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County of Newell deputy reeve Brian de Jong, left, and CAO Kevin Stephenson hold a sign prior to a rally at the Alberta Legislature telling Premier Jason Kenney that if proposed cuts are made to oil and gas assessments it will kill the county and other rural municipalities. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

MLA to fight for County of Newell

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Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA



MICHAELA GLASGO

Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Michaela Glasgo will attend a meeting on Wednesday afternoon with representatives from the counties of Newell and Cypress to hear concerns about the proposed assessment changes for oil and gas companies.

Glasgo said seeing Newell officials at last week's rally at the Alberta Legislature shows her they are concerned about the situation which makes her concerned.

"I want to match their level of concern and be able to assure them that I am fighting for them," she said.

She wants to see a balanced approach taken to set the assessment rate using opinions of both counties and oil and gas companies.

Glasgo said within caucus she's making sure she is advocating for a fair assessment model that takes into consideration a balance while keeping an eye on rural Alberta and making sure they have long term success.

"We were elected to be a representative for rural Alberta and not implement a one-size-fits-all policy," she said.

Proposals released by the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) show the potential disappearance of millions of dollars in tax revenue from Alberta communities beginning next year if any of four assessment models are accepted by the province.

In the county that could mean the loss of between \$10 to \$12 million based on the \$33 million budget.

An assessment review is supposed to take place every three to five years but hasn't been done in at least 10 or more years.

"This is something we are undertaking as a government to review the assessment model," Glasgo said.

She said no decision has been made and one is not likely to be made "until the fall at the absolute earliest."

Assessment changes terrify the county, says reeve

Rural municipalities feel attacked by province...

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Lower oil and gas and pipeline assessments being considered by the province could lead to a serious financial situation for the County of Newell.

An assessment by the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) shows four scenarios for the county of between an 18 per cent revenue loss in 2021 up to a 29 per cent loss that's between \$10 and \$12 million of the municipality's \$33 million budget.

"We feel we've been attacked by a government that traditionally has been supported by rural Alberta," said county reeve Molly Douglass during a press conference.

In an unusual move staff and councillors trekked to Edmonton to join a rally at the provincial legislature on Thursday.

The banner they carried reads, Mr. Kenney, You Are Killing The County of Newell & Rural Alberta Municipalities.

The concerns and the rally follow an assessment review by the province which involved representatives of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA). However, while industry supports the high end of the proposed changes, the RMA does not.

The association expected the review to "enhance industry competitiveness while ensuring the ongoing viability of municipalities."

Instead they learned the province is proposing to change the assessment model for regulated

properties including oil and gas wells and pipelines which would see millions of dollars disappear from municipalities across Alberta.

"The whole concept of the information that has come out to us is terrifying for our County of Newell and Cypress County," said Douglass.

"It's very unpredictable." She said it appears that a few of the bigger companies will benefit from changes and if it's true, "There's something wrong with this whole concept."

"If you cannot pay your taxes then there must be something hit or miss in your business plan because taxes don't make up a huge part of an oil and gas company budget."

To compensate for the loss the residential mill rate would have to be increased by 264.1 per cent or all county staff laid off.

"This is intended to inflame, to be shocking and rightly so because these changes are shocking," Matt Fenske, county finance manager, told council during Tuesday's pre-budget meeting.

"All of the scenarios they present are a ridiculous shock to our property tax system. It is ridiculous when we're trying to provide stability and services for our people that the province comes in with this type of change," said Fenske.

He said there is not even a clear picture of what the future may be and the county has to respond to the changes in under a month.

"It's even worse that it's proposed to get worse into the future and they haven't even shown what that looks

like," he said.

Douglass said everyone, including the average ratepayer, should be very concerned about the changes.

"Services could be dwindled," she said.

Believing funding would be drastically reduced by the province, amalgamation discussions started in about 2018 but loud voices spoke against changes and in 2019 discussions ended.

With fewer dollars fears from councillors include not being able to support the neighbouring municipalities to the extent they have in the past such as for community projects or providing fewer dollars to groups such as the Newell Foundation.

Fenske said short term responses can potentially include removing the paving fund contribution, the recreation fund contribution, reducing facilities and infrastructure fund contribution to zero per cent of amortization and increasing farmland tax rate to .75 mills.

County officials, who learned of the proposal about two weeks ago, are trying to wrap their heads around changes from a government most municipal elected officials have supported.

County councillor Clarence Amulung said not only are they having trouble getting information they are questioning the logic.

"I'm absolutely floored by what this has done," he said.

While rural municipalities appear to be getting the short end of the stick, on Friday the province announced a \$100,000 grant for the Eastern Irrigation

District to do a dam safety study.

Douglass said it's OK the district has been supported.

"We're all in this together and I think that's something the government needs to remember."

She told media the conservative government has traditionally been supported by rural Albertans but doctors are disappearing, rural Alberta is paying for policing without a good understanding by the province of rural policing and last year there was a 35 per cent loss through the shallow gas initiative.

"We are feeling a little bit overwhelmed by why the focus is on our rural municipalities," she said.

Many representatives of municipalities protested in Edmonton as a way to remind the province they are partners in the provision of services.

"We all serve the same ratepayers," she said.

She and other county officials discussed the concerns with Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Michaela Glasgo following a press conference in the county by the minister of agriculture.

"MLA Glasgo should be very concerned because Cypress County and County of Newell are hers so she will be doing lots of lobbying work on our behalf," Douglass said.

The model shows impacts of between 16 and 22 per cent in Cypress County.

"Where we go from here is something that is going to be very difficult if the ideas that have been put out there aren't changed," said Douglass.



Brooks Asphalt and Aggregate has started work on the path extension, which is just under a half a mile, from Duke of Sutherland Park to 7th Street East. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



The hot temperature on Sunday sent many people to cool off in Lake Newell at Kinbrook Island. Wait times for day use users, campers and even homeowners who live in the park were between 20 to 50 minutes. Many people were turned away because parking lots were full.

New twist on Terry Fox Run: One Day. Your Way

Sept. 20 Terry Fox Virtual Run...

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This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run and though it will look and feel different from previous years the goal remains the same: raise money for cancer research.

In 1980, with one leg amputated due to cancer, Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope across Canada.

It was the first time

anyone attempted such a feat and it has not gone unnoticed even a generation later.

Today all ages participate, from those who remember his run or stop in their community to those who have learned about his selfless actions that eventually cost him his life at the age of 22.

Sheila Laverty is organizing this year's virtual Terry Fox Run for the local area for Sept. 20.

The coast to coast virtual run, thanks to COVID19, has reintroduced a quote by Terry Fox, "Anything is

possible if you try."

Canadians are urged to walk, ride or run while raising funds for cancer research and in Brooks the hope is to meet or exceed last year's amount raised of \$6,800.

"Hopefully, even though the event will not be what we are familiar with, by taking part in this One Day. Your Way event, we can once again meet or exceed these numbers," said Laverty.

