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Water users say yes to expansion

SANDRA M STANWAY
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The Eastern Irrigation District got a fairly significant thumbs-up to the proposed 34,000 acre irrigation expansion last Tuesday.

About 66 per cent of the voters said yes to expanding the district to 345,000 acres. There were 484 in favour and 163 that were against.

"This is great news for our district and to receive overwhelming support for expansion tells us we are moving in the right direction," said Jason Hale, EID board chair.

He said it's exciting for the district to be able to move ahead with expansion with support from the provincial and federal governments.

The board is expected to begin discussing allotment of the acres at the March 8 board meeting but it is unknown if the board will change its policy to allocate more than 2,000 acres per year.

More than 80 per cent of the votes in five of the seven divisions were in favour of expansion. Half of the votes cast in Patricia/Millicent were in favour while just over 29 per cent were in favour in Tilley.

Bob Chrumka, Tilley's representative, said he supports expansion and believes most others do, however, he thinks there was opposition because of the capital asset charges.

"It wasn't a surprise to me because of the feedback I was getting," he said.

He said he heard repeatedly that some water users in Division 6 don't feel that the value of the land will be adequately reflected in the compensation received by the district's water users.

The board approved \$2,600 per acre for capital assets which was the amount that was used to secure the Canada Infrastructure Bank loan. Following a survey of the water users it was reduced to \$2,300 per acre.

He said he heard from people in his area who, following the plebiscite meetings, commented that they didn't gain any confidence that it was a firm entrenched value.

"I believe the amount of \$2,300 put forward by the survey should be respected," said Chrumka.

Earl Wilson, the board's special projects manager, explained to water users that the capital assets are fees charged when irrigation acres are added to

the assessment role. They're meant to pay for a portion of the district's infrastructure and the amount is relative to the increase in the value of irrigated versus dryland and it is a policy where the amount can be changed annually.

Wilson estimated that the capital assets will bring in about \$56 million which will go towards the loan.

Tracy Hemsing, board member for Rolling Hills which saw about 89 per cent of the waters vote in favour of the expansion said he was pleased.

"We had lots of support," he said.

Like Chrumka, Hemsing believes the capital assets did play a role in many of the votes against expansion but he isn't sure if that was the case in his area where eight people voted against expansion.

"Nobody spoke to me about capital assets," he said.

Hemsing said he understands but was not told directly that some users are concerned there will not be enough water for expansion and others who do not see any personal benefit while others were not quite aware of what they were voting for.

Don Jacobson, Scandia's

director, thought there would be more voter turnout.

"We had a good margin in our division. I was happy the way things went and I was not surprised with the way things went in some divisions," he said.

In Scandia 75 yes votes were cast and 17 no votes.

The plebiscite was moved from November to February following an October announcement that the provincial government and the Canada Infrastructure Bank would provide \$815 million in funding for irrigation in southern Alberta. Of that, \$240.9 million was allocated to the EID.

The Alberta government

will contribute \$72.2 million, the bank will provide up a 35-year one per cent interest loan of \$120.45 million and the EID will contribute up to \$48.18 million.

Each of the eight districts involved in the announcement have rehabilitation and modernization projects to complete.

The EID's modernization project is to expand the Snake Lake Reservoir at the cost of about \$170 million while Bow River Irrigation District will expand Deadhorse Coulee, despite word that they will not in an anonymous letter that was sent to water users late last week.

The letter states that the Bow River district decided to wait with the construction until there was significantly more funding.

Richard Phillips, Bow River's general manager, confirmed that the project is already underway with the funding announcement.

"Deadhorse Reservoir will be funded under that program and we are proceeding with design, permitting and land acquisition," he told The Bulletin.

He said the BRID anticipates construction to begin in 2023 or 2024.

"If we begin construction then we expect to easily meet the 2028 deadline," he said.

EID expansion plebiscite vote

Division	Yes	No	Rejected ballots	Percentage in favour
1 Gem/Bassano	116	16	1	87.8
2 Rosemary/Duchess	82	13	4	86.3
3 Patricia/Millicent	38	38	2	50
4 Cassils/Brooks	64	13	13	83
5 Scandia/Rainier	75	17	1	80.6
6 Tilley	42	58	0	29.5
7 Rolling Hills	67	8	5	89.3

Region's seniors begin to get COVID19 vaccinations

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Seniors over the age of 75 across the region started to be vaccinated against COVID19 on Feb. 24.

The provincial government announced the program the week prior and many people were on the phone and online to get appointments for loved ones, so much so that networks couldn't handle all of the calls.

The province says they have remedied the situation and can now handle up to 5,000 calls an hour.

Brooks resident Tony Rommens had his first dose

on Feb. 24 and his wife Cora had hers the following day.

Both will return for their second shot in about 40 days.

"The sooner the better," said Tony, 95.

"I'm glad I did this. I feel it's our duty to do it. You always have to think about family and community."

He said there was some pain in the area of the shot for a couple of days but he feels fine.

"Everything turned out well."

Rommens said he meets people when he walks each day and wants to ensure he is protected and he is

protecting them from the virus.

The provincial government states that when both doses are administered you are less likely to become sick with COVID19 but it's unknown if the vaccine will prevent the spread of the virus.

"Continue following public health measures to keep unvaccinated people around you safe," according to the province.

Health Canada has approved Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna.

Most recently Astra-Zeneca was approved however, the National

Advisory Committee on Immunization is not recommending it for people

over 65.

As of Feb. 28 the province has administered 235,508

doses. There are 88,145 Albertans who have received two doses.



Tony Rommens, 95, of Brooks receives his first COVID19 vaccine. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Couple seeks judicial review of electoral division bylaw

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Don and Kathleen Jacobson of Scandia are taking the County of Newell to task for what they say was inappropriate approval of a bylaw to reduce the number of councillors.

The Jacobson's allege the county passed the bylaw

without following proper legislation and they are asking a Court of Queens Bench judge to rule that the county breached a section of the Municipal Government Act pertaining to advertising of a bylaw.

On Dec. 29, 2020 county council gave third reading to a bylaw to establish new electoral divisions. The

result would be a reduction in the number of divisions from 10 to seven and would similarly reduce the number of councillors.

Although not a new discussion in 2020, reasons for the reduction are to save money which over the next four years will be about \$500,000 and to more evenly redistribute the

population.

In 2020 council was told the bylaw had to be passed by Dec. 31, 2020 in order to be in effect for the October 2021 municipal election.

In their public documents the county claims that according to the Municipal Government Act the final day of the bylaw opened a 60-day window for a petition or review to be filed by ratepayers.

The Jacobson's claim if the 60-day period began on Nov. 18, 2020 it should have closed on Jan. 18 not Feb. 22.

The county advertised the bylaw in the Nov. 11 and Nov. 18 editions of The Brooks Bulletin but the couple claims it did not meet

the MGA's requirements.

They are asking for records of discussions around the bylaw.

The Court of Queen's Bench hearing is set for March 22 and any decision is expected to be expedited because it has a bearing on the October 2021 election.

If the judge rules in

favour of the Jacobsons the county will have to overturn the bylaw which would mean the county's electoral divisions would remain as they are now.

The county is putting their defence together.

The Jacobsons did not return a call to The Bulletin as of press time.



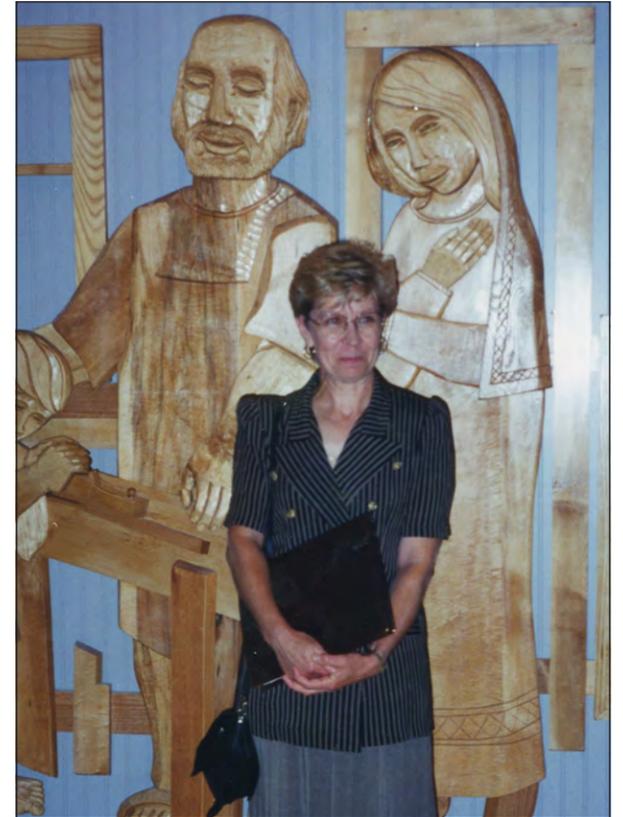
Alberta Health Services has set up a COVID19 immunization centre at the old rodeo grounds which opened on Monday. The centre is for appointments only. It's not known how long the location will be used. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



PRAIRIE PIONEERS - Birthday greetings for the month of March go out to the following members:

- Verna Hemmelgarn March 1,
- Corina Hermus March 8,
- Carmen Closs March 9,
- Diane Harty March 10,
- Merle Howard March 15,
- Betty Hagg March 20,
- Donna DesJardins March 23,
- Marilyn Turner-Tchida and Susie Morrison March 24,
- Bill Mortensen March 26.

Happy Birthday everyone and keep healthy.



Memories of 25 Years of Catholic Education. A founding member and trustee, Mary Stengler is standing in front of a wood carving done by Al Gerritsen in Holy Family Academy. This is the year the school opened its doors, 1996. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

CORRECTION

A story last week incorrectly stated that the City of Brooks policing costs were \$484,710. It should have been \$2,695,932.



