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Fortis Alberta crews at work just southeast of Brooks last week. | BROOKS BULLETIN PHOTO

Council ups franchise fees by 2.87 per cent

SANDRA M STANWAY
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is operating businesses in the city.

Brooks homeowners will pay some \$100,000 next year and years after towards the revenue loss the city will incur by eliminating business licence fees.

And while businesses will save dollars because of the business fee cut it will be tempered by an increase in utility fees.

The mayor and all but one councillor on Monday agreed to increase the Atco franchise fee by 1.5 per cent to 19.5 per cent and the Fortis franchise fee to 14 per cent from 12.63 per cent. The increase will mean homeowners will pay an additional \$24 per year which works out to about a 1.15 per cent tax increase.

The fees are included in customer utility bills and are directed to municipalities as an allowance for infrastructure in municipal rights-of-way and streets.

The city's 2020 revenue from business licences was budgeted at about \$166,000.

The annual cost of a new licence for a city resident is \$150, renewal is \$100, county residents pay \$300 for a new licence and \$250 for a renewal. There are 924 licences issued by the city, including 186 home-based businesses, 547 store front and 86 county businesses.

There are 105 non-resident licences from outside the area who pay \$550 for a new licence and \$500 for a renewal. Those costs will remain in place for now but will be discussed in the future.

During last week's council committee meeting Norm Gerestein was the only one who opposed the fee increase and did not want to see it discussed at council.

On Monday Gerestein told council he could not vote for the motion because all households will be impacted including seniors and those suffering the affects of COVID.

"I just can't see us increasing a fee like this to those individuals" he said.

"It's a tax on everybody. Now everyone is getting a 1.15 per cent tax increase," he told The Bulletin following the meeting.

CAO Alan Martens sees the fee increase "kind of like a form of taxation but it's spread over everybody and has less of an impact on just the smaller group."

Gerestein believes the city will lose control of who

is operating businesses in the city.

"What the motion does is actually not get rid of the business licences just the fee," said Martens.

He said there needs to be incentive to ensure people take out the licence and he does see the process as a way to accomplish the reduction of red tape.

"I believe it would reduce a lot of red tape," he said.

Much of the red tape, he said, is chasing business owners to pay the annual fee.

Councillor Joel Goodnough, who supports the fee, questioned why utility bills would be increased to cover the cost of someone's business.

"I appreciate we want to help out the red tape thing but there is the reality that this is the cost of doing business yearly in our city. I have a hard time that we're going to charge everyone else for businesses that I might not use," he said.

Mayor Barry Morishita said he looks at the issue as a revenue to run the city and not necessarily run the business licence process.

"Certainly when we talk about fees we try to rationalize as much as possible to relate to the activity," he said.

"We do need the revenue. We could just raise taxes as well, don't get me wrong but I think actually, franchise fees spreads it across a broader base of people that use the services rather than just property taxes."

Councillor Dan Klein sees the elimination of the business licence fee as a way for the city to be more competitive.

Rosemary and the county do not charge for a business licence while Bassano and Duchess do charge.

The last time the city increased the Fortis fee was in 2015.

Through the increases the city will receive about \$1,129,272 in 2021 or an additional \$110,508 over this year.

COVID case at Brooks Post Office

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A Canada Post employee has tested positive for COVID-19.

A media relations representative confirmed the positive testing over the weekend.

"We can confirm that one employee at the post office in Brooks, Alta. informed us of testing positive for COVID-19," states an email response.

"They were contacted by Alberta Public Health through contact tracing after they were exposed to the virus outside of the workplace. The employee was last at work on Oct. 12."

The office is following the guidance of Alberta public health in informing employees, supporting contact tracing and conducting thorough precautionary sanitization.

The post office was sanitized on Thursday and it was reopened on Friday morning.

"We certainly understand that operating during COVID-19 can cause concerns for employees.

That's why, since the beginning, we've committed to closely following the advice of public health officials at the national and local level in order to keep the employees and the people they serve safe," states the email.

Canada Post did implement physical distancing in their facilities and have visible markings, staggered start times, increased cleaning and availability of safety equipment and sanitizers.

They also provided reusable face coverings, "which we strongly recommend using in our facilities when physical distancing can't be maintained even for brief periods.

"We regularly talk to employees, reminding them to do a mandatory self-assessment for symptoms before arriving for work."



A sign at the post office door in Brooks on Thursday notifies customers they are closed due to staffing.

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Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - I don't seem to have any Happy Birthday

greetings for this coming week. Please let me know

if you would like to be included.



A skeleton 'rides' a motorcycle in Sunnylea. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Celebrating their wedding anniversary this coming week are John and Bernice Kuefler on October 23.

The Rainier community club will be sponsoring a bonfire and wiener roast on Saturday, October 24, depending on the harvest and weather situations. More specific details will be forthcoming by email or phone or bush telegraph.

Alcoma School News - 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 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 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 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.

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 or 403-793-0692.

Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - It looks like weather we want it or not winter is definitely around the corner. I guess it does come every year but it seems, as I grow older it comes faster each year.

Really proud of our grandson Eli who got his drivers license last week, he's been anxiously waiting to turn 16 and gain this independence.

Thank you to the Barton's (Eileen) for decorating for Thanksgiving and for Halloween it makes Wardlow look so festive and welcoming.

John has been busy getting stuff ready for the gun show and I'm trying to decide what to take to the quilt retreat. Last year I wasn't able to go and I really missed those ladies what a great group.

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



VILLAGE OF DUCHESS NOTICE OF INCREASE TO THE FRANCHISE FEE ON NATURAL GAS BILLINGS

The Village of Duchess is proposing to increase the natural gas distribution franchise fee which it charges ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., for the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of the Village and for use of municipal lands for its natural gas lines. The franchise fee applies to all customers that receive gas services in the Village of Duchess and is required to be billed as a separate charge on gas billings.

The current franchise fee is set at 14% for ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. delivery revenues and will increase to 15% effective January 1, 2021. For an average residential customer using 115 GJ's per year, this will result in an annual increase of about \$4.98 from the average paid in 2020. The franchise fee currently accounts for approximately \$69.75 of the average annual bill.

For questions or concerns please contact:
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Bassano council approves rezoning of land for FAB Village

Next step is to remove municipal reserve designation...

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With no comments from the public Bassano council last Tuesday approved the rezoning of 702-5A Avenue from residential manufactured to public and institutional in support of the construction of a FAB Village (future adaptive building).

"There have been no public comments regarding the rezoning of that property," Bassano CAO Amanda Davis told council.

Prior to first reading the town received feedback from residents as their preferred location for the project. The first location beside the community hall was not accepted by residents.

Council also gave first reading to remove the municipal reserve (MR)

designation from the property.

A public hearing for the removal of the MR will be on Nov. 9. If there are no objections the motion will receive final reading at the meeting.

"If the project does not go ahead the land can be returned to an MR designation or it can continue to be used as public institutional zoning," Davis said.

Also on Tuesday Newell Foundation members accepted the Bassano Health Project Continuing Care Concept Design Report as information.

The 26-page document proposes a concept building plan that is "organized around a communal outdoor living space which is designed as a village street."

The full continuing care plan proposes 60 units including a permanent one-storey building, 27 freestanding living units, 26 designated supported

living 1&2 units (DSL1/2), 17 supported living units for 4D (dementia care), 17 long term care units, central amenities, public space as well as administration, mechanical and as well as activity spaces for each development.

The new concept, when it's compared to the 2018 Bassano Project which would be a community for seniors in all stages of life, shows a reduction in total building area by 14,000 square feet.

"The innovations incorporated into the FAB model offers a higher quality of life for residents as well as capital and operational cost efficiencies that benefit the Newell Foundation and AHS," states the proposal.

There is no cost estimated in the project included in the proposal.

There is also a proposal in the document to expand the project so a road alignment would be built to extend 5A Ave to connect 6th Street to 5th Street.

Canalief gets construction time extension

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Bassano council on Tuesday approved a time extension for the development of the Canalief cannabis production facility at 1002 2nd Avenue.

"Canalief has been working through some of their development files. There has been a delay with that site as a result of the pandemic," CAO Amanda

Davis told council.

The situation has put the company in contravention of the sales agreement.

The company was to have the foundation built by Dec. 1, 2019.

"This has kind of been a continuation with them since that time," Davis said.

Council agreed to allow the company to get the foundation in by September 2021.

Canalief is also working to finish the conversion of the welding shop at 201 1st Avenue which will also be used for a production location.

In August the town's Municipal Planning Commission granted the extension, also to help the company deal with the delays from the pandemic.

The extension is until February 2021.

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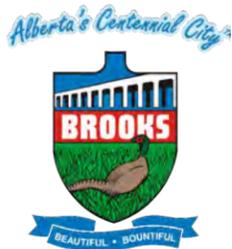


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YARD WASTE COLLECTION NOTICE

The final week for
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FRANCHISE FEE INCREASE NOTICE

Please be advised that the City of Brooks is proposing to increase the local access fee, which is charged to FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) for use of municipal lands for its power lines effective January 1, 2021.

The fee is recovered by FortisAlberta from its customers as the local municipal access fee on electric billings of all customers that receive electric service in the City of Brooks. This local access fee will be increased from \$8.17 (12.63%) to \$9.66 (14%) of the delivery charge of FortisAlberta, excluding energy related riders. This calculation is based on 640 kWh consumption in 30 days.

Questions or concerns should be directed to Shelley Thomas, Manager of Finance at (403) 794-2263.

Thank you.

BUDGET CONSULTATION

HAVE YOUR SAY ON BROOKS' BUDGET FOR 2021

The City of Brooks is once again consulting the community on budgetary spending and service levels through a short online survey.

Complete the online survey and receive the chance to win an iPad or a one-year recreation pass to the JBS Canada Centre!



The survey is now live at
BrooksBudget.ca



RV DUMP SITE
CLOSING SOON

The RV Dump on 7th St E will be closed for the season on Friday, October 23rd.

If the weather turns cold prior to the 23rd, then it will be closed sooner.

EDITORIAL

Will “Greeners” agree to irrigation expansion?

There is no question that irrigation is the key to world food supply. This is a fact that southern Albertans have known for over 100 years.

The main motive behind the Canadian Pacific Railroad’s construction of the Bassano Dam and the immense system of irrigation canals and works was to turn the area into a Mecca for pioneers who would ride the rails to the west and bring their belongings and other family members with them. The expectation was that the southern prairies of Alberta would soon be a huge contributor to the agricultural economy and thus the pockets of Canadian Pacific.

As it turned out, the railroad for a few reasons didn’t have the ability to make a go of the system and thus they transferred it to the newly commissioned Eastern Irrigation District in 1935 along with a huge amount of land and cash to help the EID take it off their hands.

Of course with the ingenuity and smarts of men like Carl Anderson the rest is history and today the EID is a huge contributor to the economy of not just this area but the whole of western Canada.

Over the years, together with the provincial government, huge strides have been made in using water more efficiently which has allowed irrigation districts to add more acres without using more water.

The EID plans to add more acres and has a plebiscite planned for the input of water users.

This will be delayed for a bit with the news that eight irrigation districts in south

Alberta will receive some \$815 million to replace canals and ditches with pipeline and build more efficiencies to make better use of the water they divert from Alberta’s waterways.

Funding includes \$244.5 million in grants to irrigation districts including the EID. The districts will contribute \$163 million and \$407.5 million will come from the Canada Infrastructure Bank which will be repaid by the districts over 35 years at one percent interest. This is good news indeed especially when there is great need for more storage reservoirs.

