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An owl sits on the edge of a roof looking over its domain. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Kinsmen Christmas Trees headed to Brooks go missing

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Families will not likely be singing O Christmas Tree around a Brooks Kinsmen-supplied tree this year.

Two trucks and trailers that were carrying 2,078 trees bound for 10 southern Alberta Safeway and Sobey's stores went missing, according to Rod Eckes, a Brooks Kinsmen.

It's believed RCMP in Manitoba have opened a file into the missing trucks, trailers and trees.

"We're not going to be able to sell trees," said Keith Bidyk, Kinsmen president.

On Monday evening the organization gave up hope in finding their truckload of trees that were to have left Nova Scotia in mid-November.

Bidyk said the Kinsmen have been working with the supplier to track down the trucks.

He understands the trailers and trucks did reach Manitoba when they disappeared.

"The trucking company has basically disappeared off the face of the earth," he said.

"Up until two hours ago (3 p.m. Monday) we were hoping the trees would show up.

"We've tried a couple of other sources but nothing has come through.

Unless we find a last-minute resource, which I doubt that we will because there's kind

of a shortage to begin with, we won't be able to provide any trees," Bidyk said.

"Trees are in short supply," he said.

The shortage is being felt in western Canada and in parts of the United States. In Canada tree farms are struggling to keep up with demand.

Over the years some tree farmers chose not to expand their businesses, others have been affected by severe weather changes including heat, wildfires and even a frost in Nova Scotia in June 2018, all of which delay tree growth.

The missing trucks and trailers are reminiscent of last year's thefts of meat from JBS Canada Food and seven hot tubs from Arctic Spas.

At the time a semi-truck was subcontracted to haul \$230,000 worth of beef to the United States but it failed to make its delivery.

It had been operating under a fraudulent name.

"We're still in a little bit of shock how it happened and what we're going to do. We're dealing with it as best as we can and hopefully people will be able to find trees," said Bidyk.

The Kinsmen raise a few thousand dollars through the annual Christmas Tree fundraiser. The funds are used for programs throughout the community.

Brooks teen seeks kidney donation

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Logan Campbell is a bright, happy, well spoken young man who will graduate from Brooks Composite High School in June and to see to him you would never know he is ill.

The 17-year-old was diagnosed with a rare kidney disease caused by ANCA vasculitis at the age of 15 which has resulted in him needing a kidney donation.

ANCA (Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody) vasculitis is a group of autoimmune diseases that is characterized by inflammation and damage to small blood vessels.

Logan's mom, Angelina Nelson, said there were no red flags to let them know a major organ was failing and the family later learned that kidney disease is silent as to how it presents itself.

She said she passed off Logan's headaches and weight loss to more responsibility at school and just normal growth.

"You can always pass it off as something," she said.

She recalled being told by doctors in Calgary that there are massive scar tissues on Logan's kidneys which was shocking.

"It's just one day you're feeling normal and then you feel a little bit worse and your whole life is just different," said Logan.

"You have to live very differently," he said.

At the time of the diagnosis Logan's kidneys were functioning at

eight per cent but in what the family calls a miracle Logan's kidneys improved.

"While I was in the hospital I was on dialysis for a bit and they thought I would go home on dialysis that I'm just preparing to start," he said.

He said his potassium went up but then it went down.

"The peak was around 30 per cent when they thought I would have got absolutely nothing," he said.

Despite a strict diet and taking his medications to maintain his kidney level to stave off dialysis as long as possible, Logan's levels have declined and are now at about 12 per cent.

Over the next four to six weeks he'll begin nighttime peritoneal dialysis where his blood will be cleaned through a tube that has been surgically inserted into his belly.

The family has been looking for a live donor for about seven months.

"Unfortunately, in our family we don't match. Someone close did match but has diabetes so they can't be a candidate," said Angelina.

There are other people who are in the process of being tested to see if they are a match.

If one isn't found, when dialysis begins Logan will be added to the deceased donor list but it can be years before a donor is found as there are over 10,000 people on the list.

The family continues to reach out to anyone who is willing to donate.

Logan said there have



LOGAN CAMPBELL

been a number of people who have responded to his mother's social media post seeking a kidney.

He said he is very grateful to the many people who have said they are willing to step up to help a stranger.

"Lots of people have their own children. They're middle-aged and to give some random kid that they absolutely don't know, give them another shot at life with such a limited understanding of it, that takes a lot.

"It makes me feel very happy that there's people out there who are willing to do that."

"The more people you can reach out to someday we'll find that match. That's what our goal is right now," said Angelina.

For additional information on donating a kidney to Logan he can be contacted at kidney4logan@outlook.com.

City's municipal taxes expected to increase in 2022

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City of Brooks residents and businesses can expect to see an increase in municipal taxes this year thanks mostly to policing.

"Absolutely, there'll be an increase," said CAO Alan Martens.

As for taxes the assumed hit to municipalities will be substantial.

Most municipalities are bracing for a retroactive pay bill for the RCMP that was agreed to by the federal government earlier this year.

That could mean a \$700,000 bill in the city and if it is funded by the tax base, which Martens is

hoping to avoid, it would mean about a six per cent increase.

"We do know there is a lot of lobbying to the federal government not only by the AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) and all municipalities across the country, but also by the Province of Alberta. I believe that's an \$80 million hit to Alberta," he said.

As well, StatsCan will release the population and dwelling count census on Feb. 9, 2022.

It is expected that it will show Brooks has hit the 15,000 population threshold which will push it into the 90 per cent

police funding category from the current fee of 70 per cent.

"We expect that to cost us another \$600,000. When you add those two together that's almost \$1.3 million. That's over 10 per cent in what we collected over taxes last year."

A project to be discussed is a linear path master plan which will help guide the city in their plans for paths. Over the past few years funds have been set aside to pave a section of path.

"That's just a proposal. It may or may not be accepted," said Martens.

The city's budget process starts tomorrow.



Water price to go up another nickel on Jan. 1, 2022

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Effective Jan. 1, 2022 the Newell Regional Services Corporation (NRSC) water rate will increase to \$1.05 per cubic meter.

Each year the water corporation board discusses increasing the price of water to municipalities by five-cents.

The decision was made on Sept. 29 during a meeting, which was the same day as the annual general meeting.

At this year's AGM the annual report for 2020 shows that the NRSC had a net income of \$853,781.

Although it was lower by \$24,713 over 2019 it is considered to be "very healthy," said Brian Rolag, general manager of NRSC.

Rolag said the funds are kept in earnings as the organization takes another step towards capital self-sufficiency.

"We're 100 per cent self sufficient. What we're really saving for is future capital investment," he said.

"Day to day we're fine. We've got no issues with that and even capital we're building up quite a bit of savings at the moment. We're well on our way to being able to pay for all our future capital investments."

Future infrastructure will include expanding the water treatment plant and the replacement of membranes.

The membranes which are believed to be worth over \$1 million have not been replaced since they began to be used in 2010.

There had been some expectation that they would

have to be replaced in 2020 but a membrane autopsy found they still had 80 per cent remaining.

"We're thinking we'll do another autopsy in the near future to see how they're degrading overtime."

He said the equipment lasts long because of the good quality of the raw water.

"It's very easy to treat and it's very easy on our membranes."

With the drought and water usage, Rolag suggested that water users should repair any leaky connectors inside and outside the home, leaky toilets and to not water grass or trees excessively.

"Just make sure you're running an efficient operation, minimizing leaks, not over watering grass," he said.

Suffield will not close but changes are expected

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The British are denying claims that they are leaving the Suffield and Wainwright army bases despite stories that appeared in Canadian and British media last week.

"The Army is to leave Canada after 50 years, with its biggest global training based to be moved to the Middle East," writes Dominic Nicholls of The Telegraph.

He went on to say that the Defence Secretary was expected to announce plans to modernize the army to include developing a training area in Oman.

"Defence sources said the shift to the gulf would enable British forces to position hardware closer to allies such as Ukraine and Bahrain and to potential

adversaries such as Iran."

However, later that day the British Ministry of Defence Press Office denied the move in a Tweet.

"Canada is one of the UK's oldest and closest allies. Contrary to reports today, we are not closing BATUS (British Army Training Unit Suffield)."

Nicholls added in his article that a ministry of defense spokesman said BATUS would not close before 2023.

Ben Wallace, the British defence secretary, said although the site will not close it will change.

He told Forces.net that training "in the region where you may have to fight is much more realistic."

Retired Lt. General James Bashall, a former commander at BATUS told British media the site has

diminished in the size and use the military is giving to it but it remains a very good training area.

"It served us extremely well in preparing for operational service in Iraq and Afghanistan," he said.

He said the prairies are a wonderful training area.

"But it doesn't look like many other places we've operated in around the world. Training in the region where you may have to fight is much more realistic," he said.

The British Army will do some restructuring to reflect changes in the military including fewer numbers but to remain agile and to be able to train other armies around the world.

British army soldiers have been training in Suffield since 1972.

Province to issue RFP for 18 commercial rest stop locations

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Alberta Transportation is going ahead with a Negotiated Request for Proposals for 18 commercial rest stops (CSRA) along Highway 1.

The department updated its preliminary list of potential sites to reflect feedback from municipalities and Alberta Transport Association.

"The resulting listing includes 18 sites, each of which will be offered for commercial development by way of a public Negotiated Request for Proposal," states a letter from Jerry Lau, infrastructure manager with Alberta Transportation.

Tenders may be returned on individual sites so not all sites may be selected for development.

It is anticipated that the projects will be tendered in the winter and awarded in 2022.

Representatives of Alberta Transportation only made a presentation to Brooks during which time then-councillor Dan Klein said while he is concerned about the effect on local business he did like the idea of improving the stops.

Although the stops are within the County of Newell, there was no presentation to council, however, there was support given to the project in May.

"I say bring it on. Let it happen the way it's supposed to happen," said former county councillor Brian deJong.

Bassano received information about the project and then-mayor Ron Wickson suggested that the province partner with locally owned businesses or municipalities.

The town is concerned with potential development affecting business as a result of a potential upgrade at the TransCanada Highway Twin-

ning Monument and Rest Stop on the west side of Highway 1 between Brooks and Bassano.

A second stop is Kininvie in the eastbound lane east of Tilley.

