The morning sun shows off the fall colours of the trees at Veteran’s Park.

The province is reporting three fewer confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Brooks over last week.

As of Sunday there were 113 schools with declared outbreaks of two to four cases of which transmission may have been the cause in nine of the schools. The affected schools are in Edmonton, Calgary, Glutaks, Lethbridge, St. Alberta, Municipal District of Opportunity, MD of Peace and Wood Buffalo. An ongoing outbreak continues at Calgary Foothills Hospital. Surgeries have been cancelled and rescheduled.

With Halloween quickly coming up, it’s expected AHS will soon release guidelines to allow for a safe and fun holiday. “There’s a range of different options suggested that can achieve both of those goals,” said Hinshaw.

County in a ‘conundrum’ over prov. grant

SANDRA M STANWAY BULLETIN

Some county councillors considered walking away from the province’s proverbial golden carrot instead of jumping through hoops for the Municipal Stimulus Project grant.

The province is providing money to municipalities through grants in an attempt to stimulate the economy. The county is eligible to receive $894,371.

The issue, according to some county officials, is the government wants municipalities to choose a project they did not previously consider due to a lack of funding. It must be completed by next December.

Reeve Molly Douglass said she thought about the municipality’s pillars of economic development which are oil and gas, tourism and agriculture and she looked at the money as a way to benefit all residents with both short and long term views.

“It’s almost like they want you to make up some brand new thing which might be why it’s hard to choose,” she said.

Division 1 councillor Clarence Amulung looked at the money as being “thrown in our face” and if they don’t do something they’ll lose it.

“We’re in a real conundrum,” he said.

None of us really believe in picking a project out of the air that we weren’t going to do except the money’s there now.

It’s just your typical government handout that drives you nuts. They’re trying to stimulate jobs that you wouldn’t do otherwise,” he said.

He said every time money is rejected from the government, facts have to be bent a little bit.

“It’s just doesn’t work. It’s crazy. I don’t know.

He said the county wouldn’t do something without first having the money.

“It’s just so frikking frustrating to me. It’s exactly like that. It just drives you crazy.

“i think we’re being driven crazy by this,” Douglass said.

Administration said they understand the project needs to be new and not in any plan.

“Which kind of doesn’t make a ton of sense to me for a grant program. You’ve already got a whole bunch of things you’ve prioritized, now think of other things you wanted to do but haven’t thought about,” said Matt Fenske, the county’s finance manager.

Some councillors thought the water project would be good, however, it wouldn’t fit, others considered work around truck parking in hamlets and internet at Emerson Bridge Park.

Division 10 councillor Lionel Juss suggested finding a project, such as paving, that benefits the region and not just the county.

“I think we made that mistake in the past,” he said.

Following a lengthy discussion the majority of councillors agreed, if the funding is received, to pave 1.12 kilometers of Range Road 14-5 east from the Bow Slope Shipping to where it meets the pavement north of the city limits. The estimated cost is $840,000.

Four candidates for Duchess by-election

Residents in the Village of Duchess will vote in a municipal by-election on Nov. 2.

In August Ryan Kiedrowski resigned forcing the village to hold the by-election.

Running for the seat are Steve Dunford, Robert Hodgson, Shaun James and Shanda Smith.

The next municipal election will be in October 2021.
Commemorative Forest grove reflects ‘Year of COVID’

SANDRA M STANWAY

Brooks Communities in Bloom members welcomed about 80 people to the 9th Commemorative Forest Dedication ceremony, held annually to coincide with National Tree Day.

This year’s program saw 20 trees planted in Recovery Grove, the newest area within the forest. Traditionally, the names of the groves have been based on the nature of the area such as Hillside or an event. Canada 150 but this year the committee chose Recovery as a way to stay positive and hopeful.

“We couldn’t see a way we could ignore the Year of COVID and the huge changes it’s brought to all of our lives,” said Bloom member, Mary Ellen Gang.

“We’re tremendously grateful to the people serving our community on the front line in health care and in essential services during this unprecedented time.”

Bow River MP Martin Shields, through a submitted message, thanked the group for their continued initiative to grow the forest.

“It’s a special place for residents to come and reflect on their loved ones and others to come and enjoy this special spot.”

County of Newell reeve Molly Douglass thanked the group for their work.

“This whole concept to me is absolutely wonderful and amazing. These spaces have become so much more important in the last six months,” she said.

Brooks deputy mayor Dan Klein also acknowledged the work of the committee and the fact it does not go unnoticed.

“We get a lot of compliments from visitors that come through the city on what the city looks like,” he said.

Although trees are not individually dedicated, a plaque holds the name for each of the trees that have been planted in honour or in memory of an individual or organization.

