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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020



Brooks firefighters had to smash open the garage door before they could hit flames with water on Thursday. The fire caused about \$100,000 in damages to a garage and home in the 400 block of Second Street West. | BROOKS BULLETIN PHOTO

## Garage fire in city causes about \$100,000 in damages

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Brooks First Responders were called to a garage fire in the 400 block of Second Street West in Brooks early Thursday afternoon that caused about \$100,000 in damages.

Stewart Luchies, the county's fire chief, said the

homeowner saw smoke at about 1 p.m. and called 911.

Luchies said when he arrived at the fire he heard a lot of "popping and exploding" in the garage.

"We found tires, propane and MAPP gas cylinders. The electrical was compromised so we had electrical arcing happening," he said.

Although Fortis Alberta

attended the scene quickly to cut the power, the fire did spread to the back portion of the home and the attic where it was contained.

He said the garage will have to be replaced and the house, with the water and smoke damage probably has about \$50,000 in damages.

Luchies said the investigation is concluded

and though there was no evidence found, however, he does believe smoker's material was the cause.

"My conclusion is that fire started on the couch in the garage," he said.

Luchies and his firefighters were also tasked with investigating a nearby business to ensure there was no problem.

## Thief steals \$230,000 worth of beef

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

A falsely named trucking company appears to be responsible for a couple of major thefts in Alberta.

On Aug. 30 \$230,000 worth of beef was stolen from JBS Food and on Sept. 2 seven hot tubs were stolen from a manufacturer near Thorsby.

Both thefts involved semi trucks from a fake named company, Transport Pascal Charland which claims to be registered out of

Chateauguay, Quebec.

A transport truck that was subcontracted to haul a full load of beef from the JBS meat packing plant to the United States never made it to its destination and the hot tubs have not been located.

The semi truck used in the beef heist is burgundy with a large bunk that was pulling a white refrigerated enclosed trailer.

The semi used in Thorsby is a white Volvo with no company markings. It has a sleeper and a newer looking flat deck trailer.

The suspected driver from the JBS theft is a Caucasian male, with short brown hair, slightly balding, tall with a heavy build and was wearing blue jeans, a black t-shirt, yellow fluorescent vest and a surgical mask.

The driver from the Thorsby incident is Caucasian, 30-40 years of age, about 5'6" tall with a heavy build, short brown hair and unshaven.

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



Left and top, surveillance footage of the suspect from JBS Food beef heist and the semi truck he drove. Bottom, the truck used in the Thorsby hot tub heist. Both trucks are registered to a fake company from Quebec. | SUBMITTED PHOTOS



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# Reeve doesn't see end to oilfield assessment issue

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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County of Newell reeve Molly Douglass isn't confident that Tracy Allard, who was recently appointed minister of municipal affairs, will stop the ongoing oil and gas assessment discussions that could see rural municipalities lose millions of tax dollars beginning next year.

Elected officials met Allard in Lethbridge last week a few days after her appointment.

"I did not feel a great deal better after meeting our new minister in that there was going to be a whole bunch of changes," said Douglass.

"Maybe I'm just a little over negative. I hope so."

During embargoed meetings with members of the rural and urban municipalities associations and industry representatives including the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), four scenarios were proposed to the province to cut linear municipal taxes. While the cuts would help struggling oil and gas operators, it would result in rural municipalities not being able to collect millions of dollars forcing them to provide services with less money and likely not able to assist neighbouring municipalities or organizations.

Elected officials and administrators have previously said any of the four options would be devastating to municipalities.

In the county, the proposed cuts could be any-

where from about \$7 million in Scenario A to \$11 million in Scenario D. Elected officials have said Scenario D is likely off the table.

"I don't think there's a whole lot to be optimistic about yet. My read is one of the options is going to proceed and I don't think any one of them is very good for our county," said CAO Kevin Stephenson.

"We've got to keep the lobbying efforts going," he said.

He said the message they left with the minister is for the province to go back and logically look at assessment.

Division 8 councillor Brian de Jong said he believes the conversation with the minister went better than the ones with the previous minister, however, he doesn't believe anyone left the meeting believing the process will be restarted.

"They're maybe going to take a bit of a pause," he

said.

He suggested that council show ratepayers the worst case scenario if the budget was cut by 30 per cent to present a clear understanding of the impacts.

He said fewer dollars could mean closing fire halls, extending the time between road grading and snow clearing.

"It's great for 10 councillors and a CAO that is passionate about this to get up and jump on our soapbox but we need more people (making) phone calls to ministers and to our MLAs to highlight the seriousness of what they're suggesting," he said.

He added that it may not make a difference if 1,000 letters were written to the minister or the premier.

"It might not make any difference because as I've said many times, where is the rural voter going to go? They've got nowhere to go

to. They're not going to go the NDP, they're not going to go to the Wildrose. They're going to stay right where they are," he said.

"I don't think so," Douglass responded.

She believes another new party will "spring up if they want this. This is Alberta. The Wildrose will take off again," she said.

Brooks city councillors Joel Goodnough and John Petrie also met the minister in Lethbridge.

"I thought it was a good meeting. She certainly was open to the questions and a lot of the major concerns from municipalities in southern Alberta especially

the County of Newell and the County of Cypress," said Petrie.

He said municipalities stated their concerns and "It looked like she was listening and maybe will decide on it."

He said Allard is expected to make a decision on the oil and gas assessment proposals in October.

"She is aware that municipalities have to do their budget by the end of the year."

Barry Morishita, Brooks mayor and the president of

the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) met with Allard and discussed the proposed models.

He said he believes that municipalities and industry understand there has to be a better methodology to determine value.

"I don't think there's any doubt that everyone here and most people in Alberta recognize that the industry could use a hand in these times," Morishita told council on Tuesday.



**PRAIRIE PIONEERS** - When you read this weeks column, we will already have our centre open to a few activities.

We offer easy step exercise on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30.

Beginners line dancing on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Floor curling Tuesday and Friday afternoons 1:30 p.m.

And advanced line dancing will take place Friday mornings at 9:30 for the time being. This will change at a later date.

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FORM 3A  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
Irrigation Districts Act [L-27, RSA 2000] Sec 12

**EASTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
CHANGE TO THE EXPANSION LIMIT**

TAKE NOTICE that public meetings will be held at:

Location	Date	Time
Gem Community Hall	Oct 27, 2020	1:00 p.m.
Bassano	[TBA]	[TBA]
Rosemary Rec-Plex	Oct 27, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Duchess Community Hall	Oct 28, 2020	1:00 p.m.
Patricia Hall	Oct 28, 2020	3:30 p.m.
Tilley Community Centre	Oct 28, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Rolling Hills Comm Centre	Oct 29, 2020	1:00 p.m.
Rainier Community Hall	Oct 29, 2020	3:30 p.m.
Cassils Community Centre	Oct 29, 2020	7:00 p.m.

to discuss a proposed change to the expansion limit of the Eastern Irrigation District from the existing limit of **311,000** acres to **340,000** acres.

Additional information regarding this proposed change is available to the public at the offices of the District.

DATED at the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

Ivan Friesen, General Manager  
Eastern Irrigation District

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**FORM 3**      **Notice of Nomination Day**  
Local Authorities Election Act  
(Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Village of Duchess, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 21, 2020 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on September 1st, 2020 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Councillor	1	

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

Village of Duchess Municipal Office  
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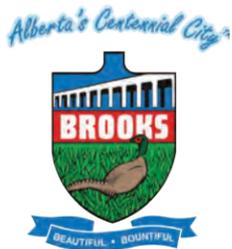


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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PROPOSED BYLAW 20/21 (ZONING CHANGE)**

To be held at 4:30 pm, September 21, 2020  
City of Brooks Council Chambers

PURSUANT to sections 230, 606 and 692 of the "Municipal Government Act", the Council of the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt Bylaw 20/21, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw 14/12 for the municipality.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed Bylaw 20/21 is to redesignate Lot 2, Block 3, Plan 731352 (344 8 Street East) from Industrial Light - I-L to Commercial General - C-G, as illustrated below, to accommodate the development of a medical clinic.

**How to Submit Comments**

If you would like to submit comments or require further information on this proposed Bylaw visit the City of Brooks office or call 403-362-3333 during normal business hours.

Please forward written submissions on or before September 16 at 4:30 PM.

**How to Attend or View the Public Hearing**

A public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw 20/21 will be held in the City of Brooks Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m. on September 21, 2020.

The City of Brooks Council Meeting and public hearing will also be streamed online on the City of Brooks Facebook page.

The website address is <https://www.facebook.com/CityBrooks/>

DATED at the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta this 2nd day September 2020

## MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD VACANCY

The City of Brooks is looking for a citizen at large to sit on the Municipal Planning Commission.

The Municipal Planning Commission considers applications for development permits within the City of Brooks and makes decisions after giving due regard to the purpose, intent, scope and resolution outlined in the Land Use Bylaw adopted by Council. They also review and advise Council on other matters such as subdivision applications and statutory plans.

If you feel this is a Board that interests you or if you have any further questions, please contact:

Natacha Entz, Development Officer: 403-362-3333 | netnz@brooks.ca

## Tax Payers Notice



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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Ry Bar has started to replace and refurbish sidewalks in Bassano including this one on Third Avenue. | TOM MACPHAIL PHOTO

## Yoko Fujimoto earns AUMA Distinguished Service Award

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Village of Rosemary councillor Yoko Fujimoto will receive a Distinguished Service Award from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) for her 27 years on municipal council.

Fujimoto, 72, was first elected in 1980 defeating her father, who had encouraged her to run, by one vote.

"He was so happy. He was not a political-type person. I just went in it because I thought this was my hometown and I'll see what I can do," she said.

She did not serve 27 consecutive years but while she did serve she was a councillor and a mayor, a position she sees as just a title.

"Every municipality has to have a (leader)," she said.

"I have been doing what I love. I enjoy doing it. I want to do what I can for my village; improve things as much as we can and we've gone a long way. We've done a lot since I started," she said.

Highlights in the village since 1980 include paving of Centre Street and installation of the boulevards and curb and gutter which started in 1982.

"We worked towards getting paved streets and significantly defining our streets."

Despite the work that

was done Fujimoto returns to the people.

"If I can help a neighbour that's what I'll do," she said.

"Council, we work so well together. We discuss issues. I was always really proud of that we really work well together and we always had an open door policy."

Fujimoto (nee Tanigami) was born in Lethbridge and at the age of one her family moved to Rosemary.

While her family taught her respect, it was through working at her dad's store, Harry's General Store, where she learned to love people but she said it didn't necessarily get her ready for politics.

"People were just always the main part of our lives; all of the kids that grew up in Rosemary.

"The seniors were always very, very special to us and through our culture we were raised to respect and treat seniors as the best."

It was the love of people and seniors that moved her into politics and also as a 40-year member of the Newell Foundation board, a highlight of her time on council.

"December 1980 was my first board meeting," she said of the Foundation.

It was during the early days of her time on the foundation that Newbrook Lodge renovations took place.

"I remember my mother-in-law lived in the Lodge and it was so sad with the tiny rooms," she said.

