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"The Christmas Wish Book Is Here"

submitted by Allan Goddard, Breton Museum

In bygone days, not so long ago, these words ringing in a home as the mail was delivered indicated the Christmas season was upon us. Before the days of on-line shopping, Amazon and retail malls the majority of people relied on mail order catalogues for much of their shopping needs. The two major catalogues of the time were from the T. Eaton Company and Simpson Sears. Over time the Simpson Sears Christmas Catalogue became known simply as the Sears Wish Book, a very appropriate name. From the many items available, you wrote out your order on the provided order form, and along with a Post Office money voucher you mailed it off.

In about ten days your order wrapped in brown paper packaging would arrive, freight paid at the local post office. Hey wait minute, doesn't that sound an awful lot like the precursor to Amazon and on-line shopping, less a credit card payment!

From the yearly array of catalogues that would arrive periodically throughout the year, the most anticipated catalogue was the yearly Christmas Catalogue. Arriving some time during the fall, it contained in its pages a wide range of items, from the practical to we can only dream, for the whole family. There were the latest fashions for mother, toys, games and books for a child to dream of receiving, and for the men maybe a new fedora hat. The pages of the catalogue were longingly and lovingly thumbed through and dogeared by Christmas time, as each member of the family dreamed of Christmas morning to see what was under the tree.

In the Breton Museum's collection, we have

one of those dreams that came true for a little girl in Breton. In 1958, this little five-year girl discovered brides, possibly because their home was across the street from the Breton United Church. Christmas was coming and she wanted a bride doll. The little girl was Helen Raczuk, who grew up in Breton during the 1950's -1960's.

Helen wrote, typically gifts did include a toy, but the majority of gifts were more practical in nature: books, slippers, mittens, scarf, and the stocking filled with ribbon candy and the precious mandarin orange. Helen writes on Christmas morning, "Imagine my joy when I found a big box with my name on it and opened it to discover the most beautiful bride doll I had ever seen! ... In my five-year-old mind, this was the best present ever. The doll didn't do anything but open and close her eyes. I couldn't play with her like other dolls and change clothes or feed her or comb her hair. But she was pretty to look

at, and likely inspired the dreams of many little girls to be a bride".

Helen cherished her bride doll for over fifty years, but when she was downsizing and moving from her Spruce Grove home, the doll was donated to the Breton Museum along with the beautiful story that goes with it. Today the bride doll is one of the many cherished artifacts contained in the Breton Museum.

As the Holiday season is upon us, take time to relive some childhood memories of Christmas's past. Was there that treasured gift and do you still have it many years later? Share these memories with family and friends.

From the Board and staff at the Breton Museum, we wish everyone the very best for the Holiday Season and the New Year.



Christmas 1958 Helen Raczuk with bride doll.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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BRETON SUDS BUCKET



HOLIDAY HOURS:

December 24th 8am-5pm
December 25th Closed
December 26th Closed
December 27th - 31st Regular Hours
January 1st Closed





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Sudoku Answers from December 18 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.



VILLAGE OF BRETON

2024 Property Tax Deadline December 31, 2024

Payment is due December 31 Methods of Payment

- Online Banking
- E-Transfer to admin@breton.ca
- Cheque or Cash
- Option Pay
- Sealed envelopes accepted at library or in drop box on east side of building

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

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

<u>December 29</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>January 1</u> - PJ Day Movie-A-Thon from 2-4pm & 5-7pm at the Breton Youth Centre

<u>January 8 - Village of Breton Town Hall Meeting</u> from 7-9pm at the Breton Community Centre. Email <u>admin@breton.ca</u> prior to January 6 if your require childcare.

<u>January 11</u> - Molly's Comedy Cabaret at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at Ticketpro 1-888-655-9090

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

January 12 - Sunnybrook Hall AGM at 2pm

January 13 - Mulhurst Legion AGM at 1pm

<u>January 14</u> - Diamond Art Class at the Thorsby Seniors Centre at 1pm.

<u>January 17</u> - Drumming Circle at the Thorsby Seniors Centre. Free to members, \$10 for non-members. Pre-register.

<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>January 21</u> - Coffee Get Together at the Thorsby Seniors Centre at 1pm

January 24 - Ventriloquist Michael Harrison at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at Ticketpro 1-888-655-9090

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

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

<u>January 29</u> - Thorsby Seniors Meeting. Potluck lunch at 12pm and meeting starts at 1pm

<u>February 5</u> - Managing Menopause 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

<u>February 22</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.