Anyone wanting to either register or support a participant should sign up at terryfox.org/run.

County to determine costs of water project phase two

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County councillors gave their informal approval to begin a study for a second rural water project.

During last week's pre-budget meeting council agreed that an in-depth study needs to be done to determine costs to hook up the remaining 731 locations. The study will cost about \$70,000.

"If we were confident that we could and would hook up all 731 of these locations, I would say this would be a pretty legitimate exercise to undertake," said Geoff Tiffin, the county's manager of planning, development and engineering.

He said he believes the study is a big expense but if he was confident everyone would hook up it would be a legitimate study that could be used as a tender ready project.

"I believe it's a lot of money and a big look at the magnitude of it to look at the capacity of the lines. There shouldn't be any issues with the service locations to make sure we can get water to people if we're not going

to end up tying everybody in."

The original program started in 2011 and was completed with 11 separate contracts. The first hook ups were completed in January 2013 and the final ones in August 2016.

The cost of the project was about \$50 million and each service connection was about \$36,000.

The cost to ratepayers who signed by a specific date was \$1,000. After that it increased to \$7,700 plus construction services which have been about \$20,000.

Tiffin said while the million dollar question is the cost he believes the second project will be lower.

"The cost per service is the one that is really tough," he said.

The study will be based on 100 per cent of the users but if fewer sign up it will drive up costs per service.

"To go and do a study and spend that \$70,000 is a lot of money if we're only going to have a 100 properties sign up," said councillor Tracy Fyfe.

She said a survey of the residents may be a better place to start and while Tiffin agreed he knows

ratepayers will want to know how hook up costs which cannot be given without the study.

CAO Kevin Stephenson said there are many options the county can consider to help ratepayers such as payment plans or zero per cent loans but he agreed it a study should be done to determine costs.

Last week Premier Jason Kenney announced funding for municipalities to support operating costs during the pandemic and to build new shovel-ready infrastructure.

The province is providing another \$500 million for infrastructure projects, they will match \$233 million in federal funding to support municipal operating costs during the pandemic and will provide \$70 million to support public transit operating costs.

A press release from the province states municipalities can begin applying for funding for infrastructure that would not have been built in 2020 or 2021 without the stimulus.

A formal motion for the study is expected to be made at Thursday's council meeting.

County to decide fate of CCIP program for 2021

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County council will consider taking a break from the Coyote Control Incentive Program (CCIP) for one year.

The CCIP program, which costs the county about \$30,000 a year to operate, has been running for about 20 years. It allows hunters the opportunity to control the coyote population with the removal of about 1,400 animals per year while

getting paid for pelts.

"The CCIP program does serve some benefit," said Todd Green, the county's ag services fieldman.

He said the county partners with fur buyers who properly dispose of the animals but if the incentive portion is discontinued he doesn't know how many hunters would stop participating.

"I don't know that getting \$15 is what would send me out to harvest coyotes but I think it's been a benefit in the past for some," said

Green.

Councillor Anne Marie Philipsen said she would support cancellation of the program for a couple of years.

"It will be interesting if you're just going to stop it for a few years to see what you have learned in those two years. It might not be a problem at all if you quit but you don't know until you actually try it so go for it," she said.

The decision will likely be made in the fall.



Earthy Eats & Specialty Teas officially opened its doors on Thursday offering healthy food options to enjoy in the relaxation space, on the outdoor patio or to take out. Shown with scissors are Madonna Tanael with her children, James and Arehanah and husband Perry Green back right. Also shown are county councillor Lionel Juss a family friend and city councillor Joel Goodnough.

SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Brooks and area RCMP report

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Museum investigation includes forensics

Brooks RCMP forensic members are working with the detachment's general investigation unit to investigate the break, enters, thefts and vandalism at the Brooks and District Museum.

Cpl. Rob Harms said there has been crime scene examination for fingerprints and other physical evidence.

The museum, which includes a number of outbuildings, was the subject of five nights of break-ins with many irreplaceable items taken, pews overturned at the church and locks broken as well as spray paint on signs and Cory the Dinosaur.

As of Monday much of the

paint was removed.

If you have any information regarding this or any other crime, please contact the Brooks RCMP at 403-794-4400 or anonymously at 403-794-4484 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or text the keyword ttTIPS and your information to 274637.

Man arrested after approaching child

An Edmonton man was charged with three counts of failing to comply with a recognizance and one count of causing a disturbance after he tried to "befriend" a six-year-old girl.

Brooks RCMP report on July 28 at about 6 p.m. they were called to the Duke of Sutherland Park for reports of a suspicious male.



"It was alleged that the suspect approached a six-year-old female child and engaged in a conversation with her in an apparent attempt to befriend her and solicit personal and inappropriate information from her," states a press release.

The man was located and arrested with assistance from the public.

The 40-year-old man was under the influence of alcohol and was found to be in breach of several conditions related to a recognizance.

The suspect was released from custody with several conditions and is scheduled to appear in Brooks Provincial Court on Oct. 7.

Five COVID 19 cases confirmed in region

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There was one infection of COVID19 in the City of Brooks and four in the County of Newell as of July 30 according to the provincial government.

The few cases are a big change from about three months ago when the city was a hotspot for cases.

The five cases across the region make up some of the 1,386 confirmed in the province. There have been 196 deaths, there are currently 86 in hospital and 17 in ICUs. The average age at death is 84 years.

The neighbouring municipalities of the

MD of Taber and Wheatland and Vulcan counties are all on watch lists by the province as they are above a threshold of cases to population.

The threshold is where there are at least 10 active cases in regions at a rate of over 50 active cases per a population of 100,000.

There are no additional measures in place.

There are 11 active cases in Vulcan County, 16 in Wheatland 19 in the MD of Taber.

Everyone is reminded to wear a mask when they are not able to socially distance and wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water.



Duchess firefighter Wayne Elsbett raises his hands as he approaches the top of the Dinosaur Provincial Park's steep hill during last weeks virtual stair climb. Brooks and Duchess firefighters took to the hill as part of the stairclimb challenge that's normally held at Calgary's Bow Tower in support of Wellspring. The annual walk sees firefighters from across North America climb 1,204 stairs in full SCBA gear. The stair event was cancelled due to COVID19 so a virtual climb was launched. The two departments raised about \$7,500 with the times for the climb ranging from 11 to 14 minutes. Joining Elsbett on the climb from Duchess were Philip Vandenbrink, Rob Winter, Johan Wall, Peter Wieler and Michael Reid. The Brooks firefighters were Trina Matycio, Curtis Oftebro, Brian Reid, Jakie Gu, Oscar Moreno, Akol Dishol, Francisco Paalam and Adam McIntosh. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Onion recall in Canada due to salmonella

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Onions have been recalled by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) due to salmonella contamination.

On July 30 red onions imported from the USA by Sysco and sold in Alberta were recalled. They were imported on May 24 with the brand name Imperial

Fresh and contain the product code 8399925 and 8313967.