Rosemary councillor



YOKO FUJIMOTO

"Being on the board we kept trying to make things better for the seniors who could no longer stay at home."

Looking around her community, Fujimoto said paving the roads and adding curbs, gutters and sidewalks have been an important step.

"I was happy and appreciative of mayor Bill Marshall and CAO Sharon Zacharias for submitting my name," said Fujimoto.

Marshall said it was an honour to put her name in for the award.

"It's really hard to say thanks for so many different ways for being on council that many years in Rosemary.

"It's a special thing. That's why we submitted it," he said.

A presentation will be made next week.

Elected officials from Wainwright, Whitecourt, Linden, Innisfail, Provost and Mundare were also acknowledged.

## Water leak detected near Tilley pump house

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Staff at Newell Regional Services Corporation (NRSC) are looking at a worst case scenario on the waterline near the pump house.

Kole Steinley, operations manager at NRSC, told council on Thursday a small leak was found and fixed on a valve near the Tilley pump house but there

was a lot of water and he was apprehensive that the problem was fixed.

"Unfortunately my fears were correct. We did fix the small leak on a valve in the general vicinity but we're still seeing a leak right next to the pump house itself in Tilley," Steinley said.

It's believed there may be a leak from one of the connecting holes that was made in the wall of the clearwell tanks.

"We think that it's leaking

on the seal around that pipe and that core hole because it's coming right out in between the two pieces of cement walls from the old tank in the new tank," he explained.

If he is correct, Steinley hopes they can stop the leak by replacing a flex seal.

"Worst case scenario there might be a crack and it might have to be repaired by an external contractor," he said.

## Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - Our deepest sympathies go to Krista Bradford and to the family of Kyle Bradford of Plaster Rock, New Brunswick, formerly of Scandia. Kyle passed away suddenly on September 6.

Aden & Leah Packham are thrilled to announce the arrival of their new baby brother! Lane Bruce Packham was born on Friday, August 28th @12:49pm weighing in at 7lbs 14oz and measured at 18.9inches in length. Congratulations to new mom and dad, Chelsea Takeda & Brady Packham, to Grandparents Bruce & Debbie Takeda, and Greg & Shannon Packham.

Alcoma School News- Please note that a doorbell has been installed at the school... you must press it until there a RED light appears. For any visits please contact the school 403-362-3741. Hot breakfast will be provided for all students on Thursday morning. Keep an eye out for Subway hot lunch order forms to come home this week for next weeks hot lunch. Reminder there will be No School on Monday, September 21st as it's a PD day. Please keep watch in the Alcoma School Happening's information on Facebook for all current activities and information.

Please save your bottle caps as the school is still collecting these.

The Alcoma Community Library will continue with the curbside pickups. You can contact Mrs.wagner at Janet@shortgrass.ca or call the school. Once she receives your requests, she will contact you to arrange a pickup.

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

It's always great to hear about our neighbors and the exciting things happening in the community. If you have any news or interesting Scandia trivia you'd like submitted in the sketch, please contact me at Karlyn. takeda@hotmail.com or 403-362-5488.

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# EDITORIAL

## Hang in there Alberta

During the past few months there's been a huge focus on mental health given the circumstances.

Canadians are facing perhaps the greatest challenge of their lives as they try to survive the devastating effects of a pandemic and economic downturn all the while fearing for the health of friends and loved ones.

We have emerged from a lock down of several weeks and are now trying return to some semblance of normalcy by opening up the economy and even returning children to school.

But the persistence of the virus looms large in all we try to do and the high numbers of new infections we are seeing worldwide can have a very serious effect on our psyche.

Many are experiencing a sense of hopelessness which will remain until a vaccine is found.

Albertans are under more pressure than the rest of the country given that there appears to be a clear effort to dismantle the oil and gas industry, a sector that has provided billions to the rest of the country and has been the lifelong supporter of thousands and thousands of people.

While there is a serious effort to kick start the economy across the country and of course elsewhere, Albertans are wondering if it is all worth it when their number one industry is under fire.

And this is especially so when there have been great strides in lowering emissions at all levels of production and end-use. And there are more plans to lessen our carbon footprint even more.

A poll released last week by the Angus Reid Institute found that 25 per cent of Canadians expect to be better off financially a year from now while 20 per cent said they will be worse. Thirty-five per cent of Canadians said their economic fortunes have diminished in the past year.

In Alberta, however, that figure stood at 51 per cent.

It is no wonder, then, that Albertans are the most pessimistic about next year. The poll found that 30 per cent of Albertans think they will be worse off in 2021.

There is a marked correlation between those feelings and the price of oil; Albertans are sure now that there is no quick fix.

The price bottomed out this spring, even heading into negative territory and after a brief jump this summer has settled back down with a 12 per cent drop in benchmark oil prices the past week.

Of course there can be no real recovery in oil prices as long as demand is seriously low. There is no realistic way prices will rise as long as travel restrictions and the fear of contracting Covid-19 remain.

While monetary supports from the federal government have reduced the impacts on individuals and businesses, there is now the question of what will happen when the supports end, especially if there is a serious second wave of the pandemic.

This all said, we cannot lose sight of the fact that several economic indicators such as home and retail sales are showing signs of improvement. Alberta's unemployment rate is also down some four points from a high of 15.5 per cent in May.

There are indeed positive signs that the economy is improving but it is sinking in that it is going to be at a much slower pace than we first thought.

It is unfortunate that Albertans are feeling the brunt of the pressures brought on by the recession, pandemic and a seemingly uncaring federal government.

But we are resilient. And we can't forget that most of our forbears fought through many serious hardships and yet led a fruitful and happy life.

We just have to hang in there.



Approx. 1916

Charlie Blazier's antelope farm south of Brooks.

### COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



Nine of the world's biggest pharmaceutical companies have just promised not to apply for regulatory approval for any new Covid-19 vaccine before it has gone through all three phases of clinical study. Why would they do such a thing?

You'd be surprised if brain surgeons got together and promised not to operate while drunk, or if the bus drivers' union publicly pledged that its members will not drive recklessly. They don't do that because operating sober and driving carefully are just part of the job. So is ensuring that new vaccines are safe and effective.

Yet nine major players in the international pharmaceutical market - AstraZeneca (UK-Sweden), BioNTech (Germany), GlaxoSmithKline (UK), Johnson & Johnson (US), Merck (Germany), Moderna (US), Novavax (US), Pfizer (US) and Sanofi (France) - all felt obliged to reassure the public that they won't cheat. What's up?

Obviously, it's the perception that other players in the same market may indeed be cutting corners.

We're not talking here about Russia and China, both of which have begun inoculating some key workers with vaccines that are still listed by the WHO as being in clinical trials. No surprise here: everybody knows that those regimes break the rules whenever they feel like it.

Usually the Trump administration's actions are

## Miracle Vaccine

viewed with weary resignation by the rest of the world, but it would still be a very big deal if the United States started distributing a vaccine that had not been properly tested. Yet the signs are that that's just what is going to happen.

Last month at the Republican national convention Donald Trump told the delegates and the country: "We are developing life-saving therapies, and will produce a vaccine before the end of the year, or maybe even sooner."

On 4 September, the US government's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) told American health officials that "limited Covid-19 vaccine doses may be available by early November 2020."

More specifically, the CDC urged state authorities to consider "waiving requirements" and grant permits to McKesson Corporation so they can start distributing a vaccine by 1 November.

You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows. The presidential election is on 3 November, two days later: that's long enough for the glad news to get around and floating voters to be swayed in favour of Trump, but too short for any defects in the rushed vaccine to come to light.

Donald Trump is going to liberate Americans from the curse of Covid in a little less than two months. If the vaccine's miraculous properties subsequently fade, even it turns out to kill large numbers of people, that won't matter. The votes will have been counted, and Trump will be back in office for another four years. That, at least, is the scenario that is currently envisaged by the people around Trump.

It is a plausible one, especially if the race has tightened by then. Just 100,000 votes in three states, mostly from people who had previously voted Democratic, put Trump in the White House

in 2016. A miracle vaccine could certainly swing that many votes again.

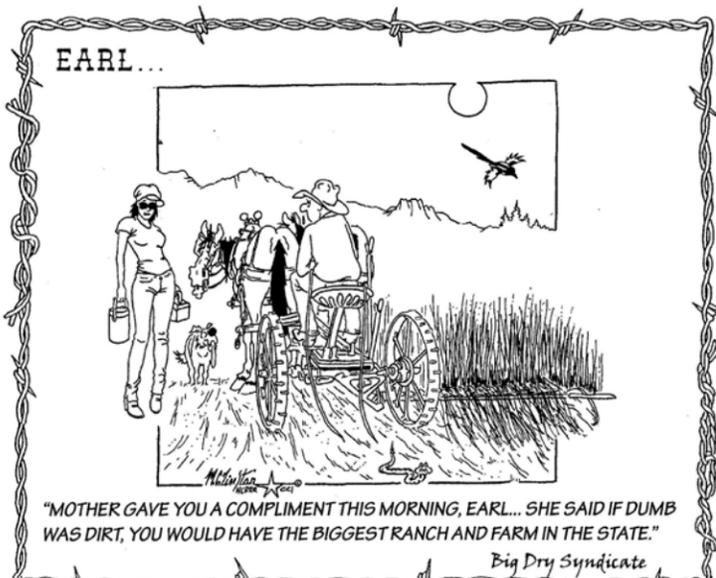
The nine pharmaceutical majors who felt the need to issue a "historic pledge" to uphold scientific and ethical standards were doubtless driven by this scenario. Even if there really has been an American breakthrough, they would still have to cope with the public's suspicion that Trump is cheating - and the mistrust that will also attach to any other early vaccines.

It is possible that the vaccine or vaccines that Trump is about to unleash on the American public really do work and are safe. It would be a historic first in the development of vaccines - having a Covid vaccine ready for general use by next June or July would normally be seen as a remarkable achievement - but miracles do happen.

The problem is that they don't happen often, and if the full testing regime is not followed, you don't know if this is one of those times.

It's only because the AstraZeneca/Oxford University vaccine was going through the full third phase of tests, involving tens of thousands of individuals and many months of testing, that they spotted a bad reaction requiring hospitalisation on Wednesday and paused the tests. The American miracle vaccine will only start third-stage tests at the same time that it is made generally available.

Pauses like AstraZeneca/Oxford University's happen often in the development of a vaccine, and the pause will probably only be temporary. But even a very low-frequency bad reaction can be a mass killer when tens of millions of people are being vaccinated, and these are not desperately sick people willing to risk anything for a cure. They are people in good health, and you mustn't kill them.



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# Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



**TILLEY** - The Tilley Tiger Cubs Preschool is hosting their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 pm at the Tilley Fire Hall. We are looking to fill some positions. Please join us! Please email [tilleytigercubspreschool@gmail.com](mailto:tilleytigercubspreschool@gmail.com) with any questions.

