

# BROOKS BULLETIN

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**HARD AT WORK** | A crew was busy on Wednesday installing screw piles for the addition to Newbrook Lodge. | BULLETIN PHOTO

## County MPC wants contractors to be educated about fees

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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The idea of people building something without permits is expected to be a discussion by county council during the rewriting of its Land Use Bylaw.

On Thursday council sitting as the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) approved permits from three landowners to bring certain developments into compliance.

One was for a shop with a second dwelling that was built within the last year and discovered through an electrical inspection.

The second application was for a moved-in building to be used as a shelter. It was discovered by the assessment officer who noticed a new structure on the parcel.

The third application was for an existing dugout that required a 25-foot variance because it was built too close to the road.

"I'm stuck on this

business of automatic approval after the fact," said Division 6 councillor Kelly Christman.

"We have it in our fee schedule that if developments happen without a permit that they are charged double the fee," said Maria Jackson, the county's supervisor of planning and development.

Christman wanted to know if there is a way to "guarantee" permits are issued.

"We need to educate people. We've had discussions about putting a permit or asking for a permit on everything. That would simplify a lot of these problems," said Division 3 councillor Anne Marie Philipsen.

She suggested contractors should be educated about their responsibilities.

"If somebody is going out to build a second dwelling, a guest house, a dugout, whatever people are doing, the contractors maybe need

to be educated a little better, too," she said.

Division 8 councillor Brian de Jong also questioned the after-the-fact approvals.

"I think that there has to be an awareness out there that there's a process here that we need to fulfill when it comes to making sure the work's done properly and making sure that it's done with permitted uses and being able to justify what we're doing as far as our planning," he said.

"I think we maybe need to tighten stuff up a little bit," he said.

Following the meeting Jackson said the three landowners were charged double the permit fee, of which the most significant one was \$900 for a shop and second dwelling.

"If someone builds without a permit and then comes to us later for forgiveness, it's double the fees," she said.

## School doors open on Aug. 31

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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From face masks to directional arrows, hand sanitizer and Plexiglass, schools will look much different when they reopen this year after almost six months.

Schools across Alberta closed on March 16 due to the COVID19 pandemic and students spent the next three months learning at home online.

"Kids haven't been to school in five-and-a-half months. That's a long summer, if you want to call it that, so we need to go slow to go fast," said Grasslands Public Schools superintendent Scott Brandt.

"It's not about a race to get kids back into the routines and getting comfortable."

Under new rules, regulations and health considerations Alberta schools will reopen allowing students to return to the classroom in a relatively normal setting.

Some students will continue to learn at home and online but those who are returning to the physical space of their school will begin to flow through the doors on Aug. 31.

With so many rules in place from arrows to masks, Grasslands Public Schools has instituted staggered entry dates.

Some students will be called back for the end of August while others will return during the first week of September.

"We've kind of left it to the principals as to how it would look," said Brandt.

"Each of the schools will come up with a staggered

entry plan based on their number of kids so we can bring them in smaller groups."

The plans will look different across the district from Rolling Hills which has 60 students to Brooks Junior High which has 500 students.

"It's going to be lots of new processes that we want them to get," Brandt explained.

He said there will be many new things and administration is working to avoid overwhelming staff, parents and kids.

"It's just easier to do if it's just staggered," he said.

Students will be assigned one entrance for their class. If they are late the main school door is to be used.

Everyone that enters the school - students, staff and visitors - must use the hand sanitizer and the floor directional arrows and footprints that are located throughout the halls. The main office desk is surrounded with Plexiglass.

Public members and parents will enter through the main doors to sign in, sign out and will be asked questions about their health.

Visitors are urged to make an appointment if possible.

Last week the provincial government mandated the use of face masks for students in Grades 4-12 where social distancing is not possible.

Two reusable masks will be provided to each student, likely on their first day of class and parents can send their children to school with their own masks.

"We will have some contingencies," he said.

Those who cannot

physically wear a mask will be exempt from the rule.

Class itself will see students facing one direction. Students will not be sharing supplies, such as scissors or pencils but will have their own.

Busing is still being worked out but schools have reached out to parents whose kids live within the 2.4 km range to drive their kids or help find another mode of transportation such as a riding or walking.

"We can't really say we can continue doing what we're doing so we're trying to find a balance between still serving our community but not at the expense of safety," he said.

The school year will include ensuring wellness is available for staff and students.

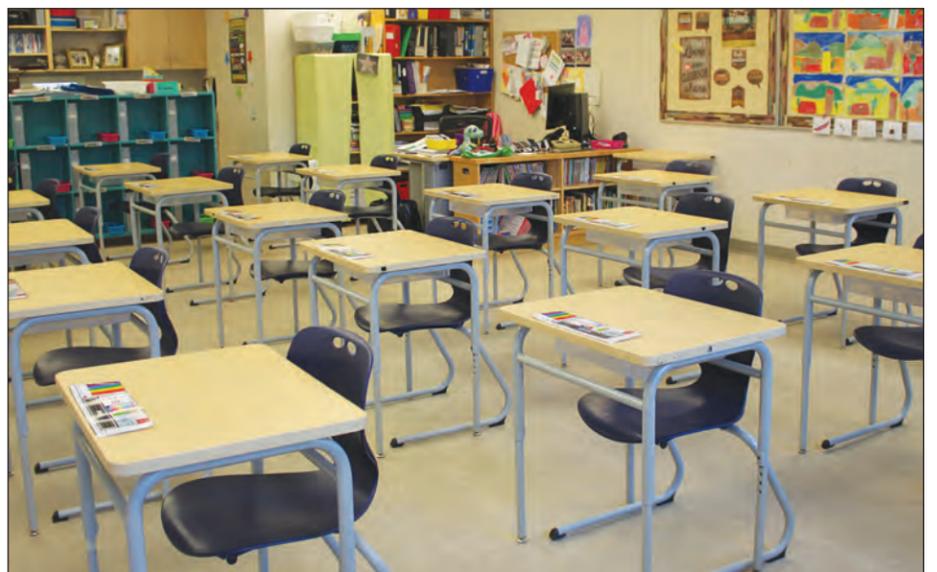
In the early part of the school year, Brandt expects to see some blended learning of relationship reconnecting as well as building social-emotional security for kids.

"As those things get in place we can start putting an emphasis on our academics because we always have to be about our student learning.

"It's going to be a balance of priorities."

He believes it will be an interesting year but seeing how quickly staff, parents and students were able to cope in March, he is confident they can do it again if required.

"The province may change things on us and we may have to adapt again as quick as we did last time. We did it once and if we have to find a way to make a quick transition that we've got enough of the foundational pieces in place," he said.



**A typical Grade 4 class set up at Eastbrook Elementary School. All students will face one direction to help prevent the spread of COVID19. Story time readings or other classroom activities will have to be done while sitting at individual desks.**

| SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# County ratepayers could face 466 per cent tax increase

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County ratepayers could face a 466 per cent municipal tax increase in 2021 if the province changes oil, gas and pipeline assessments.

The province has asked municipalities to provide comment on proposed changes to oil and gas assessment.

In the county under the worst case scenario a \$300,000 residential property could be taxed an additional \$4,250 if the province shifts \$11.6 million in municipal taxes from oil and gas properties to residential ratepayers.

Three other scenarios were presented by the province: a shift of \$7.2 million which would cause a 327 per cent increase, a \$9 million shift would result in a 384 per cent increase and a \$9.2 million shift would result in a 391 per cent increase.

"That is absolutely nuts," CAO Kevin Stephenson told council on Thursday.

"I don't know where they came up with this."

Last summer the UCP provided oil and gas operators with a 35 per cent cut in municipal taxes on shallow gas and pipelines. Municipalities were compensated.

This time around there won't be compensation. That would mean a hefty tax bill if the province approves changes.

Division 1 councillor Clarence Amulung said he spoke with Al Kemmere, president of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) and was told although the tax was dropped last year, "none of those companies had yet paid their taxes."

Amulung suggested the problem hasn't been solved so any subsidy should come from treasury rather than from municipalities.

"Those are very strong things you have to hammer home when talking to politicians," he said.

"To pretend taxes are the only problem to do with Alberta oil is insane and insane because we know that it's an international issue, it's a national issue; it's the least of a municipal issue," said reeve Molly Douglass.

Instead of filling in the blanks of a form letter to the province that was provided to municipalities by the RMA, the county passed a motion in the form of a resolution which states the county is adamantly opposed to all four options.

"There isn't one of them that's valuable for us," Stephenson said.

Going through the resolution Stephenson said the minister and premier have indicated they don't want to see any additional tax increases to fund the assessments.

He said, in his opinion the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) submission about changes contains errors and misstatements and they did not consult rural municipal partners.

"Just to pick a number out of the sky because CAPP says so is risky," Stephenson said.

CAPP also recommended a full and transparent review of the oil and gas assessments which Stephenson agrees.

"I think the industry needs a full multi jurisdictional review, across the western provinces, of assessments before any changes are implemented."

He said the county has one of the lowest non-residential mill rates in the province and to assume they can take another 30 per cent hit when they are already 50 to 60 per cent less than average is "ludicrous."

He said the county could cut all of the staff and they still wouldn't be able to balance the affects of this "political initiative."

The county collects fewer taxes from oil and gas companies than it did a decade ago.

Discussions by the province about helping oil and gas companies began in December with meetings made up of representatives of industry and government.

At the time, it is believed, the province imposed a gag order on the RMA committee. It was lifted on July 24.

"I don't understand why any committee should be gagged unless there's something that they don't want people to hear," Stephenson said.

Division 10 councillor Lionel Juss is trying to understand why the process is happening.

He said neither the county nor the MLA has all of the information.

"It isn't because they haven't reviewed the assessment for 15 years. I mean it's more than that," he said.

Juss said the county is going to be forced to dip into its reserves and basically giving it to the oil and gas companies which is how the province can be kept out of handing over money.

"One way to do that without getting their hands too dirty is doing exactly what they are doing."

"It just doesn't seem to make sense," Juss said.



Charlie Dortch, 3, participated in the Duches and District Public Library's parade of decorated bikes and battery operated cars on July 14. The library will host a second parade on Aug. 18 at 11 a.m. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Rec plan community engagement underway

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City residents are being urged to take time to respond to a household survey to help plan the next decade of recreation services.

The city's recreation master plan is being done

to help ensure services are being met and which will allow the city to make decisions about facilities and programs and how to collaborate with other providers.

"Community engagement is a very important part of the process in developing the master plan," states a

city press release.

Through the fall, residents and organizations will be asked about recreation and parks services in the city.

While households will receive a card soon there is an online questionnaire currently available.

## Grasslands to work with online students

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There are a multitude of reasons why a student may not return to a classroom this year so Grasslands Public Schools will work with those families.

The provincial government announced in July schools would be opening in the fall under a near normal scenario. Kids will return but masks will

have to be worn at times where social distancing cannot be maintained.

There are many other precautions but despite those, parents may choose to keep their children out of class.

"We will be offering a supported at home learning option for families," said Scott Brandt, Grasslands Public Schools superintendent.

Brandt is urging parents who will not be sending

their children to school to let them know by Aug. 17.

He said plans are being developed but they do need to know numbers to determine how many teachers will be assigned or have to be hired.

"Staffing of that is a big part for us. That's a costly piece and so without really knowing how many families are interested we can't really say what staffing is going to look like," he said.

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

Sept. 20 Terry Fox Virtual Run...

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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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](http://terryfox.org/run).



