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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021



BJ and the Brooks Hotel crew were busy Friday erecting an outdoor tent in the parking lot. The city has again installed street level patios downtown but several restaurants, pubs and local breweries have also installed or improved outdoor sitting areas in light of Covid 19 protocols. | BULLETIN PHOTO

Division 5 and 10 rec funds handed out

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Last week the Division 5 and 10 recreation committee approved the final \$70,000 in its annual disbursement of funding.

The funds are provided by county taxpayers through a recreation tax.

In prior years the committee has distributed about \$144,344 which included projects in the City of Brooks.

The committee no longer approves city projects because they fall under the cost-sharing Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework agreement.

This year the recreation committee approved \$18,850 for Cassils Community Centre, \$14,200 for Lake Newell Resort Community Association and \$36,550 of the \$45,000 sought by the Silver Sage Agricultural Society.

The Cassils committee

will use the funds to offset monthly expenses as a result of not having any rentals last year. It will also cover installation of internet services including purchasing a router and to cover costs to double the flow rate for regional water.

Lake Newell Resort wants to improve recreation programs in their community.

This year they will receive \$5,000 to convert the tennis court to a dual purpose court to accommodate tennis and pickleball.

Funds will also be used to distribute beach sand and for maintenance, garbage collection, outdoor toilet rentals and irrigation.

The Silver Sage committee applied for \$45,000 towards a new 140 x 260 foot outdoor arena but received \$36,550.

The arena is proposed to be built west of the main building on a portion of the site that holds the annual midway. It is expected to

provide better access to water and it will bring the existing steer pens closer.

A return alley will be set up which will make the site more attractive for large roping events.

Brad Christie, president of the Silver Sage Ag Society, said the alley will allow for thousands of competitors to attend roping events.

"Not only will the arena itself be able to host more events but will appeal to other associations and groups to bring their function to Brooks," states the application.

There are currently indoor and outdoor corrals on the property.

The Silver Sage is a party to an agreement with the Kinsmen and the Eastern Irrigation District.

All parties are to know about future plans.

The EID owns the land so development is to be discussed with the district.

Ivan Friesen, general

manager of the EID, said they've known about some building plans.

Rod Eckes of the Kinsmen said they were not approached but is unclear if they are to be part of project proposal discussions.

"The Kinsmen Club has not seen any drawing. We haven't seen it physically on a map proposing where it is going to go," he said.

Kristen Niznik, a renter at Silver Sage, said the new arena would benefit youth.

She said it is difficult for 4H children to have to "haul their horses over to the big area (Kinsmen Rodeo arena) when it's 34 degrees and there are no bathrooms."

"Having a little arena beside the Sage would be like a God send for us."

The Silver Sage group received approval last year for \$30,000 towards the cost of constructing a shelter over the arena's outdoor livestock holding pens.

That project is expected



The Silver Sage plans to construct an outdoor riding arena on the level space west of the main building and was granted funds from the Division 5 and 10 rec board. The spot has traditionally been the location for the midway at the Kinsmen Rodeo. | BULLLETIN PHOTO

to cost about \$100,000 and external sources and grants are being sourced.

County funding for projects is not distributed until each project is completed.

The Town of Bassano is accepting applications until April 30 for the disbursement of \$50,000

for Division 6 recreation groups.

"The funding is intended to support the long term sustainability of our recreation and cultural services and improve quality of life for our residents," states the fund information.

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Brooks and area RCMP report

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Two-vehicle collision

A 50-year-old Tilley man was airlifted to Calgary with serious but non-life threatening injuries following a collision at about 7:45 a.m. at the intersection of Range Road 150 and Township 192 on April 6.

Police report that a



The driver of this vehicle was airlifted to Calgary with serious but non-life threatening injuries following a collision on April 6. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dodge Ram pick-up truck and Honda Civic collided. The driver of the pick-up was not injured.

RCMP are investigating and believe alcohol was not a factor.

Suspicious vehicle fire
Brooks RCMP would like to speak to a cyclist who fled from police but who led them to a vehicle fire.

An officer attempted to stop a cyclist on Cassils

Road for traffic violations at about 3:30 a.m. on April 11.

It's unclear if the cyclist was involved in the incident but he fled from the officer leading him into the 200 block of Cassils Road where a 1999 Mercedes was found to be on fire.

The vehicle was in a back alley near a residential garage. Brooks firefighters extinguished the fire but the car suffered extensive damage and a nearby garage sustained minor heat damage.

There were no injuries. The fire has been deemed to be suspicious and the investigation is continuing.

Graffiti complaints continue

Brooks RCMP continue to investigate reports of property damage caused by spray painted graffiti within the city.

On April 8 police received another complaint of graffiti on a residential fence in the 400 block of 3rd Street West.

The graffiti was similar



A 1999 Mercedes was destroyed in a fire on April 11. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

in nature to multiple other occurrences reported in the recent past and made reference to the U.S.A., C.I.A., and feminine hygiene products.

In addition to this complaint, RCMP received information of other similar graffiti within the city that had not previously been reported.

Two vehicle collision

At about 6:45 p.m. on April 8 police, fire and ambulance responded to a collision between a truck and car at 1st Ave. East and Centre Street.

No serious injuries occurred.

Police continue to investigate. Speed and alcohol were not factors.



If you have information on this or other incidents contact Brooks RCMP at 403-794-4400 or your local police. You can contact Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the P3 Tips app.



Graffiti on a path. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Well, we've had another nice week the past while with the exception of the high winds blowing. It would be better if we could get a nice rain.

Our deepest sympathies go to Sandra Day of Lethbridge on the passing of her dear husband, John Day on April 8, 2021, and to his sons and daughter-in-laws; Robert, (Kelly) of

Cochrane, Timothy, (Jen) of Lethbridge and Michael, (Kacey) of Wasa, BC, on the loss of their father, father-in-law and to all their seven Grandchildren on the loss of their Grandpa John. There will be a private family funeral later this week due to COVID restrictions. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all at this sad time. If friends desire, donations

in memory of John Day may be made to the Alberta Lung Association, at PO Box 4500 Stn South, Edmonton, AB T6E 9Z9 or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, at 119-14th St. NW, #100, Calgary, AB T2N 1Z6

Other news I don't have once again. It is not much fun to do news and have nothing to report.

Birthday greetings for

last week and the coming week go out to Darcy Charlton on Apr. 13th; to Shawn Airth of Okotoks and to Bryland Schoneck, both on Apr. 16th; to Andrew Christman, to Kaden Mortensen and to Devin Slomp, all on Apr. 17th; to Riley Church and to Harold Wutzke of Brooks, both on Apr. 18th; to Monty Kozma on Apr. 19th; to Michelle

Alberts on Apr. 20th and to Jaime Janko on Apr. 21st. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday and we wish everyone all the best for many great years.

Happy anniversary wishes go to Wayne and Janice Bunney of Derwent on Apr. 20th. We wish you both all the best for many

more, happy, healthy years together.

Hopefully everyone that can, will go and get their vaccination against COVID when it's their turn. Remember even then, you are still supposed to wear a mask, wash your hands well and/ or use hand sanitizer. Stay safe, stay healthy and keep your families safe.



What is brush control?

Brush control is the removal of brush and trees from County right-of-ways & County owned land.

How does the County deliver brush control?

Brush control is a cooperative program between the County's Municipal Services (MS) department and Agricultural Services (AS) department.

MS identifies problem areas and removes trees and brush by means of chainsaw or mulcher.

Once removal is complete, AS then sprays the stumps with a mixture of triclopyr and canola oil.

The chemical product works its way to the roots & stops the trees & brush from growing again.

Removing the need for MS to return to the site.

Why does the County perform brush control?

Brush control is completed for a number of reasons, including:

- Prevent snow drifting
- Facilitate road drying
- Promote open sightlines for motorists
 - Provide better visibility of wildlife
 - Remove obstructions in front of traffic signs
- Public safety
 - Such as removing dangers in the event of a vehicle entering the ditch



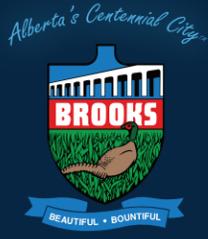
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For more info regarding the County's Year Round Operations check out:

<https://www.countyofnewell.ab.ca/p/year-round-operations>

Or contact the County's Office at:

municipalservices@newellmail.ca 403-794-2311



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NOTICE OF NOMINATION PERIOD Local Authorities Election Act



CITY OF BROOKS, Province of Alberta

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).

All election information and packages can be found at Brooks.ca

OFFICE(S)	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
MAYOR	1
CITY COUNCILLOR	6

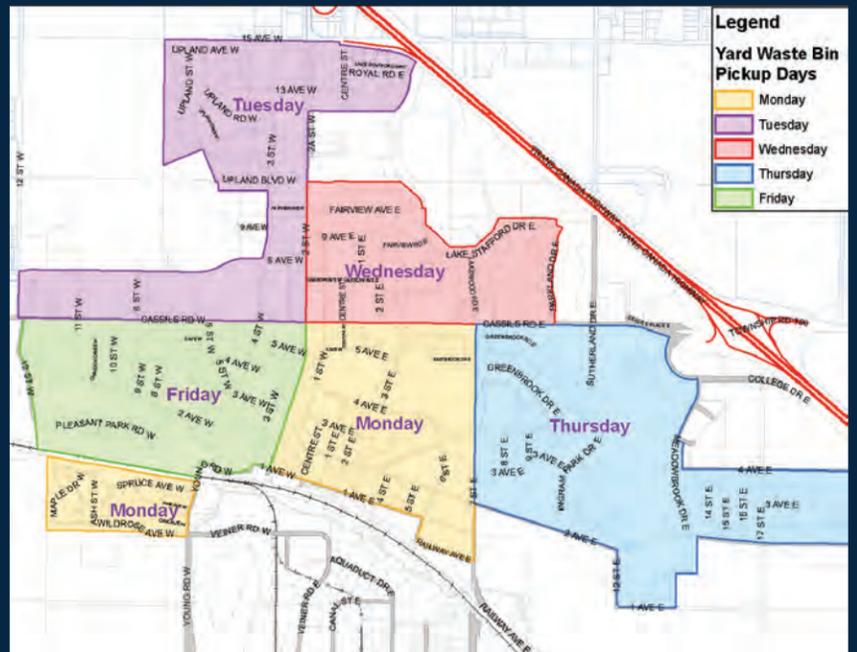
BROOKS CITY HALL
 201 – 1 AVENUE WEST
 BROOKS, AB
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DATED at the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta,
 this 3rd day of December, A.D. 2020.

