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Planning & Development



Partnerships

Municipalities throughout the Brooks Region collaborate to develop short and long-term strategies for the continued sustainability of the Region.

Monthly, they meet through a Joint Shared Services Committee comprised of elected officials from each of the municipalities. The Committee identifies opportunities to increase efficiency through shared services and joint projects to enhance the use of tax dollars. *Here are a few of the services the member municipalities collaborate on.*

Regional Transportation Service

Municipalities in the Brooks Region work jointly on a regional project that provides transportation to residents seeking medical and other services in Medicine Hat. The shuttle service provides transportation to those who need access to vital services such as life saving dialysis and cancer treatments, specialty appointments, maternity visits and day surgeries.

Family Support Services

Communities are part of the joint Grasslands Regional Family, Community & Support Services (FCSS) Agreement which provides family and community support services throughout the Brooks Region. Grasslands Regional FCSS is an inter-municipal partnership designed to deliver preventative social programming. It was formed in 2004 to meet the increasingly diverse needs of communities found within the Region.

Bassano FCSS collaborates with Grasslands Regional FCSS to identify resources and provide interim support. Services and projects through local FCSS programs help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis, help people to develop an awareness of social needs, help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people, help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and action which affect them, and provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community.

Emergency & Community Services

All communities in the Brooks Region work together to assist each other in the event of a disaster and have entered into mutual aid & fire agreements. Municipal partners work to ensure the needs of each partner can be met for both preparations and training for disasters and service execution during a large-scale disaster.

There are 10 volunteer fire departments within the County of Newell that train and work collaboratively. The City of Brooks has both a full time Chief and a full time Deputy, and the 9 other departments have volunteer Chiefs and Deputies that are supported administratively by a shared full time Rural Fire and Emergency Services Coordinator. Collectively, the departments are equipped to handle; Fire Suppression, Vehicle Extrication, Livestock Emergencies, High Angle Rescue, Water and Ice Rescue, Confined Space/Trench Rescue, Carbon Monoxide (CO), Dangerous Goods (HAZMAT) and assist EMS, RCMP, AB Parks, Public Works, etc. as required.

Communities in the Brooks Region work in crime reduction through the Safe Communities Committee, Safe Communities Facilitator and School Resource Officer. Costs for policing, bylaw enforcement and municipal enforcement is provided within the County municipalities on a fee for service basis in some situations.

Planning & Development

Municipal partners have completed a service capacity assessment on the planning and development functions around the Region which include contracted services for safety codes.

Each municipality handles their own planning, development and permitting services. The neighbouring municipalities work together on an Inter-municipal Development Plan (IDP) that outlines mutually agreed upon objectives and policies for cooperation, coordination and development within a co-determined plan area. The municipalities work collaboratively to support development - including economic development.

The *Joint Services Committee* acts as the Regional Economic Development Committee and provides direction to staff. Their strategic plan is built around business retention and expansion, investment attraction and partnerships & collaboration. The municipalities agree to continue work on Brooks Region economic development initiatives through the Joint Services Committee.

Museum gets grant for WiFi hotspot program

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The Brooks and District Museum and Historical Society received \$20,821 from the Southeastern Alberta and Red Deer and District community foundation to supply WiFi throughout the museum grounds.

The federal government gave the first round of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative funds to foundations for distribution.

Tanya Dingwall, assistant curator at the museum, said the museum will install WiFi for access on their grounds including the out-buildings and gazebo so

people can gather outdoors and participate in the future digital games which will allow WiFi use instead of using personal data.

"The opportunities are endless. Why not come here and gather in an open space? We're very thankful that we were the recipient for that," she said.

"Having this come about is pretty awesome."

The system will be set up in about a month with the first digital game a short time later.

The museum also received \$3,050 from NRTA for the digital Duke Treasure Hunt where gamers search for the Duke's treasurer.

Clues will be read online and QR codes on buildings

will be part of the program.

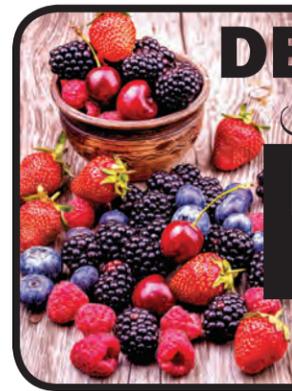
While planning does move ahead for what is hoped to be a season that will allow the museum to open, the board did agree not to hold a Canada Day event.

In the past thousands of people have attended the museum for a pancake breakfast, parade and numerous kids events.

A change was made in

the community foundation which saw the Southeastern Alberta and Red Deer and District foundations join together to grant funds for organizations south of Red Deer.

The current round included grants in Calgary, Strathmore, Donalda, Medicine Hat, Piikani Nation, Milk River, Red Deer, Camrose, Banff and Irricana.

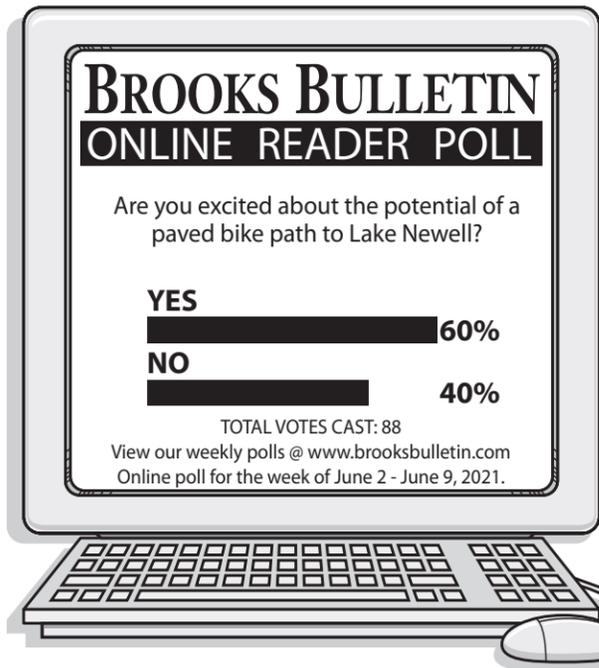


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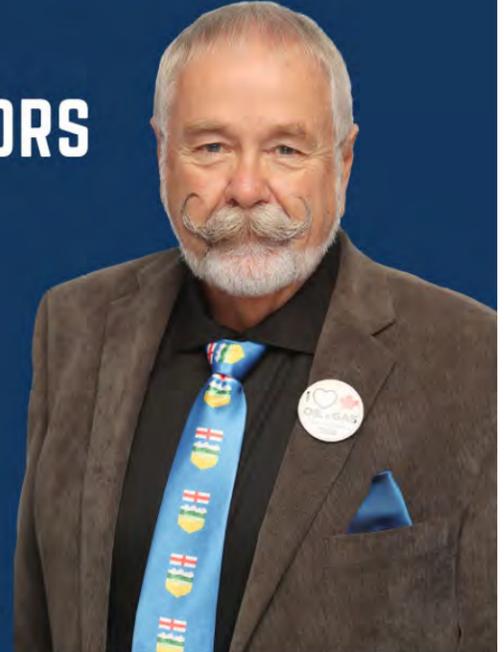
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Online poll for the week of June 2 - June 9, 2021.

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NEWELL HALF SECTION WEED CONTROL ACT

The Weed Control Act enables the Minister's authority to declare noxious and prohibited noxious weeds that present significant economic, social or ecological risks. The duties of individuals, local authorities, municipalities and the Crown related to the prevention, control & destruction of weeds are described in the Act.

Land Owner

- Control any noxious weed on your land

Responsibilities:

- Destroy any prohibited noxious weed on your land

- Not use or move any thing that, if used or moved, might spread the noxious or prohibited noxious weed
- Deposit or permit to be deposited weed seeds where they might be spread
- Shall not operate a seed-cleaning facility or provide a seed-cleaning facility for rent or lease, unless the person is licensed under the Weed Control Act. Except, a farmer may operate a seed-cleaning facility the farmer owns to process seed for the farmer's personal use.
- Comply with any notice received in regards to the Weed Control Act. Landowners have the right to appeal a notice.
- Can be held responsible for Inspectors expense's if enforcement is necessary
- If found guilty of an offence can be liable of a fine up to \$5,000

Ag. Service Board & Weed Inspector

Responsibilities:

- Appoint weed inspectors
- Enter & inspect land or personal property at a reasonable time to monitor compliance with the Weed Control Act including taking samples or performing tests
- Provide inspector's notice and/or local authorities notice for any noxious or prohibited noxious weeds found to be not destroyed
- Enforce necessary action defined in the Act in the event of non-compliance with a notice



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For more info regarding the County's role in weed control check out:
<https://www.countyofnewell.ab.ca/p/weed-control>

Or contact Todd Green, Director of Agricultural Services at:
 green@newellmail.ca
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Province could announce more openings this week

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As of Sunday there were 4,707 confirmed cases of COVID19 in Alberta and 94 people are in ICU which could mean that the province will move to the next stage in their plan to reopen Alberta.

The province reported that over three million people or 66.7 per cent have received at least one vaccination and while cases are dropping in many areas, including the city and county which each have 19 cases,

outbreaks and alerts continue in area schools.

The province reports that there are outbreaks with 10 or more cases at Brooks Composite, between five and nine cases at Eastbrook School, St. Joseph's has between two and four cases.

