

THE BRETON BOOSTER



Tacky Sweater Day!

Picture from Breton Elementary School Facebook Page

BRETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday, December 19
Performances at 1pm & 6:30pm

CANADA POST WORKERS ORDERED BACK TO WORK

Canada post employees are being ordered back to work. Postal workers returned to work on December 17 but it will take some time to clean up the backlog from a month long interruption in service. Monday, December 16 marked day 32 of the strike.

According to CFIB (Canadian Federation of Independent Business) the strike was costing small and medium businesses \$76.6 million dollars a day.

**An update from Canada Post
inside...**

BRETON OUTDOOR SKATING RINK NOW OPEN

**Thank you to
the Breton Elks!**



**The last issue for 2024 of the Breton Booster for December 25 will
be delivered December 24**

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

Classifieds

FOR SALE

2000 DODGE DAKOTA, Extended Cab, 226000km, with canopy, in good shape, V8, \$5000. Call 780-696-6594

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1996 FORMULA S 380 SKI-DOO, Excellent condition! 3500kms. For more info call: 780-682-3845

COMMUNITY EVENTS

"NEW" AA MEETING starting Jan 15, 2025. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Warburg Cultural Centre, 5120 51 Ave in Warburg

WANTED

WESKAY CATTLE CO. IS CURRENTLY SEEKING PASTURE, HAY OR CROP LAND to lease for the 2025 season and on, competitive prices, on time lease payments. Call Wesley 780-982-1093

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SERVICES

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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 or call 780-434-7446

DROP OFF your Payments & 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



5031 - 50 Street
Breton, AB
780-696-3594

Holiday Hours:

- Monday, December 23 9am - 6pm
- Tuesday, December 24 9am - 3pm
- Wednesday, December 25 CLOSED
- Thursday, December 26 CLOSED
- 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 of your Medication for the Holidays!!

PLEASE NOTE STARTING January 2 we will have new week day hours.

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
and Saturday 10am - 4pm



Merry Christmas



from
BRETON TIRES AND TOW

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5403 47 Street

CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 20 FOR THE HOLIDAYS & BACK JANUARY 2, 2025

24 Hour Towing Still Available

"little papers...BIG RESULTS"

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

Sudoku Answers from
December 11 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.



CONVEYOR BELT REPAIR TECHNICIANS

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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



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



www.mikeshomesltd.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS & info

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

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

December 20 - Kick off Christmas Family Bowling Party at Thorsby Recreation Complex.

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

December 29 - Pancake Breakfast at the Warburg Legion from 8:30am - 11:30am. \$10 per plate. Kids under 5 free.

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

January 12 - Pancake Breakfast at the Warburg Legion from 8:30am - 11:30am. \$10 per plate. Kids under 5 free.

January 18 - 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.

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

January 25 - Newfoundland Kitchen Party at the Warburg Legion at 6pm. \$30 per ticket (pre-sale). For tickets contact Deb at 780-848-2923

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

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

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
are FREE to advertise*

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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....

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

Join us for our Advent Celebrations

11am on Sunday mornings

Peace Dec 8

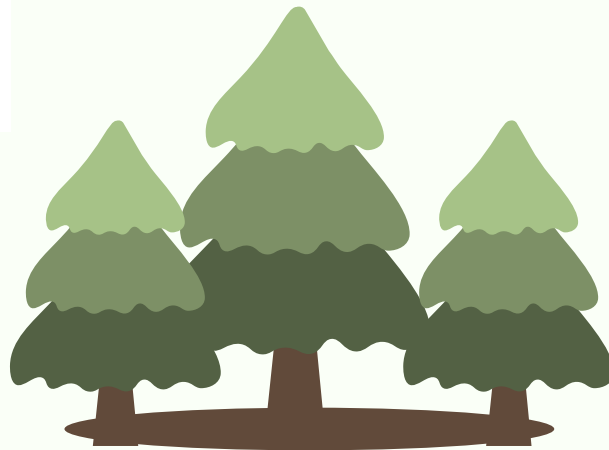
Hope Dec 1

Joy Dec 15

Love Dec 22

Christmas Eve service at 6pm

4712-53Ave, Breton AB, 780-696-3669
office.faithcovenantchurch@gmail.com



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the

Village Of Breton Council & Staff

**Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones!
May this festive season be filled with joy,
warmth, laughter, and cherished moments
that create lasting memories.**

**After Hours
EMERGENCY #
780-202-4962**

**Office Hours
CLOSED
December 24th, 2024
until
Noon January 2nd, 2025**

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. 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

AA MEETING starting Jan 15, 2025. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Warburg Cultural Centre, 5120 51 Ave in Warburg

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

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. (NOT December 19 or 26)

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

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

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

What did Adam
say on the day
before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Supply and Deliver of Bagged Firewood

The County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 invites written proposals for the supply and delivery of bagged firewood to the County of Wetaskiwin Winfield Public Works Shop for the 2025 Camping Season in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract documents. Request for Proposal (RFP) documents may be picked up at the County of Wetaskiwin Administration Office or found at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca.