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



YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 12TH



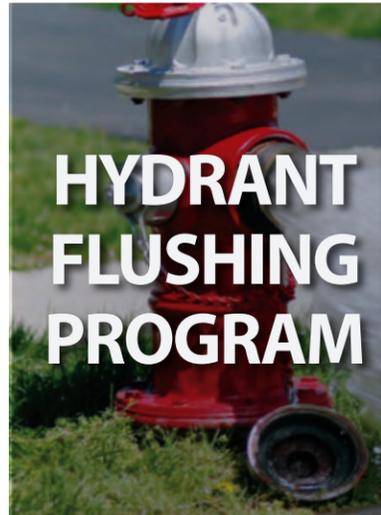
STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM

The City of Brooks began residential street sweeping on Tuesday, April 6. Sweeping will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, until the program is completed. Please watch for changes to the City's Street Sweeping Program as new signs will be placed on the sidewalks of the streets notifying residents when their street will be swept. All vehicles should be moved off of the street by 8 a.m. on the scheduled days for your neighborhood. As every residence may not have a dedicated place to park off of the street, residents are permitted to park on their front lawn, boulevard or in their alley only while sweeping is taking place.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- The program will take several weeks to complete.
- Sweepers will only be going through residential areas once, so it's imperative vehicles are moved from the street.
- Park somewhere other than the street being swept.
- When parking in alleys, please be sure not to obstruct garbage and yard waste collection trucks from working.

The City of Brooks appreciates the cooperation of residents to ensure that the 2021 Residential Street Sweeping Program is successful.



HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM

Starting in May, City crews will be flushing hydrants in the East and North sectors of the community. Residents in the immediate area may have temporary low water pressure and/or cloudy water due to air bubbles. Running your taps for about 10 minutes will clear this problem.

If you encounter any serious issues or want further information, contact Public Works and Utilities at 403-362-3146.

A TO ZED STORM SEWER PROJECT BEGINS MAY 3RD

The project will begin at the intersection of 2nd Ave E and 5th St E and move east past the public works shop. Expect road closures and detours in the area.

TALK OF THE TOWN

WITH MAYOR BARRY MORISHITA

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR MAYOR BARRY MORISHITA ?

Every week we'll be taking questions for Talk of the Town with Mayor Barry Morishita on Boom 101.1 and Real Country 105.7. Email them to brooksadmin@brooks.ca, or direct message us on Facebook! You can also call us at 403-362-3333.



EDITORIAL

Council woes in Coaldale

It's interesting to note that there still can be fairly public spats between taxpayers and elected officials.

For instance, a petition signed by 2,334 residents of the town of Coaldale, east of Lethbridge, is calling for the province to investigate what signors allege is abuse of power on behalf of the council. It was noted that this is more people than voted in the last municipal election.

Critics say they are fed up with how the town has handled employees' claims of abuse plus spending on major projects.

Jack Van Rijn, who spoke on behalf of the group Citizens for a Better Coaldale, said there was a lack of transparency and communication between the citizens and the town of Coaldale.

"People feel bullied, silenced, intimidated, misled, deceived, bewildered and exhausted to the point of giving up, moving and some even feel threatened by administration."

Well, these are pretty strong words but it gives everyone an idea of just how serious the situation is.

Tensions between taxpayers and elected officials and internal conflicts among councillors are nothing new although up until now things have been fairly quiet in Alberta. We could point to problems with city council in Calgary but this is nothing new.

Here in Brooks there haven't been many issues that have reached the stress level as is present in Coaldale but we get the sense that there is some talk over coffee in the mornings about local affairs.

But this is healthy and it is important that residents keep an eye on the workings at city hall.

We remember years ago there were personality conflicts rampant within council that took a toll on everyone.

It took an election to straighten things out. And that's usually how it goes.

Back then there were secret meetings between small groups of councillors and a lot of town business was done behind closed doors.

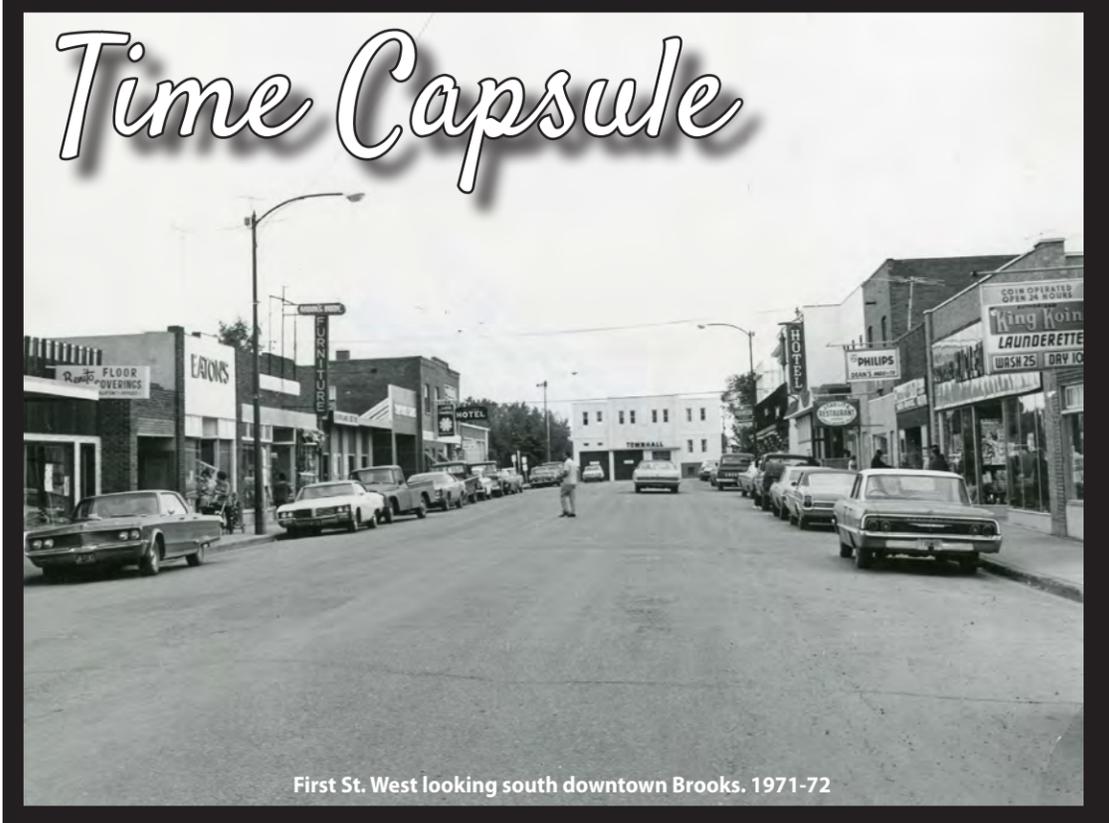
Obviously there are times when a council has to meet behind closed doors to clear the air but if it becomes a habit there may arise concerns about a lack of transparency and communication between council and taxpayers such as exists in Coaldale today.

Here in Brooks council meets privately just prior to the public council meeting and we assume this is where they set the tone for what will happen in the public setting and discuss other matters not yet raised in the public domain.

The province has not yet ordered an inspection for Coaldale and if they do the full cost--some \$50,000 to \$80,000--will be charged back to the community.

There are other avenues such as having a private firm do a study of civic operations but this would require that the council and administration be on side. They would also have to accept the report and all its findings--good and bad.

Perhaps this is the way for Coaldale council to show residents they are serious about making amends.



First St. West looking south downtown Brooks. 1971-72

Iran's Non-Existent Nukes

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



First, the good news. The United States and Iran had talks in Vienna on Tuesday, and the nuclear deal they and all the other great powers signed in 2015 is coming back.

It's not exactly back yet. After Donald Trump unilaterally pulled out of the treaty in 2018 and re-imposed harsh sanctions on Iran, the Iranians retaliated by slowly deviating from their own commitments under the deal one baby step at a time. So now there has to be agreement on a timetable for unwinding those steps as well as cancelling the US sanctions.

On a better run planet, the US special envoy for Iran, Rob Malloy, would just declare that all the US sanctions on Iran wrongly put in place by the discredited previous administration are cancelled as of today.

The Iranian delegation, led by deputy foreign minister Abbas Araghchi, a veteran of the 2015 talks, would reply that Iran will immediately return to compliance with all the terms of the treaty, and invite UN inspectors to verify that all its temporary deviations from treaty obligations over the past three years have been reversed.

And we would all live happily ever after. However, in the real world...

The negotiators in Vienna are not even in the same hotel. All the countries that are still observing the treaty (China, France, Germany, Iran, Russia and the United Kingdom) are in one hotel, and the American mission is in another, with messages going back and

forth between the two parties. Porcupines mate with less difficulty, but there has already been some progress.

"The United States knows that, in order to get back into compliance, it's going to have to lift those sanctions that are inconsistent with the deal that was reached with Iran," said Rob Malloy. Iranian government spokesman Ali Rabiei replied that he "saluted" Malloy's remarks. "We find this position realistic and promising," he added.

Two working groups have been set up that include American representatives, with the task of choreographing reciprocal moves by the United States and Iran to return to the treaty and a target of full compliance by both sides within two months. Just in time for Iranian moderates to claim credit for ending the US sanctions a week or so before the June election.

So that's probably sorted, but what about all the countries that actually do have nuclear weapons? Iran originally got into trouble because it signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in 1970 and later tried to get nuclear weapons anyway, but the countries that already had nukes when they signed the NPT have obligations too. How are they doing?

The NPT states that "nuclear-weapons states agree to...pursue nuclear disarmament aimed at the ultimate elimination of their nuclear arsenals." But it has been a long pursuit: fifty years later not one of them has actually managed to catch the damn thing.

The United States has got turned around somehow and is pursuing in the wrong direction. It's in the midst of a trillion-dollar-plus 'upgrade' of its nuclear forces, including a new generation of land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and new submarine-launched cruise missiles.

According to President

Vladimir Putin, Russia has developed nuclear-powered cruise missiles and torpedos with unlimited range, a hypersonic vehicle called Avangard to deliver nuclear weapons at low level and ultra-high speed, and a new ultra-heavy ICBM called Sarmat able to carry even more and bigger warheads (10-15) over a longer range (18,000 km.).

There have also been reports of a new nuclear-powered drone torpedo able to deliver a 100-megaton warhead (biggest ever tested was 50 megatons) over a range of 10,000 km. Then it would explode off an enemy's coast to create a tsunami wave 500 metres tall to inundate the coastal regions with highly radioactive water. But maybe this one is a fiction.