Rosemary School has

an outbreak with 10 or more cases and students in grades 10-12 returned to at-home learning on June 3. They are expected to return to school on June 14.

Across the city and county 43.7 per cent or 12,210 residents have had at least one dose of the vaccine and

2,384 or 8.5 per cent of the area's population is fully vaccinated.

As vaccination numbers continue to increase the province will ease more restrictions.

On Thursday it is expected there will be an announcement to move to

Stage 2 in Alberta's Open for Summer plan.

The province said previously the second stage would begin when 60 per cent or more Albertans have had their first dose and hospitalizations were under 500 and declining.

The final stage will be an-

nounced two weeks after 70 per cent of the population has had their first dose.

If another four per cent of the population is vaccinated this week and hospitalizations continue to decline, the province could be fully open during the last week of June.

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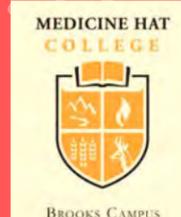


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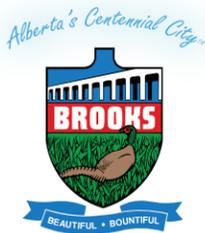
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CHANGES TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT

Bills 23 and 29 update the *Local Authorities Election Act* and were passed on December 5th, 2018 and July 23, 2020, respectively. As a result, there are a few changes potential candidates should be aware of and become familiar with, if planning to run in the municipal election. Potential candidates may visit Brooks.ca to access a collection of fact sheets that provide the changes and information to guide them through the 2018 and 2020 amendments to the *Local Authorities Election Act* (LAEA).

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE BROOKS TO MEDICINE HAT

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JBS Canada Centre

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Brooks is currently hiring for several positions!

Our most recent positions include:

- Human Resources Manager
- Part-Time Recreation Customer Service Representative (CSR)
- Recreation Programmer
- Summer Camp Counsellor
- Lifeguard
- Pool Shift Supervisor I, II or III



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Massive windstorm bears down on Brooks area



Left, the wind punched a hole in the door and blew off some of the roof. While some stayed attached another piece landed in the field about 90 feet away. Right, a trampoline blew across a road into a neighbour's fence and right, a tree was uprooted into a Greenbrook home in Brooks. | SANDRA M STANWAY/SUBMITTED/BRANDI PERRY PHOTOS

SANDRA M STANWAY
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Uprooted trees, twisted pivots, flying trampolines, hail, blowing and blinding dust, structural damage and power outages were some of the damage reports that were made as a result of a "straight line" wind that blew into the area on Saturday afternoon.

"Straight line wind events like this are pretty significant. They can have the strength of an EF2 tornado (178 to 217 km/hr) in terms of damage and they affect a larger area than a tornado," said Sara Hoffman, a meteorologist with Environment Canada.

"It was a pretty incredible large area affected by a gust front from a passing severe thunderstorm. It was a huge widespread area," said

Hoffman who was watching the storm on radar.

She said the storm went east northeast from Brooks to the Saskatchewan border.

"That's a large area of around 90 km/hr with the wind gust."

In Atlee near Jenner at about 5:16 p.m. a wind gust was reported at 153 km/hour.

Hoffman said Environment Canada is continuing to investigate the storm's route and is asking for submissions of photos or video to abstornm@canada.ca.

Shortly before 5 p.m. Brandi Perry was outdoors in Bassano when the rain started.

"Then the wind picked up. It started getting really black and then all of a sudden it started coming down," she said.

She said when everyone was inside the house they started hearing 'ting ting ting'.

"It was nothing but hail hitting that house."

Looking at video Perri shot during the storm, the pea-sized hail came down like rain.

While the northern part of the county did get wind it was not as extensive as it was between about Duchess and Antelope Creek.

Anything that was not tied down blew away including many trampolines and one person had a hot tub on the back of a flatbed that was lifted and turned upside down.

John Dyck, who lives north of Brooks, said it was the worst wind he has seen. The results were a punched-in shed door and a partially peeled portion of

its roof including a section that landed in a field about 90 feet away.

Carter Curran, who also lives north of Brooks, said he's never seen a storm such as the one that blew in.

"We were sitting in the house watching and all of a sudden it blew through," he said.

Curran said he and his wife could only see a few hundred feet to their dugout.

"It just blanked out with the dust. I've never seen it happen like that."

He said the wind was blowing at ground level about 100 miles to the east and the clouds were moving quickly.

"It was weird." He said his pivots are twisted rather than simply knocked over as they can be in storms.

"It's like somebody picked it up and did a slam dunk with it."

Curran believes the pivot may not be able to be repaired until the fall so he will have to rely on rain for his canola field which he recently reseeded for the second time this year.

"The wind likely cost me \$300 or \$400,000."

In Brooks there were many large trees uprooted, others were knocked over or large branches blown

off. A tree was uprooted and blown onto a home in the Greenbrook area, one was uprooted on Blazier Street, and two near the CCC building.

Over 20 trees will have to be removed at the Par 3 Golf Course and the Brooks Golf Course lost one tree and many large branches and fences were damaged and removed.

"We're just so grateful that we had no reports of injuries," said Hoffman.



A twisted pivot belonging to Carter Curran lies in a field north east of Brooks following Saturday's storm. Carter said it looks as if someone did a slam dunk with the structure. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Brookfield, Pembina both make offers for Inter Pipeline Ltd.

MICHELLE GIETZ
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Local employees at Inter Pipeline in Brooks were surprised to report to work last week and hear the news of the pending sale of the company to Pembina Pipeline Corporation. The only information available to them was that printed in the press release which circulated amongst the media.

Pembina Pipeline Corporation agreed to acquire Inter Pipeline Ltd. for about C\$8.3 billion, creating one of the largest energy pipeline companies in Canada. The all-stock transaction, which will see Inter Pipeline shareholders receive C\$19.45 a share, will result in a midstream company with an enterprise value of C\$53 billion.

Major oil and gas companies have relied on Inter Pipeline for

the transportation and distribution of oil and gas since 1997. Originally Koch Pipelines, after 1997 Inter Pipelines expanded rapidly acquiring a number of other pipelines and industry related companies. It became one of the largest employers in the Brooks Region occupying the building at 303-8th Street East.

Though surprised by the unexpected choice of a buyer, employees were not surprised by another change to the industry which is continually amalgamating. Low oil prices, uncertainty in regulation and construction cancellations have affected industry profitability.

"Things change all the time," said more than one Inter Pipeline employee. "You can't stop progress."

Over the years, Inter Pipeline has made significant contributions in the area through

community involvement and donations to local non-profit agencies and projects. Employees and local service agencies all expressed a hope that Inter Pipeline will continue to be a partner in future community projects regardless of a change in ownership.

Since February, Inter Pipeline has been trying to fend off a hostile takeover bid of C\$16.50 per share from Brookfield Infrastructure Partners LP which has been under pressure to find a partner in part because of the costly Heartland petrochemical project with an estimated price tag of C\$4 billion.

After considering both Brookfield and Pembina proposals, the Inter Pipeline board's unanimous preference was for the proposed Pembina Transaction. Inter Pipeline shareholders will get 0.5 Pembina shares for every

share they own and will own 28 per cent of the combined company, with Pembina's senior executive team running it.

Later in the week,

Brookfield revised their previous offer with a combination of aggregate cash and share-based consideration. Whether Inter Pipeline will consider

the new proposal is unknown at this time. Both interested firms see the potential deal as strategic for long term growth and future profitability.

JBS shifts return to work

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JBS Canada workers in Brooks did not get much time off due to the cyber attack which occurred a week ago Sunday. An announcement on Facebook on the Tuesday morning invited workers back on the line for Tuesday afternoon.

A cyber attack on JBS's information technology system which impacted facilities worldwide closed facilities across the globe on Monday.

The impact was first seen in Australia where the company cancelled Monday's entire beef and lamb kills across the country. In Brooks, the announcements of closure were posted on JBS Canada's Facebook page informing workers not to report to work on Monday. Tuesday morning's shift was also cancelled.

JBS Canada will be proceeding with operations after only 1.5 days of downtime.

The reactions on Facebook by employees were mixed. Monday, many appreciated the opportunity to have an extra day of time but by Tuesday most appeared to appreciate that the lost time was minimal.

With operations resuming the local economic impact should be minimized. The Brooks facility, JBS Canada is the region's largest employer employing more than 2500 people locally.

EDITORIAL

Fresh water—our greatest asset

From the beginning of time on earth fresh water supply has been humanity's main concern. Fresh water is the key to humankind's prosperity or poverty, comfort or misery. Without fresh water there would be no life on earth.

While water covers three-quarters of the earth's surface, it cannot always be found where it is most needed, when it is needed and in the amounts that are required.

Of the 326,000,000 cubic miles of water on the face of this planet, 97.2 per cent is in the oceans, unfit to drink and too salty for irrigation.

Another two per cent lies frozen and useless in glaciers and icecaps although in recent years these have diminished in size.

The tiny useable fraction that is left is all that remains to maintain life on earth.

The most precious natural resources are land and water. They provide the necessities of life. A man living quietly in a cool room could exist a few days, and not much longer, without water. But

provided with fresh water he could live for two months. Judging by weight alone, water constitutes about 70 per cent of the human body.

Among the nations of the world, Canada is most fortunate because our country has a very large supply of fresh water. Of the nearly 300,000 square miles of fresh water in our Dominion, 53,000 square miles are located in the Northwest Territories and Yukon.

