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Bassano, Newell Foundation expected to meet CEO of AHS

SANDRA M STANWAY
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Bassano mayor Ron Wickson told council last Monday he is expecting a meeting will be set up with Dr. Verna Yiu, president and CEO of Alberta Health Services (AHS), over the next couple of months regarding the Bassano project.

"She is dismayed a little bit by the long term planning being interrupted by COVID but she assured me that we will get our chance to talk to her in the first quarter of 2021," said Wickson who is also a member of the Newell Foundation which is the project lead.

He said Yiu will personally get together with the people who are interested in the project from the town and the foundation "and have a sit down conversation about the hospital, its future and what it would look like going into the future."

The foundation's project, which was presented to the province in 2013, is the development of an aging in community facility and a new hospital.

Since the presentation was made the town began

to look at developing tiny homes in the community which has morphed into a FAB (future adaptive buildings) village.

The village would see individual modular-type homes about 580 square feet that could meet the medical needs of residents. Many Bassano councillors believe the homes would be a good program for the Bassano Project, however, Wickson said, the foundation is not really supportive of the tiny home project but they like the idea of separate units.

"We have a new proposal for the complex which has the hospital integrated into the seniors centre. That proposal had separate units that could be isolated in case of a COVID circumstance."

In July Bassano asked the foundation to partner with the town on the FAB project as a way to access funds but the foundation put the discussion on hold for now because of many other projects such as expansion of Newbrook Lodge and possible merger of provincial housing.

"The Newell Foundation is not interested in the tiny home project. There's no

absolute about that. It's just a point of view," said Wickson.

He said the foundation doesn't see the tiny homes as a way to advance the project but they support a new hospital as part of the whole plan.

"They are still interested in financing the Bassano project," he said.

Following an in-camera meeting in December, Bassano councillors approved a motion to apply for a Rapid Housing Initiative grant through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for \$1.844 million. The funds would be used for capital costs towards the FAB housing project.

The federal program aims to create affordable housing for people and populations who are vulnerable.

EID board confident irrigation expansion can be supported

Next virtual meeting Jan. 21 at 7 p.m...

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The Eastern Irrigation District board is confident the district can support the proposed increase in irrigation acres.

On Monday the board hosted a virtual meeting with about 65 water users to discuss the expansion project and plebiscite which is proposing an increase to 345,000

irrigation acres from the current 311,000 acres.

"This will provide many new opportunities that will benefit all rural water users and our community as a whole," said board chair Jason Hale.

The Feb. 23 plebiscite will ask users if they are in favour of the expansion to 345,000 acres.

"This is a very important decision that water users need to make and possibly a defining time for the EID," said Ivan Friesen, the district's general manager.

The district cannot have public meetings because of the pandemic, however, Friesen urges everyone to get their questions asked by either calling him, Earl Wilson, the district's special projects manager or a board member.

The Bulletin will carry a full report in next week's edition, however, Monday's meeting has been posted and is available on the EID's website at eid.ab.ca and a link for Thursday's meeting will be available also on the district's site.

Bassano mayor will not seek re-election in October

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Bassano mayor Ron Wickson told council on Monday this will be his final term.

"I'm going to be one of those people that is not going to be running for re-election," he said.

Wickson said his wife is retiring and he believes he should, too.

He wants council to look at their strategic objectives as they move closer to the election particularly in light of that fact that nominations are open and there will be a reduction in the number of councillors to five from seven.

"I think it's important as we look forward for the benefit of the town whether we stay on or not, that we'd

Bassano mayor



RON WICKSON

like to see whatever work that we've done continue to get done for the betterment of the town," he said.

He said it's important to encourage others to run and urged councillors to discuss their responsibilities when they are out in the community speaking to the public and potential candidates.

Save the Shuttle Campaign over for '21

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The Save the Shuttle Campaign ended on Friday for 2021 but there was enough time for Amanda Mills, a Griffin Park School teacher's aid, to get some funds in for this year while hoping to do bigger fundraiser for next year.

The Brooks to Medicine Hat shuttle program required \$40,000 to ride out 2021 and will need another \$40,000 for 2022.

A campaign was launched in the fall and quickly raised enough to keep the bus on the road this year as well as collecting \$4,741 towards the 2022 campaign.

Mills said left a collection jar in the school for about a week and raised just under \$100 to help Save the Shuttle.

"We take for granted that everybody has a way to get from point A to B. Growing up in the U.K. I had to rely on buses and trains so I think it's so important that we have proper transport available for people that don't have their own car," she said.

"It's not just used for shopping. It's used for essential medical services so I think it's very important."

Funds will continue to be accepted at city hall for the 2022 campaign.

Brian Gervais

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HAS MOVED

I have moved to a **NEW LOCATION** downtown at **Brooks Business Centre** (107B - 1st St. W.)

Same entrance as Mark's Market and Century 21 and south of Brooks Hotel.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at my new office.

03-04C

BROOKS BULLETIN ONLINE READER POLL

In light of the recent poll do you think Premier Kenney stands a good chance of losing the next election to the NDP?

YES	<div style="background-color: black; height: 10px; width: 57%;"></div> 57%
NO	<div style="background-color: black; height: 10px; width: 43%;"></div> 43%

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 113
View our weekly polls @ www.brooksbulletin.com
Online poll for the week of Jan 13 - Jan 20, 2021.

COUNTY OF NEWELL

NOTICE OF NOMINATION PERIOD - 2021 LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION

Residents of the County of Newell are hereby notified that the Nomination Period for the 2021 Local Authorities Election opened Jan. 1, 2021 and remains open until 12:00 PM (noon) local time on Nomination Day which is September 20th, 2021.

The positions open for election during the October 18, 2021 Local Authorities Election are 7 Councillors for Electoral Divisions 1 through 7 as established through Bylaw 1998-20.

A detailed Candidate Information Package which includes the prescribed nomination form, is available on the County of Newell Web Site: www.countyofnewell.ab.ca/p/2021-municipal-election

Completed nomination forms must be submitted to the Returning Officer between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM local time at the County of Newell Office located at 183037 RR 145.

MUNICIPAL 2021 ELECTION

02-04C



A spruce tree was knocked down onto a BIM building at Seventh Street East and Second Avenue during a wind storm last Wednesday morning at about 11 a.m. about an hour after Environment Canada issued a wind warning of gusts up to 110 km/hr and as high as 140 km/hr. January has been unusually warm and meteorologist Sara Hoffman said those temperatures are expected to continue through the week with daytime highs about eight degrees above normal.

| SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Bow River MP Martin Shields looks forward to 2021

SANDRA M STANWAY
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Bow River Member of Parliament Martin Shields understands how important the COVID19 vaccine is for health and the economy and its availability makes him very optimistic for 2021.

It is the second time Shields is seeing a lifesaving vaccine. The first time was in the mid-1950s with the polio vaccine.

"I remember when the vaccine was developed and the celebration in the communities when it came to our schools. We all lined up. You got a sugar cube," he said.

The difference between then and now is, "we didn't close the world down with polio."

Throughout his years in the province and as M.P. in the riding, Shields has always seen resiliency within his constituents.

He said despite crushing economic challenges with people suffering crushing economic losses there is always the idea that tomorrow will be better.

"The recovery is going to be significant for some such as small businesses whose owners will wonder if they will be able to reopen and individuals who lost their jobs. There is positivity in the sense that tomorrow is going to be a better day," he said.

He sees similarities between the current pandemic and the 1980s National Energy Program (NEP).

In the '80s, he said, many people were forced to walk away from their homes and businesses but the losses

were industry-specific while the current situation affects everyone.

"In the oil and gas sector there are some similarities but what's tougher in this one is we're dealing with a pandemic. We're shutting down whole industries, whole sections of our society," he said.

Shields doesn't remember a time when schools were closed and when there were so many daily changes to society's structure and economy as there are now but despite those changes he sees a lot of community spirit such as in Milo where everyone came together to rebuild a restaurant.

"I believe there is resilience. I believe that people want to find a way back. Those who believe in the vaccine believe that this will turn things around."

"People in the Bow River riding are optimistic about a lot of things. I don't look at it as though next year will be better but that tomorrow will be better.

"It's going to be. It has to be," he said.

He is optimistic about the work being done within the resource sector including carbon capture and hydrogen projects.

"We've got some of the leading projects in the world just at the edge of this riding in research so there's those positive things," he said.

In the local agricultural sector where he always sees strength, Shields believes it will continue to get stronger with the expansion of irrigation infrastructure thanks to the \$815 million that was announced last fall.

