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Four-year-old Kai Ferner picks up his scooter after it slipped out from under him at the Brooks Skateboard Park Monday morning. It was the first time at the park for Kai and his two brothers, Jax, 6, and Leo, 2, from Duchess. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Unsightly premises bylaw remains status quo in county

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Following a lengthy discussion about changes to the county's unsightly properties bylaw, it was agreed to keep it as is.

At their recent meeting council discussed the bylaw as to how unsightly complaints are addressed.

Mark Harbicht, the county's director of municipal services, sought direction from council as to proceeding and suggested that maybe a community standards bylaw could be written.

"I believe the land use bylaw already identifies how many derelict vehicles that are unlicensed and not capable of running can be on properties," he said.

The county does not have a standard as to how tall grass can be or what state a property should be in.

"Do we want to get into a proactive approach on this?" he asked.

Division 5 councillor Tracy Fyfe asked if it will be

part of the Land Use Bylaw revamping because any more staff time on the issue is costly.

"We currently don't have the manpower to do anything about it," she said.

Division 6 councillor Kelly Christman said the existing bylaw is good but she struggles with the complaint-driven portion of the bylaw.

"Unless they put their name and their complaint on paper nothing can be done," she said.

Harbicht said names and complaints are kept

confidential.

Christman thought maybe some effort could be spent by staff looking at properties in high traffic areas as an early step in the beautification process.

Division 8 councillor Brian de Jong said some complaints he's received have been about abandoned properties.

Division 2 councillor Huby Kallen said he's pre-warned residents about a situation on their property.

"They did something about it. There are ways to do it," he said.

Body found near Brooks on July 4

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The RCMP major crimes unit was consulted by the Brooks RCMP after the body of an adult male was found in a rural area outside of the city.

"It's being deemed non-criminal in nature," said Sgt. Shawn French, RCMP media in Edmonton.

He said police received the call near midnight on July 4.

"The investigation is ongoing," said French.

Bassano calls for partnership with Newell Foundation

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The Town of Bassano hopes to partner with the Newell Foundation to move the FAB (Future Adaptable Building) Village project forward.

The project which began as a tiny homes build, received some funding from Palliser Economic Partnership (PEP) in 2019 for a tiny homes consultant.

The project has been re-visioned into a series of seven individual housing units which are proposed to be placed beside the town's community hall as a foundation of a FAB Village Square.

The partnership is being proposed because there is a belief the housing units are the type of homes that will be used in the Newell Foundation's Bassano Project, an aging in place community.

"This is what we're presenting to the government later on this year," said Bassano mayor and Newell Foundation member Ron Wickson following the June 28 special town council meeting.

The town has given first reading to amending its Land Use Bylaw to allow the housing on the land with third reading set for July 13.

In the meantime, the town held a special meeting on June 28 at which time council passed a motion to approve the business case analysis to enter into negotiations with the Newell Foundation to form a partnership and deploy the initiative.

The foundation has not yet had a meeting to discuss the town's decision.

Wayne Hambergren,

County of Newell councillor and PEP representative, said the town doesn't have the funds to launch the FAB Village on their own.

"They're looking for funding from other places," he said.

"They're a long way from construction."

The town doesn't see themselves as that far away from construction, wanting to begin the project in the fall.

"Time is of the essence for this project. Time lines are very tight to ensure deployment of the units this fall. This is an immense opportunity for Bassano and should be acted upon," Amanda Davis, the Bassano's CAO submitted during the special meeting.

Wickson said the special meeting included town council and foundation members discussing common interests and partnership.

"It was informational. We had most of the Newell Foundation board members there, most of the town of Bassano members there, John Brown, architect, and our CAOs from the City of Brooks and the Town of Bassano.

"It was just a group of people listening to a presentation," Wickson said.

The purchase option start up costs are \$2.189 million and include purchasing the seven units at the cost of \$1.652 million.

A lease option start-up cost is \$469,840.

"There are potential ways to make the units more accessible to residents (by) leveraging grants, supports from foundations or from other philanthropic organizations," states a document presented at

a FABhome prototype meeting in Calgary on June 29.

It was attended by Brooks and Bassano officials, foundation members and administrators, the architect and Randall Strategy Corp.

"We think we can leverage this new housing into a model of care we've always been interested in," said Barry Morishita, mayor of Brooks and chair of the Newell Foundation.

"With advent of COVID this has created issues around housing people in one facility," he said.

On Thursday, Morishita discussed the project with the premier while he was in Brooks encouraging him to support providing the \$3.4 million Affordable Supportive Living Initiative (ASLI) funds that have been set aside for the Bassano project.

The funds were announced in 2015, re-approved in 2016 and pulled back in 2017.

The provincial money was to be used to fund 30 supportive living and four long term care units.

"I encouraged him to unlock that to help move this pilot project on the way and grow into the vision for the Bassano area," Morishita said.

Morishita said the premier was encouraging.

"He said he would help us along if we had roadblocks along the way."

Morishita said he has made calls about the money.

"Those calls have been made and with the premier saying he supports that type of thinking, that we're going to use that to our advantage."



Alberta Premier Jason Kenney is presented a local historical book by Ahmed Kassem, executive director of Global Village. The premier met with community members and the city's mayor where the two discussed a number of issues including the COVID19 pandemic. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

County will not wipe-out back taxes owed by O&G company

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At their recent meeting, county council directed staff to meet again with the owners of Success Resources to discuss the payment of back taxes.

Rob Lutzer, the company's engineer, asked council if they could wipe out the property tax debt of the properties that were acquired in 2014 so they could have a clean slate.

He said the entire group of wells on the property has been losing money since day one and they should have just let the original owners go through the bankruptcy process.

"In hindsight this is one of those packages that should not have been purchased," he said.

He sought relief to clear up their balance sheet with the county.

"Having an overhang of unpaid taxes is basically crippling Success' ability to go out and raise money," Lutzer said.

Success Resources did not know back taxes of \$181,000 were owing on a site when it was acquired.

He said it has been impossible to catch up on the old taxes because the penalties are compounded.

Once someone falls behind they just can't get ahead, Lutzer told council.

The county's previous tax penalty bylaw charged 11 per cent on unpaid current year taxes and 12 per cent on unpaid taxes in arrears.

"Once you get in arrears it compounds fast especially if you owe a significant balance," said Matt Fenske, the county's finance manager.

Fenske said other companies are in similar situations with larger balances.

"We're sitting on about \$648,000 owed to the county due to penalties which have been applied over time. Of that amount \$452,000 or 70 per cent of what we're owed in penalties is due to us from seven oil and gas companies. Success makes up about 30 per cent of that," he said.

Division 10 councillor Lionel Juss asked Lutzer if it would help if the county's tax structure was changed to allow better producing wells to pick up the taxes and was told it would be great to see property taxes prorated.

"The problem is good wells eventually become bad wells," Lutzer said.

Division 6 councillor Kelly Christman said she sympathizes with the situation but did not know how the municipality could write-off taxes for one company.

"Unless we talk about a complete restructure for oil and gas, I think we take this as information," she said.

CAO Kevin Stephenson said everyone knows what the gas industry has been through which is part of the reason the province gave them a 30 per cent reduction.

"I think our problems are going to get worse and we have to be really careful how we address arrears, in my view," he said.

Division 1 councillor Clarence Amulung said he doesn't remember the county bailing anyone out when they made bad business decisions "and there was bad business decisions made here."

"They were working in a terrible environment, granted, we've never bailed anybody out in terrible environments either."

"I think we have to take stock of where we are. This isn't going to be the last. Even if we forgave them all I'm not sure we'd still make it."

Fenske said the county met with the company last year to arrange a tax payment agreement but the company did not move on it.

The offer will be made again.

"You need the heavy hand of the penalty to encourage payment," said Fenske.

Natural Health Alliance breaks ground in Brooks

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The installation of underground services is expected to get underway over the next few weeks at the Natural Health Alliance (NHA) site just south of the Eastern Irrigation District's office.

NHA CEO Ken Faulkner said the company is waiting for design changes and the architect to come back with the drawings to so the services can be brought in a footprint made for phase 1, which is an approximately 41,000 square foot building.

Over the years the company does expect it to expand substantially.

"We are not going to be an industrial grow. We are going to be a medical research and development company first," he said.

"We hope this will become a centre of expertise for the world," said Georges Routhier, NHA's chief technical officer.

"If we can develop an extremely strong research centre here, a lot of people are going to come here to learn from us and they'll work with us and that will accelerate the health benefits that we can derive from cannabis," he said.

Company officials have been working with the City of Brooks to connect Faulkner with those who may be able to help advance the project as stakeholders, such as Smith Group Holdings and Armor Building Systems.

The project was announced about two years ago.

One of the things being looked for when deciding

where they would build, according to Faulkner, was a science community which they found in Brooks in Dr. Ron Howard, a well known scientist in the plant science field and Brad Alexander who will be a master grower.

Faulkner said, however, it did take some convincing to consider the community for the business but after a one day visit it was decided Brooks was the place to establish the company.

"We're really happy to be here," he said.

Routhier said cannabis is not a miracle drug but it does have a lot of potential and discovering that potential can lead to Brooks becoming a world famous research centre in health care innovation.

"That's the ultimate goal of this," he said.