On Aug. 1 the CFIA updated its warning and recalled red, yellow, white and sweet yellow onions imported from the US and grown by Thomson International Inc. in Bakersfield, California.

The CFIA is reporting there are 120 confirmed cases of salmonella

contamination in Canada and in the United States the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reporting there have been 396 illnesses and 59 hospitalizations.

If you have any of the product it should be disposed of or returned to the point of purchase.

Onions grown in Canada are not affected by the recall.

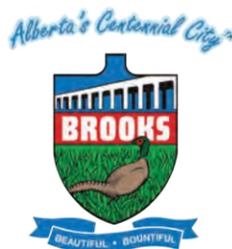


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BIKE & RECOVERED ITEMS AUCTION

The City of Brooks will be hosting a Bike & Recovered Items Auction on Saturday, August 15th at the Sparrow Arena (JBS Canada Centre). There are approximately 50 bikes (for adults and children), tools, and golf clubs that will be available.

Viewing - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Silent Auction - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This auction is a cash only event, and COVID-19 precautions will be in place.



REMINDER

TREES, SHRUBS AND HEDGES OVERGROWTH

Residents are required to ensure that trees, shrubs and hedges do not interfere with traffic as per the [City's Traffic Bylaw \(14/01\)](#).

Overgrowth is affecting the safe passage and usage of alleys and laneways, specifically for garbage trucks, graders and emergency service vehicles.

Please ensure there is 15 feet of clearance (height) and 8 feet of clearance (width) from the centre of the alley. Failure to address these obstructions could result in a fine of \$150.00 and/or the City will have the work completed and charge the cost back to you.



As per Subsection 417 of the Bylaw - "No person shall allow trees, hedges, shrubs or any other object on private property within five (5) meters of a highway and/or highway intersection (including alleys) whether planted or placed before or after the date of the passing of the Bylaw, to interfere with vision or safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians."

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Where: Arts Culture Heritage Centre
511 2nd St W, Brooks AB, T1R0E8

Register online at rec.brooks.ca, in person or by calling the front desk of the JBS Canada Centre @ 403-362-3622

KEEP AN EYE OUT!

We Want To Hear From You.....

Our Planning and Development Department is undergoing a review to improve processes and reduce red tape. Throughout July and August, permit applicants will be contacted and asked to provide feedback regarding the process. The feedback survey will be available online and in hard copy which will be mailed to participants. Customer feedback surveys will be sent to any customer that applied for a development permit or building permit between January 1st, 2017 and June 30th, 2020. Survey respondents will also be given the opportunity to speak one-on-one with staff to discuss their experiences.

For more information: Lisa Tiffin, Manager, Community Development 403-362-3333 or visit Brooks.ca

Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Joel Davidson on August 9; Connie Fleming on August 11; Marg Schmidt on August 12; Casey Currie on August 14.

Celebrating their respective wedding anniversaries this coming week are Russell and Charlene Coyne, and Tony and Jane Bellward on August 8; Wayne and Pat Brown on August 9.

Please let me know if you wish to add someone to my Birthday and Wedding Anniversary lists. The calendars I am using are quite outdated!

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

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.

Newell County Band Association (NCBA) is 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!!

Please contact me by Sunday if you have any news you would like included in this column. jane.bellward@telus.net or 793-0692.

Stressed yet Blessed!

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

Submitted by **PASTOR MAGGIE THEISS, TRINITY**

Divine Irony is one of my favourite things. Recently I led a study on Managing Stress as a part of a Managing Life Series at Brooks Trinity. The study was both in person and live streamed. At 7 p.m. I was seated on my stool, people present, camera focused, screens up and . . . NOTHING! My stress levels began to rise and kept rising as we were unsure of how to proceed while very aware of people waiting both in person and at home. I got to experience intense stress as I shared how to manage stress. Ironic!

It turned out that what I had prepared for the study did help manage my stress. Why? Because God's Word is the original stress management manual and that is what we were studying! We were learning about the character of God. In God's Word we hear these amazing words, "The Lord is near". (Phil. 4:5b) "The Lord is near to all who call on Him who call on Him in truth." (Psalm 145:18) The whole message of the Bible is that the God who created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1&2), who fashions and forms every single person in their mother's womb (Psalm 139), who gave His only Son, Jesus

Christ to die on the cross of Calvary for the sins of the world - for sinners, that's right for you and for me (John 3:16-17), the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit has a plan and it is GOOD! God provides His grace which is sufficient for each of us in our struggles and pain. (2 Corinthians 12:9) God is near to the broken-hearted bringing healing care and raising us up on eagle's wings when we are weary and done. Jesus gets stress (read his story in the Gospel of John). The Bible is filled with the stories of God's stressed out servants who also found blessing beyond measure on the journey.

In Jesus Christ we receive all things - forgiving love, living water for the thirsty, light in our darkness, living bread for the hungry, a Shepherd to protect and hold, the truth that sets us free, the way home at the end of our lives. There are practical helps to manage our stress found in Scripture as well - honest lament, forgiveness, reconciliation, the refuge and power found in prayer. The strength we have in identity, in belonging, in the constancy of a God who stays! Faith in Christ does not make people less stressed out than others necessarily. Truly we can often be a 'hot mess'. What we do have is the constant presence of God, whose character is faithful and unchanging, and who provides abundant stress relief to all who trust and believe on Jesus' name!

In Gratitude

It is with great fondness that we remember our 29 years spent in the community of Brooks, raising our family and starting a business.

At this emotional time, we want to sincerely thank all of our staff who served the community and to our loyal customers for your patronage over the years. Thank you for the memories.

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EDITORIAL

Hunt is on for new revenue streams

With a deficit around \$350 billion this year and a debt approaching \$1 trillion there is certain to be a very serious search on for more sources of revenue for the federal government.

While we certainly are in favor of the spending that was necessary to shore up the economy and assist businesses that suffered because of the pandemic there is a now a monstrous debt that will have to be paid by generations to come.

And so it is not surprising that a recent report by the Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer points out that the top 0.5 per cent of Canadian families hold 20.5 per cent or \$2.4 trillion of the country's wealth. The top one per cent hold about 25.6 per cent up from the 13.7 per cent figure that was reached using a different system.

According to the report, if all Canadian families liquidated their assets and paid off all liabilities the amount of money they ended up with would be \$11.7 trillion. The top 25.6 per cent would end up with about \$3 trillion.

While the budget officer began to investigate new ways to estimate wealth in Canada following the last election, there most likely now is an urgency to find some way to tax the rich.

A recent estimate is that a one per cent tax on wealth would raise some \$6 billion which you can bet has many in the Liberal government salivating.

Another possible source of revenue that we are sure is on the table is a capital gains tax on the proceeds of the sale of a principle residence.

Since the imposition of capital gains taxes in the 1970s, the proceeds from the

sale of a principle residence have been exempt.

Here is what Murtaza Haider, a professor of real estate management at Ryerson University and real estate veteran Stephen Moranis say about a group called Generation Squeeze who ask the question, How can we treat housing as a place to call home rather than an investment vehicle?