Worship services at Bethany Lutheran Church are hosted at 11:00 am each Sunday, led twice per month by Pastor Les Skonnard. Pastor Les will lead services on September

## Births

**FEERE** - Born to Jennifer and Benjamin Feere of Medicine Hat, AB., a son on September 3, 2020.

**SGEREZGHER/KISLA** - Born to Aster Sgerezgher and Bnyam Kisla of Brooks, AB., a daughter on September 7, 2020.

27. All Covid-19 physical distancing measures will be followed. Please contact any church member if you have questions or concerns.

The Tilley and District Public Library is open Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and Mondays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Welcome back! Patrons will be required by the school to wear a mask in the library during Wednesday morning hours. Evenings and Saturdays, it is your personal preference. 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 also be sanitized before pick-up. We will continue to place holds in the bin outside for pick-up if you prefer this method and request it. Withdrawn items

will also be available on a continuing basis.

The Spike and Spur Mercantile in Tilley is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Congratulations on celebrating your one-year anniversary!

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!

Mr. Johnson, a businessman from Wisconsin, went on a business trip to Louisiana. He immediately sent an

email to his wife back home, Jennifer Johnson ([JenJohnson@aol.com](mailto:JenJohnson@aol.com)). Unfortunately, he forgot his wife's exact email address and the email ended up going to a Mrs. Joan Johnson ([JJohnson@aol.com](mailto:JJohnson@aol.com)) of New Jersey, the wife of a preacher who had just passed away. The preacher's wife took one look at the email and fainted dead away. When she was finally revived by her daughter, she nervously pointed out the email message, which read: "Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here!"

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!

# Faith vs. Feelings

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

**Nathan Ramer, Duchess Mennonite Church**

Often in churches we tell people that faith matters more than feelings. In one sense, this is true. When we put our faith in Jesus, that is more trustworthy than our emotions. Unfortunately, this leads many of us to deny what we feel and pretend that we don't feel it. Emotion tends to bleed out in other areas when we suppress it.

But if we are led by our emotions, life can be a whirlwind of ups and downs, following our every whim and living as a slave to sin. We can feel like a lot of things are true, but that doesn't make them true.

I'm going to let you in on a secret: you can trust your emotions. They will always show you what you really believe. That does not mean you can trust what you feel to be true. If I really believe that I am worthless, I will feel worthless, even if that is not true.

Deep down, the belief that you carry at a heart level is actually far more influential in how you feel than the set of ideas you subscribe to because you are supposed to.

Here is the good news: Jesus is faithful to meet us in the midst of emotion and pain (He is not afraid) and the Holy Spirit is committed to leading us into the truth. So next time you feel emotionally triggered or stirred up, before you default into your pain management behavior of choice, pause and ask what you really believe that is making you feel this way. Then talk to the Lord about what you are believing... and listen. When the Lord reveals truth, it connects at a heart level, shifting the deep-down belief system that governs our thoughts and feelings.

Instead of fighting our feelings with faith, or following our feelings toward faithless failure, let's focus on our feelings (in faith), and find fruitful (trans)formation in our Father. Freedom, flutes, and fashionista are also words that start with "f."

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# Fifty-five per cent of respondents like new FAB Village site

155 surveys returned...

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

On Monday Bassano council gave first reading to a new bylaw to redesignate an area of land for the FAB (Future Adaptable Building) Village Square pilot project.

Following a loud outcry from residents in July who nixed council's idea to put senior's housing on the main street beside the community hall, council again turned to the public for their input asking them to select a location.

In August the town mailed 850 surveys to local and area mailboxes seeking input into four locations: 1st Street near the North Ball Diamonds, 6th Avenue near the BMX track, 6th Avenue Alley, Kinettes Park and 5A Avenue near the Bassano Hospital.

Of the 155 respondents, of which 154 were from

the town and one was from the county, 55 per cent agreed that the land near the hospital would be appropriate.

One reason it was chosen is because of easy access to the medical clinic.

"It's still close to residential development, it's still close to the town and it can expand," CAO Amanda Davis told council on Monday.

The 6th Avenue Alley was selected by 30 per cent of the respondents, 6th Avenue near the BMX track received nine per cent and 1st Street near the ball diamonds received four per cent.

Two per cent of the respondents were opposed to the project.

Davis said many of the responses addressed mobility issues and sidewalks which are items that have been discussed by council.

She said the comments in the survey included general comments including kudos

to the town for the project.

Hearing the results of the survey council accepted Davis' recommendation and gave first reading to the bylaw to rezone the property at 702 5A Avenue from residential manufactured home to public and institutional for the project. A public hearing will be held on Oct. 13 at 6 p.m.

Bassano's land planner Madeleine Baldwin said the property can move further north if it is successful.

A second bylaw will be prepared to discharge the municipal reserve that is on the property.

Davis and FAB Village architect John Brown were expected to discuss the "Bassano Project redesign" with the Newell Foundation on Tuesday.

"The redesign was approved as a three-way cost share by the Town of Bassano, the Newell Foundation and the Health Foundation," states Davis's council presentation.



The majority of Bassano residents agreed with town council that the location at 5A Avenue and 6th Street is the best choice for the FAB Village. | TOM MACPHAIL PHOTO



Left, Katelynn Keenan, nurse and Chantel Fontaine, unit clerk at Brooks Health Centre, are smiling behind their masks while holding a couple of trays of Tim Hortons Smile Cookies. The cookies are being decorated and sold by volunteers this week to raise money for the Brooks and District Health Foundation. Traditionally, 10,000 cookies are made and sold for \$1.

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## Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - This last few days sure do feel like fall. A friend of mine says that she loves fall because it gives her a chance to

refocus and get back to work, this she believes is from returning to school after the holidays. I think this would be a great idea

to embrace but seem to be having trouble doing it.

We did go to the parade of garage sales in Tilley last weekend and were able to find a couple treasures we thought we needed.

John has been getting the garden and yard ready for winter, but I'm hoping that we have a few more weeks.

At the last WI meeting we discussed our Annual Christmas Sale and have set Nov 22 as the date we realize that we will have to modify our sale to follow health guidelines. We have all worked hard to comply so far and will continue to try to keep all our family, friends, and neighbours safe.

If you have some news to share call me at 403-566-2448 or email at hippies2@telusplanet.net.



Bow River M.P. Martin Shields, left, presents a food card to an unidentified man at the fourth year food hamper program presented by the Muslim Council of Calgary and WeCare. Through the program about 120 families and seniors in Brooks and area received assistance. Annually the program saw the distribution of food hampers but this year grocery cards were presented. The value of the cards were between \$75 and \$125 depending on the size of the family. Global Village, the city, county, the International Development and Relief Foundation and FCSS helped with the program. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Grasslands reports good school re-entry

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Grasslands superintendent Scott Brandt and school board chair Jody Trembecki couldn't say enough thanks to everyone for the successful school re-entry and they believe some of the ideas may continue beyond COVID19.

On Monday Brandt told board members everything has been going smoothly since the staggered re-opening that started on Aug. 31.

"Our school administrators and our school staff have done an amazing job," he said.

He went on to thank the many people who worked hard to get the schools prepared long before students learned they would be returning and up to the minute they did return.

"I think it was a success considering what we were going in with and the high anxiety of staff and students and the very short amount of time to get everything ready, especially when your PPE shows up late," said Trembecki.

"Huge kudos and big thank yous to our senior admin, department heads and school administrators, janitors," she said.

She is urging administration staff who attend a parent council

meeting to explain how much work went into opening the schools.

"I don't think a lot of people quite understand."

Brandt said the one thing that may continue is the staggered entry.

Schools chose a two or three day re-entry for students which helped them orientate themselves with the new norms including hand sanitizing, masking and the door they are to use to enter school.

"The overall feedback was that it was excellent and that it should be something that is maybe considered for all of our school start-ups," said Brandt.

The one area that will continue to need to be worked on is to ensure students bring their masks to school.

Each student was given two reusable masks, however, if they forget them, they tend to use a number of disposable masks during the day which is a cost to the school board.

"We can't keep supplying them to this level," said Brandt.

In response to understanding the symptoms of COVID the school board created a student illness guide and includes any new criteria from AHS.

As well as returning students to class there

are 110 students who are attending virtual school.

There are 22 students in grades 1-2, 23 in grades 3-4, 20 in grades 5-6, 27 students in grades 7-9 and 17 in grades 10-12.

While the elementary students are learning from local teachers, because of the variety of courses, the high school students are registered in classes with Vista Virtual School.

With so many changes and so many protocols that have to be followed, at the end of August the federal government announced \$2 billion in funding for schools.

The money is to help provinces and territories work with school boards to implement measures to protect students and staff from COVID. It is to be used for cleaning supplies, PPE, hand sanitization and anything else required to protect staff and students.

The federal government has allocated \$1,340,850 to Grasslands, which has spent about \$830,000, \$3,180,100 to Christ the Redeemer Catholic Separate School Division, \$1,314,250 to Southern Francophone Education Region, \$32,550 to Newell Christian School Society and \$10,150 to Brooks Community Enrichment Foundation.

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**Alberta's Children's Services Minister Rebecca Schulz, centre, cuts the ribbon at the SPEC Association which recently began operating a Family Resource Network Hub. The association is the hub and it offers two spoke Services: caregiver/parent education and community services family development. Formal partners include Bridges which provides home visitation family programs, Grasslands Public Schools for the parents as teachers program and McMan Brooks which provides youth services. Shown at back are county reeve Molly Douglass, city mayor Barry Morishita, centre, Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Michaela Glasgo, Shawneen Riste, acting manager of children's services, and SPEC Association chair Roberta Rogers. Front row, Moe Andruschak, acting executive director, Rebecca Schulz and Tracey Haraus, program manager of the SPEC Links Community Services. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO**

## Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK

CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - "There is no doubt that it is around the family and in the home that all the greatest virtues...are created, strengthened, and maintained." Winston Churchill.

Grandparents day was celebrated in our family this past Sunday with a big farm to table meal and lots of laughs. We are so blessed to have so much family so close by, supporting all the kids do.

School is back in and so far things seem to be plugging along. For families like ours the after school - weekend business of kids is at a standstill and one would think there would be more free time, but....

Ladies club is starting back up and will be meeting Tuesday September 22nd at 7:30pm at the hall. There will

not be lunch served but we will meet and talk about any upcoming projects as well Joan has raffle ticket books to hand out. Typically ladies club meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm and is open to all area ladies. If you can't attend the meeting and would like to take some Christmas raffle tickets to sell please call Joan at 403-793-0826.