Our greatest supply of fresh water is contained in the Great Lakes which provide much of eastern Canada's fresh water for municipal and commercial use and the great farms of south Ontario.

We take our water for granted because we are lucky enough to have a huge supply within our borders.

It will be interesting, however, as the years go by and global warming takes its toll on fresh water supplies worldwide.

The most precious and sought after thing in the world one day won't be gold or oil—it will be water.

EDITOR'S SCRAPBOOK

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sail. Explore. Dream. Discover. -- Mark Twain

Never forget that life can only be nobly inspired and rightly lived if you take it bravely and gallantly, as a splendid adventure in which you are setting out into an unknown country, to face many a danger, to meet many a joy, to find many a comrade, to win and lose many a battle. - Annie Besant



Time Capsule



1965 - Brooks rodeo parade on 1st St. W.

China and Climate: Thank You Chairman Mao

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



There is a great anomaly in China's modern history, but it isn't the late, unlamented one-child policy. That is endlessly discussed and debated as if it really mattered, while China's three lost decades of economic growth and their unintended consequences for the climate crisis go almost unmentioned.

There was great excitement among journalists last week when China announced its new three-child policy. Some even dared to ask why, if changing the one-child policy to a two-child policy in 2016 did nothing to fix the plunging birth-rate, does Beijing now think it can solve the problem by letting the people who already didn't want a second kid try for three instead?

The media run interviews with appealing young urban professionals (they used to be called 'yuppies') who explain that the pressures of life and the cost of housing make a second kid, or even a first, unthinkable. Charts show how fast the Chinese population is going to shrink. They even hint that it's a phenomenon peculiar to China.

The only reason that the news out of China is getting this special treatment is that the regime had that punitive and futile one-child policy in the first place. Everybody (or almost everybody) knows that if you really want to lower the birth rate, educate the girls and urbanise the population as fast as possible.

So a little criticism is certainly in order. The

one-child policy inflicted a lot of pain, it led to the abortion of tens of millions of girl babies and a potentially destabilising surplus of boys, and it probably didn't change China's population trajectory much at all.

In fact, the three main countries of East Asia – China, Japan and South Korea – have almost identical trajectories of past rapid population growth and future decline over the 150 years 1950-2100.

Japan's population in 1950 was 82 million. It peaked at 128 million in 2015 and on current trends will be back below 80 million by 2100.

South Korea's population was 20 million in 1960. It is peaking right now at around 52 million, and will be back down to 26 million by 2100.

And China's population was 550 million in 1950. It is peaking this year at 1.45 billion (that's 1,450 million), and will be back down to 730 million by 2100.

So no big deal. The younger generation will have to support a much bigger elderly population in all three countries, but one way or another they'll manage.

Where they diverge radically is in when their 'economic miracles' got started. China was thirty years behind the other two, and that simple fact may save us from a climate disaster.

There was no profound political or cultural reason why China should have lagged so far behind, but it completely missed the boat. Its per capita GDP was not significantly higher in 1980 than it had been in 1950.

In the 1950s all three countries were recently shattered by war, with per capita GDPs under \$100 per year. But then the 'miracles' kicked off in Japan and Korea, and by 1985 per capita GDP was \$10,000 for Japan and \$7,000 for Korea. In

China in 1985, it was still only \$300 per year.

The Chinese economy did finally start to grow in the 1980's, and by now it has caught up a lot. Per capita GDP is now \$10,000 a year in China, compared to \$33,000 a year in Korea and \$40,000 in Japan. But those long decades of almost no growth in China have spared the world the immense carbon dioxide emissions that a rapidly industrialising China would have produced.

A fully industrialised China now produces more than a quarter (26%) of the world's CO2 emissions. If it had kept pace with its neighbours and reached full industrialisation in the 1980s, the extra emissions it would have added to the atmosphere as a result would amount to around ten years' worth of current global emissions.

In that case the world would already have gone past the recommended threshold of no more than 1.5°C higher average global temperature, and would probably be condemned to cross the 'never exceed' +2°C limit as well. Indeed, we might already be trapped on the pathway leading to 'Hothouse Earth'.

Without noticing it, we have had a very narrow escape – and we owe our good fortune to just one man.

Mao Zedong (or Mao Tse-tung, as it was written during his lifetime) single-handedly prevented the Chinese economy from taking off for a quarter-century with his ceaseless, furious political campaigns, from the 'Great Leap Forward' (1958-62) to the 'Cultural Revolution' (1966-76).

Tens of millions of Chinese suffered grievously as a result, but perhaps we should put up a modest statue somewhere to The Man Who (inadvertently) Saved The World.



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Grasslands board to work with deficit budget in 2021-22

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Grasslands Public Schools budget for the upcoming year will be \$49.822 million with just over \$44.740 million from Alberta Education.

In the past, boards were directed to submit a spring and a fall budget after the student count at the end of September. That often resulted in a budget adjustment in the fall, however, that model ended last year.

However, during the 2020-2021 school year many boards saw a reduction in the number of students.

The government held boards "harmless" for the upcoming year and funding adjustments were not made to reflect any lower enrollments. Alberta Education ensured that no board received less funds than they had in the prior year due to lower enrollments.

"In normal times the difference between our projections and actuals for the preceding budget year would have been adjusted in the subsequent year," said Rhian Schroeder, Grasslands associate administrator.

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associate administrator.

The division will receive \$1.7 million in bridge funding. While the amount is more than last year it is expected to disappear over the next two to three years.

Schroeder said the amount is likely higher to ensure boards have the same basic funding as they did last year regardless of whether or not there will be a decrease in the number of students.

Grasslands is estimating an increase of 26 students this fall. That includes an increase of 31 students in Pre-K and Kindergarten, a decrease of eight students in Grades 1-6, an increase of four students in 7-9 and decrease of one student in Grades 10-12.

"We're thinking we're going to have a slight increase over the next four years," she said.

In the operations and maintenance department, the board has been running a deficit as costs outpaced funding but that decrease is offset with bridge funding.

Transportation costs remain the same but that might change in future years when the province completes its review of transportation systems across school boards.

Shane Harahus, the school's director of finance, told board members last Monday there will be an increase in instructional

expenses by about \$600,000.

The board budgeted an increase for teachers and support and a contingency for additional staff.

"Most of this increase in staffing cost has been offset by a decrease in the cost of services and supplies," he said.

He said the board is budgeting for an overall deficit of \$1.686 million in the upcoming year.

At the end of 2021-22 the operating surplus will be a little under \$2.7 million which seems to be acceptable as the board spends some of its reserves in time for the August 2023 cap on reserves policy that will be announced by the province.

Scott Brandt, the division's superintendent said although the division is in a deficit position they have been able to lower the student to staff ratio.

He said it's important to realize that the board is thinking that they are coming out of a pandemic and though they are facing some financial challenging times they have dedicated the bulk of their funds to being back in school.

The budget also includes a contingency for any public health requirements that may be needed at the beginning of the academic year.

SAEWA seeks company interest for energy-from-waste site

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An energy from waste facility for Alberta took another major step forward last week with the release of a request for expressions of interest to construct a facility.

In February 2020 the Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association (SAEWA) identified a facility should be built beside the Newell Regional Landfill site.

Last week they gave their project engineers the OK to solicit expressions of interest for a potential project.

"SAEWA's objective is to find a partner to move forward with development of its vision of an energy from waste facility at the preferred site location at the County of Newell landfill," states a press release.

Project goals include reducing southern Alberta's long time reliance on landfill disposal, processing non-recyclable solid waste, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from solid waste management and recovering electricity, heat energy and by-products for commercial sale.

Ray Juska, manager of Newell Regional Solid Waste landfill, said it's good news.

"It's been more than 12 years this thing has been moving along and nothing goes according to plan or as smoothly as it should," he said.

If the energy from waste project is approved it will extend the landfill's life substantially.

Right now its lifespan is between 50 and 75 years but it does fluctuate as things

speed up or slow down. In 2007 the span was 30 to 40 years.

He said the engineers will review the expressions of interest which could number as high as 100 which will be narrowed down to realistic proposals.

Four companies presented to SAEWA including Cross River which presented to SAEWA, Newell Regional Landfill board members and city representatives.

The deadline is about six weeks.

Once a company is selected it would take between two and three years to build.

"You have to go through

approval processes with the provincial government. There'll be a number of steps before building."

He said the federal government would be involved from an environmental standpoint.

"If nothing comes of it now it may not carry on in this form. The whole idea with SAEWA is to have a cooperative system. There's really nothing out there that is efficient on a small scale for household garbage.

"To build one for just Brooks there's nothing there yet. You need 200-300,000 tonnes per year of garbage to make it viable."

Tech Tips

Here's a sneaky trick used by many hackers: they purchase and set up a fraudulent website that is a close misspelling of a legitimate one. Example: www.facebook.com (extra "o") or www.dropbox.net (instead of .com). All you have to do is accidentally fat-finger ONE letter in the URL and up pops a very legitimate-looking fake copy of the site you were trying to get to – and the login and links are full of keylogger malware and virus landmines waiting for you to click on them. This is particularly important for any social networks you belong to.

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PROPOSED BYLAW 2011-21

11:30 a.m. June 10, 2021
County of Newell Council Chambers

PURSUANT to sections 230, 606, and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, Chapter M-26, 2000, as amended, the Council of the County of Newell in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw 2011-21 being an amendment to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw 1892-17.