Paving is expected to be completed this week on the county-province Highway 876 road program from Highway 36 to Secondary Highway 544. The county and province entered into a 50-50 agreement in 2017 to pave the 876, Highway 873 between Kinbrook and Rolling Hills Reservoir and Highway 535 from the 873 towards Tilley. The Highway 876 project started last year and saw crew prepare the surface for pavement. The county, which is acting as project manager, contributed \$17.2 million for the three roads. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# Brooks and area RCMP report



A van driven by an 86-year-old man slammed into a tree at Evergreen Park on Saturday. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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**Driver slams into tree**  
An 86-year-old driver

was found by First Responders on Saturday at about 3:30 p.m. seated in a mini van that was lodged against a large tree in



Police attend to the drivers of a couple of vehicles that collided at the intersection of 2nd Avenue and 3rd Street West. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Evergreen Park. Police report the man, who is believed to have been impaired, was heading west on 1st Ave West at a high rate of speed. "The vehicle reached a dead end at the parking lot in Evergreen Park and the male lost control of his vehicle striking a garbage can then colliding with a large tree," states a press

release. The driver was removed from the van and transported to Brooks Health Centre with undetermined non-life threatening injuries. Speed and alcohol are believed to be factors in the collision. The investigation continues. **Collision at 4 way stop** One person was



While learning to drive, the driver crashed into a cement block and moved it about four meters. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

transported to Brooks Health Centre with non-life threatening injuries following a two vehicle collision at the intersection of 2nd Ave and 3rd Street West at about 12:45 p.m. last Wednesday. Brooks RCMP report the

vehicles entered the four way stop intersection at the same time and collided. The 59-year-old male driver in a northbound Honda was transported to hospital while the 44-year-old female in the westbound SUV was uninjured.



A motorcycle continued along a ditch for about 100 meters, after the driver lost control. The Medicine Hat man was transported to hospital with minor injuries. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Police say alcohol and speed are not believed to be factors in the collision. The investigation is continuing.

**Man thrown from motorcycle** A 55-year-old Medicine Hat man was thrown from his eastbound motorcycle after he lost control and skidded into the ditch.

While the driver was thrown off the bike the motorcycle itself travelled another about 300 feet (100 meters) along a Highway 1 ditch near Highway 36 on Aug. 2 at about 4:25 p.m.

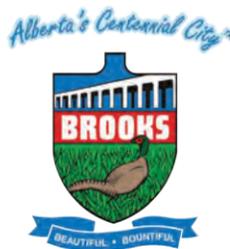
He was transported to Brooks Health Centre with

minor injuries. The cause of the collision is still under investigation but speed and alcohol are not believed to be factors.

**Driving lessons in church lot** No charges will be laid after a collision in the parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church.

A Class 7 driver collided with and moved a cement barrier about 15 feet (4 m) while learning how to drive on July 28 at about 7:30 p.m.

Police report the learner was being properly supervised by a Class 5 driver at the time of the collision.



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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. | This auction is a cash only event, and COVID-19 precautions will be in place.  
Silent Auction - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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(Brooks Composite High School)



Tiny Tykes (9am - 10:30am) \$110.00 (Age 4-5)  
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**TIME:** 4:00pm - 6:30pm  
**WHERE:** Arts, Culture and Heritage Centre

Register online at [rec.brooks.ca](http://rec.brooks.ca), in person or by calling the front desk of the JBS Canada Centre at 403-362-3622



### Recreation & Parks Master Plan

Be a part of improving our recreation facilities and parks!

The City of Brooks is in the process of creating a Recreation and Parks Master Plan to ensure that these services are currently meeting the needs of the community as well as over the next 10 years. The Master Plan will help the City make decisions about facilities and programs and how to collaborate with other providers in the community!

Community engagement is a very important part of the process in developing the Master Plan. Throughout the summer and fall of 2020, residents and community organizations will be asked their opinions about recreation and parks services in Brooks.



To learn how you can participate, please visit [Brooks.ca](http://Brooks.ca)



# First COVID19 death reported in the County of Newell

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The County of Newell has had its first COVID19 related death reported by the province.

According to the province's geospatial map of COVID cases across Alberta, there are five active cases and one death.

As to which community the death was in is not part of the provincial reporting.

In Brooks, there are no active cases but there have been nine deaths.

City officials continue to urge residents to keep up the good work to help avoid spreading of the virus.

"We know that there are places in the province that have had some spikes that are starting to come down," said CAO Alan Martens during Monday's council meeting.

"We really have to be

vigilant and remember to follow the provincial health guidelines, try to maintain the two metre distance separation. If you can't do that wear a mask and of course, wash your hands frequently."

Across the province there were 1,090 active cases as of Aug. 9 including in Alberta Health Services South Zone of which the city and county are members.

# City gets federal, provincial dollars for Hort Lift Station line

Legal advice being sought for tender....

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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The City of Brooks, which recently learned it had been granted over \$2.44 million from the federal and provincial governments for the Hort Lift Station project, is speaking to a lawyer to determine if the project has to be re-tendered.

MPE Engineering submitted a tender ready package to the city in 2016 but the project was put on hold until February 2019.

That year seven contractors were pre-qualified to submit a bid including one from Brooks Asphalt and Aggregate.

In May 2019 council committee accepted a recommendation by staff to award the tender to Brooks Asphalt and Aggregate for \$3,722,274.

The motion did not advance to a council meeting for formal approval.

"It was tendered but not formally awarded. We are seeking legal advice if we can just award it now or if it needs to be tendered given the time lapse," said CAO Alan Martens.

Through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, the federal government is contributing \$1,332,400. The province is contributing \$1,110,222 through its Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) program, the city is contributing \$756,378 through its sewer reserve and the county is contributing \$850,000 that was granted in 2017 through regional enhancement.

The project will expand wastewater lines, add a new connection vault at the lift station and a new sanitary dump station.

# County OK's traffic light installation for future project

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Can-Traffic Services Ltd. was the only bidder for the installation of traffic lights on Second Street West and 15th Avenue at the city's north end.

Geoff Tiffin, the county's manager of planning, development and engineering told council that Alberta Transportation would never allow the parcel northwest of the intersection to develop unless there were traffic lights.

The county, city and province entered a three-way agreement for the project which came in about \$32,000 over budget but within the budget set by the county.

The total cost is \$650,935. The road will also be widened at the same time, either by Can-Traffic

or a subcontractor, with the city and county each paying \$48,821.

The total amount for the project the county will pay is \$294,729, the city will pay \$171,775 and the province will pay \$184,431.

"By undertaking this project we will be facilitating the future development of this site as well as others in the vicinity," Tiffin reported.

"We did only have one tender submitted by Can-Traffic. A few days before the tender closed we got a bit of a win," he said.

Tiffin was told by a contractor that traffic signal contractors are "busier than they've been in 30 years."

He said they were not sure they would get a bid submitted as some company reps told him they have 60 projects on the books to be completed this year.

He said there had been an agreement with the city

about 10 or 12 years ago to complete a similar project but it never happened.

"I do really believe it's important to get it done especially knowing that you know that northwest quadrant of that intersection will never develop based on Alberta Transportation's comments," he said.

"I think it would be remiss to pass up the opportunity."

The county share of the project is higher than that city's because one of the options was the city paying and having a revenue sharing agreement with the county for taxes.

"I think at the time it was (county) council's decision to just go ahead and get it done," he said.

The parcel of land is expected to have retailers including a convenience store and a gas bar.

# County's next budget meeting set for Oct. 27

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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County council has scheduled their next budget meeting for Oct. 27 while keeping the ongoing oil and gas assessment discussions by the province in their minds.

Division 7 councillor Ellen Unruh wondered if the

meeting should be moved to November because the assessment information is not supposed to be released until the fall.

"If we're still talking about this decision in October we might not have a budget to even worry about," said reeve Molly Douglass.

The council has been

discussing the possible affects of the province's desire to reassess pipeline and oil and gas sites.

The assessments could result in significant budget losses across the province where municipalities believe they will be forced to either severally cut service levels or significantly have to increase municipal taxes.

## Jenner Jewel

ANNIE MUSGROVE



JENNER - With no scheduled activities in the area due to the Covid 19, news in the district is hard to find.

The Jenner area has had a few good rains to keep the moisture up but the recent hot, hot weather evaporates it quickly.

Silageing has been taking place fairly well & haying has been coming along also.

Congratulations go out to Beverly & Shawn Hesje of Crooked River on the birth of Raylan Thomas, a little brother for Camryn, who arrived July 18, 2020 in Prince Albert Hospital. Raylan weighed in at 7 lbs. 2.6 oz. & 19.3 inches. He is a third grandchild for Cecilia Hesje (White) & a third great grandchild for Pearl White. Much happiness is wished to you all.

Pearl & Cecilia Hesje motored to Crooked River soon after the birth to spend a bit of time with the new baby & also visit the other great grandparents, Lars & Signa Hesje at Crooked River. They were overjoyed to now have a great grandson to carry on the family name.

Congratulations also go out to Lindsey & Jacoby Ernst of Brooks, on the birth of their first child, Sloane Marie in the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital on August 2, 2020. She weighed in at 10 lbs. 8.8 oz & 20.4 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Colin and Charlene Musgrove of

Brooks and Chris and Holly Ernst of Medicine Hat. Best wishes to all of you.

A speedy recovery is wished for Judy White of Jenner who had major emergency surgery in the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital on Saturday, August 8, 2020.

Best wishes go out from

all your friends and family that you will soon be home and feeling much better.

The Covid 19 virus is still hanging around the corner and changing the usual routine of living. Keep following the health guidelines of masks, distancing and common sense to stay safe.

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**MICHAELA GLASGO**  
MLA - BROOKS-MEDICINE HAT

*Newsletter*

Dear friends and neighbours,  
I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and finding fun ways to beat the heat. It's great to see all sorts of people out and about spending quality time with friends and family.  
The end of July saw the Legislature rise after a lengthy sitting. Alberta's Legislature sat the most days of any governing body in Canada at 53 days. While ensuring that the immediate needs of Albertans were met in the face of an unprecedented health crisis, we also passed legislation that addressed everything from safeguarding critical infrastructure, to protecting worker's rights, to supporting Alberta's most vulnerable. Altogether, 35 pieces of legislation were passed fulfilling a further 93 campaign promises. It is rather impressive that only one third of the way through our mandate, we have delivered on just over two thirds of the 373 promises made to Albertans in our platform. I am so proud to be part of this government and to have the privilege of working with so many dedicated men and women.  
While I thoroughly enjoy debating legislation in the house and doing my

part to keep our platform promises, I always look forward to returning home. Meeting new people and strengthening ties with my community energizes me and reminds me why I chose to run in the first place. It is an honour and a privilege to represent our community at events and to promote the hard-working, dedicated individuals who are the lifeblood of our community.  
This summer, like most of you, I was really looking forward to rodeo season. These events are the heart and soul of Southern Alberta and exemplify the hard-working, get 'er done spirit of our tight-knit community. Rodeos and festivals also give me a chance to connect with as many of you as possible all at once. Rest assured, I will be out and about in our community all summer to hear about the things that matter to you the most. Like many of you I have had quite enough of virtual meetings and I can't wait to see you in person!  
I will also be travelling throughout our constituency to highlight aspects of the Alberta Recovery Plan that will create jobs, build core infrastructure, and diversify our economy. For Brooks-Medicine Hat this will mean improvements

to the Trans-Canada-Highway 3 intersection, a new Elementary school, and a new Francophone school. More recently, \$1.1 billion was provided by the province matching federal ICIP funds for the Brooks Sanitary Wastewater Replacement and Hort Lift Sanitation Connection. This upgrade will increase capacity to alleviate pressure on utility infrastructure caused by increased demand. A new sanitation will also be built to serve local users as well as visitors to our region.  
The Alberta Recovery Plan will also see investments in our stellar agriculture and agri-foods sectors to help them grow and create jobs today and well into the future. I was delighted to be part of the recent announcement for CAP funding that will ensure that our irrigation infrastructure is safe and remains operational to support our farmers and producers. In the coming weeks, I will keep you informed of other initiatives that will ensure that our community remains the best place to live, work, and play in the province.  
Best,  
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# EDITORIAL

## Area pathways should be a major focus

We noted with a tinge of jealousy a couple of weeks ago that the city of Calgary has completed its 1,000th kilometre of paved pathway.

The connected system through the city allows bikers and walkers to access many areas that otherwise are inaccessible and provides many other benefits including physical and mental well-being.

