the other half goes to the Fund for Children

Winning entry will be displayed on the yearly Royal Purple Community Birthday Calendar!

Photos taken of Breton and area preferred.

Photos can be dropped off at Darren Scott Accounting

Deadline for submissions: January 15, 2025

For more information or questions call: Margaret 780-696-2427 or 780-621-6143





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.







BRAZEAU COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 3, Regular Council Meeting

Returning Officer Appointment

Council appointed Courtney Whalen the returning officer for the 2025 municipal election. Staff will bring a bylaw requiring prospective candidates to provide a criminal record check with their nomination papers to the December 17th meeting.

RCMP Updates

Staff Sgt. Rob Gillies, Breton Detachment and Staff Sgt Ryan Hoetmer, Drayton Valley Detachment presented their quarterly updates, and discussed local law enforcement files in closed session.

In Drayton Valley, there has been a 9% decrease in total Criminal Code offences for the period of July to September when compared to the same period in 2023, with 149 offences in 2024 compared to 164 last year.

In Breton, total Criminal Code offences have dropped 6% when comparing the July to September 2024 time period to the same period in 2023, with 134 offences in 2024, compared to 143 last year.

Detachments continue to focus on reducing property crime, managing prolific offenders, reducing impaired driving, and community engagement.

Letter to Prime Minister regarding emissions cap regulations

Council authorized the reeve's signature on a letter from the Town of Drayton Valley to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding the government's draft regulations to cap greenhouse gas emission in the oil and gas industry and the detrimental effects it may have on the local economy.

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.



Council participated in the S.O.S. (Socks or Sweaters)
Campaign's Shirt of Your Back Challenge before the meeting.
Council challenged all Brazeau businesses to donate gently
used or new hoodies, sweaters, or socks to help keep
someone warm this season. Details on the County Facebook

Breton & District Chamber of Commerce

Christmas Shopping Spree



to spend at Local Chamber of Commerce Businesses

Shopping Spree Rules 2024

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

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



more prizes & businesses added every day

Enter your name at any of the the following businesses

AIF Breton

ATB Financial

Banman Westerlund LLP

Breton Tires and Tow

Breton Booster

Breton Dental

Breton Family Dining

Breton Family Foods

Breton IDA

Breton Veterinary

Services

Darren Scott Accounting

Services

Gazelle's Group of

Companies

Git R Dun Trucking

Heads Up Family Hair

Care

Moores Realty

Nature's Fuels Salt 'N' Pepper

Suds & Bucket Truck &

Car Wash

The Co-operators Village of Breton WC Trucking

One name will be drawn from each box and the final winner will be drawn from those names Entries will be accepted until closing December 15, 2024. Names drawn are to be phoned to Darren Scott at 780-696-3800 and leave message.

Main draw will take place on December 16, 2024 at 10:00am. at Darren Scott Accounting Services.



Breton Museum

submitted by Allan Goddard

4711 - 51 Street, Breton / 780-696-2551 / bretonmuse@yahoo.com

EVERY FAMILY SHARES A STORY

From Africa to Alberta

The Impey Family's Transcontinental Journey

Part 8: A New Life in Alberta

A number of individuals have inquired whether there was going to be additional articles about the Impey family's journey from Africa to Alberta. I apologize for the delay in getting the next chapter of the story written.

Now to pick up the story. We concluded Part 8 with the Impey family arriving in Edmonton, in October 1922, after a long tiring journey from Kenya Africa. The family soon found a house to rent and purchased some necessary household furnishings. The next priority was to locate land to establish a farm.

Prior to leaving Kenya, George G. Impey had corresponded with the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) about purchasing land. The CPR had received land grants across Western Canada as part payment for building the Canadian Transcontinental Railway. Over time these properties were offered for sale to individuals wanting to purchase land. The CPR agent took George G. to a number of locations east and north of Edmonton, but most of the land was open prairie and did not appeal to George. The Impey's had come from an area in Kenya which had trees.

Hugh Impey had found employment with Gainer's meat processing plant. One of the men working at the plant asked why Hugh's family didn't consider filing on a 160acre homestead, for a fee of \$10.00, rather than paying CPR \$18.00 per acre to purchase land. George G. went to the Edmonton land office to inquire about available homesteads and found land available in the Wenham Valley area south west of Edmonton. Transportation was arranged to check out the area. George G. along with his sons travelled to the area and met with the local homestead agent Mark Wenham, and another local homesteader Jack Bowman. The two men helped the Impey's locate available land to file on. Homestead land was available to any male over the age of eighteen, and since George G. had served with the British Army in Kenya, he was also eligible to file on an additional quarter as a Soldier's Grant. George would file on the south half of Section 19-47-3-W5.