This year will also be the

Bow River MP



MARTIN SHIELDS

year of a federal election which is expected to be held in May and dominated by the COVID19 issue.

Shields, who is a member of the Conservative Party of Canada, will seek his third term.

He believes the ruling Liberals should have focused on rapid testing which would have played a big part in the economy.

"If we had really focused on finding that mechanism that would have really contributed to getting people back in the economy. I think we missed that piece," he said.

He also believes over the past 30 or so years, Canada has been dependent on foreign countries for medical solutions, products and supplies, instead of providing funds for homegrown solutions.

Shields expects policies addressing those areas will be part of the party.

Shields said the Liberal government has tabled legislation that will allow to a three-day election during a pandemic.

"That's so you can spread out the vote so you don't have a lot of people at the same time," he said.

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COVID-19 INFORMATION

CHANGES TO MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS

Effective Monday, January 18, some provincewide restrictions will be eased:

- **Outdoor social gatherings are allowed up to 10 people, however, no indoor gatherings are not allowed and people must stay outdoors.**
- **Personal and wellness services are allowed to open by appointment only (commencing Jan. 18)**
- **Funeral ceremony attendance has been increased to 20 people, with mandatory masking and 2 metre physical distancing. Funeral receptions are not allowed.**

All other mandatory restrictions will remain in place until further notice.

Visit Alberta.ca for the most recent public health measures.

Please watch for new restrictions as they may change weekly.

FITNESS CLASSES AT CITY RECREATION FACILITIES UPDATE



The City will no longer be offering City-run fitness classes. All classes offered out of City recreation facilities will be provided by private instructors.

These classes will not be included with memberships. For those who have purchased memberships only to attend City-run classes, please contact the Recreation Department and they will offer a pro-rated refund.

City recreation memberships are still an excellent value and provide access to our fitness centre, aquatic centre, and drop-in times in all areas of the facility.

City of
Brooks

EDITORIAL

The unwritten law of compensation

The late U.S. senator Robert Kennedy was fond of the quotation, "Man was not destined for safe havens."

That phrase was a quotation from Edith Hamilton's writing about Aeschylus and she had added thereto: "to the heroic, desperate odds fling a challenge."

Carlyle worded the idea in a simpler declaration; "no man lives without jostling or being jostled; he has to elbow himself through the world, giving and receiving offence."

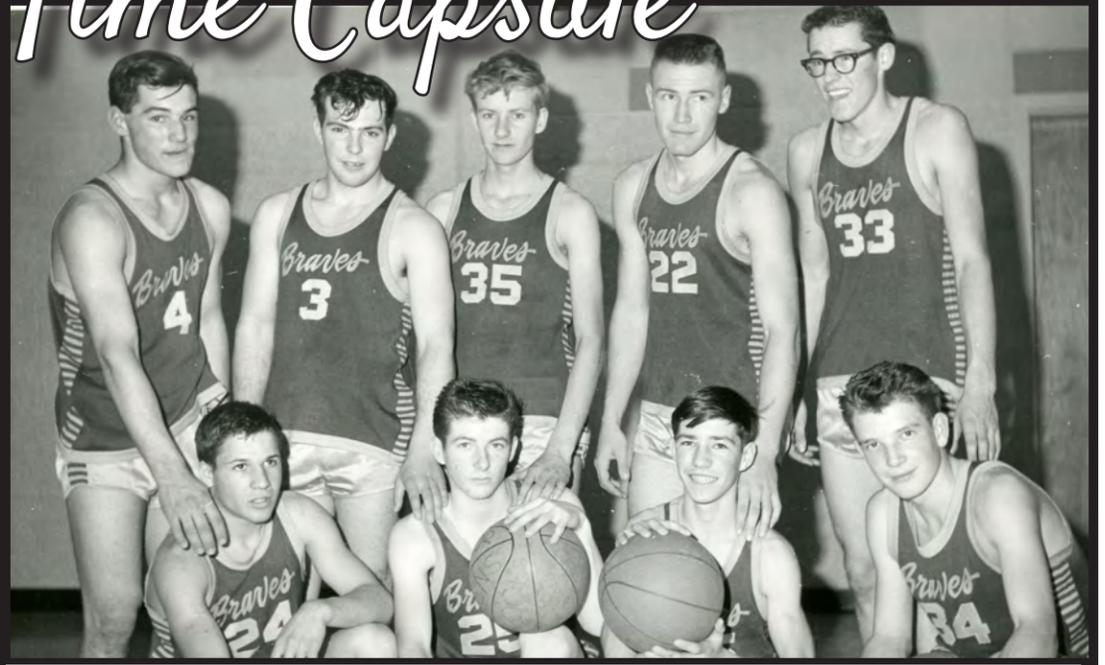
But there is also an unwritten law of compensation that

puts down the overbearing, the strong, the rich and the fortunate to substantially the same ground as others.

"Nothing arbitrary, nothing artificial can endure," wrote Emerson. "The law of compensation adjusts its balance in all parts of life. Every crime is eventually punished, every virtue rewarded, every wrong redressed, in silence and certainty."

"Round the ancient track marches rank on rank, The army of unalterable law."

Time Capsule



1963 BROOKS HIGH SCHOOL BRAVES: Members of this season's high school senior team, the Braves, have been establishing a commendable record on the local circuit. Front row, left to right: Rick Shannon, Darryl Russell, Greg Wright and DeLoss Christensen. Back row, left to right: Jim Hajash, Bill Calhoun, Reid DeForest, Bryce Wright and Lynn Wright. Missing: Dwayne Korosi.

Civilization and democracy

Sir Winston Churchill, one of the greatest statesmen in the history of democracy, gave the following dissertation on civilization as developed under democracy.

"Civilization means a society based on the opinions of civilians. It means that the violence and the rule of warriors and despotic chiefs, the conditions of camp and warfare, of riot and tyranny give place to a parliament

where laws are made and independent courts of justice in which over long periods those laws are maintained.

"In its soil grows continually freedom, comfort and culture and a wider and less harassed life is afforded to the mass of the people. The traditions of the past are cherished and the inheritance bequeathed to us by wise and valiant men become a rich estate to be enjoyed and used by all."

EDITOR'S SCRAPBOOK

*When you look at the stars you should tremble - only dullards have become callous to this frisson...
- John Geddes
A Family Rain*



Vaccine Triage

COLUMNIST



GWYNNE DYER

Triage is always crude and messy, and there are always mistakes, but the goal is to save as many lives as possible in an emergency where there are not enough medical resources to save everybody. That certainly applies to the Covid-19 pandemic, and there is certainly rough-and-ready triage going on right now in hospitals across the world.

But there is also something approximating to triage happening with regard to vaccines in the United Kingdom now. The estimable Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for almost half his life, was denouncing it on the media only the other day. But just this once, he may be wrong. Britain was one of the first countries to start vaccinating people last month when the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine became available (8 December), and it now has been the first to administer the AstraZeneca vaccine, but both require a second shot three weeks after the first.

At the same time, however, the UK has been ground zero for the new strain of the Covid-19 virus, romantically named VUI/202012/01 (or B.1.1.7 for short). More than half the world's reported infections are there, and the reason it's spreading so fast is that it's three times more infectious than the older variant.

Daily infections in the UK tripled in three weeks, and now regularly exceed 60,000. Deaths from Covid-19 are now well over 1,000 a day, and may

stay up there until a sufficient fraction of the population has been vaccinated. Therefore the faster the vaccinations can be done, the fewer people will die or suffer 'long Covid' symptoms.

So the chief medical officer of England, Professor Chris Whitty, and his counterparts in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland took a brave and potentially momentous decision. They announced that the scheduled second shot of the vaccine would be postponed to twelve weeks after the first for everybody who hadn't already had it - effectively, for almost everybody in the country.

The advantage of doing it that way is obvious. Whatever speed the vaccinations are being done at, you will be processing twice as many people in the same time if you don't have to devote half your resources to giving second shots at the same time. In England, under Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government, that may be no better than Donald Trump's pathetic 'warp speed' vaccination programme in the United States, which promised twenty million inoculations by the end of December and managed about four million.

From foolishly delayed lock-downs to a shambolic test-and-trace programme that still doesn't work, the British government has failed every test it was set. The United Kingdom still leads the United States by a hair in the race for the coveted world title of Second-Worst Covid Death Rate for a Large Developed Country. (Italy still leads the field.) But all the more reason to speed up the vaccinations.