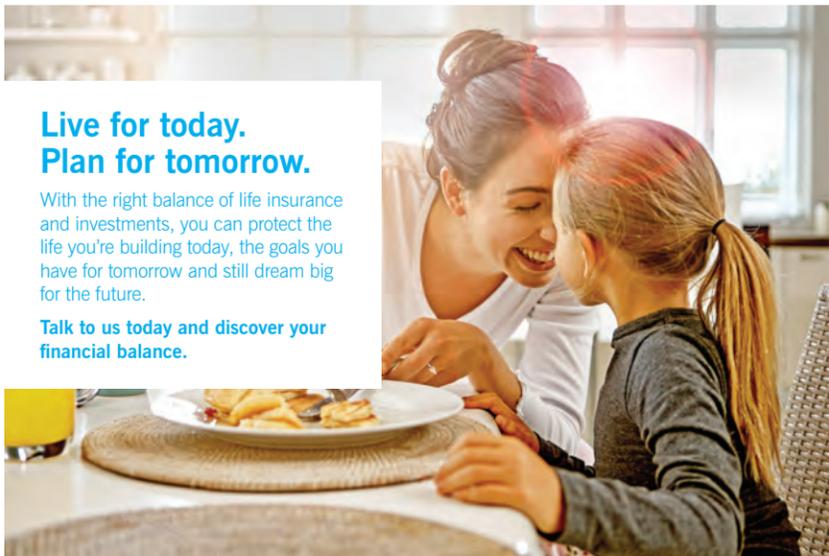
The Elks Ball tournament took place this past weekend with a full roster of teams and plenty of volunteers. Thanks to all who make it successful and in turn help the Elks club give back to our community and youth.

4H clubs are resuming meetings next month, some have already had parent information evenings. If 4H is a program the youth in your home would be

interested in please contact a local group or call Kristen @ 403-501-1476 and she can hook you up with the club in your area. 4H is not just a program for farm kids, ask a member about what 4H has to offer.

Harvest is well underway and fall work started at some places. Reminder that the EID will be turning off water October 8th, so get that fall irrigating and pond filling done. Best of luck with harvest and farm safe! Please call Jodi at 403-501-1583 with any news or info to share. Hall inquiries can be directed to Heather at 403-793-3890.

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## Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for the coming week go out Janice Swenson on September 19; Kylie McNiven on September 22; Russell Coyne on September 23; Quinton Antill on September 25.

Congratulations to Laura and Trevor Baker on the birth of their first son on September 8 in Medicine Hat. He weighed in at 8lbs, 7.4 oz. A little brother for Khloe and Myla, and the first grandson for Bruce and Janice Christensen of Rainier.

I finally spent some time in Golden this late summer. Tony was able to make three trips out there, of varying lengths. I really enjoyed the quality time get-away with my friend Gwen (Kroon) Tellier of Standard. It was a relief to leave the garden and its abundant produce behind for a few days. Great to have a change of scenery and to dine out!

Alcoma School News - Welcome back to staff and students! Alberta Health and Safety protocols have been put into place. Please keep watch in the Alcoma School Happening's information on Facebook for information on fun activities that are being planned for the new school year. If you plan on visiting the school, please call ahead to arrange a time. There is a doorbell installed at the front door. It must be depressed until there is a red light.

The playground at the school is open for use. 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 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 will continue with its touchless pick up. Please contact Janet Wagner at [janet@shortgrass.ca](mailto:janet@shortgrass.ca) or call the school at 403-36-3741 to leave a message. Once she receives your requests, she will contact you to arrange a pick up.

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Take note of my new email address! Please contact me by Sunday if you have any news you would like included in this column. [janebellward20@gmail.com](mailto:janebellward20@gmail.com) or 403-793-0692.

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# 100 maximum seating set for Sparrow and CRA arenas

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BROOKS BULLETIN

Using provincial guidelines the city will allow 100 spectators at a time to watch hockey at both the Sparrow and Centennial Regional Arenas.

The maximum of 100 attendees is in line with Alberta Health Services guidelines, however, the number can change to accommodate as many spectators while still maintaining the social distance.

"People will still be required to socially distance from each other and maintain the two metre distance between themselves and any other family cohorts," said Randi McPhillips, the city's manager of recreation

services.

The idea is to rotate spectators through the arenas so everyone who does want to watch hockey will be able to see at least part of an on ice event.

She said sections of the arena will be closed for cleaning and reopened during rotation while closing the previously opened sections so they can be cleaned.

While the Sparrow Arena holds 333, the Centennial Arena holds just over 1,700.

"As of right now we're working with 100. We haven't set a different capacity for Sparrow. That's something that we'll have to adjust if we need to but right now we're just following the guidelines."

She said if the seating area starts looking like

they are crowded, the city will either set a capacity or adjust the seating plan.

"We will wait and see how the first couple of weeks go to determine if spectators are able to self-police and follow the restrictions or if further adaptations have to be made.

"We want to keep things as consistent and simple as we can."

"We are very excited to come together to find solutions to navigating through these unprecedented times so youth in our community can get back on the ice playing the game they love.

"We realize that things will be very different this year and will likely change and evolve again," states the city's press release.

# Land Use change OK'd for private school, worship centre

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council approved a change of use of land in Patricia from hamlet residential to direct control to accommodate a private school and a possible worship centre.

The direct control district will give council the flexibility and discretion to approve the development if it does not interfere with the amenities of the neighbourhood or affect the use, enjoyment or value of neighbouring properties.

The property owner Ron Torkelson whose property is near Willow Street and Railway Avenue, told council he'll use the existing residence for the 16 student

school for Grades 1 to 10. The school will also include three teachers.

The change of land use is the first step in the decision. With the approval, the council will consider a future development permit application.

Residents did address council with some concerns, including access to the school adjacent to a landowner's property and how a school would affect the sewer system in the hamlet which does need to be upgraded.

Geoff Tiffin, the county's manager of planning, development and engineering, told council the sewer system does need attention, however, it is not a capacity issue and the

school will not affect the system.

The sewer system work is expected to make up part of the 2021 budget.

"This is a public hearing for zoning change and once the permit for the school comes in then we'll get more details about where it will be located, where the access is and what kind of fencing will be in place.

"So, we will have another chance to discuss this," said Division 3 councillor Anne Marie Philipsen.

"A private school and a worship center cannot be located on a property zoned hamlet residential which is the reason for this," said Maria Jackson the county's supervisor of planning and development.

## Bow City Signal

JOYCE CALVERT



BOW CITY - I guess our summer has pretty well come to an end as our weather drops from +31 one day to +14 the next. Sure not looking forward to fall clean-up outside as the leaves are already turning yellow and falling.

Bud and Janet Bell, their daughter Grace and her boyfriend, Ben, had a nice Sunday visit with June on the Sunday of the long weekend. Shauna Bell, from Brooks, popped in on this past Saturday for a quick visit also. Good get togethers.

Wanda and I went on a nice wagon ride with Tracy and her ponies on Friday afternoon. Good ride and fun.

If you would like to book

our hall or our campground phone 403-362-6693. They are both great places and very reasonable prices.

Vikie's sons-in-law have enjoyed helping out with a bit of field work with the Calverts. Helping hands are never discouraged during harvest time.

Stratton Calvert is still in tune with his paleontologist side so Renee and the kids took another drive to the Tyrell Museum in Drumheller last Friday. He astounds all the family with his knowledge and clear enunciation of all those long names. Way to go boy!

On the Palko news: Carrie's youngest son, Ray Chrysler, paid them a visit early this week and spent the night with them. It's

always a pleasure to have Ray come out for a visit.

For the first time since Brad and Carrie moved here Carrie's oldest son Brian Chrysler and his girlfriend Jan came to visit. They brought them on a little tour in the neighborhood then brought them to our place to meet Wanda, Jerry and I. Jan got to feed the donkeys here at our homestead, then Brad and Carrie took the kids to town for a nice dinner. It was a great visit and they hope they come again. Too short of a visit!

Not much more news that I know of but if you have some phone me by Sunday night at 403-362-2206.

He was a wise man who invented beer!

# County completes IMDPs with bordering municipalities

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Last month the provincial government signed the county's Intermunicipal Development Plan with Special Areas.

"We are officially completed all the

Intermunicipal Development Plans with our neighbours (Wheatland, Vulcan, Cypress and Special Areas)," Maria Jackson, the county's supervisor of planning and development told council on Thursday.

"We have not updated the IDP with the City of Brooks.

We've kind of tabled that one because we do have a working IDP in place and we'll see what comes out of the SWOT (strength, opportunities, weaknesses, threats) analysis and maybe we'll have some more insight on that going forward."

# City issues RFP for broadband

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The city has issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the design, build, operation and maintenance of a citywide fixed wireless or wired next generation broadband network.

The submission deadline is Oct. 2 and the RFP states the work should begin in November.

Much of it is expected to be pre-construction work.

Brooks mayor Barry Morishita said there has been no determination how broadband will be funded, however, there are funding streams, including from the federal government.

"We think it's a really important thing to consider investing in. There's quite a bit of interest," he said.

Jesse Hirsh, an internet strategist in Ontario, said in a recent Municipal World Podcast, the pandemic has shown that many people want to live in rural locations but seek the

infrastructure to continue working.

He said people are looking for a "friendly, human scale community that still has the kind of infrastructure, in particular, the internet infrastructure that they need to be able to still do their job."

He said municipalities that have the infrastructure are promoting themselves while other municipalities that realize not having the infrastructure is a deficit, is something they need to prioritize.

City CAO Alan Martens said direction was given to staff to look at installing broadband during the 2017-2021 city strategic planning sessions.

"We've been receiving presentations and meeting with companies for a long time," he said.

"We've sat down with several people and everyone has a different idea. We thought let's just get this out there and do a Request For Proposals and

see how it comes back."

The RFP, which Martens said was sent to the Eastern Irrigation District (EID) which currently is building a fibre optic network, states the city wants to form a public, private partnership for an initial term of five years with a five year extension at the city's discretion.

"At some point in the future it will be operated as an open network allowing other internet service providers to provide the service," said Martens.

The goal of the project, according to the RFP is to create a system that "future proofs" the community with faster internet access enabling development of a digital economy.

The city will retain ownership of the network infrastructure, equipment, components while the partner builds out and operates the network and will provide connectivity at a rate negotiated between the partner and the city.

# County not expected to fund regional bus program

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

It's likely the county will not continue to fund the regional bus that travels between Brooks and Medicine Hat.

The bus has been operating with remaining funds from a 2014 provincial grant that was for a regional transportation study as well as donations received from local organizations, however, the funds are expected to run out in November.

"The issue is that the funding is about to run out so there is a subsidy that has been required in order to operate that service," Layne Johnson, the county's director of corporate services, told council on Thursday.

"The question before

council now is whether or not there is interest in including an amount in the budget for the continued operation of that service."

While the cost for the bus to run is \$400 per trip, the cost per rider is \$20 round trip. Johnson said riders understand the program is subsidized and would be willing to pay a higher price.

He said some riders stated they would be willing to pay rates that were significantly raised by as much as double or maybe even a little bit more.

He said there are many riders who are part of the dialysis program in Medicine Hat and Alberta Health Services was contacted to see if they would contribute to the program.

"The indication is that they don't have funds in their budgets to make

available for this purpose," he said.

Division 3 councillor Anne Marie Philipsen said if only the number of riders is looked at it doesn't make sense to continue.

"It's just a cost that we cannot afford so I'm leaning towards you know it was a pilot project and it was good that we tried it but maybe it's time to not continue," she said.

Duchess, Bassano, Rosemary and Brooks are also to discuss the project and whether they will continue to support the bus.