It is interesting, however, to note there was a positive nod to the project by Canada’s agriculture minister in spite of the fact that the federal Liberals are hell-bent on setting environmental roadblocks for any major construction in the country.

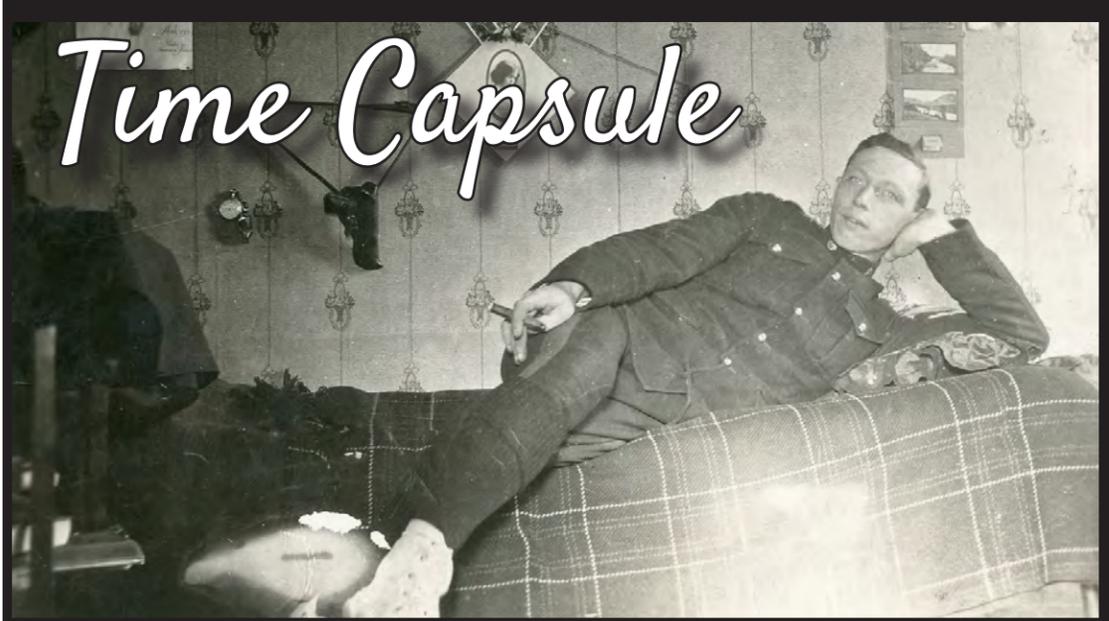
As our ag writer Will Verboven says this week, “Will the bank demand that the expansion plan meet zero-emissions standards by 2030 to get their share?”

Also, as he mentions there are groups not only in Alberta but elsewhere who are opposed to irrigation and there is no doubt they will have this on their radar screens.

Irrigation districts provide not only water for irrigation but also for domestic supplies and wildlife plus recreation.

Our irrigation districts are necessary for food production on a large scale and the use of their water allotment is not treated lightly.

Expansion is necessary in order to feed a growing population.



CPL. BOB WIGHT, RNWMP, relaxing. The second “Mountie” posted to the Brooks area, succeeding Cpl. “Happy” Davies who was shot and killed was Cpl. Bob Wight who had been stationed previously at Bassano and Parvella.
Cpl. Wight used to ride a “beat” from south Eyremore (duplicate name for Bow City) to Parvella, north of Jenner on the plains beyond the Red Deer River.

Herd Immunity, Reinfection and the Great Barrington Declaration

COLUMNIST



GWYNNE DYER

After eight full months of the global pandemic, the pressure to keep the economies open and let the chips (or rather, the elderly) fall where they may is growing strong.

The ‘Great Barrington Declaration’ of 4 October was signed by three medical professors from Oxford, Harvard and Stanford universities and by tens of thousands of other people. It demands a return to “life as normal” – no mention of masks, social distancing, contact tracing or Covid-19 tests – for everybody except “the vulnerable”, who would presumably self-isolate semi-permanently.

Never mind that the sponsor is the American Institute for Economic Research, a libertarian think-tank funded by the Charles Koch Foundation and other hard-right American groups whose main business is climate change denial.

Never mind that the declaration advocates ‘herd immunity’, a blessed state that is normally achieved by mass vaccination, not by exposing the entire population to a disease with a 3% mortality rate.

Never mind either that re-infections with Covid-19 are now a documented fact, which means that ‘herd immunity’ is not really possible with the various strains of this coronavirus. Forget the ideology and look at what is really happening with Covid-19 death rates.

The leading indicator for vulnerability to Covid-19 is speaking Spanish. Among the countries with the highest death rates per million people,

six out of the top ten are Spanish-speaking: Peru (1,010 deaths per million), Bolivia (711), Spain (710), Chile (699), Ecuador (691), and Mexico (649).

If you include Portuguese-speaking Brazil (709 deaths per million), then seven out of the worst ten speak the languages of the Iberian peninsula. Two others are English-speaking countries with populist governments: the United States (666) and the United Kingdom (633). The tenth, mysteriously, is Belgium (880).

How weird is this? Well, no other country on the planet is above 600 deaths per million. And equally curious is the fact that none of the other developed countries that speak English have exceptionally high Covid death rates: New Zealand (5 deaths per million), Australia (35), and Canada (255).

You can account for the very low Australian and New Zealand death rates by the sheer geographical isolation of these countries, but you could not find two countries closer or more alike (except in their politics) than Canada and the United States. Yet the US death rate is almost three times the Canadian rate. How can we explain all this?

The great majority of the countries with under 100 Covid deaths per million people are Asian and African nations with fast-growing populations and a median age of well under 30. Covid-19 selectively kills elderly people, and such people are very scarce in these countries.

A few richer East Asian countries in this under-100-deaths-per million group have much older populations (China’s median age is 37.4 years, Japan’s is 43.4 years). But these are all countries with well developed medical systems, strong social discipline, and recent experience with similar pandemics.

Then there is the broad group of countries with between 100 and 500 deaths per million. Most are rich countries with relatively

old populations and good medical systems, but lower social discipline (or, if you prefer, more social freedom).

They range from Germany (117 deaths per million) and Russia (157) to Ireland (369) and France (500). Elderly people are a big chunk of the population, and how many actually die seems to be determined mainly by how well each government manages the pandemic. The wrong policy or a few days’ delay in acting can make a huge difference.

The final group are the Latin American countries (almost all over 500), where median ages are as high as in the rich countries but medical services and government competence tend to be worse. Lots of old people die, and even many younger people who would have survived in better run and less unequal countries don’t make it.

How did the United States and the United Kingdom end up in the same sad group? Both countries have populist governments so obsessed with their own popularity that they reflexively delay or avoid unpopular but necessary decisions. Too little, too late on the way into lock-down; too fast on the way out.

And what about Spain and Belgium? Maybe that was just poor management: there are always a few outliers. But the general conclusion is clear.

What really matters is the age profile of the population. In poor countries with fast-growing, very youthful populations, the economic cost of lock-down probably outweighs the harm done to the relatively few elderly people. In Uganda, only 2% of the population is over 65: protect them by wearing masks and so on, but don’t close down the economy.

In Germany, half the population are over 47, and almost a quarter are over 65. Taking the Great Barrington Declaration’s advice could cost half a million lives. Horses for courses.*





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Bow City Signal

JOYCE CALVERT



BOW CITY - The snow we had last Friday night was not the most welcome and it is still here. Hopefully things turn around weather wise as it is a little early for this.

If you have some news for my column you can email Vikki at v1252@hotmail.com or phone me at 403-362-2206 all by Sunday night. Would be nice to get a

little more community news in the paper.

Our sincere condolences go out to Diane Reiss (one of my many adopted daughters) on the

passing of her love, Kevin Hok on Wednesday the 14th. Our thoughts are with you dear.

Dana Molnar, from Calgary, came to Dan and Wanda's on Thanksgiving Friday till Sunday. We all had supper at Brad and Carrie's that Wanda cooked including hot dogs, macaroni and cheese and beans. Good old fashioned supper.

Dan and Wanda traveled to Lethbridge to visit with Dan's sister, Wendy, then had supper with Devin and Dallas then back to Picture Butte for a good visit with friends Dan and Sandra. Good day all the way around and lots of laughs and giggles.

Carrie Palko's son, Ray, came for Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday. Carrie says it was nice to spend some time with him, Turkey!

I'm not a complete idiot, some parts are missing.

A Choice Morsel

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

Pastor Alvin Penner, Duchess Mennonite Church

Recently a friend asked me why gossip feels so good. I immediately thought of the Bible verse that says "The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts." (Prov. 18:8) But what kind of taste do they leave because few of us like being the subject to gossip?

Why do we indulge in this guilty pleasure? From my experience it seems like gossip builds a social bond because shared dislikes create stronger bonds than shared positives. Two people who don't know each other will feel closer if they share something mean about a third person than if they say nice things about them. It's a way of demonstrating their shared values and sense of humour. Those who study communication tell us that about 60% of adult conversation involves talking about somebody else, so it just seems very

easy or natural for gossip to creep in.

But the Bible warns us about the dangers. "Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends." (Prov 17:9) Just one example of teaching that fills the Scriptures with wise counsel on how we talk about others. Rather than glossing over or minimizing our desire for a juicy morsel about someone else, we should head in the other direction. We should seek to build up. The results are amazing! "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." Prov. 18:21

I also have a friend who hates gossip, and only talks about other people in a positive light. I enjoy spending time with him because of the "life" I feel in my spirit after spending time with him.

What kind of fruit is your tongue producing, bitter or sweet? One may go down well but leaves a bad taste in your heart for a long time. The other kind brings life. May the Lord give us all the ability to discern the difference.

ATTENTION All past and present St. Alban's parishioners:

Please be advised of a SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING that will be held on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 at 7:00 pm** at St. Alban's Church. With the recent retirement of the rector we are looking for your participation as we discuss the future of St. Alban's. Covid procedures will be in place.

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Ron Wickson gets another term as mayor

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

At Bassano's organizational meeting on Tuesday Ron Wickson was acclaimed to his third term as mayor and Irv Morey was acclaimed to his first term as deputy mayor.

Each October organizational meetings are held in Bassano, Duches,

Rosemary and the County of Newell. Brooks is the only community in the area that elects their mayor to a full term during a municipal election.

Rosemary and Duchess will hold their organizational meeting tonight.

The county's meeting is on Thursday.



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DATED at the Village of Duches, in the Province of Alberta, this 16th day of October, 2020.

[Signature]
Returning Officer

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Former Brooks grad writes Scientific American cover story

Tore Nielsen now at University of Montreal....

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

For the past seven months we have been dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic with obsessive handwashing, social distancing and mask-wearing.

It has been a difficult period for many people who have been either forced indoors as a preventative measure or generally kept away from their families to avoid any kind of contamination; many of those people have been having COVID dreams.

It has been during this period that people have been posing questions on social media about their dreams and asking others if they are dreaming more including Laura Helmuth, the Editor-in-Chief of Scientific American magazine.

A conversation was struck up between Helmuth and former Brooks resident, Tore Nielsen who graduated from Brooks Composite High School in the early 70s

and who is now a professor of psychiatry at the University of Montreal and its director of the Dream and Nightmare Laboratory which lead to the magazine's October 2020 cover article Infectious Dreams: How the COVID-19 pandemic is changing our sleeping lives.