The pathway is not limited to Calgary either; believe it or not you can walk or bike from the southeast part of Calgary all the way to Strathmore via a pathway along a Western Irrigation District canal.

And this is one reason why it would be a positive step for the area if the E.I.D. would reconsider a proposal to build a pathway extension from the county building out to Lake Newell Resort which also branches off to Kinbrook Island Park.

We realize the concern for liability the former board cited, however, there are path systems throughout the world and so obviously this issue has somehow been addressed.

There is also the issue of

extending and improving the path system in Brooks. As we saw in last week's issue the path is being extended from Duke of Sutherland Park to 7th St. East and we hope in the very near future there is more emphasis on extending the system and paving existing sections.

There was tremendous support for a path system when it was brought to council decades ago and we know today that it is well-used.

We hope the city continues to expand the pathway system and that the E.I.D. will look favorably on another proposal to establish a path on their land.

On this point, there are not only benefits to the physical and mental well-being of our residents but there is also a safety issue. Such a path to the lake would allow bikers to take another way to the park aside from Highway 873.

Drivers shudder every time they approach one of these riders on that shoulderless highway and especially with the heavy traffic we see these days the potential for disaster is very real.

# Time Capsule



JUNE 7, 1978

Lots of fisherman on Blood Indian Lake, located south of Youngstown.

## An October Surprise

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



An 'October Surprise' in the United States is now almost inevitable, because that will be Donald Trump's last chance to get re-elected legitimately. He might try to cling to office even if he loses the vote, but it would be a lot easier and neater if he actually won a majority in the Electoral College on 3 November.

'October Surprise' is the American political term for a fake crisis, usually involving foreigners, that is 'discovered' by a president trailing badly in the polls in the last few weeks before an election. All other issues are forgotten, Americans rally around the flag, and the incumbent wins on a surge of patriotism. Or that's the theory, at least.

The same thing happens elsewhere too, of course, and not necessarily in October. That's when it needs to happen in to win a US presidential election, but there's a 'July Surprise' happening in Belarus right now (because the election there is set for 9 August).

Last week Alexander Lukashenko, the strongman who rules Belarus, 'discovered' Russian mercenaries in his country. They were unarmed and on their way to Istanbul, but Lukashenko says there is a plot: "So far there is no open warfare, no shooting, the trigger has not yet been pulled, but an attempt to organise a massacre in the centre of Minsk is already obvious." Only I can save our country! Vote for me!

Trump will need something like that because otherwise the coronavirus is going to kill him politically. This was not true as recently as early June, because up until then the United States was not performing especially badly in dealing with the pandemic.

It looked a lot worse because of Trump's bizarre behaviour – the endless, shameless lies, the narcissism, the suggestions that people should inject bleach, etc. – but in terms of Covid-19 deaths per million people the American fatality rate was still lower than any other major Western countries except Germany and Canada.

The United States was late to go into lockdown, but so were they all, at least compared to most Asian countries. Until recently, if you were a Trump supporter, you could still believe he was doing a good job.

It was Trump's rush to end the lockdown, not all the earlier nonsense, that did the real damage. He believed that he would lose the election if the economy didn't revive, but by opening up too fast he managed to revive the pandemic at the same time.

The numbers tell the tale. This week America will record its 160,000th death from Covid-19. That's almost a quarter of all the coronavirus deaths in the world. Much worse, US deaths are still going up while deaths elsewhere in the developed world have fallen steeply. That's almost entirely due to Trump.

Take Canada, for example. It's very similar to the US in economy and demography, but different in social and political terms. Canada has universal health care and a much less drastic divide between the rich and the rest, for example, which probably explains why America's cumulative death rate per million is 484, while Canada's is only 237.

The history is therefore

an American death rate twice as high as Canada's: not great, but not utterly awful.

By now, however, Canada has managed to get its deaths down to ten a day, whereas America is back up around a thousand a day. Even allowing for Canada's much smaller population, that is ten times worse. This is what coming out of lockdown too early did to the United States, and it is all down to Donald Trump.

The pandemic is raging again in the United States, and there may be a quarter-million deaths there by election day in November. US 'deaths per million' are going up three per day, which means that the US will overtake Chile (now 509) in less than two weeks, Italy (582) in a month, Spain (609) in five weeks. It might even catch up with the UK (682) by election day.

Most of those newly dead Americans will be over 60, so probably Trump supporters. Their relatives and friends are bound to notice eventually. Joe Biden's lead over Donald Trump in the polls has already widened to 10%, and there is probably no good news Trump could engineer in the remaining ninety days that would be big enough to turn that number around.

His only hope, therefore, is to manufacture some really bad news: a restaged 'Gulf of Tonkin' incident with China, perhaps, or a terrorist 'threat' so humongous that it gives Trump a pretext to declare martial law nationally. Or maybe he will arrange the premature certification of a magical new Covid-19 vaccine so he can roll it out just before the vote. If it kills a lot of people later on, who cares? He won.

Trump knows that if he loses the election he will spend the rest of his life in court, possibly even in jail. An October Surprise is practically guaranteed. It isn't over yet.



## EDITOR'S SCRAPBOOK

Your will shall decide your destiny.  
- Charlotte Bronte - Jane Eyre

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The more open you can be, the more you allow your life to change and the more you see the influence of grace. A closed mind is the barrier to living a grace-filled life.  
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# Bow City Signal

JOYCE CALVERT



**BOW CITY** - Our campground and the hall is now wide open so phone 403-362-6693 for bookings. It is a busy place right now.

**ON THE PALKO FRONT:** Carrie Palko's brother Robert Bridges and his lady Debbie Obetkoff came for a two week holiday and stayed in his trailer to 'camp'. It's always a pleasure when he is not on the road trucking. Sometimes he brings his rig for a night or two. Debbie's son Brogan and his girlfriend Izzy came for a weekend. It was nice to see them. It was also Debbie and Brogan's first visit to my house and Brogan labelled it a 'museum'. Both mom and son were in awe of the history inside and outside, flowers and garden.

Robert's daughter Johanna, grandson Benson (5) and Jo's friend Cody came for a night so Benson could see his papou (Greek for grandpa). It was wonderful to have a little visit.

Carrie's sister Peggy Patterson and her son Aaron

came for a night from Oyen. Always good to have three out of five siblings together.

Brad's son Jakob Palko and Mithcell Palko came for a two night visit. Brad was very happy to see them.

Brad's oldest son Alex Paklo and his girlfriend Stephanie Wiggs came for their monthly three day visit. Always great when they are here... Stephanie keeps Brad on his toes.

Carrie's son Ray Chrysler and his fiance Shannon Noseworthy came for a day trip. Ray started his mechanics course in July. Can't wait to get work done on the truck... hope it's not expensive.

**ON THE SMITH SIDE:** Dan's daughter Alysia was in Bow City with new baby Kaleb. Steve and Keagen arrived late for dinner and a great visit. What a cutie that baby is.

Vickie's dad Steve is enjoying some time with the Calverts, getting rid of some of the gopher population for us. Her daughter Brittany and son-in-law Jamie along

with grandson Bennett also stopped in for the weekend from Calgary.

Marc, Brad and Vicki's son was able to take some time to visit as well. Was good to see him.

Stratton Calvert turned five on August 4th and enjoyed a birthday party at his house August 8th with family and friends. He is looking forward to kindergarten this fall.

A happy birthday to Helene Mathieu on the 19th. To Nikavla Koch and Kelsey Gubbins on the 20th and to George Ketchmark on the 22nd. Have a good one all of y'all.

Children of all ages (from 5 to 51) had a great time feeding the Calvert donkeys and mules. Some sat and rode on a donkey long enough to take a photo or video while others tried to catch a mule and ride him (with no success).

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why did the tomato get embarrassed: because he saw a chickpea. HAHAHA.

# Courage!

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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One of my favourite stories in the Bible comes from the life of Peter, who denied three times that he even knew Jesus (go read it in Matthew 26:69-75). Fast forward to the Book of Acts, chapters 3 and 4. Since Matthew 26, Jesus was crucified, buried, rose from the grave, forgave Peter, and poured out His Holy Spirit on all His followers at Pentecost.

In Acts 3, Peter and John, through the power of Jesus, brought healing to a man who had been crippled his entire life - over 40 years. People who saw it were celebrating, as was the man who was healed. However, the religious leaders of the day were not celebrating; they grabbed Peter and John and threw them in jail overnight (at the start of Acts 4).

In the morning Peter and John were brought before the powerful leaders and asked "By what power or what name did you do this?" We know Peter

denied Jesus before a servant girl and some random strangers in Matthew 26, but he was different now. Peter, filled with the Spirit, let them know that the risen Jesus healed this man, and not only that, but this Jesus is the only one in whom we can find salvation (4:12).

Acts 4:13 is a fantastic verse - "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

Peter and John were regular ordinary men, but from the Book of Acts we know they had two things: they had been with Jesus (the risen Jesus), and they had been filled with His Spirit! The only conclusion these leaders came to when they saw the courage of Peter and John was that they had been with Jesus.

Jesus has a way of changing lives - of transforming us and giving us courage where we lack. All of us could use more courage in different areas. So where do you need Jesus to fill you with His Spirit and give you courage in your life today? Ask Him to give you courage!

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# Puzzles

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## CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to traffic awareness.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 12 = E)

**A. 2 17 24 12 7 8 17 9 26**

Clue: Course taken

**B. 16 17 12 6 2**

Clue: Give way to

**C. 18 12 24 10 12**

Clue: Blend into something

**D. 7 9 26 10 12 11 8 17 9 26**

Clue: State of being blocked up

Answers: A. direction B. yield C. merge D. congestion

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to traffic.

RDAOS

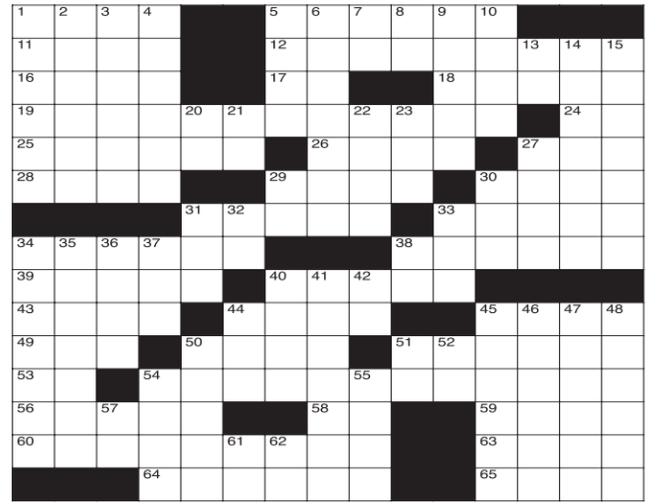
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Answer: Roads

## Guess Who?

I am a model born in England on August 12, 1992. As a fashion model, I have been the face of Burberry, Chanel and Stella McCartney. I also am an actress, appearing in several films and now an Amazon TV series.