This year’s names are: Our Health Workers, All Essential Services, David Blackman, CK Construction, Robbin and Podge Cross, Elsie Grosfield, Roger Gross, Donna Hajash, Evelyn Harrison, Sidney Harrison, Bernice Hott, Wilma James, Diedre Lindsay, Myrna Mooney, Nola Gail Orich, Leta Pefermate, Remy Peterson, Emma Red Gun, Keith Robertson, Henri Robinson, Jacques Robinson, Jean-Marie Robinson, Pierrette Robinson, Violet Robinson, Christina Schultz, Keith Shuttleworth, Connie Slanzerup, Lorne Swanson and Clarence Tancowny.

DUCHESS - The leaves are turning so quickly and it really has to be one of the prettiest times of the year. I’ve spent some time in the flat recently and it’s worth it to take a drive down 3 St NW and then across the river to 1 St. Both have some beautiful trees just up from the river that are so pretty right now.

I think it was the 25th of September when my brother pointed out that the sunrise and sunset were exactly 12 hours apart, 7:28 am and 7:28 pm. Sadly the days get shorter now as we go through autumn.

Congratulations to the Tyler Blackburn team who took home first place honours at the Duchess Iron Man golf tournament this past weekend. They had a pretty decent day as far as the weather was concerned. Don’t forget to stop by the Duchess Rec Centre and find out what’s happening in the fitness world. There are programs going on that I’m sure you can just drop into.

Zambia is happening at the Duchess Hall on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-9pm. Guaranteed to have fun with this group! Walk ins are welcome!

Stay healthy, wash your hands and let’s sweep through this second wave of the virus with little difficulty! Continue to social distance outside your pool.

There hasn’t been too many calls lately for news so will hopefully have a bit more for the Dispatch next week. Please call or text me at 793-1630 with any news items you may have.

Quote: “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.” Dr. Seuss

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE ON COUNTY COMMITTEES

The Council of the County of Newell invites written applications from electors within the County who may wish to sit as a member on one of the following Committees.

- County of Newell Library Board
  - 1 member residing in Division 7 (Rosemary area)
- 1 member for the Brooks & District Recreation & Parks Board residing in either Division 5 or Division 10

Application forms are available for download online:
https://lfpublic.countyofnewell.ab.ca/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=561989&dbid=0&repo=Newell8

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- E-mail to info@countyofnewell.ca
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- Drop off at the County of Newell Office (183037 RR 145, Brooks, AB)
- If you require further information, please phone 403-794-2319.
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IRRIGATION NOTICE

Please note that the last day for residential surface irrigation will be Thursday, October 8th. Residents are required to make sure that their irrigation valves are shut off no later than the following Monday.

Thank you!

Chloe Craig, age 10, was one of many participants at the Arts, Culture and Heritage Board (ACH) Brooks Rocks event held in celebration of Arts, Culture and Heritage Days at the ACH Facility on Saturday, September 19th.

This event wouldn’t have been possible without the generous donation from Smithbrook and the assistance of the Brooks Rocks group.

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The City of Brooks reminds you that property taxes are due October 1, 2020.

Unpaid current taxes are subject to a 2% penalty on October 2, 2020.
• Taxes may be paid by online banking and at most financial institutions.
• Taxes can also be paid in person at the City of Brooks Office. We accept cash, debit or cheque. There is also a drop box at the front entrance.
• Please ensure that mailed tax payments are postmarked no later than October 1, 2020 to avoid penalties.

For more information, contact the City of Brooks at (403) 362-3333

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Some bits and pieces from here and there

Switzerland which last fought a foreign war 200 years ago, has no discernible enemies. But still the government wants to spend billions on new fighter jets. Many oppose the idea saying the neutral country neither can afford war needs cutting edge war planes to defend the mountain country. A super-sonic jet can cross the country in 10 minutes. More than 400,000 people showed up for the 80th annual 10-day motorcycle rally in Sturgis, South Dakota this past August.

The rally is said to be a “super-spreader” event with doctors recording many many virus infections that were linked to the event.

San Diego State University said it could have been responsible for more than 250,000 cases with a public health bill of $12 billion US.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found in a survey of 502 adults that 39 per cent of adults have risked their health in trying to avoid Covid-19. Nearly 20 per cent had washed produce with bleach or have used household cleaners or disinfectants on their hands. Others have mixed their body with household cleaning spray.

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Rainier Record

RAINIER — Happy Birthday greetings for the coming week go out Mirah Johnson on October 4; Tyler Fleming on October 5; Delaina Springer on October 6; Kate Gubbins, Megan Gubbins, Melissa Graham on October 7.

Celebrating their wedding anniversary this coming week are Tom and Shirley Ovinge on October 4. Congratulations to Shane Davidson and Amber Ruggles on their engagement. They will be married in December 2020. There will be a “come and go” bridal shower for Amber on Saturday, October 3rd from 2:00pm to 5:00 pm at the Rainier Hall. Amber is registered at From The Prairies in Brooks and at Bed, Bath and Beyond. There is also a Norwex online party going to happen later in October for those who choose to stay away because of COVID-19.