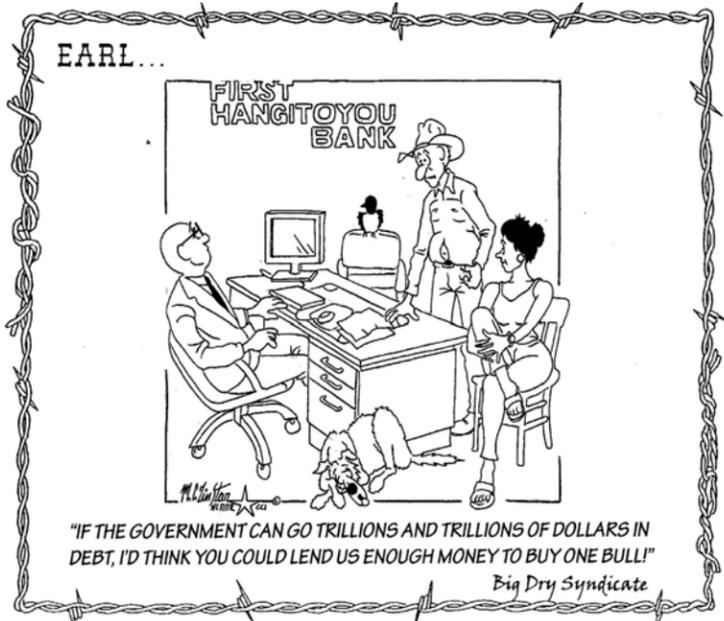
Then there's Little Britain with its four submarines that carry nuclear-tipped missiles. Prime Minister Boris Johnson recently announced that he was increasing the number of warheads they carry from 180 to 240, but it doesn't really make much difference.

Traditional UK strategy is 'no first use', which means Britain's retaliation would be on cities, not on empty silos. So you're just bouncing the rubble after the first few dozen warheads explode.

That's probably why Johnson broke with tradition and said that Britain might use nuclear weapons in response to non-nuclear attacks, including even cyber-attacks. One way to compensate for not really being very dangerous is to sound very reckless.

Then there's France (mostly harmless, despite some 280 nuclear weapons) and China (320, but talking about expansion). Plus India (150), Israel (90), North Korea (30-40) and Pakistan (160), all countries that 'unsigned' nor never signed the NPT.

But at least we're safe from Iran's nuclear weapons, which never existed and still don't.



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Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - The Tilley and District Public Library is, unfortunately, once again closed to the public - scheduled contactless pickup times for materials is on Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Wednesdays 9:00 to 11:00 am and 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Deliveries are received weekly on Thursdays. Staff continue to quarantine and handle materials for your safety.

Bethany Lutheran Church offers weekly services at 11:00 am each Sunday. Everyone is welcome. All health safety protocols remain in place - please wear a mask.

For Tilley Community Centre booking inquiries, please email tilleyhall@outlook.com or call 403-377-2406.

The Rolling Hills Ag Society is running a unique fundraising event - the Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest! There are a variety of event categories with which to win a pumpkin prize. Entry fee and the

growing begins April 1. Judging will take place mid-October in Rolling Hills. For more information, please look around for posters or contact Ben at 403-633-4175, Raoul at 403-866-9900, or Darby at 403-363-3216. You do not have to be a Rolling Hills resident to join in the fun!

A truck driver stopped at a gas station with a penguin in the front seat. The gas station owner asked where the penguin came from. "I found him on the highway...what should I do?" said the driver. "You have to take him to the zoo!" the owner replied. The trucker nodded and drove away. Three days later, the truck driver returned to the gas station with the penguin still in the front seat. The gas station owner was surprised and asked, "I thought you were going to take him to the zoo?" The trucker responded with a big grin, "I did! And tonight, we're going to the movies!"

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita

Chappell at 377-2259. You may also EMAIL me at goombaw@eidnet.org with subject line Tilley Telegram. Please contact me by or before 8:00 am on Monday

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

SAT., APRIL 17

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The Mission of Jesus

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

David Bradford
Brooks Alliance Church

The Easter season is still fresh in our minds, as we have celebrated the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are thankful that His resurrection gives us a hope for life in the future. And yet, as we contemplate Easter and the hope it gives us for the future, we also need to be mindful that we have been placed here on earth by God for a reason.

At the start of His public ministry, we read the words of Jesus in Luke 4:18-19 - "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." Later on in Luke 10, Jesus sends out 72 of His followers to go and "do ministry" - the same kinds of things Jesus Himself did.

Recently I was

reading a book that posed this question - a people sent or vendors of religion? When Jesus came, He did all the things He said in Luke 4, quoted above. He was gracious, loving, compassionate and kind to everyone He encountered during His time on earth, except those of the religious establishment. He issued some of His harshest words to those of the religious infrastructure of His day (see Matthew 23 for a sampling).

The truth of the matter is quite simply this - what we read about in Luke 4 is what Jesus has called us to do as His followers in His name. Jesus didn't call us to "do" religion. Jesus called us to go out and serve and care for a broken and hurting world. Maybe it's time for us to give some more consideration to what He has called us to, and then get on our feet and get moving and do it, because Jesus' mission is our mission!

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Father Marino Infante

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and 6:00 pm

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"Forward in Faith"



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Pastor Daryle Fox
Church: 403-362-5060
Cell 403-793-7203

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Josiah Johnson - Youth Pastor

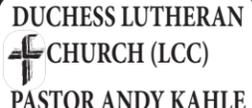


Alliance Church

BROOKS
304 Cassils Road East
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Website:
www.brooksalliancechurch.com

PASTOR DAVID BRADFORD

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 am



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Phone 403.378.4966
Email: office@duchessmennonite.ca
Website: www.duchessmennonite.ca

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday School Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School starts at 9:30 am

Pastor Alvin Penner
Associate Pastor Nathan Ramer
Associate Pastor Terry Jackson
Office Hours: Tuesdays to Thursdays 8:30 am to 12 Noon



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403 - 2nd Street West

PASTOR KOLA AYENI

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Worship 11 am



COUNTY OF NEWELL

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS/RATEPAYERS OF THE COUNTY OF NEWELL

Public Notice is hereby given that the Agricultural Service Board of the County of Newell intends to conduct pesticide control and mowing activities during the 2021 growing season.

The County's Roadside Vegetation Control Program is aimed at meeting five objectives:

- 1) Allow clear sight lines to signs and intersections;
- 2) Reduce snow accumulation;
- 3) Promote road drainage and drying;
- 4) Facilitate snow removal;
- 5) Control weeds (Prevent spread)

The program outlined below deals with vegetation control through the application of recommended vegetation control chemicals. The County also uses protective cultural practices to control weeds, where practical, which includes mowing.

The 2021 Program deals with controlling weeds on County rights-of-way, County-owned land and work within the Town of Bassano, the City of Brooks and Grasslands School Division property. The projected dates of pesticide application will be May 5th to October 15th. The herbicides to be used include: 2, 4D Ester LV700, 2, 4D Amine 600, Oracle, Round Up Transorb HC, Lontrel 360, Garlon XRT, Estaprop XT, Milestone, Aspect, Clearview, Esplanade, Overdrive, Navius Flex, OctTain XL and Trillion P. This year, spray efforts will be focused South of Highway #1, but spot spraying on an as needed basis will be done in the entire County. In addition, spraying may be completed for noxious and prohibited noxious weeds along the Bow River.

Any residents who DO NOT wish to have areas sprayed adjacent to their land must fill out a NO-SPRAY Application Form BY MAY 15th and post signs. These are available at the County of Newell office.

All pesticides and procedures used comply with Federally approved label recommendations and regulations set out by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, and Alberta Environment.

The 2021 Roadside Mowing Program will begin June 10th and will include all developed County rights-of-ways. **Anyone wishing to hay a portion of the right-of-way must fill out a Haying Permit by June 1, 2021.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the County's Vegetation Control Program, please contact the Agricultural Service Board Fieldman at 403-794-2336.

County of Newell, Agricultural Service Board. 14-15c



COUNTY OF NEWELL

NEWSPAPER REMINDER

2021 DUST ABATEMENT PROGRAM

The County has a policy whereby ratepayers of the County of Newell may make application to have dust abatement applied on the gravelled portion of road in front of their residence. The minimum distance required is 100 meters and the maximum distance is 300 meters at the subsidized rate of \$2.99 per linear meters plus GST. For lengths greater than 300 meters, the full rate of \$4.60 per linear meter plus GST will apply. **Cost of the dust abatement must be paid in full at the time the application is submitted.**

Applications must be submitted by **Friday, April 30, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.**, to qualify for the subsidized rate. All applications received after this date will be charged the full rate of \$4.60 per linear meter.

Applications can be submitted by mail or email & paid for through various options that don't require attendance at the County office. For more info about the program & payment options, visit <https://www.countyofnewell.ab.ca/p/dust-abatement-program-calcium->

Refer to the below table for examples on distances and associated costs.

Length (m)	Net	GST	Total
100	\$299.00	\$14.95	\$313.95
150	\$448.50	\$22.43	\$470.93
200	\$598.00	\$29.90	\$627.90
250	\$747.50	\$37.38	\$784.88
300	\$897.00	\$44.85	\$941.85

For more information please contact the Municipal Services Department at 403-794-2311. 14-17c



COUNTY OF NEWELL

Notice of Change to Tax Incentive and Penalty Bylaw
County of Newell
In the Province of Alberta

Proposed Bylaw No. 2008-21

Next Council Meeting Date April 22, 2021
County of Newell Council Chambers

The Council of the County of Newell gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw No. 2008-21 which will replace the current municipal tax incentive and penalty Bylaw No. 1991-20 that was approved as a one-time relief measure in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The purpose of the proposed Bylaw No. 2008-21 is to implement the following incentives and penalties:

1. a discount of 2.5% applied to all current municipal taxes paid by June 15th; (current bylaw discount is 8%)
2. a penalty of 8% applied to all current taxes outstanding as of November 15th; (current bylaw penalty applied on Dec. 15 is 5%)
3. a penalty of 12% applied to all taxes in arrears as of March 1st each year. (current bylaw penalty amount is 10%)

Input regarding the proposed bylaw should be submitted to the County of Newell Office by 4:00 p.m. local time on the 16th day of April, 2021. Both written and/or verbal input on this matter may be shared during the April 22, 2021 Council Meeting.

For additional information contact:

Shannon Biette, Assessment & Taxation Clerk
County of Newell
Box 130
Brooks, Alberta
T1R 1B2 14-15c

Group of MLAs object to imposition of new COVID rules

Three COVID cases in Brooks, seven in Newell....

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

A group of United Conservative Party MLAs attempted to stick their necks out in support of their constituents but backed off fairly quickly.

Their letter was written shortly after Premier Jason Kenney announced on April 6, that the province was returning to Step 1 of the path forward as cases of COVID were rising.

Which means, among other things, restaurants are again closed to in-person dining.

The following day 15 MLAs including Michaela Glasgo who represents Brooks-Medicine Hat and Nathan Cooper the Speaker of the Legislature, signed a letter stating they do not support the additional pandemic restrictions that were imposed on Albertans.

"We will continue advocating for a transparent path forward that provides certainty to Alberta families, communities and businesses," it states.

A call into Glasgo was responded to by her Brooks constituency assistant.

"The situation has



DUCHESS - A taste of spring was followed by low, single-digit temperatures this past week. Still, the promise of better weather is a given.

The Masters golf tournament did not disappoint in the excitement department this year. Congratulations to Hideki Matsuyama from Japan, who hung on to win by a stroke. Our Canadian, Corey Connors finished in a tie for 8th. I believe we will be seeing some pretty great things out of this man in the near future!