"We have yet to receive a response from any of the other municipalities that have been approached as a result of the request from joint services to circulate this out to each of the respective councils," said Johnson.

## Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - The nights are cooler, and the sun is going down faster every day. Could be the end of summer. The smoke from fires just beyond our southern border have made for interesting sunsets. Last night as I drove home from Medicine Hat, it seemed like someone had turned on the "Sepia" filter on earth. It was a weird reddish brown tint to the evening.

Duchess Iron Man 4 Person Scramble will be held on Saturday, September 26 with a shotgun start at 10:00am. Please call the clubhouse at 378-4710 to register your team. If you have questions call Morgan Crossland at 362-0851 or Brad Ion at 409-3114.

Congratulations to Taylor and Jayna (nee Whitrow)Berg who were

married this past Saturday in Duchess. Taylor is the son of Doreen Cozac Berg and the late Darwin Berg. Jayna is the daughter of Stacey Whitrow (Tyler) and the late Chris Whitrow. I hope your day was extra special and we wish you love and

laughter for many years to come! Have a fantastic week and please call or text 793-1630 if you have news for the Dispatch.

Quote: "How beautiful it is to find someone who asks for nothing but your company."

# Most rec services open to the public

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Most of the city's recreation services are open to the public except for the walking path and the play structures within the day care at the JBS Canada Centre.

CAO Alan Martens told council on Tuesday staff will continue to monitor the COVID19 situation and will relax protocols as

permitted.

"We'll continually monitor those to see over time if they can relax them a little bit," he said.

As of Monday there were zero active cases of COVID19 in the county and two in the city.

Some schools in Alberta have reported cases of COVID, however, there are no reported cases at any of the local schools.



It was a perfect day for the annual Brooks Show N Shine on Saturday. Hundreds of people attended the event that displayed about 120 vehicles, motorcycles and even a partially re-built ride on lawn mower. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# Redevelopment contract awarded for North Headgates

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Redevelopment at the North Headgates property south of Brooks is underway.

On Thursday county council awarded the lone bidder, Brooks Asphalt and Aggregate, the project. They are expected on site this fall along with FortisAlberta. Dinosaur Gas has been onsite installing the new services.

"We had quite a few people out at our pre-bid meeting on site which was a breath of fresh air but we received only one tender, however," said Geoff Tiffin, the county's manager of planning, development and engineering.

The tender came in at \$903,331 without GST.

During the pre-tender meeting he said the company representatives walked around and looked at the site.

"My guess is that a lot of them thought it is a daunting task that they weren't prepared to undertake."

The bid was lower than the engineer's estimate of \$1.040 million.

Other costs for the project include utility installations, engineering, environmental approvals and legal, subdivision, environmental and planning fees.

The total project cost is just over \$2 million.

The project will be funded through a \$2.175 million local improvement.

Tiffin said he will not amend the local improvement tax until there is a better idea.

"I do still believe we will come under the advertised local improvement. Once the project is wrapped up and complete we can make the amendments to that advertisement," he said.

The county issued a stop work order at the site in September 2015 and came to an agreement with the landowners.

The property has a long history.

Since the 1940s it has intensified without much consideration or attention for construction requirements including the roads within the area.

Between 1980 and 2005,

16 development permits were issued for residential development. Zero were issued since 2005 but there has been further construction. In October 2005 council passed a resolution that no further development be allowed until an area structure plan was submitted.

In 2012 a tenant asked about an electrical permit for a home she moved onto her lot but was told prior to the move she needed permits.

In 2012 the county found 15 structures had been added to the entire property since 2005 and there was development on the west side of the property with access from a private road on land owned by Eastern Irrigation District.

The redevelopment will correct any issues with the roads, the property will consist of a maximum of 44 residential lots including a dedicated right-of-way.

The majority of the existing development will be preserved, however, some structures will have to be removed or relocated.

## Temperature screening to detect COVID

COLUMNIST



DR. NOORALI BHARWANI

virus without having a fever or any change in body temperature. The tool often used to measure temperature has also been shown to be unreliable.

A person may have elevated temperature because of certain pre-existing conditions, weather and what the person was doing immediately prior to having temperature checked.

A person may be infected with the virus but may not have symptoms like fever. They are capable of shedding and transmitting the virus. In the pre-symptomatic phase, a temperature check won't help. If you have fever then we know what we are dealing with.

For those reasons, temperature screening has not been recommended by Canada's chief public health officer. But temperature checks remain part of COVID-19 detection though not all cases present with fever.

According to World Health Organisation (WHO), temperature screening alone, at exit or entry at the airport, is not an effective way to stop international spread, since infected individuals may be in incubation period, may not express apparent symptoms early on in the course of the disease, or may suppress fever by taking medications.

Temperature screening measures require substantial investments for what may bear little benefits. It is more effective

to provide prevention recommendation messages to travellers and to collect health declarations at arrival, with travellers' contact details, to allow for a proper risk assessment and a possible contact tracing of incoming travellers, says WHO.

Temperature screening should be considered just one layer in a screening process. It is within the rights of a business to deny you service on the grounds of a high temperature. You can be denied service if you refuse to wear a mask or refuse to have your temperature taken. This is because employers and employees have the right to a safe working environment.

Employers are responsible for the safety of their employees.

The most effective way to protect yourself against the new coronavirus is by frequently cleaning your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or washing them with soap and water. Cough into your sleeve. Maintain social distancing. Wear a mask in public places. Maintain adequate ventilation and adequate environmental cleaning.

In situations where you cannot keep a safe distance from others, public health officials recommend the use of a non-medical face mask or covering to prevent spreading the respiratory droplets that can carry the virus.

Take care. Be patient. Be safe. Protect yourself and protect others.

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Symptoms of COVID-19 can vary from person to person. Symptoms may also vary in different age groups. In severe cases, infection can lead to death.

Symptoms may take up to 14 days to appear after exposure to the virus. One of the primary symptoms with COVID-19 is an elevated body temperature of above 38°C (100.4°F). The normal human body temperature remains around 36.5°C to 37°C, regardless of the external temperature or weather.

Some workplaces have started screening their employees using touchless temperature scanners in order to determine whether they may enter the employer's workplace.

As Canada continues to reopen, some grocery stores, salons and other businesses have implemented temperature screening in an attempt to prevent the spread of the virus.

The process was made mandatory for all air travellers in Canada in mid-June. Any passenger who shows a fever on two measurements, taken 10 minutes apart, will be asked to rebook after 14 days.

However, some experts wonder whether the step is effective given a person can shed the COVID-19

## City contributes \$10,000 to Kinsmen

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The City of Brooks has matched the Eastern Irrigation District's contribution to the Brooks Kinsmen of \$10,000 for the beautification project on the grounds of the the Silver Sage Agribition.

The first phase of the project is about \$15,000 and will include ordering seedlings as well as the irrigation infrastructure.

Lisa Tiffin, the city's manager of community development, said the Kinsmen club has applied for project funding and if they do receive it, the city's

funds will be used for the second phase of the three-phase project.

The money will be funded from the council special projects reserve.

"This will go a long way to identifying more activity out there," said mayor Barry Morishita.



is excited to be hosting their **ANNUAL TRADE SHOW** at the JBS Canada Centre

September 18-20th

We have a wonderful variety of vendors and we are proud to be offering their shop local event in our community!

We are following all AHS regulations for trade shows which means aisle ways are wider to allow for social distancing, hand sanitizer will be available at all vendor booths and masks are highly encouraged and recommended.

Come out and support our local vendors!

HOURS:	Friday, September 18	Saturday, September 19	Sunday, September 20
	1 to 9 pm	10 am to 6 pm	11 am to 4 pm
SENIOR HOURS: Friday, September 18th, 1 to 3 pm			

## County's planners busy

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

A couple of lots have been sold in the multi lot subdivision north of Westland Acres.

"There are multiple lots there that have been vacant for quite a while. We've issued two development permits for single family dwellings in there," Maria Jackson, the county's supervisor of planning and development told council on Thursday.

"I think that's a good sign. People want to remain in the area and build."

Jackson said there are five lots in the subdivision. Three have been vacant since the 2012 subdivision.

Jackson said there also have been many people who want to make changes to their homes or properties and who are seeking to bring their structures into compliance before beginning the work.

Ensuring landowners, surveyors and contractors understand the county's rules, the planning and development staff have been kept on their toes.

Jackson said the process is not always cut and dry

and things may come up.

"We continue to meet with people regarding subdivisions so that's another thing that has been keeping us fairly busy," she said.

"We're forming a relationship with the local surveyors and also educating parties on subdivision, the subdivision process and the Land Use Bylaw and what is required and items that may come up during the subdivision process. There is always something or the potential of something come up along the way."



The farmer's market was back in Veteran's Park last week. The city is asking residents how they felt about the market being on First Street downtown. | BROOKS BULLETIN PHOTO

## One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - I hope that everyone had a great Labour Day weekend along with the rain, which came in on Sunday morning. Oh isn't camping, just so much fun regardless.

Well the harvest is rolling right along. In the mornings the dew is quite heavy at times, so they have to wait till after lunch to get going. But it's nice to see the fields being cleared off and straw baled up. It's surprising what 3 to 5 or 6 combines can do in a day. It thrills me to see that another crop is off and then another.

The days are clipping by so fast, and half of September is gone. Wow!! Just hope that, that white stuff stays away for a while yet.

On the holiday weekend Jason Merkl of Regina, SK drove home to visit with his parents Frank and Judy Merkl and also with some of his friends in Brooks. Brandon, a friend of his from Calgary also came down to see him while he was here. We had a lovely supper over at Frank and Judy's while Jason was here. Judy out did herself again with a great meal. Her mother Betty Hok of Brooks and I were also both there.

On the Sunday of the holiday weekend Leanne Prenevost of Lomond was at the home of Thomas and Barbara Mahrer for an entertaining supper. Her husband Doug was unable to attend due to harvest. Also, there were Barbara's grandsons Benjamin and Zachart Seward and her sister and brother-in-law Sandra and Frank Zasadny, all of Lethbridge. It sounded like they were having a great time.

For the Labour Day weekend Sandra and Matt Smith and family of Calgary

came down on Wednesday and stayed till Sunday at the home of her parents Karl and Linda Slomp. I'm sure Matt was busy helping out with the harvest.

Our deepest sympathies go to Corey (Michael) Meyer and family of Chestermere and to Dale (Darla) Merkl and family of Arcola, SK and sister-in-law Dawn Merkl of Creston, BC on the passing of their brother, brother-in-law, Cameron Blaine Merkl on September 4, 2020, in the Foothills hospital, due to complications from a Stroke at the age of 59 years. A Private funeral service will be held at a later date. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Cameron grew up in the One Tree area and attended school in Brooks receiving all his education there. He was predeceased by his brothers Alan and Barry and his parents Joe and Margaret Merkl. In memory of Cameron, if friends desire a memorial tribute may be made to a Charity of your choice.