On June 25 Bryon Smith of Smith Group Holdings, Ken Faulkner of Natural Health Alliance and Brooks councillor Dan Klein broke ground for NHA's research and science facility. The first phase, an approximately 41,000 square foot facility, will house the labs, head office and maintenance and reception as well as the Smith Family Pavilion. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

County approves Brooks Asphalt for 2020 road rehab

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It's \$50,000," she said.

Mark Harbicht, the county's director of municipal services, said work experience for this type of job and price were some of the conditions.

"Romer doesn't have any experience in this work that they were capable of showing to us that was comparable to Smith's (Brooks Asphalt)," he said.

Division 4 councillor Wayne Hambergren said even if someone was sitting out and watching it would not cost \$50,000.

"We either have pre-qualifying requisites or we don't. We have a system and the system works, as far as I'm concerned.

"If we're going to start making one-off decisions about who we hire then let's form a policy around that," said reeve Molly Douglass.

"I'm totally confused by the idea that we have a system in place that we're going to ignore today," she said.

Harbicht said companies will often contact the county after an

unsuccessful bid to find out how they can improve their chances for future bids.

CAO Kevin Stephenson said as long as everything is done above board everything will be fine.

"As long as the terms are clear in the RFP (request for proposal) and you follow that there's nothing that says you have to use the lowest price as long as you use experience, qualifications, equipment, whatever you have in there, you're safe."

Division 10 councillor Lionel Juss said he likes the fact the council is evaluating companies based on performance more than has been done in the past.

"Money isn't the best criteria to use when looking for bids," he said.

Looking at all of the ratings, Division 1 councillor Clarence Amulung said, "You have to trust your staff on what that is worth."

Fyfe and Hambergren voted against the motion to approve Brooks Asphalt.

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA

SCANDIA - Help CELEBRATE Scandia's Birthday with a "Covid Protest" BBQ featuring smokies and hot dogs on Friday, July 17, @ 6pm outside on the Scandia Hall patio. Please bring exact \$5 change for smokie, drink, and cake. We will be following covid rules and regulations.

Please note the change of date - The Scandia Hall AGM will take place on July 13 @7pm. Join us for an evening of social distancing and productiveness!

Alcoma Community Library patrons will have no access to books from our library and no dropping off of books until August 4th. Patrons will still be able to arrange to pick up books at the Brooks Library if they so wish.

The Brooks United Church is going to try to have Thrift Sales which will be held on Thursdays' July 9th and July 16th as a trail run. Both will be Bag Sales @\$10 per bag. This will eliminate having to handle change. Due to the COVID-19 they will only be letting in a group of 5 people at a time for 15 minutes each. "NO CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED!!!" PLEASE wear a MASK and there will be sanitizer available. Also THE BATHROOMS WILL BE CLOSED to the public. Sorry about the inconvenience folks!

Alcoma School News
Yahoo! Schools out for the summer!!!! And what a crazy year it was! Congratulations to our grade 9 graduates, Vanessa Martens, William McDonald, and Lyric Price. The grads had a bbq last Thursday where Vanessa Martens was the recipient for both year end awards: Prairie Dog and High Achievement.

Please remember to save your bottle caps this summer! The school is asking for plastic bottle cap donations which can be any color for an art project being planned for the next school year. We ask that you start a collection at home and we will let you know when it's a good time to

bring them to the school.

Good news for our playground-As allowed by Alberta Health Services, Grasslands Public Schools, along with the City of Brooks and County of Newell, will be opening up playground structures to the public. Grasslands in the process of posting signage at each playground structure reminding users of good hygiene practices and that use is at own risk. Have fun but also be sure that you and your children are staying safe!

Newell County Band Association (NCBA) are running a battery drive fundraiser. They are looking for donations of large lead batteries - lawn mower, RV, ATV, tractor, car, etc. They are collecting until September 20, 2020 and you can arrange a pickup by calling one of the following people; Jodi 403-501-1583 Kerry 403-793-4040, Candice 403-376-8028

A huge thank you to Brooks Industrial Metals for partnering with the local band students on this fundraiser.

Please Note- Due to the size of the reception area in the Scandia Post Office, the Area Superintendent has advised to limit the number of

customers coming in to pick up their mail/parcels, to one at a time. Please respect this request and act accordingly. Thank you.

What a wonderful idea from the fire departments! If you have a youngster/senior celebrating a birthday, and they are feeling down about having to skip out on the usual festivities, or you are looking to let them know you're thinking of them even with all this distancing, give a shout to our local fire department and they will do their best to make a "drive by" with lights and sirens. Contact Ryan Slenders to make arrangements.

Have you checked in with your senior neighbors? If you're going for groceries, maybe you can pick something up for them? Support seniors at home. Seniors can contact 211 if they need help finding resources in their community. 211 is a comprehensive referral system accessible to all Albertans. Call or text 2-1-1 or visit ab.211.ca

If you have any news or interesting Scandia trivia you'd like submitted in the sketch, please contact me at Karlyn.takeda@hotmail.com or 403-362-5488.

BROOKS BULLETIN ONLINE READER POLL

Are you in favor of making the streets in the downtown core one-way and bringing back angle parking?

YES

32%

NO

68%

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 99
View our weekly polls @ www.brooksbulletin.com
Online poll for the week of July 1 - July 8, 2020.

City continues to reduce COVID19-related costs

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The City of Brooks has again reduced the impact due to COVID19 to less than half of the original estimated costs.

At council on Monday Shelley Thomas, the city's finance manager, said the revised estimated impact is \$663,721 which is down from the original presentation where it was \$1,185,836.

In the mid-June report it was reduced to \$871,926.

A reduction was noted in the city's 'other operating impacts' which has been reduced to \$96,362 from mid-June's report of \$166,362.

The city has also revised its estimated impact through the deferral or cancellation of projects with the money being redirected to the city's COVID response.

In mid-June it was \$295,500 and as of Monday's presentation it is at \$425,940.

The previously announced cancellations or deferrals were the surface irrigation replacement project, cemetery ribbon, fenced off-leash dog park and the gravel truck replacement to save \$295,500.

Added to those are the in-house meter reading program at \$15,000, \$25,000 in the city's share of a joint services initiative, \$50,000 for the mental health initiatives and other internal costs at \$40,440.

"Although the expenses or costs have not increased significantly, city staff does continue to find offsets to those costs through operational adjustments which have a limited impact on service levels and have been successful in reducing the impact," said Thomas.

The assumptions have not changed and include the phasing-in of the city's recreation programs and facilities. The city is also redeploying staff to the parks department which is expected to save the city an extra \$70,000.

In direct COVID19 costs there has been an increase from \$502,673 to \$575,442 and two \$5,000 donations were made to the city to help with the costs.

The COVID costs show a reduction in the community isolation centre (unidentified booked hotel rooms) from \$148,501 to \$143,498.

The centre was used by "just under 35 individuals" who stayed between 10 and 25 days said Amanda Peterson, the city's deputy CAO.

The drive-thru test assessment centre increased slightly from \$104,606 in mid-June to \$107,401 as of June 25.

The centre costs include an undetermined amount of rent and \$1,371.61 for gravel that was spread on the facility's grounds.

Amanda Peterson, the city's deputy CAO, said an agreement was signed with the business owner to rent

the facility for the drive-thru site but she is unsure if the rental amount can be released to the public.

County councillor Lionel Juss is an owner of the property.

At a county council meeting in late April, Juss said he is concerned there will be perception of conflict of interest.

At that time he said the idea was to expedite the test centre's process because had it been in a building in the city there was fear that getting permission would take too long.

"As we all know, COVID19 pandemic has changed our operating environment and we recognize that we must continue to adapt in the most efficient way possible," said Thomas.

Mayor Barry Morishita said he has contacted JBS Food about the isolation spaces.

"They did indicate at the beginning of the process that they would be interested in continuing to help," he said.

Morishita does expect a JBS representative to get back to the city in the next few days about the contribution.

"That's another thing we hopefully have to look forward to."

In regards to provincial dollars for COVID, Morishita said they have not applied for money.

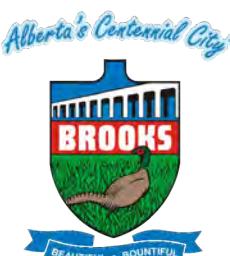
It is expected that would be done through the province's disaster recovery program.



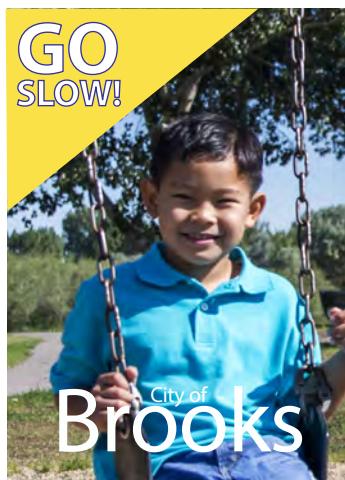
The city will return to a committee meeting to discuss the angle parking and one way street plans for downtown Brooks. The city, through the economic recovery task force, has been looking at ways to make the downtown a safer and more pedestrian-friendly area and two immediate ideas have been discussed by council including angle parking on Second Street West, as was done decades ago and one way streets on 1st and 2nd Street West. The proposal, presented to council on Monday would add another five parking spaces to downtown and would cost \$8,353 for parallel parking line painting and signage. If it was decided to return to the current driving and parking patterns, it would cost another \$4,862. A second option would see angled parking on the left, parallel parking on the right at the cost of \$7,153 and an additional \$3,537 to return to parallel in the fall. Council has previously discussed widening sidewalks in front of businesses to allow sales outdoors, however, it was realized on Monday that parallel parking would use up some of that space.