Proposals must be received by the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 **by 10:00 a.m. local time, Friday, January 31, 2025. SEALED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** must be addressed as follows:

Request for Proposal – Supply and Delivery of Bagged Firewood

Geoff Lynch
Director of Leisure & Community Services
County of Wetaskiwin No. 10
Box 6960
Wetaskiwin, Alberta
T9A 2G5

Request for Proposals are to be submitted on the provided Bid Sheet. Request for Proposals must also include a completed reference sheet and current resume of the applicant. Failure to provide all required information may result in rejection of the Request for Proposal package.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Tenders and to waive irregularities and informalities at its discretion. The County reserves the right to accept a Tender other than the lowest Tender without stating reasons. By the act of submitting its Tender, the Tenderer waives any right to contest in any legal proceedings or action the right of the County to award the Tender to any Tenderer in its sole and unfettered discretion. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the County may consider any other factor besides price and capability to perform the work that it deems in its sole discretion to be relevant to its decision including, but not limited to the following:

Experience; Reputation; Safety considerations; Terms of delivery; Customer service; Quality of past performance.

For more information contact:
Geoff Lynch
Director of Leisure & Community Services
780-352-3321





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.



Breton Community Supper



Breton Community pulled off another hugely successful Community Supper.
We fed approximately 285 people with 207 volunteer hours.

The community stepped up to help with donations from the Village of Breton,
FCSS and individuals.

Volunteers came from far and wide. Some from Rimbey and Drayton Valley
and locals from Breton ATB, Village staff and council, Breton Soccer and
Baseball clubs, Breton Elks, Breton Royal Purple Elks and others.



Thank You



We also had the Breton Community Band playing Christmas music which was a
great addition to our evening.

Santa also put in an appearance during this busy season to check his list of who
is naughty and nice.



This project shows what a great community we live in.

THANK-YOU from the Breton #402 Elks Lodge



Breton & District Chamber of Commerce
Christmas Shopping Spree
to spend at Local Chamber of Commerce Businesses



MAIN DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize \$ 1,000 – Marguerite Geilen

2nd Prize \$ 300 – Jane Smyth

3rd Prize \$ 175 – Pauline Forrest

4th Prize \$ 100 – Madi Hickey

BUSINESS DRAW WINNERS

AIF Breton - Stella White

ATB Financial - Corine Allen

Banman Westerlund LLP - Jane Symth

Breton Booster - Bert Toppman

Breton Dental - Patricia Stout

Breton Family Dining - Gabby Metz-Bremner

Breton Family Foods - Debra Mario

Breton IDA - Tammy Mosicki

Breton Tires and Tow - Ashlee White

Breton Veterinary Services - Pat Garrett

Darren Scott Accounting Services- Alan Baines

Gazelle's Group of Companies - Bill Haberer

Git R Dun Trucking - Marguerite Geilen

Heads Up Family Hair Care - Joanne Nelson

Moores Realty - KC Charette

Nature's Fuels - Trinia Avery

Salt 'N' Pepper - Pauline Forrest

Suds & Bucket Truck & Car Wash - Cheryl Rushton

The Co-operators - Marg Stevenson

Village of Breton - Pauline Brandt

WC Trucking - Madi Hickey

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation



Brazeau County

NOMINATION PAPERS ACCEPTED AS OF JANUARY 2

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

Please contact the returning officer at 780-542-7777 prior to dropping off nomination papers or with any questions.

Community Event Grant Deadlines

The next deadline is
January 1

Are you a community organization looking to host an event? Brazeau County has a grant program to assist in the costs to host community events, find out more about this and other grants at www.brazeau.ab.ca



FROM YOUR BRAZEAU COUNTY
COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION



*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year*



The Brazeau County
Administration Building will
be **CLOSED** December 25,
26, 27 & January 1.



**PLEASE NOTE ALL TRANSFER
STATIONS WILL BE CLOSED
CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY,
AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.**



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dekstrom@brazeau.ab.ca



from the Heart of Canada

Newfoundland Kitchen Party!