On that note, Duchess Golf course is open! It opened on April 10th. At this point they are opening at 9:00am and the last tee time at 6:00pm. This will be until the days are a wee bit warmer and longer. It will not be green and beautiful yet, but if you want to get your season started, you can. You will be able to pay green fees and memberships but there will be no eating or drinking inside the clubhouse at this time.

The Village Market, ran by Wes Neufeld and Kathy Ramer is up and running. Swing by the Duchess Hall, enter at the south entrance and see what treasures they have upstairs. At this time, I believe they are operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Have a wonderful week and start getting your garage sale items ready for the 'community parade of garage sales.' I will learn the date in May and make sure to include it next week.

Please call me at 403-793-1630 with any news items that you may have.

changed," said Heather Pigott. She said Glasgo would not provide any comment but that the letter speaks for itself.

Cooper, who as the Speaker is to be impartial, said "deeply regrets" his actions.

"I apologize to each and every one of you for crossing a line that the Speaker ought not cross," he told the Chamber on Monday.

On Thursday Kenney said if any caucus member breaks the health rules or endorses others to do so, he would kick them out.

"I think what those MLAs were doing was giving voice to those concerns about the negative. They're very real negative consequences of restrictions and I respect their responsibility as elected representatives to articulate concerns," he said.

He said MLAs did share their views which were mixed and some members disagreed with the current restrictions.

"The government has the responsibility to do the right thing and we will continue to do just that," he said.

As MLAs stepped out of line, there was a media report that Kenney privately threatened caucus members with a call of a snap election but it was denied on Monday.

"I did not say that. The last thing we need is an election. We need is stability to get through the balance of this."

He would not comment further saying caucus discussions are confidential.

The variant cases of COVID

have been the problem and it is why the province has been increasing restrictions.

Last week the variants made up close to half of all active cases. As of Sunday they were at 51.3 per cent.

Although it's unknown if they are variant cases, there were three active cases of COVID in Brooks and seven in the county as of Sunday.

Kenney said the numbers have to come down before restrictions can be considered to be lifted.

"Right now we're on track to hit probably 2,000 average daily cases in the near future and probably 20,000 active cases," he said.

However, he said last week, the province is looking at accelerating the easing of restrictions on a regional basis.

"We don't want to end up in a situation where we hermetically seal Albertans into their own local area not permitting travel. That would be I think pretty extreme," Kenney said.

Many jurisdictions across Canada have tightened restrictions as recommended by the Canadian Medical Association (CMA).

The CMA is calling on governments, industry and society "to apply and embrace new and stronger measures to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus and its variants."

They also acknowledged that the third wave has gained momentum and rule changes have contributed to confusion and relaxed adherence.



DINOSAUR GAS CO-OP LTD.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Dinosaur Gas Co-op Ltd. will be held at the Heritage Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, 1217 2nd Street West, Brooks, Alberta on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Pre-Registration is mandatory so that we may plan accordingly for COVID-19 requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the AGM, or would like to register please contact the Dinosaur office at
(403)362-5323 or admin@dinosaurgas.com. 14-15c

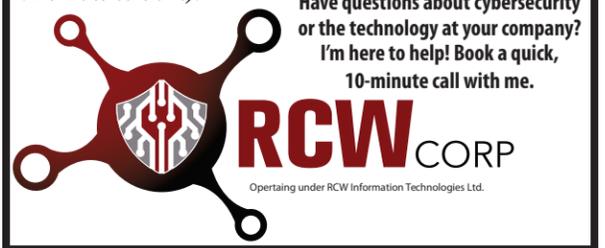
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First, contact your IT department (us) IMMEDIATELY. The faster we can address the attack – and determine the extent of the data, applications and machines compromised – the better your chances are of preventing much bigger problems. We'll go to work on containing the attack and conducting a full scan of your network.

Based on what we discover, we may advise you to contact the local FBI office and your attorney. Your legal responsibilities depend greatly on the type of data accessed. For example, if medical, financial or other confidential records were stolen or accessed, you are legally responsible for notifying affected individuals that their data was compromised (your attorney can best direct you on what you need to do and how to do it).

Have questions about cybersecurity or the technology at your company? I'm here to help! Book a quick, 10-minute call with me.



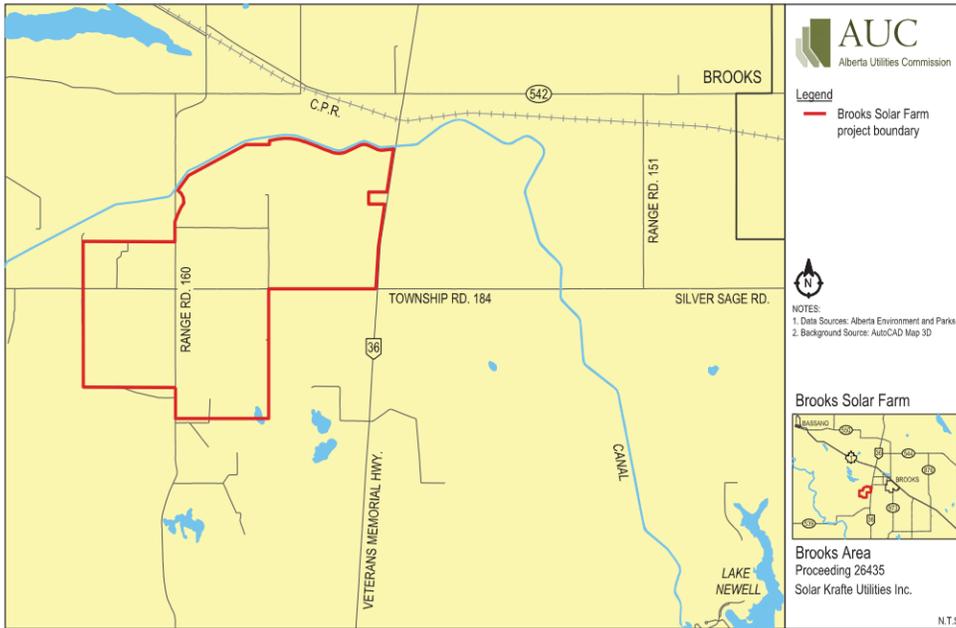
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Notice of application Brooks Solar Farm

Solar Krafte Utilities Inc. has filed an application for a solar power plant near the city of Brooks



Proceeding 26435 Application 26435-A001

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be considering the power plant development application in Proceeding 26435. If you feel you may be affected by this application you can provide input to the AUC to review before it makes its decision.

Written submissions are due May 10, 2021.

Solar Krafte Utilities Inc. has applied to construct and operate a 400-megawatt solar power plant, designated as the Brooks Solar Farm, under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*. The Brooks Solar Farm would be located on approximately 3,900 acres of private land in the county of Newell, Alberta, 6.5 kilometres west of the city of Brooks. Specifically, the project area would cover the following sections:

Quarter Section	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
NW, NE, SW and SE	19	18	15	W4M
NW, NE, SW and SE	29	18	15	W4M
NW, NE, SW and SE	30	18	15	W4M
SW and SE	31	18	15	W4M
SW and SE	32	18	15	W4M
NW and NE	18	18	15	W4M
NW and SW	28	18	15	W4M
SW	33	18	15	W4M
NW, NE, SW and SE	24	18	15	W4M
SW and SE	25	18	16	W4M

Additional information about the applications

The application and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website www.auc.ab.ca. Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application, please contact:

Solar Krafte Utilities Inc.
Jeff Thachuk
Phone: 1-888-409-2380
Email: engineering@solarkrafte.com

Participant information

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."

Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available through the AUC's eFiling System. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

Submissions

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 26435, and register to participate under the "registered parties" tab. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC or info@auc.ab.ca for more information or assistance with filing your submission. The lead application officer, Joan Yu, can also be contacted at joan.yu@auc.ab.ca or 403-592-4380.

The AUC may make its decision without further notice or process if no written submissions are received.

Submissions must include your name, address, phone number, legal land location, description of your land in relation to the proposed development and a description of your interest in the land, your business, or your activities which may be affected by the proposed project. Please also briefly describe the issues you would like the AUC to consider when making its decision.

Council committee silences train whistle discussion

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

City council committee on Tuesday silenced the discussion on the elimination of the train whistle.

On Monday councillor Joel Goodnough and mayor Barry Morishita voted in favour of continuing to look at the whistle issue. The other councillors John Petrie, Jon Nesbitt, Norm Gerestein and Dan Klein were against.

In a report staff noted they were asked to look at the process of stopping the train whistle in the city which would cost \$145,000 to upgrade the pedestrian crossing west of Young Road but there would be

additional costs.

A two week survey was opened asking residents if the whistle should be stopped.

In total 721 people from the city, county and outside the county responded to the survey.

Of the 622 city responses 52.57 per cent said no the whistle should not stop, 40.19 per cent said it should and 7.23 per cent did not care.

One person commented they have lived beside the tracks for many years and believe it's a huge expense for an unjustified change. It's unknown if they still live in the home.

Another wrote the whistle is OK during the day but not at night.

"Being woken up in the night because of the train whistle is not fun."

Another asked if it's worth more people dying on the tracks.

"The whistle should be (the) least of everyone's worries. Money should be spent elsewhere."

Councillor Klein said he supports the whistle and could not justify the cost but wondered if conductors have to keep their hand on the whistle.

"I think there is room for conversation with CP," he said.

There are also crossings in the county that are within one mile of the city and the whistle would be heard by local residents.

City tax dollars going to clean graffiti, repair vandalized items

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

City of Brooks staff continue to deal with a large amount of graffiti which means someone has to clean it and that eats into tax dollars.

Last year about 70 hours was spent by staff cleaning surfaces such as signs to remove spray paint at the cost of between \$1,900 to \$2,000.

Amy Rommens, the city's manager of administration said some weeks there were no complaints for vandalism but other weeks it took either one or two staff members to clean.

The city spent around \$400 in supplies including graffiti remover spray and gel, rags, scrub brushes and paint or stain for some areas.

She said there were also road signs that needed replacing but that cost is

unclear.

Other costs to factor in are the administrative time to generate the complaints and for her time to check out the complaint and assign the task to staff and or contact bylaw or RCMP.

"These numbers are primarily for just dealing with graffiti (such as) spray paint or markers. Other acts of vandalism to playground equipment or other parks amenities cost significantly more money to replace and/or repair and can take several hours per days to be completed."

Last week city staff were alerted by a resident to a damaged playground structure.

Mike Stewart, the city's parks foreman, said new parts worth about \$850 plus freight have been ordered.

He said two bars holding a couple of pieces together have to be replaced after someone hit or kicked a piece.



City staff were forced to order a couple of replacement parts for this play structure at Meadowbrook Park. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Staff will remove a piece of the structure.

The repairs are expected to take a couple of hours and will be done by city staff.

Rainier Record
JANE BELLWARD

RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for this coming week go out to Cory Springer, Rosalind VanHal on April 17; Richard Motokado on April 20; Levi Johnson on April 21; Benn Gubbins on April 22; Braidy Davies on April 23.