At council on Monday Jessica Surgenor, the economic development officer, presented the results of the business survey which was answered by 15 businesses on 2nd Street West, five on 1st Street and four on the downtown business boundary. It indicated that 15 businesses support one way streets and 11 stating it would bring economic development to their business. A city hosted social media poll found that 69 per cent, 829 members of the public said they do not support angle parking while the balance said they do which are similar results to The Bulletin's poll which found 68 per cent do not support angle parking.

"Can someone tell me why this is even being considered?" asked a person online. Another said the city is not that busy to have that parking. A suggestion was made that 1st Street between 1st and 2nd Ave be closed to traffic and host street vendors. Speaking in favour of the idea someone said if there was angle parking with more spots, she believes she would spend more time in the area. "I wouldn't have to park around the block and be too frustrated to enjoy the local businesses or have someone back into me trying to parallel park," she wrote. The city has multiple free public parking lots in the downtown core. City council accepted the information and will continue to discuss possible, and likely, less expensive changes in the downtown during Tuesday's committee meeting. | BROOKS BULLETIN FILE PHOTO



City of Brooks



City of Brooks Municipal Enforcement and Brooks RCMP will be partnering to focus on speed enforcement in all playground zones throughout the City from July 3 to July 17, with zero tolerance.
Speeding in playground zones is dangerous and careless. Officers continuously patrol playground and school zones, but they will be partnering multiple times a year to heavily target speeding in these areas.
Playground zones are in effect from 8:30 a.m. – one hour after sunset.



All dogs and cats over the age of three (3) months are required to be licensed, as per Bylaw 19/10, the Animal Control Bylaw. Why should you licence your pet?
1. If your animal is ever lost and brought into BAPS, having a licence helps your animal become reunited with you sooner.
2. All licence fees are forwarded to BAPS to assist them with the costs of operating their shelter.
3. The City offers the "Ride Home Program" for at-large "first-time offenders". If your animal is licensed and picked up by our Enforcement Officers, they will bring your animal home if you're there to meet them, without taking them to BAPS.
For more information on the Ride Home Program and licensing information and requirements, please visit:
<http://www.brooks.ca/DocumentCenter/View/197/Animal-Control-Bylaw>

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More information is available at brooks.ca

LETTERS

Where are all the geese?

Editor, The Bulletin;
What has happened to the Canada geese at Stafford Lake Park? There have been none for the past two months.

There were many in the

early spring but they have disappeared. I saw that a few were in the pond by Harwood but they seem to be gone now too.

There were many in both places last year. I walk at

Stafford Lake Park almost every day and that's why I know there are no geese left.

Maybe someone can comment.

MARLEN MORRISON,
Brooks, Alta.

Spending is the problem not income

Editor, The Bulletin;
Re: your article that Brooks City council is supporting a motion to approve a 1% provincial sales tax so the municipalities in AB can receive dedicated funding from the province.

A number of years ago I served as the President of the Brooks and District Chamber of Commerce and at one time was asked to sit on the Alberta Chamber board as their treasurer and board member. The timing coincided with the new 7% GST being proposed. As the treasurer I was asked to research the possible benefits of this new tax. The motion was coming to the floor of the upcoming Canadian National Chamber conference. The GST proposal was being pushed very hard from the Vancouver Board of Trade to replace an exiting manufacturing tax in Canada. Somewhat self-serving of them to tax all of Canada so they could sell more product themselves and thus more profit for themselves.

We debated their proposal and decided it was not the best thing for all of Canada to be taxed for their profit. Our motion passed at the annual Alberta Chamber meeting to oppose the GST. We moved on to the Federal Chamber and Alberta appeared the only province to oppose this new tax on Canadians.

As the spokesperson for Alberta I was approached by all the National press the day before the meeting to speak on behalf of Albertans. The Vancouver Board of Trade demanded a meeting with us to try to quiet our discussion on the floor. They even brought in Michael Wilson, the Liberal Minister of Finance, to quiet us down. I asked one question that had not been answered before—if we tax all Canadians with this new GST will the tax be revenue neutral. That means will it cost Canadians money to collect this new tax.

Minister Wilson was very honest in saying “no”, it will in fact cost Canadians to col-

lect this tax. We need new staff, new auditors, new offices, etc., to collect the tax. The next day Alberta voted against the GST.

It is a great thought that a new tax will help Alberta municipalities but in fact the way government works the 1% will never be seen by the municipalities. It will be soaked up by a new administration level within the government.

Please folks, stand up against a new tax and let's instead cut wasted tax dollars. We are going to be heavily challenged in the coming years to help the federal and provincial governments with existing income tax increases. Let's not have a new tax on top of those.

When governments will admit that spending is the problem and not income, we will have a thoughtful day in government.

GLEN LYSTER,
Brooks AB

Canada needs to regain its once proud reputation

Editor, The Bulletin;
Enjoyed every word of your current Canada Day editorial. From one whose passion is for our early history, I always look forward to the stories and early photos from your archives.

You followed up by touch-

ing on some very concerning issues confronting Canadians today. Yes, Canada is a great country. Together, we can fix those issues that threaten to pull us apart.

We need to regain the once proud reputation we once enjoyed. It is time that

Canadians took charge of our future and built on our rich heritage.

Let us not depend on politicians to get the job done.

TOM McPHAIL,
Bassano, Alta.

Efforts of JBS team applauded

Editor, The Bulletin;
Thank you for your Canada Day Editorial – “Thoughts on Canada Day”. We truly do have much to celebrate and be grateful for and are reminded to do what we can to sustain the freedom, opportunity and choices we enjoy and sometimes take for granted.

I further want to applaud what has been accomplished in our communities over the last several months and we are well reminded of in the page 8 Canada Day greeting from JBS Canada.

I believe it is noteworthy and praiseworthy to realize how fortunate we are to see our beef processing facilities working again at

close to capacity given the complexity of mitigating risk in such a close working environment. We need only consider the number of closures and business interruptions in various sectors and the calls for full closure from some corners to appreciate the “perseverance” and effort that has gone into making the adjustments to keep plants operating.

We applaud the efforts of the entire team at JBS Canada as well as your competitors and counterparts in High River and the many smaller processing plants across the province!

Certainly profit potential is an excellent motivator that is also to be celebrated

and protected whether you have an interest in the business or are a worker who would rather go to work than accept compensation to stay home.

While the backlog of cattle will take some time to clear and prices are not what they would be the uncertainty cattle producers, the industry and consumers faced back in April and May has largely been alleviated and that could but should not go unnoticed.

Let us all do what we can to avoid a recurrence and to get the rest of our systems going again.

ARNO DOERKSEN,
Gem, Alta.

Buffalo Briefs

LORRAINE MONKMAN



BUFFALO - With the virus in the world and the subsequent social distancing, there is not much news to report these days.

Over the weekend the area was blessed with some very welcome rain. Grass, crops and gardens are looking much better already!

I am sorry to report the passing of Mary Buck of Hanna on June 11, 2020

at the age of 91 years. Sincere sympathy to all her family including Earl and Georgette Buck and their daughters Kendra (Willie) Waldner and Dalyn (Brad) Vino and their families.

And long-ago Cavendish resident Howard Jones of Calgary passed away June 17, 2020. He was 95 years of age. The Jones family lived on the present Minor Becker place.

Congratulations are

extended to Clay Ross and Kristi Conacher who plan to be married on July 18, 2020. And also to Nirvana Hauck and Tanner Ross whose upcoming wedding is August 15, 2020. Best wishes to you as you start your new lives together.

The Kelly Ross household is a very busy place with these two weddings, Cortney's graduation and her 18th birthday! Wheee!

County census expected to take place in September

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By a vote of 9-1 county council agreed to hold a census.

The census, which is expected to be held in September, will begin the plans that could ultimately change the county's electoral divisions through the redistribution of residents.

Two questions will be asked including the number of people in the household and their age range. The county will not require specific ages.

The process is expected to result in the reduction in the number of divisions and councillors.

All we're doing is gathering data to see where people live so we can redistribute the population

We do...

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PROPOSED BYLAW 1995-20

11:30 a.m. July 23, 2020

County of Newell Council Chambers

PURSUANT to sections 230, 606, and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, Chapter M-26, 2000, as amended, the Council of the County of Newell in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw 1995-20 being an amendment to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw 1892-17.

The land that is the subject of the proposed land use bylaw amendment is legally described as

**A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST
SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 15, RANGE 15, WEST OF THE 4TH MERIDIAN**

and this land is also shown on the map below.

THE PURPOSE of proposed Bylaw No. 1995-20 is to redesignate portions of the above-noted lands from "Agricultural - A" to "Small Holdings - SH" to accommodate a future subdivision of an existing yard site at this location.

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing to contemplate the proposed Bylaw No. 1995-20 will be held in the County of Newell Council Chambers at 11:30 a.m. on the 23rd day of July 2020.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the County of Newell office during normal business hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw should contact the Chief Administrative Officer no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 16th day of July 2020. Both written and/or verbal presentations may be given at the public hearing.

DATED at the County of Newell in the Province of Alberta this 30th day of June 2020.