His article discusses how living in a COVID world is like being thrown into an alternative reality and how the pandemic has altered our dream worlds.

"Earlier this year, when stay-at-home directives were put in place widely, society quite unexpectedly experienced what I am calling a dream surge - a global increase in the reporting of vivid, bizarre dreams, many of which are concerned with coronavirus and social distancing," he writes in Infectious Dreams.

"I was just lucky the editor-in-chief had an interest in her own dreams. It may have been why my article was on the cover," said Nielsen.

"It's one of the highlights of my career getting published in this world-famous journal and actually making the cover page. I was not expecting that," he said.

Through Nielsen's study of COVID dreams, he has been looking for common themes.

Initially, the word 'hands' was found to be common, showing up in a large percentage of the posts and it made sense since everyone was worried about hand sanitizer and washing.

"We thought it made sense but when we compared our set of pandemic dreams with a set of dreams collected way before the COVID crisis we found that 'hands' are very common in all kinds of dreams," he said.

"Hands are actually a common theme in dreams because we use our hands for everything," he said.

There are many things Nielsen wants to study about COVID dreams including when they subside and when they return.

He said the snapshot of dreams reported in April, May and early June showed a fluctuation in some themes including dreams about not wearing a mask or social distancing while at a party.

"That peaked in late May and it started to go down again in June.

That's when they first started announcing some re-openings," he said.

With Montreal again a pandemic 'red zone' Nielsen said he is starting again to notice in his own dreams the social distancing.

"I expect it's going to wax and wane like that with the comings and goings of required distancing. That's a question we can't answer yet," he said.

He is also looking at how people are affected who are closer to a pandemic epicentre, such as New York, maybe having more COVID dreams than those who live in a rural area, such as Brooks.

Using the 9/11 tragedy as an example, he said those who were closer to the epicentre or who watched the Twin Towers collapse over and over on TV tended to have more bad dreams.

"There's kind of a distance effect. The closer you are to the event the

more intense it would be.

"In the rural areas where it's been safer, it's less of a stress and concern. So it probably won't affect dreams too much unless you are a frontline worker."

It's really an unknown how long the effects on dreams will remain but Nielsen believes they will change with the comings and goings of the pandemic threats and until a trusted vaccine is found.

"Even then there's no guarantee that those vaccines are going to be longer-lasting than say an annual flu vaccine. So the invisible threats and the social distancing threats are going to be there for a long time to come," he said.

The October 2020 edition of Scientific American is not only special because a former resident wrote the cover story but it is also the first time in its 175-year history the magazine journal has endorsed a U.S.

BCHS alumnus



TORE NIELSEN

presidential candidate.

Joe Biden was endorsed because of U.S. President Donald Trump's response to and blame for the COVID-19 pandemic, in which as of Oct. 18, there were 8.123 million confirmed U.S. cases and 219,000 confirmed deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University.

Brooks has entered provincial COVID watch list

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The City of Brooks has moved into a COVID-19 watch list by the province.

City CAO Alan Martens told council on Monday the number of cases in the city is 15 and is over a ratio of 50 cases per 100,000 population. There are four cases in the County of Newell.

"They put us on a watch status," he said.

There are no additional measures to be taken.

One of the 15 cases includes someone at a school, however, all schools in the area are open. An outbreak is

declared when there are two or more confirmed cases.

The school is not identified but parents would have been notified.

Of the other cases, he was told, one is travel related and 13 are being attributed to a wellness and a faith setting.

He also said AHS officials suggested some of the numbers could have gone up because of Thanksgiving gatherings.

"Our bubble has burst a little bit," said Martens.

While the city is not currently mandating masks, they are strongly recommended to protect yourself and others.

The city will continue to monitor the situation for masks.

"We have to continue what we need to do to keep ourselves safe. We need to continue washing our hands and sanitizing them, refrain from touching our faces and also wearing masks when we know we can't do our proper social distancing," he said.

The city had a major outbreak early in the pandemic but Martens believes residents can stay on top of the situation to help avoid higher numbers.

"If we all work together we should be able to do that," he said.



City employees Berlonne Mankessi, left, and Marcy Rudyck get a Communities in Bloom flowerbed cleared out for the winter. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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In your garden... LINDA TOMLINSON

A wet spring and warm late fall has produced an abundance of produce that can be placed in storage or processed to eat later in the year. Do not leave excess in the garden as it will attract rodents and host viruses and diseases.

Consider giving excess items to others, donating it to a Food Bank or community kitchen. Most establishments that help feed the hungry are run by a small group of volunteers. They rarely have the facilities or manpower to clean or process the dirty produce. Washing and removing excess foliage enable the organizations to utilize the product.

Phone ahead to ask if they are accepting fresh produce as donations at this time of year can be overwhelming. How much they can take depends on their facilities and their clients.

If nonedible items, tender tubers and corms for flowering plants are left in the ground overwinter they freeze and die. They should be dug after the first killer frost and placed in a warm area where the soil can dry and be brushed away. When removing the soil look for signs of injury and disease. Discard any item that is not in top condition. Storing injured or diseased roots is not wise as diseases and mold spread quickly from one stored item to another. Those that have had trouble in the past might want to dust the roots, corms, tubers, etc with a fungicide; following the instruction

on the container.

Stems on gladiola corms are cut back to a couple of inches (5 cm) above the corms then air dried in a warm ventilated area for two to three weeks. Once dried, remove the old dried up corms on the bottom and the stem on the top. The tiny cormels at the base of the new corms can be collected to be planted next season but it will take a few years for the tiny corms to mature and flower. Place the corms in a mesh bag and store in an area where the temperature ranges between 2-7°C (35-45°F).

Once tubers are dug, remove leaves or stems that are still intact with a sharp knife or shears. Brush away the soil and store as is or cut the tubers apart and get them ready for next spring.

Removing excess materials means that less storage space is needed but care must be taken to insure the cuts callus over before they are stored. Open cuts allow diseases to enter.

Tubers and roots have a thin skin and are more likely to lose moisture. Store thin skinned root systems in

a damper cold room or root cellar. Many people dry pack the tubers and roots in materials such as sphagnum moss or vermiculite.

Check on stored items a couple times throughout the winter. Remove any item that is compromised by mold or disease. Mist roots and tubers if they are starting to become soft and shrivel. Always store more than needed just in case some do not make it through the winter.

Winter is fast approaching. Take the time to lift any produce or tender roots, corms and tubers before they are frozen.

Linda Tomlinson has gardened in Central Alberta for over 30 years. She can be reached at your_garden.com



Dahlia and gladiolus that were judged.

Bandits one of three teams vying for 2021 AJHL Showcase

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Some of the best junior A hockey players could be showing their stuff on ice in Brooks in 2021 if the Bandits are awarded the AJHL Showcase.

The program has been running for 14 years and is in Camrose for its seventh year. Prior to that Spruce Grove hosted the event. Now it's time to find a new home for the annual showcase.

"It's one of the premier events in the league throughout the year," Nathan Crosby, the team's business manager told city council on Tuesday.

The 16 AJHL teams would complete in a pair of regular

season games over four days of the event which draws coaches, players, scouts from the NHL, NCAA and Canadian post-secondary schools.

"We are constantly looking at ways to improve our team," Crosby said.

As part of the bid Crosby asked the city if they could use the Centennial Regional Arena at no cost and for the full support of the city by waiving all in-kind fees associated with use of the arena.

The cost would be about \$7,100 for the four days including staff time and the loss of fees from other events including the loss of about 16 hours of revenue from Duchess and Brooks Minor Hockey, an Oldtimers

league and public skating and other public events.

The event, Crosby said, would make money, however, it hasn't been a huge money maker.

"Our goal is to make this event something that draws more fans to these games," he said.

On Monday council agreed to support the bid and to waive all fees. The application is to be submitted by Nov. 2.

As for the 2019 National Junior Hockey Championships that were held in Brooks, the Bandits have not released how much was raised but was confirmed at the team's AGM in August it is in the "six digits."

City portable sign bylaw to remain status quo

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The city will not permit any additional portable signs to be installed as recommended by administration and the sign committee.

Brooks city councillor Jon Nesbitt said the sign committee decided they want to keep the bylaw the way it is.

"We thought it was not a very nice sight for people to come into town and see all the signs all over the place," he said.

"Our board (includes councillors Nesbitt, Bill Prentice, Dan Klein) feels we would like to keep it as it is and not make changes to the bylaw," he said.

Klein said additional signs should be allowed at four new locations in the city, however, councillor John Petrie disagreed.

"I think we should keep our city property sacred and not have any of those signs on city property," Petrie said.

"If we start allowing extra signs then there's going to be other ones still coming up. It never goes away," said councillor Bill Prentice.

"No matter what decision

we make, we'll pass it and it will be back on our plates by summer," said Klein.

Mayor Barry Morishita and Klein were the only two to vote in favour of the recommendation to allow a six month trial period for four additional sign locations.

The defeated motion means the sign program

will remain status quo except the committee will recommend to council that job board signs are to be decommissioned over the next six months.

Amy Rommens, the city's administration manager said the job board signs don't fit the current definition of community event advertising.



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No increase in franchise fee for Bassano

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

With so many uncertainties about budgets from all government levels, Bassano town council agreed to not change the Fortis franchise fee - an amount collected by consumers and paid to each municipality.

Last year during the town's budget discussions they included a one per cent increase of the fees over the next two years but a lot changed.

"In reviewing the

unknowns with the provincial budget, the federal budget and our operating, I have not proposed an increase to our franchise fee and that we maintain it for another year," the town's CAO Amanda Davis told council on Tuesday.

The town will keep their rate at 14.4 per cent. The revenue collected is expected to be about \$168,000.

Last month the town maintained its ATCO franchise fee at 25 per cent. It is expected to raise

\$100,000 for the town.

The Village of Duchess will discuss the Fortis franchise fee at tonight's meeting which is currently at 15 per cent. In September the village council did raise the ATCO fee by one per cent to 15 per cent.

The unknowns about the budgets also prevented Bassano from entering into a 50-50 Christmas light project with the town's historical society valued at \$18,000.

The lights are for the town's light standards.

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Brooks Bandits and Okotoks Oilers returned to the Centennial Regional Arena for Game 4 of exhibition play. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Bandits have perfect record in exhibition series

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The pandemic doesn't seem to be slowing down the Alberta Junior Hockey League's Brooks Bandits who have a perfect 4-0 exhibition record against the Okotoks Oilers.

At home on Saturday the Bandits won their fourth consecutive match, 3-1. Goalie Jared Whale is credited with 23 saves.

Okotoks got their only goal of the game during the first period but 90 seconds later Bandits Ethan Lund

got one past the goalie with the assist from Sean Chisholm.

In the middle frame, Brayden Krieger blasted in the go-ahead powerplay goal.

The Bandits third and final goal of the night came in the form of an empty-netter from TJ Hughes.

On Friday night in Okotoks the Bandits took the game with a 6-5 victory. Credited with Bandits

goals in the game are Thomas Cusson in period one. In period two it was Devin Phillips with

a powerplay goal and Cussons and in the final period Dominick Campione and Chisholm were the 'point-getters'. At the end of regulation the score was tied at five.

Corson Ceulemans was the overtime hero after scoring on his own rebound at 2:48 at giving the Bandits the 6-5 win. Phillips was credited with the assist.

It was the team's second OT win of the series.

The Bandits return home for their final October exhibition match against Okotoks on Oct. 24.