Now, the obvious drawback with this one-shot-now, one-shot-twelve-weeks-later approach is that nobody is getting the full protection that would come with a booster shot after only three weeks. Or at least that's the consensus, although you can find researchers who

argue that later is better.

Professor Andrew Pollard of the UK's Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation is one of them. "If you have a longer gap between that first and second dose," he told the Guardian, "then the strength of the booster tends to be stronger...That's what we see with almost every other vaccine that's ever been tested."

There certainly is an element of triage in this. A few people who don't get their second shot on the original schedule may contract the virus and die while waiting twelve weeks for the booster. However, a lot more people will avoid dying from Covid-19, because twice as many will have received that single shot in the same time.

There is now a steady stream of spokespersons for the pharmaceutical firms that produced these vaccines publicly warning that there is 'no evidence' that a single shot gives protection for more than three weeks. Of course there isn't. All the tests were done with a second shot after just three weeks, so how could there be?

However, it's just as true to say that there is no evidence that the vaccine's protection fails after three weeks, and a lot more relevant. The lawyers told those spokespersons to say what they said in order to protect the firms from possible lawsuits, but it would be almost unprecedented in the history of vaccines if the single shot's protection were to fail so quickly. That's not how vaccines work.

Short-term efficacy from the first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is around 90%; for the AstraZeneca jab, it's 70%. As Prof. Pollard said, "From three weeks after the first dose, we're not seeing anyone who's vaccinated admitted to the hospital or developing severe disease."

In a pandemic, this radical measure is just common sense, and others should take heed.



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Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Belated Happy Birthday greetings to Ashley Christensen who celebrated her special day on January 13. Happy Birthday greetings to this coming week go out to Ethan Rosen, Tommy Ovinge on January 29; Allen Nielsen on January 29.

Due to the most recent COVID-19 restrictions, we have to postpone both the Friday and Saturday night sessions of Paint Night with Rita Wildschut. As soon as restrictions lift enough to enable us to hold a small gathering in the Hall, we shall reschedule with Rita. Contact (text) Dana at 403-952-8604.

The Alcoma Community Library is closed to the public, once again, during these restrictions. 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.

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.

The school is continuing to accept bottle donations. These are much appreciated and can be dropped off beside the quonset.

Contact: janebellward20@gmail.com or 403-793-0692.

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - Did you know Scandia's Salem Lutheran Church is continuing to hold Sunday services at 9am, following all protocols and guidelines.

Alcoma School News- There will be HOT LUNCH this Thursday for all students. Remember to keep checking those bingo cards that came home last week. Check out the Facebook page for more info and don't hesitate to contact the school if needed. 403-362-3741.

With the recent restrictions The Alcoma library will go back to contactless pickup. Order

online via shortgrass or contact Janet.

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.

Please Note- Masks are now mandatory inside the Post Office. Also 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.

Have you checked in with your senior neighbors? If you're going for groceries, maybe you can pick something up for them? Support seniors at home. Seniors can contact 211 if they need help finding resources in their community. 211 is a comprehensive referral system accessible to all Albertans. Call or text 2-1-1 or visit ab.211.ca

If you want anything submitted in the sketch, please contact me at Karlyn. takeda@hotmail.com or 403-362-5488.

Finding "The One"

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

**Nathan Ramer -
Duchess Mennonite
Church**

If you like to watch movies, think about the last romantic comedy that you've watched. You don't need to tell me which one it was, I don't want to shame anyone. But think about the general outline of the plot. I would be surprised if it did not include some variation of "girl and boy finally connect and the world is as it should be." Most often that means they finally have sex, and/or finally got rid of that scumbag that they were with before.

Unfortunately, most of us can remember a few movie storylines like that. But what does that do to us? For some, movies are harmless and entertaining. For others, movies are evil and only Disney is allowed. I don't really want to get into that one, but I don't think either approach is necessarily the "right" one. So an important

question to ask when watching a movie is: What message is this movie giving me? What do I think about that?

When it comes to our relationships, the subtle message from Hollywood is that our lives are incomplete simply because we aren't with the right person. It is true that we need relationships. But not "the one," instead we need deep, meaningful, healthy relationships. Emphasis on the plural. Romance doesn't satisfy us. Feeling close and connected is really what we want. And we can work at that with whoever we choose. Sure, it is easier with some than others. But there is no perfect "the one" out there. All partners will produce relational friction with us at times when we live in close proximity. So instead of looking over the fence for greener grass, how about looking inside yourself for what is going on in your areas of conflict? Might just be that your own garbage is really the issue. Which could be good news; because that is something you can change.

Church Come worship with us...

 <p>St. Mary's Catholic Church 511 - 4th St. W., Brooks, AB. Ph: 403-362-4466 Fax: 403-793-2571</p>	<p>Parish Priest Father Marino Infante</p> <p>MASSES Saturday at 5:00 pm Sunday at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm</p> <p>WEEKDAY MASS Please call church office at 403-362-4466</p>	 <p>St. Alban's Anglican Church</p> <p>Join us for Online ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICES for login info email: cwallman@telus.net</p> <p><i>"Forward in Faith"</i></p>	 <p>804 Cassils Road E., Brooks, Alberta T1R 0L2 Pastor Daryle Fox Church: 403-362-5060 Cell 403-793-7203</p> <p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 11 am</p> <p>Affiliated North American Baptist Conference Connecting People to Christ and His Caring Community! EVERYONE WELCOME!</p>	 <p>Pastor Ryan Reeves 780-232-2926</p> <p>430 - 2nd St. W.</p> <p>SATURDAY SERVICE Sabbath School: 10:00 am Worship 11 am</p>		
 <p>BROOKS 304 Cassils Road East Phone 403-362-8908 Website: www.brooksalliancechurch.com</p> <p>PASTOR DAVID BRADFORD</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 am</p>	<p>DUCHESS LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCC) PASTOR ANDY KAHLE Phone 587-832-3221</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service 11:30 am Everyone Welcome!</p> <p>LUTHERAN HOUR Sundays 7:30 am CHAT FM94.5 RADIO 8:30 A.M. CKMX 1060</p> <p><i>"Why Jesus Told Parables" (Mark 4)</i></p>	 <p>Box 298, Duchess, AB. T0J 0Z0 Phone 403.378.4966 Email: office@duchessmennonite.ca Website: www.duchessmennonite.ca</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am Sunday School Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School starts at 9:30 am</p> <p>Pastor Alvin Penner Associate Pastor Nathan Ramer Associate Pastor Terry Jackson Office Hours: Tuesdays to Thursdays 8:30 am to 12 Noon</p>	 <p>BROOKS UNITED CHURCH REVEREND ESTHER CREWS</p> <p>507 - 3rd Ave. W. Brooks, AB. Phone/Fax: 403-362-3637 Email: bksunite@shaw.ca</p> <p>Office Hours: 9:00 to 12 Noon (Tues. - Fri.)</p> <p>SUNDAY SERVICE NURSERY & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM</p>	 <p>Pursuing God, Life, Family & Purpose</p> <p>God is doing a NEW thing! Jesus came so we could all have life, and life in abundance. Come & encounter your fullest life with us!</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Worship Service & Kids SuperChurch (K-Gr.6) Sundays 10:00am</td> <td>Youth Group (Gr.7-12) Fridays 7:30pm</td> </tr> </table> <p>Pastor Aaron & Cynthia Barrington 15th Ave & 3 St W 403.362.7785</p>	Worship Service & Kids SuperChurch (K-Gr.6) Sundays 10:00am	Youth Group (Gr.7-12) Fridays 7:30pm
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 <p>403 - 2nd Street West</p> <p>PASTOR KOLA AYENI</p> <p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 am</p> <p>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 5:30 pm</p> <p><i>Everyone Welcome!</i></p>	 <p>Brooks International Gospel Church 120 - 1st Ave. E., Brooks, AB. T1R 0S4 T: 403-362-2129 CP: 403-363-0848 Email: brooksintlbgospelchurch@gmail.com <i>"We believe in the Prophetic"</i> A Year of Success Luke 1:37 2021</p> <p>Sunday Adult Bible Study - 10:30 am Youth Bible Study - 10:30 am Sunday Service - 11:30 am Tuesday Bible Study - 7 pm Prophetess Maureen Banda</p>	 <p>403-378-4933</p> <p>Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am</p> <p>Welcomes Everyone!</p> <p>Pastor: Lorne Willms</p>	 <p>CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH One Block North of Cassils Rd. at 11th Street West REV. J. VANDERBURGH</p> <p>Join us for Sunday Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>Sunday School for all ages 11:40 am</p> <p>587-914-3542</p>	 <p>Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church</p> <p>Join us for online ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICES For login info, email: spiritofgracelutheran@gmail.com</p> <p>PASTOR JANICE WHITELOCK Phone: 403-362-1944 <i>Inviting, Including, Inspiring</i></p> 	<p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LCCM 811 Cassils Road West Brooks, Alberta Pastor: Maggie Theiss 403-362-4259 www.brookstrinity.ca</p> <p>SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 am IN PERSON and ONLINE</p> 	



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2021

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Province runs out of COVID vaccine

Eight confirmed cases of COVID19 in Brooks, five in the county....