"The main problem with that question is that investment is critical in generating new housing supply and for maintaining the structural integrity of existing housing stock.

"Owners maintain the quality of dwellings over time with their savings. Their investments, beyond the initial purchase price, keep most Canadian housing in a state of good repair, not just for the owners but also for the millions who rent space from them.

"If owners are discouraged from investing in housing they will be less inclined to keep spending their savings on dwellings they occupy. Consequently, the state of the nation's housing will decline. Renters will also be worse off. Without investment in housing, millions who rent from private owners will have to compete for space in already purpose-built rental housing.

"Investment, even speculation, in housing is needed to increase the supply of housing. Without investors, residential construction would come to a halt. Why?

Because buyers cannot sit idle for years waiting for their future homes to be built. Investors step in to assume the construction and financing risk."

What do you think?

EDITOR'S SCRAPBOOK

Maybe the quiet around a thing is as important as the thing itself.
- John Patrick Shanley, *Outside Mullingar*

We are not old unless we desire to be.
- Taylor Caldwell

Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson



July 1977

View from Water Tower looking southeast. Tel Star Motel in foreground.

Belarus: The Beginning of the End?

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



"Stop calling me a mustachioed cockroach," said Alexander Lukashenko. "I am still the president of this country." But that doesn't sound very presidential, does it?

Lukashenko has been the president of Belarus for the past 26 years, and Sergei Tikhanovskiy, the video blogger who called him that, is now in one of Lukashenko's jails. But Tikhanovskiy's wife Svetlana is running for president in her husband's place in next Sunday's election (9 August), and she may do well enough to force 'Europe's last dictator' into a second-round run-off vote.

Tikhanovskiy struck a popular note when he called Lukashenko a mustachioed cockroach: his mustache is definitely the 'Eastern European dictator circa 1936' model, and like cockroaches, you just can't get rid of him. The YouTube star adopted a bedroom slipper as his symbol (because Belarusians squash cockroaches with their slippers, presumably), and started driving around Minsk with a giant slipper on the roof of his car.

A dubious online poll claimed that Lukashenko would only get 3% support for the forthcoming election (seeking a sixth term), and graffiti and T-shirts saying '3%' started appearing around town. Tikhanovskiy took hope, declared he was running for president, and was arrested two days later - but suddenly Lukashenko looked vulnerable, and other serious candidates started coming out of the

woodwork.

Former banker Viktor Babariko declared he was in the running, and was promptly jailed on fraud charges. Former ambassador to the United States Valery Tsepkalo, founder of a high-tech business park, was denied registration as a candidate and sufficiently intimidated that he has taken refuge in Russia with his two children. But none of them has really dropped out.

Instead, three women have taken their places. Svetlana Tikhanovskaya is now the opposition candidate for the presidency, with the public support of Tsepkalo's wife Veronika and Babariko's representative Maria Kolesnikova. And while Tikhanovskaya is unlikely to get over 50% of the votes on Sunday, Lukashenko may also fall short (there are also three minor candidates running).

Then it would get really interesting, since in the second round Tikhanovskaya would inherit most of the minor candidates' votes. She might even win, because compared to the other 'hard' regimes of Europe, Lukashenko doesn't have a lot to work with.

He can't rely on the nationalism that keeps Viktor Orban in power in Hungary. Belarus was never independent before 1991, having spent two centuries in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and another two in the Russia and Soviet empires. Belarusians don't even hate or fear their neighbours.

Neither can Lukashenko rely on the religious fervour that reliably delivers half the popular vote to the hard-line Catholic party in Poland and to the hard-line Islamic party in Turkey. Belarusians are not particularly fervent; indeed, over 40% of them say they have no religion at all.

He has few successes to offer on the economic front: Belarus has barely half the per capita GDP of Russia on its eastern border, only a third of that of Poland to the west. He dismissed the

Covid-19 pandemic as "psychosis", promoted drinking vodka as a cure - and Belarus now has twice as many cases as Poland, although its population is only one-quarter the size.

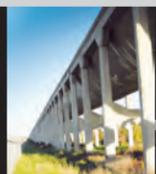
Dictatorships that try to operate behind a facade of 'free' elections have to maintain a certain level not only of fear but also of competence, and Lukashenko's credibility is starting to crumble. An anti-regime rally in Minsk on 19 July attracted around 10,000 people. A rally in the same city on 30 July, only 11 days later, attracted 63,000.

So he really could lose in a run-off election, unless there is massive vote-rigging - but then it would probably also get really violent, because Lukashenko has no intention of retiring at the tender age of 65. If he goes down, he will go down fighting.

He's already laying the groundwork for that kind of repression. Last week his secret police raided a health spa and arrested 33 Russian 'mercenaries', allegedly members of the Wagner group, who he claimed were planning terrorist attacks to disrupt the elections. There are another 200 of them still loose in the country and intent on terrorism, he claimed.

It's nonsense, of course: Vladimir Putin doesn't want other post-Soviet dictatorships to be overthrown by popular votes. The Russian mercenaries were probably just in (deniable) transit to Libya, Syria or Sudan, where they have lots of work. Lukashenko is spinning the terrorism tale to justify a violent crackdown on the opposition if it looks like it's going to win.

Svetlana Tikhanovskaya is not demanding to become president if she wins. She just wants the 700 opposition supporters and activists arrested since May (according to the Belarus human rights group Vyasna) to be released, and then a truly free election. It's not too much to ask.



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Nine people escape motor home fire



A family of nine who it is believed were returning to Winnipeg from British Columbia escaped their burning motor home on Saturday along Highway 1 west of Brooks at about 8:30 p.m. Rosemary fire chief Wilf Harder said he spoke to the driver who told him he was driving and all of a sudden smoke started coming out of the floor. "As soon as they saw the smoke they pulled over quickly. He got out and looked and it was fully engulfed underneath," Harder said. "When we got to the scene it was fully engulfed. We got it knocked down but we had to get mutual aid from Brooks for their water tender because we were running out," he said. Officials were on scene for about two hours. Brooks RCMP Cpl. Dave Searle said the fire started in the engine and is non-suspicious. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - Alcoma School News- Looks like class is back in session as of August 31st. Class supply lists were handed out with report cards and can also be found on the Alcoma School website under the quick links tab.

As of Tuesday, August 4th, Alcoma Community Library, curbside pickups and drop offs will continue from 10-2.

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

It's always great to hear about our neighbors and the exciting things happening in the community. 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.



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EID gets \$100,000 in provincial funding for dam study



Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Michaela Glasgo, Jason Hale, Eastern Irrigation District chairman and Devin Dreeshen, minister of agriculture and forestry in a field in the County of Newell.

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

While in Brooks on Friday for an irrigation round table Devin Dreeshen, minister of agriculture and forestry announced a \$100,000 grant for the Eastern Irrigation District's dam study.

The minister is meeting with members of the province's 13 irrigation districts.