Elected officials to seek funding for regional bus

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

With very little financial support from the area municipalities for bus service between Brooks and Medicine Hat, the members of the joint services committee on Tuesday agreed to seek outside funding.

"It's a matter of tight budgets that prevents them from being able to continue to fund the service out of their operations," Layne Johnson, the county's director of corporate services, told committee members.

The bus has been operating with funds from an earlier transportation project but they will run out at the end of the year.

Many of the riders use the bus to attend doctor appointments in Medicine Hat and a recent survey found they were OK to continue using the service with a fee increase.

It will cost about \$40,000 to fund the program for one more year with the fee increase on Jan. 1.

City councillor Dan Klein said although it would be nice to find corporate sponsorship he wondered if it would be delaying the inevitable.

"Are we beating a dead horse?" he asked.

"I really do think we're

beating a dead horse, unfortunately," said county councillor Lionel Juss.

Juss said to get support for a short time is probably not worth it.

Brooks councillor Bill Prentice would like to see the program continue for one more year because of the pandemic.

"A lot of people are struggling to get transportation and it would likely really help if you got one more year for

some of the people who are struggling," he said.

Ron Wickson, Bassano's mayor and a member of the community's health foundation, is seeking more information on the project for the foundation which has considered some funding.

"It's still potentially on the table to get some support but I can't guarantee that we would actually put any money in at this point," he said.

Waiting for approval cost taxpayers an extra half million, says mayor

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The cost of the construction of the Hort Line sanitary sewer main project will cost the city \$524,809 more than it would have last year.

In May 2019 the city's council committee made a recommendation for council that Brooks Asphalt and Aggregate be awarded the project bid in the amount of \$3,722,274.

It was never formally approved by council because the city was waiting for word of government funding.

Earlier this year the city learned they were approved to receive \$2.44 million from the provincial and federal governments but the project had to be re-tendered as too much time had gone by.

During the council meeting earlier in the month the city awarded the contract to Brooks Asphalt in the amount of \$4,292,777, which was \$570,504 higher than the company's previous bid as other costs are to be added on including \$214,900 engineering cost and \$66,131 gravel crushing.

"What's the chance of going back to both levels of government and getting them to pay this extra \$500,000 because of their delays in approving things? I know that's facetious but it ticks me off," asked Councillor Dan Klein.

Mayor Barry Morishita said there are provincial and federal approval processes and he understands that according to the bilateral infrastructure agreement, once it's approved at the provincial level it should be OK'd at the federal level.

He said the province did not formally approve the project until February 2020.

"Between the two of them they managed to cost the taxpayers an extra half a million dollars which I'm sure they don't want to reimburse anybody," he said.

He said he will raise the issue to the appropriate ministries, "To show them if they just funded these things in the blocks that they keep talking about that's going to reduce red tape, we would have had this project done two years ago at a significant savings to everyone."

Four contractors submitted a bid on the

project, Kido Construction Ltd. for \$4,711,340, Thompson Infrastructure \$4,946,544, Whissell Contracting for \$5,045,883 and Brooks Asphalt.

The project includes \$1,332,400 in federal funds, \$1,110,222 in provincial (MSI) dollars, county enhancement funding of \$850,000 and a total of \$1,281,187 from the city's sewer reserve including the coverage.

The hydrovac waste pad, which is part of the contract, is to be built by the end of October.

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Trudeau delivers another blow to energy, mining sectors

ALEXI WHALEN AND ELMIRA ALIAKBARI
THE FRASER INSTITUTE

Newfoundland and Labrador's energy sector, already struggling from the downturn in world oil markets and the COVID-19 recession, has taken another blow - this time directly from the federal government.

The Liberal government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau recently imposed new rules - known as the Strategic Assessment of Climate Change (SACC) - that requires certain projects (including mines, and oil and gas projects) to describe how the project will achieve net-zero emissions.

According to federal Environment Minister Jonathan Wilkinson, the plan will ensure Canada exceeds its Paris climate agreement targets by 2030

and 2050.

SACC rules will require project proponents to estimate and provide information on "GHG emissions, impact of the project on carbon sinks, impact of the project on federal emissions reduction efforts and on global GHG emissions, mitigation measures and climate change resilience" at each of the five phases of the assessment process.

There are many problems with these new rules.

First, the federal government expects firms to devise "a credible plan" to achieve net-zero emissions when the government hasn't released details of its own plan. In fact, the government hasn't even released a cost-benefit analysis demonstrating how reaching this target would be in the best interests of Canadians.

Given the lack of

details from the federal government, it's reasonable to question the economic and technical feasibility of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050.

And yet Ottawa wants firms to produce their own detailed plans to reach this target. If project proponents are unable to produce net-zero emission plans, projects won't be approved.

To make matters worse, requiring companies to develop net-zero plans means Ottawa expects firms to commit to things they can't possibly predict, such as potential technological breakthroughs and changes in input costs.

How can the government expect firms to take such risks?

Second, SACC requirements will increase regulatory compliance costs as firms must now calculate emissions-related information (such as net

greenhouse gas emissions and emissions intensity) at every stage of the application process.

Firms will likely need to invest in monitoring equipment and hire experts (lawyers, consultants, engineers) to comply with the new regulations. Many oil and gas companies are struggling to stay afloat during the recession, which makes the new regulatory costs even more burdensome.

Finally, uncertainty - an investment killer - has increased since firms don't know what the federal government considers an "adequate amount of emissions."

The SACC requirements run counter to other recent regulatory changes announced by federal Natural Resources Minister Seamus O'Regan, which were said to improve regulatory efficiency in Newfoundland

and Labrador and "make the province a more internationally competitive place to invest."

Notwithstanding the present downturn, enormous economic potential exists for the oil and gas sector in the province. Studies indicate an undeveloped potential of at least 52.2 billion barrels of oil and nearly 200 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

To put this in perspective, Newfoundland and Labrador has averaged between 80 million and 100 million barrels of production per year since the offshore industry ramped up in the early 2000s.

However, none of this potential will be realized without a competitive and understandable regulatory environment. The last thing the province needs under current challenging conditions is for the federal government to add

unnecessary hurdles to the process.

As we've written previously, Bill C-69 has made the regulatory system more complex, uncertain and subjective. That's on top of existing measures that have harmed Canada's energy sector, including the federal carbon tax, Bill C-48 (the oil tanker ban) and proposed clean fuel standard regulations.

The federal government must acknowledge how its policies have - and continue to - hurt one of Canada's most important sectors, which drives much of Newfoundland and Labrador's economy.

The government must adopt a new approach to the energy sector. We simply can't afford to continue down this destructive path.

Alex Whalen and Elmira Aliakbari are analysts at the Fraser Institute.

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - The Rolling Hills arena concession (sidelines cafe) will be open daily from 8-2 starting Friday, October 2nd.

Alcoma School News-Parent Teacher Interviews via Phone will take place this Wednesday/Thursday from 3:15-6. Call the school if you would like to book an interview and have not done so already. There will be free hot lunch for students this Thursday.

How much fun is this?! Students have brought home a BINGO sheet and bingo numbers are being called each day. Be sure to check the Facebook page each day, mark off your numbers, and bring in your sheet once you have any line.

Please note that a doorbell has been installed at the school... you must press it until a RED light appears. For any visits please contact the school 4033623741. 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 school is continuing to accept bottle donations. These are much appreciated and can be dropped off beside the quonset.

The Community Action Team Society invites you to visit the Hamlet of Tilley on November 7th from 10am to 3pm for the annual Everything Handmade Market. This year they are expanding your shopping experience to multiple locations hosting over 65 vendors at the Tilley Community Centre, Tilley Curling Club and Tilley Friendship Centre and Spike & Spur Merc. The Brooks Food Bank Foundation will be running a concession at the Tilley Community Centre and food bank donations welcomed! Social Distancing practices will be in place,

masks are welcomed but not required! To be a vendor at this event please email everythinghandmademarket@gmail.com.

Thank you 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 pick up.

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.

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County of Newell

Notice of 2021 Budget Review Meeting

The County of Newell will be livestreaming its 2021 Budget Review Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, October 27th commencing at 8:30 a.m.

More information can be found on our website: <http://www.countyofnewell.ab.ca/p/meetings>

Budget meetings are open to anyone that has an interest in observing these discussions. Individuals may view the meeting online or may attend the County office to view the meeting through audio-visual equipment in Council Chambers.

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Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the County of Newell will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Office of the County Administrator, located at County of Newell, Brooks, Alberta on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the following lands:

Qtr	Sec	Twp	Rge	Mer	Lot	Block	Plan	Address		Location and Area		Cert of Title	
SW	1	19	14	4				306	190025	Rge Rd141	Sagebrush Estates Mobile Home Park	n/a	
SW	1	19	14	4				330	190025	Rge Rd141	Sagebrush Estates Mobile Home Park	n/a	
SW	1	19	14	4				113	190025	Rge Rd141	Sagebrush Estates Mobile Home Park	n/a	
SE	1	19	15	4				130	150030	HWY542	Prins Mobile Home Park	n/a	
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SW	17	21	15	4	1		9110799	154062	Twp Rd 212		Division 7	61.53 Acres	111 295 710
NE	19	15	15	4	6	1	7510442	406	1 AVE		Scandia	0.32 Acres	991 210 804
NE	24	47	43	4	9	2	4732LK	427	2-AVE W		Tilley	0.15 Acres	951 352 382
NE	24	47	43	4	2	2	4732LK	489	2-AVE W		Tilley	0.12 Acres	941 032 806

Assessment information can be viewed through Virtual County Hall
vch.countyofnewell.ab.ca/vch/

Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing Certificate of Title.

The County of Newell may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.

TERMS: Cash or Certified Cheque Only

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Brooks, Alberta, September 21, 2020
Kevin Stephenson, County Administrator

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Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - Jason Peterson and the Peterson family would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped make his recent personal version of the Dinosaur Triathlon an incredible success. The truly special support team, the courteous drivers who slowed down and moved over, and the amazing group of people cheering at the finish line, made this a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The fire engine and siren at the Tilley Canal finish line reminded us of how wonderful the Tilley community has been to us for so many years. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you all so very much.

The Community Action Team Society invites you to visit the Hamlet of Tilley on November 7 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for the annual Everything Handmade Market. This year they are expanding your shopping experience to multiple locations hosting over 65 vendors at the Tilley Community Centre, Tilley Curling Club, Tilley Friendship Centre and Spike & Spur Mercantile. The Brooks Food Bank Foundation will be running a concession at the Tilley Community Centre and

food bank donations are most welcome! Physical distancing practices are suggested, masks are welcomed but not required! To be a vendor at this event please email everythingandmademarket@gmail.com

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 November 1 and 15, December 6 and 20. Reading services are held on all other Sundays. Join us on December 24 for the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. All Covid-19 guidelines for services will be followed.

The Tilley and District Public Library is open Mondays 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Wednesdays 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Saturdays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Patrons are required by the school to wear a mask in the library Wednesday mornings. Evenings and Saturdays, it is your personal preference. Masks are available for patrons. Holds are delivered on Thursdays and are available for pick-up on Mondays. The library board is currently seeking some additional members.

If you are interested, please contact Anita at 403-377-2259.

Events at the Tilley Community Centre will resume following relaunch guidelines. Check out the new Facebook page with photos, rental rates and general hall information. There is a new email for inquiries at tilleyhall@outlook.com The board is always open to new members and the Annual General Meeting will be held on March 9, 2021.