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Alberta has run out of the COVID19 vaccine due to an expansion of Pfizer's European manufacturing facility.

However, there is no change to scheduled shipments of the Moderna vaccine, according to news reports.

Last week Major General Deny Fortin, who is heading Canada's vaccine distribution told media deliveries at the European facility would be temporarily reduced by

half with the most profound impact taking place during the week of Jan. 25.

Allocations are expected to scale up in February and will ramp up during the second quarter of the year, he said.

Fortin said Canada's goal remains that those who want the vaccine will be able to receive it in September.

Alberta Premier Jason Kenney told media on Monday Pfizer has since readjusted their delivery schedule.

European countries will not be as significantly affected by the reduction while Canada's supply will be held back.

The shortfall for the country is expected to hit next week.

Kenney told media on

Monday the province has administered 90,000 doses and will run out of vaccine by Jan. 19.

"By the end of day today or early tomorrow Albertans will have no more vaccine doses," he said.

"We have quite simply run out of supply. Yes, we'll get more vaccine in the coming weeks and some more doses this week."

He said, "I'm deeply disappointed at the situation that we are now facing."

The result of having fewer doses has changed the first phase of the vaccination program to allow enough supply for the second dose.

"Second dose appointments will not be cancelled and we believe that we can administer

second doses to all those who need them within the recommended time frame."

The province will scale back its first phase of vaccinations which means that anyone who is eligible including those over the age of 75 and health care workers, will have to wait.

While the news is a little grim Albertans have been bending the curve down and the province has started to relax some of the public health rules.

There are 11,923 cases across the province including eight confirmed cases in Brooks and five in the County of Newell with no additional deaths reported as of Jan. 17. There are no outbreaks being reported in either municipality.

City CAO Alan Martens told council on Monday the

low numbers indicate the area has come out of the holiday season in pretty good shape.

"That's definitely a testament to everyone being mindful of the risks and staying safe," he said.

Brooks RCMP Sgt. Bruce McDonald said police have responded to four COVID-related complaints since Jan. 1.

"All were unfounded," he said.

Last year the department responded to 50 calls of which one resulted in a ticket, which he believes was withdrawn.

"We have operated on education and public awareness about COVID19 and that strategy seems to work. Folks in Brooks are doing a great job so far in maintaining the

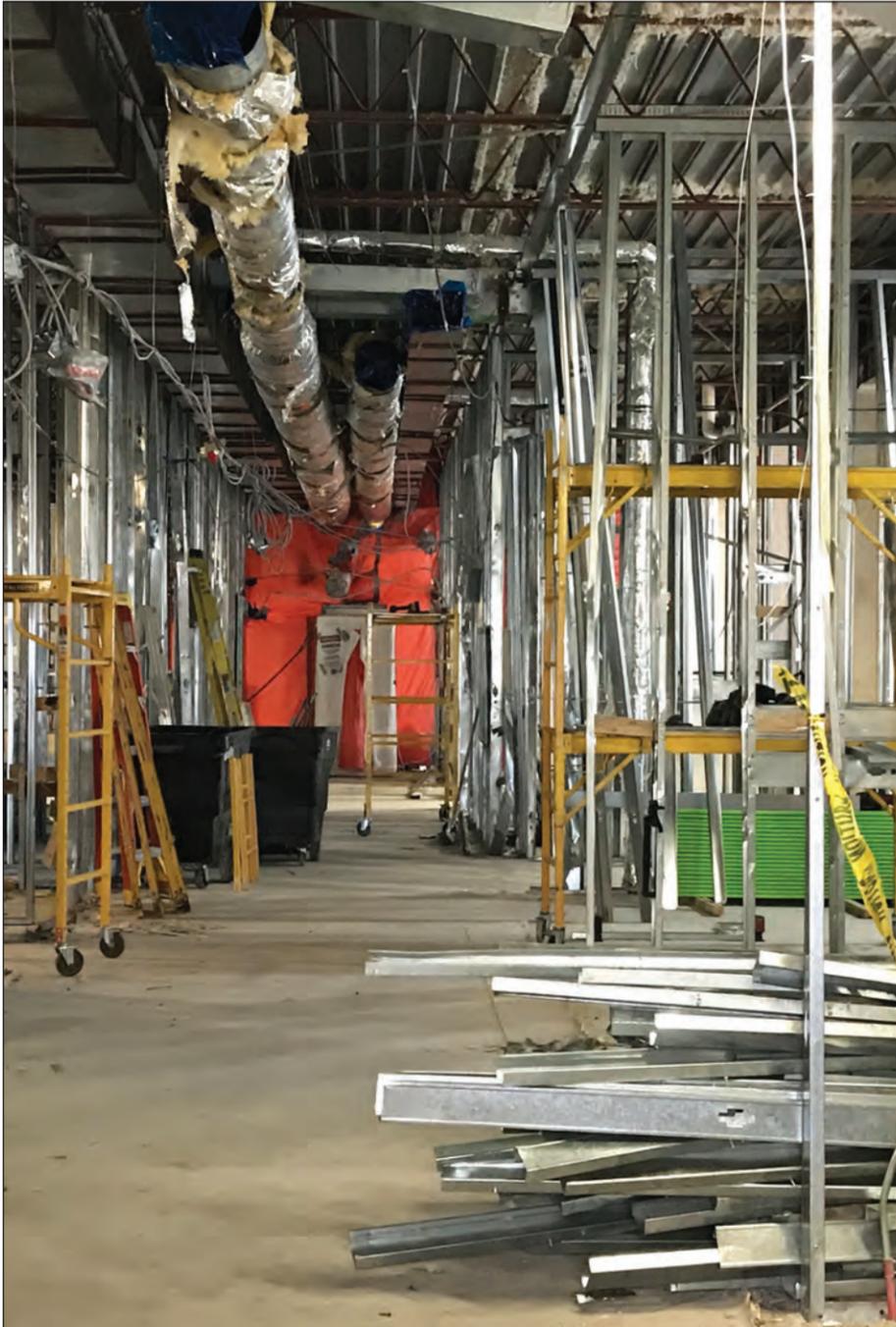
public health measures and helping us flatten this curve," said McDonald.

As a result of lower numbers the province, has relaxed the outdoor gathering restriction to allow up to 10 people. Twenty people are allowed to attend funerals, however, receptions are still prohibited.

Personal and wellness services, such as hair salons and barbers, are open by appointment.

Everyone is urged to continue to follow public health orders including wearing a mask in all public areas.

"You are making a difference," Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's chief medical health officer told media last Thursday.



Contractors are in the demolition phase at the Brooks Health Centre for the new palliative care unit which is expected to be operational late this year. Of the 14 beds being added, five will be used for palliative care and nine will be used for long term care. If a palliative care bed is available it will be used for convalescent patients. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Request for return of security deposit denied by town council

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Town of Bassano denied a request by Canalief to return their \$45,000 security deposit.

The funds were provided by the company as a security deposit for utility upgrades.

Bassano holds the deposit for one year at 150 per cent of the upgrades so if there are defects they can be repaired without using taxpayers dollars.

Canalief, a cannabis production facility, finished upgrades to the property

at 1002 2nd Ave. in 2019. Their construction completion documents were not submitted until October 2020.

A joint inspection took place on Nov. 6, 2020 so the security deposit will not be returned until November 2021 if there are no deficiencies.

The town has given the company exemptions in the past including development time lines to accommodate the investment.

"We have these things in place. I'm not in favour of giving their money back,"

said councillor Tom Rose.

None of the new tie-ins have been tested which is concerning to councillor Doug Barlow.

"We're going to sit here for possibly a year and give them money back and it hasn't even been tried which leads us to something else, possibly, down the road," he said.

Mayor Ron Wickson said the town is not bound to refund the money.

"They requested and the answer is no," he said.

County to pave portion of Range Road 145 near Bow Slope

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The County of Newell will use its provincial municipal stimulus funds of \$894,371 to upgrade a section of Range Road 14-5 just north of Brooks.