Of the original 30 sites presented across the province, eight on Highway 43 west of Edmonton towards Grande Prairie and four sites on Highway 16 (Yellowhead) east of Edson were not recommended, however, two sites west of Edson and one west of Hinton were approved.

The province wants to upgrade the sites to provide safe and attractive places that en-

courage truck drivers and the public to stop and rest.

The idea is to upgrade the sites with lights, eateries, gas stations and service areas as well as heated washrooms with flush toilets.

In a letter to the city in February, Lau wrote "The CSRA project is not intended to compete with the established businesses within your community and has intentionally tried to identify sites outside urban areas."

In February Klein said the project is doing just that, competing with established businesses.

CHRISTMAS Craft Shows

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Trees of Hope

2021 CAMPAIGN

Through generous donations by area residents, our new metal fabricated tree display in front of the Brooks Health Centre will again be illuminated - yellow for in memory and coloured for your christmas greeting. These funds contribute to the Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society patient support, supplies and palliative awareness, and our hope for hospice care in this area. All funds remain in our community to enhance palliative care services.

- Tax deductible receipts will be issued electronically unless otherwise requested.
- For more information call PRHPCS member at (403) 793-5582 or www.prairierosehospice.ca

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PLEASE PRINT AND FILL IN ALL AREAS

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Deadline: Dec. 10, 2021 (For names to be in Brooks Bulletin Christmas Week)
Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society, Bag 300 Brooks, AB T1R 1B3
OR
Forms can be dropped off at Brooks Bulletin or Brooks Home Care

City of Brooks

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TOYS FOR TICKETS

The City will be accepting toys in lieu of payment for municipal parking tickets. All toys received will then be donated to local families through the Scotiabank Smiles for Christmas Toy Drive campaign.

Details:

- Any ticket with a value of \$57 or less issued between November 15 and December 10 is eligible for the program.
- Bring your toy donation to City Hall.
- Those with multiple violations will have to bring in multiple new, unwrapped toys.

Learn more at Brooks.ca

ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE BOARD VACANCY



We are looking for a citizen at large to sit on the Arts, Culture and Heritage Board. The Arts, Culture and Heritage Board acts as an advisory committee to assist Council in providing opportunities in arts, culture and heritage programs and facilities within the City.

The application can be found at Brooks.ca.

Please direct applications and questions to:
Natasha Laviolette, Supervisor, Recreation Services
403-362-3622 | nlaviolette@brooks.ca

OFF-SITE LEVY BYLAW NOTICE

The new Off-Site Levy Bylaw 21/24 will have its first reading on December 6, 2021, with the second and third readings on December 20, 2021.

For full details, including the draft bylaw, please visit the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/5yv635xn>

TALK OF THE TOWN WITH MAYOR JOHN PETRIE

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR MAYOR JOHN PETRIE ?

Every week we'll be taking questions for Talk of the Town with Mayor John Petrie on Boom 101.1 and Real Country 105.7.

Email them to brooksadmin@brooks.ca, or direct message us on Facebook! You can also call us at 403-362-3333.



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When: Saturday, December 11 @ 10:00am - 4:00pm

We are accepting **toys, warm clothes, or non-perishable food items!**

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COMMENT

See First Nations as treaty partners

by Andrew Bear Robe

Currently, Canadian governments are reluctant in fulfilling their sacred treaty obligations towards Indigenous nations and continue to treat them as wards of the government and not as treaty partners. Basically, Canada and the western provinces continue to look upon the Victorian Treaties (1871-1921) as land surrender agreements, whereas Indigenous nations do not. On the contrary, Indian nations look upon the treaties as securing their future livelihoods via reciprocity, mutual benefit and peaceful coexistence with the European settlers. If reconciliation is going to work, we collectively need to re-examine the basic purpose of those treaties, that is sharing the land and natural resources.

As treaty partners, there must be joint stewardship of the land and everything else that sustains the earth. There should be no more land and resource development without the input and consent of Indigenous peoples. The economic and industrial business leaders cannot be trusted with that public and moral responsibility because their sole focus is to create more individual wealth for their shareholders at the expense of the majority. Protecting the fragile natural environment and climate is a distant secondary priority for them. It is ironic that the wealthiest citizens pay the least taxes. Indigenous peoples pay all sorts of taxes.....

We must be cognizant of the

fact that the Victorian Treaties, which cover about 50 per cent of the Canadian landmass, are not settled issues. It is only a matter of time before First Nations will claim their just portions of the land and resources. Indigenous peoples should not have to litigate such entitlements. We can settle such matters via good faith negotiations as treaty partners.

We can all learn from the Manitoba Liberals who recently adopted a "land back" policy that would return land owed to First Nations as well as establishing natural resource revenue-sharing. Such policies were adopted at their two-day general meeting in October as part of its "single greatest priority" to Indigenous reconciliation. That would be the preferred option for all governments, instead of always going through the courts to seek delayed justice for Indigenous peoples.

After all, the Victorian Treaties involved 4.1 million square kilometres of resource-rich Indigenous territories that Indian nations agreed to share with European settlers to foster the latter's development and prosperity. It is now payback time for Indigenous nations after waiting for 154 years for the fulfillment of their legal entitlements pursuant to the Victorian Treaties and as part of true and meaningful reconciliation.

(Andrew Bear Robe is a member of the Siksika Nation and an Indigenization consultant at Mount Royal University's Bissett School of Business. These remarks are part of a recent column in the Calgary Herald.)

Time Capsule



ESSO STATION ON TRANS CANADA – OCTOBER, 1961.

Belarus: Small Storm in a Samovar

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



It's not a tempest in a teapot; it's smaller than that. A few thousand Arabs and Kurds, mostly young men but including women and children, are trapped between Poland, which will not let them in, and Belarusian border guards and militia who will not let them back into Belarus. But the language is getting menacing.

Alexander Lukashenko, the dictator who has ruled Belarus for the past quarter-century, is leading the rhetorical parade. There were massive non-violent protests in Belarus last year after he rigged yet another election, and although they were crushed with mass arrests and beatings he is now in a state of perpetual anxiety.

It makes him hyperactive. Last May he forced down a civilian airliner on its way from Greece to Lithuania in order to arrest a young opposition leader who had fled abroad for safety. That was tantamount to hijacking, and the European Union responded by imposing sanctions on Lukashenko and a number of his henchmen.

Even more angry and fearful, he then concocted a bizarre scheme in August to put pressure on the EU by luring would-be migrants in the Middle East to come to Belarus and try their luck from there. Travel agents in Iraq, Syria and Yemen, all countries full of desperate people, were told they could issue free visas to anybody who wanted to come.

None of those prospective migrants actually wanted to live in Belarus, of course, but the word was spread that it was easy to cross the border from there into Poland, which is an EU member. None of the migrants wanted to live in Poland either, but from there, the story was, it would be easy to get to Germany or the United Kingdom. Belarus would even help them to cross.

The visas weren't really free; the middlemen in Iraq, Syria and Yemen charged \$3,000-\$4,000 per person for a visa and a flight to Minsk, the Belarusian capital. Most of the would-be migrants were met at the airport by Belarusian police or militia who drove them straight to the border and pointed them west. As Lukashenko doubtless foresaw, the Poles overreacted. Poland's current populist government makes its living by promising to defend the homeland from hordes of imaginary migrants who dream of living in Szczecin and ravishing Polish maidens, so finding some real Arabs and Kurds on the border was a political godsend.

The actual number of migrants trapped between the Polish border fence and the Belarusian forces who won't let them go back to Minsk is modest: somewhere between 3,000 and 6,000. But there are now 17,000 Polish border guards facing them in a no-go militarised zone that even the Polish media are excluded from.

So there the poor deluded migrants sit, freezing and half-starved, while both governments profit politically from their misery. And when the EU announced last month that it is imposing a further round of sanctions on the Lukashenko regime for the migrant caper, he spun out even further.

"We are heating Europe,

and they are threatening us," Lukashenko raged (referring to a Russian gas pipeline that crosses Belarus and supplies Poland and Germany). "What if we halt natural gas supplies? Therefore, I would recommend the leadership of Poland, Lithuania and other empty-headed people to think before speaking."

But it's not Belarus's gas, and at this point Russia's President Vladimir Putin finally spoke up on the issue. Belarus is one of Russia's few allies and Putin usually puts up with Lukashenko's antics, but now he was threatening Moscow's business interests.

"Of course, in theory, Lukashenko as president of a transit country could order our supplies to be cut to Europe. But this would mean a breach of our gas transit contract and I hope this will not happen," Putin said. "There's nothing good in this, and I will, of course, talk to him about this subject. Perhaps he said that in a fit of temper."

And that was that. Putin is waiting for Germany's energy regulator to approve the new Nord Stream 2 pipeline under the Baltic, currently suspended, which would double Russia's gas sales to Europe. A military crisis in Eastern Europe would definitely queer that deal, so Lukashenko will have to climb down and shut up.

Putin won't abandon Lukashenko utterly, because he's terrified that a successful non-violent democratic revolution in a neighbouring country might infect Russia too, but he has yanked on the Belarusian strongman's chain very hard. The crisis is effectively over, although Lukashenko may be allowed a face-saving 'decent interval' before he calls it off.

Not so much a tempest in a teapot, then. More like a very small storm in a samovar.



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Evergreen Activities Centre

PRAIRIE PIONEERS 50+ CLUB

PRAIRIE PIONEERS - I had a senior moment last week when I posted the time for easy step exercise for Fridays. The correct time is 9:30, not 9:00. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Birthday greetings for December go out to

the following members. Helga Ledene December 2, Gail Anderson December 3, Jo Simpson, Cindy Desjardins, and Kathy Rodwell December 6, Carol Johnson and George Luchies December 8, Marilyn Fehr December 14, Dennis

Houston December 20, Trudy Zimmer December 25, Carter Curran and Nola

Okell December 31. Happy Birthday everyone. Have a great week.

Bandits still first in the AJHL and CJHL

SANDRA M STANWAY
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As of Monday the Brooks Bandits were five points ahead of the second place Spruce Grove Saints and for the fifth consecutive week were in first place in the Canada Junior Hockey League ranking.

The Bandits had a successful three-game road trip.