The Warburg Legion features

50/50, DOOR PRIZES, PUB FUN, ETC

Authentic Jig's Dinner

Saturday, January 25, 2025

6:00pm \$30.00 Per person (Presale)

Contact Deb 780 848 2923

Invited Members & Guests



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.

NOW OPEN!

Pendryl General Store and Pizza Parlour

West of Winfield on Hwy 13

Hours of Operation 

Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm

Friday & Saturday 8am-8pm

Sunday 10am-6pm



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 10: The Legacy Continues

Time was marching on for the Impey family. We pick up the story with George G. and Ida relocating their buildings to the SW19-47-3-W5, early in 1926, where a flowing spring was located. But before we continue our story we will step back and catch up, as their children start to marry and raise their own families.

In the spring of 1923, George G. and Ida's daughter, Effie would marry Jack Bowman and move to his nearby homestead. Jack was a local fire ranger and timber cruiser for the area. He would tragically pass away as a result of injuries from a forest fire in 1937. After Jack's death, Effie continued to raise her family on their farm, residing on the farm for the next 60 years.

Also in 1923, arrangements were made for George G. and Ida's eldest son William, and his wife Mary, to join the family in Alberta. Prior to leaving South Africa Williams had been in poor health; they stopped in England to break the trip, but sadly William passed away. Mary remained in England where she had family.

Remember the girl Alice Ashby, who was coming to a job in Regina, the Impey family met on the boat coming to Canada from England. Sparks of romance must have happened on the trip between George and Alice, because in 1924 George visited Alice in Regina and they were engaged, and married at his parent's farm in 1925. They would reside on George's homestead, near the soon to be established hamlet of Breton.

1926 was a blur of activity as the house and buildings were rebuilt on the new location, in time for their daughter Enid's marriage to Roy Hunter in July 1926. Enid and Roy would reside at Battle Lake where they raised a family of six.

Their son Hugh would marry Nora Shenfield in 1930, a teacher who had taught at Wenham Valley School. Hugh and Nora would move to their farm, a mile south of Breton, and raise two sons. They would farm there until they retired to the Breton in the late 1970's.

In 1930 sad news was received from Kenya that their son Pringle had passed away.

We pick up the story in 1931, when George G. and Ida's remaining son in Africa, James, his wife Elizabeth and three children would leave Kenya and join the family in

Alberta. George G. and Ida were now approaching retirement age. They would construct a small cottage on their son George's farm at Breton, while James and his family moved to the farm, Craigie Burn, where four more children would be born.

George G., and his youngest son Dick, would buy a garage in Breton in the early 1930's, which Dick operated. The Great Depression had started in the fall of 1929 and hard times hit everyone. Dick would marry Dorothy McLeod, a local girl in 1931, and they would continue to operate the garage until 1936. The depression was by now taking a toll on businesses everywhere, Dick decided to move to BC to find employment.

The Great Depression lasted from 1929 – 1939 and has been called "The Ten Lost Years". People hunkered down to make the best of bad times. By 1939 the economy was starting to turn around, just as darkened storm clouds began to form over Europe, and in September 1939 War II was declared. George, Hugh and Dick Impey all joined the Canadian army, with Hugh and Dick serving overseas. All three would return safely at the end of the war. Hugh to his farm at Breton, George would return and sell his farm at Breton before moving to BC and Dick returned to his home in BC.

Tragedy again struck the Impey family in the fall of 1940, when James Impey and a friend travelled to the Daysland, Ab area to find work harvesting. While harvesting on a local farm James became ill and passed away suddenly, leaving Elizabeth a widow with seven young children. Elizabeth would remarry a few years later and have 3 more children from her second marriage and remained in the Breton area.

Time marches on and waits for no one. George and Ida would sell their Craigie Burn farm after the death of James and also the garage in Breton. By now, age and health problems started to take their toll on George G. and Ida. They moved to their daughter Effie's farm to live with her. Ida had suffered excruciating pain from arthritis for many years, and George G. would suffer a heart attack in 1942. In the late 1940s they built a small house at their son Hugh's farm and would live there for a couple of years, before returning to live with their daughter Effie. In 1955 George would suffer a serious heart attack, he was taken to the Rimbey hospital, where he passed away a few days later. George was laid to rest in the Breton cemetery. Ida's health continued to fail and in March 1959 she would be reunited with her husband.