The 1.12 kilometer project will stretch from the city's corporate limit to the existing end of the

pavement.

The gravel road will be improved to a non-ban standard.

"This project will improve access for agricultural producers to the Bow Slope Shipping Yard as well as multiple industrial subdivisions," said Mark Harbicht, the county's director of municipal services.

"Additional benefits include opportunities for vacant lands to be developed for residential and industrial purposes, including connectivity with the city."

The county agreed to use the funding prior to the end of the year and a tender package is expected to be released for the project in the coming weeks.

Brooks man sentenced to additional time in federal prison

Yonas Negussie, 27, of Brooks, who was already serving a three-year sentence, was sentenced to a further two-and-a-half years.

On Monday an Alberta Court of Queen's Bench Justice accepted the joint statement by the Crown and defence for the additional sentence.

Negussie pleaded guilty to possession for the purpose of trafficking, proceeds of crime under \$5,000 and three breaches from a previous court order.

Three other charges were withdrawn.

The court heard Negussie was pulling out of a business

when he was stopped by police who were responding to a complaint of a vehicle that nearly caused a collision on June 9, 2018 near Strathmore.

The Crown told the court Negussie seemed very drowsy while speaking to police and though a breath test registered no alcohol as he continued to speak white powder was observed on his fingernail.

A short time later police found that Negussie was breaching conditions from a previous charge. He was not to have been driving and not to possess drugs.

During a search about a quarter of a kilogram of

cocaine was found as well as Canadian money. While he was being held cocaine was found in his nostrils.

Negussie, the Crown said, has a criminal record dating back to 2012 and includes a recent March 2020 conviction for drug trafficking for which he received three years.

Negussie's sentence will be served following his current sentence.

He was also ordered to forfeit everything that was seized, provide his DNA and was given a lifetime weapons prohibition.

All charges against the co-accused Habtamu Alemu were stayed.



Ryker Harbicht, 12, holds a pike that he caught on Sunday while enjoying a day of fishing on Lake Newell with his dad. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bassano to maintain 2021 municipal budget

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Bassano town councillors last Monday agreed to maintain the \$1.349 million budget with some project changes which will not affect municipal taxes.

"There are a couple of changes that had to be made to the 2021 budget from the projection last year," said CAO Amanda Davis.

Council had hoped they would be able to put \$528,000 into reserves but that will be reduced by \$73,146 to cover the increase in carbon taxes, the decrease in user fees in town operated facilities and the increased costs for additional employees including one who is already working at town hall which increases the number of staff to four.

"There's no possible way that we can manage the shifts in the strategic plan and COVID with two administrative assistants,"

said Davis.

Projects in 2021 include enlarging a fire hall door to accommodate the new truck.

The \$15,000 project, of which half will come from the county, is expected to be done over the next month or two while the new medium duty rescue truck is expected to arrive in the community in July.

The town also has \$89,405 from the province through the Municipal Operating Support Transfer program. The funds are to be used for any loss and increase of COVID-related projects.

Davis said as to how the funds could be allocated will be part of a future meeting.

Some of the 2021 projects include writing an operations agreement with the county to outline fee for service work for roads as agreed to in the cost-sharing agreement and rewriting

the nine-year-old land use bylaw to meet the policies and procedures adopted by council in the new Municipal Development Plan.

The town gave three readings to the 2021 utility rates bylaw which includes increases for residential users and decreases for non-residential users. The rate changes are part of the town's plan to adjust the rates until they are the same across the board.

Residential rates are \$22 for garbage, \$7.35 for recycling, \$28.50 for sewer and \$2.45 per cubic meter for water. The non-residential rates for both high and low volume users are decreased.

"It was decided by council to do this over a three year period. By 2022 everybody will be paying the exact same fee for waste, sewer, recycling and water," said Davis.

One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE -Well, we've had some super weather the last while and I'm sure everyone has very much enjoyed it, as I have. But I'm also sure that it's not going to last too much longer, but it sure has helped us get through most the usually cold winter month of January. There's only one problem, that there is so much ice everywhere, so is very dangerous and will be even more so if it snows, as then we won't know where the ice is and it'll be much more treacherous and have the danger of falling. More problems too as any winter grains or alfalfa seed fields may have a lot of winter kill due to being iced over come spring. As I drive to town I look across the fields, all the fields look like a skating rink, sheer ice not good for sure.

Once again I really don't have any news so have

nothing much to report other than birthdays, etc.. Sorry folks!

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Brian Nichols of Brooks, to John Velasco and to Henry Urban of Sylvan Lake, all on Jan. 22nd; to Dale Merkl of Arcola, SK on Jan. 23rd; to Wayne Swenson on Jan. 24th; to Jason Van Oirschot on Jan. 25th; and to Carla Gillen of Brooks on Jan. 26th. We wish you each a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to you all, and to everyone else who is celebrating this week, we wish you all the best for the coming years.

Happy anniversary wishes go out to Ty and Glenda Charlton on Jan. 20th and to Tyler and Tamina Charlton on Jan. 21st, and to Randy and Corey Baksa on Jan. 25th. We wish all the couples' all the best in health and much happiness

for many more years to come.

Please folks wear your masks when you go to town and social distance, wash our hands regularly. Stay healthy and stay safe. Hope you are enjoying the nice weather and can go for walks where it's dry.

Mrs. Green lived upstairs in a two storey house together with an elderly widow who lived downstairs. After not hearing from her for a few days, she got a little nervous. "Johnny, she called to her son, "Do me a favour and go and find out how old Mrs. Robinson is".

So Johnny went down the stairs and knocked on Mrs. Robinson's door.

"So how is she? asked Mrs. Green.

Johnny replied; "She said it's none of your business how old she is."

Bow City Signal
HELENE MATHIEU & VICKY VIGFUSSON

BOW CITY - My name is Helene Mathieu, I with the help of Vickie Vigfusson will be taking over Joyce Calvert's job of writing the news for Bow City. Hope we can do as good a job as she's done. Sure have big shoes to fill. We will need your help in receiving and reporting news about our community. Please email Vickie at v1252@hotmail.com (Subject; Bow City News) or call Helene at 403-362-5706 with any news you would like included.

We are a little late but we would like to start off by wishing all of you a Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone survived those strong and scary winds from last Wednesday.

Wishing a Happy Anniversary to George and Kathy Ketchmark on Jan 8th. Happy birthday to Rick Thiebert on the 9th. Luckily the weather isn't too bad for January, might be paying for it later.

Have a great week!

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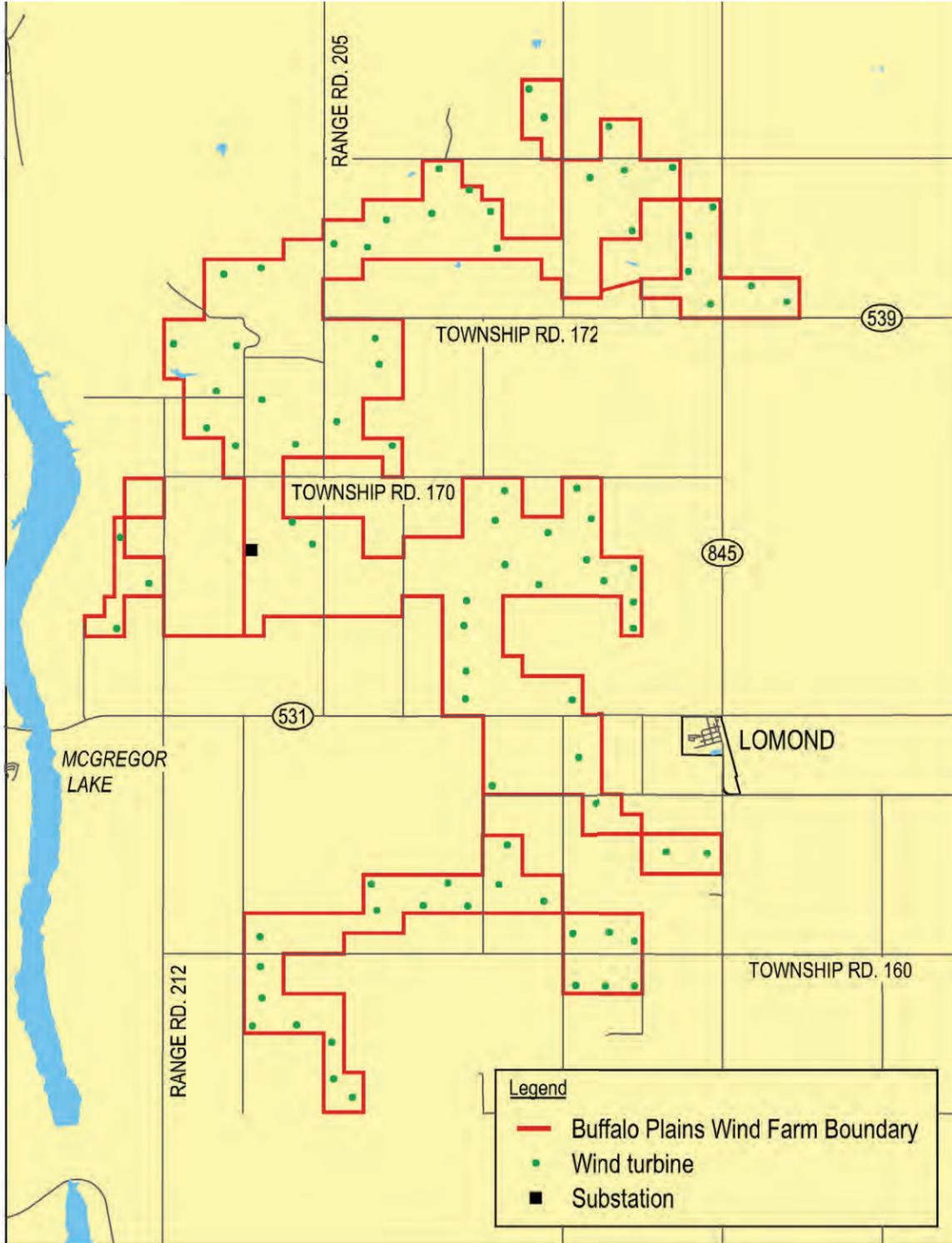
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Notice of application Buffalo Plains Wind Farm