Alcoma School News —Alberta Health and Safety protocols have been put into place. Please keep watch in the Alcoma School

BIRTHS

BARTOLOME — Born to Arc and Angelita Bartolome of Brooks, AB. A girl on September 17, 2020.

SCHMIDT/BROWN — Born to Nicole Schmidt and Kevin Brown of Brooks, AB, a daughter on September 19, 2020.


ANNOUNCEMENT

Bobby and Ashley Hawes are over the moon and proud to announce that their daughter

Raina Sage Hawes was born on Sept 15, 2020.

Are we guilty of looking at the rubber?

Devotional Thought of the Day

David Brooks Alliance Church

Life has changed over the last 6 months (unprecedented events of the day!). Many people wish that things could just get “back to normal.” We mourn the loss of things we used to take for granted — and we focus on what a global pandemic has laid waste in our lives and routines.

Do you see that the first generation to suffer loss and devastation — just talk with our seniors who remember the horrors and devastation of World War II. At the end of the war, I imagine people were tempered, when looking around at the rubble, to contemplate giving up — it’s just too hard. But they rebuilt, even though it took years.

There is a story in the Old Testament book of Nehemiah that applies to us today. We know from other places in the Old Testament (2 Chronicles 36 and 2 Kings 25) that the Babylonian army had totally destroyed the nation of Judah and the city of Jerusalem. Years later, while living in exile, God called Nehemiah to go back to the devastated city and rebuild the wall — a monumental task to say the least. Obstacles and opposition were everywhere. Yet, the rebuilding of the wall was started until it was halfway done. Then the people became discouraged and distracted.

At this point Nehemiah spoke to the people — “After I looked over things, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, ‘Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes’ (Nehemiah 4:14).

Nehemiah reminded the people that they should not focus on the rubble of the unfinished wall around them, but they should turn their focus to the greatness of God!

So, let me ask this question — are you focusing on the rubble around you, or are you focusing on the greatness of the Lord? For more information and upcoming events please visit brooksbulletin.com.
Soil, is always evolving and changing as it is impacted by weather, animals and humans. Keeping soil healthy enables plants to access the nutrients needed therefore optimizing production and making a healthy garden. The best time to improve the soil is when the plants are dormant.

The ideal soil contains 45 percent mineral soil, 5 percent organic matter, 25 percent moisture and 25 percent is air. Mineral soil and organic matter work together to make the nutrients accessible to plants but a good soil structure is also needed. Soil that lacks pores to hold both moisture and air inhibits the plants uptake of nutrients.

Mineral soil falls into 3 different classifications, sand, silt or clay. Sand is a coarse soil that will feel rough when rubbed. It is a lean soil that contains large air pockets and warms quickly. Water drains quickly through the pores and the soil contains few nutrients. Silt, a medium organic matter yearly to sandy soil will increase the soil water holding capacity and nutrient level. Clay is the opposite, the particles are small and close together with smaller pores that drain slowly as a result it retains too much moisture and too little air. Clay is full of nutrients but needs the addition of larger particles which will allow the water to drain and air to collect. Organic matter will help loosen the soil which creates better drainage and more air within the soil. Sharp sand also creates larger pores creating better drainage as the sharp corners create larger air and water pockets. One must be very careful when adding sand to the soil as smooth sand, tends to cling to the clay filling the existing pores, making cement.

Silt is the ideal soil, it is soft pliable and holds the correct amount of water and air to enable plants to thrive. Adding organic matter to this soil regularly will keep it healthy.

Organic matter ranges from totally broken down to material that needs to decompose. Both are beneficial but if too much material is added at once it will tie up the nitrogen and result in stunted plants.

When looking for organic material to add to the garden look for material that is free from seeds and foreign material: well-rotted manure, peat moss, straw, or leaves. Decomposed material can be added as topdressing or dug in.

When topdressing, add a layer, between ½ - 1 inch (1-3 cm) over the top of the soil. Organic material, with the exception of peat moss will leach nutrients into the soil. Worms and small insects will slowly incorporated the organic matter and the soil together. This method works well in areas where cultivating or digging could damage plants.

Organic matter can be incorporated faster by digging or cultivating the applied layer into the soil. Working the soil together increases the speed in which the soils are combined but if it pulverizes the soil, some structure is lost. Do not work the soil if it is wet as it will cause the soil to form lumps.

Take care of your soil and it will take care of your garden.

Linda Tomlinson is a horticulturist that has gardened in Central Alberta for over 30 years. She can be reached at your_garden@hotmail.com. 

SPEC Association ends year in the black

The SPEC Association is in the black considering there have been many changes in the organization. Last week the association held its 42nd annual general meeting and financial reports showed a $17,137 surplus as of the end of March, which is up from $65,558 surplus as of the end of March last year. Most of the programs were cancelled, the province-wide Hunting and Fishing weekend was cancelled, the province-wide ParentLink program and SPEC’s Link program.