Answer: Cara Delevingne



### CLUES ACROSS

- Corrode
- Jean Paul \_\_, author
- Hebrew unit of dry measure
- A type of scientist
- Greek goddess of discord
- For Red Sox MVP
- It checks your speed
- Made dirty
- The First State
- Lodgings
- Spiritual leader
- Bradley Int'l Airport code
- Native American people
- Sharp pain
- Touch
- Slowly disappears
- Indigenous Russian people
- Narrative poem
- Some are bad
- Small quill feathers
- Tattles
- Popular Easter entree
- Beneficiary
- Clothed
- Payroll firm
- Lower Normandy's largest city
- Binary compound of halogen
- The Fighting Irish
- Skilled, paid worker
- Eyelashes
- The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Large, stocky lizard
- Made poisonous
- Former US Secretary of State
- Sticky substances
- A type of gin

### CLUES DOWN

- To return an echo
- Displace
- Japanese religion
- Predilections
- Partial
- Poisonous plant
- Road open
- Atomic #81
- Accomplished American composer
- Oh, God!
- Potato state
- Most melancholic
- Supportive framework
- Hollywood's Pacino
- A title for women
- Popular Grammys alternative
- Check
- Bolivian river
- South Dakota
- Wonderful
- Supervises flying
- Commercial
- More (Spanish)
- Even distribution of weight
- "Arabian Nights" hero
- Compact mass of a substance
- Bachelor of Laws
- Halfback
- Some of it is ground
- They play in the trenches
- Atomic #18
- Chinese Prefecture
- Fabrics
- Being in a direct line of descent from an ancestor
- In slow tempo
- Flood
- Long-necked bird
- Secondary school
- Artificial intelligence
- Structure by the water
- Lather
- What happens there stays there
- A bone
- The Great Lakes State

## TRAFFIC MISTAKE WORD SEARCH

R A A S P E E D D T B Z A L V J M E T L  
 G N Z E M H J U R I S D I C T I O N A B  
 J V T P H U C P R E L G N A T G K S U O  
 Y R E I H L E L G Z V I O L A T I O N B  
 E S S Z C A I N T J C E N T E R L I N E  
 G Y D E A C C B O N J G T H E L T I Y C  
 M T R C E Y P C E Z E E R Z J E Z A H W  
 R A N N W C U A I V K M P I U W M P O P  
 H K S E O B M T S D E R E U K U U W A Y  
 E E W P M C Z A W S E R O V P N P B O J  
 A C N V E Y M U I G I N P W L L I M I T  
 C C N C I E O E R N U N T P M O A T C A  
 O J T A E S D L V N T J G T O S C V A N B  
 L D N I R L I I P Z J E T O C J C N G C  
 L D C T V U C B N E R V N E T W E K I O  
 I M U L B I S I I G D M S A P E L U B H  
 S A U S B Y T N H L P S G Y N U N N B X  
 I C J H A W C Y I E I I J V R C L A Z L  
 O M G W W I S U W W V T A T T L E Z L O  
 N T C A P M I O C Z T B Y D S I G N A L

### WORDS

- ACCESS
- ACCIDENT
- ACTIVITY
- ANGLE
- CENTERLINE
- COLLISION
- DEPLOYMENT
- IMPACT
- INSURANCE
- INVOLVEMENT
- JURISDICTION
- LANE
- LICENSE
- LIMIT
- MAINTENANCE
- PASSING
- SIGNAL
- SPEED
- SPEEDING
- VEHICLE
- VIOLATION
- VISIBILITY
- WORK ZONE

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

## Sudoku

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

### ANSWERS

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



### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

A business associate or romantic partner may make a play for more power this week, Aries. Instead of playing defense, see what happens if you cede some control.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

No matter how tempting the opportunity, do not mix friendship with finances, Taurus. This goes both ways, whether you are asking to borrow money or doing the lending.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Pressure at work could be mounting and leaving you feeling awfully stressed, Gemini. Now might be the time to take a brief step back and enjoy the respite.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may be inspired to fight the system this week. Be sure you have done all your research before diving in full force. Patience is a virtue, after all.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

While it may seem like you can mix business and pleasure Leo, there are some complications that you may not anticipate. It's better if you keep things separate.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, no matter what you do this week there will be challenges. Embrace any

hurdles you need to clear en route to getting the job done well.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

If you do not make a big deal of a difference of opinion then you can work easily with a person whose perspectives differ from your own, Libra. Learn to cooperate.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Someone's extreme emotions can turn your weekly schedule on its head, Scorpio. As you help this person through a tough time, keep a cool head and listen.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, this week loved ones may want to make a big deal about something you are doing. But you're not willing to join the drama parade. Stick to your convictions.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, neglecting your work can have far-reaching consequences. So buckle down even though the last thing you want right now is responsibility.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Keep a close eye on the things that you value the most, Aquarius. Keep these things close to your mind and heart and do your best to avoid taking them for granted.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you may have a lot of pent up energy his week. Find some creative ways to spend your time and expend your energy.

# First trees with bronze birch borer found in Brooks

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

drought conditions so around the bottom to cool  
ensure trees are well and retain moisture should  
watered. Placing mulch also be considered.

One birch tree was lost and two others were pruned thanks to the discovery of a bug that is new to Brooks but is considered a problem throughout the province.

The bronze birch borer, a member of the beetle family that bores holes in trees, was found last week when Phil Lunn, the city's parks supervisor noticed a birch tree at the Brooks Cemetery was losing some of its leaves.

Upon further investigation by staff the borer was found. The insect leaves a hole shaped like a capital 'D' in the tree. Other signs are the loss of colour in leaves and dying upper branches of white, paper and yellow birch trees.

Three trees were found to be infected, one of which had to be removed.

"We didn't find much but we did prune them out and hopefully we saved the trees," he said.

Lunn said the borer starts at the top of a tree and works its way down. One way to get rid of them is to cut two feet below the last hole.

"If you don't get them in time they can kill a tree," he said.

Although they are the first borers found in the city, Lunn believes they are likely infecting other birch trees and advises people to begin checking.

The insect thrives in



A 'D' in a birch tree indicates the likely existence of bronze birch borers which is a type of beetle that can kill a birch tree. This one was found in the Brooks Cemetery. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## BROOKS BULLETIN

### ONLINE READER POLL

Do you wear a mask when you go into a public building?

<b>YES</b>	<div style="background-color: black; width: 43%;"></div>	<b>43%</b>
<b>NO</b>	<div style="background-color: black; width: 57%;"></div>	<b>57%</b>

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 129  
View our weekly polls @ [www.brooksbulletin.com](http://www.brooksbulletin.com)  
Online poll for the week of July 29 - August 5, 2020.



Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Michaela Glasgo gives blood in Brooks on Aug. 4 during the first day of the #NovaScotiaStrong blood drive where 100 units were collected. The drive is being held in August in memory of RCMP Cst. Heidi Stevenson who was a regular donor and the 21 other victims of the April mass shooting in Portapique, N.S. Throughout August elected officials and First Responders are being urged to donate blood. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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## Market garden keeps young entrepreneurs busy

**MICHELLE GIETZ**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Sade and Dahves Lauber created themselves a summer job by turning their family acreage into Spud Acres where they grow a variety of vegetable crops for purchase.

Located between Brooks and Duchess, the two boys are learning that hard work and good customer service draws buyers for their produce which they will deliver to your door.

"We have a little red express truck," says Dahves. "A 1992 Dodge Dakota which was owned by my grandfather. We try to use it for deliveries."

"It's been good so far," he says. Dahves is going into grade 11 at Duchess School in September.

Potatoes, carrots and onions have been the main sales so far. Cucumbers, broccoli and sweet corn are nearly ready for harvesting.

Sade, who just graduated in June from Duchess school is hoping to use this enterprise to help fund his university. He plans on taking soil science at the University of Saskatchewan

starting in September. Since all the classes will be online the first term, he expects he will be at home to finish the season.

The majority of orders are local and not that large. Potatoes and cucumbers are sold in two pound bags but bigger orders are not uncommon.

"We get some big orders. Someone wanted 30 pounds of potatoes. We even had someone from Calgary who wanted a large order."

The majority of plants and seeds came from Bassano Growers and the owner has been very helpful in providing advice to the young entrepreneurs. Their parents have also been very supportive.

"Mom helps to bag the produce and has even made some deliveries but her biggest help is with Facebook and finding customers," says Sade. Most of their advertising has been on Brooks Buy and Sell.

"Dad says he going to stay out of it," says Dahves, "but then he starts to provide advice." The boys don't mind the advice. In fact, their dad has helped them to build viable

irrigation and he's also provided the tractor.

In fact it was the tractor that inspired the project. The tractor was for sale and their dad thought it would be a good idea to use it to create the market garden. His thoughts were that because of COVID, people would be looking for fresh produce.

He was definitely right, as the boys' sales are now in triple digits and they believe they have covered their expenses and will turn a decent profit.

When asked about what they learned from the project. Sade laughs, "The weeds never stop!"

The boys have spent a lot of time hoeing, pulling weeds and keeping the plots neat and tidy to maximize production. They don't mind the hard work. Both boys have been active in sports and are in good physical shape. In their spare time they enjoy soccer, skate boarding, hockey and snow boarding. They arrived for an interview after a much-earned swim at Lake Newell.

On a more serious note, Dahves stated that he has learned to get things done

and that there is a need to stay on top of the weeding.

"Don't procrastinate. Get your work done."

The boys try not to turn down any orders. However, they have almost sold all of their carrots for the year. Cucumbers are just starting while broccoli and sweet corn should be ready for harvest in the near future.

Their success already

has them talking about plans for expansion next year - more space, new vegetables, maybe a sign for the old Dakota truck.

"We'll probably make it a little bigger next and maybe add more varieties like beets," says Sade.

The recall on onions in Canada due to Salmonella may also have helped to increase sales. In the past

week there has been an increase in the orders for onions, particularly red ones. The brothers have had a busy summer and its not over yet. School doesn't start for a few more weeks, orders keep coming in, the hot weather creates the need to irrigate and of course, the weeds never stop.

## Conservative candidates' ag platforms fairly bland... it seems they learned something from the last go-around

The leading candidates for the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) leadership, Erin O'Toole and Peter MacKay, have released agriculture policies that are familiar, similar and mostly bland. That's par for the course when it comes to federal politics where agriculture tends to be an afterthought. That's understandable from a Liberal Party perspective being most ag folks don't vote for that party. However, for the CPC, which enjoys overwhelming support from those folks, you would think agriculture policy would be more front and centre. But then strategists for candidates probably see a greater need to pander to where the party votes are, and that would be the usual suspects Quebec and urban Canada. Perhaps the brain trusts of both camps also learned a lesson from the CPC leadership race back in 2017 - ag issues can be deadly to candidates. Maxine Bernier found that out the hard way, he fell victim to one of the most formidable and successful political lobby machines in the country.

The O'Toole and MacKay ag policy platforms state that they fully support supply management, that arcane dairy and poultry marketing system unique to Canada. That would be for good reason as both candidates would recall the consequences of that issue from the previous Conservative leadership campaign. Then-candidate Bernier vowed to eliminate supply management and return the dairy and poultry industries to free marketing just like the other ag commodities. That raised the fury of dairy producers, thousands of whom joined the CPC with the sole purpose of defeating Mr. Bernier's candidacy.



AG WRITER

WILL VERBOVEN

From an analysis of the numbers, Bernier's loss was due to all those instant CPC dairy producer members who voted against him. That guaranteed that supply management would become a sacred issue that no CPC candidate who values his political life was ever going to touch again. It was probably the most public example of the power of the dairy lobby in Canada. Only the notorious green lobby comes close to their success at controlling and manipulating a policy matter at every level of politics, government, senior bureaucracy and academia. But I digress.

Both candidates' other ag policies are the usual boilerplate about supporting more trade, infrastructure, processing, research etc. They both profess to get rid of red tape and unnecessary regulations that stifle industry development. Good luck with that - the federal agriculture, environment and health departments' senior bureaucrats have shown that they follow their own ag and food agendas and are quite resistant to the intentions of mere passing government politicians. My many previous columns on that topic would attest to that reality. Both candidates' ag policies proclaim that the carbon tax would be eliminated, hopefully at least for agriculture. That would remove a significant financial hurdle and put the ag industry back on a more equal footing with foreign competitors.

Some ag policies seem rather disingenuous; the

MacKay camp declares that he will stop rail strikes and remove blockades that impede grain exports - yeah, right, that'll be the day. The O'Toole side states they will amend laws to allow livestock producers to use local slaughterhouses - hello, there are no such laws. He is also advocating more money to find ways to grow more crops in greenhouses - I expect growers already know how to do that - it's just a matter of economics. One suspects that this sort of misguided idea was dreamed up by young city-bred political strategists who may be under the delusion that we can grow bananas in Canadian greenhouses, we can, but at a huge cost. Here is some free advice to political parties - run your agriculture policy schemes past people that understand the agriculture industry before you publish them for folks like me to ridicule obvious policy absurdities and blatant errors. But then again, maybe that shouldn't be done as I would lose all that fodder for my columns. But I digress.