On Sunday the Bandits racked up three powerplay goals to defeat the Whitecourt Wolverines 4-1, on Saturday the Bandits

defeated the Grande Prairie Storm 4-1 and on Thursday it was 5-2 over the Calgary Canucks.

The Brooks Bandits continue to dominate as league leading players.

Forward Ryan McAllister remains at the top with 59 points, TJ Hughes is next with 55 points, rookie Zach Bookman has 53 points and Devin Phillips is fourth with 48 points.

Dario Beljo is 19th with 29 points tied with teammate Aiden Fink.

The Bandits are back at home tonight at 6:30 p.m.

Bassano Arts Council presents the second concert of the 2021-2022 season! Welcome back to live music!

Horizon Ridge

Familiar Songs, Originals, Christmas Songs!



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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

Pastor Terry Jackson Duchess Mennonite Church

There is an expanding cloud of negativity enveloping many. We breathe it in everyday and in turn we tend to breathe it out onto others. Fear for the future and concern for where this road may lead to. There is a growing sense by many that inevitably the future will be worse than the present. How are we supposed to respond to this cloud of despair? One coping strategy that is gaining momentum advises people to keep their expectations low, if you don't expect much you will not be disappointed.

However, what sustains us and inspires us—is hope. Hope that something or someone will lead to a life that is: greater, richer, deeper. When we don't have hope we suffer, we wilt, we waste away.

How then are we supposed to live, if what we hope for so often disappoints if not destroys us? When we hope in something we will inevitably regret it. When we hope in someone, at some point

our hopes will yield tears. There is only one to look to, the triune one. Not the gift but the giver of the gifts. He is the one to anchor our hope in. The one who will fulfill every word he has spoken. He is the one who is our hope for eternity and for today.

A hope that through the gift of his Holy Spirit, that we are not alone when we face disappointments, struggles, disease, and death. Our hope is not an escape from pain but a promise that we are held in the loving arms of the one who created and designed us.

The cloud of negativity hovers over all of life, yet the true light of life has come into the world. "In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." (John 1:4-5) And this light that is Jesus is our hope. A hope anchored in the eternal one who has beaten death and has called us to be his sons and daughters. "God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." (Heb 6:18-19).

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LETTERS

Global Warming/Climate Change

Editor, The Bulletin;
The push for a carbon tax from Ottawa is unpleasant. I do not see how that is going to help things. And with Covid, inflation is becoming a big issue. Everyone knew this was going to happen. Inflation is now at 4.7%. So, what are we all to do?

Well, I think the starting point is for smart people to put their heads together, get past all the political rhetoric, and get on with problem-solving. Somehow, we have to come to a consensus, based on facts, what the best course of action is, decisions based on the clearest understanding possible of our short-term, mid-term, and long-term coming situation. More than anything, constantly harping about Ottawa is getting us nowhere. We need to focus on putting our own house in order. That is a gigantic enough challenge. Old-time politics needs to be pushed aside. We are in a national and provincial race for survival. In times of war, we need real leaders to emerge

into power.

Slave Lake, Fort McMurray, flooding all over North America, droughts and forest fires, invasive species, and Covid. The world is changing rapidly. Finger-pointing coming from our Alberta legislature is not helping.

I personally think we are past the hope of stopping these changes. We need to get focused on how we are going to better adapt. Any one individual who claims to know all the answers is just shooting of unsubstantiated rhetoric. This is not the place or time for political gamesmanship. Our current Premier needs to cut out that stuff and leave our social support and health care programs alone and get on with the business of adapting to big changes. He needs to stop giving away our public infrastructure to the ultra-wealthy stockholders of big corporations like K-Bro where the CEO earns \$2 million per year. We do not get anything close to the long-term value of our pub-

lic property when we sell it.

Our Premier needs to learn how to play with others. He acts like a raging rebellious child, always with a hidden agenda. Time to cut the political gamesmanship. Twenty-four years ago, a client asked me to write a book. It was written for specialists about how to work with others solving problems. I recently republished this book on Amazon. It is called "How to Wrangle others so they do not wriggle." I earn almost nothing from the sales of this book.

I republished this book so the leaders and all the potential leaders who right now are sitting on the sidelines have a road map of how to start adapting to our provincial and national problems in a more effective manner. We need a Premier who knows how to collaborate. The new leader of the Alberta Party, Barry Morishita, is one such person.

KEN RILEY,
Bassano, Alberta

Bassano increases council, mayor honorarium

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

During the initial 2022 Bassano budget discussion council agreed to immediately increase their pay by \$25.

Councillors will now receive \$125 for meetings up to four hours and \$250 for meetings that are over four hours.

The mayor will now receive \$175 for half day meetings and \$300 for meetings over four hours.

It has been at least nine years since town council increased their wage.

It was left status quo in 2018-2019 following a review.

"You have to value the time and money in going into this process. What you need to caution yourself on is not going carte blanche as in you don't have parameters what you are charging for," CAO Amanda Davis told council.

She said in some municipalities elected officials may take advantage of their honorarium which causes an over budget.

"On the flipside of that amongst yourselves, you need to determine what is fair and equitable for the amount of time you are putting in to these projects."

Councillor Kevin Jones reminded council that official work not only takes

place in town hall but also at home and committee meeting follow-up.

"I figured it out once. It comes to just about \$15 per hour. We are getting paid minimum wage," he said.

The average annual wage for a councillor last year was \$5,000.

The town also approved Bassano fire department's 2022-2024 budget with proposed increases for each of the next three years.

Through a fire agreement between Bassano and the County of Newell, the county contributes 90 per cent of the operating costs, 100 per cent of the capital costs and 50 per cent of building upgrades.

The 2022 budget includes a 10 per cent increase for total firefighter honorariums from \$50,000 to \$55,000, a doubling of fire training fees to \$5,000, an increase to insurance premiums from \$14,300 to \$17,000, five sets of turnout gear and another \$750 towards firefighter recognition.

Slight increases in most of the areas are proposed for future budgets.

The town is continuing their budget discussions.



Bassano fire hall. | TOM MCPHAIL PHOTO

Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Teens injured in rollover

The cause of a rollover on Sunday night that left three teenagers injured remains unknown.

Brooks RCMP Cpl. Josh Argue said a pick-up truck was being driven by a 17-year-old male when it rolled multiple times and came to a rest on its roof.

He said the driver managed to extricate himself while fire was called to extricate the two passengers, aged 16 and 15.

All youth were transported to Brooks Health Centre with unknown injuries. Two of the teens have been released.

One of the youth remains in hospital with serious injuries.

Neither drugs nor alcohol are a factor in the accident.

If you have any information regarding this or any other crime, please contact the Brooks RCMP at 403-794-4400 or anonymously at 403-794-4484 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, online at www.P3Tips.com or use the P3 Tips app.

Robbery suspect nabbed by Brooks RCMP

Brooks RCMP have laid charges against one local man in relation to a pair of robberies on Nov. 10 at Husky and on Nov. 11 at Four20 Premium Market.

With a number of tips from the public police executed a search warrant at a local residence on Nov. 24 where they arrested Marcel Leydier, 42.

Leydier was charged with two counts each of robbery, intention to commit an indictable

offence while his face was masked or otherwise disguised, possession of stolen property, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

He was released and is scheduled to appear in Brooks Provincial Court on Dec. 15.

Failing to stop at sign leads to impaired driver

During the early morning hours of Nov. 24, a member of the Brooks detachment was on patrol when they saw a vehicle failing to stop at a stop sign.

The vehicle was stopped and later the 37-year-old Brooks driver provided a couple of breath samples which registered a fail which indicates the blood alcohol level was 99 mg per cent or higher in 100 milliliters of blood.

His vehicle was seized for 30 days and his licence was suspended for 90 days.

He will have an interlock for one year and he must attend the planning ahead course and pay a \$1,000 fine.

Good Samaritan finds driver passed out

On Nov. 19, 2021 at about 11:22 p.m. Brooks RCMP responded to a complaint of a vehicle in the ditch at the intersection of Range Road 16-0 and Township Road 18-4.

A Good Samaritan had stopped to help and located the lone occupant of the vehicle who was passed out in the driver's seat with the vehicle running.

The male was woken up and after a roadside investigation he was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while his ability to do so was impaired by alcohol.

The driver provided two



breath samples which both failed.

His vehicle was seized for 30 days and his licence was suspended for 90 days.

He will have an interlock for one year and he must attend the planning ahead course and pay the \$1,000.

Impaired drivers found during patrol

On Nov. 21 Brooks RCMP members were able to stop two impaired drivers within an hour.

The first stop took place at about 2:30 a.m. in the downtown core.

The vehicle was travelling on 1st Street West and turned onto 2nd Avenue west when it was stopped by the officer and the 37-year-old driver was given sobriety tests.

Breath samples were provided and both readings failed.

And at about 2:50 a.m. a member on patrol at 2nd Ave. West when they noticed a vehicle driving very slowly towards Second Street West where it turned and was stopped by police.

The lone occupant provided a breath sample which resulted in a fail and the 28-year-old Brooks driver was arrested.

In both situations, the vehicle were seized for 30 days and licences were suspended for 90 days.

Both drivers will have an interlock for one year; they must attend the planning ahead course and pay a \$1,000 fine.

County council considers selling portion of municipal reserve

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council agreed to begin the process to sell a portion of a municipal reserve (MR) lot to an adjacent landowner within Sandpiper Estates at Lake Newell Resort.

Following an in-camera meeting council agreed to subdivide, sell and remove title from a .38 acres of the 1.27 acre parcel of the municipal reserve lot.

The lot is apparently

going to be used as a storage area.

Council gave the go ahead to remove the MR. It must go to a public hearing which is tentatively set for the Jan. 20 council meeting.

Information will be circulated to all parties involved and a sign will be installed in front of municipal reserve.

A Municipal Reserve is dedicated at the time of subdivision. A municipality can take up to 10 per cent of the proposed subdivision

or the developer can provide money in place of municipal reserve, based on the appraised value of the property.

At the time the block was subdivided in about 2005, the MR was put in place.

If it is approved the amount to purchase the lot will remain in the municipal reserve fund. The purchaser will be responsible for all the costs associated with the land sale.

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Land tribunal to hear village concerns about county bylaw

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Village of Duchess has launched a formal appeal against the county's recently adopted Land Use Bylaw.

On Dec. 14 the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) will hold a preliminary hearing.