While developing the exhibit on the Impey family the museum asked their grandson Tom Impey for his memories of his grandparents George G. and Ida. He thought for a while before answering. He described his grandmother as being of strong character, strict, but very fair. She was very interested in politics, especially those related to Africa, and you better be up on your current affairs when visiting with her. Ida was also a prolific letter writer, and it was not uncommon for her to receive a letter

EVERY FAMILY SHARES A STORY - From Africa to Alberta, The Impey Family's Transcontinental Journey, Part 10: The Legacy Continues -continued

on almost a weekly basis from family and friends back in Africa. Tom also mentioned how his grandmother suffered terribly from arthritis and her fingers bent to be almost useless. Tom described his grandfather as easy going, things seemed to roll off his back. Tom also mentioned that his grandfather loved to play checkers. While they lived at his parent's place, each day after school he would bring their mail and help with chores before having a game of checkers with his grandfather. Tom still has the checker board and checkers that his grandfather brought with him from Africa.

Towards the end of Ida's memoirs, she writes... "I have been through much, and her words always come to mind, and I wonder which of the happenings she saw in my hand?" Ida is referring to the young Scottish woman who told Ida's fortune, before her marriage to George Grey. "One evening she asked me to let her tell my fortune, saying I have the gift but I don't always use it. But I want to read yours, ... she took up my hand, and looked and said what a long busy life line you have. You will marry the man you love and live a long happy life. You will face poverty, and many dangers but will be together, and will travel to far lands. She was still holding my hand, palm up and stooping, looked closer, then said No, no, I can't tell her that, not that. She put my hand down saying sorry, just trouble will be yours, but I cannot tell you."

What did the young fortune teller see in Ida's hand? You be the judge. This concludes the Breton Museum's series of articles on George Grey and Ida Ann Impey' journey "From Africa To Alberta".

Christmas To-Do List

- Be
~~-Buy Presents~~
- ~~-Wrap Gifts~~ Someone in a hug
- ~~-Send Gifts~~ Peace
- Donate
~~-Shop for Food~~
- Be
~~-See the Lights~~

The Warburg Legion Branch No. 205

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:30am - 11:30am

@ Warburg Legion, Warburg, AB



Coffee Pot is on!
Special features!
Your choice!



\$10 per plate. Kids under 5 free

Come Visit us!

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CANADA POST OPERATIONS TO RESUME

story from Canada Post Solutions for Small Business sent December 16, 2024

Postal operations to resume on Tuesday, December 17 following CIRB ruling

On December 13, the Minister of Labour established a process with the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) to assess the likelihood of Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) reaching agreements by the end of 2024.

Employees to return to work on December 17 and the resumption of service to begin

After 2 days of hearings, the CIRB has issued its ruling confirming the parties are at an impasse. As a result, the CIRB has ordered employees to return to work and postal operations to begin to resume at 8 am local time on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. We will share further details shortly but want to remind customers and employees that our operations will remain closed on Monday, December 16.

What this means for your business

Given the timing and duration of the strike, when our operations resume we will need to begin processing the mail and parcels trapped in our network. It will take time to clear our network, so customers should expect delays in processing and delivery.

Some limitations will apply for the first 48 hours after our operations resume – including for pickups and drop-offs. Because of this, **we will not receive or pick up new product until Thursday, December 19.**

We are committed to giving you as much information as possible regarding specific timelines and capacity. This includes providing details on what to expect during the first few days and as we continue to stabilize operations.

Look for more information later today and tomorrow.

Retroactive pay increase to employees as process unfolds

We look forward to welcoming our employees back to work and serving the millions of Canadians and businesses who rely on our services. While the terms of the existing collective agreements will be extended until May 22, 2025, we also put forward an offer to implement a wage increase of 5% for employees, which was proposed in the company's last global offer.

With both parties in agreement, the wage increase will be retroactive to the day after each collective agreement expired. The increase will remain in effect going forward, and the retroactive portion will be paid out to current

employees in 2 portions:

- An upfront payment before Christmas of \$1,000 for all CUPW-represented regular employees (full-time and part-time) and \$500 for temporary employees based on a minimum number of hours.
- The wage increase and retroactive payment will be made no later than January 31, 2025.

Collective agreements between Canada Post and CUPW expired on December 31, 2023, for the RSMC (Rural and Suburban Mail Carriers) unit and on January 31, 2024, for the urban unit.

Commitment to the negotiations process

Our commitment has always been to reach negotiated agreements with CUPW that would help us better serve the changing needs of Canadians and provide good jobs to those who provide the service. We remain committed to doing so within this new process while also meeting the postal needs of Canadians.

Stay up to date

Please stay tuned for more information later today and in the coming days. We are committed to providing you with timely updates and the details you need. Get the latest information at www.canadapost.ca/negotiations



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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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Recently, I received a document from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (Order No. F2024-24) (FOIP).