Although the programs are gone, they have been somewhat picked up by the newly formed provincial Family Resource Network program which started province-wide on April 1. Through the program SPEC was awarded two ‘spokes’—caregiver parent education and community services family development. The other spokes are Bridges, Grasslands Public Schools and McMan Brooks.

SPEC is also the hub which is the point of entry for intake, information and referral.

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Roberta Rogers, SPEC’s chair, said there is a lot of work based in the community and she thanked staff who worked with the new programs and during COVID.

“Has this been a pivotal year. Most of the programs had to change to accommodate our new environment,” she said.

“I know with COVID SPEC was only able to serve those who were isolated at home and not able to get out and do things for themselves,” she said.

Rogers acknowledged that SPEC is on a “good, solid base” and there are expected changes it is on the right path.

Local sign shop owner seeks locations for more signs

SANDRA M STANWAY

A local sign shop owner believes business will be harder if there is a second wave of COVID which can only result in even harder times for local business. Mike Rank, who owns the city’s last remaining sign shop, said he had the last time he met with the city there was talk of possible follow up legislation to place one sign per business.

Now he wants the city to allow him to do a six month third party advertising trial so he can place more signs around town instead of permitting signs only on the business properties. He would prefer to be permitted to make the most of his investment and show the business a good return.

Regner, who currently has about 25 signs placed, proposed an additional 15 locations to council.

He said if other sign shops were to open then they can re-address the number of locations at the end of six months for another term.

Councillor Norm Groedstein wondered how Regner would adjust his own numbers if another shop opened in a week using 15 as a number.

“If somebody else came into town I don’t have a problem with that,” Regner said.

In the past, Brooks Communities in Bloom has asked the city to cut back on signs because they said it caused sign pollution.

When asked about the proposal, Mayor Barry Morishtia said, “I don’t think it would be the relevant allowing signs on city property. That would be my initial. I don’t think it’s necessary to consider his proposal.”

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Local sign shop owner seeks locations for more signs

SANDRA M STANWAY

A local sign shop owner believes business will be harder if there is a second wave of COVID which can only result in even harder times for local business. Mike Rank, who owns the city’s last remaining sign shop, said he had the last time he met with the city there was talk of possible follow up legislation to place one sign per business.

Now he wants the city to allow him to do a six month third party advertising trial so he can place more signs around town instead of permitting signs only on the business properties. He would prefer to be permitted to make the most of his investment and show the business a good return.

Regner, who currently has about 25 signs placed, proposed an additional 15 locations to council.

He said if other sign shops were to open then they can re-address the number of locations at the end of six months for another term.

Councillor Norm Groedstein wondered how Regner would adjust his own numbers if another shop opened in a week using 15 as a number.

“If somebody else came into town I don’t have a problem with that,” Regner said.

In the past, Brooks Communities in Bloom has asked the city to cut back on signs because they said it caused sign pollution.

When asked about the proposal, Mayor Barry Morishtia said, “I don’t think it would be the relevant allowing signs on city property. That would be my initial. I don’t think it’s necessary to consider his proposal.”

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The SPEC Association is in the black considering there have been many changes in the organization.

Last week the association held its 42nd annual general meeting and financial reports showed a $17,137 surplus as of the end of March, which is up from $65,558 surplus as of the end of March last year. Most of the programs were cancelled, the province-wide Hunting and Fishing weekend was cancelled, the province-wide ParentLink program and SPEC’s Link program.

Although the programs are gone, they have been somewhat picked up by the newly formed provincial Family Resource Network program which started province-wide on April 1. Through the program SPEC was awarded two ‘spokes’—caregiver parent education and community services family development. The other spokes are Bridges, Grasslands Public Schools and McMan Brooks.

SPEC is also the hub which is the point of entry for intake, information and referral.

“We anticipate many changes with that,” she said. “We are working on plans for a new executive director; the organization is also looking at fiscal sustainability and the ‘drastic cuts that are anticipated to be coming from the province,” she said.

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Local 4-H groups will start up in October with a few adjustments to help prevent the spread of COVID-19

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Clubs have received information from 4-H Alberta. The COVID Update posted on the 4-H website states, “Every club operates in a unique way. We are confident that each club’s leadership team will continue to support members to have an enjoyable and positive experience in an adaptive environment.

This leaves the exact choices of operation up to each club. Where space allows, members may be having social distancing, whereas in other locations masks may be required at all times.

Carolyn Henriksen, 4-H Key Leader for the Newell District says 4-H clubs are following the guidelines set out by Alberta Health Services.

“There will be social distancing, maybe masks and hand sanitizer, and maybe meeting by zoom if their child has health concerns,” comments Henriksen.

One of the changes may be what qualifies as community service. Every 4-H member has to put in hours of community service each year. Often this service is contributing time as a volunteer for a community event or facility. This year members will be allowed to do something more specific to their extended family such as providing volunteering for a senior family member. “It’s going to be an adaptation year basically. We can go as planned, but we have to have a backup plan,” says 31.