The land that is the subject of the proposed land use bylaw amendment is legally described as

A PORTION OF PLAN 1513287, BLOCK 3, LOT 1 IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 20, RANGE 14, WEST OF THE 4TH MERIDIAN

and this land is also shown on the map below.

THE PURPOSE of proposed Bylaw No. 2011-21 is to redesignate portions of the above-noted lands from "Agricultural - A" to "Acreage Residential - AR" to accommodate a future subdivision of an existing yard site at this location.

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing to contemplate the proposed Bylaw No. 2011-21 will be held in the County of Newell Council Chambers at 11:30 a.m. on the 10th day of June 2021.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the County of Newell office during normal business hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw should contact the Chief Administrative Officer no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of June 2021. Both written and/or verbal presentations may be given at the public hearing.

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 THE WEEK**

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"Sacrifice is the continual law of life. The important must be sacrificed to the more important." S.D. Gordon

Nowhere is this more relevant than sacrificing for prayer in our lives. In the busyness of our lives it seems like a difficult decision of what to sacrifice to find the quality time we need for prayer. But if we do not make the prioritized place for prayer we are left with the hurried perfunctory prayers at either end of a full day.

I suspect that part of struggle in prioritizing for prayer in our lives is because as we try to extend our time in prayer, or make our prayer time more meaningful, we find ourselves thinking "I just don't know how to pray." We may find ourselves either repeating our thoughts or our mind just goes blank. Fortunately, our Heavenly Father has a plan to cover our need

here. There is one who is the Master Intercessor and He understands praying perfectly; His name is the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:26-27)

When we get alone with God, invite the Master Intercessor into the conversation and develop the art of listening to His speaking into our hearts, our prayers begin to change. We begin to speak more simply, less formally, like to 2 friends discussing their day or a child asking a parent for a routine need in the day. You will find yourself no longer asking for some things; new priorities may now come into view. Some of the old clichés or "forms of prayer" will not be so commonly found on your lips. You may even find yourself using fewer words, maybe, but they will be spoken with a quiet absolute faith that this thing you are asking is being worked out.

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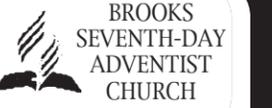



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Giant pork processor gets more Quebec money... Quebec Nation ag investment cooperation is impressive - part one

It's positive to hear of new investments in ag production and processing in Canada; it strengthens the agri-food industry as one of the major but relatively unknown sectors of the Canadian economy. Recently Olymel, the giant Quebec-centric pork processor, announced that two Quebec government investment entities were investing \$150 million into the company. The money is to improve processing infrastructure and is part of a \$315 million company production expansion plan. The government money has to be expended in Quebec and cannot be used in Olymel facilities outside that province or, as it is soon to be known, the "Quebec Nation." This targeted Quebec nationalist investment will solidify Olymel as the largest pork and poultry processor in Canada. In Alberta, Olymel owns the largest hog processing plant in our province, or can we soon call it the "Alberta Nation."



AG WRITER

WILL VERBOVEN

This latest infusion of Quebec government cash into a major Quebec ag industry corporate entity brings to light some observations of what seems like a highly targeted economic strategy. It also causes one to wonder about what seems like intricate connections between large Quebec-based financial institutions like Desjardins Insurance, the National Bank, massive co-op groups, Quebec government investment entities and Quebec pension funds.

The implication is that these Quebec players seem to be engaging in a nationalist

"Quebec first" investment and economic strategy. On the surface, there is perhaps no problem with that sort of strategy. But due to the unique nature of this seemingly interconnected relationship, it gives Quebec businesses and big co-ops tremendous financial backing. We should be so lucky as to have such a financially connected conglomerate dedicated to ag industry success in Alberta. Sure, we have financial institutions like ATB and Alberta government investment funds doing the same thing. Still, it doesn't come close to the Quebec alliance of financial institutions, pension funds, government investment groups and huge co-op organizations. All of them are multi-billion dollar entities by themselves. Olymel is owned by Co-op Federee, a massive Quebec farmers co-op. Few would know of Agropur, a huge Quebec dairy producer co-op that operates dairy processing

plants across Canada under a bewildering number of brand names.

One ponders how these massive Quebec agri-food entities got so big so fast. I would suggest that the Quebec-centric financial groups' relationship gives Quebec commercial ag-related groups a real advantage. For instance, the \$150 million investment of Quebec government money into Olymel gives them a clear economic advantage over any other meat processor in Canada with the sole reason that Olymel is a Quebec-owned company. I would suspect that Agropur may have also had access to such favourable financial treatment from the Quebec government and its financial institution allies, in making it a giant dairy processor in Canada. I should add that these big Quebec agri-food entities also have significant international operations in the US and elsewhere. I

would boldly suggest that the Quebec government, under the guise of "Quebec Nation Incorporated" (QNC), organized a nationalist-based alliance some time ago to boost the agri-food sector using a coalition of government/financial institutions/big co-ops and the powerful and politically connected Quebec UPA farmers union. The two most successful sectors have been dairy and pork production and processing, in which Quebec has become dominant across Canada. To be fair, QNC is probably involved in trying to boost other Quebec ag sectors; for instance, Olymel is a big player in poultry processing. In ag sectors that are more difficult to commercialize, the Quebec government engages in myriad subsidy and tax schemes in an attempt to achieve their nationalist goal of self-sufficient food production sovereignty. I should again note that none of this is illegal,

but it does show a Quebec ag industry development strategy that may well dwarf any that might exist anywhere else in Canada. No doubt, QNC has developed other economic strategies for different sectors that have been less successful despite investing billions of taxpayer dollars - Bombardier is the best example of a less than successful investment.

Outside of Quebec, most agri-food sectors are in the hands of private enterprises, not big co-ops. A few decades ago, that was not the case when we had big dairy and grain handling co-ops like Alberta Wheat Pool. I am sure an argument could be made that had those Alberta co-op entities stayed in business, they might have achieved the same success as the big Quebec co-ops - but that's all history now. More next time.

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



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Father and son collect over \$9,000 at local fishing derby



Kelton Flaig, 16, holds one of the walleye caught in Lake Newell over the weekend. Flaig and his dad took home top prize money in a the South Alberta Walleye Trail fishing derby.

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SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Southern Alberta Walleye Trail hosted a multi-lake fishing tournament over the weekend with \$26,790 in prize money handed out in the event that was dubbed a catch-photo-release competition.

The event was held at Lake Newell, Rolling Hills Reservoir and Scope

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There were 116 anglers between the ages of 12 and 81 who competed.

Kelton Flaig, 16, of Dunmore caught the first day's largest walleye at 9.73 lb. and the team of Bob Beaton and Mike Engler caught the second day's largest walleye that weighed 8.7 lbs.

Both fish were hooked

out of Lake Newell.

Flaig and his dad Kelly earned of \$9,628 as the top prize.

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ANITA CHAPPELL

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

A mom was walking with her 5-year-old

daughter. The girl picked up something off the ground and began to put it in her mouth. The mom took it away from her and told her not to do that. "Why?" asked the girl. "Because it's been on the ground, and you don't know where it's been. It's dirty, and it probably has germs." The daughter looked at her mother and said, "Mom, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart." Her mother said, "Oh, all moms know this stuff. It's on the Mom Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a mom." The girl nodded and walked along in silence with her mother for a while, pondering this new information. Suddenly, she exclaimed, "OH! I get it! So, if you don't pass the test, you have to be the dad!"

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

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Eastbrook School students, staff create legacy

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Students and staff at Eastbrook School created a legacy project they hope will continue each year. The project, which saw hundreds of rocks painted and placed along the front sidewalk, was put together by the special events and community engagement

teams. "The legacy project is a way to not only commemorate each child and adult at Eastbrook but also a way to foster a sense of community and belonging for each person," said Carla David who headed up the project. "The idea is to place new rocks every year as we add new students and staff."

She said the project is a way to represent every child and adult at the school. The painted rocks show visitors that everyone at Eastbrook School is unique and special. "It is all our individual talents, skills, culture, backgrounds and life experiences that make Eastbrook a great place to learn and grow," she said.

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4-H DONOR STEER AUCTION RAISES \$42,000



2021 Newell District 4-H Donor Steer

This year the Newell District 4-H held a virtual auction sale on DLMS and Bow Slope Shipping Association. A total of 79 4-H member steers were sold with the average sale price of \$3.25/lb and an average sale weight of 1396 lbs. The Newell District 4-H donor steer was the last to be auctioned off. Every year a 4-H club in the Newell District is given the task of raising a steer that is auctioned off for charities chosen by that specific club. This year it was the Tilley 4-H club's responsibility to raise the donor steer. He was a roan Charolais-Red Angus cross named Rufus. Rufus was kindly donated by Devon and Candice Buteau, expenses donated by Tilley Ag Society and cut and wrap offered by Brooks Meat Packers. The Tilley 4-H members worked very hard with Rufus and it certainly showed as he was a very calm and all around fun animal to work with. Rufus was sold a total of 10 times as the buyers continued to donate him back to be auctioned off again. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our community as they raised over \$42,000 which will be split between STARS and Alberta Children's Hospital. We would like to thank the following buyers for making 2021 Donor steer such a success: 66 Ranch, Haled Out Agro, North Bend Cattle Co., CO Johnson & Sons, Bow Cattle Company, Brooks Farm Equipment, Brooks UFA Bulk Sales & Service Ltd, Top Gun, Shawn Campbell and Alberta Prairie Meats | BY LORI SJODIN

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY

DUCHESS - We received a half inch of rain last Saturday during the spring storm that came through our area. While the residents in the Village were enjoying cool clouds, wind, rain and some thunder, neighbours to the north, east, west and south were experiencing a more severe storm with high winds and hail. I was sorry to hear of all the damage done.