Celebrating their wedding anniversary this coming week are Megan and Duce Currie on April 22.

The Rainier/Scandia Transfer Station (dump) is open from 9.00am to 1.00pm on Tuesdays, and Saturdays. Please have all household garbage bagged. There are separate piles for appliances/metal, wood, tires, chemical containers, electronics.

The Alcoma Community Library is closed to the public, once again, hopefully for just a short time. The Library will offer only curbside pick up and return. 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.

If you didn't take part in the Scandia pumpkin growing contest last year, you will have your chance again! Start thinking about the pumpkin you will be planting this Spring for the next Fall Pumpkin Growing Contest.

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 Alcoma school students are now selling hanging plant baskets. To help support our school, please contact any student or the school at 403-362-3741. Orders are due by April 19.

ECS registration is now available on the school's website or you may contact the school at 403-362-3741.

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

Rolling Hills Ag Society is excited to announce their new annual fundraiser, 1st Annual Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest! To participate, become a member of the Rolling Hills Giant Pumpkin Growing Association which includes annual membership, five pumpkin seeds, T-shirt, and discounted admission to the weigh in event (beginning of October). You don't have to live in the Rolling Hills area to become a member. There

are five different categories offering lots of prizes. For more information, contact Ben 403-633-4175, Raoul 403-896-9900, or Darby 403-363-3216.

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

Grasslands

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Please note: COVID protocols are in place in all of our schools. Visitors will need to be let in by staff and are required to sanitize and wear a mask.

Questions about enrollment boundaries – please call your school or Grasslands Board Office at

403-793-6700

http://www.grasslands.ab.ca/

Macleans ranks Brooks ninth for living and working

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Brooks has earned a ninth place ranking as a Top 10 community to live and work remotely by Maclean's magazine.

The city was ranked against 414 other Canadian communities (census subdivisions according to StatsCan) and came in sandwiched between Cornwall, Ontario in eighth and Charlottetown, PEI in 10th place. Bigger cities, such as Toronto, placed 11th, Calgary was 31st, Vancouver was 174th although North Vancouver ranked 58th and Halifax was ranked at the top.

The city of Medicine Hat was 21.

Nine features were looked at including affordability, population growth, taxes, crime, weather, health, amenities, community and internet access with three features highlighted in the final rankings list.

Brooks, with a population of 16,390, was

recognized for its property tax at 1.6 per cent and provincial taxes at about 40 per cent for the average family and based on testing by the Canadian Internet Registration Authority, four members of one household can work remotely on a single internet connection.

The author, Claire Brownell, noted data was collected on 415 communities which they thought would be most important to the average person.

"Then the pandemic hit and people's priorities changed," she wrote.

The rankings were revamped with the assumption that remote work is here to stay. It asked people where they should move if they were not tied to an office or had to commute.

"We eliminated categories assessing the local economy, since remote workers won't have to look for a nearby job, and added a category assessing internet quality."

Some categories were

streamlined. For example, rent data was eliminated in the affordability category, since rents and property prices are closely correlated and it's safe to assume a community with high housing prices will also have expensive rents."

Brooks mayor Barry Morishita said he was pleasantly surprised to have found that the city ranked as high as it did while acknowledging that the city is working on many of the priority areas, such as taxes, crime severity, physician's offices (21 per 100,000) and internet the article also highlighted.

"We're working on all of those things and trying to improve them," he said.

He said it was interesting to see Brooks households can have four users on one internet connection while communities that ranked higher have 15 or more. Edmonton, the only other Alberta community in the top 10 rankings, can have 12 connections.

"It would be interesting to note if we had better broadband if we would have ranked higher. I think in the areas that people are looking for in the future, Brooks is on a good trajectory."

The article was printed in the magazine's April 12 edition.

City approves then cancels BRZ tax

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

For the second year businesses in the Brooks Revitalization Zone will not have to pay municipal taxes to the city.

Last Monday council passed the annual business levy bylaw and then immediately cancelled it.

Amy Rommens, the city's manager of administration, said council has the ability to cancel taxes but they must first be levied.

The BRZ submits their annual budget, which is usually around \$15,000, to the city. The money is used to develop the downtown core.

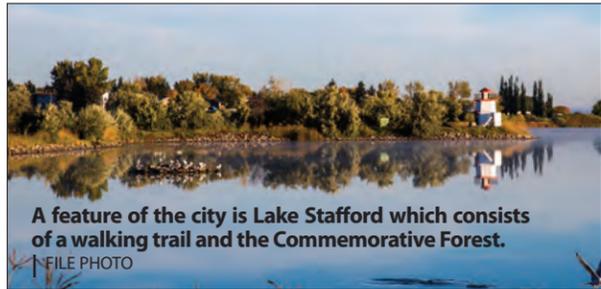
Instead of looking to

businesses for this year's project funds the city will cover the costs.

During the public hearing Rommens said there had been no comments.

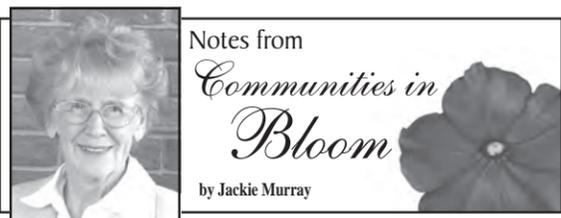
The BRZ has not yet finalized this year's projects.

They are expected to be announced next week following a committee meeting.



A feature of the city is Lake Stafford which consists of a walking trail and the Commemorative Forest.

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Notes from
Communities in Bloom

by Jackie Murray

Adventures with the Judges

Covid has made changes in our lives, much more important than those to Communities in Bloom. However, in isolation, we remember the fun times. Normally we would be getting ready for the Judges even though their arrival would not be until July.

We plan their visit with trepidation, because we want to win! The Judges have a set of rules by which they judge us but they are after all just people and we try our best to woo them. Some are very serious and won't be wooed. Lucy Chang never smiled - in mid morning she said "where is the water treatment plant"? Mara was the driver, I am always the timer. There was silence, one of said "OH we are going there this afternoon". During the noon break we made frantic phone calls for directions and an appointment with the person in charge. We earned our five Blooms so I guess Lucy was satisfied.

Two Judges, Bill & Jim were fun while still following the judging rules. At the Banquet we always give the Judges token gifts (one year it was Blanche Coultis' Bullberry jelly) Bill was from Quebec so he got kissed on both cheeks in the French manner, and given the flower of his province, which had been carefully stored in someone's fridge for two days. Jim got coloured glasses representing "rose coloured glasses" with which to look at our prairie.

One Judge, when something was pointed out, would quickly look in the opposite direction. We were puzzled, then she explained that some guides point out a particular feature so the Judges won't look at an objectional feature on the other side.

The second year was Judge who had once worked here at the Horrt Station and mainly wanted us to see what he had worked on. He also informed us that he would give us negative marks if there were cracks or uneven places on the sidewalks. We protested that was not our responsibility but he insisted that our job was to make Public Works aware. He was no fun.

The year we had the BIG clean-up with 350 people turning out - we challenged the Judges to find a single piece of litter on the route. The City was perfect - until we deposited them at their hotel and there was a paper cup right on grass at the front door!

The Sweet Petunias always sing at the banquet, a diversion from speeches and presentations. They are a group of 8 of us singing a fun parody on a popular song, we are accompanied by Marilyn at the piano. Judges and audience always get a good laugh - one Judge borrowed Arnold Roth's guitar and sang along with us then sang an original song. A female Judge from California was so impressed that she asked for words from the previous songs and was going to recommend this diversion to all communities.

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Bees most affected by vicious mite... genetics may be only hope – part two

Bees worldwide are affected by a vicious parasite called the varroa destructor or mite. It originated in Asia and arrived in Canada in 1989; its economic impact has been devastating, and it has been implicated as the primary contributor to colony collapse disorder (CCD). Contrary to what green lobby group propaganda, CCD is not a new disorder or disease caused by pesticides and climate change. It was identified 100 years ago and called disappearing disease, or spring/fall dwindle disease. Back then, there were almost no synthetic pesticides, and if green group doctrine is to be believed, climate change was also not a threat to human existence. But I digress.

Varroa mites (VM) reproduce in European (a bee variety) honey bee hives and have not yet been found in wild bee populations. They are compared to having

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WILL VERBOVEN

a ten-pound cat attached to your back, sucking your blood. VMs don't suck bee blood; instead, they extract bee body fat, which severely affects bee metabolism reducing their energy, health and they slowly starve to death. Naturally, in such a condition, they aren't in the mood to be busy as a bee and nectar collection stops, and if enough bees are infected, the hive or colony collapses or dies. More likely, the VM so weakens the bee that it becomes susceptible to a dozen bee viruses, most of which are lethal. Beekeepers have dealt with other diseases like nosema and foulbrood

by using antibiotics and other chemical measures. However, fighting the VM has been most difficult due mainly to the bee's minute size and the even smaller size of the mite. Miticides have been created to kill the mite or disrupt its metabolism so it can't function. The problem is such pesticides might contaminate the hive and taint the honey. Application is another problem; getting the appropriate amount on the VM is most problematic. Using vapour and dusting are the present methods. Scientists have also observed that VMs are quick to develop resistance, and higher miticide dosages could become lethal to the bees.

Another VM control method is mechanical; hives are heated to 104 F for a period of time which causes the mite to fall off the bee. It falls through a screen at the bottom of the hive and is unable to return. This has

been somewhat successful, but free-roaming bees seem to become reinfected. Another variable noted by many in the bee business is that parasites, viruses, CCD and other afflictions seem to be cyclical and subject to fluctuating weather conditions. For instance, hard winters can put bees in a much-weakened state and more susceptible to parasites and diseases. Better VM control is a feature of the new high-tech super bee hives; due to their large size, electronics, robotics, sensors, and protection from severe weather conditions, they will be able to control temperature, humidity, access, miticide application, emergency feeding and other interventions designed to maintain optimum bee health. For instance, computer imaging technology will detect lethargic bee movement, which is usually the first indication of VM infestation.

Appropriate mite control steps could then be taken when infestations are small rather than after the whole hive has become infested with VMs or other diseases. For that matter, any unusual bee behaviour, temperature fluctuations, or other conditions would be immediately reported to the beekeeper's cell phone. That's a far cry from traditional practices where beekeepers inspect hives perhaps only once a week and may not be aware of the extent of parasite and disease outbreaks until it is out of control.

Another promising advance in VM control is from a unique genetics perspective being carried out by Purdue University. They located an isolated honey bee operation in the state of Vermont where bees had evolved an astonishing way to deal with VM infestation. That specific strain of bees learned to

bite the legs off VMs, which subsequently bled to death. A classic example of genetic evolution coming up with a solution to protect honey bee existence. It sure beats chemical or mechanical control measures. The university has acquired the bee strain with a breeding plan that could see this parasite control gene spread into the general commercial honey bee population. Interestingly, the humble bee has come up with a natural solution to the VM problem where modern technology has floundered. But technology continues; researchers may have come up with pollination solutions that do not require the use of bees. More next time.