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“The sheep members have left or got older,” says Todd Green, one of the 4-H leaders in Tilley. “Sometimes, if there is interest, we will do side projects like archery.”

Last spring all call clubs had to stop meetings privately or online due to the necessity of 4-H following the Alberta Health Guidelines for COVID-19 during the time of traditional spring sales for 4-H. With no mass gatherings and not being able to access the Silver Sage Corral for the sales, livestock sales found alternatives.

We managed to sell all the calves last year, but are hopeful that a more traditional show and sale will happen,” wishes Green. A parent himself with a daughter in 4-H, Green understands parents who may still have concerns about meeting face to face, but says precautions will be taken. All leaders have received the guidelines for 4-H Alberta. Each club is expected to act responsibly and follow the guidelines during any club activity.

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Tourism, resources and the environment clash in Tofino...

A recent visit to the far west coast of Vancouver Island has seen what seems like the inevitable fate of the Tofoino area that being the triumph of the tourist/service industry over the logging and fish business. For the environmental lobby industry, it presents conflicting interests and unintended consequences, along with the usual political and ideological hypocrisy. No one can argue that it is all bad, after all, this is BC. One glaring example is the construction of a bike path through the Pacific Rim. According to locals, its primary purpose is to be a rainforest for tourists. There appears to be little benefit to residents as there are no businesses to commute to within the park. Besides, it can rain here up to 80% of the time, a condition not favourable to cycling on a regular basis by locals.

Being a former Canada government project, this is no ordinary bike path; it’s a Rolls-Royce version with a large granite of rocks, then gravel and then colour-coordinated brown asphalt pavement. Bridges are made of a local granite and you could drive a semi-trailer truck on this path and not make a dent. That explains why the original cost of $1 million ballooned to $51 million. Ten million dollars of the $51 million is to instruction, environmental impact evaluations, First Nations consultations, archeological studies, etc. C.R.I. C.A. U.S.Y environmental lobby zealots seem uniquely restrained, considering all the ecological destruction that is occurring in the construction of the pathway. Its 20 feet wide and the removal of over 2,000 trees, most are larger than anything found in Alberta. It’s curious because Tofino was the epicentre of the so-called War of the Woods back in the 1980s. That saw hundreds of leftists, anti-business, green disciples protesting the logging of old-growth trees in nearby Clayoquot Sound. Either those stalwart folks are now all gone, or removing trees in a park for a bike path is more politically-correct than collecting logs for the lumber business. I suspect the latter. Local First Nations accepted the trees cut down from their land as they are good for their own uses. Parts of the construction project required adjustments of the workers to be from area indigenous communities, an astute decision that we need more of in Park projects.

Unfortunately, this project seems to reflect the destiny of the area, and it’s probably timely as green lobby groups continue to destroy the traditional resource economy of the area. Those nefarious green groups are showing success in their relentless battle against the local fish farming business. Under lobbying pressure, several salmon farming operations have closed in Clayoquot and Barkley sounds; such closures will negatively affect the employment of local salmon industries and new technologies is a considerable loss to the local native salmon industry. Commercial fishing continues to be under quota restrictions. The future looks dim for the overall fish business; its demise as a commercial entity seems inevitable. It’s a catholic victory for green lobby group bosses over the threatens that keep fighting for the fish. The battle against commercial fishing continues with enviro-group lawsuits and campaigns by First Nations. The battle will impact the First Nations and the local First Nations governments. Ironically, the battle will impact...
Members of the Prairie Patchers Quilt Guild presented walker totes to Prairie Pioneer Villa residents last week. The guild often presents handmade items to residents of the community as part of their outreach. Early on in the COVID crisis they presented masks and scrub bags to First Responders so they could toss all of their clothes and bags into a washer.

“I was with it in the park,” wrote one person. “I was with it on 1st Street than I was unsatisfied, however, 6 respondents were very satisfied with the move, 6 were not satisfied and one was unsatisfied, however, 12 respondents said they do not want the market to remain in the park.

Fifty-five person or 11 of 21 respondents stated they would support a move to 2nd Street west. Another stated they were hurt by the market being slow. Their reasons included advertising and food trucks. Some suggestions for extending the market times, improving the market and vendors and BRZ members.

The city on behalf of the Brooks BRZ conducted a farmer’s market survey and found that the majority of the 21 respondents were neutral about the market’s move to 1st Street West from Veterans Park. It also found six respondents were very satisfied with the move, 6 were not satisfied and one was unsatisfied, however, 12 respondents said they do not want the market to remain in the park.

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A combination of vintage and new equipment harvests a barley crop east of Brooks. | Michelle Getz photo

**Brooks and area**

**RCMP report**

**SANDRA M STANWAY**

**Brooks Bulletin**

Police seek info on graffiti — Brooks RCMP are seeking information on spray paint incidents that occurred on Sept 11.

Police responded to a complaint of mischief in the McKnight neighbourhood and found that an unknown suspect(s) spray painted graffiti containing profanity and vulgar language on privately owned fences near Brooks Composite High School.