The village claims that the county's removal of the fringe district and the substitution with a general agriculture land use district, "does not capture the impact some activities have on urban settlement."

At the public hearing in September prior to the passing of the bylaw, the village objected to the removal of the district and its intended purpose of controlling and directing appropriate development

in the area.

With concerns from neighbouring municipalities at the time and the desire to enter the dispute resolution process, county council postponed their final readings of the Land Use bylaw.

Brooks had also discussed a dispute process, however, their concerns were addressed and they backed off.

The village has concerns with agricultural development within the area surrounding such as feed and grain mills and non-agriculture development being proposed such as campgrounds, schools, large solar and wind farms which could be developed.

During the Sept. 9 public hearing for the bylaw Duchess mayor Tony Steidel asked the county to hold off

with the final readings until the village's concerns were addressed.

The readings were postponed to Sept. 23.

In her statutory declaration Duchess CAO Yvonne Cosh claims the bylaw schedule was accelerated and left no time for proper consultation so mediation was not possible.

In his declaration county CAO Matt Fenske stated it is the county's position that the village did not engage in the dispute settlement process as outlined in the county-village Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) prior to filing the notice to appeal and as a result the negotiation process cannot proceed.

Fenske stated the land use district changes are not "detrimental" as defined by

the Municipal Government Act.

He also stated the village claims there was a lack of consultation because the county wanted to conclude the document prior to the October election.

He included the consultation and bylaw schedule which indicates the county contacted the village in early July.

The village responded that it would be on their following agenda.

"Contrary to the village's statutory declaration the village did not respond to the county's multiple attempts to meetings to discuss the amendment to the LUB and only agreed to a meeting only one day before the scheduled second and third reading," Fenske submitted.



BOW CITY - Well our weather has sure been up and down but for this time of the year, but what can you look forward to. Have had some nice warm days and some cool ones so here we go to winter.

Oaks Calvert celebrates his birthday on Dec. 11th, Wanda Smith on December 17th, Carrie Palko on December 23rd, Sage Ellefson on Dec. 24th and Val Gillespie on Christmas Day. Hope all of you have a good celebration as Christmas is almost there too.

Dan and Wanda and Brad and Carrie travelled down to Medicine Hat on Saturday for an evening of fun. They went and took in the light show at Dunmore as Duane and Sue Dennis' son put up an amazing display there. Was a great Sunday night for all.

Robert was at Brad and Carrie's for a spell. Got the fenders on his rig all painted so looks great. Dana stayed and watched all the cats and dog for Saturday night so everyone says thank you lady for your help.

Jerry and I went to Lethbridge on Saturday to get some shopping done then to meet up with Roger and Nadene, Ray and Dixie and Gail and Sheila to help Gail and Sheila celebrate their 57th anniversary. We met at Luchies Steak House for supper. Wow! What a great place as we all enjoyed the supper and visiting. Lots of laughs and fun. What a busy place and we sure are lucky Sheila booked us a table ahead of time. Fun day!

If you have some news for my paper, which would be nice, phone me at 403-362-206 by Sunday afternoon.

Sometimes I lie awake at night and ask, "Where have I gone wrong?" Then a voice says to me, "This is going to take more than one night."

Bassano council wants to re-establish health project

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Bassano council will re-establish the Bassano Project through lobbying with all levels of government from regional to federal.

The continuing care centre project has been in the works since 2011. It has received and lost funding.

"This is a very, very important project," said Bassano councillor John Slomp.

"We need a new hospital. We need a new lodge. We need more senior care for higher levels of care.

"There is going to be another provincial election within 18 months and I really feel that we have to get that rolling before there's another election otherwise it'll go all backwards again," he said.

The project's concept is to build a new hospital and rebuild Playfair Lodge near the hospital while providing housing for all levels.

"It would be a continuing care campus that would include the ambulance bays, seniors housing and hospital all attached in one," said CAO Amanda Davis.

The town attempted to construct a FAB village (future adaptive buildings) or tiny home housing development as an introduction to the Bassano Project.

In July 2020 the town asked the Newell Foundation to partner on the project as a way to access funds. At that time the foundation was working on other projects, including a merger, and put the discussion on hold.

In May 2021 former

mayor Ron Wickson said, "There's not going to be any kind of an effort on behalf of the Newell Housing Foundation to support this project."

He then added that the foundation members are still interested.

"We don't want to believe it's over," Wickson said at the time.

"All this needs to be kicked off again," said Davis.

"There's grant money that's been given to the Newell Housing Foundation through the ASLI (Affordable Supportive Living Initiative) program for the seniors care portion.

"There were also additional funds that were supposed to be dedicated towards that project with the former Conservative government and then the NDP government came in and the funds were pulled and now we're in a Conservative government again," she said.

She said the political leaders have to get a firm grasp of the project, reestablish what it is and provide clear direction to their CAO to push the project.

Over the years as provincial governments and staff came and went the project had to be re-explained.

In 2015 the province provided \$3.4 million through ASLI.

At the same time a shared contribution of \$9.6 million was made from the provincial and federal governments.

The federal and provincial portions were lost in 2018 as the funding was to have been used to

replace Playfair Lodge. The lodge was upgraded.

The ASLI funds were returned to the province but were later returned to the foundation.

The estimated capital cost of the facility in 2019 was \$26.137 million.

The project will be reviewed at the December Newell Foundation meeting.

The members are Bassano councillor John Slomp, Brooks mayor John Petrie and councillor Marissa Wardrop, county councillors Adena Skanderup and Amanda Philpott, Duchess will be represented by councillor Kole Steinley and Rosemary mayor Yoko Fujimoto will chair the board.

The members-at-large are Robert Franz and Grace Miedema.



DUCHESS - Dare we hope for another two weeks of this weather?

Congratulations to the organizers of the Duchess Annual Christmas market. I heard it was well attended and it is always good to try and support local before having to go out of town for gifts and miscellaneous items.

Now is a good time to book your family photos. I love photos and would rather receive them than anything else. There are a number of photographers in the area who do such a great job!

Though I'm out of town, I have been checking and it looks like a quiet week for news.

Be healthy, and please text or call your news items to 403-793-1630.

Quote: "Keep your face to the sunshine and you'll never see a shadow."



Grateful

We have started a dream, a new challenge. We want to thank all the citizens of the Village of Duchess and nearby towns for their amazing support, kindness and affection they have showed us and our family during this time which has made our integration to this community very rewarding.

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CFSEA contributes to a trio of groups

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks and District chapter of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (CFSEA) handed out \$14,500 to local non-profit organizations as part of the fall Smart and Caring fund

distribution for a total of \$27,400 this year.

Applications are reviewed by the CFSEA grants committee who make recommendations to the board of directors.

Smart and Caring applications are accepted in the fall and in the spring.



Left to right, Leona Ferguson and Inge Ellefson members of the Brooks and District chapter of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (CFSEA) present \$10,000 to Jason Thomasen of Brooks Regional Ball Park Association for an inflatable batting cages for the youth baseball program.

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Left to right, Leona Ferguson and Inge Ellefson members of the Brooks and District chapter of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (CFSEA), present \$2,400 to Shauna Bell and Sylvia Waive of Cantara House, to upgrade the playground equipment.

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Left to right, Leona Ferguson and Inge Ellefson members of the Brooks and District chapter of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (CFSEA) present \$2,000 to Krista Lafruniere of Cleo's Karma Canine Rescue for laundry equipment.

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Omicron has not yet been detected in Alberta

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The number of vaccinated in the city and county are increasing as confirmed cases of COVID19 remain relatively steady but a new variant fear has taken hold.

According to provincial officials, as of Sunday in the city, county and south Special Areas 2, 65.9 per cent of those over five years of age are fully vaccinated while 73.6 per cent of those over 12 are fully vaccinated.

There are 15 cases in the county and since the beginning of the virus in

2020 there have been eight deaths. The city has 11 active cases and there have been 24 deaths.

Last week a new mutation of COVID named omicron was detected in South Africa.

There have been confirmed cases in Ontario and Quebec as well Germany, Britain, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands and Portugal and travel restrictions have been imposed in Canada.

"To date, no omicron cases have been identified in Alberta and I can assure that we'll continue to screen all COVID-positive samples," Premier Jason Kenney told

media on Monday.

"As we have seen with other variants, it is very likely that omicron will eventually reach our province," said Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's chief medical health officer.

Dr. Brendan Currin, a physician in Brooks, said it's unknown how the omicron variant will behave.

"We don't know if it'll be dangerous," he said.

He continues to encourage vaccinations.

"I haven't had to treat anyone in the hospital with severe COVID who's been vaccinated," he said.

Regarding vaccinations among physicians, 99.5 per

cent are fully vaccinated in Alberta while it is 100 per cent in Brooks.

There are some local nurses who have not been vaccinated and could lose their jobs.

AHS CEO Dr. Verna Yiu said on Monday there are about 3,000 Alberta Health workers who are not vaccinated.

"We have done all that we can do to encourage them," she said.

As of Monday, according to the province, Christ the King Academy in Brooks has an alert with between two and four cases.

Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for this coming week go out to Melissa Nielsen on December 5; Noralyn Johnson on December 11.

Check out the Alcoma School Happenings on their Facebook page.

Alcoma School is holding a 50-50 cash raffle fundraiser. Tickets are available online. Visit the website www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/alcomahome. Ticket sales will end on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 11:59pm with the draw taking place online on December 4, 2021. The winner will receive a cash prize of 50% of ticket sales.

The Alcoma School Casino fundraiser is looking for volunteers. The evening shifts from 8pm to 4:30am on both Friday, February 18th, and Saturday, February 19th are in need of workers. Please contact Pascalle Wisse 403-363-2621 or the school for more information.

For information about the hours for the Alcoma Community Library or to leave book requests, please contact Janet Wagner at 362-3741 or janet@shortgrass.ca

Please drive carefully and follow all school and playground signage along Highway 873 and the access

road to the School, Hall, and Community Mail Boxes.

Alcoma School will gladly accept any donations of empty bottles and cans. These can be left, bagged, beside the quonset.

A meeting of the EID Historical Park to elect a Board of Directors will be held at the Scandia Hall on December 11 at 7:00pm.

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

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One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE — Gee, here we are only 24 days left till Christmas, time is just flying by so fast. I do hope everyone is more prepared than I am.