NEWELL HALF SECTION

WHAT IS AN INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF) AGREEMENT?

**ICF AGREEMENTS ARE MANDATED BY THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT (MGA).
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What is an ICF Agreement?

In simple terms, these are agreements to outline operational relationships between municipalities. For example, how The County of Newell & The Village of Duchess will work together to deliver services to our ratepayers in a fair and equitable manner, both physically & financially.

What is the goal of ICF Agreements?

- Promote collaboration
- Ensure communication & collaboration on intermunicipal matters
- Clearly lay out a process to review service levels & decide if the service would benefit from being regionally operated and funded
- Consider fair & appropriate funding
- Outline how to deal with municipal differences

Why Do We Need To Work With Our Municipal Neighbours?

These agreements are not meant to constrain or restrict the authority or the ability of one municipality over another, or to homogenize their unique culture or identity. Sharing services and improving or expanding on service delivery improves the quality of life for residents & visitors.



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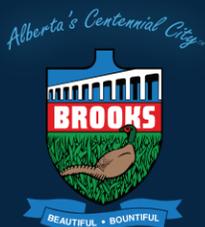
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CITY OF BROOKS Local Authorities Election Act



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Notice is hereby given that the Nomination Period for the 2021 general election begins on January 1, 2021** and runs until 12:00 p.m. on Nomination Day MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021.

Nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below between the hours of 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. from January 1, 2021** - September 17, 2021 and 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 Noon on Nomination Day (September 20, 2021).

(**please note that due to the New Year's Day Holiday and the subsequent weekend, nominations will be accepted starting January 4, 2021).

All election information and packages can be found at Brooks.ca beginning January 4th, 2021.

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Please note that City Hall is only open Monday – Friday; therefore, nominations will not be accepted on weekends and/or holidays.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 VACCINE FOR SENIORS

Albertans who are 75 and older are now able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Bookings can be made by calling Health Link at 811 or online at AlbertaHealthServices.ca.

Family members can book on behalf of those over 75 who are eligible to receive the vaccine. They will need the Alberta Health Care number and date of birth of the person being vaccinated and can make the appointment from a desktop computer or hand held device.

Those being vaccinated will need to bring government issued ID and their Alberta Health Care number with them to their appointment.

If transportation is needed, please contact the City's Handibus Specialized Transit Service 72 hours prior to scheduling a pick-up. Seniors will be transported for free. For more information or to book, please call 403-362-6190.



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EDITORIAL

Yes vote a positive move for E.I.D.

The results of the plebiscite asking water users if they were in favor of adding some 34,000 acres to the total irrigable acres of the E.I.D. passed but with a lower percentage in favor than we expected.

Of the 660 votes cast, 484 were in favor, 163 were against expansion and 13 votes were rejected.

Still, it is gratifying to see that the majority of voters see the expansion of irrigation as a positive move. We can't emphasize enough that any opportunity to expand irrigation acres should be welcomed by any irrigation district, especially when other levels of government come to the table with funding.

Water users also realize that there are those who think irrigation is an environmental blight on this province and elsewhere and they are always at work to undermine efforts to expand or improve irrigation. Think what this area would look like without it.

We understand that there are concerns about the expansion—available water and capital asset charges to

name a couple—but these are issues that water users and the board can address and work through over the next while.

Regarding the vote, it is perplexing that more water users in the Tilley area were against expansion as were an equal amount of voters in the Patricia area. One wonders what information—or misinformation—is circulating among water users in those areas. We imagine the board will address this in the days and weeks to come.

Irrigation is a huge economic driver for this area and in fact this province and Canada as a whole. Economic impact studies have shown that for every dollar spent on irrigation there is a sevenfold return on investment.

There is an exciting history behind the formation of the E.I.D. and a bright future ahead as long as water users recognize the huge benefit of irrigation not just for themselves but for the people and businesses of this area and this province.

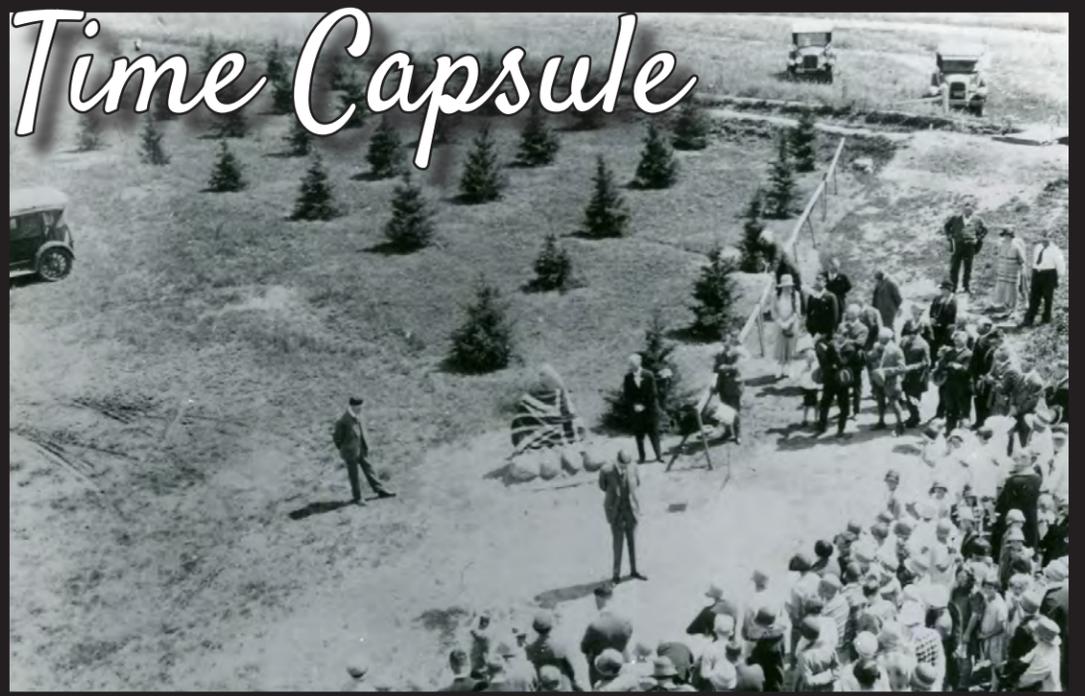
It's the big picture that should be the focus in the years to come.

EDITOR'S SCRAPBOOK

There do in fact exist creators, seers, sages, saints, shakers and movers... even if they are uncommon and do not come by the dozen.

And yet these very same people can at times be boring, irritating, petulant, selfish, angry or depressed. To avoid disillusionment with human nature, we must first give up our illusions about it.

- Abraham Maslow



34 spruce trees were planted in 1927 in recognition of the 34 fathers of confederation. Brooks people attended the unveiling of the cairn on July 1, 1927. The cairn is still sitting at the southeast corner of the Catholic School; most of the trees have been removed. The dirt road in the background is Fourth Avenue. The recreation centre is now located on the other side of it.

Why Covid Killed More English-Speakers

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



To those who obsessively followed the Covid websites over the past eleven months (including me, I must admit), one thing demanded an explanation above all: why were the worst death rates-per-million in the richest, most developed countries, and in the United States and the United Kingdom most of all?

Bits of the answer were obvious, of course. Covid-19 selectively kills the elderly, and poor countries with high birth rates have a very low proportion of elderly people. They can't die in droves if they just aren't there.

There's also the issue of under-counting, which you would expect to be worse in countries with poor or no public health service, but the phenomenon extends even into middle-income countries like Russia. Russian Deputy Prime Minister Tatiana Golikova revealed recently that 'excess deaths' in 2020 were three times bigger than the number who had 'Covid' on their death certificates – but that 80% of the excess were also probably Covid deaths. If so, then Russia's death rate was almost as bad as the United States.

But even compared to other rich counties with the same age profile, the UK and the US performed terribly in 'deaths per million', which is the best measure since it is not distorted by population size. The United States has had 1,555 Covid deaths per million people. Canada has had 573 deaths per million, barely a third as many per capita.

As for the United Kingdom, it has had 1,781 deaths per million, even

worse than the US – whereas Germany has had only 824. In fact, the US and the UK together account for four-fifths of all Covid deaths in the ten worst-performing countries.

So what is going on here? Is speaking English bad for your health? Three-quarters of Canadians speak English, so probably not.

Does God punish countries that elect lying, narcissistic populists as leaders? Perhaps, but I'd prefer a more evidence-based answer, and at last we have one. Maybe.

Michele Gelfand, a cultural psychologist at the University of Maryland, may have the key that unlocks the puzzle. At the very least, she has great timing.

In her 2018 book 'Rule Makers, Rule Breakers: How Tight and Loose Cultures Wire Our World', Gelfand proposed that some national cultures embrace discipline while others glorify rule-breaking. That may sound like your usual social-scientist-desperate-for-a-fresh-angle re-framing national stereotypes as statistical fact, but she may be on to something about Covid death rates.

Her latest research was published in 'Lancet Planetary Health', a leading epidemiological journal, late last month. Using her established categories of 'tight' societies (willing to abide strictly by social norms, e.g. Singapore, Japan, China, Austria) versus 'loose' ones (more permissive about rule-breaking, e.g. the US, the UK, Israel, Italy), she compared Covid case rates and death rates.

The results were quite striking. The 'loose' cultures on average had five times the infection rate of the 'tight' ones, and eight times the death rate. If you compare the most libertarian with the most conformist, say the United States vs. Japan, then the contrast is astounding: about 25 times as many American cases and deaths per million.