The Spike and Spur Mercantile on Main Street in Tilley is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The Sidelines Café in the Rolling Hills arena will be open daily from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Join us for some great food. Ice installation will be soon, dates to be announced.

Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will offer worship service once per month, led by Pastor John Theiss. The next service is at 10:00 am on Sunday, November 29. All are welcome. December will bring a Christmas Eve Candlelight service; the date will be determined soon.

An 80-year-old woman was featured in an

interview by the local news station upon the occasion of her fourth marriage. The reporter began by inquiring about her numerous husbands. "Well, the first one was a banker I married in my 20s; then a circus ringmaster in my 40s; a preacher in my 60s; and now a funeral home director at 80." The interviewer was quite astonished and asked how she came to wed four men from such wildly diverse careers and lifestyles. "Oh, you see," she replied, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!"

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259. You

may also EMAIL me at goombaw@eidnet.org with subject line Tilley Telegram. Please contact me by or before 8:00 am on Monday

mornings to have your news included for the week. On long weekends, news is due Thursday morning before the holiday!

County fire restriction lifted

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The County of Newell lifted its fire restrictions on Monday morning thanks to the cooler temperatures and improved conditions.

Anyone who lights a fire will need a permit and fire guardians are again able to issue them.

The fire restriction was put in place in August, three months after the fire advisory was put in place.



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- diploma or technical programs - **\$2,000**
- certified trades - **\$1,000**

Masters Program or second trade, diploma, certificate or degree do not qualify. To obtain an application form and review requirements download the form from www.eid.ca under the Information tab, or visit our District Office.

APPLICATION DEADLINE is October 30, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Send applications to:

Eastern Irrigation District P.O. Box 128 Brooks, AB T1R 1B2	Email: eid@eid.ca Fax: (403) 362-6206 Phone: (403) 362-1400 Office: 550 Industrial Road West, Brooks
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FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

MP FOR BOW RIVER CONSTITUENCY

Throne Speech and recent government COVID measures

After a lengthy prorogation, Parliament finally resumed with a new Speech from the Throne on September 23rd.

This Throne Speech came just ten months after the last one. The government promised the speech would reset their agenda, which was supposedly what justified the prorogation of Parliament. Instead, the speech largely rehashed old promises. This seems to confirm what many people, myself included, believe the reason for prorogation really was: to shut down committees that were investigating the government's conduct in relation to the WE charity.

The speech made many promises but provided few details. The government promised to "create" a million new jobs, but came with no details on how that will be accomplished. There was no mention of oil and gas, pipelines, forestry or agriculture. The Western Canadian resource industry is not looking for handouts like auto manufacturers in Ontario. We just need government to get out of the way so that we can get back to generating jobs and prosperity across this country.

Our new leader, Erin O'Toole, has been very vocal about western alienation, and we expected the west's concerns to be acknowledged in the Throne Speech. Unfortunately, it seems as though Western alienation

and concerns about national unity simply do not exist in this Prime Minister's mind.

Given the speech's immense shortcomings, I joined my Conservative colleagues in voting against it. However, it passed this week with NDP support. As I have remarked before, this government often operates as a majority, with the NDP supporting them at every confidence vote.

The Liberals planned to not resume parliamentary committees that were studying the WE Charity scandal. Our negotiating team made it clear that this was a complete non-starter for us. The government relented this week, and committees will be resuming.

The government also made some recent changes to its COVID-19 benefits program. In August, the government announced it was phasing out CERB and replacing it with the Canada Recovery Benefit which would only pay \$400 per week. The first bill introduced in this new session of Parliament increased the payment from \$400 per week to \$500 per week or the equivalent of the previous program. This new program is to run for the next six months. In addition, the government announced that the Business Wage Subsidy would be extended until next summer.

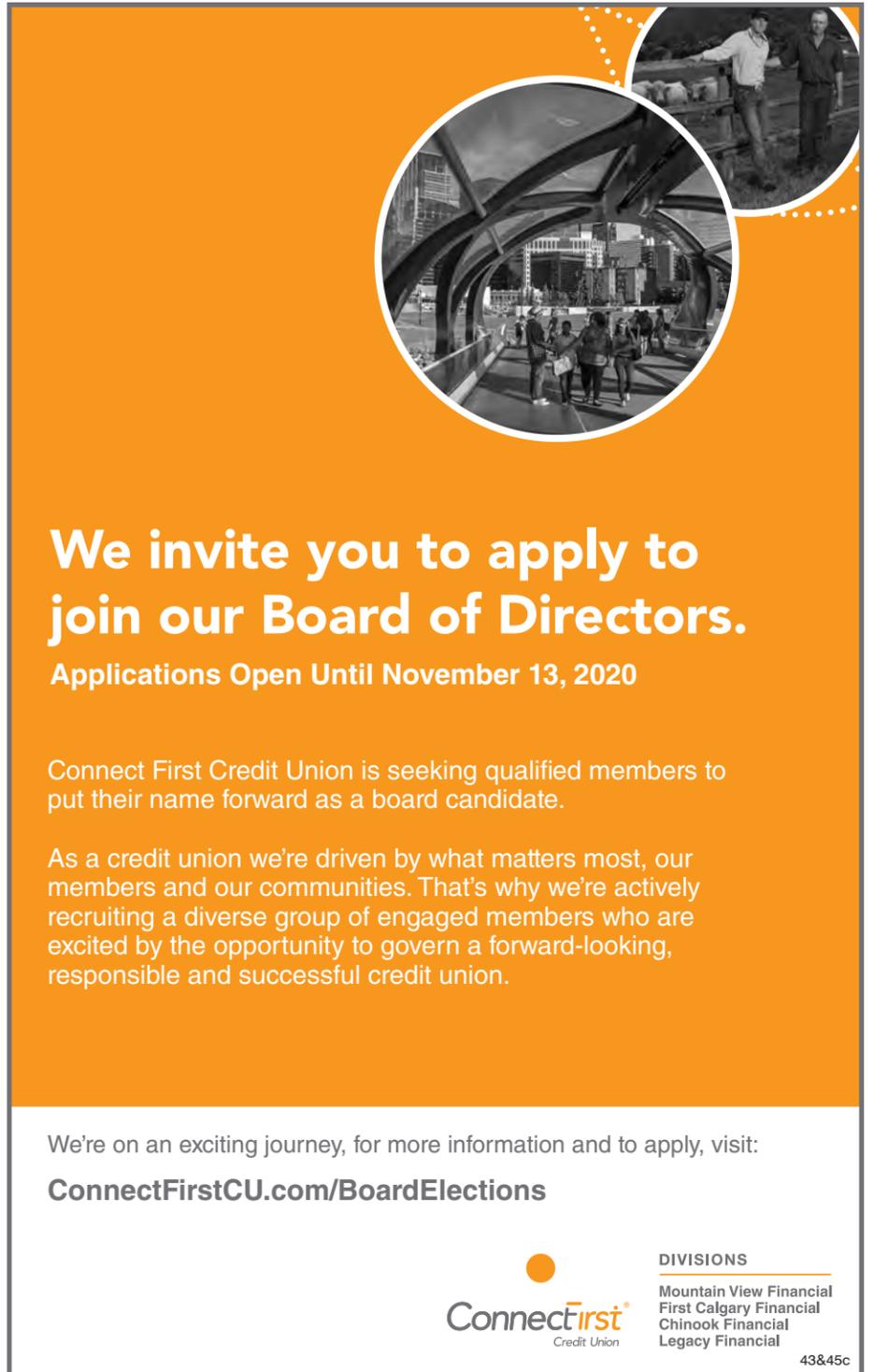
It has now been 18 months since this government delivered a budget. Since that time hundreds of billions of dollars have been allocated to deal with COVID-19 and the Finance Minister has resigned. There is still no budget on the horizon. I believe this is unacceptable.

Finally, the government has finally approved a faster COVID-19 test this week, but we may still be a long way from actually acquiring it. UK residents have access to free at-home tests; the US FDA approved a home test kit back in April; Germany has commercial tests available online.

This is what the Prime Minister has claimed is his top priority. Yet nothing was done while people continue to wait in queues for hours and then days for results. It was only after immense pressure from our Official Opposition, media attention, and falling poll numbers on the government's COVID-19 response that the Prime Minister finally took action on this pivotal issue. We call upon the government to get these tests into the hands of Canadians as soon as possible.

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.c1@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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Rosemary School begins agricultural program

**RUTH SPRAGG,
AHSIEL CAPILI
ROSEMARY SCHOOL**

Rosemary School has recently started an agriculture program to improve option choices for junior and senior high students. It is also a way for

students in high school to earn more credits.

In this class students will learn things such as raising chickens and caring for a greenhouse. Our school has received a grant to put solar panels on the green house that is currently being built by shop students, to supply

its energy.

The project started last year when a group of community members, school staff and students went on a trip to Altario.

The Altario school has a successful farm project that inspired us to create our own.

A survey from the school showed that Rosemary was lacking in choices for option classes which started the idea for the agriculture program.

Last year a group of four students went to a youth summit called Cultiv8.

The group went to Olds College and listened to many speakers working in agriculture.

A part of Cultiv8 was

doing a project. Our group of students chose to do aquaponics.

In aquaponics you grow plants in water and have fish to add fertilizer into the water.

Since we already had a plan to start plants we needed a place to finish them and that's where the greenhouse and community garden came in.

Rosemary School has ideas for what we would like the project to look like in the future. For example we will sell broiler chickens we raised to people in the community as well as sell flowers and other things we grow.

All of the profits will go back into the program.

Over time we hope to add elementary students into the program as well. The school also had land

donated by the EID to use for our project in the future.

ABP welcomes JBS Foods Canada

Alberta Beef Producers welcomes news of the recently established partnership between JBS Foods Canada and Kanematsu, a well-respected and leading foodservice/distribution company based in Japan. This long-term commitment between the two companies recognizes the value and prestige held by the Alberta Beef brand within international markets.

"We are excited to see JBS Foods Canada place emphasis on the Alberta Beef brand as they develop partnerships overseas. This is a strong reflection of the hard work and dedication beef producers in Alberta, and across western Canada, put into raising exceptional beef. The opportunity to market more beef outside of Canada is positive for the entire industry," said Kelly Smith-Fraser, Chair of Alberta Beef Producers.

JBS Foods Canada

announced this new partnership to the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors on Friday, October 16, 2020. JBS Foods Canada will be utilizing already established brands, such as their premium beef brand Northern Gold and the Canadian Diamond Black Angus brand, to fulfill this new commitment.

"The Alberta Beef story is well known and admired around the world," noted JBS Foods Canada President, David Colwell. "We are honoured to once again partner with a highly respected organization, this time in an important international marketplace, to provide to Japanese consumers something very special. We believe Kanematsu will be a tremendous leader and promoter of this new program, and we thank them for their trust in our farm, ranch and feedlot families."



Top, Broiler chicks being raised by Rosemary School students. Left, Aquaponics towers built by the students in the school's agricultural program which will be used to grow vegetables for the greenhouse. Bottom photo, Rosemary shop students work on the framing for the greenhouse's solar shed.

| SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Irrigation sector gets big cash injection... but opponents will be looking for mischief to derail the big plan

It was a welcome industry development announcement for the beleaguered Alberta economy; \$815 million is to be spent on the irrigation sector. Much of it to be used to replace canals and ditches with pipelines, and more efficient pumping and control technology. New water reservoirs are to be constructed. This investment is to provide enough water to irrigate 200,000 more acres in southern Alberta. It will take time, but such development will result in billions more in ag production and processing returns. It will also mean thousands of new jobs. If only it could all happen in the next few months; but alas, due to the nature of the business, developing new production and processing in the agriculture and food industry has always been an incremental and slow process.