The Duchess Men's Open golf tourney was on Saturday and they apparently were just finished and getting off the course when the storm hit around 4:20 pm. Congratulations to the top winners: Polo, Lee, Pete Sprunger and Ryan Gilchrist.

Duchess Ladies Scramble golf tournament will be on June 17th. Please

call the clubhouse at 387-4710 to register your team.

The Duchess & District Public Library is still looking for someone to volunteer their time to make a free little library with a secure box attached in order for it to be locked. Donated books and library discarded books will be placed inside and ask whomever comes to take a book/books to leave a donation to the library in the box. Please call the library for more information at 403-378-4369. This year the TD Summer Reading Program has sent out a Storybook walk where the public can read pages of a book and will be placed 6 feet apart so everyone can enjoy reading and the outdoors. The pages are laminated and will be set on a frame. This will be set

up on June 15, 2021 with a location to follow.

NHL playoff hockey continues and we have another neighbourly, yet competitive rivalry going on in my neighbourhood. By the time this paper comes out Marla, I will be celebrating as the Bruins move on. Good fun!

Have a great week and remember to continue good hygiene, washing hands often and staying home when you are not feeling good.

Call or text me at 793-1630 with your news items.

One Tree World

IRMA MERKL

ONE TREE —Well, we sure had a terrible windstorm Saturday afternoon, it came in with an awful vengeance, with lots of dust, which did a lot of damage to pivots, their cornering systems, side-roll sprinklers and destroyed several grain bins. Also tore some roofs off of buildings. It downed a lot of trees, destroyed many bee shelters, etc, etc. This all happened within an hour, sure not a nice scene. Let us hope that'll be it for the rest of the summer, but that would be wishing a lot. Apparently it was the leftover from the tornado from around Blackie, There was so much dust, I couldn't see the trees at the east end of my yard, I've never seen that happen before. It's a good thing that the storm that hit there didn't come here, as they had large hail there and some rain.

report as far as news goes.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Henry Dyck of Calgary on June 11th. We wish you a "Very Happy Birthday" and to everyone else that is celebrating this coming week and we wish everyone all the best for many years to come.

Happy anniversary wishes go to Thomas and Barbara Mahrer on June 16th. We wish you all the best for many great and happy years together.

A special Happy Anniversary wishes go to Kermith and Marie Anderson of the Newbrook Lodge on their 67th anniversary on June 12th. I'm sure many of your former neighbours and friends, including myself wish you all the best for many, more, happy, great years together.

Hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

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A pair of morning dove chicks resting in their nest. The chicks (called squabs) are born blind and naked with a thin layer of duvet for protection so they need their parent's warmth for a few days after hatching. They then stay in the nest for about 14 days where the parents will take turns feeding them.. | BULLETIN PHOTO

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - Alcoma School News- wahoo! The new greenhouse arrives at the school this week. Thanks to the BCHS carpentry class for putting their skills to excellent use! Thursday there will be Pizza Hut hot lunch and students will be able to build their own sundaes in the afternoon, yummm! Grade 9 students will also head to the BCHS after school for a tour. ECS registration is now available on the schools website or you may contact the school 403-362-3741.

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.

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.

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

Please contact me at Karlyn.takeda@hotmail.com or 403-362-5488.



BOW CITY - Man we had a few hot days, which to me is nice, then it drops and cool. Saturday's windstorm was very wicked and I guess our community was lucky. Lots of downed trees and mega branches but not that I know of anything serious in our community.

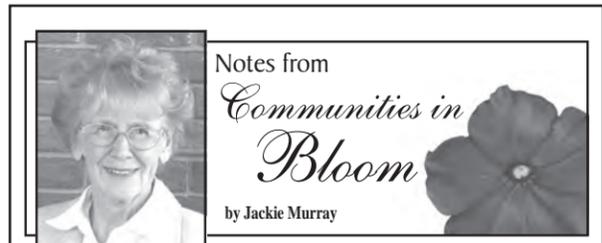
Don Gallaher, from Black Diamond, popped in to Brad and Carrie's for a quick shot on Saturday afternoon. Too bad we didn't get to see him as he is a good guy.

Carrie Palko's son Ray Chrysler and his gal pal, Cassidy Cross, came out for the weekend from Friday til Sunday. Brad would like to thank Brian Dunning and Curtis Calvert for their help this weekend. I am not mentioning the reason why but it is kind of funny.

Cassidy says she came out for the weekend, met a whole bunch of new people and was so glad to get out of the city of Calgary and meet so many new friends. She will be back and says many thanks to the Palko family and to Jerry and I for sharing the looks of our beautiful property with her.

A very happy birthday to Brad Calvert on June 11th, Shannon Andrews on the 15th and Rob Nickles on the 19th. Have a great one all of you.

The phone rang and the hillbilly rushed out to answer it. "I'm sorry you'll have to call the weather bureau for that information," he said. "Who was that, dear?" his wife asked. "Oh just some guy who wanted to know if the coast was clear."



One Hundred Artists

Who's an artist? Not me, I can't even draw a stick figure. But 100 Brooks people volunteered - with a little cajoling - and DID paint and in fact paid one hundred dollars each, to do so.

Prairie Splendor mural on the east wall of the United Church emphasized community spirit. The Judges are astounded when they hear the story.

Communities in Bloom hired a commercial artist from Calgary to come for a one evening session with the would-be artists. The intended size of the mural was divided into squares and numbered. You chose which 12 x 12 square you wanted to paint, found your square and went home with pre measured paint, donated by Sunley Bldg., your brush and instructions shakily remembered.

Math is not my forte but my adding machine tells me that 100 mural squares times 100 dollars each, equals \$10,000 which is what the artist/muralist charged us. When finances and culture balance out, that is a bonus !!!

A few weeks later we all gathered in the church parking lot to watch - and cheer - as the squares came together to become the colourful mural. The artist, Stan Phelps was there to oversee - Barry Morishita's brother was in charge of the 3 man crew, working on the lift (loaned to us by Lutes Bldg). It was really exciting. Later people came by to show visitors their square and often to have their picture taken pointing to "my" square on "our" mural. Brooks won Honourable Mention for Community Spirit as part of our Five Blooms that year.

One of the pair of judges suggested that Brooks by re-named as "Brooks the City of Murals". There are 20 murals in Brooks, 18 of which are sponsored by Communities in Bloom, one by the EID and one on the Museum wall by the Merkl family. These 18 are funded by grants and some, partially or all, funded by families or clubs, i.e. Rotary Club, Kinsmen, Curtis Cleaners, The City, Brooks PreSchool, the Ragan family and the Nesbitt family.

In all instances, the Mural Committee within the C in B Board, spend many hours locating walls, obtaining permission of the wall owners, written permission of any family members, Artist agreement, City Agreement and approval plus approval of our entire Board. But it is all a labour of love.

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Price of kids swimming lessons drops with Jumpstart grant

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Fees for the city's preschool and Red Cross Swim Kids program will be reduced by 40 per cent this year and additional pool-related items will be purchased thanks to an additional \$8,634 from Jumpstart's relief program.

Towards the end of the year the organization received \$6,899.

"It's going to reduce the swim costs for all the kids in the community," said Randi McPhillips, the city's recreation manager.

"When we heard about this grant we realized that many children were not able to attend swim lessons and we thought this might be a good way to help reduce the costs. The schools provide the discounted rate to their students through the

summer swim sessions."

None of the schools were able to offer swimming over the past year because of COVID so McPhillips and her staff thought using the money would be a good way to help families so they won't have to pay full price.

About 300 kids take swimming lessons at the pool.

Lessons will get underway once the province gives the OK but recreation staff is preparing to open.

She said no one has any details as to what the restrictions could look like regarding the pool and other recreation. When it was permitted parents had to be in the pool with their children to provide supervision.

"We're working on different scenarios so when the province announces it

we should have some more information.

The funds will also purchase an additional sanitizing gun specifically for the pool and lifejackets.

"It's more about water safety and keeping people safe in and around the water," she said.

The Regional Ballpark Association received \$15,000 through the same fund.

At the end of last year Canadian Tire Corporation gave \$12 million to Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund which is being used to help sport organizations build back sports and play.

In March Jumpstart released its State of Sport report which was undertaken in partnership with Ipsos to understand the impact of the pandemic on sport across the country.

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KENNEDY - Eva Joyce (Bennett) Kennedy of Brooks, beloved wife of the late William Kennedy, passed away on May 29th, 2021 at the age of 82 years.

Eva was born on February 14th, 1939 in McCreary, Manitoba. Her family moved to a farm in MacDowall, Saskatchewan when she was 4. When Eva was 15, she struck out on her own to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. At 18, she moved to Calgary, Alberta and worked for AGT (Alberta Government Telephones).

It was in Calgary that she met the love of her life and best friend, Bill Kennedy. Eva and Bill were married on June 20th, 1959. They moved to Drumheller and

Medicine Hat, before making their home in Brooks where they resided for close to 50 years. After Bill retired in 1996, they were able to enjoy more of what they loved which included fishing, camping, travel, and spending time with family.