On Tuesday of last week Dianna Visser of Cheadle and daughter Krystin of Airdrie came down to have a visit with her mother Jacqueline Hajash. While they were here they attended the Tumbleweed Theatre, which was held in the Veteran's Park by the City Hall with the performance "Dating in the time of COVID". They said that they really enjoyed it. Dianna's siblings Priscilla Petersen and Joey Hajash also attended.

On Sunday Sherwin Schalm of Calgary came down to have lunch with his parents Ozzie and Elizabeth Schalm and while here he washed all their windows and helped his dad cutting a few things back in the garden. They had an early

supper and then he left for home. They were very grateful for all his help.

On Sunday Greg Patterson went to High River to meet with his daughter, Victoria and David of Calgary and with his son Robert of Lethbridge. Victoria and Robert went to visit with their Grandma Timko at the Nursing home. Then after, they all went to their Aunt Teresa and Uncle Doug Phalen's place for dinner, then everyone left to go back to their homes.. They all had a great day visiting.

Birthdays for the coming week go out to Lionel Juss on Sept. 18th; to Darryl Hasselberg of Two Hills, to Tim Sinclair, both on Sept. 20th and to Joanne DeJong on Sept. 22nd. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to all and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday this week, and we wish everyone all the best for many more years.

There aren't any anniversaries this week that I know of. If you wish to have your day in the paper "Please" let me know. Call 403-362-3023 or email simerkl@eidnet.org.

Hope everyone has a great week and please stay safe from this COVID-19 Virus. Please wear a mask when in public and wash your hands. If you don't follow rules, I pray that you don't take the virus home to one of your loved ones. Quebec is enforcing hefty fines for not wearing masks and not social distancing. Maybe that's what should be done here too. I wear a mask when I go to the stores, but there are many around me that definitely don't. That rather upsets me. I really don't like the idea that perhaps, there might be a shut down again.

# Palliative care unit construction started at Brooks Health Centre

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Construction has started on the long term care and palliative care project at the Brooks Health Centre.

Brooks councillor Dan Klein told council on Tuesday the Brooks and District Health Foundation was informed of the construction last week.

"When they (Alberta Health) re-tendered they did some rejigging as to what the design would look like and found some savings," he said.

"Their tender came in under budget so they're actually going to be able to accomplish a dining room that wasn't in the original plan," he said.

Klein said he believes there was extra money

for the project from the government.

"I think that helped to kick it off and get it going," he said.

"We're really excited to see it finally kick off."

Linda Currie, chair of the Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society (PRHPS) said the organization appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with AHS and Brooks Health Foundation on the project.

"PRHPCS are very much looking forward to having five palliative care rooms with a comfortable lounge area where families can gather. PRHPCS will provide additional comfort amenities to these rooms," she said.

The organization is working on providing education to community members supporting individu-

als through their end of life journey.

"We are looking forward to meeting with our partners in the near future and will provide more updates as information becomes available."

The construction is expected to be completed next fall.

On Sept. 9 the province announced \$5 million for the Covenant Health Palliative Institute to increase access to palliative and end-of-life services and promote advance care planning and \$1 million for the Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association to establish in-person and online support groups, develop Alberta's first telephone grief support line and expand workshops on palliative care for Albertans.

## City wont levy supplemental taxes for '20 to encourage development

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The city approved a motion to cancel supplemental assessments for 2020 as a measure to encourage new development.

Shelley Thomas, the

city's finance manager said if the assessment and levy were not done, it would provide relief for residential or commercial improvements which were started prior to Jan. 1, 2020 and completed before Nov. 30 as well as improvements moved into

the city between Jan. 1 and Nov. 30

Improvements that were started prior to Jan. 1, 2020 would have been partially taxed while development that started in 2020 but is not completed would not be levied taxes until next year.

## Rail Safety Week declared by city for Sept. 20-27

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The City of Brooks declared Sept. 20 to Sept. 27 as National Rail Safety Week to help raise awareness of the need for rail safety awareness through

Operation Lifesaver.

"Stop Track Tragedies continues to remain the major theme of National Rail Safety Week and citizens are encouraged to think about trains when approaching tracks to ensure their safety," said Kevin Swanson,

Brooks fire chief.

The month of October was also declared as Library Month.

The library staff is anticipating holding an open house provided it can be accommodated within gathering restrictions.



## Beef markets anticipated to be bullish long term

MICHELLE GIETZ  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Beef cattle markets are expected to be bullish in the long term with the second year of a contraction in the number of cattle south of the border.

North American and international beef demand remains strong. With businesses reopening and people heading back to work after the COVID crisis, increases in income will likely enhance consumer spending, including beef purchases.

In Alberta and Saskatchewan, cattle-on-feed inventories were up in July. The reduction of slaughter this past spring due to the closure of processing facilities with COVID cases created a backlog of animals, but most of this backlog will be gone in the next few months.

With the decline in slaughter, carcass weights rose as cattle were held on feed for longer than normal periods. Overall beef production rose. According to the daily report by the Alberta Beef Producers at

the end of last week, carcass weights are expected to continue to increase and may surpass the record 944 pounds set in 2015.

In addition, though Alberta auction volumes were up in early September, year-to-date volumes are down.

Locally, Lachie McKinnon, General Manager of Bow Slope Shipping is expecting a normal fall run for cattle

sales and foresees a steady market.

"The market is steady to what it was last year. There is no big change at this time."

Producers will begin bringing home cattle from the lease in the coming weeks and calf sales will begin mid-October. The first calf sale at Bow Slope Shipping is scheduled for October 14.



A couple of sheep at the Elemental Energy solar farm along Highway 1 stop grazing to look at the camera. The company has a contract until October to graze 100 sheep on the parcel to help manage vegetation. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Early orders for strychnine

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The county wants to have their 2021 strychnine order completed by November while it is still available.

As of next spring the product, which used to kill

gophers, will no longer be available under a federal government order.

"We're only able to buy it until next March," said Todd Green, the county's director of ag services.

He said there are a couple of dozen orders in and more

are coming.

"I think people are appreciative of our forward thinking on that and trying to get ahead of that."

Although the ordering ends next year, landowners will be allowed to use the product for three seasons.



## In your garden...

LINDA TOMLINSON

Take advantage of warm fall days to get the garden ready for the next growing season.

Plant garlic cloves now until mid-October but time depends on when the ground freezes. To overwinter, the garlic cloves need to put down roots. Do not use the garlic that is available in the grocery store. Purchase what is known as hard neck garlic, called that as there is a hard stem in the middle of the cloves. Hard neck garlic is readily available at farmers markets, local growers, some garden centers and often advertised online.

There are many different varieties of hard neck garlic and each one has a distinctive taste. Local growers are usually very enthusiastic about their garlic and will sell you hardy varieties. If in doubt choose Russian garlic as it is hardy and reliable.

Garlic will grow in any soil that has good drainage. They are a heavy feeder so adding organic matter is a must. Gardeners with a heavy clay soil can amend the soil with organic matter or plant in raised beds.

Before planting, break the individual cloves away from the basal plate, at the bottom of the bulb. The area that is attached to this plate forms the clove's roots. One of the easiest ways to break or crack hard neck garlic is to hold

on to the bottom of the bulb and hit the neck or stem on a hard surface.

To plant dig holes or rows into the soil or if the soil is soft, cloves can be sunk into the soil pointy side up. The top of the clove should be approximately 2 inches (5 cm) from the soil surface. Place cloves 6-8 inches (15-20cm) apart. Once planted, press the soil down firmly. If using a raised bed, or live in an area without good snow cover, cover with 3-4 inches (8-10 cm) of organic mulch. The mulch will keep the soil temperature constant regardless of the weather.

Garlic planted? Then it is time to decide Gardeners what needs to be completed in the fall. There are gardeners who cut off all tops and remove all dead material in the fall, those that do nothing, or ones that are between the two extremes.

Removing the tops of dead plants is a must if the plants were infested with insects or diseased. Do not put this material in the compost but dispose of it in the garbage. Leaving infected plant material in place, or placing it in the compost will increase the chance of infection next

year.

Leaving healthy plant material in place provides the plants with a thin layer of insulation and some of the material will break down and become part of the soil.

Plant material left intact will provide food and shelter to rodents.

Plant material that stands upright will catch and hold the snow providing the plants with winter protection and moisture in the spring. Seed pods left will feed birds and will look decorative through the snow.

Cleaning the garden in the fall allows the gardener to concentrate on other chores in the spring. In wet years it can be hard to get the dead materials removed before the new growth appears.

There are pluses and minuses to cleaning the flower and shrub beds in the fall. Often the biggest determiner is time and weather.

Linda Tomlinson is a horticulturalist that has garden in Central Alberta for over 30 years. She can be reached at your\_garden@hotmail.com



## Hog producers want to survive... but it may just be too late for independent operators

Last May, the hog producer organizations of western Canada, BC Pork Producers Association, Alberta Pork, Saskatchewan Pork, and Manitoba Pork Council invited the four largest pork processing, Maple Leaf Foods, Olymel, HyLife and Donald's Fine Foods to discuss the state of the pork industry in western Canada. To those observers of the trials and tribulations of the Alberta hog industry, this request seemed almost like a desperate last stand. The invitation was to the senior management of all four companies, three agreed to the meetings, Olymel acknowledged the invitation, but haughtily referred the producer groups to talk to their marketing department. Olymel is a Quebec-based hog processor with a large plant in Red Deer, so maybe the intent of the formal request was lost in the translation. However,

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as longtime observers of Alberta hog industry politics will recognize, that disdainful attitude by a hog processor towards producers has been part of industry troubles for over 40 years. I cite the heyday of the Alberta Pork Producers Marketing Board and nefarious processors like Peter Pocklington of Gainers Meats. The marketing mischief and political battles were legendary. The government of the day did what it could to promote peaceful co-existence, but I suggest their action or lack thereof back then, was the genesis of the state of the Alberta hog industry woes today.

Since then, the Alberta

hog industry has undergone epic changes, the most obvious being it went from 15,000 producers to a few hundred independent producers and Hutterite Colonies today. The big processors followed the US example and just set up or bought their own primary hog production barns, thereby eliminating pesky independent producers and their demands for fair hog pricing and marketing. That has seen the Olymel hog plant own or control over 60% of their processing needs. They seem rather close to being able to tell the independent producers, "we don't need you anymore," no wonder they didn't really care to meet formally with the producer groups. Maple Leaf Foods, the giant Manitoba pork processor, also owns tens of thousands of sows and vast production

and finishing barns on the prairies and eastern Canada. Donald's Fine Foods from BC is a relatively new player compared to the other processors and is a significant buyer of market-ready hogs in Alberta. The hog industry in BC is all but non-existent, having only a handful of commercial producers left in the Fraser Valley, and Peace River district.

Hog marketing in western Canada and particularly Alberta has suffered from a systemic dysfunctional hog pricing system for the past 40 years. It's a whole other story, but the result is that independent producers in this province consistently receive the lowest prices for their hogs on the continent. There has been in some enlightened advancement in hog pricing in other jurisdictions, in many areas of the US prices are

established by wholesale pork values called the "cut out" price. It's a fairer way of giving producers a share in the true value of a pork carcass, which reflects in higher prices. In fact, to address hog marketing issues in Quebec, the provincial government there legislated mandatory cut out pricing for hogs marketed in that province. Ironically, Olymel, which is owned by hog producers, is trying to quash that legislation which favours their own producers - go figure. Perhaps western provincial governments need to take a similar legislated approach to bring some peace to the industry. Two other processors HyLife and Maple Leaf, possibly seeing the writing on the wall, are offering either/or cut out pricing or other incentives to help keep hog producers in the business. But therein lies the ominous reality.