Proceeding 26214

Applications 26214-A001 and 26214-A002



The Alberta Utilities Commission, the independent utilities regulator, is reviewing applications for a wind power plant project in the Lomond area in Proceeding 26214.

Buffalo Plains Wind Farm Inc. is applying to construct and operate the Buffalo Plains Wind Farm. The project would have a maximum generation capacity of 514.6 megawatts (MW), consisting of 83 wind turbines with a nominal capacity of 6.2 MW each. The proposed turbines have a hub height of 115 metres, rotor diameter of 170 metres, and an overall height to blade tip of 200 metres. The project also includes a project substation and overhead/underground collector lines.

The project would be located approximately two kilometres west of the Village of Lomond in Vulcan County.

Section	Township	Range	Meridian
30, 31, 34	15	20	W4M
36	15	21	W4M
3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34	16	20	W4M
1, 25, 26, 27, 34, 36	16	21	W4M
6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28	17	20	W4M
1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14	17	21	W4M

The map identifies wind turbine locations, the substation location and project boundary of the proposed Buffalo Plains Wind Farm. The applications and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System.

**Initial written submissions are due
February 24, 2021**

The AUC will also be holding an online Q&A session. Information about the project and the AUC's process, including directions on how to attending the Q&A session, register to participate in the proceeding, and obtain standing and funding can be found on the AUC's web page: www.auc.ab.ca/Pages/Buffalo-Plains-Wind-Farm-Project.aspx

If you wish to participate in this proceeding and register as a new user in the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 26214, and register to participate under the "registered parties" tab.

Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4282 or info@auc.ab.ca for more information or assistance with filing your submission. The lead application officer, Victor Choy, can also be contacted at 403-592-4439 or victor.choy@auc.ab.ca.

For more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding please contact us or visit our website and review the information under "Have your say" and under "Review process."



Responsibility for private rail crossings to move to landowner

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Anyone with a road, sidewalk, path or trail that crosses a railway track will be responsible for the rail crossing by Nov. 28, 2021,

under Transport Canada's crossing regulations.

The federal agency defines a private grade crossing as any railway track that intersects with a privately-owned road used by farmers, commercial businesses or private individuals.

Crossings on rail lines that divide land will become the ongoing responsibility of the landowner. They will have to include stop signs,

specific road grades leading to the crossings and any other requirement listed by Transport Canada.

"The railroads want them gone," said Bow River MP Martin Shields.

He said the number of crossings in the riding is not significant. The significance lies in the liability.

"If you continue to use those crossings the liability that you're facing is huge," he said.

In Canada, there are about 14,000 public and 9,000 private grade crossings over the rail line. Grade crossing accidents have fallen since about 1990 but there has been an increase in crossing fatalities since 2009, states a federal government release.

Mark Harbicht, the county's director of municipal services, said he is unsure how many private

crossings there are within the area but the county has been working on their crossings for about three years. During that time, updates have been made to include arms, audible sounds and other required features.

"Any other safety feature required is planned to be completed before the legislated deadline," he said.

Federal funding for rail safety improvement is available for upgrades until Aug. 1.



WARDLOW - This past Wednesday I had an appointment in Calgary, the weather was supposed to be storming but it turned out that we hit some rain at Strathmore. It was a very pretty day for a trip, some still had up their Christmas lights and we were treated to a gorgeous rainbow entering Calgary.

Lila Bird asked me to let everyone know that she still has community calendars to be sold. These were a fund raiser for the Berry Creek Community Club but since they are no longer it has been taken over by the Ella-Jane WI. If you haven't gotten your calendar give Lila at call at 403-633-0402.

Haven't really seen or talked to anyone this week as we're busy social distancing.

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

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**FORM 3A
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
MEETINGS**

Irrigation Districts Act [RSA 2000, c I-11] Sec 12

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

TAKE NOTICE that public meetings will be held:

Location	Date	Time
Online [www.eid.ca]	Monday Jan 18, 2021	2:00 p.m.
Online [www.eid.ca]	Thursday Jan 21, 2021	7:00 p.m.
In person [venue TBD] [if allowable under current COVID-19 public health orders or public gathering restrictions]	Monday Jan 25, 2021	TBD

to discuss a proposed change to the expansion limit of the Eastern Irrigation District from the existing limit of **311,000** acres to **345,000** acres.

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

DATED at the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta, this 9th day of December 2020.

Ivan Friesen, General Manager
Eastern Irrigation District

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2021 will be a good year for agriculture... well, we can hope

This time last year, COVID was just a minor disease outbreak mostly confined to China, but it was spreading. Back then, Dr. Tam, the Canadian Chief Public Health Officer, was pronouncing that facemasks were not necessary, travel from China was okay and that we should stop stigmatizing Chinese people. What was she thinking, it now boggles the mind. Regardless, the COVID pandemic has devastated the general economy except for one industry, that being agriculture and food. Although, a couple of ag sectors did get sideswiped but not of their own doing. Beef processing and harvesting of some field crops received setbacks from COVID caused by labour problems. From a consumer perspective, there were never any real shortages of essential foods, and the North American food supply



chain was resilient and reliable. Those involved in the industry worked hard to make it so, for which, in my opinion, they received little public gratitude. Not surprisingly, for overfed spoiled consumers, their biggest fear was a shortage of toilet paper.

For primary producers, COVID had different marketing impacts. The most obvious was at the cattle feedlot and beef processing sector. Temporary plant closures set their finely tuned supply system back from which that sector is still recovering. The reduced flow of temporary foreign workers did impact sectors like horticulture. One thing for sure, the entire ag and

food industry has learned from the pandemic, which will make recovery better and quicker. I expect the food processing and distribution sector has plans to incrementally adjust to the return of the restaurant and hospitality. The virtual overnight demise of that business caused havoc and considerable financial losses. That recovery may not start for another six months into the new year. The pace of the 2021 recovery is entirely dependent on the pace of COVID vaccinations. That will affect most food products' marketing, tempered of course, by any potential impacts of calamitous weather or some other unexpected disaster.

Alberta had an excellent cereals, pulses, and oilseeds harvest, especially compared to the previous year's harvest from hell. Luckily for Canadian growers but unlucky for

growers in Russia and Ukraine who faced harvest yield disasters last year, grain prices are stable and increasing. Even canola, which faced the loss of the massive Chinese market last spring, has recovered. China has quietly reinstated its canola imports to traditional levels. Those imports could still be impacted by Chinese government hostage diplomacy and the captive Chinese princess saga. Mercifully and hopefully, that madness will end in 2021. The beef industry will recover, and it may see significant price increases thanks to the recovery. Much will depend on how quickly the restaurant and tourism industries recover. Finance sector observers have noted that there are billions in pent up spending intentions by consumers due to COVID. I expect once that is unleashed, the restaurant demand will explode.