Pam Elliott
County of Newell
Box 130
Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B2

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One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well, we've had a nice week after those great rains the weekend before the last. Now, we're almost ready for some more, nothing like wishful thinking.

Get well wishes go to Linda Slomp who is recuperating at home after having foot surgery last week. We wish you all the best for a speedy recovery.

On Wednesday Dianna Visser and son Nathan of Cheadle and her daughter Krystin of Airdrie came down to visit with her mother, Grandma Jacqueline Hajash for the day. She appreciated the visit.

NOTE The Brooks United Church is going to try to have Thrift Sales which will be held on Thursdays' July 9th and July 16th as a trail run. Both will be Bag Sales @\$10 per bag. This will eliminate having to handle change. Due to the COVID-19

they will only be letting in a group of 5 people at a time for 15 minutes each. "NO CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED!!!" PLEASE wear a MASK and there will be hand sanitizer available.

. Also THE BATHROOMS WILL BE CLOSED to the public. Sorry about the inconvenience folks!!

Happy belated Birthday wishes go to Neil Murray who celebrated his 50th birthday on July 4th. He is neighbour to Sandra Hajash. We wish you all the best and many more.

Birthday greetings this coming week go out to Glenda Charlton on Jul 13th; to Jason Merkl of Regina and to Ryan Juss, both on Jul 14th and to my friend Mary Webber of Brooks also on the 14th. We wish each of you a great day and all the best for a "Very Happy Birthday" to you all and to everyone else that is celebrating this week. We wish everyone

all the best for the coming years.

There aren't any anniversaries that I know of this week.

I don't have much to report this week again. I just hope everyone is well and have not contracted that COVID-19 Virus. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Births

MAMER/JIIR GOL - Born to Amo Mamer and James Jir Gol of Brooks, AB., a son on June 29, 2020.

SELEMAWIT/TSEGAI - Born to Sbhatu Selemawit and Abraha Tsegai of Brooks, AB., a daughter on June 30, 2020.

HILLIER/BERGEN - Born to Brittany Hillier and Kyle Bergen of Brooks, AB., a daughter on July 2, 2020.

ADEN/HUSSEIN - Born to Maryan Aden and Ahmed Hussein of Brooks, AB., a daughter on July 2, 2020.

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - The weather continues to surprise us with random thunderstorms, watches and warnings!

We were happy to have a nice day to celebrate my Mom, Jean McDougald's birthday. We kept it small and intimate for her and we made sure she had a few minutes to talk to her twin sister who lives in Port Alberni. It's fun to walk down her memory lane, the things she remembers and the changes she's seen.

The Duchess Library will once again be doing a reading program with a twist this year 4 to 7 year olds can keep track of the books they read and email a page when it is full to duclib@shortgrass.ca or daryl@shortgrass.ca. 8 to 12 year olds will be keeping track of how many pages they have read per book. These can also be dropped off in the after hours book drop box. Staff at the library will be handing out instructions on crafts and possibly science experiments to

do. The library web page has a direct link to the TD summer reading and the Alberta summer reading clubs. This is all online this year and is available for everyone to enjoy. Prizes for the most read books and pages will be awarded at the end of summer. Happy reading everyone.

On July 14th, 2020 library staff would like to see a parade of decorated bikes from the kids in the area. to show them off at the library. We would like to see this at 11:00 am. We will be practicing social distancing for this. We miss everyone and watch for different games in chalk on our sidewalk. Come on out and show us your decorated bikes.

I had the pleasure of running into a former student at Duchess School, Chaydan Lauber, son of Jamie and Shawna Lauber. He's been a busy young man, going to University in the States and playing hockey at the same time. He graduated with a double degree and is

going back for his Master's. I hope I understood that correctly! Oh, and this young man is also getting married this year on top of everything else! It is so nice when these young people stop and catch up with you, even if you haven't seen them in years. I'm sure his parents and family are all very proud of you.

The Brooks United Church is going to try to have Thrift Sales which will be held on Thursdays' July 9th and July 16th as a trail run. There will have bags for sale at a certain price. This will eliminate having to handle change. Due to the COVID-19 they will only be letting in a group of 5 people at a time for 15 minutes each. "NO CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED!" PLEASE wear a MASK and there will be sanitizer available.. Also THE BATHROOMS WILL BE CLOSED to the public. Sorry about the inconvenience folks! Quote: "You don't stop having fun when you get old, you get old when you stop having fun."

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In your garden...

LINDA TOMLINSON

Gardeners put time and effort into the garden and prefer not to share their crops with pests. Some pests take a nibble or two but root maggots and cabbage worms tend to make the produce inedible.

The best way to get rid of insects is to learn about their life cycle and disrupt it. Both root maggots and cabbage butterflies have complete life cycles meaning they have 4 stages of development: eggs, larva, pupa and adults.

The adult root maggots are very small flies that hatch in May to early June. They mate and lay their eggs close to potential host plants which are primarily: cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, kale, radishes, turnips, and rutabaga.

The eggs are white, slim and one eighth of an inch long. If looking for the eggs, gently stir the soil in the vicinity of the plants. The eggs hatch within two weeks into larva which feeds on the nearby roots. When the larva is mature it forms a pupa in the soil. The adults emerge in August starting the second generation. The pupae will overwinter in the soil emerging as flies in the early spring.

Nematode, a natural predator of the maggots can be introduced into the garden. They can be purchased from some greenhouses or year round garden center. Make sure to follow instructions on how

to prepare and release the product.

To avoid root maggots two years in a row, take cultural steps.

Remove all plants from the garden in the fall and till the area under as it will expose pupa to the elements.

Rotating crops, removes the maggot's food source reducing the insects numbers. As the adult flies will travel up to a mile, covering the bed containing susceptible crops with a light polystyrene cloth that is anchored at the bottom is typically used. If the flies cannot get under the cloth to lay eggs near the host plant the plants will not become infected.

Early gardeners placed ash around the seeds or transplants to discourage the flies from laying eggs.

White cabbage butterflies are named such as they lay their eggs on the underside of the leaves brassica vegetables. While they will use most plants in that family the most damage occurs on Cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli crops.

The butterflies appear at the end of May and stay throughout the growing season. The small eggs start white but turn yellow as they mature are anchored to the underside of outside leaves by the tip. They hatch out into green caterpillars with lines or spots on their sides, which are often called caterpillar

loopers. The caterpillars move throughout the plant leaving circular holes and excretions behind. During warm weather it takes approximately 11 days to go from hatching to pupation. The chrysalis then attaches itself to the underside of a leaf and hangs there until an adult butterfly emerges.

The worms can be controlled by covering the plants with an anchored row cover when they are planted.

If an infestation occurs Bacillus thuringiensis known as BT or BTK is a bacteria that can be sprayed on the infected plants. When the caterpillars eat the plant they also ingest the bacteria which causes their stomachs to rot. BTK can be purchased at garden centers. Be sure to follow the directions on the container.

It is possible to remove caterpillars and eggs by hand if they are on the outer leaves but once the lopper moves into a flowerhead it becomes harder to remove.

Soaking the broccoli and cauliflower heads in a warm salt water solution before they are cooked will help remove the caterpillars but not the excretions.

Taking care at the beginning of the season can improve the crop.

Linda Tomlinson is a horticulturalist that lives in central Alberta. She can be reached at your_garden@hotmail.com

JOYCE CALVERT



Bow City Signal

BOW CITY - It is to bad our weather has to be so up and down. We were suppose to head to Lac La Biche on the 30th to help our daughter Kim celebrate her 50th birthday but guess what! Got up that morning it was pouring rain, the wind

out of the north blowing to beat the devil so we didn't go. Guess the weather up there was no better for the rest of the week.

A very sincere sympathy is sent to Vicki Ouellette on the passing of her mother in Manitoba

on Sunday morning. Our thoughts are with you and your families, Vickie.

Barry and Carol Pearson, from Tilley, popped in for a nice quiet visit on Sunday afternoon. We popped over to their place on Tuesday afternoon also so was great for two days this week.

Our nice campground is now open so you can book to reserve spots if you want by phone 403-362-6693. It also has a nice camp kitchen and playground area so check it out. Our fair sized hall is also available so if you want to book it phone Wanda at 403-793-2392. Both nice quiet places and the park has been fairly busy so book soon.

Billy and Dallas Zibell from Bassano dropped in to Dan and Wanda's for a quick visit Sunday afternoon. Nice time too.

If you have some news for my newsletter please phone me by Sunday night at 403-362-2206.

It is easier to get an actor to be a cowboy than to get a cowboy to be an actor.



Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Vehicle damaged, female arrested

Brooks RCMP charged Ida Demontigny, 43, of Brooks with aggravated assault and mischief over \$5,000.

Police allege she was responsible for damaging a Jaguar and causing injuries to a 56-year-old female on June 30 at about 8 a.m. after they responded to a call at 3A Street near 4th Ave W.

The female was transported to Brooks Health Centre with non-life threatening injuries.

Police say it is alleged Demontigny smashed all the windows from the victim's parked vehicle and when the victim confronted the suspect she was assaulted including her head smashed into the pavement.

"Following the assault, the suspect got into a Chevy pickup truck and rammed the parked Jaguar," states a

police release.

Demontigny was released on bail. She is scheduled to appear in Brooks Provincial Court on Aug. 12.