What conclusions can we draw from this? Well, it suggests

that the role of individual leaders like Donald Trump and Boris Johnson in shaping disastrous national Covid outcomes was probably not decisive. The outcomes would probably have been pretty bad even if less irresponsible leaders had been in charge.

Secondly, as Gelfand points out, the human cost that countries pay for being 'loose' in times of crisis may be compensated by the advantages they gain in creativity and innovation in better times (although it would be tactless to make this argument to the victims).

But there is something wrong with Gelfand's explanation for why countries become or remain 'tight' or 'loose'. She argues that "communities with histories of chronic threat – whether natural disasters, infectious diseases, famines or invasions – develop stricter rules that ensure order and cohesion." That would make sense, but history says it's really not that simple.

How did Israel – the Holocaust, six wars in the past 75 years, most of the population descended from refugees – end up among the carefree, permissive countries? And by the way, it really doesn't have a very high death rate (614 per million).

Shouldn't the Eastern European countries (world wars, civil wars, foreign occupation, waves of refugees) be among the 'tightest' societies in the world? Yet seven of the fifteen countries with the highest death rates in the world are among the former Communist countries of Eastern Europe – places like Hungary, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Slovenia, all with over 1,450 deaths per million.

There's probably a lot more hard-wiring involved in determining where a culture ends up in terms of 'tight' or 'loose'. And by the way, we would all love to know: why did the United States Navy pay for this research?



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One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well, we've had another week of nice weather, with the exception of Saturday morning with the bit of snow that we had. But otherwise it's been really fairly good. I hope being that March came in like a lamb, hopefully it doesn't go out like lion, which it could.

As in previous weeks, months, I again haven't anything to report. It isn't much fun to not have anything to write about.

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Ramey Schuett of Strathmore and to Irene Ruzsvanski of Calgary, both on Mar. 5th. We wish you both a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" and to everyone else that is celebrating this week and we wish everyone all the best for the coming years.

There aren't any anniversaries that I know about either.

Well some of us older folks (those born before 1946) are now able to book to have our Immunization

shots, to help prevent us from getting COVID, hopefully. I have been told by some of my friends that they have had theirs already. Hope all goes well with this. I hope everyone stays well and healthy and safe. Keep wearing your masks for a while yet at least till the majority of our area gets vaccinated. Wash your hands and /or sanitize or both.

Hopefully I'll put a smile on some of your faces with the following--

Hope this doesn't apply to anyone I know---

My wife and I walked past a swanky restaurant last night.

"Did you smell that food?" She asked "Incredible!" So being the nice guy that I am. I thought, what the heck, I'll treat her again. So we walked past it again.

"ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS"

You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stopped laughing.



A pair of physicians started in Brooks on Monday, having moved to the area from St. Paul. Dr. Wally Vermeulen will join the Centennial Health Clinic for family practice, obstetrics and will work in the hospital while his wife Dr. Corne Louw will be hospital-based as an anesthesiologist, ER and obstetrics.

FACEBOOK PHOTO

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

Pastor Terry Jackson Duchess Mennonite Church

If you were to read a group of names like Justine, Philip, Lucy, Richard, and Tammy, and then are asked the question, who is the most trustworthy of the group? How can you answer that question!? In our society names are separated from character. Knowing someone's name only gives you their name, no other insight, no hint at who that person really is.

Biblical names, however, can denote personality traits. When Rebekah gave birth to twin boys, Jacob came into the world grasping at the heel of his older brother Esau. The name Jacob means to grasp. Jacob strove in his life to grasp and take hold of the blessing intended for the eldest; the primary inheritance reserved for the first-born male. He plotted and strategized his way to both the birthright and the blessing that were destined for Esau. And in so doing he fractured his relationship with his brother and had to leave his home and family behind in search of a new life. It was during this time away that we read that Jacob wrestled with a "man" all night. After grappling until morning, the man asked him to release him, "But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.'" (Gen 32:26) "Then the man said,

"Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." (Gen 32:28) Israel means to struggle with God. Jacob became Israel in that encounter, and he lived out of this new God given identity. God is in the business of renaming people. Giving them new names and new trajectories for their lives. Saul became Paul, Simon became Peter. And for those of us who have given our lives over to our Lord and Saviour Jesus we are now called--children of God. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope purifies himself, just as he is pure." 1 John 3:1-3.

Being called a child of God is the most significant name someone can be given. The hope of the gospel message is that no matter who you are, where you find yourself, how lost and broken you may feel. The Creator of the universe has made a way for you to be called a son or daughter of God. God longs to give you a new name and a new trajectory in life. This is all possible because of the name that is above all names, the name of Jesus.

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GOALTENDING BOOSTS HABS' FORTUNES

SPORTS

BRUCE PENTON



If goaltending quality were used to rate the Canadian teams in the National Hockey League, mark the Montreal Canadiens down as the presumptive champion of the North Division this summer.

As the seven teams approached the one-third mark of the 56-game regular season, with nary a postponement due to COVID-19 (as teams in the other three divisions had all suffered), a few things are becoming obvious.

Such as: It's a wide-open race for the top four playoff spots, with perhaps only Montreal and Toronto in safer positions than the others; on any given night ... any team can beat any other team; and pencil in Montreal's Marc Bergevin as the general manager who

made the biggest splash in roster construction.

Thanks to Bergevin's moves in the off-season, his Canadiens appear to be neck-and-neck with the Maple Leafs as the North Division's No. 1 team, which brings great joy to fans of the Habs, without a Stanley Cup since 1993.

Strength in goal is the foundation of Montreal's good start (9-5-2), thanks to Bergevin's acquisition of Jake Allen from St Louis in the off-season. The Carey Price-Allen combo is the division's best, by far, and the envy of other teams. Toronto has the overworked Frederik Andersen in goal, backed up by Michael (Five Hole) Hutchinson or Jack Campbell. Winnipeg has the great Connor Hellebuyck and the unproven Laurent Broissoit. In Calgary, No. 1 guy Jacob Markstrom gives the Flames quality but the backup is the dreadful David Rittich. Up in Edmonton, coach Dave Tippett cannot fully depend on either Mikko Koskinen

or Mike Smith. Vancouver's goaltending duo of the aging Braden Holtby and youthful Thatcher Demko is probably the division's second-best unit.

Just like quarterback in football or pitching in baseball, a hockey team's strength begins in goal. And the Habs have it.

Bergevin's off-season moves also resulted in the signing of free agent Tyler Toffoli from Vancouver (16 points in 16 games) and winger Josh Anderson from Columbus (for Max Domi and a draft pick), who had nine goals in Montreal's first 16 games, providing added life to a developing offence that also includes former first-rounder Nick Suzuki, Jonathan Drouin, Brendan Gallagher, Jesperi Kotkaniemi and Tomas Tatar. And on defence, stalwarts Shea Weber and Jeff Petry are backed by another Bergevin pickup, Joel Edmundson, and rookie Alexander Romanov, who is being given rookie-of-the-year consideration for his

strong play.

Overall, the Habs are solid. Toronto is off to a great start and if its high-powered offence had Montreal's goaltending, the Leafs would romp. Defence wins championships, though, and Montreal has it.

• Patti Dawn Swansson, aka the River City Renegade: "The only thing that surprised me about the Buccaneers championship boat parade was seeing Tom Brady on one of the boats. I thought for sure he'd be walking on the water."

• Swansson again: "I understand why the NFL used faux fans, but Patrick Mahomes is demanding to know why Kansas City coach Andy Reid used cardboard cutouts instead of his regular offensive linemen."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Skateboarding has been added to the medal events for this year's Olympics, and break dancing will likewise be in the lineup at the 2024 Paris Games. Somehow not passing IOC

muster: a motion to change the Olympic motto to 'Sicker, Hipper, Gnarlier!'"

• Blogger Chad Piscasner, on Trevor Bauer's new Dodger contract penciling out to \$10,000-plus per pitch this season: "Which could lead to this conversation on the mound: Manager: 'How do you feel, Trevor?' Bauer: 'I think I got about \$40,000 left in me, Skipper.'"

• Gambling Mad blogger Norman Chad, on Twitter: "If Tom Brady ran a stoplight, they would say the stoplight was wrong."

• Chad again: "Elected officials have term limits - it is time to apply them to Tom Brady."

• David Staples of the Edmonton Journal, on a suggestion for a catchy nickname for the line featuring Juhar Khaira and linemates Tyler Ennis and Josh Archibald: "The Sweet Khaira Line."

• From Dan Robson in The Athletic, on what former NHL enforcer Donald Brashear tells players in

pre-game chats now that he is refereeing beer league games in Quebec: "I have one rule: If you guys start fighting, I don't give out penalties. I jump in the fight."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Texas got so much snow, the Houston Texans traded J.J. Watt for 10 snow shovels, two sacks of salt and a snowblower to-be-named-later."

• Dwight Perry again "Those wild and crazy Houston Texans agreed to release star pass-rusher J.J. Watt — still under contract — instead of trying to get some return value in a trade. Veteran team watchers say you'd have to go back weeks — weeks — to find a Texans move this confounding."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "The Indianapolis Colts acquired QB Carson Wentz from the Eagles for a third-round pick, a second-round pick and a thank you note from Wentz to be sent later."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

AJHL's Canmore Eagles end 2020-2021 season

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Alberta Junior Hockey League's Canmore Eagles will not return to the ice this season but hope to be back in the fall.

On Feb. 21 the board of directors posted a letter.

It states the decision was made to opt-out for the remainder of the season due to challenges in meeting the requirements of the Return to Play Plan and of existing restrictions due to COVID19.

"We have worked tirelessly through several

options not only within the Town of Canmore but also exploring possible solutions to work with other communities. Regrettably, we have not been able to arrive at a workable solution," it read.