It is fitting that Eva was born on Valentine's Day, as she had a heart full of love. She always thought of others first. Her family, friends and community were all recipients of her generosity and kindness. Volunteering was a full-time job for Eva and she could often be found at St. Alban's Anglican Church as a member of the Altar Guild or the Diabetes Association, Brooks & District Branch for which she was a founding member. Both Bill & Eva enjoyed the time they spent on the Diabetes Association's Festival of Trees and Breakfast with Santa.

Eva was predeceased by her husband William (Bill) Kennedy, mother May Smith, brother Edward (Ed) Smith and sister Evelyn Smith.

She will be forever missed by her daughters Deborah (Wayne) Haydu, and Michelle (Sam) Rempel; very special granddaughters Jennifer, Megan, and Rebecca; brother Bob (Jean) Smith and sister Helen (Jim) Punter.

Special thanks to the staff at Orchard Manor, Brooks Home Care, and the Brooks Health Centre for their loving care.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Box 2211, Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4K7.

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TRUMAN - It is with very heavy hearts that we need to share our amazing son, nephew and cousin, Lance Timothy Truman suddenly passed away on May 31, 2021, on his 36th birthday. It's hard to come up with words when our only son was taken quickly and without warning. Lance leaves to mourn his parents, Tim and Paulette, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and numerous friends, all who loved him dearly. Lance was a huge lover of sports, especially the Calgary Flames and Green Bay Packers. When you are wearing one of these jerseys please think of Lance with a smile. Tim and Paulette and the family

thank you for all the kindness shown during this difficult time. Due to Covid, sadly no formal funeral can be held at this time. We will be having a Celebration of Life later and will keep everyone posted.

*IN MEMORY OF A SPECIAL SON
It's sometimes hard to know
Why some things happen as they do
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That you're no longer here
But all the happy memories
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Death cannot change a single thing
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We love and miss you, our beautiful son.*

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SIMPSON - Jasmin Ruth Simpson, 40, of Brooks, Alberta, passed away on June 1st, 2021.

Jasmin was born in Orangeville, Ontario June 5th, 1980, to Roseann Simpson and Stan Wagner.

She is survived by her daughter Tyra, son, Jeremy, siblings Annie (Alyssa), Holly (Shaun), Dwayne, Erika and Vincent, nieces and nephews, Austin, Logan, Marcus, Christopher, Chandler, Natalia, Cameron, and Nicole.

Jasmin was a mother, a sister and friend. She was the type of person to give you the shirt off her back and weather the storm along side you. A blunt, open, beautiful soul to all who knew her and a woman who has flooded our

memories with such humour and happiness.

Jasmin's life is not defined by addiction but should be a focal point of awareness to shed light upon the mental health crisis and the sheer difficulty of receiving help. She was a tough strong-willed woman who spent the better part of her life searching for peace and love in a statistical society. Her fight has been admirable, and she would be in her glory to have helped even one person find sobriety in her story. She was not just a statistic, or a lost cause... Jasmin will always be mom, sissy and Jassy to the many who loved her, and we will cherish all the wonderful memories she contributed to the world.

Rest easy sweet Jassy, we hope you have finally found peace.

A private funeral service will be provided for family and friends.

In a difficult and flawed system, the family does not encourage administrative/allocation costs but supports donations DIRECTLY to the Brooks Health Foundations Addictions Account. 23p



RIEDER - Keith Edwin Rieder passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on May 31, 2021 at the age of 74 years.

Keith was born on September 4, 1946 in Oxbow, Saskatchewan to Philip and Eileen Rieder. He grew up in Frobisher with his older sisters Sylvia, Phyllis and big brother Lawrence. Keith's oilfield experience started in Southeast, Saskatchewan at the age of 17 years old with Commonwealth Drilling. He later moved into oilfield maintenance, working for his brother in law Bruno, at Valleyview Oilfield Services in Oxbow before becoming a battery operator. Keith met his beloved wife Glenda

in Alameda, Saskatchewan where they were married on August 25, 1967, starting a life of 53 years together. In 1972 they left Saskatchewan, for Brooks, Alberta along with their recently born first son Joel, to progress Keith's career in the "Oil Patch". Shortly after, in 1973 their second son Dana was born. Keith advanced his career in the oil and gas sector taking on various field leadership roles in Drumheller, St. Albert and Taber. Keith always found the time to support his boys in hockey and other athletic endeavors while holding them accountable to maintain good grades in school. He was very proud when they both went on to attend university, received degrees and established their careers. With his busy schedule he managed to fit in time with friends and enjoyed hunting, fishing and curling. Many memorable summers were spent camping and boating with the family over the years travelling around Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Keith's love for the lake led him and Glenda to Stafford Lake, Alberta where they fulfilled a dream of owning a lake front property. The lake was the perfect place for family gatherings, having a cold Kokanee, retirement and to keep his five grandchildren Keagan, Greyson, Campbell, Daxton and Madison busy having fun. Keith always needed to be doing something and his passion for landscaping flourished at the lake. Over 14 years Keith and Glenda developed a beautiful lakeside retreat where many memories have been made that included their 50th wedding anniversary. The lakeside retreat also provided an ideal place for Keith to relax and unwind after his many cancer treatments over the past five years. Keith's journey with cancer and life has ended and we are all so proud that he fought to the end and enjoyed life to the fullest. From his early years to his final day, Keith "Lived Life On His Own Terms". He will be dearly missed.

Along with his wife Glenda Rieder, Keith is survived by his two son's, Joel (Karey) and Dana (Monica), five grandchildren Keagan, Greyson, Campbell, Daxton and Madison, sister Phyllis and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Phillip; mother, Eileen; sister, Sylvia; brother, Lawrence. Those wishing to celebrate Keith's life are asked to provide a donation to the Alberta Cancer Foundation c/o Jack Ady Cancer Center Lethbridge. <https://www.albertacancer.ca/cancer-centres/>. Keith was very appreciative of the care that the many medical professionals provided throughout his fight with cancer. 23p

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BAERG - Mary Anne Baerg 1931-2021
Mary Anne Baerg, nee Klassen, of Rosemary AB passed away at Sunrise Gardens on June 3, 2021 at the age of 90. Mary was born January 17, 1931 in Winkler, MB to Woldemar and Olga Klassen, a little sister for Elizabeth. At the age of four her mother died and her father remarried later that same year. Nine years later brother Walter was added to the family. In 1946 the family moved to Chilliwack where Mary met George, while attending the same school and Church. They were married in 1953, and over the next 10 years had five children.

George's teaching career moved them to several locations in BC, and in 1976 to Winkler MB. In 1992 George switched from teaching to pastoring and over the next ten years they served as interim pastor to various churches. In 2002 George retired and they settled in Rosemary, AB. Mary was a devoted wife and supported George in all his endeavors. Having gone to church her whole life, at the age of 13 Mary asked Jesus into her heart and was baptized a few months later. She joined the church and actively served in various capacities throughout her life. She was strong and capable, physically and emotionally. She enjoyed hard work, reading, sewing, puzzles, and knitting. She will be remembered by many for her long Christmas letters, good food, open hospitality, and devotion to Christ. Predeceased by her mother, stepmother Elizabeth, and father, husband George in 2015, and grandson Nathaniel, she is survived by her sister Elizabeth and brother Walter (Karen), children Rob (Joyce) of Rosemary, Rick (Annette) of Rosemary, Margaret Peters of Winkler MB, Lisa (Warren) Krushel of Calgary, Katherine (Dan) McCallum of Thompson MB; 13 grandchildren & 22 great grandchildren. Family graveside service will be held on June 10, 2021 at Rosemary Cemetery and a public memorial service will be held in July. For further information, or to leave a message of sympathy, please call (403) 501-1010 or visit www.thomsonfuneralhome.com



VOSSLER - Joyce Vossler of Brooks, beloved wife of Dale, passed away at Brooks Health Centre on May 30, 2021 at the age of 63 years. Joyce was born in Red Deer to Arthur and Vera Hopp. Joyce and Dale were married on February 15, 1975 and in 1978 they bought a truck and trailer and their travels took them through Western Canada and Northwest USA. Joyce was a bookkeeper, navigator and swamper; she could tarp a load of lumber in no time flat! Joyce and Dale moved back to Brooks in 1980 about the time Chris started grade one. Joyce was employed with Byers transport for 15 years

and eventually with High Point Western Sales where she was a natural at selling clothing and when High Point moved to Redcliff she made the trip from Brooks to work with them for about two years. Joyce enjoyed sitting around the coffee pot listening to the old cowboys tell their stories and travelling around to rodeos. She enjoyed reading Stephen King novels and afternoons with the Tim Hortons coffee bunch, but above all those things she most enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Joyce had a big heart and was always looking after others. She was predeceased by her father Arthur and stepmother Bernice; stepfather Henry and father-in-law Emil. She is survived by her loving husband Dale, son Chris and daughter-in-law Abigail; grandchildren Caleb, Lilah, Faith and Wesley; mother Vera; mother-in-law Clara; siblings Larry (Joanne), Randy, Reta, (Brian), Keith (Sandra); step-siblings Bea, Harvey, Pam (Iesmall), Loretta, Gene (Kelly) and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members. Special thanks to Jhonamae and Grace for the care they gave Joyce and being there for mom and myself when Joyce passed. A memorial service in honour of Joyce will be held at a later date.