It would seem that the big processors over the past 30 years have been relentlessly acquiring hog production operations to control the supply into their processing operations. They also use long-term contracting for some of their supply. If this trend continues, they won't need independent producers at all, perhaps that is the new reality the hog industry needs to finally accept. Maybe from a provincial perspective, the Alberta government needs to put into place significant incentives to build new massive high-tech hog processing plants with more giant hog farms all owned by integrated operators like Olymel, HyLife or Maple Leaf Foods. If the day of the independent hog producers is done, let's get into the big leagues of pork production - jobs and economic development would be significant.

# JBS Food gets federal funds to fight COVID-19

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

To help protect the safety of agri-food workers, the federal government began to issue funding to essential companies.

Recently, the government announced \$10.54 million in funding including close to \$805,000 for JBS Canada at Brooks.

"As part of our fight against COVID19, JBS Canada has implemented more than 100 preventative measures to keep our team members safe and stop potential spread. Those measures remain in place today," said Cameron Bruett, head of corporate affairs for JBS USA and Pilgrim's.

"Over the course of the past several months our team has spent more than \$5 million fighting COVID19. We are grateful to the government of Canada for its financial assistance to help support those efforts

through its emergency processing fund," he said.

Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau made the funding announcements at a processing plant in Quebec earlier this month.

"The Emergency Processing Fund is focused on projects to help

companies respond to the urgent health and safety needs of workers in agri-food sections impacted by COVID19 with an emphasis on supporting meat processing facilities," states a federal press release.

Over 300 funding applications were received by the federal government.



Marie-Claude Bibeau, right, federal minister of Agri-Foods and Agriculture, with René Proulx, president of Exceldor, at the funding announcement in Quebec.

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**PUMPKINS** | A light frost last Monday night darkened the leaves of the pumpkins at the Brooks Corn Maze. | MICHELLE GIETZ PHOTO

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# Bandits name Evan McFeeters assistant coach

Evan McFeeters has been named as the Brooks Bandits assistant coach.

McFeeters joins the team after five seasons as the assistant coach/assistant GM of the Canmore Eagles.

"I am really looking forward to taking on this new opportunity and joining the Bandits coaching staff," said McFeeters.

He said the plan laid out to him by Bandits GM and head coach Ryan Papaioannou was detailed.

"The organization is driven by setting and

reaching new goals and that really motivates me," McFeeters said.

McFeeters has also been the head coach of the Cochrane Generals of the Heritage Junior Hockey League and the head coach of the Bow Valley Timberwolves U18 AA program.

"With the abrupt end to last season and the uncertainty of what was to come this year, we wanted to remain engaged in all areas of our operation, looking for areas we could

improve," said Papaioannou.

"We were presented with a challenge to rebuild our coaching staff and with the addition of Taylor Makin and now Evan McFeeters we are extremely well positioned for the future."

McFeeters is a High Performance 1 certified coach and has created curriculums and developed numerous camps, clinics, and programming throughout Western Canada.



Brooks Bandits warm up over the weekend for a session at their development camp. The camp is being used as a way to keep players moving and active during the pandemic and until Hockey Canada gives the OK for 'normal' hockey play. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



**MICHAELA GLASGO**  
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## 2020 Fiscal Update

Alberta's government has released the province's fiscal update.

It's gut-check time.

Five years of economic stagnation followed by an unprecedented public health crisis has sent our province's treasury in the wrong direction. Instead of a \$6 billion deficit forecast in Budget 2020 we're looking at an historic \$24.2 billion deficit - \$16.8 billion higher than estimated earlier this year.

The global pandemic, worldwide economic recession, and massive plunge in energy prices put a severe dent in our province's finances. Alberta's government acted swiftly to ensure that all Albertans had what they needed and continues to provide funds so Albertans can safely resume familiar activities. All told, the province has spent some \$14 billion on mitigating the health and economic effects of the pandemic.

This spending is but a short-term solution meant to meet the immediate needs of our province. It is time to look at ways to scale back this spending so as not to saddle tax payers with insurmountable debt. At some point, debt will have to be repaid and our province needs to position itself so that

debt repayment does not equate to being unable to provide the services and programs Albertans need. This is where we need to take a long, hard look at needs versus wants.

Alberta needs to abandon the premise of taxing and spending our way out of economic woes. This has proven time and again to only stifle economic growth and kick the issue of public debt down the road. We need to consider what has worked well in the past. In the 1990s, Alberta's government decreased the tax burden on individuals and business, reduced fees, regulatory constraints, and unnecessary red tape.

The resulting effect was a flood of investment into the province creating jobs, fostering economic diversity, and providing upward economic mobility opportunities for everyone; regardless of experience or education. Alberta paid down its debt and was able to channel tax dollars directly to programs and services for Albertans.

While today's circumstances are vastly different than the Klein years, the same underlying issues and the principles behind their solutions apply. We need to get back

to balanced budgets and back to being responsible stewards of tax payer dollars. The key to this is to attract investment back to Alberta and for government to get out of the way and let the market drive our recovery.

Alberta's Recovery Plan includes and builds on the successes of past policies. The Alberta Investment Corporation will promote our province as the best place to do business, work, play, and live. Alberta's record for environmental stewardship and sustainable development practices is unmatched; and one we are committed to building upon. We have a young, driven, highly skilled, and highly educated workforce. Alberta abounds in ambitious entrepreneurs and innovative risk-takers. We offer a variety of choices in education and have the world's most talented and caring health care professionals. And of course, our province has the most diverse and beautiful landscape to explore in the world. All of this, along with our commitment to a competitive business environment and fiscal responsibility, make Alberta attractive for investment.

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# County considers Municipal Stimulus Project

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council is trying to decide which project they should fund with their share of the provincial Municipal Stimulus Funding of \$894,371 which was announced in July.

The primary objective of the capital funding is to sustain and create local jobs.

On Thursday council looked at nine projects with preliminary costs that were suggested by staff.

They are the Patricia water distribution system upgrades at \$930,000, the Patricia sanitary sewer upgrade at \$1.5 million, upgrading the Patricia Fire Hall at \$990,000, installing new community map signs at the cost of \$85,000, additional electrical outlets at Emerson Bridge Park for \$100,000, continuing the pathway from the county building to Lake Newell Resort at the cost of \$1.2 million, upgrading three grader storage compounds at \$90,000, hamlet truck parking lots in Tilley and Scandia at \$100,000 each and a virtual power plant renewable energy generation system that supplies electricity for a broad range of community facilities that would cost the county \$900,000 but there

would be other funds to be raised.

When asked why the rural water project was not on the list, Division 8 councillor Brian de Jong was told the project would not be finished by the end of 2021 as per the funding documentation.

He wondered if the project could not roll out shortly after the engineer's report is completed, which is expected in the next few months.

"As council we put money into the engineering believing that would be a good way to enhance what we already have and offer some long-term investment or sustainability to our community," he said.

He said it is a broad program that would not just be for a specific hamlet.

As of last week there were 1,563 registered water users with 1,198 active users and 365 inactive accounts.

The county is expected to discuss Phase 2 during the October budget discussions.

The original project started in 2010 which saw waterlines installed throughout the County of Newell carrying potable water from Brooks. It was completed in 2016.

Division 6 councillor Kelly Christman agreed that

the water project should be on the list because it would touch every division.

Although the project could be added, Division 1 councillor Clarence Amulung said there is a lot of financial uncertainty.

"I think with this whole uncertainty of where our cash is coming from we've got to be pretty prudent that we get a long term plan that faces today's reality."

Looking at the Patricia sanitary sewer project which did garner a lot of discussion, Amulung said it is a good project but the grant would cover some of the work.

"It's not a good use of funds unless we start dipping into some of our infrastructure dollars. I'm just really hesitant to do that until we know where we're at."

"It's definitely an interesting time for us to try and figure out how to spend money," said reeve Molly Douglass.

"I totally support the concept of let's do some things that might help us going forward in a new reality," she said.

Council will make a decision at the next council meeting. Funding applications are to be submitted by Oct. 1.



**FROM PARLIAMENT HILL**  
MP FOR BOW RIVER CONSTITUENCY

## Erin O'Toole

As a member of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, I'm happy to welcome our new Leader, the Hon. Erin O'Toole. I was proud to support Erin in both the 2017 and 2020 leadership races, and I look forward to seeing him present a new, positive vision for Canada in the House of Commons.

I believe the Leadership race was a competitive and passionate exchange of ideas. I extend my sincerest thanks to the other candidates MP Derek Sloan, Dr. Leslyn Lewis, and the Hon. Peter MacKay. All of these candidates earned considerable support from Conservative Party members in our riding, and I believe they deserve our utmost respect for putting their names forward and running effective campaigns. I am happy to learn that Dr. Lewis has indicated she plans to run as a candidate for our Party in the next federal election.

With the leadership race behind us, it's time to come together as a united, effective Opposition and prepare to defeat

the Liberals in the next election. Canadians are tired of Trudeau's incompetence and ethical transgressions, and our country can't afford another term of Liberal governance. In Western Canada in particular we have seen our economy suffer enormously under this Liberal government, and I was pleased to see that Erin O'Toole put western alienation at the top of his agenda on his first day as Leader. We need to see respect for Western interests and concerns in Ottawa, not the blatant disregard and targeting of our resource industry that this Liberal government has exhibited.

Trudeau has now presided over the SNC Lavalin, WE charity, Vice-Admiral Norman, and Aga Khan scandals. He has accumulated mountains of new debt, even before the pandemic and resulting downturn, leaving our finances grossly unprepared to deal with it. He has implemented economically destructive policies. I'm excited that

we now have a new Leader to present Canadians with a real alternative, grounded in conservative principles and reflecting the demands of the 2020s. Erin served proudly in the Canadian military, followed by a successful career in the private sector and as a minister in the Harper Government. His first speeches as Leader have outlined a bold vision for Canada under a new Conservative government. I know that the platform our party will introduce under Erin O'Toole will offer a real, positive alternative to the Liberals, and I hope that those looking for a change will consider our Conservative Party of Canada going forward.