Unlike other economic sectors, expanding the



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agri-food sector tends to be much more stable and reliable, being that with an expanding global middle class, more food will always be in continual demand. That demand opportunity will fall increasingly on Canada as one of the few countries left in the world that can expand export food production. Nevertheless, in today's politically correct atmosphere filled with grasping and opportunistic green lobby groups, one suspects this new irrigation expansion initiative will come under their scrutiny and assault. Another real concern is a hostile federal Liberal government that might put last-minute hooks in the program to push its obsessive green agenda.

Some might remember that many Alberta green and wildlife lobby groups are by principle opposed to commercial agriculture and certainly irrigation farming. They see the ag industry as a destroyer of the natural ecology. One recalls their successful campaign to stop the sale of public land in the Taber area for irrigation under the Redford PC and subsequent NDP governments. The present UCP government rectified that specific situation and approved the development. Back then, those zealous groups used every trick in the PR playbook to claim that the land in question was critical to Alberta's natural environment survival. A gullible Redford government with an eye on the urban voter quashed the project. The point is I expect those same groups and probably the notorious Ecojustice legal firm (it's a front for the Sierra Club) have probably unleashed their

researchers and lawyers to find obscure ways to block any new irrigation development that might remotely include public lands.

One expects vexatious lawsuits to demand new environmental assessments of any project more than a few acres. Such nuisance legal activity results in endless delays and increased costs. In that realm, green groups have an ally in the federal Liberal government. Federal legislation that could be used to stall irrigation projects includes the Fisheries Act, the Species at Risk Act, and the Canadian Navigable Waters Act. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (FOC) used a previous version of the latter act to wreak havoc in Alberta not too many years ago.

The late legendary ag writer John Schmidt used to delightfully expose mindless FOC actions requiring municipalities to obtain permits

and environmental assessments to replace road culverts or build new ditches. The legal rationale FOC used was that the Navigable Waters act gave them authority over any water that could float a canoe. The Harper government put an end to that bureaucratic insanity. One suspects that senior bureaucrats in the federal Fisheries and Environment departments have long memories and will harken back to the good old days when they lorded over any water-related project in the province with their federal permitting powers. I expect in the bowels of Federal offices in remote Ottawa such thoughts are being contemplated. But it could get worse.

The Canadian Infrastructure Bank is providing the Federal contribution to the new irrigation plan - it's a creature of the Federal government, and I expect is indirectly subject to

Federal government environmental, gender and Indigenous policies. Will the bank be demanding that the expansion plan meet zero-emissions standards by 2030 to get their share? That may be a big roadblock to overcome - it could involve wind-generated electricity to operate pumps, tractors, harvesting and processing equipment. Will such demands frustrate the initiative - it could and probably will.

One truly hopes that common sense will govern this very worthwhile irrigation expansion plan. It needs to go ahead immediately without ideologically-driven mischief. But considering the malicious intents of green groups and perhaps hostile federal government bureaucrats, we should be very worried. Be forewarned.

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

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - We had an early appearance of snow this past week. My daughter's birthday is Oct 31st and quite often we had a longer fall, and snow came right close to her birthday. This year it is too early and entirely unacceptable!

We are wishing Errol Raven a very happy 80th birthday on October 28th. We also send a belated happy birthday wish to Florence Raven whose special day was October 14th. This fun-loving couple were surprised last Saturday night, October 10th with a party in their honour at the Dusty Rose Bar and Grill in Duchess.

The Duchess arena is open for the season tomorrow! Please be aware of our new Arena Use Guidelines in regards to covid-19. Note the following below.

*Anybody entering the arena must self-screen before entering.

*It is recommended that everybody wear a mask while in the arena, except for when on the ice surface.

*Everyone must maintain a 2 meter physical distance (except same households), if this is not possible a mask must be worn.

*No more than 50 people can be on the ice/boxes at the same time.

*No more than 100 spectators will be allowed in the facility at one time.

Shinny/Public Skating:
*Limited participants in dressing rooms

*Please fill out the contact tracing sheet located on dressing room doors.

Also, please remember if you are attending shinny or public skating that you need to pay your \$3 drop in

fee. If you prefer, a seasons pass can be purchased for \$50. To purchase a seasons pass you can contact Gwen Thompson (403-793-4088, rgthompson@hotmail.ca)

*DMH (Duchess Minor Hockey) members seasons pass is included in their registration fee.

October is library month! 2020 has been a crazy year. The Duchess & District Public Library is asking for donations for library month. With donations to the library it is guaranteed the library will be able to keep running smoothly. Receipts will be issued for income tax purposes on amounts over \$20.00. The after hours book drop can be used for donations. In the near future the library will have etransfer set up. Fines will also start to be accumulated on overdue books, with

items being returned, dates will be changed to the last day of when the library is open. A book sale will be ongoing in the near future. Please call the library at 403-378-4369 if more information is required.

Flu season is just upon us now. Please take the extra few minutes to wash your hands often, take a squirt of hand sanitizer when it's available, and be healthy!

Please call or text me at 793-1630 with any news you may have for the Dispatch.

Quote: "A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye."



NOTICE OF PLEBISCITE PUBLIC MEETINGS

RESCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

EASTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT CHANGE TO THE EXPANSION LIMIT

In light of the recent announcement of the Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Project, the Plebiscite Public Meetings that had been tentatively scheduled for October 27, 28 and 29, 2020 are being rescheduled to future dates. The Eastern Irrigation District will provide further notification to the irrigators of the rescheduled dates and venues once confirmed.

Ivan Friesen, General Manager
Eastern Irrigation District

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12 Office Closed Thanksgiving	13	14 (Pre Book) All Breeds Calf Sale 10:00 am	15	16 Regular Sale Plus Yearlings 9:00 am	17
19 (Pre Book) All Breeds Calf Sale 10:00 am	20	21 (Pre Book) All Breeds Calf Sale 10:00 am	22	23 Regular Sale 9:00 am	24
26 (Pre Book) All Breeds Calf Sale 10:00 am	27	28 (Pre Book) All Breeds Calf Sale 10:00 am	29	30 Regular Sale Plus Yearlings 9:00 am	31

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COREY STANDBRIDGE

A native of Northern British Columbia, Corey moved to Brooks in 2009 at the age of 19, following his uncle who was already working at the JBS facility.

In pursuit of stable employment and career advancement opportunities, Corey left his hometown and started working in the rendering department. He took great pride in an exciting promotion in 2013 to Lead Hand in Rendering. Corey has a fantastic work ethic and is very easy to get along with, which is why he is such a well-respected team member on the JBS team.

Much to Corey's surprise, it was not just an exciting career he found, but also a beautiful partner. Iryna is a JBS team member who works in the Quality Assurance department. Corey says, cupid sent an arrow and the two have been in-separable since.

They welcomed their adorable son, who now is 2 years old, Corey says Alexander keeps them on their toes and they are both ecstatic with their bundle of joy.

Corey is currently increasing his portfolio by completing his first year in power engineering on-line through NAIT. He is highly inspired to set himself up for success to move up through the JBS company.

When he is not busy working or playing with Alexander, he indulges in his passion for watching MMA Fighting. He enjoys listening to Hip-Hop music and his favorite food is ice cream.

Corey was recently recognized as an "Environmental Champion" for his outstanding work with the environmental and waste water processes that are critical to maintaining plant operation.

Thank you Corey for being a key member on the JBS Canada team!

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obituaries



DE RAAF
Nov. 27, 1932 - Oct. 13, 2020
Psalm 118:24 - "This is the day that the Lord has made"

MARTIN DE RAAF, beloved husband of Hennie De Raaf (née Tessemaker), passed away at Fairmont Extencicare on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the age of 87 years.

Besides his loving wife of 57 years, he is survived by his four children: Mike (Jenny), Jodi (Mike), Kari and Sharon; seven grandchildren: Marnie (Jeff), Deric (Whitney) and Jesse (Emma) Koop, Riley and Joshua De Raaf and Ashlynn and Kale Gitzel, as well as three sisters in the Netherlands.

Martin was born in Naaldwijk, NL, on November 27, 1932. He immigrated to Canada in 1951 at the age of 18. In 1962, he married Hennie Tessemaker and together were blessed with four children. During their time in Brooks, he and Hennie owned and operated BRK Equipment Rentals. In 1995, they sold the Brooks business and retired to Lethbridge. After retirement, Martin and Hennie were able to volunteer with Disaster Relief work for 11 years. He also volunteered at Interfaith Food Bank and Lethbridge Soup Kitchen. He was a member of the Lethbridge Christian Men's Choir for many years and he loved to sing! Martin's faith in his Lord and Saviour was especially important to him, and he was an active member of Maranatha CRC.

The family would like to thank Dr. Garden, Janelle from Lethbridge Home Care and the caring staff at Fairmont Extencicare.

A Viewing was held at CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME, 2825 - 32 Street South, Lethbridge, AB, on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM, with a service at 11:00 AM with Pastor Paul Van Stralen officiating. Interment followed in Mountain View Cemetery.

In memory of Martin, donations may be made to Interfaith Food Bank (1103 - 3 Avenue N, Lethbridge, AB, T1H 0H7).

To send a condolence, please visit www.cornerstonefuneralhome.com

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PRESTON, Frederick Arnold (1943-2020) passed away on October 13, 2020 in Black Diamond after a lengthy illness. He was with his family, just as he wanted.

Arnold was born in Biggar, SK. His father's FRCS took the family to London, and Edinburgh. Upon returning to Canada the family settled in Wilkie, SK where Arnold found many lifelong friends. His high school career began in Saskatoon Saskatchewan at Nutana Collegiate and Aden Bowman. Arnold graduated from U of S with a BSc. in Chemistry and a B.Ed. After marrying the love of his life, Barbara (nee Achs), they moved to Calgary where he taught for five years at Woodman Jr. High School.

In 1974 he and Barb moved back to Saskatoon where Arnold earned his Master's Degree in Education. After graduating in 1976 a one year stay in Brooks, Alberta turned into 32 years as a successful teacher and assistance superintendent of the Brooks school system and later Grasslands. Arnold began a doctoral program at the University of San Diego and achieved his goal in 1997 in Leadership.

Arnold was the consummate professional. He accomplished his job well earning many personal and professional friends. He was honest, trustworthy, and always led with compassion and wisdom. He was admired by many.

The outdoors was Arnold's passion. He was an avid hunter and fisher. Both of these activities lead to many long lasting friendships with others who held this common interest. He cherished his time spent with them and perusing his camping adventures. He and Barbara spent much of their retirement traveling and enjoying other cultures. The move to Black Diamond was to be closer to the family he loved so much.

Arnold is predeceased by his mother and father and survived by his wife of 51 years, Barbara, his daughter Amanda (Kevin Kalman), two grandsons, Everett Preston Kalman and Bennett Arnold Kalman, and his sister Lynda Howes (James).

Arnold will always be remembered as a courageous soul with a generous heart, a wise and compassionate leader and best of all, a loving husband, father and grandpa. His memory will be a blessing and a comfort to his family and friends.