Those in the food industry that have been stockpiling frozen high-end meat cuts will probably do well in 2021. Money has been made in the grain and oilseed sector, which bodes well for the crop input business, which will see even better yields if the weather cooperates. Additionally, the massive increase in rail movement to west coast grain terminals started in 2020 could make 2021 another stellar year for that sector.

Are there clouds on the horizon? Alas, there always seems to be, thanks to an ideologically driven federal government. The feds are determined to increase the carbon tax, which will increase costs to the ag and food industry supply chain. Even that might be tolerable if the new President Biden administration would apply the same carbon tax to the American economy. To be fair, the latest Liberal Climate Change policy

update does contain some interesting initiatives. There is \$631 million for carbon sequestration projects; that may involve paying landowners to watch grass grow, but it's a good step that recognizes that ag can play a big part in burying carbon. However, there are suspicious new programs that have vague intentions. There is \$98 million for a program called "Natural Climate Solutions for Agriculture Fund." God help us that isn't code for a slush fund for the usual cabal of organic green eco-socialist lobby groups. Consultants must be drooling at the prospect of more off the wall studies.

In the end, after enduring 2020 and all its calamities, 2021 should be a lot better, or so we can hope. God bless us all in the new year.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer and policy advisor.

Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - Welcome back to school, Taligha!
Worship service at Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will take place on Sunday, January 31 at 10:00 am with Pastor John Theiss. All current guidelines regarding places of worship will be followed.

The Tilley and District Public Library remains closed to the public, but staff continue working behind closed doors to make items available for contactless pick-ups. Pick-ups can happen on Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Wednesdays 9:00 to 11:00 am and 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and on Saturdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Library membership is free for residents of Tilley. The library board is seeking additional members. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Anita at 403-377-2259.

The Spike & Spur Mercantile is open during the hours of 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Worship services at Bethany Lutheran Church have been suspended indefinitely. Once services can resume, we will follow all relaunch guidelines. It is hoped that we will be able to host the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Bake Sale on February 16, 2021.

Tilley Community Centre events will resume as the government allows and relaunch guidelines will be followed. For booking inquiries, please email tilleyhall@outlook.com or call 403-377-2406. The Community Centre Board AGM is scheduled for March 9, 2021.

Several out-of-town guests were gathering in a small village for a wedding. Joe and Ida were driving past a golden field and stopped to enjoy the sun-dappled beauty of it. Much to their surprise, they noticed a pair of men sitting in a rowboat way out in the middle of the wheat field with fishing lines cast into the crop. "Joe," said Ida, "We have to go tell those men they can't do that!" Shaking his head, Joe threw up his hands in defeat and replied, "How can we? We don't have a boat!"

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259. You may also EMAIL me at goombaw@eid.net 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!

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - I can't believe how we have escaped the frigid part of winter this long. I'm nervous for what the month of February holds for us!

Residents of Duchess and surrounding area are still enjoying the fresh air while skating on the

Norseman outdoor rink!

Brooks Music Festival will be holding a 'Virtual Festival' from March 15 - 19. Registrations accepted on-line only until January 22. Entry forms and details available at brooksmusicfestival.ca

The Station is offering

to donate \$1 with the purchase of any hot drink for the month of January. The proceeds will go the Duchess Agriculture Society. Despite the pandemic, the bills need to be paid, as we all know. If COVID-19 has affected your life, you could be eligible for a food hamper

from the Brooks Food Bank. Please call 403-362-3266.

The Duchess and District Public Library is still offering curb side assistance.

Have a great week and please call or text me at 793-1630 with any news items you may have.

NOTICE OF IRRIGATOR SURVEY

CAPITAL ASSETS

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District is seeking irrigator input on setting new Capital Assets Charges. A short survey has been mailed to irrigators and is available online at:

https://www.eid.ca/surveys/capital_assets.html

The District appreciates the consideration and input from the irrigators. Please complete and return the survey on or before **January 31, 2021**.

Ivan Friesen, General Manager
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JBS CORNER

TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HASSEN BEN HADJ SALAH

HARVEST MAINTENANCE

Picture was taken before Covid-19 restrictions

Hassen, originally from Tunisia, Africa, was working back home as an Electrical Engineer Assistant when in 2010, he decided to come to Canada in search of a better place to live and to be around his family.

He started his career at this facility in 2011, working on the rib line. A year and half later he advanced to a skinner operator on the harvest floor. With 30 years of electrical experience, Hassen's knowledge and skills were a key asset in his next promotion in 2015, to the maintenance department. Since then, he has enjoyed learning how to service and maintain the industrial equipment at the facility.

Hassen says he enjoys working at JBS and that he believes in all the JBS values, however the value of ownership to him is important because he feels he treats his work like it is his own family business. Hassen enjoys being helpful and takes pride in the fact that the departments team members treat each other with a high level of respect resulting in effortless team collaboration.

Jbs is proud to employ Hassens family members who have become a part of the JBS management team – Wissen Ben Salah, Kais Ben Salah, Beya Jlassi, Hamed Ben Salah, and Ali Jlassi.

Hassen proudly became a permanent resident of Canada in 2016. He loves his career and the life he and his family have built here. On his days off, he says that if he can eat fish with couscous and watch a good action movie, he is a happy man. Congratulations Hassen on your continued success!

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obituaries



SUMMERBELL - With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Sharon Summerbell, beloved wife, mother & grandma who passed away unexpectedly at home after a courageous 4 year battle with pulmonary hypertension and cancer, at the age of 65.

Born September 22, 1955 in Didsbury Alberta to Ken & Vi Janzen. Sharon attended school in Calgary and Nanaimo BC. Sharon worked in retail most of her working years, she loved working with people, the hardest part for her when she got sick was not being able to work any longer. Sharon loved spending time with John in Banff and any other trips they took.

She is survived by her loving husband John, her two sons Robbie (Shannon) and Tony (Shannon) and 6 grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother in law Isobel, 2 brothers, numerous family members, and close friends that became her family.

Her family would like to thank Cindy Young, Lindsay Schuett, Dr. C. Harris, Dr Weatherald and Dr. Imbulgoda and all the nurses and healthcare professionals that provided such great care to Sharon over the past few years.

Due to Covid restrictions, a small private family service will be held. A Celebration of Sharon's life will be held at a later date. If friends desire donations can be made on her behalf to the University of Calgary Memo Alberta Pulmonary Hypertension research fund Account # 10025798 care of Dr. Jason Weatherald Peter Lougheed Center 3500-26 Ave. N.E Calgary, AB T1Y 6J4. 03p

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ION - James Arthur Ion
October 28, 1937 - January 11, 2021

James "Jim" Arthur Ion, of Calgary Alberta, was a loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He left this world peacefully on January 11, 2021, at the age of 83 years.

Jim was predeceased by his beloved wife of 38 years, Marvey, in 1999. He is survived by his children, Sherry (Brian), Linda (Matt), Scott and Murray, his grandchildren Eric, Hannah, Soren, Maddox, Solvej and Wil, his siblings Eleanor Simpson, Doris Fraser, Laurence Ion and Sam Ion. He was predeceased by his brother Ken Ion.

Jim is also survived by his partner, travelling companion, and best friend Fran Mortenson, whom he shared many adventures with over the past few years.

Jim grew up on a farm near Gem, Alberta. In 1955, Jim moved to Calgary and met his love of his life, Marvey Jorgensen. They were married February 18, 1961.

After completing his degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of North Dakota, Jim dedicated over 23 years to the energy industry. He retired as President & General Manager of Peace Pipe Line Ltd. in 1991.

Jim was always a friendly, caring and generous man. He loved gardening, travelling in his motorhome, creating ammolite jewellery, eating delicious meals with his family and cruising to many exotic locations around the world..

Nothing defined Jim as much as his love for his family and his devotion to their happiness.