This document was created as a result of the County denying a request for information regarding the names of recipients of money from the County "Herbicide Rebate Program."

The following represents some of the adjudicator's findings. It should be noted that the request was initiated on November 19, 2021. The process involved both investigation and mediation (with the County) by the Commission, but no resolution was achieved (Paragraph 4). On Page 5, the document outlines Section 17 (2) g and h concerning conditions for releasing personal information (i.e., names) is "not an unreasonable invasion ... of personal privacy."

Given the conclusions of the investigation (that the County was wrong in its actions) should the paid staff not have known the rules?

On Page 14 (Paragraph 54) it states: "I conclude that disclosing the names and amounts to the applicant is not unreasonable ..."

Lastly, the adjudicator states "I order the Public body to confirm to me and the applicant, in writing, that it has complied with this Order within 50 days ...". The Order is "to disclose the names sought by the applicant."

It seems to this writer that the public is doing the job of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Why did it take so long?

Lynn Oberle
Brazeau County
December 15, 2024

All "Letters to the Editor" must be printed with the name and city/town of residence of its author. Letters dropped off that need to be re-typed may be charged an admin fee.

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10 FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

from www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/facts-about-christmas/

Learn all about the history and twinkly traditions of the festive season...

1) Christmas is a Christian festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe was the son of God. For most people, it takes place every year on 25 December – the day that the Roman Catholic Church chose to mark Jesus' birthday. But, in fact, no one actually knows the exact date Jesus was born!

2) Did you know that not all Christians celebrate Christmas on the same day? In countries with large populations of Orthodox Christians*, such as Russia, the Ukraine and Romania, Christmas Day falls on 7 January. Some Greek Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas on 7 January, too.

3) The name 'Christmas' comes from the old English phrase Cristes maesse, which means 'Christ's mass'. But what about 'Xmas'? Lots of people think this is just a modern-day abbreviation – but it actually dates back to the 16th century! The 'X' is said to represent the Greek letter 'Chi' – the first letter in the Greek word for Christ, Χριστός (pronounced 'Christos').

4) Come Christmas, people around the world enjoy all kinds of jolly-good fun! Many of the festive traditions we have in the UK today came about in the Victorian era – such as Christmas cards, gift-giving and crackers, as well as traditional foods like mince pies and roast turkey! Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert were huge fans of Christmas, in fact!

5) Christmas trees also became popular in Victorian Britain. But these were first seen in 16th Century Germany where, at Christmas time, people decorated fir trees with fruit and nuts – and later sweets, paper shapes and candles. Amazingly, historians think the origins of this festive tradition may date back to the Romans and Ancient Egyptians, who used evergreen plants and garlands as symbols of everlasting life. Wow!

6) Check this out – every year, Norway sends a beautiful home-grown Christmas tree to London, where it is decorated with lights in Trafalgar Square. Standing a towering 20m tall, the terrific tree is a gift to say thank you for the help the UK gave Norway during World War II. What a tree-mendous gift!

7) We can't talk about Christmas without a mention to the big bearded, rosy-cheeked jolly man... Father Christmas! But have you wondered how he got the name Santa Claus? It's from Sinterklaas, which means Saint Nicholas in Dutch, the language of the Netherlands. St. Nicholas was a Christian



bishop who lived in the 4th century – known for being kind and generous, he later became the patron saint of children.

8) But Santa isn't the only Christmas character – there are many more around the world! In Italy, for example, a kind witch called La Befana is said to fly around on a broomstick delivering toys to children! And in Iceland, children leave shoes under the window for 13 mischievous trolls called the Yule Lads. If the child has been good, they'll find sweets in their shoe – but if they've been bad, the Yule lads will leave them a rotten potato!

9) We all love to sing along to Jingle Bells, but have you ever noticed that the song doesn't have the word Christmas in it? Or Jesus or Santa Claus? That's because it wasn't originally a Christmas song! In fact, the jolly anthem was written in 1850, entitled One Horse Open Sleigh, for the American holiday, Thanksgiving!

10) Now, imagine if there was no Christmas. Does it feel quite strange? Sad, perhaps? Well, believe it or not, in 1644 Christmas celebrations were made illegal in England, and soon after, in the English Colonies in America, too! At that time, members of the government felt that the religious meaning of Christmas had been forgotten, and so banned the holiday festivities. Some people still celebrated in secret, however, until Christmas was once again legal... almost 20 years later!



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The kids keep laughing about my memory. They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!

We all have that one friend, who is obsessed with Christmas...



A copy of "A Christmas Carol" just fell on my toe.

It hurts like the Dickens.

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Answers will be published in the next issue!

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