Search warrant executed

Brooks RCMP executed a search warrant at an apartment in the 600 block of 8th Street West during the early morning hours of July 1st.

Police report they became aware of a social media clip at about 9:45 a.m. on June 30 that showed a male, who is known to police, wielding and handling a handgun.

The 18-year-old male, who has not been identified because charges have not been sworn, has been on probation conditions related to weapons.

As a result of the execution of the search warrant police seized a BB gun hand pistol and charged the male with two counts of failing to comply with probation.

He was released and is to appear in Brooks Provincial Court on Sept. 2.



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Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



inconvenience folks!!

RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Rodney Davidson, Bernice Kuefler on July 11; Mick McColl on July 13.

Celebrating their wedding anniversary this coming week are Brian and Cheryl Guttman on July 17.

Alcoma Community Library patrons will have no access to books from our library and no dropping off of books until August 4th. They can still arrange to pick up books at Brooks if they so wish.

Please note that the Summer Program, usually held during July and August at the Alcoma Community Library, has been cancelled for this year due to the COVID-19.

The school is asking for donations of plastic bottle caps, of any colour, for an art project being planned for the next school year. Please start a collection at home and it will be announced at a later date when it is a good time to bring them to the school. Thank you.

Alcoma School News - the school is closed for the summer holidays, as is the Alcoma Community Library, but the playground at the school is open for use now. Please continue with social distancing and hand sanitizing.

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take place. You are welcome to tentatively sign up for the tour. As of right now, the tour is planned for Monday, July 27th at 9:00am. Please RSVP by noon on July 17th to 403-794-2311.

Newell County Band Association (NCBA) are running a battery drive fundraiser. They are looking for donations of large lead batteries - lawn mower, RV, ATV, tractor, car, etc. They are collecting until September 20, 2020 and you can arrange a pickup by calling one of the following people: Jodi 403-501-1583; Kerry 403-793-4040; Candice 403-376-8028. A huge thank you to Brooks Industrial Metals for partnering with the local band students on this fundraiser. Call today!!

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EDITORIAL

Traffic changes need more study

To begin, the formation of a task force to brainstorm and come up with ways to help businesses with the re-opening of the economy is a good idea. There are communities across Canada that have established these groups and many good ideas have come from them.

Most suggestions deal with easing costs for area businesses.

However, the main recommendations from the local group are to change traffic in the downtown core to one way south on Second Street and then north on First Street along with angle parking. This would certainly be a major change that could have unintended consequences.

It is well recognized that when you change a traffic pattern in one place it results in a push of traffic to another area. There are examples, such as Fourth Street West, which was once a quiet residential street and is now a well-used thoroughfare to Cassils Road and north.

One way travel downtown would have drivers who want to return to the north end heading up First Street and then left on Second Avenue to get to Second Street and then right to the north. Any driver who took Third St. instead and tried to turn left at the Bank of Montreal corner to head north would be stuck there for some time as oncoming traffic with the right-of-way turns to the north.

As for angle parking, well,

it was popular with retailers years ago because more cars could be accommodated on the street. It was discontinued on the main drag decades ago and public parking lots were built. It is still available on First Avenue.

Over the years the suggestion to make the downtown streets one way has come up a couple of times but it never got anywhere.

There are traffic studies somewhere on the shelf at city hall that really didn't support this move.

The ultimate objective of business people in the downtown core is to slow traffic down and make the town centre more pedestrian friendly.

The easiest way to do this would be to close off the main block downtown such as was done when the car show was there.

It would be interesting to see what the response would be if there were music, perhaps food vendors and benches and umbrellas on the street. Retailers could also display their wares on the sidewalk.

Special events like this would also have a major effect on traffic patterns downtown but if the block was only closed off for a Saturday or a weekend at the longest there would be a return to normalcy.

This might also entice other businesses to the downtown.

As for the recommendation to allow ATVs on city streets, well, perhaps there should be more thought given to this.

Time Capsule



Pioneer prairie dweller Tommy Ranton, his home and late model wagon in the Wardlow area of the Red Deer River. Photo was supplied by the late Charles Laundon another early homesteader.

Hong Kong: The 'British' 3 Million

COLUMNIST



GWYNNE DYER

We will grant BNOs five years' limited leave to remain (in the United Kingdom), with the right to work or study," British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab told the UK parliament on July 1. "After five years, they will be able to apply for settled status. After a further twelve months with settled status, they will be able to apply for citizenship."

The stunning thing about this promise is that it applies to all three million people in Hong Kong – almost half the population – who have British National (Overseas) status by virtue of having been born there before the former British colony was handed back to the People's Republic of China in 1997. They don't even need to have an actual BNO passport (although 300,000 of them do). All three million of them qualify: "all those with BNO status will be eligible, as will their family dependants who are ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. The Home Office will put in place a simple, streamlined application process. There will be no quota on numbers."

This is an unprecedented commitment, and it's not even a legal requirement. Britain voluntarily gave asylum to 30,000 Ugandan Asians in 1972 when the bloody dictator Idi Amin confiscated their property and expelled them from the country, but we're talking about potentially a hundred times as many people in Hong Kong.

It is a debt of honour, however, as Britain negotiated

an agreement with China that Hong Kong would keep the rule of law, free speech, and freedom of the press for 50 years after the hand-over in 1997. China has broken that 'one country, two systems' deal, and Hong Kongers can only expect a thinly disguised Communist dictatorship from now on.

It's right there in the new 'security' laws imposed illegally last month by the regime's rubber-stamp National People's Congress in Beijing. New crimes include separatism, subversion, terrorism and 'collusion with foreign forces', the same vague catch-all charges that the Communist regime uses to suppress dissent in the People's Republic. ("Terrorism" includes damaging public transport.) Maximum sentence is life in prison.

These laws will be enforced by China's 'security' (i.e. political) police, who will now operate in Hong Kong. The charges they bring may be tried in Hong Kong's courts, but if there are 'certain circumstances' or 'special situations' the accused can be extradited to mainland courts, entirely under the regime's thumb, where the conviction rate is well above 99%. In other words, it's over.

It's not just freedom that's over. As Chris Patten, Hong Kong's last British governor, wrote recently: "If China destroys the rule of law in Hong Kong, it will ruin the city's chances of continuing to be a great international financial hub that mediates about two-thirds of the direct investment in and out of China."

The decision has been taken, and Hong Kong's residents have two good reasons to leave: their freedoms are gone, and the economic future is grim. Many will decide to leave, but where can they go?

For the 300,000 Canadian citizens in Hong Kong, the

100,000 Australian citizens, the 100,000 British citizens and the 85,000 Americans, it's easy. Most are ethnic Chinese from Hong Kong who knew that you could never trust the Communists, and took out an insurance policy long ago by emigrating to another country and acquiring citizenship.

Most of them even bought houses, but then they moved back to Hong Kong to be with their wider family and make better money. Many will go soon, because the Communist regime may start forbidding people to leave (it doesn't recognise dual citizenship). Others will gamble on staying for the time being, in the hope that if it gets very bad they will still be able to get out later.

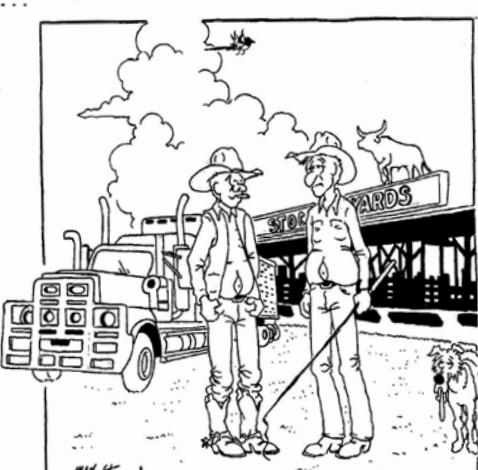
For the three million more who have BNO status, it's a harder choice. They have much less money, and no houses, no contacts, no jobs waiting for them in Britain. But they're ambitious, they're well educated, and a lot of them are young. It would be surprising if at least half a million of them didn't take up the British offer.

Just one little problem: the children of people with BNO status who were born after 1997 but are too old to qualify as dependants – the 18 to 23-year-olds – are not currently eligible for BNO status. That includes a majority of the young adults who were active in the protests and have most to fear. But the British government says it is considering their case.

And one little doubt. It is still hard to believe that an ultra-nationalist British government that won the Brexit referendum on a wave of anti-foreign rhetoric, and a Home Office that still stubbornly maintains a 'hostile environment' for immigrants, will really keep these promises.

It would be nice if they kept their word, but it would also be quite surprising.

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Farm & Ranch

New elevator under construction in far north... large size shows faith in the future

Straight north of Edmonton for about 800 km, you come to the edge of the civilized world – well, it's actually High Level, Alberta. It's the principal town in the area, and it will soon see the completion of the largest grain terminal this far north on the continent. It will have a capacity of 32,000 tonnes and replaces an older wooden elevator that was only 6,500 tonnes in size. It looks like most new concrete elevators that have been built over the past 30 years across the prairies. What is interesting is the whopping size of the facility compared to what it is replacing. The new elevator looks rather large for the available production in the area when one considers those big terminals turn over their capacity many times per year to be viable. I suspect some of the region's grains and oilseeds have been shipped to other buyers further south for years, but this new plant will need to wipe out the competition to become viable from an economy of scale perspective. That may be initially advantageous to local growers as the big elevator tries to procure most production with price premiums, but it is never good to see competition disappear. But then this multi-million-dollar investment in a far north giant grain terminal may be banking on something else – and I hope they are right.