Community Events & Information are 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....

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INVITATION

PIGEON LAKE FEEDER CO-OP ASSOCIATION

DATE: Friday, January 10th, 2025

LOCATION: Falun Community Centre Hall,

1 Mile West of Junc. Hwy 795 & Hwy 13

TIME: 7:30 pm

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS WELCOMED & APPRECIATED



Village of Breton TOWN HALL MEETING

Date - January 8, 2025 Location - Breton Community Centre Time - 7 pm to 9 pm

Do you have questions/concerns regarding things in your Village?

January 8th is your opportunity to come out and pose those questions to your council members. Many take to social media platforms to vent their disapproval or concern rather than coming to council. We understand that some may find a council meeting intimidating. We want to ensure that all residents have access to the council.

A live stream of this meeting will be available – details to follow.

Items being presented at this meeting are:

RCMP Presentation

Annual tax rate comparisons for the Village – Tax rates from 2000 to 2024 Assessments and taxes – How does your property assessment relate to your tax calculation?

How your taxes are calculated – What factors determine your property tax rate Where do your tax dollars go?

Council term review (2021-Present) – What has council done for the Village while in office?

2025 Capital Budget – What projects are council completing in 2025?

Snow Removal Policy – Protocol and details

2025 Municipal Election – Are you interested in becoming a council member?

Open Q&A

At the end of each topic presented there will be a Q&A period. Then once all presentations are completed there will be an open Q&A where you will be able to ask council anything that you would like.

If you wish not to stand up and ask, please feel free to email us your question and we will have the council address it during the open Q&A. The name of those posing question via email will not be relayed unless you wish to be identified.

If you require childcare, please email admin@breton.ca prior to January 6th to register.



PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

(Breton &Surrounding Areas)

**Please note - all events are subject to change, particularly over the Christmas Holidays - 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)

<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

<u>AA MEETING</u> 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

<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

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

<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.

<u>TABS FOR TOTS</u> - The Breton Elks collect the <u>tabs off beverage cans and other recyclable metals</u>. 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

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

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

HOLIDAY HOURS

Our office will be closed December 24 at noon and will re-open on January 2, 2025.

**There will be NO CONNECT 39 on December 27 & NO BRETON BOOSTER on January 1

We will still accept submissions for the January 3 Connect 39 when the office is closed. THE DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 3 CONNECT 39 is DECEMBER 31 AT NOON.

Royal Purple Elks

Photo Contest

Send in or drop off your favorite pictures.





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





INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR SALE

The Village of Warburg is now accepting Offers to Purchase on Industrial Zone Lot, Roll 559, Plan 8522414, Lot 1 (21.3 acres along highway 39, power serviced site).

*Please provide a Development Plan along with your offer to purchase. The plan must include a commitment to develop the lot within one (1) year of the purchase date. Offers without a Development Plan will not be considered.

Offers can be dropped off at the Village of Warburg Municipal Office or submitted via email or fax.

Attention: Christine Pankewitz

Development Officer Box 29, 5212-50 Avenue Warburg, Alberta

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Phone: 780-848-2841 Fax: 780-848-2296

Merry Christmas Happy Holidays

Thank you for your support and all the best in 2025!





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Lloyd Ellis

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George Randahl

Belle & Cleve Carson

Edna & Jack Jones

Danny Sobon

Eileen & Jim Simmers

Terry Molenkamp

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Ted Barnett

Blanche Barnett

Ken Barnett

Pearl Brewster

Dennis Brewster

Cindy Brewster

Mason Garrett

Marg Grzyb

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Elizabeth Kugyelka

and so many others that can't be with us.





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.



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



Brazeau County

FROM YOUR BRAZEAU COUNTY **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION**

Merry Christmas

E Happy New Year

IMPORTANT DATES

December 25 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Christmas Day

December 26 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Boxing Day

December 27 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Additional Closure

January 1, 2025 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | New Year's Day

January 13, 2025 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

January 14, 2025 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 10:00 a.m.

January 15, 2025 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 1:00 p.m.

February 4, 2025 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

Community Event Grant Deadlines

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



2025 Campground Bookings open Monday February 3rd for the Lodgepole Campground (10 - 30 Amp sites), and

the Easyford and Modeste Group Campgrounds! Visit letscamp.ca/camps/brazeau-group-campgrounds to book





bguvon@brazeau.ab.ca ggunderson@brazeau.ab.ca



Glen Gunderson **Councillor Div. 1** 780-621-6459



Councillor Div. 2 780-898-0247



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Councillor Div. 4



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Councillor Div. 6



Greetings from Breton Elks Lodge #402



Well, I hope all is well with everyone, and the cold weather has not caused undo hardship. According to the calendar we are now officially in winter mode. So, now we can sit back and enjoy the festive season.