Federal ag policy, whatever the political party also tends to be subject to the whims of other strategic needs like establishing trade agreements.

Liberal and Conservative governments are both quite prepared to trade-off ag issues for other concessions. For Liberals, it's a matter of selling out a constituency that doesn't vote for them anyway. For Conservatives, they can take for granted a voting block that will vote for them regardless of the issue. Mind you, there is hope for new insightful ag policy; the Conservatives did get rid of the Canadian Wheat Board. Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer and ag policy advisor.



Young entrepreneurs, Sade and Dahves Lauber, show off a wheelbarrow full of potatoes they dug at Spud Acres, their market garden operation. | MICHELLE GIETZ PHOTO

# Duchess Dispatch



LINDA MOREY

DUCHESS - I'm not sure where the month of July went but here we are in the second week of August already!

The Duchess Library has an 'Around the House Scavenger Hunt' to hand out to kids in the area. This does include Patricia as well as Duchess or anyone else who would like one. Please call 403-378-4369 to ask for them. A prize will be awarded for the completed page which can be posted to our facebook page, take a pic and email to the library at [duclib@shortgrass.ca](mailto:duclib@shortgrass.ca)/[daryl@shortgrass.ca](mailto:daryl@shortgrass.ca) or drop them off in our book drop.

Come to the library and pick up a rock to paint and either return it to the library around the planters or send a pic to us if you would like to keep it for your yard or give it to a friend. The big rocks at the library can be painted too, just call and ask us for the paint and brushes. The parade of decorated bikes was a huge success and we will have another one on August 18th, 2020 at 11:00 am We will start handing out crafts and ideas within the next week for everyone to do. I have talked to a teenager and the idea which was well received by staff is to write a

story which the library staff will post on the windows and place it here on our facebook page. The library staff is also looking for ideas for crafts from our teenagers. Please let the library staff know who is signed up for the TD summer reading program

and the Alberta summer reading club. Stats are needed for the library. Casey and Alyce Wickert would like to thank the participants of the annual 'Sh\*t Creek Open' golf tournament, hosted by Bob and Sue Hodgson for the kind donation made to them.

"What a great community we live in."

Our community sends get well wishes to Sarah Owen of Patricia. Here's to a speedy recovery!

Kids will be returning to school soon. If you are looking for the supply list, consider

joining the 'Duchess Parents' Facebook page. It is easy to get quick answers from other parents.

Please continue to be vigilant and wash your hands often and maintain social distancing while in public places.

## Exotic game bird flies into Brooks

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Sasha Loewen saw an unusual bird on her property and decided to shoot photos first and ask questions later.

Loewen said she looked out her window and saw a bird "that looked weird."

She went outside to look at it and later identified as a chukar partridge which is a member of the pheasant family.

"It looked like a strange bird so I took a picture and followed it around the corner."

Loewen had seen the bird

earlier in the week across an alley and gave no second thought to it believing it was a pheasant based on how it moved.

Not able to find it on any Alberta bird site she decided to Google it - "red beak stripped, weird bird in Alberta" - and to her surprise she found a 2016 article from Edmonton with a photo and identified it as a chukar. One was also identified in 2019 in Calgary.

The bird is a native of the Middle East and southern Asia, however, they have been introduced in the western United States and southern Canada.



A chukar partridge was found wondering around a Brooks neighbourhood on Aug. 4. | SASHA LOEWEN PHOTO



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## JBS CORNER

### TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HERVE MIEZAN



IT SUPERVISOR

Herve enjoys Italian, African and Caribbean food and can often be found listening to Afro-beat and R&B music.

Herve came to Canada from the Ivory Coast in 2017 for better opportunities. After attending a job fair in Edmonton, both Herve and his wife, Colombe, chose to join the JBS team in 2018. Herve's first role was as a saw operator on the rib line and then later on the strip line.

As an engineer in computer science with more than ten years experience as an IT Manager from back home, Herve was promoted to Automation Technician in February 2019. In March 2020, he was promoted again to become the JBS Canada IT Supervisor.

Herve says he enjoys working at JBS because he likes to talk with many people every day. He says the JBS value of availability is important to him because he always wants to be available to help his coworkers whenever needed.

In his new role, Herve hopes to elevate the level of technology at the plant in order to help the team's performance.

Herve enjoys Italian, African and Caribbean food and

JOEMARIE SANGCAP



AUTOMATION SUPERVISOR

opened management opportunities. Joemarie, with his strong sense of humility and positivity, is excited to provide his team clear guidance in achieving target goals, introduce technical training and mentorship to elevate team peak performance.

Joemarie came to Canada from the Philippines to join his wife in Edmonton in 2014. He decided to start a family here in Canada for better life opportunities after a decade working as a Senior Project Engineer for Saudi Aramco Telecom Projects. With his Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communication Engineering, topped with Masters in Business Administration, he was thrilled with the opportunity to work at JBS. Joemarie brought more than 20 years of experience in Engineering to the team when he joined JBS in 2015 as Automation Technician. His wife Carol joined the Quality Assurance team the same year and later joined the Canada Food Inspection Agency the following year.

As of June 8, 2020, Joemarie's new role is an Automation Supervisor. His favorite thing about JBS is the company culture and core values. He feels that being a part of the CIT program helped him improve his team work and leadership skills and

# Phase 2 county water study gets green light

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN  
As discussed during their pre-budget meeting last month, the county has approved a study to look at a second phase of the water project.

The first phase was completed in 2016 and since then there has been substantial interest from

those who chose not to connect to the system in phase one to now connect however, the costs are well into the \$20,000 range.

The county has identified 731 locations as possibilities for connection and the study will determine the best way and how the sites can be connected.

MPE Engineering will

look at a number of things including the original design capacity and total number of current users, project build-out requirements and capacity, proximity of existing mains, as well as the overall costs and costs per service.

"It's a fairly in-depth quote at the serviceability and capacity of the existing

system based on expanding it out to future users," said Geoff Tiffin, the county's planning, development and engineering manager.

Council approved the study at the cost of \$72,780.

"It would be awesome if we could get phase two done," said Division 3 councillor Anne Marie Philipsen.

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**WESTWOOD** - James Edward Westwood, beloved husband of Carol Westwood passed away suddenly on August 2nd, 2020 in Brooks, Alberta at the age of 70 years. James was born on December 21st, 1949 in Belper, Darbyshire, England to parents George and Mary Westwood. He met the love of his life Carol and they were married on September 23rd, 1972 in Brereton, Rugeley, England. It was there where they started their family, having son Mark and daughter Melanie. James graduated from Stafford College in 1973 and became a heavy duty mechanic. He immigrated a couple times between England and Canada, before permanently staying in 1990. James lived in Leaf Rapids, Manitoba, working at the Hudson's Bay Mine, until he moved to Brooks in 1995. He worked for Crosstown Truck until 1997, then chased rigs for CenAlta and Precision Well Services, eventually working for himself until his retirement in 2018. Even after James retired, he still continued to tinker around to keep himself busy. James had many interests including spending time with his grandchildren, listening to music, especially Queen, watching black and white movies, old cars and reading. He will be best remembered for his sense of humour, his genuine care and love for everyone and his ability to fix almost anything. James was predeceased by his father George in 1995 and mother Mary in 2004. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Carol Westwood of Brooks; son Mark Westwood of England; daughter Melanie (Thomas) Dodge of Brooks; daughter-in-law Brandy Hagg (Robert) of Brooks and his 5 cherished grandchildren Jaydan, Kya, Tracen, Katen and Tallis. James' family would like to thank the emergency services for their efforts, care and compassion. At his request there will be no funeral service and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations can be made to the Brooks and District Ambulance Association Palliser Health Region EMS, Bag 300, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B3. Cremation is entrusted to and conducted by Smith Funeral Home Ltd. and Crematorium, Brooks.

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**MEADOR** - Donalene Welda Meador of Brooks, beloved wife of the late Ralph Meador, passed away at Sunrise Gardens, Brooks on Friday, July 31st, 2020 at the age of 97 years. Dona, as she was most commonly known, was born on April 2nd, 1923 in Nebraska and was the oldest of five children. Along with her parents and two brothers, she came to Canada in 1929, where they settled in the One Tree area near Brooks. Dona was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Meador; and two brothers, Leslie Robinson and Marvin Robinson. She is survived by two brothers, Alvin Robinson and Howard Robinson; numerous nieces and nephews; son Gary Meador of Brooks; grandchildren, Shelly Jupp of Brooks, Patrick Meador of Cassils, Amanda Zilm of Calgary and Trevor Meador of Canmore and her great-grandchildren, Peyton, McKenna, Harper and Alexander. A Family Service will be held.

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**HENRICKSON** - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Clinton Henrickson of Patricia, beloved husband of Frances Henrickson and much loved father of Alma Henrickson. Clint passed away at Medicine Hat Regional Hospital on Thursday July 30, 2020 at the age of 87. Clint was born on October 19, 1932 on the original homestead outside of Patricia, to parents Harvey and Alma (Thompson) Henrickson. He was delivered by his maternal grandmother in a small house on the property on which he resided his entire life (if asked if he would move to Brooks, he would say "I was BORN here"), and was named by his aunt Edna

Dale. Clint attended Haddington School in Patricia until grade 10, completing his high school in Brooks. He attended the Olds College Agriculture program, class of 1952, and also attended a cadet program in BC. His family raised sheep until 1949, when they sold out and started raising Hereford cattle, which were highly sought after by buyers. The family also raised hay and other crops in a partnership known as Henrickson Ranching Company, with his father and 2 of his brothers; Doug and Keith. He met the love of his life, Frances in 1964. They were married on February 20, 1965 in Calgary. Alma was born on November 18, 1966. Clint served on the board for Patricia Hall and the curling rink, as well as Bow Slope Shipping (chairman from 1975 to 85). Founding member and 40 year director of Dinosaur Gas from 1973 to 2013, serving as chair and vice chair. Received the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-op Honorary Lifetime Membership Award in 2010. Director on the EID board for 18 years (1991 to 2009). EID representative of the Brooks Chamber of Commerce (16 years). Instrumental in getting the Environment minister to improve the Environmental Act under the Cretien Government. Member of Bow River Basin Committee for 5 years. EID representative on the AIPA for 18 years (3 years as chair), receiving the Gold Award on February 23, 2010. Chair of steering committee for Alberta Agriculture Forum for 3 years. Judged the John Ware 4H public speaking competitions. Secretary of the Division 3 Agricultural Society. Board member for Seniors Outreach Society. Family was extremely important to Clint, as was his love of the land and agriculture; most importantly proper water and land management. He always said "without water, you have nothing". He had the ability to fix anything and fashion something out of nothing, including many innovations to assist his daughter as she grew up. He even built her a 3 wheel bicycle out of 2 bicycles so she could keep up with everyone else. He was patient, kind, considerate and thoughtful, and was always willing to volunteer his time. He always appreciated the kindness of others. He had a unique sense of humor and a gift for helping others to self-improve. Clint was predeceased by his parents, Harvey and Alma; stepmother Anna; 2 brothers, Bryce and Keith; 2 sisters-in-law, Jean (Doug) and Lu (Doug); nephew Glen; great niece Illisa and numerous aunts and uncles. Clint is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Frances and beloved daughter, Alma; brother Doug; sister-in-law Dian (Keith) and former sister-in-law Fay (Bryce). We would like to thank the numerous medical personnel who cared for Clint over the years. A private family service was held on Aug 7, 2020 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Rev John Theiss officiating. Burial followed Brooks Cemetery. In memory of Clint, donations may be made directly to charity of choice. We thank everyone who has supported us in this difficult time. Very special thanks to Kelly and staff at Smith Funeral Home for their kindness, care and guidance. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.