The team added they are disappointed but they don't believe they had any other options.

"We very much look forward to seeing everyone back on the ice in full arenas for the 2021-22 season."

The team plays in the south division, along with the Brooks Bandits.

In December the team's coach Andrew Milne was fined and suspended for 15 games after speaking with media about an outbreak of COVID19 on his team the previous month. In November 16 players and staff tested positive.

A GoFundMe page was set up to pay Milne's \$1,000 fine which was covered within 24 hours.

The province will allow hockey to continue as of March 12 however, there will be no spectators, under the current restrictions.

There will be 52 games

played in cohorts across the league between March 12 to April 4. The league will break before they change cohorts.

In opening weeks the Bandits will face the Calgary Canucks and Okotoks Oilers.

The hockey league has completed the first round of testing with no positive COVID results found in players or staff.

Another round of testing will take place this week before teams practice together for the first time.

Bow City Signal

JOYCE CALVERT



BOW CITY - It sounds like our weather is really going to warm up but you know the old saying "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" or vice versa, so sounds like the end of March could be a cold challenge. We will see if this is right I guess.

Rick and Robin Thibert are grandparents to a new baby girl, Noella Alice, born to daughter Cat and Braydon on February 18th. She also has a little brother Alex. Congratulations to you all.

Sympathy is sent to Helene Mathieu on the passing of her great niece. Our thoughts are with you Helene.

Carrie's brother, Rob Bridges, has been at Brad and Carrie's for a while helping out at the Palko place. His son, Alex, from Calgary, came for a quick visit on Friday and his gal pal Debbie came on Saturday. Nice weekend. Don Gallaher, from Black Diamond also came out Saturday and was his first time there this year. Was great to see him again also.

Jerry and I took a back road trip to Vauxhall Bottle Depot on Thursday. What a terrible trip as the wind was blowing the dirt off the farm fields so bad that sometimes we nearly had to stop as you couldn't see the road. Got there and the depot was

closed til Friday. Next day was a lot better. Saturday we did a back road trip to Bassano and got Chinese food at Harry's Restaurant. Only their takeout is open but sure is good stuff and enough to last for four days. At least I didn't have to a lot of cooking!

Derek Erb and gal pal Rikki have moved down from close to Edmonton to the old Aasen place to help out on the Calvert farms. Welcome to Bow City you two.

It is amazing the amount of geese still here in our country. South of Brad

and Vikki's in the field it is full of them. Brad also says there are lots of coyotes around. Weird winter.

If you have some news for our newsletter phone me at 403-362-2206 or Vikki at 1-403-466-0395 by Sunday evening.

A drunk hillbilly entered a bar and asked for a drink. The bartender refused him. "Just to show you I'm not drunk, do you see that one-eyed cat coming in the back door?" The bartender said, "Now I know darn well you are drunk. The cat is going out!"



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that a Special General Meeting of the Board of Directors of Dinosaur Gas Co-op Ltd. will be held for the purpose of seeking approval for Supplemental Bylaw #7 – to Section 14 of the Rural Utilities Act: Alternative Methods of Voting. This supplemental bylaw is required prior to the Annual General Meeting in the event that COVID-19 regulations prevent meeting in person, and is subject to change in the future.

Additional information regarding the proposed supplemental bylaw is available to the membership on our website, www.dinosaugas.com.

Please contact our office with any questions, 403-362-5323.

Due to current guidelines put in place by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Special General Meeting will be a Director Only meeting held at the Heritage Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, 1217 2 Street West, Brooks, Alberta on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 beginning at 6:00 PM.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Pioneer Gas Co-op Limited, on behalf of its' membership and under the direction of the Director of Utilities, will move to pass the addition or Supplemental Bylaw #12, at a Special General Meeting held on March 10, 2021 at the Pioneer Gas Co-op Limited office at 420 - 2nd Avenue, Bassano, AB. T0J 0B0. Members will receive a copy of the proposed Bylaw in the mail. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the office at 403-641-3632.

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Special Meeting Announcement

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Ag sector expected to see significant growth in income

Agriculture continues to be a strong driver of Canada's economy, with our farmers playing a key role in ensuring Canadians have access to affordable, high-quality food. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada has completed an analysis of farm income for 2020 and 2021, and the results show that Canadian farm income and the value of farms is expected to be at an all-time high. This puts many farmers and farm families on a stronger footing and positioned to contribute to Canada's economic recovery.

The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, shared the

results of the analysis while speaking at the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

The agriculture sector is expected to see significant growth in key financial areas for 2020 and 2021. In spite of recent challenges, notably COVID-19's impacts on the food supply chain, the growth in farm income shows that the sector is weathering these disruptions well and adjusting farming decisions accordingly.

Net cash income (NCI) is forecast to have grown by 21.8 per cent in 2020, from \$13.5 billion in 2019 to \$16.5 billion in 2020. In addition, farm-level income is also forecast to

have increased in 2020, with average net operating income (NOI) per farm increasing by 25.4 per cent, from just under \$76,000 in 2019 to approximately \$95,000 in 2020. Average farm family income is forecast to have increased by 8.6 per cent to just over \$194,000 in 2020, driven by increases in NOI from farming.

The grains sector had a very strong year, contributing to an 11.9 per cent increase in overall crop receipts. However, disruptions to the workforce, shifting international trade patterns, and fluctuating commodity prices have caused challenges, including for some parts of the crop

sector, such as horticulture. Livestock receipts were forecast to have declined 1.9 per cent, largely due to negative impacts of COVID-19 on the red meats sector.

Looking ahead to 2021, there continues to be uncertainty surrounding COVID-19. However, based on the expectation that the current situation continues to return to normal market conditions, NCI is forecast to further grow in 2021 by 6.8 per cent to \$17.6 billion.

Average farm-level NOI is forecast to increase 8.5 per cent to approximately \$103,000 per farm, and average farm family income is forecast to grow 7.2 per cent to just under \$208,000. Net worth is forecast to reach \$3.5 million per farm, up 2.9 per cent from 2020 levels.

Building on this income forecast, the sector also had a strong export showing in 2020, reaching nearly \$74 billion up from \$67

billion in 2019. This brings the government close to achieving its target of \$75 billion in agri-food and seafood exports by 2025. The sector has shown resilience in posting a record performance for agriculture and agri-food exports, despite COVID-19 and its challenges. The agricultural sector is an engine of growth, helping to restart the Canadian economy.

Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for this coming week go out to Katelynne (Swenson) Devine on March 6; Erin Graham, Ian McNiven, Jordan Antill on March 8; Colin VanHall on March 10.

Have you stopped by the new local café, "Coffee Barrel", located in the south end of the Scandia Post Office? Hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm, and Saturdays 10.00am to 4.00pm. Call 403-363-0559 for more info or advanced ordering. Look for updates and news on the Scandia Facebook Page.

The Alcoma Community Library is closed to the public, once again, during these latest COVID-19 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 continuing to accept bottle donations. These are much appreciated and can be dropped off beside the

quonset.

Please contact me by Sunday if you have any news you would like included in this column. janebellward20@gmail.com or 403-793-0692.



Cats bask in the sun to warm up on a cold February morning. | MICHELLE GIETZ PHOTO

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Union demand shuts pork plant... reopening is undetermined

Be careful what you wish for is what members of the American United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) union may soon be wondering. That would be UFCW members who work at the Red Deer Olymel pork plant. That plant has now been closed because of a COVID outbreak - which is what the UFCW has been demanding. The Quebec-based owner has stated they are unsure when it will be reopened even after a quarantine period. If Olymel's difficult relationship with its independent hog producer suppliers is any indication, this company only does things their way. Unlike the Cargill closure, where the company paid its workers a temporary sick leave, Olymel shows little inclination to provide any financial support to its workers at this moment in time. To date, Olymel management has not yet



AG WRITER

WILL VERBOVEN

made any statements as to its intentions, but that may just be part of their hard-nosed Quebec-style public relations attitude. If this pork plant stays closed for more than a few weeks, union members may start wondering what it's going to cost them in lost wages. I expect their American UFCW union won't be providing them with a penny of support.

It may be challenging and cost more, but independent hog producers have the Western Hog Exchange to market their hogs elsewhere, including the US. It's all too easy for Olymel to lock out its independent hog producer

suppliers. Except for a few exceptions, it's notorious for paying those Alberta producers the lowest hog prices in North America. What may be a problem for Olymel are their company-owned hogs and contracted finished hog production; they will have to find a home. The Red Deer plant is also a major pork supplier to Asian markets, and those contracts will have to be filled. However, Olymel is one of Canada's big hog processors and has other major plants that could ostensibly supply its contracted pork. Besides, it's not unusual for competitors of any kind to act as subcontractors to process or supply contracts for each other when one of them is in a bind. Olymel can also market its own hogs into the USA or send them to its Quebec plants - although that's a risky transportation venture in

the dead of winter.

Not unexpectedly, the attitude of the American UFCW union does not seem very worker-friendly. Sure, they express concern for worker health as they should, but COVID is a different cat where workers should be allowed a choice whether to work. The Cargill and JBS plant COVID closures should have served as examples where UFCW belligerence could have become more measured to at least preserve some jobs at the Red Deer plant. The Cargill plant saw UFCW head office staff picketing their own members who chose to work. The JBS plant local union reps had a much better pragmatic approach to the issue. In both cases, empathetic companies went out of their way to mitigate the situation and maintain the plants' operation. For the sake of the workers

and hog suppliers, one hopes Olymel will not get its back up and decide to make most involved eat humble pie. I suspect their first reaction will be that they have done everything that AHS and OHS have required to manage COVID. Like in the Cargill and JBS outbreaks, the implication may be that the Olymel COVID source is from the community, which companies cannot be held responsible for or resolve. In the earlier plant cases, a type of herd immunity evolved and helped resolve the outbreak.