Get well wishes go to Agnes Slomp who had surgery in the Medicine Hat Hospital last week, after breaking her hip. She has now been transferred back to the Brooks Hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery, Agnes!

Happy belated 60th wedding anniversary wishes go to Larry and Renee Seitz of Brooks which was on Nov.25th. We wish you both all the very best for many more, healthy, happy years together.

Last Friday Linda Slomp went to Lethbridge to visit with and take Sandra Day out for a belated birthday lunch.

Erwin Unger returned on Sunday after visiting with his father Pete Unger in Oliver, BC for a few days last week.

On Sunday Karl and Linda Slomp went to Lethbridge to visit with his brother Brian and his wife Sherry for the day.

1. ***Note***There will be a Fundraiser On Line Auction for the Brooks United Church on Monday, December 6th starting at 8:00AM to December 7th

till 1:00PM. with Annett Auction assisting. -Contact Annett Auction and Google Annett Auction Brooks. Then click Upcoming Auctions to go to BU Church auction

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Visiting at the home of Ozzie and Elizabeth Schalm was their son Sherwin of Calgary for the past weekend. They had a fun time visiting and playing games.

Birthday greetings this coming week go out to Tom Collins and to Noel Nichols, both on Dec. 2nd; to Shandy Swenson on Dec. 3rd; to Joel Slomp of Abbotsford, BC on Dec. 6th and to Gloria Schuett on Dec. 7th. We wish

each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating this week. We wish everyone all the best for many more years.

There aren't any anniversaries this week that I know of.

"Medical check up" A doctor that had been seeing an 80 year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next check up, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the doctor was looking through these his eyes grew wide, as he realized Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills.

"Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are birth control pills?" "Yes, they help me sleep at night." "Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep!" She reached out and patted the young doctor's knee and said, "Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16-year-old Granddaughter drinks. And believe me, it definitely helps me sleep at night."

You gotta love Grandmas!

Temperatures forecast to change as heat record broken

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

A heat record and an Alberta hot spot were some of the November weather highlights for the Brooks area but all of that is expected to change tomorrow as the temperatures normalize.

On Sunday a 1904 record was broken when the temperature reached 17.2C. The previous record was 13.9.

On Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. Environment and Climate Change Canada noted that Brooks was the hot

spot in Alberta when the temperature hit 6.7.

The coldest place was Nakiska Ridgetop (Kananaski) which was -9.9.

Kyle Fougere, a meteorologist with Environment Canada, said the same system that brought rain to the west coast brought the warmer temperatures to southern Alberta.

"We're on the warm side of that system," he said.

However, the temperature is expected to slump down and most the province will get into the

colder side of it by the end of this week.

On Friday evening the temperatures are dropping to -10. On Monday Environment Canada noted the temperature would drop to -13 on Thursday but that forecast changed to -5C.

As for a white Christmas, Fougere said there is a 55 per cent chance of snow.

"On average we have about four centimeters of snow on the ground."

On Christmas Day 2019, there was 12 cm of snow on the ground. No data is available for Dec. 25, 2020.

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44th Parliament Inflation

It's official, the 44th Parliament has begun – finally. 64 days after the election, the Speech from the Throne was delivered by our Governor General on behalf of the government. This was the first time the Throne Speech was read in three languages: English, French, and Inuk. A great reminder of the many cultures and traditions we have in Canada and may we continue recognizing the importance of our First Nations people. However, the Liberal message in the speech was deemed largely uninteresting and uninventive by several political pundits. Opinions aside, the only sure thing that this speech truly needed, it was bereft of. That need is solutions for our ailing economy. The cost of living is skyrocketing, inflation is ballooning, and the Liberals seem disinterested in addressing what is quickly becoming the single focus of Canadians. The sad reality is that far too many Canadian families will not be able to afford food and necessities – and the Liberals don't seem to mind.

This is what happens when we have a government that, in the words of the Prime Minister himself, "doesn't think about monetary policy." Indeed, the Prime Minister believes money grows on trees and has a conveyor belt of limitless spending at his government's disposal. The unfortunate results of this line of thinking are in plain sight: at the grocery store, at the gas pump, and on the real estate market. Basic economic theory tells us that too many dollars buying too few goods will inevitably lead to higher prices. Simple supply and demand. This affects the middle class the most – because many people are earning too much to qualify for government support programs, but don't have enough to make significant investments – thus seeing their money in the bank lose value every single day.

Canadians deserve a strong, ethical, and competent government. My Conservative colleagues and I will do everything in our power to hold the Liberals to account and ensure Canadians' livelihoods are protected from the inflation machine. We need a government that will reduce unnecessary spending, increase production in our energy industry, incentivize business, get rid of bureaucratic red tape and regulation, and get Canadians working again.

The time for catchphrases and posing for photo ops is long over. Here in Ottawa, the political class just doesn't understand how difficult it is around the country, and frankly many don't care. It's a sad reality of a culture that has formed due to a government more concerned with being popular rather than implementing solid policy to benefit Canadians. The people of this country want a government that will work in person, in the House of Commons. Not over zoom in an office. The Prime Minister and his government want to skirt accountability. I will be working in person in the House of Commons and so will my Conservative caucus. As constituents, you voted for us to work for you – not to sit on a computer over zoom.

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Brooks Solar Farm hearing set for March 2022

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

A public virtual hearing has been set by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for Solar Krafte's 400 megawatt solar project located on Highway 36.

The original project application was filed in April. It was to be on about 3,900 acres of privately owned land on the west side of the highway about 6.5 kilometers west of Brooks.

Alberta Environment determined in their referral

report that the siting of the project posed a high risk to wildlife and wildlife habitat and placed the project in abeyance.

In July the AUC determined that the project would not be in the public interest and so it remained in abeyance.

In September an amended project was submitted to the AUC. It includes about 720 acres of additional land east of Highway 36.

The project was reviewed by Alberta Environment

who reduced the overall risk to moderate and the project was resumed.

The AUC is accepting written evidence on the Brooks Solar Farm and the Zachary 997S Substation until Jan. 24, 2022.

The hearing will begin on March 14 at 10 a.m.

"Commission staff will contact the hearing participants and will send email invitations that include the link to access the test session and hearing," states a note from the AUC.

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - There will be a meeting of the EID Historical Park to elect a board of directors on Dec. 11th @ 7pm at the Scandia Community Hall.

Alcoma School News-Alcoma School is doing an online 50/50 that has reached over \$6500. If you can support us that would be great and who doesn't want to win some Christmas cash! Funds raised by this raffle will support the children in a variety of areas including athletics, educational material, field trips and supplies. Please checkout the website

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/alcomahome>
Ticket sales end

Dec. 3rd and the draw will be held Dec. 4th.

The Alcoma school casino fundraiser is looking for volunteers. The evening shifts from 8pm-4:30am on both Friday, Feb. 18th, and Saturday, Feb. 19th are in need of workers. Please contact Pascalle or the school for more info.

Grades 4-6 Mini Volleyball will have practice at noon on Wednesday with a game Thursday at Tilley at 4pm. Jr high students will be attending a virtual Skills Exploration Day on Wednesday. Check out the link on our school Facebook page. There will be HOT BREAKFAST this Thursday for all students.

A reminder to please

slow down in the school zone and watch for the busses that are back on the roads. Bottle donations are gladly accepted and be dropped off beside the quonset.

For information about the hours for the Alcoma Community Library or to leave book requests, please contact Janet Wagner at janet@shortgrass.ca

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



With Christmas just a few short weeks away many homes have started to decorate for the season. With the warm temperatures it's a good opportunity to drive or walk around your community to look at the lights. The Brooks and District Museum's Lane of Lights will also begin tonight at 5 p.m. There is no cost, however, donations are being accepted.. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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Greenpeace doctrine will guide minister's actions... Alberta easy target - part two

Alberta will soon face as much as Greenpeace disciple and federal Minister of Environment Steven Guilbeault may wish, dismantling the Alberta energy industry will not be an easy task since the entire country depends on this vital resource. But as noted in my previous column, this Minister of Green Ideology has an easier target, that being the agriculture industry. My first concern is commercial animal agriculture, as its termination is a central policy pillar of Greenpeace – as a Greenpeace partisan and a supposed vegetarian, the Minister is morally obligated to take some action against the animal ag industry. The problem for this Minister is that Quebec is his political home base, and harbours a vast hog industry and is home to Canada's largest dairy cattle business. Both are ferociously protected by the infamous Quebec Nation Inc coalition - the Quebec



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government, the fearsome UPA Quebec farmers Union, giant Quebec-based ag Coops and Quebec-based financial institutions. The most intimidating of all is the Quebec-dominated Dairy Farmers lobby – the most politically powerful of all lobbies in Canada. Clearly, no federal minister from Quebec would dare challenge that coalition political monster. But the Minister will soon discover an easier animal industry target, and that would be cattle feedlot operators. Conveniently there is no commercial cattle feedlot industry in Quebec; almost all of them are located in Alberta and Saskatchewan

– that must be heaven-sent for devious Liberal party strategists.

One expects the feedlot industry to be attacked from many angles, but the main ones will involve regulations and new sector-specific carbon taxes. Federal and Quebec bureaucrats and friendly researchers from academia will be instructed to develop the needed data to condemn beef cattle feedlots as the root cause of global climate calamity. Then, emission limits will be set for each feeder animal, followed by monitoring and, of course, with the appropriate permits and plenty of fees. In addition, targets will be set to have feedlots reach net zero by 2030, along with no methane production. That may sound absurd, but even if half such regulatory mischief were applied, it would bankrupt the industry – which of course, would be the overarching plan of green-obsessed anti-Alberta federal Liberals. In

this scenario, the politically-sensitive Quebec dairy cattle herd is protected. Targeting the feedlot industry would be irresistible for federal Liberals. But there is another Greenpeace/Minister Guilbeault agriculture target that is worrisome.