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# Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



**RAINIER** - Happy Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Teresa Davidson on August 16; Travis Graham, Colleen Piper on August 17; Katelynn McColl, Danny Graham, Marianne Janzen on August 18; Aaron Davidson, Madison Janzen on August 19; Kelsey Gubbins on August 20; Kailee Springer, Larry Wagner on August 21.

Celebrating their wedding anniversary this coming week are Danny and Dawn VanHal on August 19.

The Community is saddened by the sudden passing of Herb Hewitt, age 35 years, on July 29. Sincere sympathy to his sister, Betty Pedersen, and her family of Scandia. Both Betty and Herb attended Alcoma school. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday,

August 8, for family and close friends, at Senlac, Saskatchewan.

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

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 Community Library is open for book pick-up and drop-off on Tuesdays, from 10am to 2pm. Please call Janet Wagner to verify she is at

the Library.

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.

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**cards of thanks**

**THANK YOU!**  
 From the family of the late **BONNIE STEVENSON;**  
 We would like to thank Doctor Thompson and Carol, the management and staff at Orchard Manor, Home Care, Brooks Health Centre, Willowbrook Estates and the helpful people at Smith Funeral Home. The outpouring of kindness, compassion and genuine care that each of you provided for our mom (Granny) is deeply appreciated. Also, thank you to our many friends for your kind words of sympathy. We cannot thank you enough for your support during her life and her passing. Each one of you has our most sincere gratitude for all you did for her.

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**THANK YOU!**  
 Our family would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, flowers, visits and meals with the recent passing of Edvin Christianson. A special thank you to Dr. Van Der Linde and the Pharmasave staff who provided such excellent care for Ed over the years. It was all greatly appreciated.  
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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**MINI BUS DRIVER (PART-TIME / RELIEF)**

The County of Newell is currently seeking to fill the role of **Mini bus Driver (Part-time / Relief)**. The Mini Bus Driver provides transportation for seniors and people with disabilities residing in the County of Newell. The Mini Bus operates five (5) days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Occasionally, the service provides transportation for after-hour events.

**Duties and Responsibilities of the Mini Bus Drivers include:**

- Provide safe transportation for seniors, people with disabilities, or County residents that require access to transportation services.
- Ensure the vehicle is tidy and clean.
- Assist passengers getting in and out of the vehicle with due consideration for their mobility needs, wheelchairs, safety straps/belts and ramps.
- Be sensitive to passengers' comfort throughout the journey.
- The successful applicant(s) must be able to present themselves in a pleasant and polite manner and possess strong organization and communication skills.

**Preference will be given to applicants possessing a high school diploma supplemented by:**

- Must possess at minimum a valid Class 2 or 4 Driver's License.
- Experience in providing transportation for seniors and people with disabilities and familiarity with the County of Newell is an asset.
- All applicants are required to provide a current Drivers Abstract.
- The successful candidate will be required to submit a Vulnerable Sector Police Record Check confirming their eligibility for employment in this capacity.

The County of Newell requires a pre-employment drug screening and Occupational Health Assessment for new and returning employees as per policy. This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is chosen.

If interested, please submit your resume and drivers abstract in confidence, including three (3) references to:

- **Attention: Human Resources**  
 County of Newell  
 183037 RR145  
 PO Box 130  
 Brooks, AB, T1R 1B2
- **Email: [HR@newellmail.ca](mailto:HR@newellmail.ca)**
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- **2011 Hitachi ZX350LC-3 Excavator**  
 S/N 1FFASP0XHA0920545 with Deere super long front with 72' of reach & 60" 0.83 yd bucket purchased from Brandt in June 2009, Groeneveld auto grease system, ESPAR engine coolant heater. Machine has 9482 hrs. Complete new drop in engine at 5451 hrs purchased from Wajax Equipment. Original boom & 13' 1" arm comes with unit as an attachment equipped with auto greaser plumbing & aux hydraulics plumbed for twist bucket.
- **2016 Deere 250 GLC Excavator**  
 S/N 1FF250GXAGD609950, 11'-10" arm, auxiliary hydraulics plumbed for twist bucket & packer attachments, Groeneveld auto grease system, front window guard on cab, ESPAR engine coolant heater, 5611 hrs.
- **2015 Woods 10.5' Batwing Mower**  
 S/N 1301059, model BW1800XQ

Please send all bids in written and sealed format to:  
 Eastern Irrigation District  
 Attn: Earl Palaschak *re Excavator / Mower Bid*  
 P.O. Box 128  
 Brooks, AB T1R 1B2

Any questions about the equipment please contact:  
 Earl Palaschak, Shop Supervisor (403) 793-5756

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The successful candidate will have an Alberta Journeyman's Certificate in Auto Mechanics or Heavy Duty Mechanics and will be eligible to acquire a Vehicle Inspection Technician License to inspect school buses. Suitable applicants within their 3rd or 4th year of apprenticeship may be considered. A valid class 2 driver's license with S endorsement is required, training is available.

A criminal record check, including the vulnerable sector check, and a driver's abstract will be required for the successful applicant.

Deadline for applications will be as soon as we have a suitable applicant pool.

Please forward your application and resumé, including contact information for three professional references to:

Sean Beaton, Assistant Superintendent  
 Grasslands Public Schools  
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**Who do I contact?**

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**CLOSING DATE** for applications is **Monday, August 17, 2020.**

For more information on our company, log onto our website at: [cascade-energy.ca](http://cascade-energy.ca)

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**Region will receive about \$3 million in stimulus funds**

SANDRA M STANWAY  
 BROOKS BULLETIN

The province is providing close to \$3 million to the city and municipalities within the county for additional infrastructure through the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP).

The province reports the MSP funds are to be used to sustain and create local jobs, enhance provincial competitiveness and productivity, position communities to participate in future economic growth and reduce municipal red-tape to promote job-creating private sector investment.

While municipalities can submit up to five applications and they must also attest the project would not have gone forward in the absence of support through the stimulus program.

The funds cannot be used for rolling stock such as buses or fire trucks or for projects that were previously approved for Gas Tax or MSI funding.

The breakdown for the area is \$1,717,777 for Brooks, \$143,356 for Bassano, \$128,973 for Duchess, \$50,000 for Rosemary and \$894,371 for the county.

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Closing date for the receipt of applications will be Friday, August 14th, 2020. Please forward applications to:  
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 Phone: 403-654-7233  
 Fax: 403-654-4600

(Thank you to all who apply. We will, however, only contact those we wish to interview)

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For complete job description please see the Employment link at [www.grasslands.ab.ca](http://www.grasslands.ab.ca).

**Deadline: As soon as there is a suitable applicant pool.**

Interested applicants must hold a valid Alberta Teaching Certificate and must submit a cover letter and current resumé with contacts for at least three professional references to:

Scott Brandt  
 Superintendent  
 Grasslands Public Schools  
 Brooks, AB  
 Email: [jobs@grasslands.ab.ca](mailto:jobs@grasslands.ab.ca)

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**SUGAR BEET PROCESSING FACTORY**

Approximate Duration of Term: September 2020 – February 2021

Due to the nature of the sugar beet harvest and processing, the Taber facility offers numerous seasonal employment opportunities.

Full Time, Seasonal Positions available:

- Factory
- Packaging
- Warehouse
- Lab
- Loader Operators

The duties required of you will be physically demanding. Conditions can be hot, cold, wet, dry, dusty, and loud.

- \$17.65/hour and over with an additional \$1.65 night shift differential, vacation paid out bi-weekly;
- Positions will be shift work, must be available to work evenings, nights, weekends and holidays;
- Factory positions are 12 hour shifts, 40 hours/week (factory operates 24 hours/day, 7days/week);
- Warehouse/Packaging positions are 8 hour shifts, 40 hours/week (Monday – Friday, with opportunity for overtime on weekends);
- Steel toed boots are required, all other PPE is supplied;
- Experience is preferred although on the job training is provided;
- Equipment and Loader Operators will require at least 1 year experience.

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Email Resumes to: [jobstaber@lantic.ca](mailto:jobstaber@lantic.ca)  
 Fax: 403-223-9699  
 Pick up applications at 5405-64 St., Taber, AB

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EMPLOYMENT



**Executive Director Position**

Lifetalk Counselling Services is recruiting for a part-time Executive Director. As an agency, we complement the social safety net in our community by providing a range of professional counselling services and seminars. Lifetalk integrates both psychological and biblical truth to create a climate that facilitates both personal wholeness and interpersonal intimacy. Serving Brooks, AB and surrounding area.

**Key responsibilities:**

- Direct and administer all aspects of Lifetalk Counselling Services.
- Assist in the policy, strategic planning and decision making functions of the Board, committees and staff by providing information and leadership.
- Manage the financial operations of the organization including, but not limited to, preparing and managing the annual budget, sourcing and preparing funding proposals.
- Directly oversee staff members, providing guidance and leadership.
- Represent and promote Lifetalk in the community.

**Qualifications:**

- Must have executive and administrative experience, preferably in a social service setting.
- Personal, active and mature Christian faith that aligns with the Nicene Creed.
- A clean criminal record check including a vulnerable sector check will be required before being offered employment.

**Job type:**

- Part-time (0.4 full-time equivalent)
- Compensation will be based on applicant's experience.

Please submit resume with cover letter and three references to [exec.director@lifetalkcounselling.ca](mailto:exec.director@lifetalkcounselling.ca).

Closing date: August 31, 2020

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# Prairie fire swept wide area in 1909

BY DICK IMES  
BROOKS BULLETIN,  
JANUARY 24, 1963

The big fire north of the Red Deer River in the late part of September or first part of October 1909 was not heard of by the outside world. I doubt if there was even a line about it in a Calgary paper. However there may have been as we did not take a Calgary paper and never saw one unless someone brought one out from Calgary. Our only paper then was the Montreal Family Herald.

The main family victims of the fire were the Seiglestedts of Hutton, who did receive help from Calgary. There was secondhand material to rebuild their house, shipped out along with clothing, groceries and other necessary things from Calgary to Bassano. This was then freighted out 50 miles to their homestead northeast of Hutton.

That was in the spring of 1910 and they were in Calgary that winter.

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## THE FIRE STARTS

I was one of the only two persons who saw the start of the worst prairie fire in memory, north of the Red Deer River. The other was Scotty Reid of the V Bar V, Ranch, the only hired man on the ranch at the time. Scotty, a good friend of ours, camped about five miles up on Blood Indian Creek from the ranch plowing fire guards from the creek to the river, about seven miles across the river bend. He had just begun to burn between the ploughed furrows, which were about 35 feet apart when a gust of wind took the fire outside and it was away.

I often thought that if I had been at Scotty's camp, I may have been able to help him stop the fire, but I had a long ride to make looking for cattle and had to ride the high points.

I left Steve Cicon's ranch, below the V Bar V buildings at about 7 am and dismounted on a hill on the east side of Blood Indian to let my mare get her wind, and adjust my saddle blanket and cinch. I could see Scotty's tent about a mile away, down on the creek bottom. The banks on the Blood Indian are sky-high there and I knew if I had come by the camp, I would have had a mean climb to get out. I would not have been able to get away from Scotty until at least noon, because I knew his visitors had been few and he would be all prime to talk.

## NATE SCOFIELD

I rode up the creek past Cabin Lake to the head of Blood Indian, southeast of where Youngstown is now. There are two round buttes there where the creek starts and that was where old Nate Scofield, a Texas cowboy, who came up from old Mexico with Lord Beresford's cattle, died in March of that year, 1909. I looked around but could not find anything. The M.P. from Brooks had gathered up notes, remains and everything they could find, such as his 30-30 carbine and what the foxes had left of his saddle.

Then the wind changed and it came west about 5:30 pm. By this time it must have had a front of about 50 miles or more.

I rode south past Madge's hay camp and arrived at our camp on East Berry at dark, about 7 pm. We had around 350 tons of hay cut and stacked there along with Colonel Milton Dowker's, who had a ranch at Ribstone Hill on Berry Creek. They were plowing and burning fire guards, when I got there. The fire was coming "hell banging" then, about 40 miles away.