Lake Stafford washrooms may close if the “disingenuous messes” continue to be made in the washrooms at Lake Stafford the city will consider closing them.

The city has left them open but on the weekend they reported that there has been an “overwhelming amount of vandalism and highly disgusting messes.”

If you have information call Brooks RCMP at 403.794.4400 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

**TILLEY**

**The Tilley and District Public Library is open Mondays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:10 pm. Patrons will be allowed by the school to wear a mask in the library during Wednesday morning hours. Even on Saturdays, it is your personal responsibility, masks will be available for patrons while supplies last. Holds will now be delivered on Thursdays and, following quarantine measures, will be available for patrons on Mondays. Your materials will all be sanitized before pick-up. We will continue to place holds in the box outside for pick-up if you prefer this method and request it. Withdrawals will also be available on a continuing basis.

Worship services at Bethany Lutheran Church at 11:00 am each Sunday, led twice per month by Pastor Les Les, lead Pastor Les will lead services on October 4 and 18, November 15, December 6 and 20. Reading services are held on all other Sundays. Join us on December 24 for the candlelight Christmas Eve Service. All Covid-19 guidelines for services will be followed. The bands, renovation is now complete and looks beautiful. The event of a funeral lunch request, we would like to send our thoughts to everyone that we will no longer be able to support the lunch but will be able to continue to serve the lunch from our facility. Please contact any church member if you have questions or concerns.

Events at the Tilley Community Centre will resume following relaunch guidelines. Check out the new Facebook page with photos, rental rates and general facility information. There is a new email for enquires at tilleyhallrents@gmail.com. New Casino dates will be announced soon, and we will be seeking volunteers from the community to assist with this fundraiser. The board is always open to new members and the Annual General Meeting will be held on March 9, 2021. The Tilley Hall rental board has ruled that camping is NOT allowed at the hall or the surrounding County property.

The Spike and Spur Mercantile on Main Street in Tilley is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Shop for unique gifts at this quaint little store!

The Sidelines Café, in the Rolling Hills arena will be open daily from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm beginning Friday, October 2.

Some years ago, a Jewish lady named Mrs. Rosenberg was stranded late at night near a fashionable resort that did not admit Jews. The desk clerk looked through the book and said, “I’m sorry, we have no room, the hotel is full.” The lady replied, “Your sign says you have vacancies! The deed to my house is in your name, yes, ma’am, but you know we do not admit Jews. Now, if you will try another hotel,” Mrs. Rosenberg stiffened and stated, “I’ll have you know, I have converted to your religion!” The desk clerk, eyewax raised, replied, “Oh really? Let me give you a little test, then. How was Jesus born?” Mrs. Rosenberg answered, “He was born to a virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem.” “Very good,” replied the clerk, “Tell me more.” He was born in a manger.” She explained. “That’s right!”

Mrs. Rosenberg stroked the clerk, “And why, exactly, was he born in a manger?”

Sandra M. Stanway

**City proclamations**

**SANDRA M STANWAY**

**Brooks Bulletin**

City council on Monday made three proclamations for October.

Oct. 1 is the Day of Older Persons. From Oct. 4 to 10th is National Fire Prevention Week and the month is proclaimed to the County of Newell.

Oct. 9 is the International Milk Industry History Month the city will display a question in their foyer for the public to answer, such as how do women influence your life. Fire prevention week, which is normally a busy cards-on event for the Brooks department, will look different this year as they remind everyone to follow this year’s safety theme, Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen.

Deputy fire chief R. Marie Vickery asks everyone to be on alert and to remain in the kitchen when the stove is on.

Stay in the kitchen while you fry or deep fry or boiling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, herself the stove,” she said.

He also reminds everyone to ensure all pots have a lid that can be reached easily if there is a fire and to ensure flammable items including towels and oven mitts are not near the elements but close enough to reach in an emergency.

If you have a fire in a pot replace the lid and turn off the element but do not move the pot. Leave it until it is cool.

If you have an oven fire turn the oven off and close the door closed until it is cool.

If you are in doubt, get yourself and other out of the home immediately and call 911.

Ensure your family has a pre-arranged meeting spot outside and a fire Newman of the Brooks RCMP golfed 100 holes in five-and-a-half hours to raise money in support of the food bank. | Sandra M. Stanway photo

**Tilley Telegram**

**ANITA CHAPPELL**

A good turnout of family, friends and community members at the 2020 Commemorative Forest ceremony on Wednesday. Twenty trees were planted this year in memory or honour of people and businesses. | Sandra M. Stanway photo

**ONE TREE — Wow!!**

Here we are at the end of September already. Well the harvest has been really rolling along at pretty good speed. I think that most of the harvesting is pretty well done with the exception of seed fields or some specialty crops.

Last week Wednesday Dina Visser of Cheadle came down to visit with her mother Jacqueline Hajash and to help her with a few things. She stayed overnight and left the following day.