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



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JBS Canada Promotes New General Manager

Vinicius Capistrano



General Manager

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FUN FACT: Vinicius enjoys soccer and swimming

It is with great pleasure that JBS Canada is able to announce the promotion of Vinicius Capistrano to General Manager of JBS Foods Canada ULC, Brooks, AB. With over 14 years of commitment and dedication to the JBS family, Vinicius, who is currently Assistant Manager, will officially start in his new position in March 2021.

Vinicius, who was born and raised in Ribeirao Preto Brazil, completed a veterinarian school degree before discovering in his early 20's that he had interest in food safety and the process of Quality Assurance in Food Manufacturing. He completed a post graduate program in Quality Assurance in 2007, before joining the JBS team as a QA supervisor at the Barretos Plant. Vinicius' hard work and flexibility helped him grow, as he worked his way towards becoming the General Manager of the Marigna facility in Brazil at the age of 26, and later, the General Manager of the larger Goiania plant. He credits his own determination, as well as the guidance he received from his peers at JBS Brazil, for helping him achieve his goals. He says, "I have so many partners and mentors in JBS Brazil, and they always provided me with great opportunities that helped me get to where I am today".

Vinicius jumped at the opportunity to move to Canada when it presented itself in March of 2020. Travelling to work in a new country has always been a career goal for Vinicius, who saw JBS's international growth as a chance to grow professionally, and he has enjoyed the challenge that working in a new culture provides. In his new role as General Manager, Vinicius is looking to promote career growth among his team members, maintain the strong routines developed at the Brooks facility, and ensure that JBS Canada is on the cutting edge of sustainable process.

Vinicius loves his new home in Brooks, as it is a nice change of pace from the bustling cities of Brazil. In his spare time, he enjoys travelling to various Canadian landmarks with his wife Vania and daughter Manuela. So far, the trio have visited Canmore, Banff and Lake Louise, and Vinicius hopes to do some more travelling around Canada when restrictions lift.

Congratulations Vinicius! Thank you for all you do!

County to abstain from virtual FCM convention

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County councillors are pretty insulted with the amount of money to be charged for a virtual Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference.

On Thursday council agreed that \$670 was too expensive and agreed they would not attend this year.

The convention was to be held in Toronto but with COVID still present it will be held virtually.

Last year's spring conference was moved to the fall and it was held

online.

Reeve Molly Douglass wondered if there would be any value in attending.

"Personally, I am fine not attending FCM online. It was pretty brutal to attend in person some days," she said.

"Are we going to get value out of this especially going virtual? I'm not so sure and there's a substantial cost to registering for this. Is it something we really want to attend?" asked Division 10 councillor Lionel Juss.

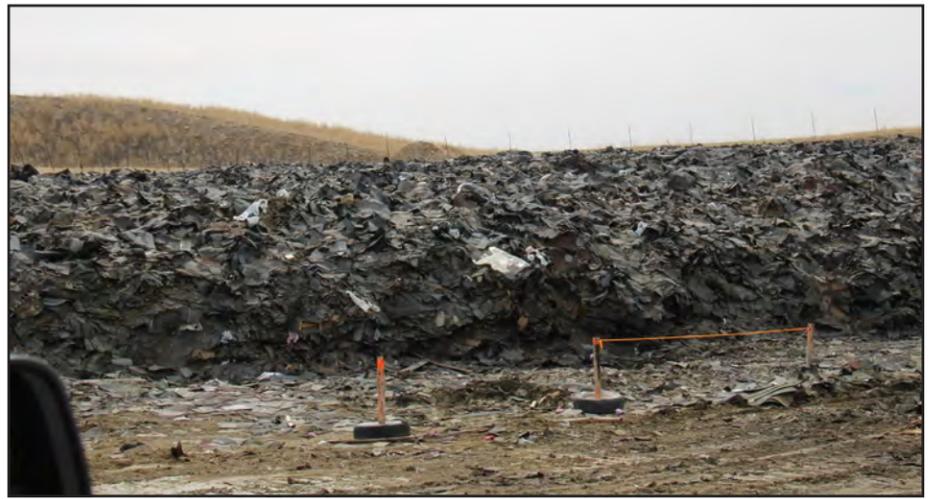
"I do find that \$670 per delegate is a lot of money for a virtual conference," said Division 8 councillor Brian

de Jong.

"I find that pretty extreme. For something that you're not sitting down in a chair and enjoying a conference I find that out of line.

"I'm actually quite insulted that they would charge their municipalities that much for delegates to attend virtually. I don't know how anybody would support them," he said.

"It's outrageous compared to anything else that's been a conference fee up until now so that was definitely part of my reaction, too," said Douglass.



Roofing shingles piled at the regional landfill. All sorts of demolition and construction materials are accepted. | BULLETIN PHOTO

First reading given to county tax rates for '21

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council gave first reading to the 2021 tax bylaw which saw increases in some areas.

Shannon Biette, the county's assessment and taxation clerk said there were no big changes this year.

"The taxable assessment values decreased by \$111 million from the prior year to \$387 billion," she said.

The decrease is from \$57 million in negative growth and \$54 million in negative inflation.

If mill rates were to remain unchanged from 2020 the decrease in assessment would have resulted in a decrease in municipal taxes collected of \$809,000

over 2020 actuals," she said.

The mill rates were adjusted to provide the revenues that were estimated in the 2021 budget.

Residential mill rates dropped .25 mills to 3.6289 and small business dropped by 1.2235 mills to 6.2996 mills.

Farmland, non-residential and police have increased.

Farmland is up .75 mills to 6.9261, non-res is up by .2494 mills to 8.3994 and policing, which is imposed by the province, is up .0449 mills to .0987.

The county will also collect .5 mills from taxpayers for paving.

The county expects to collect \$28,427,025 in municipal taxes.

The final reading of the bylaw is expected on April 22.

County approves 2021 budget

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council gave final reading to the 2021 budget which is basically unchanged from budget discussions.

"I think we're just about \$700 higher which is really just due to rounding up four decimal places on our tax rates," CAO Matt Fenske told council on Thursday.

The one area he highlighted was a comparison of property tax collected which was noted

by the auditor.

In 2020 the county reduced the amount of municipal taxes levied by \$2.33 million or 7.04 per cent and this year the county cut another \$140,000 or 0.45 per cent.

"They're down 7.5 per cent on the taxes that we are taking from our ratepayers," said Fenske.

The county will apply a discount of 2.5 per cent for municipal taxes to those who pay by the June 15 deadline.

"That comes at a cost of

\$707,000," he said.

The county also set the small business tax rate at 75 per cent of the non-residential rate which is the lowest threshold allowed under the Municipal Government Act.

He said the county's 2021 tax rates are below the 2020 average of all municipalities.

"I think that's something we can be proud of. We continue to offer some relief to all of our ratepayers throughout the county," he said.

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Traditionally in ground gardens are a row of vegetables, path and another row of vegetables. This allows for equipment to keep the row clean of weeds. The distance between rows lessens the chance of the spread of insect infestations and diseases. Weed barriers can be placed between the rows eliminating the need to work or weed between the rows.

Raised beds are beds where the soil planted is higher than the soil surface. They can be temporary or permanent beds.

Temporary beds are contoured yearly in the shape of a mounded row or rectangular beds. The soil can easily be worked with machinery and the shape of beds can be changed as needed. Mounded beds has the advantages and disadvantages of raised beds. The sun warms them up faster which increases the plants growth but they also dry out faster as more soil is exposed to the sunlight. The deeper soil allows roots to grow deeper with little resistance.

Permanent raised beds are surrounded by a hard surface, wood, metal or

brick that holds the soil in place. Beds are 5 feet or less in width which makes it easy to reach the center and as long as the gardener desires. The minimum depth of the soil is 12 inches (30 cm). The edges should be higher if the beds are placed on a surface that plant roots cannot penetrate.

In areas where the ground soil is arable, mix it with the fill used in the raised bed. Mixing the two layers together will encourage worms and water to move between the layers.

A bench garden is a raised bed on supports. The benches can have solid sides or legs like a table. Both styles allow people to garden standing but the legs allow people to sit while gardening. Both designs allow people with mobility issues to garden. Bench gardens make it possible for people to garden in areas that are no conducive to gardening. A table bed allows a garden to be grown in areas without destroying

the natural landscape, or on cement.

The sides or legs on a table garden must be strong enough to support the weight of wet soil. Placing the tables on a solid pad keeps the beds level with the weight evenly distributed. When purchasing or building a bench garden look closely at the size, construction and the materials it is made from.

Pots have many of the attributes of bench beds but they are smaller and can be moved during the growing season. Choose large, deep pots and plant according to the root structure. Example: carrots in a deep pot.

All garden plants rely on the soil for nutrients. If they have not been supplied by nature, it is up to the gardener to add them to the soil either through organic matter or organic and inorganic fertilizer.

Linda Tomlinson has gardened in Central Alberta for over 30 years.



Bow City Signal JOYCE CALVERT

BOW CITY - Our weather has sure been up and down this past week. Have had some nice but windy days, some snowy days, rainy days and some sunny days. Seems like the wind has to blow every day though.

Happy birthday to Renae Calvert on the 18th and Vikki Vigfusson on the 23rd. Happy anniversary to Brad and Carrie Palko on the 27th. Have a good one all of you.

Fay had her first game of golf with the seniors on April 7th at the Par 3. Her score was not much different than usual - 27, then she played the rest of the holes. Was lots of fun anyway!

Brad, Vikki, Brittany, Red and Bennett, Curtis and kids. Glenda and Bert along with Derek and Rikki with children Logan, Lucas and Mela, and Jessica and Chaz helped Fay celebrate her birthday and Easter at her place. The kids had a blast doing the Easter Egg Hunt.

That also included Glenda, Jessica and Rikki, who probably had the most fun.

Barb and Brian Dunning had their kids and grandson home for Easter weekend from Calgary. Great visit and they spoiled the grandson a little.

Wanda had Devin and Dallas and her mom Lavonne, Garrett and Lucus, Brad and Carrie and Jerry

and I all for Easter Sunday supper. Nice time.

June and Brian went to Bud and Janet's in Lethbridge for Easter Sunday supper and a nice visit. Good time.

Brad Palko's sons, Jake and Alex, were down this past weekend with some more material for Brad's deck. They had some fun gopher hunting and visiting.

Expect irrigation early this year

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Eastern Irrigation District board members are expected to discuss moving the irrigation date up by a week.

Ivan Friesen, the EID's general manager, said the district is mindful of spring conditions - dry

and windy - as they unfold and he anticipates water delivery to begin April 25 instead of May 6.

"With the present conditions the district sees the need to move the water delivery date forward," he said.

The discussion will be part of the April 20 board meeting.

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County to work with producers on soil erosion solutions

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Widespread soil erosion from a major windstorm that blew from the end of March until early April has been noted by municipalities in southern Alberta including the County of Newell.