Returning to Edmonton they purchased horses, wagons and supplies necessary to establish a farm in the bush lands of Alberta. The work was about to begin as they were staring over again to establish a farm. The Impey's

would also experience something new called WINTER in ALBERTA and SNOW, something they had never seen. Soon the three wagons were loaded with supplies and George G. along with his sons and daughter Enid headed back to the homestead. Ida and Effie remained in Edmonton, for a short time, while the first group fixed up a vacant cabin near the homestead and started constructing a barn and house. By Christmas 1922 the Impey family were permanent residents of the community.

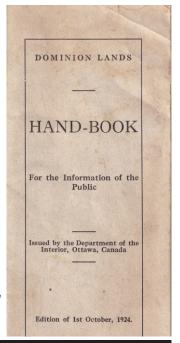
The next several years were busy ones for the family. Land was cleared and prepared for planting on the homestead, additional land was rented on crop shares in the area until sufficient land of their own could be put in production. Like many early homesteaders they earned income from shipping cream. George and Hugh would file on homesteads, Hugh on a quarter near his parents and George next to the future hamlet of Breton.

George and Ida's original buildings on the east quarter did not have a good source of water. However, a fresh water spring was discovered on the west quarter, so it

was decided to relocate the buildings. The house a n d b a r n w e r e disassembled and rebuilt near the spring. Ida would name the farm Craigie Burn. It is interesting to note that the spring still runs year-round at a rate of 50-80 gallons a minute.

We will stop here and pick up the story of George G. and Ida in the next chapter as the family starts to expand to the next generation and George G. and Ida reach their golden years.

Right - Homestead Regulation Booklet given to individuals applying for a Homestead



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As per section 25(2)(a) of the Local Authorities Election Act the nomination period for the 2025. Municipal Election opens at 8 a.m. on January 2, 2025. Nomination papers completed in the prescribed form may be submitted in person at the Brazeau County Administration Office to the returning officer during regular business hours.

Nomination forms will be available at the Brazeau County Administration Office as of January 2, 2025 or can be downloaded at www.alberta.ca/municipal-election-forms. Prospective candidates are required to submit Form 4 and Form 5. *NOTE* Brazeau County Council is considering a bylaw to require prospective candidates to submit a criminal record check as part of the nomination package on December 17.

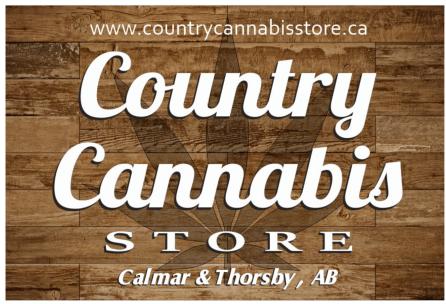
2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION KEY DATES

Nomination Period Opens: 8 a.m. January 2, 2025 Nominations Close: 12 p.m. September 22, 2025

Election Day: October 20, 2025

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- Tuesday, December 31 9am -3pm
- Wednesday, January 1 CLOSED



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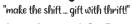
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Santa and the Breton RCMP helped fill the cruiser for the Breton Food bank . Picture from Breton Agricultural Society Facebook



Volunteers helped children under 18 shop and wrap gifts for their family members. Picture from Breton FCSS Facebook





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Happy New Year



Our Office will be closed from 12:00pm

December 24th to January 1st for the holidays!

Normal hours resume January 2, 2025.

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An important note from



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The last issue for 2024 of the Breton Booster for December 25 will be delivered December 24 & the last issue for 2024 of Connect 39 will be the December 20th issue.

There will be **NO Connect 39 on December 27** or **NO Breton Booster on January 1, 2025.**

Connect 39 will resume January 3, 2025 (deadline December 31 at noon) and the Breton Booster will resume January 8, 2025.



Warburg Legion Branch No. 205

The Warburg Legion Newsletter December 2024

As we finish up the Poppy Campaign, we are very excited to name our winners for The Poster & Literacy Contest. This event has us so excited as the entries were all winners. However, the kind folks who came out to help judge each level were amazed at all the work of the kids from four schools, their task was not easy. So, students be very proud of yourselves!