Those who wish may make a contribution to a charity of his choice. No funeral is planned. 43p

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RICHARD SHIGENOBU KANEGAWA

June 18, 1930 - October 8, 2020

KANEGAWA, Richard Shigenobu
June 18, 1930 - New Westminster, British Columbia
October 8, 2020 - Calgary, Alberta

We are heartbroken to announce that Richard Shigenobu Kanegawa, passed away Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 90 years of age. His lung condition returned from 2018 and despite his desire and will to live, his body fought this difficult battle before and could not do it again. We were so lucky to have been given a second chance to spend with him these past two years to add to our collection of memories and his adventures.

Richard was born on June 18, 1930 in New Westminster, B.C., the youngest of seven children. During World War II, his family was evacuated and interned to Southern Alberta to start a new life all over again. He and his brother Stan started farming potatoes and from there, bought farmland growing sugar beets and wheat. He married a city school teacher from BC, Suyeko (Sue) Asari, whom he adored, on November 26, 1960. She was his rock and stood by every venture he went into and (wanted to escape) every party he had. Not satisfied with just farming, he branched out into many other agricultural businesses where he found his love in the cattle business - commercial cattle and exotic purebreds - becoming known as the Japanese Cowboy. His attitude of "more guts than brains" allowed his dreams to become reality. Over the years, his business passion expanded into numerous projects but his biggest endeavour was starting the Heritage Inn hotels in 1974 with the vision of providing full facility hotels to serve the communities they were in within Western Canada. He continued with commercial cattle as a 'hobby'. His love of farming and the art of the deal never left him.

This farmer, rancher, hunter, adventurer and human calculator was a creative and free spirit. His love of travel to see the world was immense - to seek the best views from the tallest buildings, to stay in the most modern of hotels, to sail the largest cruise ships, and to taste the best seafood anywhere (knowing that nothing could beat Alberta beef and potatoes).

We were very fortunate to have had the opportunity to keep him home and comfortable until his very end, where he was surrounded by love in the presence of his wife Sue; his daughters, Sandra (John Sun), Shelley (Steven Ming), Susan (Ward Takeda); and his ultimate pride and joy of his grandchildren, Jessica (Kevin), Jarret, Sydney, Cameron, Ronin and Neo. Richard is survived by his older sister, Yumiko (Mary) Osaka of Lethbridge, AB and an abundance of incredible nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces in Canada and Japan.

Richard was predeceased by his parents, Sumi and Sakuji Kanegawa and his siblings, Shizuko Baba, Sadako Mukai, Misako Yagi, Yoshiko Wada and Stanley Sr.

Richard would always say, "The past is the past". He was a visionary - he dreamed big and lived big. Life owed him nothing as he lived life to the fullest every single day. We will miss his kind heart, generosity, smile, laugh, relentless drive, keen sense of business, and most of all his "Richard-isms".

To the amazing team of physicians, specialists, and nurses - Richard recognized their exceptional care and was forever grateful ... thank you. In addition, thank you to the family, friends, caregivers, business partners and colleagues who have supported him and us throughout the years and now.

We will be having a private family service. Once gathering restrictions are lifted, we welcome all to join us to share stories and laughs in true Richard Kanegawa fashion which always includes plenty of food and drinks. Condolences, memories and photos may be shared and viewed on Richard's obituary at www.McInnisandHolloway.com.

In lieu of flowers and koden, donations to one of the following charities in honour of Richard's giving spirit will be greatly appreciated; Calgary Health Trust - Respiriology, Hematology, Cardiology, or Urology, Suite 800, 11012 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary, AB T2J 6A5, Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta 470 - 40th Street S, Lethbridge, AB T1J 3Z5 or Calgary Buddhist Church, 207 - 6 St NE, Calgary, AB T2E 3Y1.

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But in our hearts she liveth still.

Father or Brother
We often think of days gone by
When we were all together,
A shadow o'er our lives has cast,
Our loved one gone forever.

Wife or Daughter
No one knows our heartaches,
Only those who have lost can tell
Of the grief that we bear in silence
For the one we loved so well.

Husband or Son
Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear.
Fond memories linger every day,
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Child
He has gone to be an angel,
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GRAHAM - Ralph Leeson "Unc" Graham passed away in Brooks on October 11th, 2020 after a lengthy illness. Lee was born on December 6th, 1941 at Bassano, Alberta. He resided in Rainier, Alberta until he was 11 and then moved from the family farm to Calgary, Alberta where he attended Queen Elizabeth High School. After marrying June Hostland on May 6th, 1961, Lee earned his Journeyman Carpenter certificate at S.A.I.T. Their family moved to Brooks in December 1974. While in Calgary he was involved in commercial construction including building a service station at Banff, several renovations to the Calgary General Hospital, the Federal Building and

many other projects. Lee was involved in construction during the housing boom in Brooks. He also worked on the construction of the Taber Hospital and buildings at a heli-ski resort in Blue River, BC. Lee enjoyed fishing and camping, especially at Windermere, BC and Lake Newell. Favorite vacations took Lee and company exploring the West Coast of Canada and USA and visiting many of the US states. Lee was a mentor who was always willing to lend a helping hand or his tools and did not expect anything in return (except his tools). He enjoyed sharing his knowledge and expertise with his son Greg, and son-in-law Brian. Lee was the "build it square and plumb" guy. He had a sharp eye for detail and an even sharper memory for all of his projects. Lee was happy to critique any of Greg or Brian's work. He enjoyed spending afternoons in his garage and on his deck with his closest circle of friends and family up until his hospitalization. Even though his body weakened, his mind and memory remained sharp even into his last days. Along with his loving wife June, of 60 years, he is survived by his daughter Shauna (Brian) Mokolky; son Greg (Cindy) Graham; grandchildren Cori (David) Bridges of Saint Albert, Lindsey (Jesse) Koza of Brooks, Justin (Katie) Graham of Brooks, Diana Graham and her partner Cam Morishita of Brooks and seven great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Joan Graham of Brooks and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many others who called him Unc. A family service will be held with interment in Brooks Cemetery. Pastor Daryle Fox officiating.

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HOK - Kevin Peter Hok of Rosemary, Alberta, beloved husband of Diane Reiss, passed away in Rosemary on Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 at the age of 65 years. Kevin was born in Hanna, Alberta on December 23rd, 1954 to Peter and Betty Hok. He received his schooling in Spondin, Alberta to grade eight, before moving to Cereal, Alberta. Kevin left school in grade ten and started working at the race track in Calgary, as a groom boy, before moving up to a jockey. He rode in Calgary and Edmonton, where his love and knowledge of horses grew. Kevin bought a farm south of Cereal, where he raised wheat and cattle. After the birth of his children, he sold and bought a farm at Duchess and later moved to BC, where he started his passion for rodeo at the age of 34. Kevin worked as a Pickup Man, rode broncs, bulls and steer wrestling. He made the BC Rodeo Finals in two event three times and won IIRA three times and made the Indian finals three times. In the late 90's he moved back to Alberta, where his rodeo career continued in the over 40 association. Kevin won bull riding five times, bronc riding five times, all around once, season leader 13 times in various events and ended up Reserve World Champion in bull riding. He served 13 years on the board of CSPRA as the Bull Riding Director. After 42 years of getting in rough stock he had to hang up his spurs and chaps, where his last ride was in 2014. Kevin was never sorry for those years, they defined who and what he was. Now his love was writing his own songs and playing music. Kevin and Diane started their lives together in 1999 and have been together ever since. Over the year he has worked various jobs, but his love was always writing songs and playing his guitar. Kevin is predeceased by his dad Peter Hok. Kevin is survived by his wife Diane Reiss; his children son, Cody (Kim) Hok and their children Gracelynn, Cheyanne and Cody, daughter, Cindy (Dannen) Hok and her children Robbie, Hunter, Kayla, Katie and Chace and the mother of his children, Carol; mother Betty Hok; Diane's children, daughter Dana (James) Shepherd and their children Austin and Slade and daughter Shawna (Arland) Reiss and their children Harper, Nash and Kenzie; brothers, Ken (Val) Hok and Toby (Robin) Hok; sisters, Hanna (Greg) Hok, Patty (Brad) Merkl and Judy (Frank) Merkl and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his rodeo family. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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LOEWEN - Susie Loewen passed peacefully into the presence of her Lord at Brooks Health Centre on October 9, 2020, at the age of 88 years. She was born in the District of Turnhill, Saskatchewan on May 19, 1932 to John and Mary Petkau. She married Henry Loewen in July, 1952 and resided in Gem for a short while before settling in Brooks. She was a homemaker extraordinaire who enjoyed practicing hospitality and was actively involved in the Evangelical Free Church. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, and infant daughter. Susie's presence and prayers will be greatly missed by her family; daughter Joyce (Phil) Bergen, daughter Grace (Gene) Fox, and son Robert (Diane); six grandchildren, their spouses, and twelve great-grandchildren. The family expresses thanks to the doctors and staff at Brooks Health Centre and Sub-Acute for the care Susie received. Funeral services were held at Thom's Funeral Home on October 15 at 1:00 pm with graveside services at Brooks Cemetery. In memory of Susie, if family or friends' desire, memorial tributes may be made to Gideon Bible International by visiting www.thomfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.

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COMMUNITY DIRECTOR VACANCY

Palliser Primary Care Network (PPCN) is a not-for-profit organization supported by an agreement between Alberta Health (AH), Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the PCN. The PCN is a collaboration between the physicians in south east Alberta and the South Zone (SZ) of AHS. The PCN has been in operation since 2006, includes ~ 100 of family physicians and employees ~ 75 health professionals (e.g. RN's, NP, BHC).

The PCN is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving as a public member on the PCN Board of Directors. As with all Directors (including AHS and Physician Directors), this position is responsible for the governance of the PCN. As a member of the Board, the Director acts in a position of trust for the community and has fiduciary duty to the PCN.

Directors serve a three year term. The Board meets ~ 9 times per year for 2-3 hour evening meetings at the PCN Central Office in Medicine Hat. These meetings are typically the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Additionally there may be an expectation to attend the SZ Committee meetings. Most of these occur by teleconference with travel to Lethbridge 1-2 times per year. There is an expectation to attend a full day board retreat once per year plus the annual general meeting. Additionally all engaged board members are asked to periodically attend staff events and board development opportunities.

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Financial Clerk
Palliser Primary Care Network
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Tel: 403.580.3825 x 227 Fax: 403.580.3825
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Only those applicants selected for interview will be contacted. All others are thanked in advance for their interest.

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WEINAND - Trevor Dean Weinand (57) passed away suddenly on October 7, 2020 a much loved son, brother and friend. Born March 10, 1963 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, he grew up to be big hearted, hardworking man we all knew and loved. Trevor will be remembered for his generosity, unique view of life and a wonderful sardonic sense of humour. His laugh will be truly missed. Trevor is survived by his mother, Faye Harstead (Doug), father George Weinand (Sandra), sister Tracey (Dane), nieces Treala (Cody), Chaine (Andrew) and nephew Terin (Alexandra) and many dear

friends. Trevor will be interred with his grandparents in Carrot River Saskatchewan. In memory of Trevor, please make donations to Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation. For further information please visit www.thomfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.

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We thank all who apply, however, only those we wish to interview will be contacted.

One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well wow! Here we are and the ground was all white on Friday. I guess it's just a sample of what we are heading for in the next few weeks.. Hope everyone enjoyed a good Thanksgiving weekend.