As always, my Ottawa office can be reached at martin.shields@parl.gc.ca. My Brooks office can be reached at 403-793-6775 or martin.shields.c1B@parl.gc.ca, and my Strathmore office at 403-361-2980 or martin.shields.c1B@parl.gc.ca. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

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**obituaries**



**STOLSON** - It is with great sorrow we announce the death of Lily Stolson of Brooks, beloved wife of the late Gus Stolson, on Friday, September 4th, 2020 at the age of 97 years. Mom was born Lily Krein on May 7th, 1923, at home on the farm near Hallonquist, Saskatchewan. She married Gustave Albert Stolson on November 3rd, 1942 near Neidpath, Saskatchewan. After their first baby was born in 1945 they moved to Tilley, where they resided until 1969, when they moved to Brooks. Lily had a great faith in God, was baptized, and attended the Evangelical Free Church, first in Tilley and then in Brooks. She taught Sunday School, attended W.M.C. and other ladies groups and studies. We will always cherish the memories of love, laughter, music, meals and the wonderful family gatherings that were so important to Mom and Dad. Lily was predeceased by her husband Gus in 1997; son Clenton in 1989; daughters-in-law, Sandra and Sandy, both in 2014; great-granddaughter Kayana in 2014; parents Rudolph and Carrie Krein; brothers Emil and Alvin Krein and her only sister, Emma Sartison. She is survived by two sons, Kurt Stolson of Brooks and Tobi Stolson and his wife Marie of St. Albert, Alberta; daughter Karen Dockray and her husband Dennis of Brooks; 9 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren (and one on the way); brother Harvey Krein and his wife Marjory of Leader, Saskatchewan and many nieces and nephews. We will always be grateful to the staff of the Newbrook Lodge and the Doctors and Nurses of the Brooks Health Center for their loving care of Mom. We are grateful as well to Smith Funeral Home Ltd., Pastor Garth Everett and the Evangelical Free Church for helping us gather as a family to celebrate Mom's life. Interment at Brooks Cemetery. In memory of Lily, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made to Newbrook Lodge c/o Newell Foundation, 500 - 3rd Street East, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1P6.

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**ZASTRE** - It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of David James Joseph Zastre of Brooks, beloved husband of 54 years to Florence Zastre, on Monday, September 7th, 2020 in Brooks at the age of 74 years. David was born on July 2nd, 1946 in Ste. Rose du Lac, Manitoba to Joseph and Leonchine Zastre. He is also survived his daughters, Jeannette (Paul), Joan (Eric), Jacqueline, Jennifer (Keith), June (Jason) and Jo Ann; grandchildren, Cassandra, Taylor, Evan, Erica, Luke, Paloma, Quinn, Alexa, Britney, Carsen and Anastaisa; siblings, Edward (Francine), Annette (Bob), Marcel (Alvina), Denise (Rick) and Verne; sisters-in-law, Blanche and Donna and numerous nephews and nieces. David sponsored Brooks Minor Hockey, "The Zastre Tigers", for more than 30 years and also received a life time recognition for his Christmas Light display. He will be truly missed for his excellent sense of humor, quick wit, kind big heart and many other generosities he gave over the years. In memory of David, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made to Canadian Cancer Society, #200, 325 Manning Road NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 2P5. Due to Covid-19 restrictions a Family service will be held. Cremation is entrusted to and conducted by Smith Funeral Home Ltd. and Crematorium, Brooks

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**BALDERSON** - Donna Marie Balderson of Brooks, beloved wife of Don Balderson, passed away in Calgary on Friday, September 11th, 2020 at the age of 71 years. Donna was born on April 18th, 1949 in Leroy, Saskatchewan, one of nine children, to Leo and Elizabeth Koberinski. Donna graduated from Lanigan Central High School in Lanigan Saskatchewan. Donna and Don were married in Stettler, Alberta on July 17th, 1971 and they resided in Brooks for the past 40 years. Donna was enjoying her retirement alongside her wonderful husband Don and had previously been employed at Newell Associate Clinic for many years. Donna was an avid reader and loved being on the golf course golfing with her family and hiking whenever possible. She loved spending time in and around nature with her family including her pets. Donna was a very loving and caring person to everyone she met. She had an infectious smile and laugh that she shared with everyone who knew her, both young and old. Donna was predeceased by both her parents, Leo and Elizabeth Koberinski; brother Marvin; sister Marilyn; mother-in-law Helen Balderson and a brother-in-law Dennis Balderson. She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years Don Balderson; her two sons, Scott of Las Vegas, Nevada and Troy (Lori) of Surrey, B.C. and their 3 children (Jonathon, Melissa and Sierra) and 4 great grandchildren; brothers, Donald of Humboldt, Sk., Norm (Sharon) of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Reginald of Saskatoon, Sk. and Merle (Myrna) of Nanaimo, B.C.; sisters, Darlene Hurman of Saskatoon and Karen of Maple Ridge, B.C.; sisters-in-law Roberta Sissons of Alix, Alberta, Rose Koberinski of Saskatoon and Dianna Balderson of Drayton Valley, Alberta and numerous nieces and nephews. A Family Service will be held.

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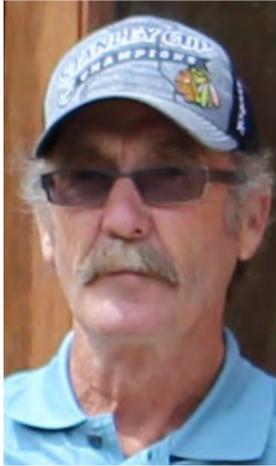
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**obituaries**



**McCALLUM** - Wray Ian McCallum of Lomond passed away on Sept 10, 2020 in Medicine Hat at the age of 67.

Ian was born August 18, 1953, third child of seven born to Wray and Helen McCallum of Queenstown. He attended school in Milo until he went on to high school in Vulcan. After high school Ian moved to Lomond to work on the farm for his brother-in-law, Don Beagle and sister, Joyce. After working for them for a few years he purchased three quarters of land from the Dept. of Lands and Forests. He continued working for Don and farmed his own land as well. Through the years there were 3 more quarters of land added as well as the development of irrigation on the farm. In 1999 a new house was built on land east of Badger Lake where Ian lived until his passing.

In 1977, Ian married Denise Teasdale of Lomond. Together they raised 3 children on the family farm they built.

Ian always loved hockey. He started on the rink his dad built at their home near Queenstown. He started his minor hockey in Milo and finished his last years in Gleichen. After minor hockey there was no junior team to play for so Ian started playing with the Vulcan Wheat Kings Senior Men's team at the age of 17. Through the years he went on to play for the Circle Hill Coronas, the Lomond Lakers, the Lomond Merchant Rec team and the Lomond Oldtimers.

As well as playing, Ian was also a dedicated coach. He was involved in coaching at least one of his sons every year of their minor hockey career. He coached basically every age group from mighty mite to Sr. Men's winning league championships and provincial playoffs along the way. All over southern Alberta there are men young and old who know Ian as "Coach".



As well as his wife, Denise, Ian is survived by his daughter Carla and granddaughter Paityn of Brooks, son Derek (Joanna) of Calgary and son Dennis of Lethbridge. He is also survived by sisters, Joyce (Don) of Victoria, Grace (Eric) and Janice (Hugh) of Vulcan, Rhonda of Lethbridge, and Shari (Dan) of Carmangay and brother Glenn of Queenstown as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents.

Any tributes in Ian's memory can be made to the Lomond Arena Building Fund (L.C.C.A.S.), Box 264, Lomond, AB. T0L1G0. For further information, to send flowers or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomsfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.

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**Rhian Schroeder, Associate Superintendent, Business Services**  
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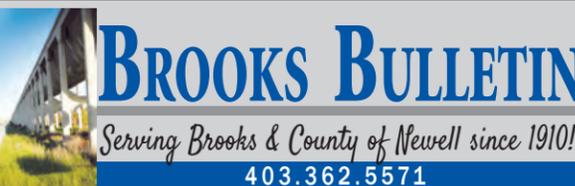
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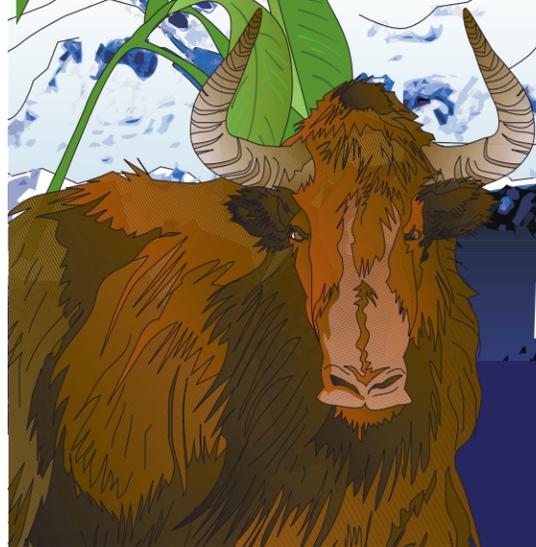
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# TIBET

**Mt. Everest** is called Chomolungma, “goddess mother of the world,” by Tibetans. At 29,029 feet (8,848 m) it is the highest place on Earth. It is part of the Himalayas.



The **Yak** is a type of wild ox. Tibetan herders and farmers use its meat, hides and milk.

## In a word

The name **Tibet** is derived from the Mongolian **Thubet**, the Chinese **Tufan**, the Thai **Thibet**, and the Arabic **Tubbat**.

Tibet is sometimes called the “roof of the world” because of its many high mountains, including the Himalayas and Mt. Everest.

## A land in dispute

Many Tibetans say their country is an independent nation, but the Chinese government says it is part of China.

Tibet has kept its own culture, written and spoken language, religion and political system for centuries.

Tibetan protesters want protection for their cultural identity, for freedom, for human rights and the return of the Dalai Lama.

Today, Tibet is under Chinese occupation and has been divided into Chinese provinces. When China refers to Tibet, it is referring to the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) of China. The people of Tibet associate Tibet with the historical area it covered prior to the invasion of the 1950s.



Historic Tibet

## Wildlife

In addition to wild yaks, Tibetan antelopes, Tibetan gazelle, blue sheep, wild horses, tigers, bears, monkeys, black-necked cranes and giant pandas also live in Tibet.

The **giant panda** has become an iconic representative for endangered species and the World Wildlife Fund. Once endangered, it is now listed as vulnerable because population numbers have increased.



The Chinese government forbids the flying or display of the Tibetan flag. This flag is also known as the **snow lion flag**. The snow lion represents the mountain ranges and glaciers of Tibet. The flag is still used by the Tibetan government-in-exile.

## The Dalai Lama

Since the 17th century, the Dalai Lama has been Tibet’s political and spiritual leader. He is symbol of unification and wisdom, representing Buddhist values and traditions.

In 1959, believing his life was in danger, the 14th Dalai Lama fled Tibet. He has been living as a refugee in India, where he has established a democratic government (known as the Central Tibetan Administration). He advocates for a “Middle Way Approach,” proposing that Tibet remain a part of the People’s Republic of China but with far greater control over its own affairs.

When the current Dalai Lama dies, a search for the lama’s **yangsi**, or reincarnation, will be made.

## Just the facts

### Population (2020)

In TAR: 3.18 million  
(About 4 million Tibetans live in other areas in China. Approximately 120,000 Tibetans live in exile.)

**Capital city** Lhasa

**Highest elevation** Mt. Everest  
29,029 ft. (8,848 m)

**Average elevation**  
Tibetan Plateau  
14,750 ft. (4,500 m)

**Economy** Primarily agricultural



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