I had time to only eat and feed my mare grain. I had to take a message to my step-mother, Ruth, at Hutton. It

turned out later she had already heard what the message contained. I rode all night and ran the ferry across about 5 am, leaving the row boat for the ferry man, Charlie Donald.

## BOOM OF FIRE

We had a settlers' locating camp there near the river bank all summer and my step-mother had been doing the cooking, but we were about finished. I ate breakfast with Ruth and tried to sleep but it was hot in the bed tent so I started back to the hay camp about 2:00 pm. Riding up on the ridge just east of Carl Stewart's place on Berry Creek, just after dark, I could see the fire coming, throwing flames 20 to 40 feet in the air and with a "hellish noise" it was like the Devils were all on holiday.

The smoke was blood red and I could feel the heat although it was still about five miles away. Riding back to Carl's place, I fed my mare at a hay stack on the west side of the creek. Stewarts were all back-firing and after talking a short time, I went back to my horse, as she was getting spooky and had to quiet her down. I fixed a bed in the hay and went to sleep. Carl woke me up at daylight. I had heard him yell to me once, "Are you all right, Dick?" I had been without sleep for two days and nearly two nights and had ridden close to 90 miles the night and day previous. I could hear men coming to the creek to soak their gunny-sacks, but I could not wake up. I was only 13 at that time.

Carl told me a girl had been burned farther up the creek but did not know her name as they had not been there long. He thought she was dead. Carl asked me to eat breakfast with the, but I decided I had better ride on to Dad's and my brothers, Montana's homesteads three miles east to see what wreckage was left there. We

had lumber and supplies piled there on the ground, covered with a tent. I found Dad there and everything okay. He had beaten the fire over there and backfired. He had saved a large strip of grass also, all on our section. We fried bacon and made coffee on a cow-chip fire. I never drank so much coffee in my life - before or since.

I then started out southeast for a big strip of grass which Dad said the fire had missed, between the old Mexico pasture and Blood Indian Creek, to scout for cattle and some of our horses. That was northeast of where Wardlow is now. Eventually I found all of them along with two milk cows belonging to Nick McGree, who was above our hay camp on East Berry.

## EARLY SETTLERS

Very few people were living on their homesteads at this time and they were living in tents. Most of them who had filed on land, had gone out again to work. The only established ranches off the river were on West Berry Creek. They included: Eides, 1895 at the mouth; Forsters, 1902; Parks, 1908; Frank Stewart, 1905; Colonel Dowker, 1908; Fred and Dick Madge about 1905.

The girl, who was burned, was saved through the quick action of Charlie Parks and Hughie Forster, and a record-breaking drive to Bassano, 40 miles away, leading an extra team to change on the wagon the only vehicle available. The girl, Mary Berger (her step-father's name), was 16 years old and lived northwest of Parks' place a couple of miles. I think she was a Mrs. Woods who married Eddie McDonald later. She had two daughters of her own. (Either Mrs. Woods or a Mrs. Jones).

## FIGHTING FIRE

Mary Berger's sister, Laura, is now our neighbor at Forest Lawn and she and her husband, John Swedberg,

just a few days ago told me all of the particulars of Mary's ordeal. She was so badly burned from helping her uncle, Mr. Seiglested, to save their team. They had been plowing fire-guards. The team disappeared with harness on and was never found.

Mary and sister, Miranda, had come from Minnesota with their three uncles. Her folks and sister, Laura, did not arrive until 1911 when they homesteaded near the Seiglestedts who had come before the fire of 1909. Laura (Mrs. Swedberg) told me here at Forest Lawn that the first they heard of the disaster was an item in their Minnesota paper someone had sent in from Alberta. They did not know what their post office was and had not heard from them, even what the railroad town was. Their post office happened to be Field Holm a the Field brothers' ranch on the Red Deer. Later this was Hutton, and it had just gotten into operation that spring with a small store.

## ROUGH RIDE

On the trip to Bassano with the girl, Mary, in a coma, most of the time, over rough wagon roads and endless sand hills, Charlie and Hugh took turns driving and trying to ease the ride for the screaming girl. The skin on arms and legs, Mrs. Swedberg says, was just hanging loose and new skin was later grafted on in Calgary.

I saw Mary two years ago and she showed me the scars on hands, face and arms. One hand has never straightened out. She now lives in Edmonton and was here this summer visiting Mr. and Mrs. Swedberg. I did not see her this time but I will make it a point to next summer.

There is still a look of suffering plainly visible in her eyes and she does not

voluntarily talk of the fire, but she will to people who know a good deal of what happened.

## NO STOCK LOSS

Outside of the Seiglested team, I do not know of any stock losses. The fire was just north of the river. Rancher's cattle were already heading into the river to water, as it was hot. The V Bar V cattle and horses were just below where the fire started watering on Blood Indian. Mosquitoes were bad and stock were staying in tight bunches, right on the water. In the big country the fire covered - there was, as yet, no stock at all except a band of wild horses up on Sounding Creek. These evaded the fire. The only other stock was on West Berry Creek.

## 3,500 SECTIONS BURNED

The area of that big country covered by the fire was about 50 miles north to south and very close to 75 miles east to west.

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Gordon Forster took the first two democrat loads of settlers out from Bassano in March, 1909. They camped with me at our dug-out on Blood Indian, three miles northeast of Cabin Lake, for two or three nights and looked at the country between there and where Youngstown is now. I was all alone and one man offered me a dollar to use a saddle horse belonging to Montana. I thought about that dollar and dreamed about what I would get for it, right up to the time the were ready to leave to go back to Bassano. I watched that guy for some sign of that money but he never let on.

Gordon jumped out of the rig and came over and asked me if he had paid me. I said, "No," in a pretty small voice. Well, Gordon got that dollar in jig time for me.

# Brooks shakes off the ashes

*Plans are already made for new buildings*

BROOKS BULLETIN,  
NOVEMBER 26TH, 1930

Friday night saw one of the most disastrous fires known to Brooks.

Starting a few minutes after midnight, in the office of the Cory Drug Store, the fire gained such headway that in a few moments it was beyond control.

The fire was discovered shortly after midnight and just after it started by C.T. Schon and T. Amos as they were returning home from the west end of town. They immediately turned in an alarm and made sure that the two girls, Miss Schutoski and Miss Bennett, who roomed over the office were out of the building. The girls had been wakened previously and were out on the roofs of the adjoining buildings, escaping just in time with only their night clothes and over coats. All of their property and clothing was lost.

The sounding of the alarms

was slow and before many people arrived, the fire had broken beyond control. Mr. Cory had left his building just before twelve and on being called back, arrived just in time to have the front of the building blown over him as he attempted to enter.

The fire quickly spread and consumed the Peever Harness Shop, the Brooks Hardware, C.H. Marshall's building and finally the Red and White Store. The strenuous efforts of the volunteer fire fighters in directing the two small streams of water and the chemical engine hoses made it possible to save neighboring buildings.

The fire wall gave relief to the south while Manson's building gave the fighters a chance to save Cain's Store, which caught fire several times and suffered considerable damage. The Gayety Theatre, across the street, caught fire a number of times but each time was brought under control before

serious damage resulted. The act that there was little or no wind aided the fighters enormously.

The buildings and stock, with the exception of the Red and White stock were completely destroyed by the flame. The fire was over and practically out by 3:30 am which shows how rapidly it burned and with what intense heat the fighters had to contend.

The stock of the Red and White Store was saved and also Mr. Waugh's furniture from over the store. This was all that could be saved, nothing not even a cash register was saved from the other buildings.

All the glass in the buildings along the street was cracked and broken and Saturday morning found everyone scurrying around for lumber to patch them up. A sequel to this was the wind on Saturday night which blew in those windows that had not already given away.

Permission was granted

the Gayety Theatre to run as usual on Saturday night and the remaining stores were all patched up sufficient way to do business.

The adjusters, Mr. Morkil and Mr. Sherlock arrived Tuesday and made the final adjustments on the insurance. All places had fairly good insurance with the exception of H. Peaver, who had only \$1,000 placed.

Immediately on Saturday and Sunday steps were taken by those who lost their businesses, to get in new stocks and take up temporary quarters wherever available. J.O'Brien has a new stock and is doing business in the old Manson Meat Market, the Elks Hall; shelving is being placed in the Marshall Hardware, next to the Triangle Motors as rapidly as possible, to take the stock of W.J. Waugh, the Red and White stock and W.A. Cory's stock that is arriving steadily. It is understood that Harry Peever will open in the Elks Club Room. Dr. McCaffery,

who lost all his dentistry equipment has started work again and is now located in the Newell Hotel in what has been the rest room.

The Cory property has been cleared of the wreckage and work started on the basement of a new building. From street rumors, it is assumed the other people will all build either this fall, weather permitting, or in the spring. Repairs to damaged buildings are proceeding as rapidly as possible. The telephones were put out of business by the burning of the cable but a new cable was spliced in on Sunday and by night all phones were working.

The total damage is estimated at about \$70,000.

The last big fire in Brooks occurred on Sept. the 8th, 1913, when a block just east of J.S. Ingram's present store was burned putting 10 places out of business.

In those days there was no fire apparatus and by the irony of fate the hose

for the new water system arrived on Tuesday. Had this been available during the fire much damage could have been stopped and better control held over other buildings. It is the opinion of all that the fire wall paid for itself Friday night.

One thing needing correction is the fire siren. Some new sirens should be installed preferably electric and at least two.

At present it is a case of everybody thanking everybody else for their work on Friday night and particularly to those who property was saved thank the helpers.

The wind Saturday night started many small panics and those in the theatre were nearly to the dangerous stage when quietened. The wind blew in glass that had been weakened by the fire startling the audience. However, they decided to stay and see the balance of the show.



# In your garden...

LINDA TOMLINSON

August is time to reap the rewards for all the hard work in the garden. This could be in the form of sitting and enjoying the landscape, eating fresh fruit and vegetables, viewing other gardens or enjoying nature's garden.

When landscaping, always include sitting areas. Comfortable chairs encourage people to stay longer. They encourage everyone including the gardener to take time out and relax, enjoy the garden. This has never been so important as this year when socializing outside along with social distancing are part of Alberta Heath's recommendations.

Visit public gardens. Drive through any town, large or small in Alberta and stop and enjoy their public areas. It might be a park or plantings along Main Street or the lake. It is best to avoid busy times, making it easier to keep distance between people..

Stop by the Crop Diversification Center South which is just east of Brooks. The main gardens are open but contact the center to view the rose garden which contains roses that were developed by the men who spent years developing roses that would thrive in Alberta's climate.

A little further away, City Hall Park, which is located in downtown Red deer tends to be crowded with the lunch crowd from 11:30 until 1:30. These gardens have

a combination of formal annual beds and informal ones filled with perennials, roses, shrubs and annuals.

The staff can often be seen maintaining the beds. The displays change with the seasons.

Olds College gardens were started over 100 years ago. They have developed into two distinct sections; the Botanical Gardens and the WetLands. The gardens are open from dawn to dusk during the spring and summer allowing plenty to wander through the different areas.

The botanical gardens run through the main campus which contains mature trees, shrubs, water features annuals, baskets, roses, perennials, xeriscapes and trial gardens. As with all botanical gardens, plants are named in Latin and some common names. Tec savvy people will download the free app HisTREE and use the cards that are throughout the garden to learn more about certain plants.

The wetlands gardens, attractive on their own, are also interesting in respect as to how water changes as it travels through wetlands.

For those that want a more informative tour. Olds College does offer them. Contact the college to set them up.

Trochu Arboretum is always worth a stop. It contains some amazing trees and attractive gardens

The University of Edmonton's Botanic Gardens at Devon are always worth a stop. There will be something within the 240 acres that will be of interest. The site contains a multitude of different gardens including: greenhouses, alpine, medicinal, a butterfly house and Japanese's gardens.

At present time people need to reserve in advance. Walk ups will not be admitted.