On Thursday Todd Green, the county's ag services fieldman presented a PowerPoint showing the destruction that was caused by the March 29 storm which blew soil across fields and into ditches.

In many areas it gathered in ditches almost covering water culverts.

Erosion can be devastating causing damages to agricultural land and loss in crop production.

"For each inch of topsoil lost to erosion, crop yields can be lowered by several bushels per acre. Erosion also removes nutrients from the soil, making it less productive," states a notification from Lethbridge County to its ratepayers.

Green said there needs to be a policy to deal with erosion concerns but a committee of producers should be part of its writing.

He said multiple landowners were affected in communities from Tilley to Rolling Hills and from Scandia to Rosemary.

"That's a large tract of land and a lot of different landowners to make sure we do the same thing with everybody," he said.

The current method is to work with one landowner at a time.

"The typical way that the ASB has been dealing with these situations is on a one-off work with each producer to come up with a solution," Green said.

He said as a reactive measure the current method treats only the symptoms but doesn't work towards a cure.

Since the storm there have been conversations with many who were affected in Rainier, Scandia and Rolling Hills and many have offered solutions but implementing them across the county is difficult, he said.

"We'll have to bring in the EID at some point to figure out any of their areas that



Soil from a field that blew into a county ditch. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

have been impacted," he said.

He also believes Alberta Transportation will also have to be part of the discussions as they may be impacted.

Under the Soil Conservation Act landowners are to take appropriate measures to prevent soil loss or deterioration.

Mark Harbicht, the county's director of municipal services, said there are areas worse than others, however, not everything has been identified.

"There are definitely areas we can focus on right now that receive higher volumes of runoff if we were to receive a major rain event," he said.

The council wants to include local producers in looking at solutions.

"The last thing a producer wants to see is his land going off his land especially that high-value soil," said Division 8 councillor Brian de Jong.

He said those who are directly affected would be valuable contributors to the conversation.

"They'll come up with stuff they have to live with, too."

Division 1 councillor Clarence Amulung said there needs to be a full understanding of the extent of the problem and how serious it is as far as municipalities and producers are concerned.

He said the county needs data to remedy the problem because some of the infrastructure is not working the way it's supposed to and a committee would need the information to understand the extent of the issue.

Division 10 councillor Lionel Juss said this could be part of a cycle.

"This will probably last 10 years," he said.

In the meantime, the county is reminding residents to not excavate the soils that have gathered in the ditches.

A notification to landowners states the county will provide details on its cleanup efforts in the upcoming weeks.

"It is of utmost importance to protect our infrastructure and your co-operation is appreciated."

Bandits finish cohort grouping one with win

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Bandits won their final match up in the current cohort program defeating the Calgary Canucks 5-2 last Tuesday.

The AJHL teams including players and staff are now on a scheduled 14-day isolation period break and are expected to return with new teams to face beginning on April 16.

"The AJHL will continue

to work in consultation with Alberta Health on all facets of its approved protocol," states the release.

In the first block of matches since returning to the ice on March 12, the Bandits won seven of their eight games in matches against Calgary Canucks and Okotoks Oilers.

In last Tuesday's game the Bandits earned their five goals in the opening two periods with Calgary earning theirs in the last.

Nicholas DeGraves and Brendan Mairs each scored in period one.

In the third it was Tim Rego and Brayden Krieger and Corson Ceulemans each getting a powerplay goal.

Also last week Bandits forward Chris Pappas was named the Inter Pipeline Player of the Week for three goals and eight points recorded between April 2 and 6.

The new schedule was to be released after press time.

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County and city earn financial reporting awards

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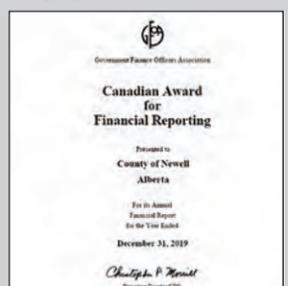
For the ninth consecutive year the County of Newell has earned a Canadian Award for Financial Reporting from the Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA). This year's award, which represents 2019 reports, encourages municipalities to go beyond the minimum requirements of accepted accounting principles and to prepare a document that evidences transparency and disclosure.

The county announced the award through social media.

County CAO Matt Fenske said the county is dedicated to transparency and full disclosure in their financial reporting.

"We are pleased to be

recognized by the GFOA for our annual report which goes beyond minimum reporting requirements to provide our residents with a clearer picture of the risks facing the county in maintaining the programs and services it currently provides, as well as the policy and operational decisions it must make in light of its financial health," he said.



County financial award.

The award was also earned by the City of Brooks, according to a GFOA spokesman. According to the city's website, they have earned the award each year since 2008.

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1921 ~ ALICE JOHNSON ~ 2021



Alice May Johnson passed away peacefully at St. Therese Villa in Lethbridge on April 1, 2021. She was born and raised in Redcliff/Bingville, AB to John and Belle McLachlan. She is survived by her children, Cliff Johnson of Calgary, Audrey (John Wilson) Reti of Lethbridge, Gene (Mary Joan) Johnson of Iddesleigh; three grandchildren, Dr. Sandra (Jim) Davidson of Calgary, Heather (Eldon) Petherick of Kemptville ON, and Zack (Samantha) Johnson of Iddesleigh; four great grandchildren, Matt and Natalie Petherick of Kemptville, ON and

Korben and Eva Johnson of Iddesleigh; as well as numerous dear nieces and nephews in BC, Alberta, Ontario and across the US; one sister, Lucille (H.A Bud) Olson of Calgary; predeceased by her husband, Mel in 2008; brothers, Hugh, Alex and Bill McLachlan, and her sisters, Marg Oaks, Isabel Bergdahl and Verna Brown. She married her fabulous husband, Melvin (GM) Johnson in 1943 and moved onto the family farm in Iddesleigh. There they raised their three children, Clifford, Audrey, and Gene and continued to add on to the size of the original farm...enjoying every year regardless of what weather or life threw at them. They retired to Brooks and then to Medicine Hat and finally settled in Lethbridge for the last 17 years to be close to their daughter, Audrey and family. Mom was a fantastic cook, baker, superb gardener, talented seamstress, knitter and hardanger, "jack of all trades", she supplied meals to the field at harvest, drove grain trucks, helped out at brandings and weaning. She volunteered with the Red Cross for over 30 years as a canvasser, etc. and received a commendation plaque. She was dedicated member of the Iddesleigh Ladies Aid for decades. Mom had a 'special' birthday...Halloween Oct. 31, so many happy memories around that date! Mom and Dad travelled extensively to Europe, New Zealand, Alaska, Hawaii and almost every state in the USA and across Canada as well, they were great fans of Las Vegas (Dad more so than Mom) but she was a trooper because she knew Dad enjoyed it!! A tremendous "Thank you" is extended to all the caring staff at Columbia Assisted Living and at St. Therese Villa in Lethbridge, and Dr. Logan Steed who have been her dedicated caregivers for the past 13+ years...keeping her safe through this COVID pandemic. Our hearts go out to you all who have been so professional in your care for our Mom, Alice. And last but not least she would want to thank the chefs and kitchen staff and the fabulous hairdressers, Elsie Wither-Sully at Columbia and Dawn Lapointe at STV, she loved having her meals provided and looked forward to her hair appointments each week...she held you all in high esteem!!

All in all it has been a long life lived well, and she would often say..."I don't feel this old and I don't have any pain"... it doesn't get any better than that! Enjoy your next adventure Mom and catching up with Dad!! A private family service was held on April 8, 2021 with interment in Saamis Prairie View Cemetery. Special Thank you to Nathalie Lawrence for her exemplary service. Memorial gifts in Alice's name may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada, 6007 - 1A Street SW, Calgary, AB, T2H 0G5.

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DAY - JOHN MERVIN DAY passed away on April 8, 2021 at the age of 71 years.

He was born to parents Ivan and Wilma Day and grew up on a family farm near Dand, Manitoba. He won the 4-H Harrison Shield (4-H provincial public speaking championship for Manitoba) and was runner-up in the Manitoba provincial school system. He attended Red River College in Winnipeg and became a Civil Engineering Technologist. He then worked in Louisiana on rigs as a Mud Man. In 1974 he married Sandra. They lived in Salvador, Brazil for two years where John worked on off-shore rigs and then came back to Canada to Brooks, Alberta. John continued his oil patch work and later started his own business. His love of life was his sons and their families and he was always ready to advise or help if at all possible. One of the main highlights of raising the boys was the many hours playing ball with them, attending baseball games and doing some coaching. He taught them to fish and hunt. In 2017 he and Sandra moved to Lethbridge. He will be sadly missed by his loving family; Robert (Kelly), Michael (Kacey), Timothy (Jennifer). Grandchildren Chloe, Ruby, Nancy, Jocelyn, Lila, Daniel and Benjamin; brothers David (Claire), Garfield (Evelyn), sisters-in-law Carol Billan, Marion (gil) Raineault and all his nieces and nephews.

A Private Graveside will take place at the Royal View Cemetery at a later date. Memorial Donation can be made to Alberta lung association or the Heart and Stroke Foundation To send a condolence, please visit www.salmonandsons.ca

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15p

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And bring you back again
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No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to lose you
No one can ever know
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store
Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts
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Your love, your voice, your smile are forever imprinted in our minds. We will meet again.

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in memory

Lorne Swanson
April 14, 2020

Sometimes I just sit quietly
reflecting for a while
imagining your voice, your face
your warm and loving smile.

For it's so lovely to recall
the happy times we had
when you played such a special role
as both Husband and Dad.

And at this very special time
I only wish you knew
that I'd give all the world today
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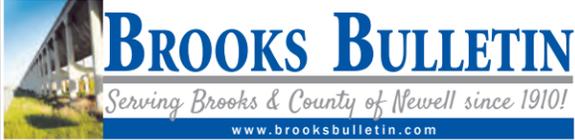
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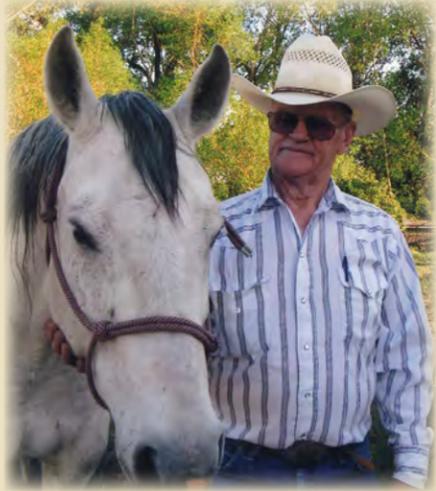
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KARLYN TAKEDA



MEMORIAL
In memory of a great man
ALBERT RICHARD GOSLING
September 26, 1933 - March 26, 2021

It is with great sadness that I have lost my best friend and partner of 30 years on Friday, March 26, 2021. I will miss him very much! We enjoyed sharing many trips, concerts, horseback riding, rodeos, brandings, golfing, hockey games, card games, family gatherings and many other activities and especially just being together. I have so many precious memories with Albert. My children and grandchildren also have many wonderful memories of Albert, who was a kind, gentle and playful Grandpa. They will cherish these memories always! Albert will also be missed by his many, many friends which he made so easily with his good nature, sense of humour and storytelling!