The Community supper appears to have been another success. Thanks to all the volunteer efforts from everyone.

The skate rink is also open for business and a number of skaters have already been taking advantage of the opportunity.

Due to life slowing down to make room for the festive season. I would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry and Healthy Holiday season on behalf of Breton Elks. I am looking forward to chatting in 2025.



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BRAZEAU COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

<u>December 17, Regular Council</u> Meeting

Schedule of Fees Bylaw 1193-24

Council approved Bylaw 1193-24, the Schedule of Fees for 2025.

There will be a small increase to the cost of folding maps available for sale to the public, from \$10 to \$12.50. The price has not changed in 10 years. Community Services is planning to operate the Lodgepole Campground with 10 individual sites as opposed to a group campground in 2025, and a site fee of \$35/night will be

established. There will also be a \$50 fee for revisions of approved subdivision applications. The updated Schedule of Fees

will be posted soon to the County website.

Criminal Record Check Bylaw 1196-24

Council approved Bylaw 1196-24, which will require that all prospective candidates for the 2025 municipal election to submit a criminal record check with their nomination papers. This can be obtained at candidates' local RCMP detachment.

The criminal record check must be completed by the RCMP detachment in the local jurisdiction not more than six months before the date nomination papers are submitted to the returning officer.

The mailing address and date of birth of the candidate will be redacted from the criminal record check prior to viewing by the public, along with any personal information that, in the opinion of the returning officer, would compromise the personal safety of the candidate. Members of the public may view nomination packages and criminal record checks at the County office, but will not be allowed to take them from the office, make copies, or take photographs of the documents. For more information, please contact the returning officer at election@brazeau.ab.ca.

Appointment of Agricultural Fieldman

Council appointed Liz Seutter-Rosell as the County's Agricultural Fieldman as per the requirements of the *Agricultural Service Board Act*. She will fill the temporary vacancy of the Manager of Agricultural Services position.

Please note the Council meeting scheduled for January 21, 2025 has been rescheduled to Monday, January 13th.

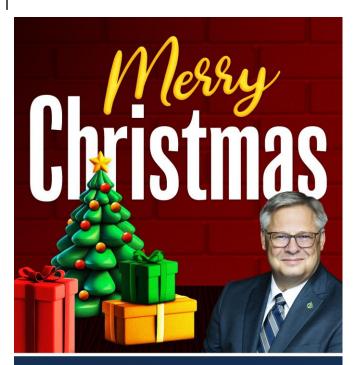


Council recognized Tom and Velma Impey's 63rd wedding anniversary with a commemorative clock.

Congratulations Tom and Velma!

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





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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALSupply and Deliver of Bagged Firewood

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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:

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



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DRAYTON VALLEY RCMP CHARGE MAN WITH ANIMAL CRUELTY

RCMP Media Relations, December 19, 2024

Brazeau County, Alta.- On Nov. 15, 2024, Drayton Valley RCMP were dispatched to assist Alberta SPCA Peace Officers who were conducting a check on a property to ensure that the landowner was following conditions of a court issued prohibition order. The property owner was ultimately arrested for obstruction and assaulting a police officer. A check of the property revealed that he was in possession of more livestock than his court order allowed. Additionally, a dog was located on the property with injuries to its legs.

RCMP charged Brazeau County resident 64-year-old James Allan Kurz with:

- · Assault on a Peace officer;
- Obstruction/Resist arrest (x2);
- · Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose;
- Cruelty to animals;
- · Disobeying a court order.

Kurz was initially taken before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody for his next court appearance. He has since been released and his next court appearance is set for Jan. 7, 2025, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Drayton Valley.

Kurz voluntarily worked with the Alberta SPCA to support many dogs in and around the property. In total 72 dogs were surrendered to the Alberta SPCA and are being cared for.

"We welcome the opportunity to support the Alberta SPCA with their difficult job in protecting animal welfare in this province," says Cpl. Troy Savinkoff of the Alberta RCMP, "We are thankful that ultimately the property owner did the right thing in working with the Alberta SPCA in supporting these animals."