Another pillar of Greenpeace ideology is the elimination of the use of synthetic nitrogen in growing commercial food crops. As with livestock emissions, Greenpeace randomly just invents convenient statistics to rationalize whatever climate change devil they need. In this case, synthetic nitrogen is an energy industry by-product, so you get the picture. The inconvenient truth for Greenpeace is that synthetic nitrogen is the critical element to increase crop yields which is necessary to feed the ever-increasing teeming billions of the world. They imply that nations need to increase their own food sovereignty by returning

to local and indigenous food production – and by doing so, there would be no need for increased crop yields through the use of synthetic nitrogen. It's just that simple, according to Greenpeace's scientific expertise. Again, as with derailing animal agriculture, the feds can create regulatory hardship for the production, transportation, and field use of synthetic nitrogen that would make it uneconomic and reduce crop yields. Did I mention most synthetic nitrogen is extracted, manufactured and used in the prairie provinces – how politically convenient.

The temptation is to dismiss such Greenpeace lunacy, but consider this as a Greenpeace disciple and anointed activist Minister Guilbeault invariably believes such delusions – it's all part of the religious fervour of green lobby groups. Besides, let's face it, you can't teach an old dog new tricks. A few months

ago, I wrote a column on how despicable and disgusting Greenpeace was opposing the growing and distribution of golden rice. That's the vitamin A enriched rice variety that would have and still can prevent blindness and death in young children. Greenpeace pressures and blackmails developing countries into banning golden rice because it was created through genetic engineering. As a Greenpeace ideologue and activist, Minister Guilbeault would have had to support such cruel, inhumane Greenpeace policies. But don't expect any mainstream media to ask him about his dark past. No doubt Liberal party spin doctors and handlers will have him well-trained to fend off embarrassing questions. Those in the ag business should expect the worst from Minister Guilbeault – you heard it here first! Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.



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Coyotes program remains off the county's books for year two

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The county will again continue to monitor the coyote situation instead of having a bounty.

"We continue to get questions about our previous CCIP (coyote control incentive program)," Will Schaap, the county's manager of ag services told council.

"We have received some reports from hunters that there is still a pretty healthy population of coyotes this fall," he said.

As long as there is snow on the ground, the county will do a coyote count early in the new year.

"We'll have more

information for you at that time."

The county provided a financial incentive of up to \$30,000 that had previously been budgeted for hunters to harvest coyotes.

During the county's interim budget meeting, Todd Green, the county's ag services manager said they have always received concerns about the coyote program.

"We always kind of did, from far away places and locally about us removing coyotes from the landscape," he said.

"We kind of decided to take a two year break and then reevaluate everything."

This is the second year of monitoring. If staff finds that not harvesting enough coyotes is detrimental program reinstatement will be discussed.

A coyote survey is completed every year and the results are sent to regulatory services. The results are evaluated to ensure the program is not having a detrimental affect on coyote populations.

The CCIP is in the budget documents for 2023 but that year's budget will change.

Coyotes are regulated under the Agricultural Pests Act and the program is funded in part by the ASB grant.

Eastern Irrigation District
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JBS CORNER

Team Member Spotlight: Marcione Santos Barros



Marcione Santos Barros

JBS Canada is proud to announce that Marcione Santos Barros has been promoted to Production Supervisor in our Brooks Facility! Marcione has worked with JBS for over nine years in both Canada & Brazil, and his hard work and dedication has earned him a spot in our leadership team!

Marcione was born and raised in Pará, Brazil. He began his career with JBS in 2012 when he joined our Marabá facility. Marcione worked at the Marabá plant for four years, before seeing an advertisement for a work opportunity in Canada. "I was looking for a challenge, and wanted to explore a new country" Marcione said. "I applied for the program as soon as I saw the poster, and was so excited when I got approved". Marcione came to our Brooks facility as a skilled butcher on the Loin Line in 2016 and was promoted to Lead Hand after just one year, where he remained until his recent promotion.

Marcione's favorite thing about working at JBS is getting to know his team: "I have made lots of friends at JBS, and am always excited to come into work and see them" he said.

Marcione is an avid soccer fan, who both watches and plays the sport. His favorite team is Flameago, and he participates in recreational soccer every summer. Marcione is also a new father, who welcomed his daughter Ana into the world in April of last year. He spends as much time as he can with Ana, as well as his wife Safia. The pair got the opportunity to watch Marcione play soccer this summer, and he loves to watch movies with his family.

Congratulations Marcione! Thank you for all that you do to help feed the world!

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Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - The Tilley and District Public Library is open: Mondays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm; Wednesdays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm; Saturdays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The library is receiving delivery once per week on Mondays. Patrons can place holds for pick-up in Tilley. The book drop returns bin is available out front for your convenience in returning materials. The address of the library is 237 Centre Street (Friendship Centre). Library membership is free to all residents of Tilley.

There was a spectacular turnout for the grand re-opening event at the library on Saturday. The ribbon was cut by Larry Jaspersen. Larry serves on both the Tilley Library Society board and the Seniors Society executive. Door prizes were drawn for by County Councillor Adena Skanderup

and were won by Amanda McIvor, Lori Hebert, Julie Musgrove, Sheryl VanWert and Carol Jaspersen. Many people enjoyed a cup of coffee, a good visit and a wild ride in the VR headset. We were honoured with the presence of two founding board members - John Desjardins and Elma Volek - both of whom worked with others on the board to start a public library in our community in 1975, and then to keep it operating for many years. I'm sure Elma retains many burn marks on her fingertips from writing call numbers on spines with the old-fashioned heat pen! Thank you to all who helped make this happen and to those who joined us in celebrating. You are all very much appreciated.

Griswolds or The Grinch? The Annual Tilley Light-Up Contest will be held in the community on Thursday, December 9 so

let's see your Christmas spirit! There are first and second prizes for the best lit house. Hay ride Tour of Lights begins at 5:30 pm. Hot chocolate and candy canes will be handed out at the Spike & Spur (open 10:00 am to 7:00 pm). Pop into the Tilley Library for a Christmas treat between 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

For Tilley Community Centre booking inquiries, please email tilleyhall@outlook.com or call 403-377-0011.

Bethany Lutheran Church offers worship services every Sunday at 11:00 am. For one Sunday, December 19, we will be having service at 2:00 pm (NO SERVICE at 11:00 am on this day). Pastor J. Pillibeit will be leading a Communion Service. Everyone is welcome to attend. Masks are mandatory. Arrangements for a Christmas Candlelight

Service are underway. Stay tuned for date and time.

The next worship service at Faith Lutheran Church, Rolling Hills, will be the Christmas Candlelight Service and will take place on Thursday, December 23 at 4:00 pm. All are welcome.

The ice is in at the Rolling Hills Arena and they are ready for the season! The Sidelines Café at the arena is also open for your dining pleasure.

Bob was out for an evening stroll and met up with a neighbour walking two dogs. "Nice pups you have there," he remarked. "Thank you," replied the owner, "Their names are Calvin and Klein." "Oh, like the underwear?" asked Bob. Smirking, the owner responded, "Well, yes, they are boxers..."

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259. You may also EMAIL me at goombaw@eidnet.org with subject line Tilley Telegram. On long weekends, news is due Thursday morning before the holiday!

Division 4 gets 72 per cent increase to recreation funds

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council has approved a request to increase the Division 4 recreation funding by \$18,000 or 72 per cent as part of the 2022 budget.

"That would bring the total up to \$43,000 per year," Layne Johnson, the county's director of corporate services presented to

council.

In a May letter to the county from the Bow Slope Recreation Board, it was stated the increase is required for utilities, maintenance and insurance rates.

"With regards to the recreation funding amounts allocated for each division there is a significant variation which is primarily due to the extent and type

of facilities available within each division."

He said divisions that surround urban municipalities the amounts contributed are determined through agreements.

The Division 4 Rec Board last had an increase in 2012 from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

The division is home to the EID Historical Park and the Bow City Campground and community hall.



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Friday, December 10
Regular Sale 9:00 am

Saturday, December 11
Bred Cow & Heifer Sale 12:00 Noon

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NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING

VILLAGE OF DUCHESS/COUNTY OF NEWELL INTERMUNICIPAL DISPUTE

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Take notice that the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (Tribunal) has received a notice of appeal from the Village of Duchess (Village) regarding County of Newell (County) Land Use Bylaw 2016-21.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled as follows

DATE: Tuesday, December 14, 2021
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: The proceedings will be conducted via WebEx

The Village is of the opinion that by deleting the "Fringe" Land Use District and substituting the "General Agricultural" Land Use District, Bylaw 2016-21 does not capture the impact some activities have on urban settlement. In summary, the Village contends:

- The removal of the "Fringe" Land Use District, including the list of uses and subdivision policies, conflicts directly with the policies of the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP),
- By deleting the "Fringe" Land Use District and substituting the General Agricultural Land Use District, Bylaw 2016-21 does not capture the impact previously prohibited agricultural and non-agricultural activities will have on the Village,
- By deleting the "Fringe" Land Use District, Bylaw 2016-21 unilaterally changes policy which is central to the function of the IDP,
- Bylaw 2016-21 does not contain a comprehensive map, either in paper or digital form, which depicts a clear legend and the individual parcels of land which have been assigned zoning.

Section 691(1)(a) of the *Municipal Government Act (Act)* requires the Tribunal to conduct an intermunicipal dispute appeal hearing regarding this matter. Section 690(4) of the *Act* states the bylaw provisions under appeal are deemed to be of no effect in the areas outlined in the statutory declaration until the Tribunal makes its decision. Section 691(2) of the *Act* requires the Tribunal to hear from the municipality making the appeal, the municipality against whom it is launched, and the owners of the land that is the subject of the appeal.

If you plan to participate in the preliminary hearing and/or wish to make an oral submission to the Tribunal during the proceedings, please advise the Tribunal office by 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 9, 2021. Written submissions pertaining to the preliminary hearing should be received by the Tribunal no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 9, 2021. Copies of all written submissions received by the Tribunal will be forwarded to the Village and the County prior to the preliminary hearing and may be made available to the public.

Copies of the documents for this Intermunicipal Dispute appeal should be available for viewing at the Village and the County municipal offices during regular business hours and may be available on the municipal websites. You may also wish to contact:

Yvonne Cosh
Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Duchess
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To register to attend and/or to file written submissions regarding this matter, please contact the Tribunal Case Manager at the address below.

Rick Duncan
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Land and Property Rights Tribunal
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obituaries



OHAMA - SONNY OHAMA
1926- 2021

Mr. Sonny Ohama of Lethbridge, treasured companion and friend of Judy Fukushima and beloved husband of the late Mrs. Jene Ohama, passed away peacefully at Extencicare Fairmont on November 21, 2021 at the age of 95 years.