In three cases, now the American UFCW union seems incapable of grasping the bigger picture that includes not just health but continuing worker's jobs, plant viability and economic impact on cattle and hog producers. It seems their biggest issue is their strident and obstinate

demand that the union must be consulted at every step of the way on COVID mitigation. I am not sure either way why that is necessary but it seems like health measures are more the responsibility and expertise of AHS and OHS. The companies in all three cases seem to adhere to whatever those agencies require. Perhaps if the American UFCW local executive was less antagonistic, less supportive of litigation and less willing to fight Marxist class warfare against owners, companies might be inclined to include them in a process that is more encompassing of the health of the worker and the company. At least it's a hope.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer and policy advisor.



The Real Estate Centre in Brooks had this double sided billboard sign erected last week. | BROOKS BULLETIN PHOTO

Recreation funding requests lead to more questions about fund

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

A couple of recreation funding requests left county councillors with more questions about the \$5.2 million recreation fund.

Over the past five or so years the county has collected .5 mills from its ratepayers for recreation but there has never been a policy on how to distribute those funds and although one meeting with rural members has taken place to begin those discussions it has not gone any further.

Layne Johnson, the county's director of corporate services, hosted one virtual meeting in October with rural recreation representatives.

On Thursday the Tilley Curling Club and the Tilley Ag Society asked the council to support an application for a grant and to partner on the project that is worth almost \$737,000. The curling club also wants to do interior renovations as a separate project.

"The Tilley Rec Board fully supports this project partnership and finds it is an economical use of funds for such a significant project for our community," states a letter to council.

The project includes a new ice plant and a new ice surface in the curling rink. Council asked to see the financials from both clubs but neither have a lot of money. The curling club has about \$20,000 to contribute.

A second request came from a group in Duchess which had asked the county for \$25,000 in the fall for hall renovations but that quote tripled. The group had received funding to install wheelchair accessible doors and they were looking for

more funding to expand the project.

With an old quote the projected was re-submitted with an estimate that was about \$40,000 higher than the original.

They asked both the county and the Village of Duchess for \$75,000. Both municipalities passed a motion to provide the original \$25,000.

Councillor Clarence Amulung believes it may be time to re-evaluate the county's recreation fund since communities look at it as a hand out.

"As soon as it becomes a county rec fund all our communities think oh we can just get the money out of the county. It's a real danger. Well before everybody was on their own they had to arrange their own budget," he said.

He said when communities had their own control they were careful with their funds.

"We have to get back to the fundamentals that communities are responsible for the money they raise for recreation and then it's their money that's being spent."

He said it appears as if the county is an endless pit and people aren't making rational decisions on spending.

"It's a problem we didn't have when everybody had to spend their own dollars."

He said, "This morning we had somebody come in. They have a \$700,000 project. They've got \$20,000 of their own in it. What does that tell you? That never happened before."

Councillor Anne Marie Philipsen agreed that consultations about the fund do need to take place.

CAO Matt Fenske

suggested that a mill rate can be added to tax bills for communities such as Tilley that want funding.

Further funding discussion is expected to take place. In the meantime, council agreed to support Tilley's application without a financial commitment.

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Buffalo Briefs

LORRAINE MONKMAN

BUFFALO - Buffalo Ag Society is pleased to announce the winners of the Valentine Raffle held this year instead of the annual Valentine Extravaganza. The raffle was conducted online with a few tickets sold locally. The Ag Society is very pleased with the wonderful support they enjoyed from all you ticket buyers.

Lucky winner of the first prize - a \$1500 certificate to Banff Springs Hotel - was Jeremy Molzan.

Second prize - \$1000 certificate to Kananaskis Country Lodge - was won by Rhonda Curry of Buffalo.

Congratulations to both of you and thanks to everyone for your amazing support. There is no word on a follow-up raffle but watch for new ideas and hopefully when the virus is gone, we can do something different.

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County officially appoints new CAO

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Kevin Stephenson retired from the County of Newell on Thursday after 13 years as its chief administrative officer.

"This is a significant and important day for the county," said Layne Johnson, the county's director of corporate services at Thursday's meeting.

"On behalf of staff we

express appreciation for the leadership and the guidance that Kevin has provided for a number of years for the organization.

"He has certainly been stellar in his role and we have all been the better for the service that he has provided and certainly appreciate that service that has been given so willingly."

During a socially distanced gathering in council chambers

Stephenson said the change may have been a shock to the public but some people internally knew it was happening.

"It's been planned for quite some time," he said.

He said it is important for Matt Fenske as his replacement to get settled into the position before a new council is elected in October.

"Experience is a big thing in running municipalities," he said.

Stephenson said he's been with four different municipalities and everything revolves around the people, the staff and the public.

"When I was fortunate enough to be approached to come here they had a lot of turmoil internally."

He said it wasn't a working family and people weren't happy so he made it his goal to create an atmosphere that would allow staff to grow.

Since 2019, he said, the county handed out about \$95 million to the region whether it was to help with paving or water pipelines or to help other organizations.

"I was a big part of that and I'm proud of that," he said.



Incoming CAO Matt Fenske, left, and retired CAO Kevin Stephenson have a play fight during the county's farewell to Stephenson during Thursday's meeting.

SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - Glad that cold snap is over, I sure am wimpy about being cold. The days are getting noticeably longer, a sure sign that spring is coming.

Had some sad new that

a dear friend had past away. Hilda Bunney a lady that we have known for at least 40 years. Most recently was my stepfather Pat's neighbour at the home and was a great friend to him as well. She

will be missed by many friends and family.

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

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SCANDIA - Hip Hop Horray!!!! Scandia's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd @ 10am in the EID Historical Park. Please call 4033629630 to register. All ages are welcome to come and join in the hunt!

If you didn't partake in the pumpkin growing contest last fall you'll have your chance again. Start thinking about the pumpkin you'll be planting this spring for next the fall Pumpkin Growing Contest.

Alcoma School News- A big Thank You to Mr. Belinsky who has been working with the kids in the CTS trailer! This is the last week the trailer will be at Alcoma this year and it looks like the kids have been creating and constructing some awesome projects! There will be hot lunch for all students this Thursday. The school is no longer in need of plastic bottle caps. Thank you to everyone who saved and donated! Stay tuned for our bottle cap masterpiece!

As we know our Alberta weather can change rapidly. Please remind your children about the importance of dressing for the weather so they can be safe and comfortable while playing outside. The school will gladly accept bottle donations and they can be dropped beside the quonset. Check out the Facebook page for more info or 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.

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

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

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

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This ad in recognition of the Eastern Irrigation District and its water users was published in the Brooks Bulletin's Golden Jubilee edition on September 29, 1955 in honor of the province's 50th anniversary.



This porcupine was quite comfortable in the crooks of this Russian olive. | BULLETIN PHOTO

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BROOKS GOLF CLUB
 Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Brooks Golf Club will be held on **Tues., March 16 at 7:00 pm** at the Clubhouse, 1211 - 1st Ave E., Brooks, AB.

At the time the following matters will be on the agenda:

1. Presentation of Annual Financial Statements
2. Election of Directors and Officers
3. Annual Report on the Board
4. Annual Budget

Call for nominations. Any person interested in letting their name stand for any Board Positions need to contact in accordance with AHC guidelines **403-362-2998 Ext. 3** or **info@brooksgolfclub.ca**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
www.eid.ca

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Meeting of the irrigators of the Eastern Irrigation District will be held **online** on **Tuesday, the 9th day of March 2021**, beginning at 1:30 o'clock in the p.m. to:

- (a) present Annual Reports of:
 - (i) the Chair on behalf of the Board,
 - (ii) the Manager,
 - (iii) the Auditor of the District, and
 - (iv) the maintenance of irrigation works for the District, and
- (b) to conduct New Business:
- (c) to conduct any Other Business.

Format	Date	Time
Online [www.eid.ca]	Tuesday March 9, 2021	1:30 p.m.

Dated at Brooks, Alberta this 10th day of February 2021.

Ivan Friesen, General Manager
 Eastern Irrigation District

NOTICE FOR FILING NOMINATIONS
www.eid.ca

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Eastern Irrigation District, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA (the "District")

Notice is hereby given that nominations for the election of a candidate for the office of member of the Board of the District for each of **Electoral Divisions 3 and 6** will be received at the Eastern Irrigation District office, 550 Industrial Road West, Brooks, AB, **until 5:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.**

For the purposes of this election the description of the boundaries of the electoral divisions are:

Electoral Division 3 – Patricia / Millicent	Electoral Division 6 – Tilley
The boundaries of Division No. 3 shall enclose the following lands ["Section(s)" refers to full or parts thereof]:	The boundaries of Division No. 6 shall enclose the following lands ["Section(s)" refers to full or parts thereof]:
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Township 19 Range 14 W4M Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36	Township 16 Range 14 W4M All Sections
Township 20 Range 11 W4M All Sections	Township 17 Range 10 W4M NW 31
Township 20 Range 12 W4M All Sections	Township 17 Range 11 W4M All Sections
Township 20 Range 13 W4M Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 35 and 36	Township 17 Range 12 W4M All Sections
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Township 22 Range 12 W4M All Sections lying to the south and west of the Red Deer River	Township 18 Range 11 W4M All Sections
Township 22 Range 13 W4M Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12 lying to the south of the Red Deer River	Township 18 Range 12 W4M All Sections
	Township 18 Range 13 W4M All Sections

Nomination forms and additional information regarding this election are available from the Eastern Irrigation District office. If required, an **Election** will be held on the **13th day of April 2021.**

Dated at the City of Brooks, in the Province of Alberta, this 10th day of February 2021.