IT'S NOT THE END OF THE TRAIL

*It's not the end of the trail for me;
I've just traveled on, you see,
up ahead where greener pastures grow
and cool water streams dance as they flow.*

*Flowers in bloom of every sort and kind,
colors more vivid than any I left behind,
family and friends I haven't seen in years,
hugs and handshakes and no more tears.*

*They've welcomed me home here today,
a place of peace for me to stay,
they say it's my home for eternity;
no, it's not the end of the trail for me.*



Greatly loved and forever
in our hearts,
Carole Christiansen
Shane and Tammy Christiansen,
Kierra and Kendra
Glenn and Amy Christiansen,
Grace and Connor

*Enjoy God's trails on your
eternal ride, Albert!*

15p

SCANDIA - What a fantastic spring day it was Saturday for Scandia's 25th Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks so much to the Scandia Hall board for sponsoring this years hunt and goodies for all the kiddos! It was great to see that Easter Bunny making his way through the EID Historical Park once again, leaving his goodies for everyone! Thank you to Linda Austman for all the beautiful quilts handed out to the kids during the draw and to C & C Candle Company for the wonderful candles and sprays in the parents draws. What an awesome way to celebrate 25 years of egg hunting!

Have you started your seedlings? Are you starting to plan out your garden? 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 the next fall Pumpkin Growing Contest.

Alcoma School News- the school is now selling hanging flower baskets or bags of fertilizer. If you would like to purchase a basket to help support the school please contact myself, the school or any of our Alcoma school students. Orders are due in April 19th. ECS registration is now available on the schools website or you may contact the school 4033623741. 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.

The Alcoma Community Library will once again continue with Curbside pickup and returns.

The Rolling Hills Ag Society is planning their 1st annual Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest. Purchase a membership which includes 5 giant pumpkin seeds and 1 t-shirt, and a discounted admission to the fall weigh in event. Prizes will be given heaviest, largest girth, ugliest, combined weight, and kids heaviest pumpkin. Earliest planting date is April 1st. For more info please contact Ben 4036334175, Raoul 4038969900, or Darby 4033623216. Memberships are available at the Rolling Hills post office.

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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<p>337 Jacobsen Place, Tilley</p> <p>VT \$119,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Bed, 2 bath Mobile home and no lot rent 24' x 24' detached metal clad shop/garage Well cared for, open floor plan, & bright windows Located in a quiet cul-de-sac Close to school, curling rink, hall & more <p>JULIE JENKINS 403.793.5045</p>	<p>32 Evergreen Park Close, Brooks</p> <p>VT \$635,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gorgeous remodelled 1 1/2 Storey home Primary bedroom upstairs with bonus space Across from Evergreen Park & close to schools High end kitchen appliances & granite countertops Double detached garage & completely fenced yard <p>JULIE JENKINS 403.793.5045</p>	<p>511 Tulip St, Rosemary</p> <p>VT \$185,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated 1,000 sq. ft. Bungalow Huge backyard and deck Single car garage 2 Bedrooms and 2 bathrooms Newer appliances, charming, quaint and cozy! <p>CRYSTAL HANCOCK 403.501.8341</p>
<p>83 Southshore Dr, Brooks</p> <p>VT \$498,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impressive 2 Storey home with wow factor Grand entry and custom lighting throughout Large scale living, litchen & dining areas Garden door access to large outdoor living space Dreamy master suite & endless extras <p>JULIE JENKINS 403.793.5045</p>	<p>31 Blue Heron Bay, Lake Newell Resort</p> <p>VT \$489,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impressive 2 Storey home close to beach 5 Bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms Clean, bright, and well cared for home Breathtaking views and walkout basement Great location without the lakefront price <p>JULIE JENKINS 403.793.5045</p>	<p>3 Elm St W, Brooks</p> <p>VT \$214,900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lovely Sunnylea family home on a corner lot Underground sprinklers and concrete parking pad 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms Large kitchenette area downstairs Brick fireplace in basement family room <p>JULIE JENKINS 403.793.5045</p>

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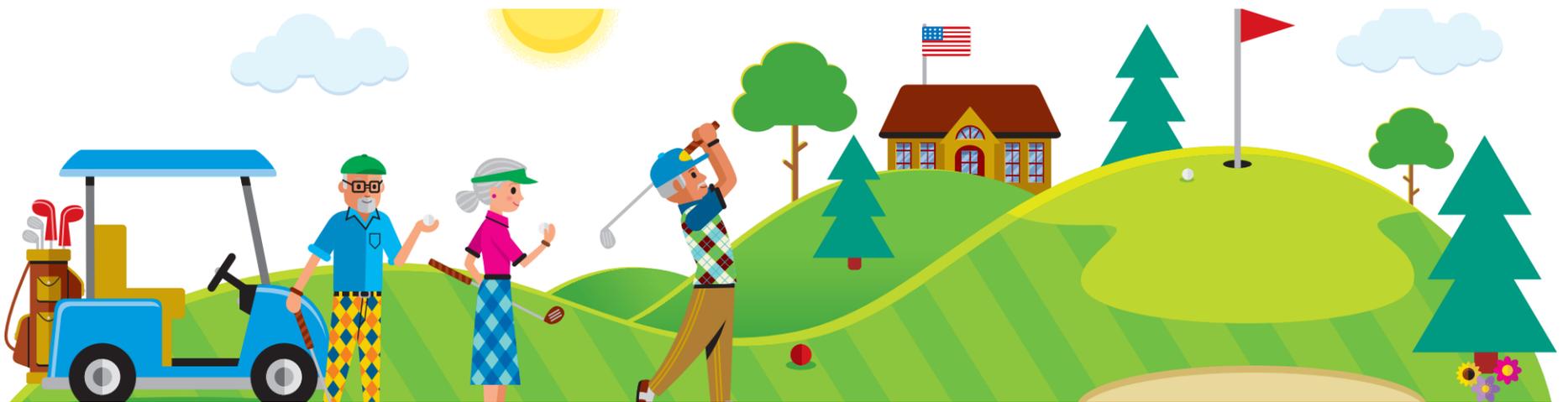
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Consideration being given to reduce red tape in rec bylaws

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

In an attempt to reduce red tape, the county is considering changes to recreation bylaws.

On Thursday the council gave first reading to a bylaw that will essentially reduce nine bylaws into one.

Layne Johnson, the county's director of corporate services, said a single bylaw will deal with maintaining the existing areas while reflecting the current funding which is through a mill rate.

"It should have no change, no impact as to how recreation is currently being funded," he said.

"We don't anticipate there are any changes from the current arrangements that are in place, other than the fact that recreation will be funded through the municipal mill rate as opposed to a dedicated mill rate that was in place," he said.

Administration has been meeting with recreation organizations to provide guidance on how to provide funds for capital projects.

There has been funds set aside for capital projects and to offset some other commitments.

Johnson said there is also some consideration being given that if a municipality wants a major project

that a local improvement tax is applied putting responsibility onto the specific municipality.

He said the discussion about the proposed bylaw is to go to the recreation groups during a meeting this week.

Division 3 councillor Anne Marie Philipsen suggested they wait until there is a full report back to council from the current recreation meetings.

The report will likely come back at the end of May.

Division 8 councillor Brian de Jong agreed with Johnson the bylaw does provide direction for the recreation groups to discuss.

Geotechnical study to be done at Patricia Fire Hall

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

A geotechnical study will be done at the Patricia Fire Hall location to determine if it can withstand an addition or if a new structure needs to be built.

On Thursday county council gave Stewart Luchies, the rural fire and emergency services coordinator, the go-ahead to hire BDT Engineering to complete the work.

BDT submitted the lowest price, \$6,200 in a

tender. Roseke Engineering bid \$7,400 and Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions bid \$8,940. The funding for the study will be taken from the interim capital budget for the Patricia Fire Hall.

The results of the study will also provide a more accurate blueprint, cost and construction schedule.

Luchies had been sent back to the drawing board during budget discussions late last year when he proposed a \$1 million hall.

"I came up with a second option of actually putting an addition on the west side of the building and taking the truck bay and converting that into the chief's office and a training area," he said.

There are things that will be need to be taken care of before construction including moving a natural gas line, ensuring the hall can be built over an EID right-of-way and moving an EID structure.

The project will be returned to council at a later date.



The city is using bright yellow signs as street sweeping notification and to remind people not to park on the road on the specific date. In the past the city has used different signage but still found that vehicles were parked on the road making the work difficult. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

MOA reached to assess feasibility of irrigation in east-central Alberta

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Irrigation has the potential to improve entire landscapes, communities and agricultural operations, bringing much-needed water to areas that need it. On top of providing crop, livestock and food processing operations with water, it also supplies municipalities, recreational areas, wetlands and wildlife habitats.

With that in mind, Agriculture and Forestry, through its Agri-Food Sector Investment and Growth Strategy, the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB), the Special Areas Board (SAB) and the MD of Acadia, have

reached a memorandum of understanding to assess the technical and financial feasibility of developing irrigation in east-central Alberta.

For the MD of Acadia and the SAB, this feasibility study is the next step in work that has been underway since the '80s. Together, the Special Areas and the MD of Acadia cover over 5 million acres of land between Red Deer and the Saskatchewan border.

'Alberta has a well-earned reputation for high-quality crops and livestock, much of which is grown in east-central Alberta. This feasibility study will help us determine if expanding irrigation is possible, which

could lead to even more production in our province,' says Devin Dreesen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

'The Council and staff of the MD of Acadia are excited to be partnering with the Special Areas, Alberta Agriculture, and the Canada Infrastructure

Bank to investigate regional irrigation development opportunities. Irrigation would bring major economic benefits to our whole region, and to producers in it and would increase water security while enhancing recreational opportunities,' says Peter Rafa, Reeve of the MD of Acadia.

'Securing a reliable supply of water is critical to creating new opportunities in the Special Areas region, from increasing crop and cattle production to mitigating environmental challenges resulting from drought and climate change. This partnership will allow our region to look at how

we can develop and expand irrigation in a financially feasible way,' says Jordon Christianson, chair of the Special Areas Board.

The irrigation industry creates thousands of jobs and contributes billions every year to Alberta's agri-food gross domestic product.



WARDLOW - Hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break, whether it was the week prior to Easter or the week following Easter. A couple weeks before Easter grandson Eli came to visit grandpa and have his oil changed in his truck, on his way home to Medicine Hat his truck through a rod and seized up solid, that kid is definitely not a lucky guy. So grandpa is rebuilding a second hand motor with his and his moms help, to get him mobile again. I'm not much help doing this type of work anymore.

Sad to hear of Prince Philip's passing I saw a very touching photo of the Queen she must feel so alone.

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