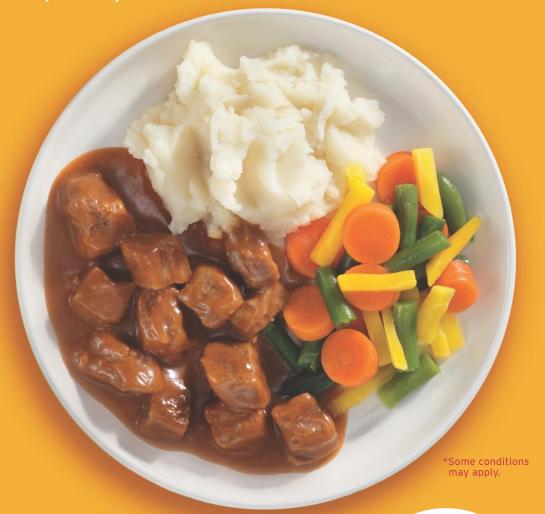
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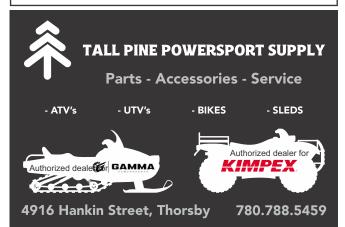
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COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN NO. 10



NEWS RELEASE

COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES NEW LAND USE BYLAW

December 18, 2024

The County of Wetaskiwin is pleased to announce the approval of the new Land Use Bylaw 2024/66, replacing the previous 2017/48 Bylaw. This updated Bylaw reflects extensive community input and modernized regulations to meet the development goals of the County.

The new LUB follows the Municipal Development Plan approved in April 2023 and was developed through Council workshops, public education sessions, and stakeholder feedback.

Key Updates:

- Simplified Land Use Districts Reduced from over 30 to 10 by consolidating similar districts.
- Two Dwelling Units Permits up to two (2) dwelling units per lot.
- Recreational Units (RUs) Allows up to two (2) RUs for personal use on specified residential parcels and up to four (4) RUs on larger Agricultural parcels larger than 40 acres.
- Home Occupations Simplified to Major and Minor categories, with Minor Home Occupations exempt from Development Permits.
- Improved Decision-Making New discretionary use and variance assessment criteria.

Other changes include reduced yard setbacks, increased exemptions for small buildings, enhanced sign regulations, and improved enforcement processes. The Bylaw has also been reformatted for clarity and ease of use.

"The new Land Use Bylaw reflects the valuable input we received from the community throughout this process. We want to thank all residents and stakeholders who participated and shared their feedback. Your contributions were essential to shaping this bylaw, and we look forward to supporting the community as we move forward with responsible growth," said Reeve Josh Bishop.

The approved Land Use Bylaw 2024/66 is available on the County's Website

www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/624/Land-Use-Bylaw or at the County Office. For more details, contact the Planning and Development Department.

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Answers will be published in the next issue!



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Ingredients

- · 2 eggs, separated
- · 1/4 cup sugar, divided
- 11/2 cups whole milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup rum, bourbon or brandy
- · Garnish: grated nutmeg

Directions

- In a large bowl, beat the egg yolks with 3 tablespoons of the sugar until fluffy.
- 2. Stir in the milk, heavy cream and your spirit of choice.
- 3. In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites with the remaining 1 tablespoon of sugar until soft peaks form.
- 4. Fold the egg whites into the yolk mixture.
- Divide between four rocks glasses or punch or tea cups.
- 6. Garnish each with freshly grated nutmeg

Irish Coffee

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 ounces Irish whiskey
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- · Hot brewed coffee, to top
- Garnish: whipped cream

Directions

- 1. Fill an Irish Coffee mug with hot water, let sit for 2 minutes, then discard the water.
- 2. Add the whiskey and sugar to the heated glass, fill with the coffee, and stir.
- 3. Top with an inch of unsweetened lightly whipped cream.

Under the Mistletoe

Ingredients

- 4 cranberries
- 2 orange half-wheels
- 1/2 ounce simple syrup
- 2 ounces London dry gin
- Cranberry juice, to top
- Club soda, chilled, to top
- Garnish: thyme sprig
- Garnish: 3 cranberries

Directions

- 1. In a Collins glass, muddle the cranberries and orange half-wheels with the simple syrup.
- 2. Fill the glass with ice and add the gin.
- 3. Top with a mixture of two parts cranberry juice to one part club soda.
- 4. Stir with a thyme sprig, leaving it in the glass, and garnish with three additional cranberries.







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Happy New Year



Our Office will be closed from 12:00pm

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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.