Besides his loving companion Judy, Sonny is survived by his son Vincent (Adele) of Red Deer.

He was predeceased by his parents Kinzi and Kimi; brothers Toss, Tona, George, Albert, Kingo and Charlie; sisters Mae and Mary; and infant son David.

Sonny was born in Norfolk, Alberta on September 30, 1926 and attended school in Surrey B.C and Raymond AB. He loved sports and competed in track, baseball and basketball.

In 1942 the family settled in Rainier, AB working the land and becoming an important part of the farming community. He married Jene Endo on November 4, 1961 and was a devoted husband until Jene's passing in 1997. During this time in Rainier, he continued to farm and raised his family. He loved to spend time with his family and friends while fishing camping and traveling. After retiring to Lethbridge, Sonny became a part of the areas golf and curling community. It was after a senior curling game in 2005 that he met Judy and for the next 16 years they shared their lives together.

Friends and family will have many fond memories of Sonny out at the farm or fixing this or that, building some new project, having a fishing line in the water or having a golf club or curling broom in his hand.

Sonny will always be remembered for his generosity, kindness and soft-spoken manner. A man truly beloved by all, he will be deeply missed.

A private family Funeral Service was held at Martin Brothers Riverview Chapels. Interment took place at the Brooks Cemetery.

To watch Sonny's Funeral Service via livestream, please go to <https://www.mbfunerals.com/obituary/Sonny-Ohama> and scroll to the bottom of the obituary.

Flowers are gratefully declined. For those who wish, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories.

Visit www.mbfunerals.com to send a condolence.

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livestock

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employment

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coming events

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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811 Cassils Rd. W., Brooks
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 403-793-4796

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obituaries



LARSON - Ronald William Larson of Brooks, passed away in Brooks on Thursday, November 25th, 2021 at the age of 58 years. Ron was born on March 14th, 1963 in Calgary, Alberta to Norman and Joan Larson. He was a skilled tradesman, serving the Brooks area for many years as owner/operator of Brooks Restoration. Ron loved golfing, even sneaking in a couple rounds of golf on his way back from his cancer treatments. He loved spending time with his kids and grandkids and watching his granddaughters play hockey. Ron was a Toronto Blue Jays fan and he loved music. He was predeceased by his partner Lavone Lussier and his father Norman. Ron is survived by his sons, Brandon (Valley) Larson of Airdrie, Alberta, Nick (Elicia) Larson and Morgan Larson of Calgary; mother Gladys Larson of Lethbridge, Alberta; stepdaughter Natasha (Troy) Caverly of Brooks; grandchildren, Traiya and Trinity Caverly of Brooks and Reign and Onyx Larson of Airdrie; siblings, Terri (Jeff) Phillips of Raymond, Alberta, Nathan Smith of Calgary, Norm (Terry) Larson of Calgary, Dan (Debra) Larson of Courtney, British Columbia, Patti (John) Kloppenburg of Cremona, Alberta, Chuck Smith of Calgary, Debbie (Barry) Cherniawsky of Calgary and Rick (Lyn) Larson of Riviera Nayarit, Mexico and numerous nieces nephews and friends. At Ron's request there will be no formal service. In memory of Ron, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made to Canadian Cancer Society 200, 325 Manning Road NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 2P5.

Cremation is entrusted to and conducted by Smith Funeral Home Ltd. and Crematorium, Brooks



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The Berry Creek Ag Society's

AGM

is scheduled for **Wed., Dec. 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm** at the Hardgrass Hub in Pollockville, AB.

Will follow COVID-19 restrictions for the time of the meeting.

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obituaries



ORLITA - Our Dad, Mike Orlita, beloved husband of Elaine, passed away peacefully in Brooks, on November 27, 2021, at the age of 90 years. Dad was born in Regina, Saskatchewan on May 9, 1931, to Anthony and Stella Orlita. The family had emigrated from Poland and was farming in Dysart, Saskatchewan. In 1945 the family moved to the Millicent area, where Dad grew up. Dad met the love of his life, Elaine Fleury, in 1953 through friends. They dated 1 or 2 times a week, enjoying Friday night dances at the Elks Hall. He instantly knew he wanted to marry Mom. He owned a 3 ton truck that he would haul grain or cattle in, for farmers in the area. He saved \$100 cash, went to "Ellik's Jewellery", in Brooks, bought a diamond ring, and proposed to Mom before the Friday night dance. Mom accepted and they were married seven months later, June 21, 1954. They celebrated their 67th anniversary, this year. Dad loved to work, starting on the farm with his Dad, at 8 years old. Grandpa Orlita would sit Dad on the tractor so he could steer it, while his Dad would be behind him on a seeder or another implement. There would be a rope around Dad's waist and his Grandpa Orlita would yank the rope, sometimes to wake Dad up, or to steer to the right or left. Dad developed a strong work ethic and a love of the land. After Dad and Mom married, they worked on the farm in Millicent with Dad's parents for a year or so. Dad loved that Mom too was a hard worker and always took part. Thus started Dad's journey of always having a "hobby", which meant a second job to go to at the end of the day. In 1955 Dad worked selling parts, as well as building quonsets, with his brother-in-law Jesse, for farmers and businesses. In late 1958 Dad opened a Royalite Service Station and bulk gas sales. During this time he also tried his hand at building houses, even helping build their own home, in his spare time. They still reside in that same home, 58 years later. In 1968 Dad went to work for the Martin family at Evergreen Implements, in the parts department. He knew every piece of John Deere equipment and every part that made them run. He loved to visit with the farmers and often their wives, who were sent in for parts during seeding or harvest. He would be the first one to arrive, at the shop, and put the coffee on for decades, even after he retired. Those morning visits were dear to him. Of course, Dad needed a "hobby" while working at Evergreen, so he started a honey bee keeping business. Learning from his brother-in-law, Eric, he ran about 400 hives from 1968 to 1976. This was a family business and everyone took part. From April 1 to late October, evenings and weekends he and Mom provided a learning experience for their children of hard work and cooperation. After Dad's retirement, from Evergreen Implements, he went back to his roots and his love of the land and purchased a quarter section of farmland. His son Len joined him and they bought two more quarter sections and formed Orlita Farms. Dad passed his love of the land on to Len and the two of them became inseparable. They proceeded to rent numerous acres and create a highly respected quality of crop farming. Dad's favorite place to be on earth was in the seat of a John Deere tractor out on the land. He was blessed to continue doing just that until well into his 80's. Dad would start each day scoping the "Weather Network" on the iPad, in the early hours of the morning, to get an idea of what he and Len might accomplish that day. Dad and Mom were very involved in their Catholic Church community. Dad belonged to the Knights of Columbus. They developed a tradition, starting with Mom's family to join in a meal following mass. The location would rotate with Mom and her sister Theresa hosting. As the kids got older and started families of their own, the tradition would take place in a restaurant for brunch. Any family and grandkids available were always welcome to attend. Through this they met, Bernice and John, who did the same thing, every Sunday after church. Over 25 years of brunches, Bernice and John, became a part of the Orlita family. Dad and Mom's children and grandchildren continued to join in, when they could, with Grandson Mike being the fifth wheel for over a decade. Dad loved sports, both live and on TV. He was an avid baseball player in his teens and twenties. He played for the Millicent Young Liberals. He would speak of the men that took him under his wing and welcomed him to play, when so young. "We were all just a group of farmers." Dad was tall and had long legs, so he was a fast runner. He loved stealing bases and was good at it. He was very competitive and was even invited to try out for a US team but decided against it. He was an NHL referee and a baseball umpire for countless games, right from his own living room arm chair. His competitive spirit transferred to card playing when Mom's parents taught them to play duplicate bridge. They belonged to the Brooks Duplicate Bridge Club but played everywhere they went, even Hawaii. The four of them would travel around to tournaments all over Alberta and Montana. Dad and Mom had the good fortune to travel to Honolulu for two weeks every February for many years. They often went with Mom's parents and other family. They loved to share their favorite places. Dad was a soft hearted, generous guy with a great sense of humor. Tears would come easily whether he was watching "The Sound of Music" or just sharing a story. He would surprise those around the table with a slap on the cheek with his bologna before he put it on his plate. He loved people and would never turn down an opportunity to just sit and chat. As a family, we always had a two week camping trip, our favorite spot being Fairmont Hot Springs. Dad loved the hot springs and could sit in that water for hours and visit with "new friends". Whenever Dad and Mom would get sentimental, they would turn on the iPad and look at pictures of their Great Grandchildren. That would always make them smile. Dad and Mom have been blessed to have loving caregivers in their home for the past ten years. Dad was especially grateful for their care since last March and when asked at the hospital what he preferred to be called, his reply was "Grandpa". That's what my caregivers call me at home. Dad was predeceased by his parents Anthony and Stella; his three sisters Vera, Mary and Isabelle and their spouses; Mom's parents Cliff and Alice Fleury; brothers-in-law Robert Fleury and Laurier Fleury. Dad is survived by his wife Elaine, his four children and families - Sherri (Eric) Strauss, Danielle (Justin) and Jaclynn (Ryan); Debra (Michael) Courtney, Jennifer (Brad) Mehalko, Shaun (Kayla), Eligh and Becker; Len (Brenda) Orlita, Brittany and Tate; Leanne (Ken) Mandeville, Keith (Jill), Mike, Tracy (Richard) Dupre, Tucker, Nash and Leo; numerous nieces and nephews. Several days after becoming incoherent and three days before his passing, Dad clearly led his family and Priest, in praying The Lord's Prayer aloud. "His faith carried him home." In memory of Dad, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Brooks and District Health Foundation, Bag 300, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B3. A Family Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday, December 1 at 4:00 PM from St. Mary's Catholic Church. A Family Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 2 at 10:30 AM from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Rev. Marino Infante Celebrant. Interment to follow at Brooks Cemetery. Live Streaming will be available for both the Prayer Service and Mass Service via St. Mary's Catholic Church, Brooks' Facebook page.