Alberta Farm Days is August 15, 16th. It is a time when farms and businesses connected to agriculture or horticulture open their doors to the public. Hosts often give a tour and are very happy to answer questions. As these are all working operations please respect their rules as they are in place for safety. For more information about the places that are open visit: <https://albertafarmdays.ca> The website mentions culinary events, farms and tours with lots to choose from.

As for fresh vegetables, look no further than local growers. Support them through local markets, u-picks or by gate sales. As not all Farmer's Market vendors are local, ask questions before making purchases.

Take time and enjoy gardens, be it your own or others.

Linda Tomlinson is a local Horticulturalist that can be reached at your\_garden@hotmail.com



# Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - Worship services at Bethany Lutheran Church are hosted at 11:00 am each Sunday, 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.

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 to

Brooks Industrial Metals for partnering with the local band students on this fundraiser!

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.

A pair of gentlemen were talking one day and one of them mentioned to the other he had been cleaning out his mother's

house and had thrown away many dusty old books. He complained she had many books in complete disrepair, falling apart at the seams. Even an old Bible, printed by Guten-something. His friend, a curator of rare books, nearly fainted! "Do you happen to mean Gutenberg?" he exclaimed. "Why yes," his friend replied, "however, it couldn't have been worth anything as the pages were scribbled all over by some guy named Martin Luther."

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259. You may also EMAIL me at [goombaw@eidnet.org](mailto: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!

# One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well we finally got the weather to cool down to where we can stand it. Now at least the garden won't fry up. It was way too hot before. It seems that the weather goes from one extreme to another.

Congratulations go to Sandra (Slomp) and Matt Smith of Calgary on the birth of their new little baby boy Jacoby (Coby) Paul born on July 29th at the South Health Campus in Calgary. We wish you all the best. I'm sure Nico and Andrew are thrilled with their new baby brother. Congratulations to Grandparents Karl and Linda and Grandpa Smith of Calgary and to Great-grandma Agnes Slomp of Orchard Manor.

Our deepest sympathies go to Frances Henrickson of Patricia on the passing of her dear husband Clinton Henrickson on July 30th in Medicine Hat Hospital and to their daughter Alma on the loss of her father. I'm sure that you both will miss him very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both and to all your extended families. A private family funeral service was held last Friday.

Our deepest sympathies go to Gary Meador of Brooks and to his families on the passing of his mother Donalee (Dona) Meador on July 31st at the age of 97 years at the Sunrise Gardens. At her previous request was that there be no funeral service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

On Wednesday Inge Ellefson and Erwin Unger went to Waterton Lakes, to meet with Inge's son Lyn, who was on holidays there. They stayed at the Waterton Lakes Lodge and had a great enjoyable time while there. They stayed overnight and then came home.

Last Friday Joel and Rachel Slomp and sons Justin and Eli of Abbotsford, BC came to join their families at the Rolling Hills Campground from Friday till Monday on the holiday weekend. All the Slomp families were there with the exception of Sandra and her new baby. They all had a great time in the group area. After they came home to their parents place for a couple of days and Justin and Eli stayed at grandma and grandpa's place. Then Joel and Rachel went to Calgary to visit with some friends for a couple of days, then Linda took the boys up to their folks and then they drove back to BC. on the weekend

\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*The Brooks United Church will be holding their Thrift Sale again on Thursday, August 20th from 8 am to 12 noon. It will be Bag Sales @\$10 per bag, try to bring the right change, to cut down on handling change.. SOME RULES TO FOLLOW-

1. PLEASE maintain Social distancing while you wait to enter.

2. PLEASE sanitize

your hands upon entering.

3. PLEASE wear a MASK

4. Due the COVID-19 they will only be letting in a group of 10 people in at a time for a maximum of 1/2 hour each..

5. NO CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED!!!"

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

7. You'll be provided with a bag-and you Fill your own bag

On Friday Jeff and Michelle Richardson and Macy of Black Diamond came to spend the day at Michelle's parents Ozzie and Elizabeth Schalm's place. Jeff helped Ozzie with some yard work and trimming trees. Meanwhile Macy was cutting the grass and she was really enjoyed doing it. After supper they left and went home.

Birthday greetings this coming week go out to Tony Hulsman of Brooks on Aug. 13th; to Casey Kozma on Aug. 14th; to Jacqueline Hajash on Aug. 15th; to Margie Kobol of Calgary and to Babs Wutzke, both on Aug. 16th; to Liz Buday of Tilley on Aug.17th and to Darrel Church on Aug. 18th. We wish each of you a great day and we wish everyone a "Very Happy Birthday" and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday and we wish everyone all the best for many more great years.

Happy anniversary wishes go out to Angela (Wutzke) and Jamie DeBlasio and to Carolyn (Slomp) and Levi Wadsworth, all of Brooks on Aug. 18th. We wish both couples' all the best for many happy, healthy years together.



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# Scandia Sketch

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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. Also check out the Alcoma school Facebook page or the Grasslands Public Schools website to view all of the school recently info.

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 there 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](http://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](mailto:takeda@hotmail.com) or 403-362-5488.



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## Rabbits

There are few things in this world more adorable than rabbits. Their soft fur, big eyes and ears, and charming personalities have made this little animal a popular pet around the world. Rabbit breeds come in all shapes and sizes. The American Rabbit Breeders Association officially recognizes 50 unique breeds.

## In a word

A female rabbit is called a **doe**; the male is a **buck**. Baby rabbits are called **kits**, **kittens** or **bunnies**. A group of domesticated rabbits is called a **herd**.

## The basics

People sometimes get rabbits and hares confused, but while rabbits and hares both are **lagomorphs** and belong to the **Leporidae family**, they are different species. Hares have not been domesticated. Hares are born with hair and good vision, while rabbits are born hairless and blind.

## Domestication

Since ancient times, people all over the world have raised domestic rabbits for meat and fur. Many breeds of domesticated rabbit have been bred for show and for pets. The **lop-eared rabbit** is a popular pet breed. Rabbits make great pets. They are quiet and friendly.

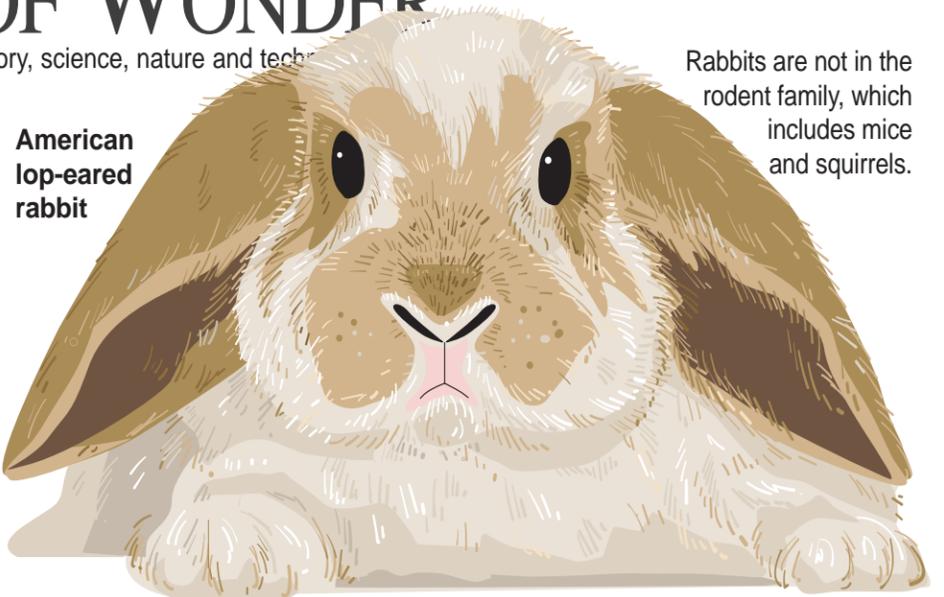
Wild rabbits rarely live long in captivity, and it is best to leave seemingly orphaned wild bunnies alone. More than likely, their mother is hiding nearby.

## Food for thought

Rabbits are **herbivores**. In the wild, they eat vegetation, mainly grass, but sometimes gardens and crops. In captivity, rabbits should be fed mostly hay, small amounts of fresh vegetables, and special pellets made from hay. Carrots have a lot of sugar and should be given only as a rare treat.

A rabbit's teeth are always growing, and chewing hay helps to grind them down and avoid dental problems.

Leporids eat their meals twice. They have two kinds of waste pellets (droppings). Moist, soft droppings called **cecotropes** contain essential nutrients and are eaten and digested. Hard droppings are true waste and are not eaten again.

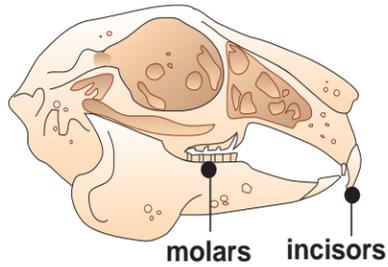


American lop-eared rabbit

Rabbits are not in the rodent family, which includes mice and squirrels.

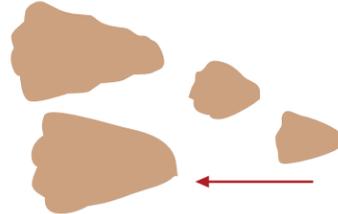
## Anatomy 101

Rabbits and hares have excellent hearing and a keen sense of smell. Their strong back legs allow them to move by hopping. The eyes are located on the sides of the head, giving them a wider view.



molars incisors

Rabbits need to chew constantly to wear down their incisors, which never stop growing. They chew with a side-to-side motion, not up and down.



An unusual feature of rabbit footprints is that the hind leg precedes the front.

## Did you know?

Rabbits were not found naturally in Australia, they were introduced by humans. Today, leporids can be found on every continent except Antarctica.

Hares and wild American rabbits (cottontails) are not genetically compatible with other lagomorphs, so they cannot interbreed. There is a domesticated breed of rabbit called a Belgian hare, but it is really a rabbit, not a hare.

Rabbits and hares are related to the **pika**, a small mammal that looks like a large mouse and lives in colder climates.

Lagomorphs were originally classified as rodents, but in 1912 scientists made them a separate family.

A rabbit symbol is often used to show that a product was not tested on animals. This is because rabbits have been used in product safety testing.

A rabbit's life span is about 8 years, though if spayed or neutered, they live up to 12 years.

Rabbits cannot vomit.

Rabbits perform an athletic leap known as a **binky** when they're happy — making twists and kicks in the air.

Rabbits are **crepuscular**, which means they are most active at dawn and dusk.

Bunnies are the third most common animal at shelters, after dogs and cats. Before you adopt a rabbit, be sure you are committed to investing the time and care needed.

Rabbits are social animals that thrive in the company of other rabbits. If you get two as pets, make sure you have them spayed or neutered, or you will end up with many unwanted bunnies (and they may fight and be aggressive).

Some rabbits purr when they're content and relaxed.

Rabbits' eyes are on the sides of the head, so they can see almost all the way around them.

Rabbits can be litter box trained.



Flemish giant

Flemish giants can grow to be 2.5 feet (0.76 m) long.

Pika

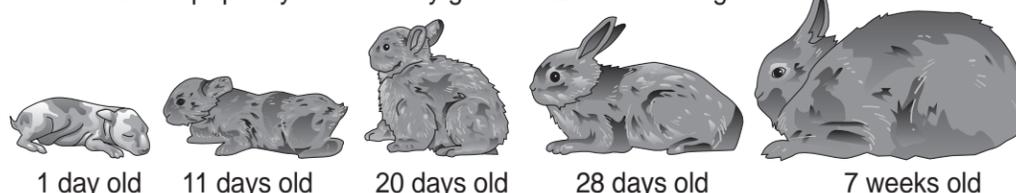
Checkered giant

Lionhead

Dwarf cashmere lop-eared

## Growing up fast

Rabbits develop quickly and are fully grown at 2 months of age.



1 day old

11 days old

20 days old

28 days old

7 weeks old

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