That northern area is the frontier of farming in Alberta. It started in the 1930s, but land clearing and development really took off in the 1960s. Today there are about 350,000 arable acres dedicated to mostly grains and oilseeds. Such production became viable when the railway arrived in High Level on its way to Hay River in the NWT. Grain elevators then sprung up to service an increasing production base. However, grain marketing consolidation saw only one major buyer remain in business by the present time. But that still doesn't quite explain the rationale behind the current vast size of the new facility. I suspect the grain company involved expects considerably more land to be cleared for crop production in the near future. That will require more public land to be offered for sale for development by the Alberta government. Perhaps the company got a heads up from the provincial government. The last significant land sales occurred in the 1990s when almost 900 quarters were sold by the government. I recall at the time, there were

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murmurings of protest from a few forlorn green groups. Back in those days, such nuisance lobby groups were not as powerful as they are today, and they found little public or government concern with what was happening in a very remote part of the province.

Since then, although there have been public land sales in the area, large scale sales have not occurred. But that may all change depending on the perseverance of the present government. For many years in my columns, I have been advocating that increased land development in that northern area should be a top priority for agricultural expansion in Alberta. But my common sense pleadings fell on deaf ears, particularly as the influence of green groups opposed to any sales of public lands became part of politically correct green awareness. Even the former Redford government bowed to their power when it stopped the sale of a couple of quarters of public land in southern Alberta. The new UCP government has stated that opening up public land for development is a part of their party ag policy. Almost immediately, green groups started looking for an angle to thwart such a plan. One expects that they will use court challenges and instigating local area First Nations into blocking any land sales. Luckily Alberta First Nations are pragmatic and will see the benefits of a settlement arrangement. Besides, that area is covered by Treaty 8, which should make the process easier. There is also the precedent of hundreds of thousands of acres of already sold and developed farmland.

The sooner more public land is sold and developed for farming the better. Every year Alberta loses hundreds if not thousands of acres of arable land to urban development – and there is not the slightest protest from anyone. What a travesty to food production and the ag economy. We need to replace every such lost acre with at least two acres of newly developed land just to catch up. It's the right thing to do right now.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer and ag policy consultant.



Just east of Bassano, Rod MacLean rakes two small swaths together to form larger swaths for baling. | MICHELLE GIETZ PHOTO

Forage crops in good condition

MICHELLE GIETZ
BROOKS BULLETIN

With clear skies in the forecast for the next week producers are quickly cutting hay across the region.

After the past week of rainy skies dropped up to three inches of rain in some areas and hail in others, producers hope the month of July

will allow them to get the hay crop in with little interruption.

According to the latest provincial crop report, forage crops are generally in good to excellent condition across the province. In the south, first-cut haying is over 50 percent complete on irrigated acres. While haying is now progressing quickly in the south, other parts of the province have been slower to

get started.

Cool nights and damp mornings are hampering drying. Cutting smaller swaths and raking to turn the hay allows the hay to dry more rapidly.

With adequate rainfall in June and ample sunshine in the forecast, first cut hay is expected to be of good quality and substantial quantity. Producers are already offering small square bales for sale ranging in price from \$7 to \$10 per bale.

After the rain, pasture growth is also rated as good to excellent with ample grass for cattle out on the lease.

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JODI NIZNICK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - "Some of the biggest achievements of your life will come from helping others achieve"

I saw so many examples of this the past week while watching Eva work with her new horse at a Doug Mills Clinic held in Gem. So many great encouraging, supportive, and patient people helping her to learn more horsemanship than she could comprehend in a day! Also attending from the area were Kristen, Brooklyn, and Brett Niznik, Tracy Niznik, Devon and Cody Buteau. I'm sure this will top the highlights of Evas 2020 summer!

The Brooks United Church is going to try to have Thrift Sales which will be held on Thursdays July 9th and 16th as a trial run. Both will be Bag Sales @ \$10/bag. Due to the COVID-19 they will only be letting in a group of 5 people for 15 minutes. "NO CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED"!! Please wear a mask and there will be sanitizer available. Also the BATHROOMS WILL BE CLOSED to the public. Sorry about the inconvenience folks!!

The Newell County Band Association is still running their old Battery Roundup fundraiser. If you have large batteries collecting dust; lawnmower, RV, ATV, vehicle, tractor, etc. please call the following numbers to arrange a pick up, thanks to those who have already called!

Jodi Niznik 403-501-1583, Kerry 403-793-4040 or Candice 403-376-8028. Thank you to Brooks Industrial Metals for supporting local youth in this partnership.

Hay has been knocked down throughout the County. Hopefully if can be put up in a timely way.

Please call Jodi at 403-501-1583 with any news or info to share. Hall inquiries can be directed to Heather at 403-793-3890. Have a great week; the dog days of summer are here and July

Continuing thanks to those who work so hard to keep the hall looking great! Unfortunate that the rental situation is so poor due to COVID.

Please call Jodi at 403-501-1583 with any news or info to share. Hall inquiries can be directed to Heather at 403-793-3890. Have a great week!



Tilley
4-H BEEF CLUB

By Jetta Buteau

This year the Tilley 4-H club was an all beef club. We had 13 members. To start off the year we had our first weigh-in at Devon and Candice Buteau's farm on November 15, 2019. Everyone's calves looked great! The next event was the Annual Recognition night, we would like to thank Marylene Van Steenburg for being our club leader for many years and for everything you have done for our club. For District Public Speaking we had our youngest member Navada Murray place 3rd, great job Navada! We also had a diary clinic on March 8th. Unfortunately due to the Covid 19 pandemic our 4-H year did not end the way we had hoped but we were fortunate to be able to sell all of our steers privately to very generous buyers. For community service this year the Tilley 4-H club members and parents participated in a highway clean up around Tilley. Also with the proceeds of a small bottle drive we were able to purchase several board games, puzzles and outdoor games for the seniors at Newbrook Lodge to enjoy playing. Overall we had a successful year.

The Tilley 4-H club would like to thank the following buyers for their generous purchase of our steers:

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Former Bandits left winger Taylor Makin returns to club

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Taylor Makin, a member of the Brooks Bandits 2012-13 national championship team returns to the club as the team's assistant coach.

"I had a really positive experience there my first time around. We were able to win the national championship," he told The Bulletin.

He said he learned a lot as a player and a person and is grateful that head coach Ryan Papaioannou tapped him for the job.

"To go back to that organization and work with Ryan again is something I'm really excited about."

Following his 'graduation' from the Bandits after the nationals in 2013, Makin spent the next five seasons with Wolfville, Nova Scotia's Acadia University team, a year in France and a portion of the 2019-20 season in Evansville, Indiana playing in the Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL) with the Evansville Thunderbolts.

He stayed with the SPHL until Christmas. The Canadian-born Makin returned to the Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL) in January 2020 as the assistant coach for the Grande Prairie Storm.

Makin said his on-ice hockey career was coming to an end.

"I kind of got lucky," he said.

In December 2019 Ryan Aasman found out he would be moved into the head coach's position for the Grande Prairie Storm and offered Makin the assistant coaching job.

"It was just too good of an opportunity to say no to," he said.

The Storm hired a new coach and GM in the spring.

Makin had been talking to

Papaioannou and it worked out that he was looking for a new assistant coach.

"The more we talked the more it just seemed like it was a good fit. I'm very fortunate it worked out," he said.

With very little coaching experience, Makin is coming to the club to learn from Papaioannou.

"I know we share a lot of the same philosophy on hockey. Apart from that, I just want to bring a lot of energy to the rink and just have some fun and enjoy," he said.

While the job officially begins on Aug. 1, it is still unclear what the AJHL season will look like because of the health regulations around COVID19, although the league has said there will be a season.

Bandits president Paul Seaton said the pandemic allowed staff to spend time streamlining the office including putting systems in place to create easier operations while Papaioannou has been recruiting players and building up the team.

"Everything's been working towards next season. The difficulty is

we don't know what next season is going to look like," he said.

At the league's AGM on June 20, Seaton was named as nominee for the inaugural Ken Bracko Award along with Lloydminster Bobcats governor Shane Tomayer and Calgary Canucks president Arthur Yasinski.

It was presented to Sherwood Park Crusaders president Kevin Love.

Charla Flett, vice president of communications for the league has confirmed there will be a season for all 15 teams as was agreed to by the board of governors at the AGM.

"The league is preparing to begin its 57th season in September should provincial health regulations allow," states a news release.

A tentative schedule is expected to be announced over the next week or two and will include a modified format alongside contingency plans for a delayed season start.

While the season has been delayed so has the Bandits AGM by one month. It is now being planned for August.



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McNALLY- Mrs. Esme Gertrude McNally (nee Gaff) of Rolling Hills and beloved wife of the late Clayton McNally, passed away in Brooks on Sunday, June 28th, 2020 at the age of 91 years. Gertrude was born in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan on July 11th, 1928 to Dennis and Vienna Gaff. Gertrude received her schooling in Maple Creek. She married Clayton on July 11th, 1953 and farmed near Excel, Alberta until 1961. In 1961 they moved to Rolling Hills to continue farming, bringing with them 6 children and another on the way. After Clayton's passing in 1996, she continued to farm in Rolling Hills up until 2011, when she moved to Brooks. Gertrude is predeceased by her husband Clayton and a son Dean. She is survived by 2 sons, Brent and Jim; 4 daughters, Elaine, Sherrie, Della and Lori and numerous descendants thereof. No public services will be held.