While the study is meant to improve dam safety and help reduce the risk of dam failure the round table is also looking to the future.

"The true intent of the round tables is to understand maintenance and rehabilitation needs and possible locations for new systems," Dreeshen said.

The funds were

presented through the province's emergency preparedness program.

Dreeshen said the government is interested in expanding irrigation and seeing the economic opportunities and jobs that go with irrigation.

"The review will provide the district with information about how to improve safety and reduce the risk of a failure," Dreeshen said.

Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Michaela Glasgo said the review is important because it will ensure best practices are in place.

Through the review areas throughout the canal system will be assessed.

There is just under 2,000 km of canals and pipeline within the EID.

"This will provide a better understanding of the risks of a canal failure

and a better understanding of potential impacts to downstream residents and businesses.

EID chairman Jason Hale said the announcement is great for the district.

"It'll ensure that we have a safe, secure form of water. We all know if it doesn't rain and we can't irrigate that it's not good for this area so safety is utmost," he said.

The EID has been discussing an on-river storage reservoir for many years at Eyremore Dam which would benefit other districts and would be larger than Lake Newell.

Dreeshen said the province will determine how they can partner with the districts to build and expand.

"Everything's on the table," said Dreeshen.



First Street downtown was closed on Thursday for the first time to accommodate the farmer's market. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Growing season looks good for most areas... crops are above the five-year average so far

Across most of the province, adequate rain has seen crop growth above the five-year average, but there are exceptions in the northwest and Peace river areas. The problem up there is too much rain. Further south, many crops look outstanding and are just a couple of good showers away from a bumper harvest. That's if growers are spared hail or wind damage, the next worry is an early frost. It's looking like global warming has failed Alberta again this year. The lack of steady sunshine and heat units is bound to stifle corn production unless we get some consistent 40c weather, but so goes the tribulations of agriculture in Alberta. Considering the dismal state of our economy, it would be a godsend to see the ag sector really thrive this year.

There is good news for cereal and oilseed producers; railways are transporting record levels of grain to west coast terminals. That's despite the delays caused by First Nation railroad blockades earlier in the year. Cynics might recall it was just three years ago when growers and shippers were outraged about the railways' failure to transport grain consistently to the coast. Politicians were demanding investigations and penalties against the railways. The Federal Government launched the usual dubious study of the problem with a pie in the sky goal of solving this problem once and for all. Heck, your humble writer even got caught up with all the indignation coming up with his usual list of common-sense dreams and schemes to fix the situation instantly. Yeah right.



AG WRITER

WILL VERBOVEN

What seems to have happened is a combination of events, including the creation of more grain-only unit trains running consistently from inland terminals to coast terminals. That's nothing new, but terminals at both ends have created new high-efficiency loading/unloading protocols and trackage. I also expect the ever-increasing supply of new high-capacity grain cars to the fleet is helping move a lot more grain; there are now 2,700 in the fleet. These new cars increase a unit train's capacity by 40%. However, I can't help but suspect that decreasing numbers of oil shipments by railways have played a role in increasing grain shipments. Although railways denied it as a coincidence, it was curious that as oil shipments increased three years ago, grain shipments seemed less of a priority. Be that as it may, one can't blame railways for favouring their most profitable shipments. Besides, grain shipping is subject to more weather perils and logistical delays at unloading sites. It just seems that as oil shipments seriously faltered over the past year, grain transportation is the new focus of railway logistics engineers. It's all good news for the grain industry, although they are unlikely to praise railways for their efforts.

At the time of writing, hay crops and pasture were well above average across most of the province. But therein lies the new dilemma, too

much rain is causing crop damage and beginning to delay hay and silage harvesting seriously. If this year has a bumper crop, feedlot operators will be smiling; they might even recoup some of the massive losses from pandemic related marketing. The cattle industry is managing the marketing delays caused by processing setbacks at the big beef plants using the government-supported set-aside program. Cattle futures markets are adjusting with preliminary fall feeder cattle prices looking better compared to earlier in the year, but the season is young.

As for the beleaguered hog industry, it's nothing but the usual doom and gloom with Alberta prices being the continental low most of the time. But that's nothing new having been the market reality for the past 50 or so years. I know marketing studies have been done before as to why that happens, and the industry tries alternative marketing, but it seems to no avail. Perhaps the Alberta hog industry needs a formal forensic market investigation to once and for all layout the state of that much-abused sector. Why is it that Alberta is always at the end of the line when it comes to hog pricing even compared to Saskatchewan? It's like an unshakable pricing tradition was cast in stone never to be changed. Sure, there is more to the story, but this saga has gone on far too long. It boggles the mind.

As to this year's crops, it looks good in most areas; let's hope the harvest will not be the hell it was last year. Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer and ag policy consultant.

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Effect of COVID-19 on Loneliness and Depression

COLUMNIST



DR. NOORALI BHARWANI

Stress, anxiety, and depression are not unusual for people of all ages.

Under the current environment (COVID-19), loneliness, stress, anxiety and depression are felt by most people. Certain individuals are affected more than others.

Whatever the level of anxiety and depression you have, you should know there is help.

Alberta Health Services has resources and services, such as Text4Hope, available to help you or someone you know. Remember, if you are struggling you are not alone. There are supports in place to help you.

Let us focus on two things: depression and loneliness.

Depression isn't a weakness. Depression is a mood disorder that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest.

It is also called major depressive disorder or clinical depression. It affects how you feel, think and behave. This can lead to a variety of emotional and physical problems. This can affect your daily activities.

Depression may require long-term treatment. Good news is most people with depression feel better with medication, psychotherapy or both.

Depressive symptoms vary a lot. Symptoms can be mild to severe. Symptoms can cause noticeable problems in day-to-day activities, such as work, school, social activities or relationships with others. Some people may feel generally miserable or unhappy without really knowing why.

It's not known exactly what causes depression. As with many mental disorders, a variety of factors may be involved, such as: biological differences, brain chemistry, hormones and/or inherited traits.

Mental distress is common in public health emergencies like COVID-19. After a disaster, population rates of psychological distress tend to double or triple. Recovery time may vary from a year to several years. People who have a history of depression may take longer to recover.

Depression should be taken seriously. If you have a history of depression or if the current environment is affecting your mood and health then you should seek help.

Can we prevent depression?

There's no sure way to prevent depression. However, some strategies may help. For example, take steps to boost your self-esteem, reach out to family and friends,

especially in times of crisis, to help you weather rough spells. Get treatment at the earliest sign of a problem to help prevent depression from worsening. Consider getting long-term maintenance treatment to help prevent a relapse of symptoms.

Loneliness is the state of mind. You can be in a company or relationship and you may feel lonely. You may be alone and feel sorry for yourself. It's a feeling of sadness or even anxiety that occurs when you want company.

Feeling of loneliness can occur in a crowded place where you are not interacting with others.

Loneliness has a wide range of negative effects on both physical and mental health, including stress, depression and cognitive decline. It can affect your

heart. It can lead to stroke. It is associated with functional impairment and dementia.