On Saturday a Private Graveside Service and Interment was held in the Brooks Cemetery for Cameron Merkli (better known as Charlie) with Smith Funeral Home in charge. In attendance were his sister Corey and her husband Michael Meyer and their sons Kris and Evan of Chestermere, his brother Dale Merkli and his families of Arora, SK and sister-in-law Dawn Merkli and her mother of Creston, BC and other relatives from Calgary, Red Deer, Sylvan Lake and other locations and also a few close friends of Cameron. Michael Meyer gave the eulogy and prayers. There was food to eat or a drink or lunch after due to COVID-19. Everyone dispersed. Our thoughts are with Corey and Dale and their families on their loss.

Last week Inge Jorgensen and Irwin Unger went to Waterton Lakes and stayed there a day and a day in Cochrane, BC and then went on to Osoyoos, BC where they stayed at Irwin’s condo for five days. While there, they visited with Irwin’s father Pete Unger and his wife Pat. They returned home by making the loop coming up through Kelowna to the #1 highway and then home. They reported having a wonderful time and said that it was a beautiful drive.

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to: John (Sppee) Adams of Red Deer on Oct. 2nd; to Fiona (Steger) McGilvray on Oct. 3rd; to Sandy (General) Corriveau of Red Deer, to Corey (Merkli) Meyer of Chestermere, both on Oct. 4th; Jim Allen and to Rayna Alfly, both on Oct. 5th; Linda Hahaj of Lethbridge and Shavana (Archer) Edwards, both on Oct. 7th. We wish each of you a great day and a “Very Happy Birthday” to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating this week. We wish everyone all the best for the coming years.

Happy anniversary wishes go out to Neil and Brenda Huggons of England on Oct. 1st; and to my brother George and his wife Jean of Calgary on Oct. 7th. We wish both couples all the best, with much happiness and good health together for many years to come.

Well so far the area around the County and town are supposedly free of the COVID-19 Virus. Hopefully it will stay that way. Hopefully everyone stays safe.

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Brenda Schrader, left, of the Meadows Par 3 Golf Course along with Phil Lunn, present $2,230 to Goombaw of Goombaw, a volunteer at the Brooks Composite High School. | Sandra M. Stanway photo
McNALLY – Jim McNally passed away on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at the age of 56 years. He was born in Cereal, Alberta on February 3, 1961. In 1982, the family moved from Cereal to Rolling Hills. He took over the family farm as a young adult and stayed there until his retirement in 2017. Jim enjoyed the farm and loved his animals. When we were young Jim would ride his horse Frostie bareback all over the farm. He was a volunteer First Responder for the Rolling Hills Fire Department for many years. He was a great card player and he could remember many card games which he enjoyed winning.

The family get together’s that he hosted were the highlight of many summers. Jim was born with a congenital heart condition. When he was 29 he travelled to Toronto to get it repaired. In the end it stopped him from farming and eventually ended his life. He passed away peacefully at the hollis Hills Centennial Centre (204 Community Way, Okotoks) for friends and family of Elizabeth Jane Varty (Liz and Gerry lived in various Prairie, following Gerry’s career in the oil patch; they eventually moved back to Turner Valley, to the family farm as a young adult and signed there for two sons, Gerald and Marion Thomas on May 15, 1938, in Calgary, Alberta, eldest son, John (Marlene) Thomas. She also leaves behind her beloved husband Gerry, who passed away in 2005.

Liz and Gerry lived in various Garnet area, where she met her brother, John (Marlene) Thomas. She also leaves behind her beloved husband Gerry, who passed away in 2005.

To email condolences, please visit www.snodgrassfuneralhomes.com

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HELENE MATHIEU WOULD COME OVER TO HELP WITH THE FLOWERS BROUGHT TO HER AFTER HER KNEE SURGERY. LOTS OF FUN AND LAUGHS THERE.

THERE IS A LOT OF HARD TO BELIEVE THAT FALL IS HERE. THE WEEK OF THE 15TH. MANY OF US ARE HAVING A PRETTY NICE DAY. KATE AND MEGAN GABBINI ON THE 7TH, BRUCE DUNNING ON THE 9TH SO HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL. DIANE AND SUE DONNIE CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS ON THE 10TH AND BRIAN AND BARB DUNNING ON THE 11TH. GOOD FRIEND BOBBIE LINK ALSO CELEBRATES HER BIRTHDAY ON THE 10TH.

JUNE WAS IN MEDICINE HAT ON FRIDAY FOR HER EYE APPOINTMENT AND SAYS MANY THANKS TO JACKIE KAY FOR GOING WITH HER.

DAN AND WANDA AND JERRY AND I WENT TO TABER TO SEE SOR'S MARK'S PLACE TO HELP OUR GRANDSON, GRADY, CELEBRATE HIS 1ST BIRTHDAY. LOTS OF FUN THERE.