Breton Elementary Primary – Color Poster

Kason Wollen - First Place Chloe Hanna - Second Place

Madelyn Shell - Third Place

Junior - Color Poster

Lily Scott - First Place Eva Foort-Tytiandsvik -Second Place Nova Olson - Third Place

Breton High School

<u>Intermediate – Poem</u> Chantell Campbell - First

Place
Madelyn Emmonds Second Place
Maysen Belland - Third
Place

Intermediate- Essay

Rylin Krel - First Place Sara Gillis - Second Place Payton Baker - Third Place

Warburg School Primary – Color Poster

Lily Anne Mass - First Place

Ryker Prenioslo - Second Place

Taron Blakewiez - Third Place

<u>Junior – Color Poster</u>

Eeshoor Muthali - First Place

Elliott Cropley - Second Place

Ellicia Baisa - Third Place

<u>Junior – Black & White</u> Poster

Theodore Tran - First Place

Senior - Color Poster

(Judges felt these two needed to be first – tie) Freya Abram – First Place Breanna Vultur -First Place

Warburg Colony School

Primary - Color Poster

Logan Wipf – First Place Kelvin Wipf – Second Place

Aalijah Wipf - Third Place

<u>Junior – Color Poster</u>

Jediah Wipf – First Place Jackson Wipf – Second Place

Ivan Wipf – Third Place

<u>Intermediate – Color</u> Poster

Amy Wipf – First Place Elijah Wipf – Second Place

Megan Wipf - Third Place

Senior - Black & White Poster

Johannes Wipf – First Place



Here is a picture from our Remembrance Day! This picture has a group walk of all our visitors doing a final salute on our cenotaph.

We had the honor of Squadron 1 CMG HQ & Sig Sqn Based at CFB Edmonton. This team provides various communications programs for their commander keeping lines of communication for service, supporting domestic communications links between civil officials and supporting government agencies when services were cut in emergency services as well helping during the Pandemic with medical aid. It is a special honor for them to visit schools and communities to celebrate commemorations or Remembrance Day!

We are so thankful to have them visit us as well as supervisors from our Fire and Ambulance Service. We are also pleased to have a retired Veteran & Legion Speaker CPO 2nd Class Sargent Tracy Schultz speak to us on PTSD. Cadets, Officers, Dignitaries and Legion Members all share this walk.

This was a special year for us, having finished phase 1 and bringing the Warburg Legion 205 to code and the hard work of our volunteers and community supporters.

Lets look ahead.....

We are looking for someone who will teach line dancing at the Legion to a bunch of us who like to dance. Please call Dorothy 780-691-3833.

We are also looking for those who want to have an opportunity to come entertain us at Open Mike Night. Please call Deb 780-848-2923

Watch for January 2024 Highlights! Merry Xmas to All from the members of the Warburg Legion 205!



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COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES THE 2025 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET

submitted by the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10

For Immediate Release — On December 3, 2024, the County of Wetaskiwin's Council approved the Operating and Capital Budget for 2025. The comprehensive budget, amounting to \$48.7 million, includes \$26 million funded through tax support. This budget represents a 3.55% tax increase for the average residential ratepayer, based on a property valued at \$350,000—equivalent to less than the cost of a Big Mac each month. The County's Mill Rate will be determined in 2025, post-receipt of provincial assessment figures and the educational requisition with the Provincial Budget announcement.

"This budget reflects a strategic shift in how we are allocating resources. Going forward we will be concentrating even more on our infrastructure and delivering value for residents," said Reeve Josh Bishop. "Through the most collaborative process yet, Administration has delivered exactly what we had asked for. Thanks to the whole team!"

Key Highlights of Budget 2025

- Enhancing 40 kilometers of gravel roads through strategic investments in both operating and capital budgets, prioritizing cost-effectiveness and maximizing value for residents.
- Actively seeking grants to reduce reliance on local tax dollars to fund critical infrastructure.
- Maintaining core services while investing in initiatives to diversify and grow the County's future.
- Continuing investments in recreation with upgrades at the Winfield Arena, Twin Lakes and Viola Beach Day Use areas, and expanded campground improvements.



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Answers will be published in the next issue!



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