Humans are social animals. Our connection to others enables us to survive and thrive.

There is no medical treatment for loneliness. As loneliness cannot be effectively treated with medications or acute care, health care practitioners may consider social prescribing to connect with sources of support in the community. The bottom line is, people who engage in meaningful, productive activities with others tend to live longer, boost their mood, and have a sense of purpose.

Having a sense of purpose is important. Keep yourself mentally and physically active at home. Take care. Be safe. Be patient.

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Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - 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 Spike and Spur Mercantile in Tilley is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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The Tilley and District Public Library will remain closed to the public until further notice, however, holds deliveries continue weekly on Tuesdays. Staff continue to check the book drop for returns so no one will incur any unnecessary overdue fines. The library will offer weekly contactless pick-up of materials on

Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Your materials will be sanitized and quarantined before pick-up. If this time does not work for you, other arrangements can be made. Withdrawn items will also be displayed outside (weather permitting) on Wednesday afternoons.

In his early 60s a man decided retirement was boring and he began a second career in catering. However, he just could not seem to get to work on time. Every day, he was three, five, ten minutes late. He was a very good worker, though, and very clever, so the owner was reluctant to lose him. Finally one day, he called the man into his

office for a talk. "You know you are a very good worker, you have a great work ethic, you do a top class job, but you being late so often is a real concern." The man replied, "Yes, I realize that, and I'm working on it." The boss said, "I'm pleased to hear that, although I recall

that you spent several years in the Royal Navy - what did they say when you came in late there?" The man responded, "They said, 'Good morning, Admiral.'"

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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Weather, warm, cold, hot or dry impacts the garden. No combination is perfect. Hot and dry means that people are struggling to keep plants watered while cool and wet, can cause plants to mold and flowers not open or set fruit. Hot and wet sounds wonderful but molds and mildew become a problem.

Tomatoes are heat loving plants and are usually planted in full sun. In hot weather they need to be well irrigated to keep the plant growing and producing flowers. In cool or cold weather the plant will grow, flowers will open but might not set fruit. According to the Iowa State University, a temperature between 21 and 30 °C (70 - 85° F) is ideal for setting tomato fruit. As the temperatures creep lower or higher blossom drop increases.

Feed tomato plants too much nitrogen and the size of the plant will increase but few flowers will form. For best results, choose a fertilizer with a higher second number, phosphorous and follow the application instructions on the package.

Tomato flowers are complete allowing them to easily self-pollinating. A slight wind, a bump or gently shaking the plant does causes pollination. Tomato plants tend to pollinate best between 10 and 2 during the day.

Squash, zucchini, pumpkin and melons have incomplete flowers, they are either male or female. Many different insect will complete the pollination but one usually gets a larger crop by hand pollinating.

The pollen from the male must be placed on the pistol of the female flower. It is easy to distinguish between flowers as the female has a

miniature fruit behind the flower. When the flower is not pollinated, the flower and fruit will drop off.

Ants tend to thrive regardless of the weather. By this time of the year, the queen ants have hatched and formed new colonies. Ants do serve a purpose as nature's scavengers by removing dead and live insects from the garden but there hills are unsightly and ants protect their hill. Ant hills are full of tunnels when enough are formed, exposing too many of plant roots, the plants die.

There are many different suggested ways to kill ants but most are not effective. Poison tends to kill a few worker and some guard ants. The queen must die along with most of the eggs and lava to be effective. That being said, diatomaceous earth is sharp and will cut any insect that comes in contact with it.

Regardless of the weather, deadheading or removing, spent flowers, tidies the garden and will encourage plants to put forth another set of flowers. It also stops unwanted seedlings from becoming weedy. This is true of most roses, many perennials and older varieties of annuals

If the plant is sterile, will not produce seeds it doesn't need to be deadheaded.

Hail, old and wet, has hit many areas of the province damaging gardens, crops, and property. All one can do with a garden is to remove all pieces of ripped and broken plants. Doing so allows the other plants more room and sunlight. It also deceases the change of molds and mildews developing.

Quick growing annuals that have a good root system will come back and try to bloom again same as they had a hard haircut. Root

crops may produce another top but the crop will be substantially smaller.

Weather is part of the challenge of gardening.

Linda Tomlinson is a local horticulturalist that can be reached at your_garden@hotmail.com

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Restoration at Duke of Sutherland Bungalow



Local craftsmen are taking on another restoration project at the Duke of Sutherland Provincial Historic Site located east of Brooks on One Tree Road.

The Brooks and District Museum has a display which provides some in-depth details of the history of the early Sutherland investment in the area and the Bungalow itself.

Various projects have been continued at the Bungalow since the 2010 and 2011 open houses.

"This fairly major restoration will hopefully see the exterior of the Bungalow returning to near original design," said Sandra Hajash, owner of the Bungalow.

There have been a number of delays so the work may continue into 2021.

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Seven-year-old Logyn Marleau had a blast tubing on Lake Newell Sunday. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



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New provincial party wants fair deal promises enacted

SANDRA M STANWAY
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The recently named interim leader of the newly formed Alberta Wildrose Independence Party - created through the merging of Freedom Conservative and WEXIT Alberta parties - believes a fair deal for western Canada can be done by forcing the premier's hand.

At a recent speech in Medicine Hat Paul Hinman said there is no Fair Deal for Alberta in Canada.

"They're not going to do it. We can talk. We can bargain. We can even vote for separation and give the threat like Quebec did," he said.

"The only fair deal we can get right now is a big enough movement to get Jason Kenney to stand up for us now and not have to wait until 2023 to start putting our house in order."

Danny Hozak, a former UCP candidate, said he's opposed to the Fair Deal Panel.

Kenney, he said, told Albertans he would fight for equalization, repeal bills and reduce the cost of government but instead he created the panel.

"I was bugged by the whole concept of the Fair Deal Panel but was even more upset when I saw the results," he said.

With many believing that Alberta is getting a raw deal having to pay billions of dollars for programs and getting nothing in return from Ottawa, Kenney set out to create the Fair Deal Panel.

Panelists toured the province to hear from Albertans as to what they believe would be a fair deal and at the end made 25 recommendations to the government.

"Many are angry and want the government of Alberta to reassert its position in Confederation and minimize Ottawa's overreach," the panelists reported.

Among the recommendations were removing the fiscal stabilization program which prevents the province from receiving a \$2.4 billion equalization rebate and proceed with the referendum on equalization asking Albertans if they agreed with the removal of a section of the Constitution that deals with equalization.

It also recommends creating a provincial police force, the Alberta Pension Plan and to opt out of new federal cost shared programs unless Alberta receives full compensation.

Hinman picked up on Rachel Notley suggestion that she made as NDP leader to shut the taps to province's that don't want Alberta oil.

"Once we're standing on our own I think others will join with us such as northern BC, Saskatchewan and parts of Manitoba," he said.

Hinman was selected as the interim leader to lead the party through its early development, founding policy convention and first leadership election.