Ivan Friesen, Returning Officer

In your garden...



LINDA TOMLINSON

Tropical plants brighten up any indoor space making it a warm and inviting environment. A 30 year old study by NASA is now under scrutiny. While the plants will make a difference to the air quality in small enclosed bare areas, they lose their effectiveness in typical homes and offices. What everyone can agree on is that tropical plants add the ambience of a room helping reduce stress.

Once the plant is in the home there are a few practical things that can be done to insure the health of the new and old plants.

It is best to quarantine the new plant, checking it regularly for insects and diseases just to be safe. That being said, growing methods and insect and disease control has improved over the years.

Tropicals like bedding-out-plants are often started as cuttings in plugs, which are small tubes of peatmoss, rockwool or coconut fiber covered in a fine biodegradable fiber. Once the cuttings begin to grow the plugs are potted up in a larger pot. The theory is that the material holding the plug together will decompose as the roots venture beyond the plug into the rest of the pot.

Often tropical plants are planted in peatmoss as is the plant's plug. This ensures that the plug with

the main source of roots is potted in the same soil and uses the same amount of moisture as the plug.

Replanting the tropical too soon results in two distinctly different soils in the pot each with its own water retention capacity which can result in one part of the soil being too wet with the other dry and part of the root starting to rot.

To avoid the problem, leave the plant in the original pot until the roots are substantial or remove the plant from the soil, and wash the roots to enable the plug structure and soil to be removed and repot in new soil

Do not be in a hurry to place a tropical plant in a bigger pot. Then tend to do best when they are rootbound, roots are circling the inside of the pot. Signs that a plant needs a larger pot are; the plant needs to be watered more than once a week, the soil is pushed upwards towards the lip of the pot, when the pot is removed, less than a third of the soil is visible.

When a plant needs to be repotted choose a pot that is one size larger and cut the roots to encourage them to grow outwards into the new soil.

Do not be afraid to shape tropical bush and hanging plants. Plants that are vines tend to send forth one or two long

strands and develop a straggly center. Removing the tips or cutting back the strands will encourage the plant to grow more vines at the center of the plant becoming fuller and more attractive

Cutting off the tip of an upright plant will also encourage the plant to put out more side growth. Always cut back to a leaf or another branch. When the plant is small and herbaceous, removing the new tips by pinching it out with fingertips works great.

A little bit of shaping makes the plants much more attractive.

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



County will wait for province to lift COVID19 restrictions

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County councillors won't support the COVID19 letter writing campaign asking the province to ease restrictions in southern Alberta.

The City of Medicine Hat asked the City of Brooks for support of their letter to the province and on Feb. 16 Brooks supported the request.

The council passed a motion to send a letter to the premier which notes that the city did not reopen with the rest of the province

last spring due to high case numbers.

"Now, we are on the opposite end of the spectrum; we, along with other municipalities with low case numbers are being asked to follow the same restrictions as other municipalities/jurisdictions with far higher case numbers."

County councillors briefly discussed the letter and decided to let the province make the call.

"I'm not going to lobby one way or another," said councillor Clarence

Amulung. Councillor Wayne Hammergren said the province is doing all they can to help ensure there is no third wave.

"I think we stand behind our public health measures and support them because the majority of Albertans want to go that route," he said.

"We have no control over this. This is not our call. I think this is a non-issue. I think the government will open up when it's appropriate," he said.

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - We have been inching our way through winter without too much difficulty. Though the wind is still cold and temperatures are below 0, we know that spring is just weeks away. Mother Nature cannot disguise that fact, no matter what she throws at us in the last month.

I found a temporary cure and it's the beautiful tulips that are in the flower shops right now. Gorgeous yellow and red ones that really brighten up a room and more importantly, our minds.

The Duchess & District Public Library has books for sale. Check out our facebook page for pics of what is being offered by donation. Book club is ongoing each week. Please join us for a night of talking about the different books we are reading. We meet online every Wednesday at

7:00 pm. Please call 403-378-4369 for information.

Please remember that Wes Neufeld is doing pick ups Monday and Friday of any recycling newspaper, tin cans ,glass cardboard and also bottles. Wesley charges five dollars for a box of recycling or a garbage bag but for bottles there's no charge. Wesley has done very well and now we're adding a new service in a room upstairs at the Duchess Hall called ' Finders Keepers', a non-profit service where you can expect to find quality housewares, small furniture and useful items that are a sustainable, responsible use of items too good to not reuse. The goal for this not-for-profit is first to pay the rent ,second to give Wes a small stipend and third to donate the remaining proceeds to local fundraising efforts like the library or the

school or one of the many great community efforts that Duchess is known for. Community has been good to Wes , Wes is a vital part of the community and we want to give back and we would love the community to join us in that effort to reuse , recycle and to get to know one another in a vibrant way. He also has a coin operated massage chair so for two dollars you could have a lovely massage. If you have questions or want to donate or need a pick up, please text or call 403-793-4506.

Pretty soon it will be time to change our clocks forward. This year if falls on Sunday, March 14th.

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Former Brooks athlete inducted into BC Volleyball Hall of Fame

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Brooks Composite High School Class of '70 alumna Betty Baxter was recently inducted into the British Columbia Volleyball Hall of Fame.

She played international, coached at the university and national levels, represented the country at the Olympics, earned acclamations along the way but was fired in 1982 as a national coach because of speculations around her sexual orientation.

"I am going to give Brooks full credit," she said from her home in Robert's Creek, British Columbia.

In October 1994, "Long before any recognition in volleyball, a vice-principal phoned me up from Brooks Composite High School and said we're setting up a Wall of Fame and we want to put up your picture and your story," she said.

"A little paragraph about me being gay and being fired for being gay is on the Wall of Fame in the court yard of that school."



TILLEY - Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Evelyn Skanderup who passed away at the farm in Tilley last week. She was a kind and gentle woman and will be missed by many.

The Tilley and District Public Library remains closed to the public. Deliveries are still received weekly and 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.

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

Tilley Community Centre Annual General Meeting is scheduled for March 9. For booking inquiries, please email tilleyhall@outlook.com or call 403-377-2406.

A cowboy walked into an old seedy café and sat at the counter. He noticed an older cowboy with arms folded on the counter, head down, staring at a bowl of chili. After a few minutes of just watching the old man stare at the food, the younger cowboy bravely asked him, "If you ain't gonna eat that, do you mind if I do?" The older cowboy slowly turned his head toward the young wrangler and said, "Nah... you go ahead." Eagerly, the young cowboy reached over, slid the bowl toward himself and started spooning the chili in with gusto. As he ate his way to the bottom of the dish, he noticed a dead mouse in the bottom of the bowl. The sight was very shocking, and the young cowboy immediately barfed up the whole mess back into the bowl in front of him. The old cowboy nodded and quietly said, "Yep, that's about how far I got with it, too."

She said the school created the wall to give kids role models.

"It's always good. If there is one kid struggling with their sexual orientation and they say, hey, there's somebody who did it and that kid feels confident to try to be open or tell their family, that's like saving a life," she said.

In Grade 11 Baxter tried out for the high school volleyball team but was cut. A couple of days later the coach Jim (A.J.) Lawrance told her he needed height and she was on the team.

"It was a lesson in humility," she said.

Once she started to play Lawrance recognized her talent and knew she needed more opportunities. Her coach borrowed a car and he drove her to get higher calibre practice in Calgary.

From high school she travelled the world as an athlete in the '70s and '80s and was a member of the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds which took back-to-back Canadian Women's Interuniversity Athletic Union titles in 1973 and in

1974 when she was also named BC's University's Athlete of the Year.

Baxter captained the 1976 Canadian Olympic team which finished eighth and two years later she was a team member at the FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championships which finished in 14th place. She was selected as an all-star at that tournament.

In 1977 she coached at the University of Alberta and in 1980 she began coaching at the University of Ottawa during which time the team captured silver at the CIS Championship and she was named Coach of the Year.

She remained with the national program until she was fired in 1982.

That firing became a turning point in her career and her life.

She went on to become a co-founder of the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport and the National Coaching School. She was a board member for the 1990 Vancouver Gay Games and earned a gold medal at the same games in 1986 in San



The 1976 Olympic volleyball team. Betty Baxter, front second from right, who was born in Brooks and graduated from BCHS was inducted into the BC Volleyball Hall of Fame. | VOLLEYBALL BC PHOTO

Francisco and silver in 1990 in a return to Vancouver.

She said she never gave much thought to the Hall of Fame although her friends wondered if she was being discriminated against.

"I was tossed out and then I walked away. I always felt bad for the athletes that I disappeared on but it was never on my mind," she said.

Baxter said when she got the call about the induction three months ago she

thought it was interesting.

She made it clear that she would not accept the honour if her career was whitewashed and past wrongs ignored but it is the story they wanted.

"It was very validating," she said.

In her induction speech, she talked about equality in sport and what has to be done for young people.

"There's no sense in being inducted if you're not

going to talk about the good that sport can do and what needs to happen to enable it to do those good things," she said.

Recently, Baxter was the chair of the Sunshine Coast School District.

She also underwent treatment for ovarian cancer from which she has recovered.

She is currently working on a poverty reduction strategy for Sunshine Coast.

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Libraries, low impact fitness now permitted across province

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Alberta Premier Jason Kenney announced on Monday the province will reopen libraries and allow some indoor fitness as more restrictions are relaxed.

The original plan that was presented in January by Kenney called for opening more retail, easing more restrictions for youth sport and recreation activities as well as opening some banquet and community halls, hotels and conference centres when there were fewer than 450 people in hospital.

On Monday, with 257 people in hospital and 48 in ICU, Kenney told media the plan was to gradually ease restrictions based on hospitalizations but with an eye on any increase in cases.