Cremation is entrusted to and conducted by Smith Funeral Home Ltd. and Crematorium, Brooks



ROBINSON - In loving memory of Jacques (Jack) Joseph Armand Robinson born on July 20, 1958 in St. Paul, AB and passed on June 30, 2020 in Brooks, AB. Jacques was born to parents Henri and Pierrette Robinson and was the 3rd eldest child of a family of 9 children. His siblings being Laurette Perren (Mark), Jean, Gerald (Wendy), Lorraine, Lucie, Lise, Line and Marc. Nephews-John, Ryan, Samuel, Daniel, Marshall, Jordan, Nigel and Joel. Nieces - Chantal, Maria, and Ashley. Jacques grew up on the family farm near Lafond, Alberta and enjoyed the wholesomeness that came from his upbringing. Jacques had many talents; he had many artistic abilities and loved to draw and paint in his earlier years. He had a passion for music and loved to share with anyone who would listen. Jacques was an entrepreneur and had the pleasure of growing a one-acre market garden on the family farm where his mom and brother Jean helped in planting, weeding, and harvesting. Jacques was not a stranger to hard work, he worked in the oil patch, picked fruit in Osoyoos, BC and hauling it to Alberta to sell in the St. Paul area and worked in the plumbing and draining industry. Jacques's bond with his mom was strong and special. He phoned her every Sunday and always came to Alberta to celebrate Christmas and her birthday on July 1. I guess he wanted to join her in Heaven for her birthday this year. Jacques was drawn to the mountains and had made Vancouver home. Jacques attended and volunteered at Potter's Place Mission in Vancouver. At Potter's Place, Jacques truly had experienced a healing journey of pain, suffering and tears: from death to new life in Christ Jesus. Jacques was predeceased by his father Henri, his mother Pierrette and his brother Jean-Marie. Jacques will be dearly missed by his siblings, his nephews and nieces, and great nephews and nieces, aunts and uncles, and numerous cousins and friends. Those who wish to make a memorial contribution in Jacques's memory can make it to Potter's Place Mission, 21 Hastings St E, Vancouver, BC V6A 1M9 or Haying in the 30's Cancer Support Society, Box 35, Mallaig, AB T0A 2K0. "Eternal rest grant onto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, rest in Peace, Amen!" Graveside Services were held at 11:00 am on July 4, 2020 at Brooks Cemetery. For further information or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomsfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.

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Mom grew up in Gem and had many wonderful memories of the 2 homesteads there. She & dad married in Gem August 4, 1962 and moved to Duchess to raise their family. Mom was an amazing mother and kept busy with the hotel & restaurant industry where she met many people. Besides her family, her interests were incredibly diverse from her wonderful cooking and preserving which she

unselfishly shared; gardening (she always had a huge garden to supply food for the table); to photography that included part of the record keeping for family, church and the community. She was a master genealogist and spared no effort in her researching, cataloguing, writing articles and unselfishly shared the fruits of her labours with many organizations and the community. She was instrumental in the building and organizing of the Duchess Mennonite Church archives and spent much time with the Alberta Genealogical Society where she achieved a lifetime membership. She gave comfort to many in need and gave her time selflessly to try to make their lives easier. One of the last meals mom was able to enjoy was her favourite: liver and onions. Lovingly remembered by her husband Harold & her 3 children, Raymond, Gloria (Ken), Arnold (Laurie) & her 5 grandkids & 2 great grandkids & her sisters Betty, Dorothy & Martha. She was predeceased by her son Marvin, her parents John & Phyllis & her brothers David & Billy. Many thanks to the amazing staff at the Brooks Hospital & St. Joseph's Carmel Hospice for their wonderful and compassionate care of our mom. In her memory, a donation to the Alberta Genealogical Society would be gratefully appreciated. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 9 at the Duchess Mennonite Church. For further information or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomsfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.

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Special thanks to Dr. Grobbelaar and Christin for the great care and kindness shown to Mum.

Big thank you to Kelly and staff at Smith Funeral Home for making one of the hardest times of our lives into such special memories. You are amazing. Mum always said Brooks and the people of Brooks have been good to our family and she was so right.

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Sincerely,
The Robinson Family

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Thank You!

The family of Pierrette Robinson would like to thank all the caregivers, all the doctors, all the nurses and home care staff for the exceptional care our mother received over the years, Thank-you from the

bottom of our hearts. To all our moms friends, neighbours, quilting club and faith community who offered prayers and visited, you truly brightened her days. Thank you for all the people who sent sympathy cards, flowers and your sincere condolences. Thank-you for all the donations to St. Vincent de Paul in our mom's memory. Thank you to Father Marino, St. Mary's Parish and her CWL sisters for your prayers, friendship and support over the years. Thank you Chris at Thom's Funeral Home and team for your personal attention in helping us honour our Mom.

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Bachelor's degree or diploma in social sciences, human services, management or a related field with 5 years progressive management experience at a senior level, preferably in the non-profit sector. A clear understanding of the non-profit sector and/or government systems is essential. Demonstrated strong leadership, communication, and financial management skills are necessary.

Equivalencies will be considered as follows: Directly related education or experience considered on the basis of: 1 year of related education for 1 year of related experience; or 1 year of related experience for 1 year of related education.

A clean criminal records check including vulnerable sector check, CYIM check and current drivers abstract will be required before an offer of employment is presented to the successful applicant.

Job type:

Full-time with competitive salary and benefits package.

Please submit resume with cover letter and (3) references to home@spec.ab.ca

Closing date: July 27, 2020

Thank you for your interest. Only persons selected for interview will be contacted.

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SPEC Association is a registered charitable organization focused on engaging families and communities in the positive development of children and families. SPEC works to promote a caring and committed community where kids are resilient and valued through a variety of preventive and educational programs.

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Tilley Telegram

TILLEY - The Brooks United Church will be having two trial run Thrift Sales on Thursday, July 9 and Thursday, July 16. These will be run as Bag Sales, \$10 per bag. This will limit the handling of money. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, only five people will be allowed in at a time for a 15-minute time period. Unfortunately, children will not be allowed in the building. Visitors are asked to please wear a face mask and use the hand sanitizer provided. Washrooms will NOT be available for use by the public. We apologize for any inconvenience as we try to follow guidelines for keeping everyone safe and healthy.

Worship services at Bethany Lutheran Church will resume at 11:00 am on Sunday, August 9, led by Pastor Les Skonnard. All Covid-19 physical distancing measures will be followed, which also means there will not be coffee served before or after the service. Please contact any church member

if you have questions or concerns. The VBS program at Bethany has also been cancelled for this year. Restoration of the basement of the church is progressing nicely and should hopefully be completed by the end of July.

The Spike and Spur Mercantile in Tilley is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Stop in and see what's new!

The Newell County Band Association (NCBA) are running a battery drive fundraiser. They are looking for donations of large lead batteries (ie. Lawn mower, RV, ATV, tractor, car, etc.). They are collecting until September 20, 2020 and you can arrange a pick-up by calling: Jodi at 403-501-1583; Kerry at 403-793-4040; Candice at 403-376-8028. A huge thank-you goes to Brooks Industrial Metals for partnering with the local band students on this fundraiser!

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Events will resume at the Tilley Community Centre following all Alberta

Relaunch Guidelines. Look for the new Facebook page - photos, rental rates and other hall information will be easily found on the page. As the casino fundraiser was cancelled, new dates will be forthcoming and the board will be seeking volunteers to help work and support the community centre.

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259. You may also EMAIL me at goombaw@eidnet.org with subject line Tilley Telegram. Please contact me by or before 8:00 am on Monday mornings to have your news included for the week. On long weekends, news is due Thursday morning before the holiday!

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We thank you in advance, only those selected for the interview process will be contacted. 28-29c



obituaries

HJORTH - Niels Thomas was born in Calgary, Alberta on October 31, 1927 to Marius and Jensine Hjorth and joined his Lord and Savior on June 26, 2020. Niels lived in Standard until 1938 when the family moved to make their home in Tilley. He received his education at Renfrew School in Tilley and Camrose Lutheran Bible Institute. At the age of 18 he chose farming as his path in life, eventually taking over the Hjorth family farm. Niels found true happiness when he met Thelma Skaret and they were married at Messiah Lutheran Church in Camrose on April 19, 1969. Together they built a wonderful life in Tilley where they were very active members of the Bethany Lutheran Church community and spent time with their family and friends. In 1989 Niels and Thelma bought a 5th Wheel and enjoyed many extended winter trips to Washington, Arizona, California and a summer trip to Alaska. Upon retirement in 1999, Niels and Thelma moved to a condo in Camrose where they renewed old friendships, developed new ones, and cherished visits and family gatherings. While in Camrose Niels and Thelma continued to travel throughout Alberta and BC in their 5th wheel, often spending time with friends and family. After Thelma's passing in 2014 Niels returned to Brooks to be closer to his brother Harry, Dagny, and his lifelong Tilley friends. He resided in Newbrook Lodge from June 2015 until May 2018. Niels received care at the Brooks Continuing Care Centre from the fall of 2018 until his passing. Niels lived his life loving our Lord Jesus Christ and his life exemplified his strong faith. He will be remembered for his sense of humour, his gentle spirit, his quiet, reflective nature, and his deep love of family. Niels now joins his parents and his adored wife, Thelma. He is survived by his brother Harry and wife Dagny, Thelma's sisters-in-law Dolores and Brenda, and numerous nieces and nephews who love him dearly. He will be missed and we will cherish his memory! A family graveside service will be held at the Bethany Lutheran Church Cemetery, Tilley. If friends desire, tributes may be made to Bethany Lutheran Church, Box 29, Tilley, Alberta T0J 3K0 to be used for their current church renovations.