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- THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT(S) MUST BEABLE TO PRESENT THEMSELVES IN A PROFESSIONAL AND POLITE MANNER AND POSSESS STRONG ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS.

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Brooks and District Women’s Safe Shelter Society

JOB POSTING: CRISIS INTERVENTION WORKER

If you are a professional, dynamic, motivated and an exceptional team player with an interest and background in supporting families in the shelter, the Brooks and District Women’s Safe Shelter Society – Cantara House, is inviting applications for the position of Casual Crisis Intervention Worker.

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Rate of Pay: Starting at $21.07 per hour according to education and experience

JOB SUMMARY:
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QUALIFICATIONS:
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- A Criminal Records Search and Child Welfare check are conditions of employment.
- Proven experience working in cross-cultural environments is desired

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**Types of orchids**

There are many varieties of orchids from around the world. Shown are some popular orchid varieties.

**Did you know?**

Orchids have some of the tiniest seeds in the world. Instead of having a classical root, orchids have a rhizome, tuber or aerial roots. Orchids can live to be up to 100 years old. Some wild species have been known to live more than 200 years.

The largest and tallest species of orchid in the world is **Grammatophyllum speciosum** — it can grow up to 25 feet (7.6 m) tall.

The orchid genus containing the smallest species is **Platystele**, and the very smallest of these was discovered so recently that scientists haven’t yet given it a name.

The national flowers of Belize, Brazil, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Seychelles, Singapore and Venezuela are orchids. Thailand is the largest global exporter of tropical orchids. There are about four times as many orchid species as there are mammal species, and more than twice as many orchid species as bird species.

New orchid species are discovered and described by scientists each year.

**Uses**

**Decorative:** Many people appreciate orchids for their beautiful flowers, and they are a popular choice as a cut flower and for corsages.

**Perfume:** Orchids are often used for their fragrances in perfumes and soaps.

**Horticulture:** Colorful orchid flowers play a vital role in nature throughout the world.

**Food:** Vanilla flavor comes from the seedpods of some orchid plants. It is used in baked goods and beverages.

**Medicinal:** Orchids have been used as a medicine by many cultures since ancient times. They have commonly been used to treat malaria, skin diseases and blemishes.

**In a word**

The term *orchid* was first introduced in 1845 by John Lindley. Orchid is a short form of *Orchidaceae*, the scientific family of flowering plants they belong to.

**The basics**

Orchids are one of the largest and oldest families of plants in the world — they have been around for more than 120 million years.

There are 25,000 to 30,000 orchid species and about 120,000 hybrids.

There are two basic orchid growth types.

- **Monopodial** orchids have a central stem. Flowers usually grow off the stem, between the leaves.

- **Symподial** orchids have a rhizome that sends out a shoot, from which a stem, leaves and eventually flowers form.

**Habitat**

Orchids grow everywhere except for deserts or glaciers. Most prefer tropical areas. Many orchids do not have their roots in soil. Some are epiphytes and grow on other plants. Others are lithophytes and grow on rocks. These kinds of Orchids get moisture and nutrients from rainwater, decaying plant matter or even the air.

Some orchids are terrestrial, growing on the ground. Habitat loss and pollution are endangering many species.

**For beginners**

If you are interested in growing orchids, Phalaenopsis orchids are excellent for beginners. Paphiopedilum, Dendrobium, Oncidium, Vanda and Epidendrum are also easy to grow.

**Sources**

Aries - Mar 21/Apr 20
You do not know whether you should lean toward practical decisions or have a little fun. Why not do both?

Taurus - Apr 21/May 21
Maintaining balance will be challenging this week. There’s a conflict for which you can’t seem to find a resolution. Give things a little more time.

Gemini - May 22/Jun 21
You may be daydreaming a bit too much lately, Gemini. It’s time to get your head out of the clouds and focus on some practical matters that need to be addressed.

Cancer - Jun 22/Jul 22
When you are in charge of a situation, you have to keep in mind others’ feelings before offering a critique. Take a moment before you give commentary.

Leo - Jul 23/Aug 23
Try to keep your emotions in check this week, Leo. This is not the time to let your feelings seep into a work environment. You have to remain focused and firm.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22
Even if something rubs you the wrong way this week, don’t let others know. Surround yourself with people and activities you love so you can boost your mood.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23
Your artistic side is ready to get a little attention. Maybe you will redecorate a room or design a website. Channel those creative urges purposefully.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22
What was moving along so smoothly just yesterday may hit a snag now, Scorpio. Don’t let this sidetrack you. You just may have to put forth a little extra effort.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21
The pace of your life is bound to slow down a bit in the days to come. Capricorn: This will be a welcomed change from the hustle and bustle that has been the norm lately.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18
Don’t stress about making hard decisions or commitments, Aquarius. You already have the next few months planned out, as you like to be two steps ahead all the time.

Pisces - Feb 19/Mar 20
While someone may be pushing you to take action, it is even better if the motivation comes from you. Take a step in the right direction.
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