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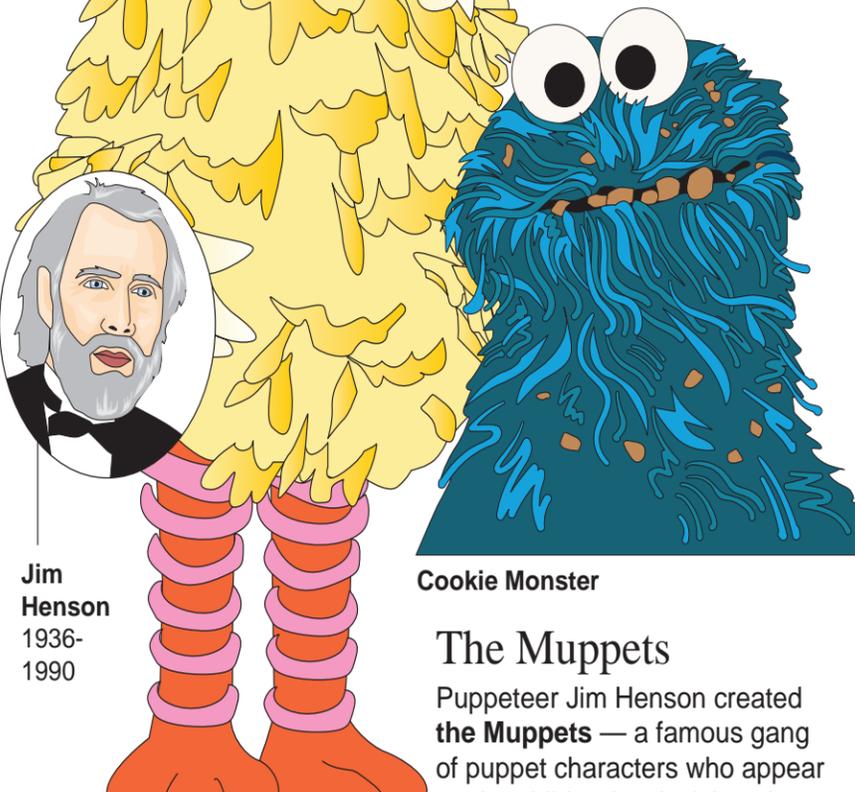
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PUPPETS

Puppetry is an ancient form of theater that uses doll-like, movable figures to entertain or tell a story. Puppets come in all sizes — as big as a person or as small as your little finger. Puppets are fun to watch and fun to make.

Big Bird from the TV show "Sesame Street"



Jim Henson
1936-1990

Cookie Monster

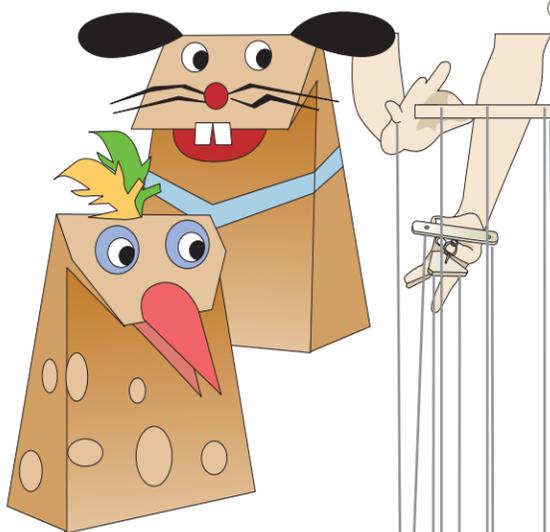
The Muppets

Puppeteer Jim Henson created **the Muppets** — a famous gang of puppet characters who appear on the children's television show "Sesame Street." Muppets tend to have big eyes, big mouths and big personalities. Most are made of foam rubber or other soft material, with rods attached to their arms. A Muppet is operated by a Muppeteer, who is usually hidden from view.

Bunraku is a Japanese form of puppetry. Large, beautifully painted and carved wood puppets are controlled by puppeteers dressed in black.



Punch is a hunchback dressed as a jester. He carries a long stick, which he uses often. Characters that resemble Punch were popular in many European countries.



Paper-bag puppets

It's easy to make puppets from small paper lunch bags. You can create all kinds of characters — from people and animals to fairies and monsters.

Supplies needed

Paper bags, construction paper, glue, scissors, markers or crayons

Paper-bag puppets

1. Draw and color face and costume.
2. Cut out ears and other features from construction paper, and glue onto bag.



Cambodian shadow puppet

Cutout figures perform behind a brightly lit screen.

The Salzburg Marionette Theatre has been performing plays, operas and ballets with stringed puppets since 1913.



"**Howdy Doody**" was a popular TV show that ran from 1947 until 1960. Howdy Doody was a wooden puppet. Each episode opened with the question, "Say, kids, what time is it?"

Types of puppets

Hand puppets are the most common type of puppets. Sitting on a puppeteer's hand, the figurine is manipulated with finger, thumb and wrist action. Many hand puppets have movable mouths to speak, sing and express emotions. Some have arms and hands to make gestures or pick up objects. Most hand puppets do not have legs or feet.

Marionettes are the most intricate figures of the puppet world. Multijointed and controlled by strings, they can walk, run, sit, jump, carry objects and open doors.

The stringed marionettes we know today were developed during the 16th century. By the late 1570s, puppets were so lifelike that some puppeteers were suspected of witchcraft. Marionette operas were so popular in the late 1600s that rival theater and opera guilds tried to close them down. In contemporary puppetry, the marionette remains the most delicate and difficult medium of the puppeteer's art.

Rod puppets are manipulated by the puppeteer with long sticks. These puppets can be as simple as a figure on a single stick, or more complex, with many rods moving several puppet parts. Some Muppet-type puppets use a combination of handwork and rods.

Shadow puppetry has been popular in Asia since ancient times. Flat rod puppets throw a silhouette or shadow onto an illuminated screen, which is viewed by the audience from the other side. Light, color and animation bring the characters to life.

In a word

The word **puppet** comes from the Latin *pupa*, meaning "doll."

A bit of history

It is not known when the first puppets came into use, but evidence suggests they have existed in almost all cultures for thousands of years. Puppet-like figures from ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome and China have been discovered.

Puppeteers

A person who controls and manipulates a puppet is called a **puppeteer**. A group of puppeteers is called a **troupe**. A puppeteer troupe will often travel to different locations, performing shows. Puppeteers are usually hidden, creating the illusion that the puppets are alive.

Punch and Judy

Possibly the most famous of all puppet theater, the exploits of Punch and Judy (his wife) began in England in 1662. Traditionally, one puppeteer brought both hand puppets to life.



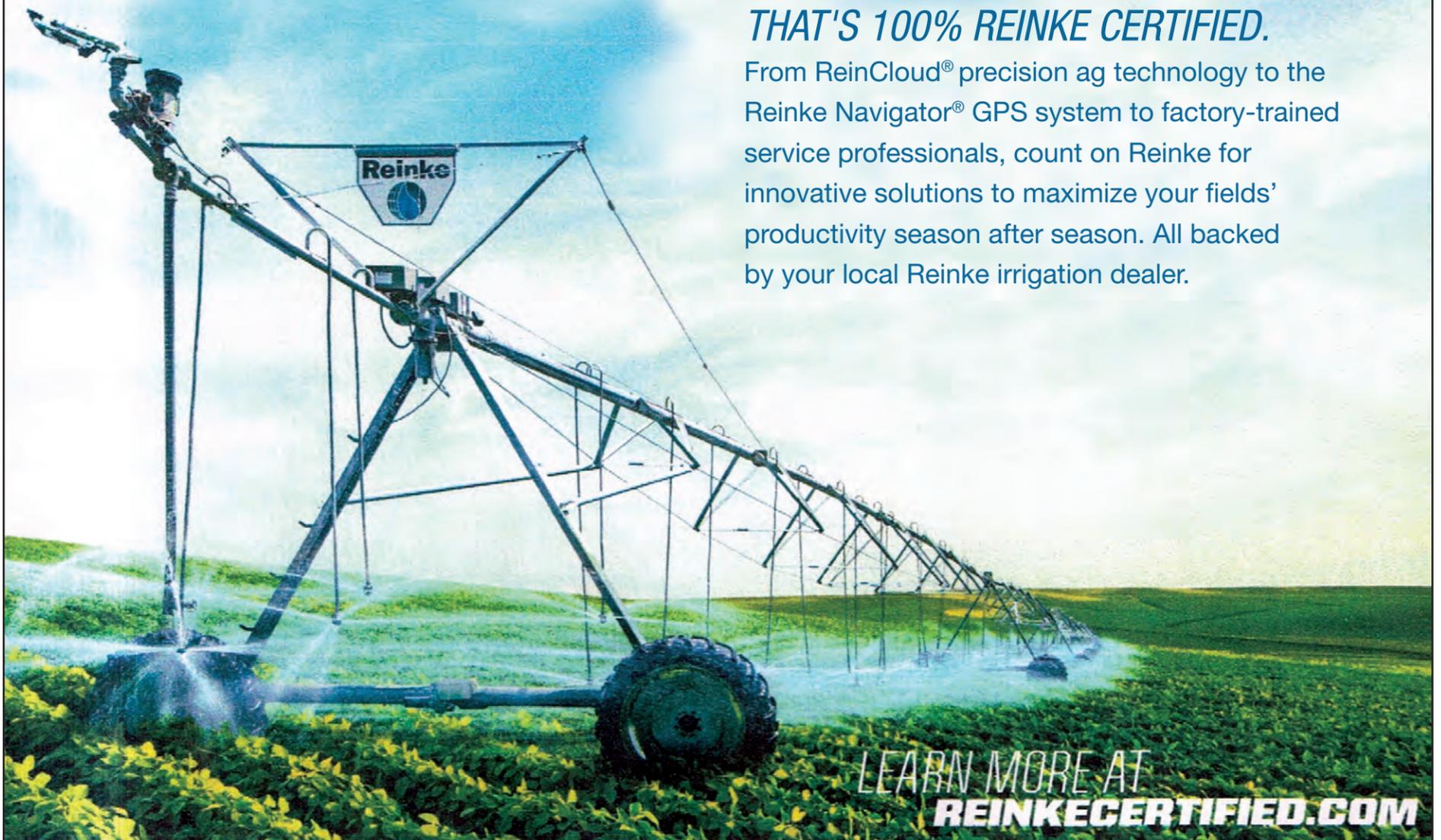
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