Todd Beasley, a panelist in Medicine Hat and a former Independent candidate, said the premier has backed down on promises he made during his run.

"Kenney has no intention of negotiating a new deal with Ottawa. No intention of negotiating a fair deal. It's stalling," said Beasley.

He said with the imbalance of senators and MLAs the west has no say.

"We do not matter. We have zero say in Canada. The east and west have two entirely different sets of values," he said.

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REMPEL - MARY REMPEL, beloved wife of Peter Rempel of Coaldale, passed away peacefully at the Chinook Regional Hospital on July 29, 2020 at the age of 88 years.

Along with her husband, Mary is lovingly remembered by her five children: Ria (Ken) Frances, David (Kerry) Rempel, Wilma (Rick) Enns, Irene Rempel and Vivien (Phil) Sharp; 15 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Helen (Walter) Neufeld, Martha and Art Retzlaff, Harriet (Bill) Rempel and Marie and Cliff Hamm as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary was predeceased by her son-in-law Tom, several nieces and nephews and all of her siblings. She was the last survivor of her birth family.

Mary was born September 30, 1931 to her parents Peter and Maria Neufeld. She moved to Rosemary, AB as an infant and lived there until she was 79 years old, at which time she moved to Coaldale. Mary was the last survivor of her birth family.

Mary was a warm, loving woman. She loved to read and had an almost photographic memory of stories. She loved to tell the stories that she had read to her family while working together. Mary had numerous hobbies and loved to garden, knit, crochet, embroider and needlepoint. Much time was given to these hobbies while listening to sermons or books. Her faith was very integral to her being; she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour at the age of 19 and her faith in Jesus Christ shaped her life and her relationships. Mary realized that faith is a journey and not a destination and she enjoyed the journey. She looked forward to going to heaven and desired that each member of her family have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Mary's prayer list was very long; we joked that the only way she stopped praying for someone was when they died.

Mary was a very capable person. She started working off of the farm at the age of 40 as a cook at Bud's Restaurant in Bassano, then at Brooks Nursing Home. She later became a bookkeeper, first at Brooks Co-op and then for several other businesses. Mary loved to do income tax for friends and family!!!

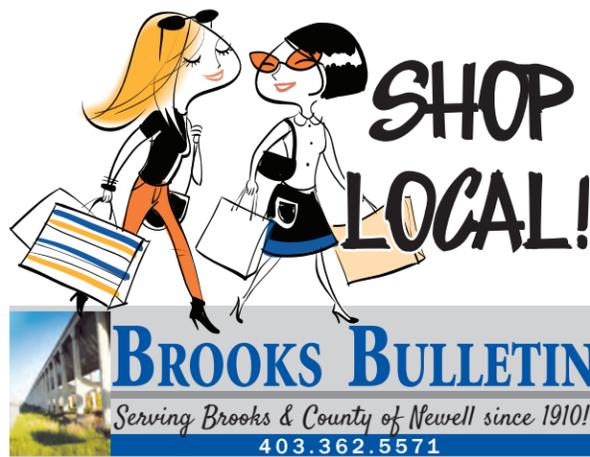
With driving becoming more challenging, the move to Coaldale happened in 2011. This was a precious time together with Vivien and her family. December 2012 found Mary and Peter moving into Sunny South Lodge, where they have lived since and where new friendships were made.

These past eight months have been very challenging for Mary. Covid-19 did not kill her but she was a casualty of the lockdown. Mary struggled mentally, physically and emotionally by not being able to see her beloved family.

Our thanks go to the friends and family who kept in touch, even when Mary and Peter moved to Coaldale. A special thank you to Dr. Benke, Dr. Justin Steed, Kristin (HC) and the staff of Sunny South Lodge, who loved Mary and cared for her so lovingly these past months. Thank you to Dr. Sailendra, Dr. Thibadou, the ER staff and the staff of 4C for their care of Mary this past week. Thank you to pastors Gary Burke, Lil Thompson and Jake Unrau for their spiritual guidance over the years.

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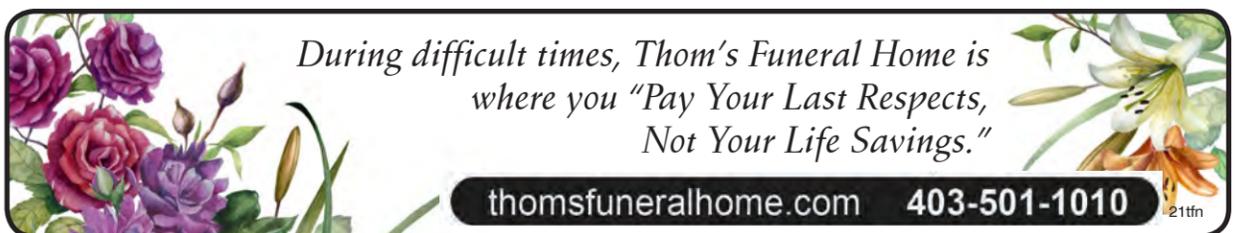
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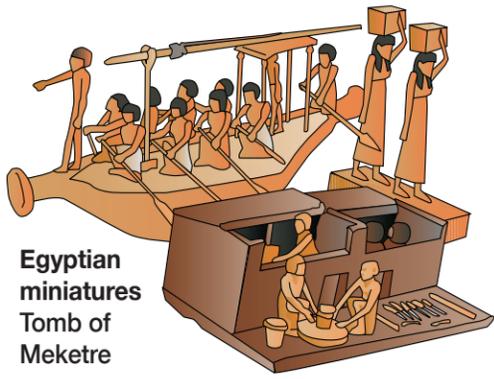
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MINIATURE DOLLHOUSES

There is something fascinating and wonderful about peeking into the window of a mini-house and discovering a tiny world executed in amazing detail. For centuries, children and collectors of all ages have been captivated by the joys and challenges of recreating the world in miniature.



Egyptian miniatures
Tomb of Meketre

WAY BACK WHEN

The earliest known examples of miniatures are small models of boats, pets, furniture and servants found in the tombs of the ancient Egyptians. These tiny recreations were not toys but items full of spiritual meaning.

The Japanese have been making miniature dolls for at least a thousand years. During the annual **Hinamatsuri** (Doll's Festival), held on March 3, Japanese households with girls display dolls representing the emperor, empress and attendants in traditional court dress. Miniature kitchen items and edible miniature food are also on display.

The dollhouse as we know it can trace its roots to 16th-century Europe. Wealthy aristocrats used "cabinet houses" to display small treasures and collections.

The first dollhouse built for a child is thought to have been commissioned by the Duke of Bavaria in 1558. This "baby house" was a replica of the Duke's home, with four floors, 17 doors and 63 windows. It is doubtful that the Duke's daughter was allowed to play with it.

The idea of elaborate miniature houses caught on and became a measure of social standing with European nobles.

Mass-production techniques of the Industrial Revolution and World War II made dollhouses affordable enough to be toys for children.