He said there has been a slight increase.

"As a cautionary measure possible changes to current restrictions for retail, hotels, banquets, community halls and conference centers have been delayed given that we have seen a small recent increase in the testing positivity rate and the number of active cases," Kenney told media on Monday.

"We're not out of the woods but we can continue taking small steps forward as we go into step two."

He said the re-opening is about a balanced approach while recognizing numbers can increase quickly as in

the fall when hospitalizations went from about 100 to 950 in five weeks.

"We can't let that happen again."

On Monday a partial reopening under the second step was announced with libraries and indoor fitness relaxations.

Under the current relaxation low-impact fitness and group exercises are allowed without a trainer and high intensity activities are permitted for one-on-one or one-on-one household training with a trainer.

Interaction between clients or between trainers is not allowed and cycling through multiple trainers as in circuit training is not permitted.

Brooks CAO Alan Martens said the city wants to understand the restrictions and the impacts they could have on the facilities before opening.

"As soon as we can open we should be able to. I think they're fairly minor adjustments. I don't think it'll be tough for us to adjust," he said.

Libraries will also be allowed to reopen at 15 per cent capacity of the fire code occupancy not including staff.

Lisa Patton, the head librarian in Brooks said she expects the library will reopen on March 8.

She said it will open as it did in the fall when patrons could book times or walk in to claim unreserved times.

Patton is pleased with the opening.

The library board had written a letter to the premier expressing concern that libraries were categorized as recreation or entertainment business under the reopening plan.

"Rural and low income residents can be unfairly disadvantaged by the province's decision to categorize libraries as an entertainment business," they wrote.

The letter stated they take seriously their role in providing access to government online, eLearning, distance learning, online access to library services and health applications.

They had asked the province to reopen the library with provincial supervision or be granted an exemption to reopen by appointment.

Prior to the announcement on Monday the library took steps to give patrons more access by opening an express kiosk.

"The kiosk allows community members to get help with placing holds and printing services as well as unscheduled hold pickups," said Patton.

Scott Brandt, Grasslands superintendent, said they will begin this week to decide how public libraries within schools will reopen.

"We do have some Shortgrass library facilities within our buildings," he said.



An express kiosk is set up at the front doors of the Brooks Public Library. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Committee discussing cardboard collection

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Changes could be coming to the way cardboard collection is done in Brooks.

In his report to city council recently councillor Bill Prentice said the recycling committee has been working on improving the collection of cardboard.

Changes being considered range from hiring a contractor to

purchasing a new truck.

Don Saari, the city's works and utilities manager, said they city is replacing a 2012 truck that was to be replaced in 2018.

"Replacement was put off because we overhauled some of the lifting devices to buy us two to three more years," he said.

The recycling committee is reviewing nine options including having businesses arrange and pay for their own

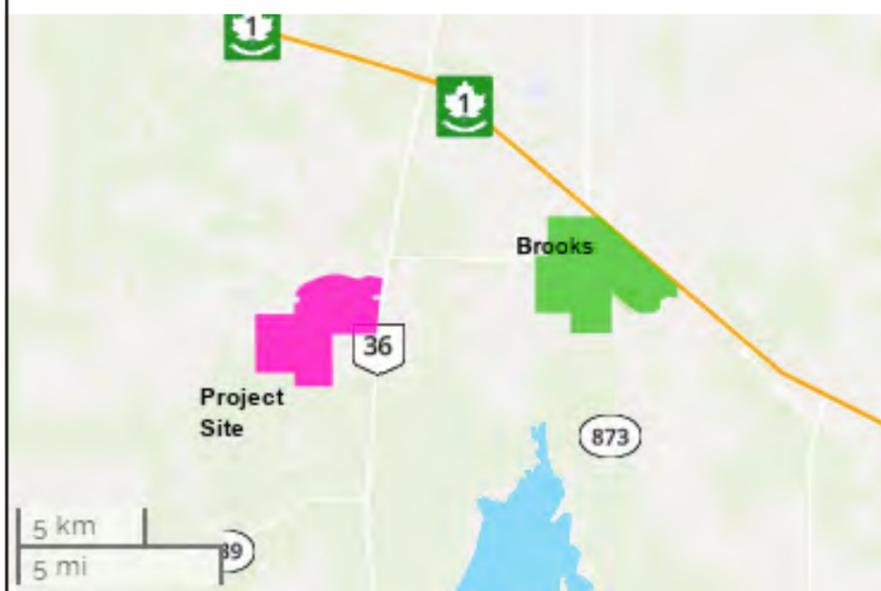
collection, purchasing a new truck and using the existing containers while increasing the collection rates, hiring a contractor and increase fees, purchase a truck and maintaining fees, purchasing containers and use existing trucks to pick up recycling or purchasing a truck and new containers which could increase fees.

The decision is expected to be presented to council in the near future.

Virtual "Open House" Solar Krafte Brooks Solar Farm

Solar Krafte Utilities Inc. (Solar Krafte) is proposing to construct a solar power plant 6.5 kilometres west of the City of Brooks, Alberta. The proposed power plant is a 400 megawatt (MW) facility located on 3,900 acres of private land.

Solar Krafte Brooks Solar Farm
Virtual "Open House"
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 5 PM to 7 PM



The proponents are seeking input on the proposed project from interested stakeholders. To learn more about the project and provide input, we invite you to join us at our virtual "open house" on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 5 PM to 7 PM.

You will hear directly from Solar Krafte president Mark Burgert, and be given the opportunity to interact and ask questions.

REGISTRATION:

You can register for the open house by sending an email to sbrown@sabreenergyconsulting.com or by calling Samantha Brown, SABR Energy Consulting Inc, at (587) 434-7547.



Classifieds

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obituaries



BUNNEY – Hilda Doreen April 22, 1929 – February 26, 2021 It is with great sadness the family of Hilda Bunney announce her peaceful passing at Brooks Health Centre at 91 Years of age. Hilda was born in Patricia, Alberta. She married Austin Bunney on November 23, 1947. They had three kids born to them; Bryan Bunney (Fernie), daughter Cheryl Hyland and Calvin. She is survived by sister Lillian Nester of Brooks, AB. Hilda was active and enjoyed her life ranching near Duchess and eventually moving to Brooks in 1988. She was pre-deceased by her son Calvin on May 22, 1979, and husband Austin on November 24, 1997.

Hilda was a lifetime member of the Royal Canadian Legion and Cowboy Hall of Fame. Hilda was an active volunteer at the Silver Sage Arena, Royal Canadian Legion and numerous community events wherever needed. She lived a full life and cherished her family, especially her 6 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. They brought her so much joy! She enjoyed rodeo, hockey, even a round of golf. Hilda had a stroke in 2012 which put her in a wheelchair but it did not stop her from her love of attending home town music concerts, kids sports and dances, ball games and whatever else captured her attention. She will be lovingly remembered and missed by her friends and family. In memory of Hilda, if family or friends desire, memorial tributes may be made to either Prairie Rose Hospice Society or Halo. Family Services will be held at Thom's Funeral Home on March 5, 2021. The Service recording will be available on Hilda's Memorial page at www.thomfuneralhome.com For further information or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.



employment



SUMMER STUDENT POSITION

The Alfalfa Seed Commission located in Brooks, Alberta is now accepting applications for full time summer employment for May 3rd - August 27, 2021.

Employee will be working in collaboration with other researchers collecting and evaluating field data. Experience in lab work and microscope operations necessary. A valid class 5 driver's license as well as providing your own transportation for the term of employment are required. Mileage will be paid as well housing provisions through the Medicine Hat College will be made if you do not live in the area.

Applicants must be self-motivated and able to perform duties with little supervision, hardworking, able to work outdoors in all weather and foster respectful relationships with the growers.

Interested applicants are invited to email their resume along with three references by March 19th to the Commission Manager at the following: manager@alfalfaseedab.com

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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coming events

GRASSLANDS SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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is holding an
on **Tues., March 16th**
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This will be a Zoom meeting.

Please email info@grasslandssoccer.ca to receive the meeting ID and password.

We are looking for volunteers to fill positions on our team!

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We would like to thank all interested applicants however only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUMMER STUDENT POSITIONS

Grasslands Public Schools is now accepting applications for summer student positions for the spring and summer 2021 program.

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A valid class 5 driver's license is required and successful applicants will be required to submit a current criminal record check and drivers abstract.

Further information can be obtained from the undersigned.

Mr. Alan Klopper
Manager of facilities & Maintenance
Grasslands Public Schools
745 - 2nd Avenue East
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Phone: 793-6713
E-mail: joann.wald@grasslands.ab.ca

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Buying a Business: what you need to know

Buying a business can be an exciting adventure. It can also be an intimidating process because there's so much to consider: financing the purchase, marketing and growing your new business, retaining customers, transitioning employees, etc. How do you balance all these factors while striving for and achieving financial success?

There are practical, economic, legal and tax considerations to buying a business. I want to provide you with some information so you can plan, carry out and protect your investment. It's important to remember, negotiating and planning the transaction up front can save you time, money and stress down the road.

There are 2 ways to buy a business: (1) purchase the shares of the company or (2) purchase the assets of the company. Both types of transactions have advantages and disadvantages for the Vendor and Purchaser. Both types of transactions have different tax consequences for the Vendor and Purchaser. The circumstances surrounding your purchase and the nature of the business you are buying will impact the structure of the deal. This article is part 1 of a 3-part series on buying a business. In Part 1 I discuss buying a business by way of shares.

If the Vendor is an incorporated company, you may decide to purchase all (or the majority) of the shares of the corporation. If the Vendor is a partnership or sole proprietorship, this option is not for you. The shares represent the value of the corporation. As a result, it is important to carefully review the financial status of the corporation before deciding on a purchase price. I recommend meeting with your accountant to complete this review.