Our deepest sympathies go to Diane Reiss and her family on the sudden passing of her husband Kevin Hok on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 in Rosemary, due to some health issue. Our sympathies also go to his mother Betty Hok of Brooks and to his sister Judy (Frank) Merkl and to Kenny (Valerie) Hok and to all his other siblings and extended families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your families at this sad time.

Visiting at the home of Joey Hajash on Friday and staying overnight on the Thanksgiving weekend was his son Ben and a friend from Edmonton.

Thanksgiving supper was held at Priscilla

Petersen's place in Brooks on the Saturday, with her sister Dianna Visser and her son Nathan and his girlfriend Emily of Cheadle, her mother Jacqueline Hajash and her brother Joey and his son Ben and his friend, and of course all of Priscilla's family were there. Everyone had a great time.

Thomas and Barbara Mahrer and family spent the Thanksgiving weekend in Lethbridge at the home of their daughter Carina and Tyler Seward and family returning home on Monday.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, Earl and Joy Christman had their family home and Earl's mother Emma Christman out for dinner and visit. I'm sure she enjoyed being with her family for a change.

On Thanksgiving Sunday visiting and helping with the yard work at the home of their parents Ozzie and Elizabeth Schalm were their families-Sherry Schalm and

her family Henry and Greer Hayes, Jonene and Jeff Shantz and Owen, and Sherwin, all of Calgary and Michelle and Jeff Richardson and girls Lily and Macy of Black Diamond. Their mother made turkey and after all the work, they all had a great supper and visiting together. They did their social distancing eating out in the yard. After supper, they all left for home. Sure was a good thing that the weather was still nice. It's certainly a great change now and this week. I was told by your folks that they really appreciated all the help that their family did for them. Great going kids!!

Thanksgiving Sunday at the home of Karl and Linda Slomp was celebrated with Carolyn and Levi Wadsworth and family of Brooks and David and Melissa Slomp and family present for a great meal and time together.

Inge Ellefson and Erwin Unger hosted a Sunday Thanksgiving dinner for her son Lyn, (who is presently in Deadman Flats) and for Erwin's brother George and Marie of Carsland. They all had a great meal and good time visiting.

Home for the Thanksgiving Saturday and overnight stay at Greg Patterson's place were his son Robert of Lethbridge and his daughter Victoria and her husband David Weston of Calgary. On Sunday Greg made a turkey supper and after that they all left for their homes as they had to work the next day.

I think that's about all the Thanksgiving news. Now for the news of this past week-

Linda Slomp went to Calgary last week Wednesday to bring her daughter Sandra Smith and family down for the weekend, as they couldn't be home for the holiday

weekend. Then on Friday evening her husband Matt came down for the weekend too. They left for home on Sunday afternoon.

David Mahrer of Lethbridge was at the home of his parents Thomas and Barbara Mahrer for the past weekend.

The past Friday morning visitors at the home of Inge Ellefson and Erwin Unger were Dave and Cheryl Andrews of Bow City and Jolee Godfrey, then they all went for a tour around the Wardlow area. They toured around where Dr. Winifred Anderson used to live. Dr. Anderson was the doctor in that area when all the early settlers were there in the early 1900s. He was also a rancher in that area. Jolee Godfrey is his granddaughter and was interested in seeing the area. They took several photos. Then they also went to the Cemetery at Cravath Corners and there's a big rock with all the old time settlers names engraved on it. All the Anderson families and all the Coultis families names are on it and many others. After the tour they came back to Inge and Erwin's and had lunch. Sounds interesting I might have to go see this one day.

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Eileen Aebly on Oct. 26th; Kelly (Merkl) Coughlin of Sherwood Park, to Shelley Spicer of Oyen and to Robert Patterson, all on Oct. 28th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating this week and we wish everyone all the best for the coming years.

Happy anniversary wishes go to Dick and Dixie Alberts of Brooks on Oct. 23rd. We wish you both all the best for many more happy great years together.

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Tourism is one of Massachusetts' largest industries. Visitors are attracted by the state's rich history, quaint towns and natural beauty. The landscape varies from rocky shores, sandy beaches, and salt marshes to valleys and rolling hills.



The state grows one of the largest **cranberry** crops in the world.

In a name

Massachusetts is named after a Native American tribe called the Massachusetts, which lived in the region around Boston. The name is loosely translated as "near the great hill." Historians think it probably refers to the Great Blue Hill region south of Boston. Massachusetts has been nicknamed the Bay State and the Old Colony State.

The state motto is "*Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem*," which is Latin for "By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty."

First people

Before the Europeans arrived, many Algonquian-speaking tribes lived in the region.

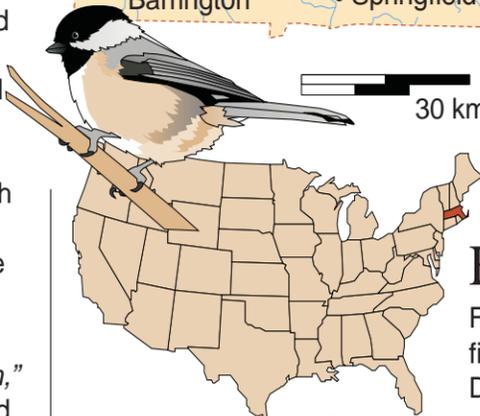
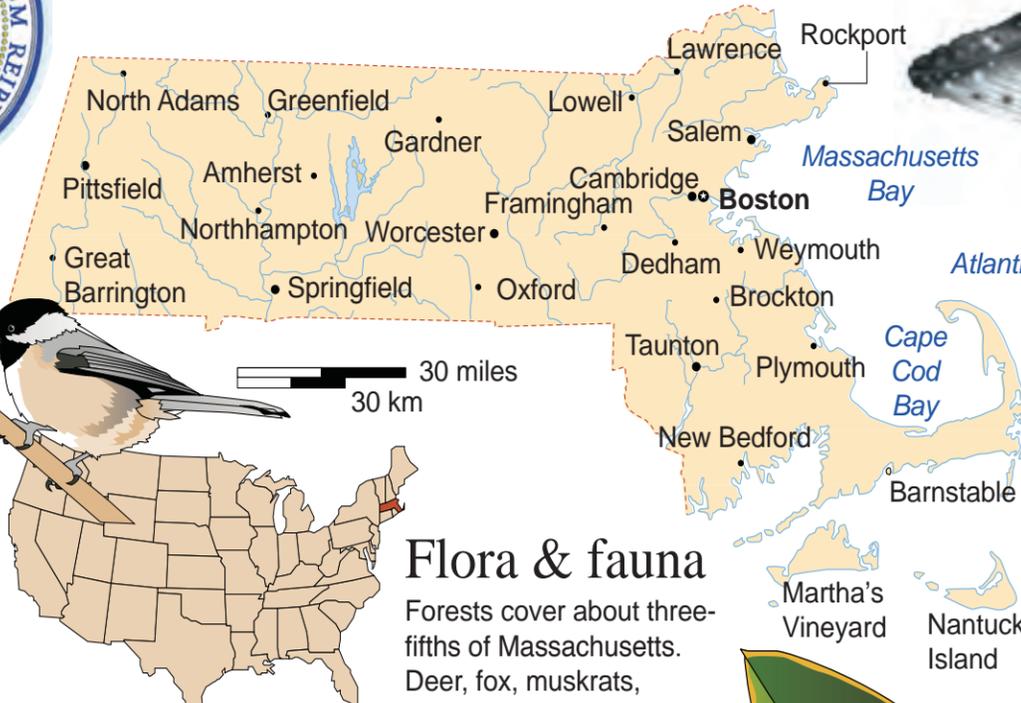
The Pilgrims were saved from total starvation by **Squanto** of the Pawtuxet tribe. Relations between settlers and Native Americans deteriorated over the years, resulting in violence and war.

Pilgrims & Puritans

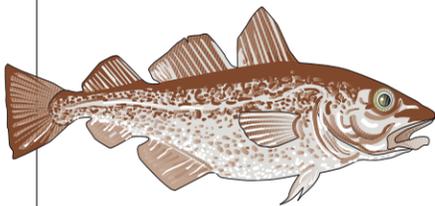
Both Pilgrims and Puritans left England in search of economic opportunity and religious freedom, but they did have different beliefs.

The **Pilgrims**, also known as Separatists, left the Church of England to establish their own more strict and holy congregation. More than half of the original settlers from the Mayflower died the first winter from starvation, exposure and disease. The Pilgrim settlement was **Plymouth**.

The **Puritans** arrived in 1630 with 17 ships, more than 700 passengers and resources. Like the Pilgrims, Puritans believed the Church of England needed to be reformed, but did not feel they needed to abandon the church entirely. The Puritans settled the **Massachusetts Bay Colony**, which eventually would also include Plymouth.



Common loon



Native Americans and Pilgrims used **cod** for food and fertilizer.

Flora & fauna

Forests cover about three-fifths of Massachusetts. Deer, fox, muskrats, porcupines, raccoons and skunks are common.

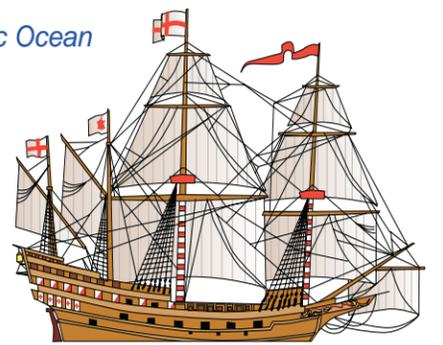
Massachusetts has 4,230 miles (6,808 km) of rivers and more than 1,300 lakes and ponds.

Fresh water provides habitat for many species, such as the **common loon**.

Saltwater species, such as Atlantic cod, haddock and American lobster, are found off this state's shores.



Trailing arbutus



On November 11, 1620, after 10 weeks at sea, the **Mayflower** anchored near the tip of Cape Cod. The ship carried 102 passengers and about 30 crew members.

Just the facts

Area	10,565 sq. mi. (27,337 sq. km)
Population	6,892,503
Capital city	Boston
Highest elevation	Mount Greylock 3,489 ft. (1,063 m)
Lowest elevation	Atlantic Ocean (sea level)

Agriculture Dairy, nursery and greenhouse products, eggs, vegetables, cattle, hogs, sheep, cranberries and fruit

Fishing Crabs, clams

Industries Textiles, electronics, publishing, education, tourism, fishing

Mining Clay, lime, marble, sand and gravel, silica, quartz, granite, limestone, sandstone and slate

Did you know?

Four U.S. presidents were born in Massachusetts. **John Adams**, the second president, and his son, **John Quincy Adams**, the sixth president, were both born in Braintree (now Quincy). **John F. Kennedy**, the 35th president, was born in Brookline. **George H. W. Bush**, the 41st president, was born in Milton.

Deborah Samson (also spelled Sampson) disguised herself as a man and fought in the **War of Independence** under the name of Robert Shurtleff. When she was wounded, her identity was revealed.

One of the first Europeans to sail the Massachusetts coast may have been the **Viking Leif Ericson** around the year 1000. In 1498, the English explorer John Cabot visited the region.



John Adams
1735-1826



John Quincy Adams
1767-1848



John F. Kennedy
1917-1963



George H.W. Bush
1924-2018



Deborah Samson
1760-1827



John Hancock
1737-1793

In 1780, **John Hancock** became the first elected governor of Massachusetts.

Major history

Many of the events that led up to the **Revolutionary War** took place in Massachusetts. Angry mobs demonstrated against taxes. **Paul Revere** made his famous ride to warn the patriots about the British troop movement. The Battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

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