Today, most miniature houses in North America have an open back with an architectural facade in front. European dollhouses usually have a hinged front that opens to reveal the interior. Traditionally, dollhouses were an excellent reflection of how people lived. But many contemporary dollhouses tend to reflect the past rather than the present.

KITS

You can design and build a dollhouse from scratch or build from a kit or existing pattern. To keep things simple, you might decide to create a single room in a box, carrying case or window.

Modern dollhouse kits typically consist of pre-cut plywood with tabs and slots to be glued. For best results, inexpensive kits require a lot of hand sanding and the purchase of additional architectural items (shingles, fancy door and window frames).

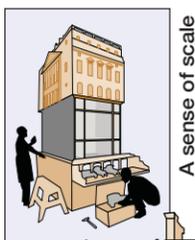
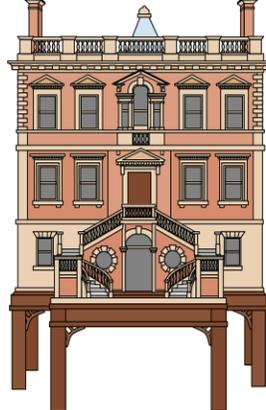
Before final assembly, the house should be painted. Electricity can be added easily using a copper tape (kits are available) — this should be done before adding wallpaper and flooring.

Furniture kits are also available, and many crafters enjoy making their own furniture and accessories.

Adding extra details and accessories (books, flowers, knickknacks) makes a dollhouse more realistic and gives it a unique and special feel.



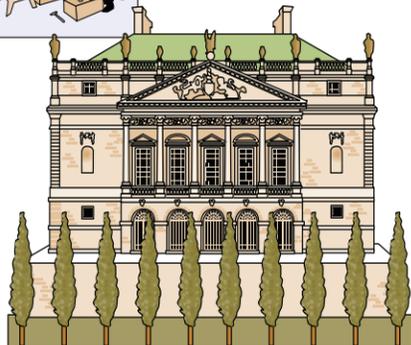
Japanese Hinamatsuri display



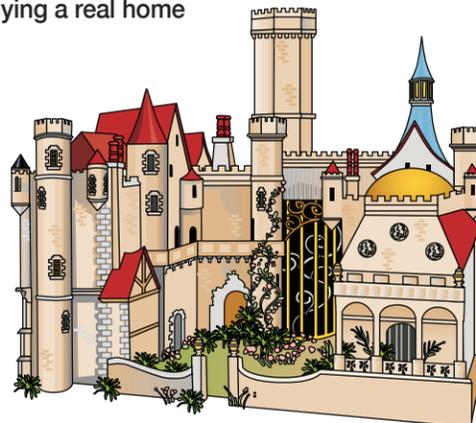
A sense of scale

The **Petronella Oortman House** (c. 1686-1705) is on display at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Holland. Its original price was comparable to buying a real home of the time.

The **Tate Baby House** (1760) is on exhibit at the Museum of Childhood in London, England.



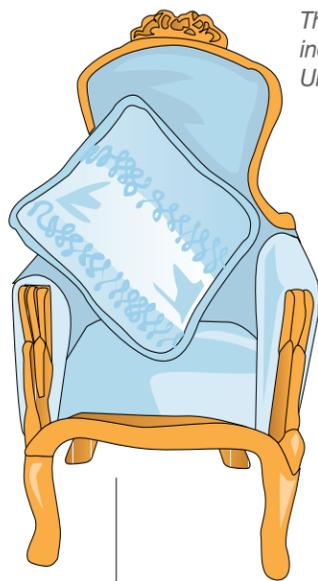
Queen Mary's Dollhouse (1924) is on display at Windsor Castle. The house features two working elevators, electric lights, plumbing with flushable toilets and a wine cellar with bottles filled with real wine.



More than eight feet tall, **Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle** (1935) features a gold chandelier encrusted with emeralds and pearls. The castle is on display at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, Ill.

SIZE IS EVERYTHING

Dollhouses can be found in many sizes (scales). When building, decorating and furnishing a miniature house, it is important to know what scale you are working with. Mixing scales is a big no-no in the world of miniatures.



Collectors often work with 1:12 scale (one foot is equal to one inch).

The Barbie doll and her playthings are built in 1:6 scale (one inch to every six inches) — this is also known as play scale. Unlike miniatures, toy houses rarely use an exact scale.



Contemporary children's play dollhouses are usually built in 1:18 scale (one foot is equal to 2/3 inch).

If space is an issue, 1:24 scale (one foot is equal to 1/2 inch) is an option. It can be challenging to work with and find 1/2-inch-scale miniatures.



Smaller still is the 1:48 scale (one foot is equal to 1/4 inch).



The **Thorne Miniature Rooms** (1932-1940) are a series of 99 miniature rooms, each with a different theme, designed by Narcissa Niblack Thorne. Sixty-eight rooms are on display at the Art Institute of Chicago; others are found at various museums across the United States.

DID YOU KNOW?

There were only two sets of miniature Royal Doulton china ever made: one for Queen Mary's dollhouse, the other for Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle.

Dollhouses are often so prized that they are passed down from generation to generation.

Victorian dollhouses were used to teach young ladies the skills of household management.

The **Dollhouse Museum** in Basel, Switzerland, displays more than 6,000 exhibits (teddy bears, dolls, play shops, dollhouses and miniatures). It is the largest museum of its kind in Europe.

The oldest Colonial-style dollhouse in North America can be seen at the Van Cortlandt Museum in the Bronx, New York. Built in 1744, it is the only dollhouse in America older than the United States itself.

OTHER MINIATURES

The world of miniatures is not restricted to dollhouse enthusiasts. Miniature models have evolved to encompass many interests.

A diorama is a mini-world — a room or entire landscape in a box, carrying case or window.

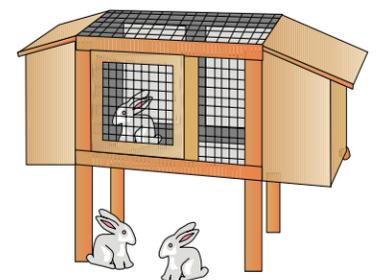
Miniature trains (complete with railroad stations and villages) are another popular form of miniature collecting.

Historic events and fantasy games that include tabletop figures and terrain are also included in the world of the miniature hobbyist.

SERIOUS BUSINESS

The world of miniatures can be a serious business. Handmade, finely crafted miniatures are works of art that can be expensive. For example, a tiny crystal chandelier can cost thousands of dollars, as much as a real (life-size) chandelier.

Miniature trade shows, miniature shops, magazines, books and websites worldwide are also great places to pursue this hobby.



Miniature rabbit hutch for a tiny garden or farm.

SOURCES: *The Ultimate Dolls' House Book*, DK Publishing; *The Dollhouse Book*, Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers; Museum of Science and Industry; *The Book of Miniatures*, Chilton Book Co.; Museum of Childhood (England); www.americanminiaturist.com

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