You may find a Vendor to be more favourable to a purchase of shares because he may be able to limit his tax consequences. If certain requirements are met, a Capital Gains Deduction (CGD) may be available to a Vendor who

sells shares in a Qualifying Small Business Corporation. By using his CGD, the Vendor will pay significantly less tax on the transaction.

Sometimes a purchase of shares isn't as advantageous to the Purchaser. This is because the Purchaser buys the whole business – the assets and the liabilities of the corporation. Some common liabilities include tax and legal liabilities, employment contracts and WCB accounts. Ultimately, the Purchaser buys the whole business and its history, the good and the bad. There is also a risk that certain liabilities are unknown or unforeseeable at the time of the transaction. However, a Vendor may be willing to negotiate a lower purchase price in exchange for the Purchaser agreeing to a purchase of shares. It may be worth exploring this option.

If you are interested in purchasing the shares of a corporation, there are precautions and due diligence measures to minimize your risk and liability. These measures will be discussed in next month's legal brief. Whether you buy a business by way of shares or assets, consult with your lawyer and accountant to explore your options and structure the best possible deal. Be sure to check back in next month for Part 2.

Hilary Pritchard helps navigate the turning points of life. She is an associate with Pritchard & Co. Law Firm, LLP. Contact Hilary at (403) 527-4411 or at hpritchard@pritchardandco.com.



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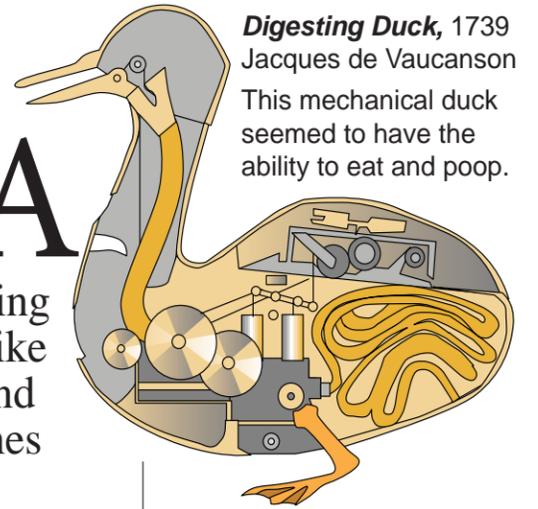
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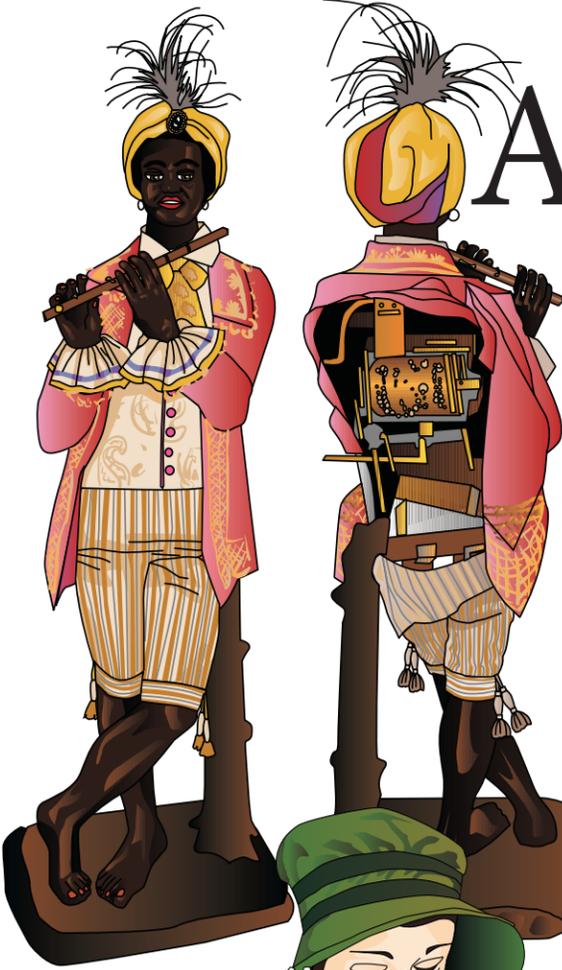
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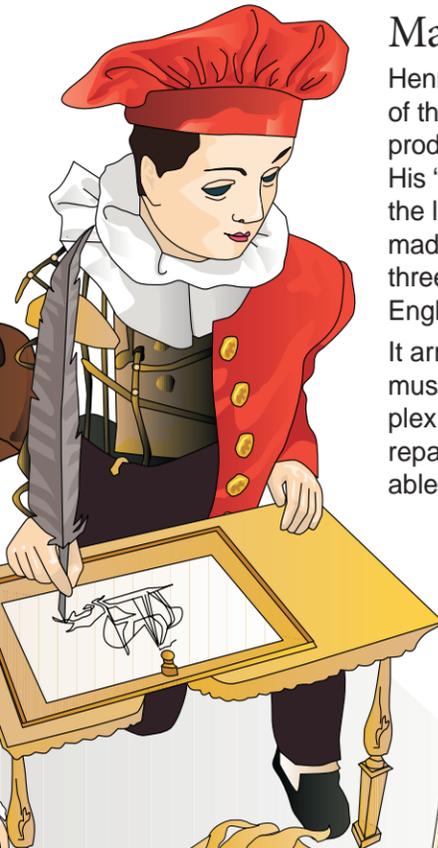
Since ancient times, people have been creating mechanical wonders made to look and act like humans or animals. A combination of art and science, these mostly self-operating machines give the illusion of acting on their own.



Digesting Duck, 1739
Jacques de Vaucanson
This mechanical duck seemed to have the ability to eat and poop.



Floutiste
c. 1869-77
This life-size flute player automaton was built by Alexandre Théroude.



Maillardet's automaton

Henri Maillardet was a Swiss mechanic of the 18th century who worked in London, producing clocks and other mechanisms. His "Draughtsman-Writer" automaton has the largest "memory" of any automaton ever made — it can create four drawings and three poems (two in French and one in English).

It arrived at the The Franklin Institute science museum in Philadelphia in 1928. The complex, ruined brass machine was studied and repaired, and the automaton was once again able to draw and write.

For many years, this automaton wore a full outfit of clothes, but today it is displayed to show more of the inner workings of the automaton.



Draughtsman-Writer
c. 1800
Henri Maillardet

In a word

The word **automata** (the plural of automaton) comes from a Greek word meaning "acting of one's own will." The Greek poet Homer used the word to describe automatic movement.

Looking back

The ancient Greeks made some very complex automata. These mechanical wonders were used as toys, as religious displays and to demonstrate scientific principles.

The Greek inventor **Ktesibios** used water to sound a whistle and to move a mechanical owl. He also invented a cuckoo clock.

Automata continued to amaze people through the Middle Ages and into the Renaissance, when huge, complex clocks with automated figures were built.

The 19th century is considered the Golden Age of automata.

Did you know? During the Han dynasty (50 B.C.) a mechanical orchestra was made for the emperor of China.



Tin toy monkey with cymbals
1930s

Wind-up lion
c. 1930
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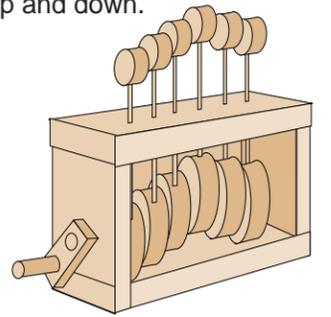
The Dancing Lesson
c. 1895
Roulet et Decamps

Singing bird box
(mid-19th century)
These popular mechanical boxes were a Swiss invention crafted by talented clock makers in Geneva.

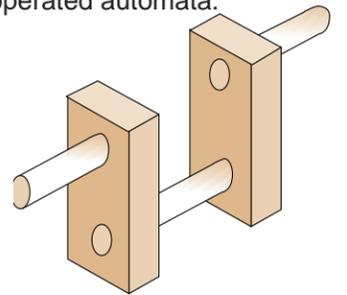
How they work

All automata make use of six basic mechanisms.

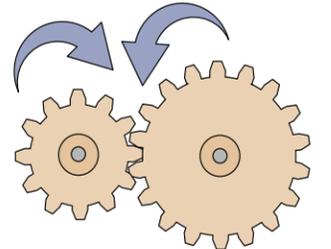
Cams: The basic principle of the cam is to turn a circular motion in to one that moves up and down.



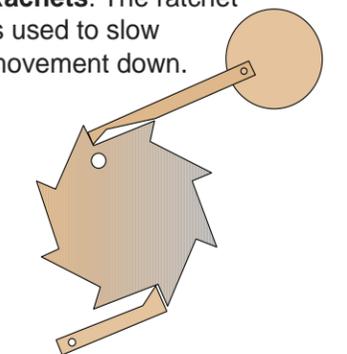
Cranks: Cranks are often the driving mechanism for hand-operated automata.



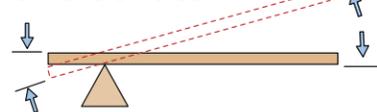
Gears: Gears produce movements that control the speed of action. They also alter the direction of rotation.



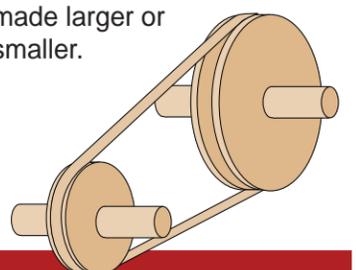
Ratchets: The ratchet is used to slow movement down.



Levers: A lever helps apply or transfer force.



Pulleys: In order to speed or slow movement, the diameters of the pulley wheels are made larger or smaller.



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