On Monday, January 18, 2021 there will be a Viewing at McInnis and Holloway (Fish Creek) from 12:00 to 1:00 PM with Graveside Service to follow at 2:00 PM at Queen's Park Cemetery. 03p

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DOERKSEN - Donna Doerksen, a most wonderful mother, sister, friend, and life partner of Gerry Doerksen for 36 years, completed her earthly journey in their Calgary home on Jan 6, 2021. She lived each day to the fullest and is now without pain. Donna was born Feb 19, 1963 in Brooks, AB to Henry and Betty Neufeld. She grew up as a 'prairie girl' on their farm in Gem, AB and enjoyed a loving family where stories, sharing and laughter abounded. Donna enjoyed the great outdoors, riding horses, swimming in irrigation

ditches, reading books, singing, and taking care of 4-H calves. As the oldest of 3 daughters, she did chores, drove the combine, trucks and tractors, and helped with whatever was required. While sorting cattle, she quickly learned to interpret her father's sometimes frenzied hand signals (from 1/2 mile away) "not that way, the other way!"; "Not that cow, the other cow!" Donna's upbringing taught her to contribute. Her parents' connections with people led to active coffee times with neighbors or whoever happened by and Donna learned to easily converse with anyone, old or young; new or known. As a teenager, Donna enjoyed barrel racing and gymkhana; playing on the women's baseball team and curling. She was active in school, church, and community, often on student council, organizing events and acted in several of Mrs. Babe Chris' famous Gem plays. Donna excelled in school, enjoyed learning, became a prolific reader, and could read most books in a few hours. She graduated High School in Rosemary, AB as valedictorian and her parents were proud. She attended one year at Bethany College and then pursued a BSc. of Physical Therapy at the U of A in Edmonton. On a sunny June day in 1984, Donna married her high school sweetheart, Gerry Doerksen. They partnered together, learning to work, play, travel and collaborate in all they did. After university, Donna took on a sole charge Physical Therapist position at the Bassano Hospital. She took up golf, joined the women's league and learned the rules by becoming the women's handicap coordinator. Donna also practiced physical therapy in Red Deer, Lacombe and with the Palliative Home Care team in Edmonton. She valued her coworkers and admired them as professionals and friends. In 1997, they moved to Calgary and Donna decided to retire from physiotherapy so she could care for her young family. Donna enjoyed walking Graham and Nicole to school; meeting their friends; building relationships with other parents, neighbors, and teachers. She joined the parent council and helped in classrooms as needed. Donna enjoyed gardening so she renovated their backyard and at some point, had over 60 varieties of hostas. She was inspired by the new growth in spring and developed a strong disdain for slugs. Her apple tree was the source of many pies and apple crisps shared with neighbors, friends, and family. Donna enjoyed extending hospitality and frequently hosted groups. After the home renovation in 2017, Donna often hosted groups between 10 to 50 in their home with ease. Donna was challenged with skull-based brain tumors and had 7 tumors removed over the years. Donna was optimistic and would visit with her surgeons and bring them her homemade fudge before surgery (and for recovery room staff). In recent years, Donna lived with a lot of pain, but she was stoic, always more concerned with the well-being of those around her than herself. Donna didn't view her interaction with cancer as a fight. Her strong faith in God helped her to accept it and live above it. She realized that she had limited control over health, but she could choose how she reacted. She chose to be joyful for all the blessings she had. Donna engaged a network of hundreds of people (maybe more) from around the world who were inspired to think of, pray for and support her along the way. She was thankful for her many friends and she will be remembered for her grateful demeanor, her practice of enjoying life and building memories. Donna's focus on making memories motivated many family trips to destinations in Canada, the USA, Egypt, Europe and earlier times Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. She enjoyed learning how others lived and gaining a new appreciation for the complexities of God's world. Each time she came back, Donna was grateful for the place she called home. Donna will be greatly missed by her husband, Gerry; her son, Graham; her daughter, Nicole; her sisters, Jan Lepp (Steve) and Joanne Cundict (Mark); Gerry's father, Jake and siblings, Ken (Sharon), Arno (Wanda), Cheryl Hildebrand (John), Tim (Yvonne), her uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces, friends and all who enjoyed hospitality in her home. Donna was predeceased by her parents, Henry and Betty Neufeld, in 2015 and several uncles and aunts. We would like to thank the countless number of doctors and medical staff who gracefully provided Donna with wonderful care. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Camp Evergreen, <https://www.camp-evergreen.com/donate> where Graham and Nicole spent a lot of time growing, learning, building life skills and having fun. Or a charity of your choice. A Family Graveside was held in the Gem Cemetery on Friday, January 8. Due to Covid-19 a Family Service will be held on Saturday, January 23 at 11:00 AM, please check Smith Funeral Home's website www.sfh.ca for a livestream link for the Memorial Event. Please refer to Donna Doerksen' obituary starting at 10:45 AM.

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RFP packages are available at www.purchasingconnection.ca. The reference number is **AB-2021-00325**. You can print a copy for your review.

Proposals are to be submitted by **2:00 p.m. local time on Friday, February 12, 2021**. Proposals can be submitted through e-mail, courier/mailed in or delivered by hand. Please refer to proposal submission requirements (including dates, locations and times) in the RFP package.

Alberta Parks reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

For more information on concessions and operating agreements in Alberta Parks, please go to the following website address <https://albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/about-us/working-together/facility-operation-opportunities/>

For specific details regarding this opportunity, contact Shauna Deschamps - Business Operations Coordinator at shauna.deschamps@gov.ab.ca

Alberta Parks looks forward to working with you to inspire and build a community of people connected to the natural world.

Alberta Parks is prepared to receive sealed proposals.

A **mandatory** proponent information session and site tour has been scheduled to provide an opportunity for questions or clarifications regarding this RFP's requirements. Proponents are required to participate in the proponent information session via Zoom. Proponents are also required to attend the site tour in person. The information session will be held on **January 28, 2021**, via Zoom at **10:00 a.m. local time**. The site tour will be held on **January 28, 2021** at the **Kinbrook Island Provincial Park** concession building at **2:00 p.m. local time**.

Proponents are to confirm attendance to both the information and site tour via email at shauna.deschamps@gov.ab.ca by **Monday, January 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. local time**. Zoom information will be provided to proponents upon confirmation of attendance. COVID-19 protocols are to be observed and all proponents are to wear masks and practice social distancing at the site tour.



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Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter to humanresources@eid.ca. A complete job description is available on the Company's website at eid.ca.

We thank all applicants for your interest in the EID; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. This competition will remain open until the end of the day Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

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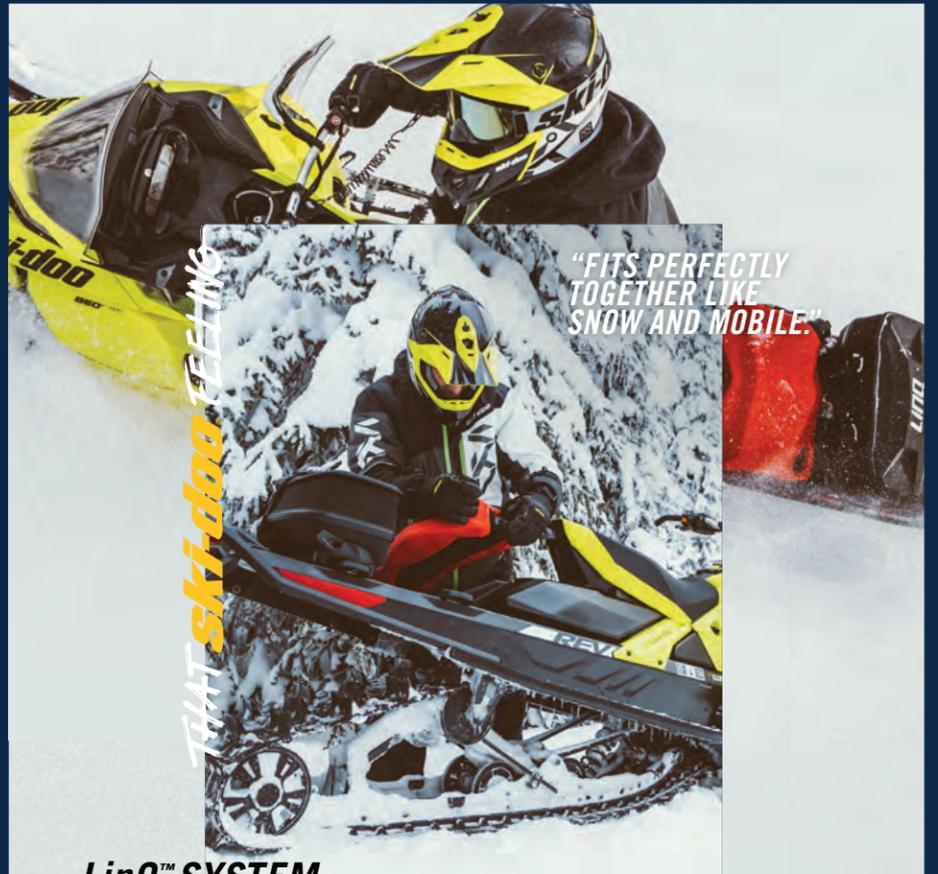
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