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obituaries



BAUMAN - Lester Bauman, age 66 years, passed away to be with His Lord on June 5, 2021 at his home in Stirling after a short journey with cancer.

He is loved and missed by his wife Marlene, son Rick (Martha), and daughters Kris (Nathan), Melissa (Dale), Rosy, Suanne, Bonita, and eleven grandchildren. He is survived by one sister, Anna (Dean). He is predeceased by his parents Titus and Salome and sisters Ada and Betty Myers.

Public Viewing will be held at Salmon and Sons Funeral Home in Lethbridge on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 from 5:00- 8:00pm. Due to Covid Restrictions, attendance will be limited to 20 guests at a time. Please register by calling Salmon and Sons Funeral Home or RSPV on the Salmon and Sons website.

A Private family Funeral will be Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 11:00am. For livestream information also visit the website.
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HOTEL - Gerald Robert Hotel of Drumheller beloved husband of Patricia Hotel passed away peacefully with his family by his side on June 4, 2021 at the age of 74 years.

Gerry was born on December 22, 1946 at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. He spent his younger years on the family farm in Austin, Manitoba until his family moved to Portage la Prairie when he was nine years old.

Gerry found his true passion and calling when he started baking, he lived in many places honing his craft, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, B.C. and Alberta,

owning many bakeries over the years. In 1992 Gerry became employed by Freson IGA in Hanna and then Drumheller until 2009 as the Bakery Manager. In 2010 Gerry was employed by CSC Canada Food Services at the Drumheller Institution. Gerry always said, "as long as I enjoy going to work and am able, I will keep doing it".

Family, especially his grandchildren were Gerry's joy, his happy place. He loved to be busy, in his yard, outdoors and camping. Gerry will be dearly missed by his loving family and a lifetime of friends.

Gerry leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Patricia, two daughters Leslie (Darcy) Landon, Melissa (Jon) Samson, two sons Bradley Hotel and Jared Hotel, two grandchildren Brooklyn and Brody Landon.

Gerry was predeceased by his parents Robert Leroy and Violet Muriel Hotel, his sisters Anne Heath, Shirley VanRassel and Marsha Ducharme.

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Some of the footwear and toys that were placed on the steps to the entrance of St. Mary's Church. Following a ceremony on Friday many attendees took off their shoes and left them behind. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Daughter of residential school survivor says 'All the things she told us was the truth'

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

At 7 p.m. on Friday as community members gathered at St. Mary's Church, the bell rang 215 times in memory of the children whose remains

were found buried at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School.

Just eight days prior, Rosanne Casimir, chief of Tk'emlups te Secwépemc, announced the finding of the remains.

She said the deaths are

thought to be undocumented and include remains of children as young as three-years-old.

Myrna Schrader of Brooks is a member of the Peepeekisis First Nation in Saskatchewan. She said her mother tried to tell stories

of her own childhood in a residential school.

"She used to try and tell us kids about life there. She never spoke of it except if she had a few drinks," she said.

"We just didn't want to listen to it. I guess we thought it was because of a few drinks but that's what loosened her up to tell the whole bloody truth."

She said her mother could not handle life and passed away at 58-years of age.

"She was a good mother. She just could not handle life after that."

Schrader's mother Lebret (Qu'Appelle) Indian Residential School which was run by the Roman Catholic Church.

She heard stories about children who were whipped for wetting their beds, sexual molestation, the separation of brothers and sisters and a story of a child who was put into a coal storage area because she was screaming.

"There is so much that happened. It's unreal... all of this can't be shoved under the carpet anymore."

Schrader was involved in the church but left after hearing stories during Truth and Reconciliation events.

"All the things she told us were the truth," she said.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings began in 2008 and concluded in 2015 with the release of Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future.

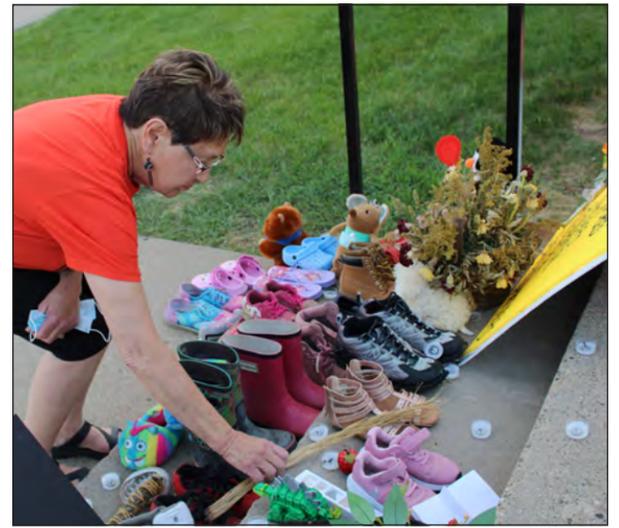
It was based on about 7,000 statements and five million records. It heard there were about 3,200 residential school students who died of diseases including malnourishment and tuberculosis that were caused by poor living conditions.

"In establishing residential schools, the Canadian government essentially declared Aboriginal people to be unfit parents," states the report.

Jackie Bolton of Brooks is a First Nations member from northern BC who said she was filled with grief when she heard the news of the remains.

"I was so brokenhearted. I didn't know where to go to take it. I didn't know what to do with it."

She and her daughter Aaliyah placed moccasins on the steps of the church adding to many other shoes that had been placed there



Myrna Schrader lays sage among shoes, toys and moccasins on the steps of St. Mary's Catholic Church. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

earlier.

Bolton grew up Anglican and appreciated people attending the church on Friday but admitted she is losing faith.

"I'm losing faith in humanity and the church. Am I talking to that same God that let all those children die? To be murdered, raped and abused?"

Anne Connelley, who attended the ceremony, believes love is the answer.

"Our whole world needs more love and caring about other people. I think if the federal and provincial governments work more closely with the Aboriginal People it would be much better," she said.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said \$27 million will be available to locate remains at the other 130 schools in Canada and Alberta's Indigenous Relations minister Rick Wilson said the province will fund research into deaths and burials of hundreds of Indigenous children who did not make their way home.

About 14 of the province's roughly 24 residential schools were run by the Catholic Church. The others were Methodist and Anglican.

Schrader said she was so sad when they found the remains she but is sure a lot more will be found and the priests, nuns and those from the other clergies who are alive should be found.

"I think they should go right now and arrest those people because I think they have to account for this and serve their time, too," she said.

No priests, ministers or RCMP attended Friday's event.

St. Mary's priest Marino

Infante said there had been threats made towards priests.

He said he understands the emotions being felt by First Nations people and also understands their anger towards those who were involved in residential schools.

Canada's Public Safety minister Bill Blair acknowledged the role of the government and the RCMP in the schools.

"I want to acknowledge the clear and unavoidable RCMP role in that tragedy and also to acknowledge the role of the government," he said.

Just before the event Calgary bishop William T. McGrattan, issued a letter saying that the discovery "shocked the consciousness of our country, its people, the Church and the world to the painful and dark reality of our Canadian Indian residential school system."

He said he personally shares in the "devastating sorrow" and recommitted his diocese's 2014 statement regarding sexual assaults and residential schools which includes an apology and regret for Catholic participation in government policies.

During his weekly Sunday service to a gathering at St. Peter's Square in Vatican City, the Pope said the shocking discovery is a call for Canadian religious and political authorities to keep working toward reconciliation.

He did not step up and take responsibility for what happened as requested by Trudeau.

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With the temperature reaching 31C last Wednesday Solianna Negussie, 4, was enjoying the cool water at the Brooks Waterpark. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

BCHS students earn gold at provincial Skills competition

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BROOKS BULLETIN

Kendal Bork and Sophia Ruelo, Grade 11 students at Brooks Composite High School drew their way to first place in the 2D computer animation provincial skills competition that was held in April and they are now waiting for their national results.

A 2D animation is the illusion of movement through sequencing drawings together in a two-dimensional space.

In the provincial contest the students had 30 minutes to create a four second loop animation that had to incorporate a hot dog.

"It was a bit tricky at first," said Bork.

"Then we figured out something funny to make with it," said Ruelo.

The loop was someone eating a hot dog which they didn't like so they threw it out the window and hit another person in the face.

The duo said they were quite surprised by their win especially after viewing some of the other work.

Ruelo said they heard the second and third place winners announced and wondered where they finished.

The 2D event took place in April and the results were announced in May, just two weeks before they competed in the nationals.



A still from the provincial 2D skills contest. | KENDAL BORK AND SOPHIA RUELO ANIMATION

"That was scary. I feel we did better in nationals. We managed to get all the kinks out. We figured out how to do it better," said Bork.

Since the national competition was online they don't really have a good idea how many groups or provinces/territories were competing.

The national competition involved a story setup, conflict and resolution.

Competitors were given six hours to develop the storyboard that was to include at least the two characters as well as the setup, conflict and resolution.

The conflict was a sneeze and it had to include a feather, fish or fly swatter in a six to 11 second animation.

"We came up with a little girl and a fly who are fighting each other and

eventually the fly zooms and stuffs up her nose causing her to sneeze and the fly falls on the ground and dies," said Bork.

"We added a fly."

Bork and Ruelo said the national event was a lot of fun.