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- Reconnecting interactive whiteboards, computers, and peripherals.
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- Wiring and rewiring of mobile device carts.

The ideal candidate will have:

- The ability to effectively troubleshoot technical problems, adapt to tight deadlines, manage heavy workloads, and pay careful attention to details in an often rapidly changing environment.
- Excellent communication skills both written and verbal.
- The ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Valid Alberta Drivers License and own Vehicle (mileage is provided).

Deadline is when a suitable pool of candidates has been established.

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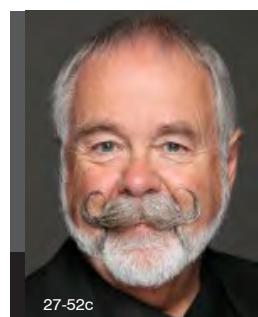
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Working as part of a team, this position will assist the Transportation Supervisor in the day-to-day operations of the student transportation department.

Specific duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Answering incoming calls on both the phone and the 2-way radio
- Coding and submitting invoices for payment
- Keeping accurate fleet records
- Organizing and documenting field trip requests for schools
- Organizing and tracking spare driver requests
- Driving bus on multiple routes when required
- Data entry and information searches in transportation routing program
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- Other duties as required.

Qualifications

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work with a diverse community
- Knowledge of county roads and ability to read maps
- Class 2 driver's license with S Endorsement
- Standard First Aid, CPR C + AED (current certification)
- Proficient in Microsoft software programs (Word, Excel, Publisher, Powerpoint)
- Proficient in Google Suite

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Please submit a resume including contact information for three professional references. Deadline will be as soon as a suitable applicant pool has been received.

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Llamas & Alpacas

Llamas and alpacas are New World camels prized by the people of Bolivia, Chile, Peru and Ecuador.



Llama

Llamas are used mostly as pack animals.

Shoulder height
4 feet (1.2 m)

Coarse outer coat, fine undercoat

200-350 lbs.
(90-158 kg)

Longer, curved ears

Longer face

Smushed, fluffy face

Shorter, pointed ears

Soft, fine coat

Llamas tend to spit more often than alpacas.

Alpaca

Shoulder height
3 feet (91 cm)

100-175 lbs.
(45-68 kg)



Some basics

Llamas and alpacas come in many color variations. Llamas are vegetarians and get most of the water they need from the shrubs and grasses they eat. Alpacas eat grass and hay. Llamas and alpacas are ruminants, although they have only three stomachs, not four like other ruminants such as sheep and cows.

A little bit of history

Llamas and alpacas originated in the central plains of North America about 40 million years ago, but disappeared there during the Ice Age. They migrated to South America about three million years ago and were domesticated 3,000 to 5,000 years ago.

There are no wild llamas or alpacas.

Useful animals

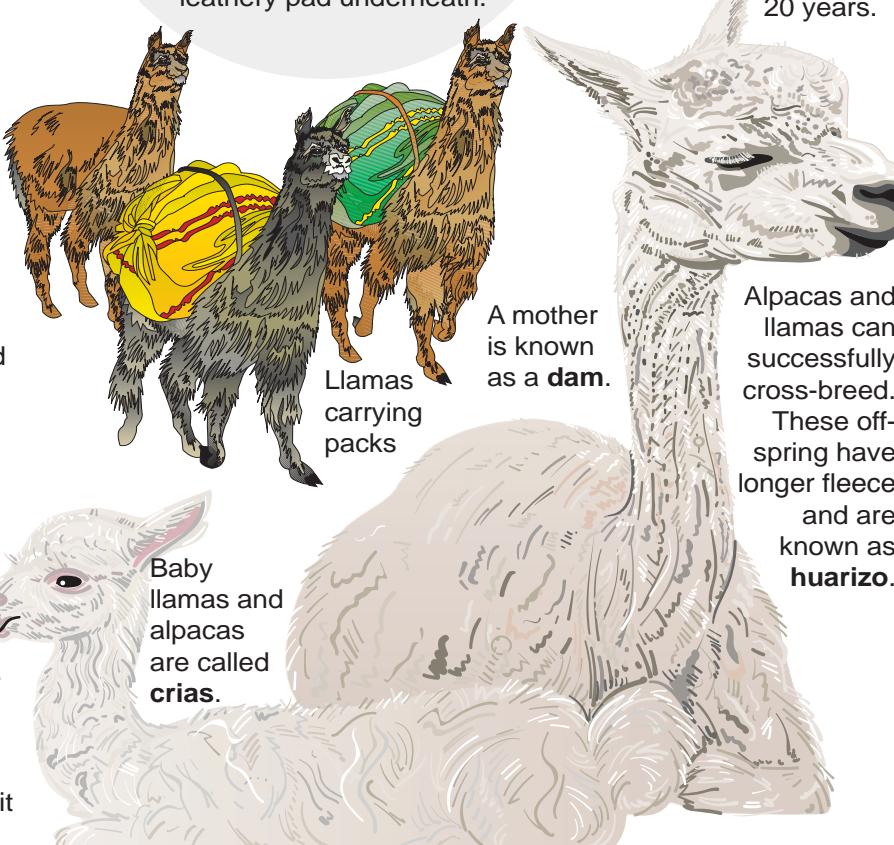
Llamas are peaceful, hardy animals. Their thick coats allow them to thrive in extreme climates. Over the centuries, they have provided meat, wool and fuel, and they have served as pack animals to the people of northwest Argentina, northern Chile and the high Andes of Peru.

Llamas can carry 25% to 30% of their body weight — up to 75 pounds (28 kg) as far as 20 miles (32 km).

Llamas are also good guard animals and can be used to protect sheep from coyotes, foxes and other predators.

Alpacas have been bred specifically for their silky and versatile fiber. The two most common breeds are the **Suri** (pronounced SOO-ree) alpaca and the **Huacaya** (pronounced wah-KAH-yah) alpaca. The Suri have a long, silky coat, while the Huacaya have a shorter, crimped fleece. Alpacas are shorn annually for their fiber, which is used to make a wide variety of textiles and woven items. Alpaca fiber, is flame-resistant, water-resistant and lanolin-free (making it hypoallergenic for most people).

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Baby llamas and alpacas are called crias.



Alpacas and llamas live 15 to 20 years.

Alpacas and llamas can successfully cross-breed. These offspring have longer fleece and are known as huarizo.

Social creatures

Llamas and alpacas are social, gentle and curious animals. They prefer to live with other animals, and herds may include animals of different species such as goats and sheep.

Llamas and alpacas communicate through a variety of ear, tail and body postures. They also have a range of vocalizations including soft hums and a shrill alarm call to warn others of danger.

Llamas and alpacas sometimes spit when annoyed. They will lay back their ears and raise their head high in the air prior to spitting.

Did you know?

Alpacas were domesticated by the **Incas** about 5,000 years ago and raised for their exquisite fleece. Due to its high quality, alpaca fiber was reserved exclusively for the elite and nobility.

Alpacas have been exported around the world, but 99% of the world population of alpacas is found in South America.

Llama and alpaca herds are clean and tend to deposit their manure in one or two spots in the pasture.

Because of their gentle nature, alpacas are becoming popular as pets and as therapy animals in health care facilities and retirement homes.

The llama and alpaca belong to the **Camelidae family**. DNA analysis has confirmed that the **guanaco** is the wild ancestor of the llama, while the **vicuña** is the wild ancestor of the alpaca.

Llamas and alpacas have no top front teeth, so they are gentle grazers.

One good acre of pasture can support up to five alpacas or three llamas. They require minimal fencing.

Alpacas and llamas come in 22 different natural shades.

Alpacas and llamas are smart enough to respond to their names being called.

SOURCES: World Book Encyclopedia, World Book Inc.; <https://www.softschools.com>; <https://onekindplanet.org>; <https://www.desertusa.com>; <https://www.mnn.com>; <http://www.alpacainfo.com>

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148 John Deere Loader

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Horse feeder

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(16) Hihog 16' x 2.25" gates

(10) 16' Rebar Gates with hinges

(16) 16' rebar gate with slight bend

(1) 7 1/2' Frame and gate

(2) 12'x2" tube gates with hinges

(2) 12'x2" pipe gates with hinges

(6) 16' panels with 8" gates

(1) 7'9" walk through gate

(1) 10' Frame and gate (Hi Q)

(1) 10' panel with walk through gate (Hi Q)

(1) 8' Prairie gate

(1) 6' gate with hinge

(1) 12' gate and hinge

(1) 16' gate and hinge

(19) 10' x 1" square tube panels

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(30) 30"x6" mainline -10 with risers & (3 short lengths not in count) Collar lock/no collars

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