"It was a great way to flex our creativity, design cute characters and have some comedic relief" said the students.

Katie Graham, Grasslands assistant superintendent told board members recently it was the first time students earned a first place in 2D animation.

"That's a really big deal," she said.

The last time Canada was represented by a local student was in July 2013 when Jordy Bartman of Duchess School went to Germany for autobody repair skill.

"It would be amazing if these two girls could do that," she said.

This year's provincials included local students from BCHS.

Keagan Payne and Maizy Butkiewicz earned 19th and 15th respectively in cabinet making, Cian Rodgers placed sixth and Ty Caverly placed 12th in carpentry, Alliyah Delena and Emily Yen were 13th in video production and Cindy Li ws 15th and Brooklyn Wutzke placed 19th in culinary arts.

the other executive.

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.

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.

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.

The last day of school will be Friday, June 25.

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

AJHL hands out awards and announces plans for season

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Brooks Bandits forward Heath Armstrong was named to the 2021 Inter Pipeline Alberta Junior Hockey League All-Academic team.

The team recognizes players who have dedication to their studies at either the high school or post-secondary level along with a grade score reflective of their academic success.

Armstrong, 19, of Calgary spent his first AJHL year with the Canmore Eagles where he played three games. In 2019-20 he joined the Bandits.

The AJHL awards were recently announced.

Bandits winners were Sean Chisholm as a Team

MVP, TJ Hughes as a top forward, Jared Whale earned a top goal tender award and Corson Ceulemans earned a Top Defenceman award.

A top rookie award went to Zach Bookman.

The abbreviated hockey season is officially over but with public health regulations changing there is optimism for the upcoming season.

This year the league will officially welcome its 16th team, Blackfalds Bulldogs, into a 60 game schedule that begins on Sept. 17. The Bulldogs will play in the south division which includes the Bandits.

Hockey blades will hit the ice on July 23 in Enoch, Alberta for the AJHL Prospects Showcase.

Over three days

players will take part in development while league general managers, coaches and scouts identify and evaluate the players.

The exhibition season will begin on Aug. 27.

The Bandits will host the annual league showcase on Sept. 30 just shy of two weeks of the season opens across the league.

The plans are also in place for the U-20 World Jr. A Challenge in Cornwall, Ontario in December; the 2022 CJHL Prospects Game and the bigger AJHL playoffs will begin in March.

The playoff winner will automatically advance to the national junior A championship in Estevan, SK.

The league's full schedule will be released next month.

Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - I am fairly certain I am not the only person or household watching the news with anticipation of changes in phases of Covid relief moving to get back to normal.

It has been nice to have the kids back to school and the little bits of sports and freedom that we are now able to do.

Some yards and farms sustained some damage in Saturday's storm, and others looked untouched. It built for awhile, but sure came in fast and furious. Hopefully everyone and all pets/animals were uninjured. We had some damage in our shop yard to a bin, shop doors, and a storage container. I know from my tour around the neighbourhood there

was tree damage, pools, trampolines, shops, some hail damage, and some pivots that took hits. I suggest if you're missing anything call your neighbour! The weather looks a little in settled for the next week and makes me think Mother Nature didn't get the memo the Brooks Rodeo was cancelled!!

I would like to extend a very big thank you to all of the amazing hands that it took to make the 4H beef sale happen this year. Thank you to Bow Slope, Ross Annett, Grant Ellefson, Cole Webb, DLMS, Newell District 4H Committee, leaders and parents, the local meat processing businesses, and especially the buyers who came even though they couldn't see the kids selling and the calves they were

buying!! It has been a strange and challenging past 15 months and I really believe 4H did an amazing job this year supporting their clubs and their members in helping them have a successful year.

The Oktoberfest committee is starting to talk about tentative plans for an event this fall! It will be our 10th anniversary and we are really looking forward to getting back out there and celebrating our community. Mark October 2nd on your calendars and I'll keep you posted with more news and updates along the way!!

Please call Jodi @ 403-501-1583 with any news or information to share. Hall rentals and inquiries can be directed to Heather @ 403-793-3890.



Winds gusting to 80 kph hit the area Saturday afternoon causing trees to fall and damage to buildings. Lake Newell was churned into six to eight foot swells. | BULLETIN PHOTO

Provincial police discussion to move to Cabinet this month

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

During a press conference last month Premier Jason Kenney told media he is reviewing reports on the proposed provincial police force and the proposed provincial pension plan.

Regarding the pension fund, Kenney said an additional actuarial, economic and legal analysis is being done to make a "well informed decision."

He said the big issue is the fact that the province has a huge demographic advantage with its young population who contribute to the Canada Pension Plan.

As for a provincial police force, which is part of a \$2 million study by Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Kenney said local municipal police forces

do a good job at providing community policing and there is a lot of respect for the service of the RCMP but "The reality is that because it's a national police force they have people coming and going out of the province every few years."

He said, "It doesn't give us the same rounded local community policing structure that a local police force would," he said.

In principal Kenney said he believes rural Albertans and Indigenous communities deserve the same of community policing benefits that larger cities have with their municipal police forces.

"That's something we're going to have to make a final decision (on) - looking at all the costs and benefits and consulting with Albertans."

Many rural communities including Bassano, Pincher Creek, Paintearth and Magrath have written letters of support for the RCMP to provincial officials.

"We would get taxed right to the hilt to pay for a provincial police and I think it's going to cripple a lot of small towns," said Bassano councillor Tom Rose during a recent meeting.

"I do think there are strong arguments in favour of both of those concepts," said Kenney.

"I've become increasingly optimistic about strengthening Alberta, making our province more resilient and more autonomous within the Federation the same way that Quebec has so successfully with those kinds of enhanced powers for Alberta."

Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for this coming week go out to Shannon Andrews on June 15. Please let me know of any others who may be celebrating their birthday or wedding anniversary.

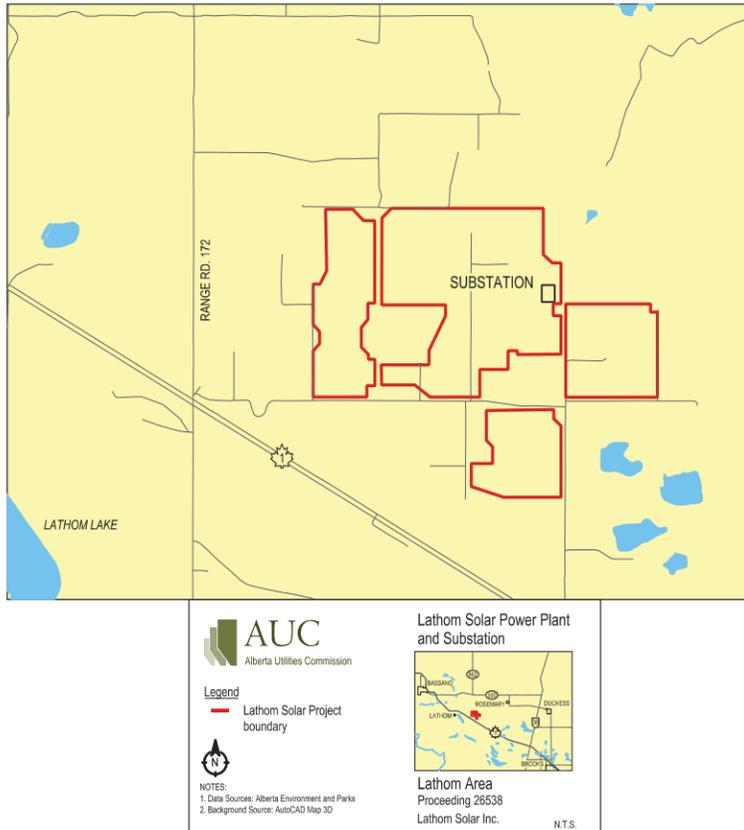
The Rainier/Scandia Transfer Station (dump) is open from 9.00am to 1.00pm on Tuesdays, and Saturdays. Please have all household garbage bagged. There are separate piles for appliances/metal, wood, tires, chemical containers, electronics.

There shall be no Rainier Community Club meetings until indoor gathering restrictions are lifted. If you have an issue that needs to be discussed, please contact me or one of



Notice of applications Lathom Solar Project

Lathom Solar GP Ltd. has filed applications for a solar power plant and substation near the town of Bassano



Proceeding 26538 Applications 26538-A001 and 26538-A002

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be considering the power plant development applications in Proceeding 26538. If you feel you may be affected by these applications you can provide input to the AUC to review before it makes its decision.

Written submissions are due June 25, 2021.

Lathom Solar GP Ltd. has applied to construct and operate a 120-megawatt solar power plant designated as the Lathom Solar Project under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*. The Lathom Solar Project would consist of approximately 340,000 solar panels, inverter and transformer stations, a collector substation, and a 34.5-kilovolt underground collector system.

The Lathom Solar Project would be located on eight quarter sections of agricultural land in the county of Newell, approximately 15 kilometres southeast of the town of Bassano.

The proposed collector substation would be located in the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 20, Range 17, west of the Fourth Meridian.

Additional information about the applications

The applications 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 applications, please contact:

Greengate Power Corporation

David Whitehead, Manager – Project Development

Phone: 403-402-9587

Email: david@greengatepower.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.”

Submissions

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 26538, 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, Kyle Surgenor, can also be contacted at kyle.surgenor@auc.ab.ca or 403-592-4386.

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

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.