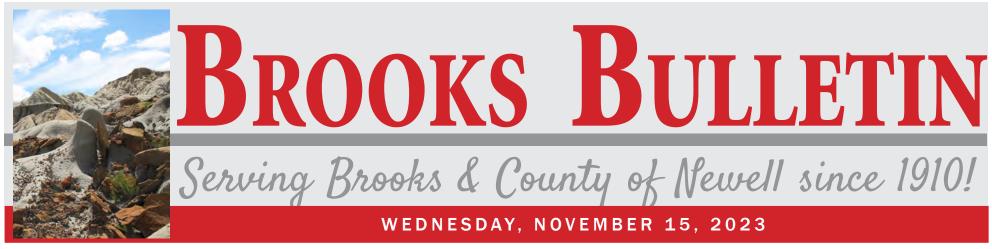


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High winds prevented the laying of the wreaths at the Brooks Cenotaph on Remembrance Day so they were presented to the Brooks Cadets during the service. About 100 people including municipal elected officials and representatives of the federal and provincial governments, police and military along with the public attended the cenotaph. An earlier Remembrance Day service was held at JBS Canada Centre with about 200 in attendance. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



## Former Brooks physician to lead Alberta Health board

SANDRA M STANWAY **BROOKS BULLETIN** 

Dr. Lyle Oberg, a former Brooks physician, provincial cabinet minister and a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, has been tasked to lead the transition of the Alberta health care system.

"I'm honoured to serve Albertans and take part in building a strong provincial health care system that works for Albertans and health care workers and supports their needs," he said.

"I experienced first-hand the imbalances between access to care in rural and urban communities during my practice as a physician."

Oberg is joined on board by Sandy the Edmonstone, Calgary Health Foundation board chair, Andre Tremblay, the deputy minister of health, Evan Romanow, the deputy minister of mental health and addiction and Cynthia Farmer, the deputy minister of seniors, community and social services and Paul George Haggis. A seventh board member will be appointed. Former AHS administrator Dr. Iohn Cowell will act as an advisor to the board until December.

"The seven-member board will support the transition of AHS into a health care organization with a focus on delivering

high-quality acute care services within reorganized single а provincial health care system," states a provincial release.

"Under the new structure, AHS' primary focus will be acute care and continuing care. Other AHS delivery functions will move to be accountable to the new organizations."

Over the next 18 to 24 months, the new organizations will oversee four specialized sectorspecific health areas: primary care, acute care, continuing care and mental health and addictions. The first organization set up will be continuing care, to be implemented by May 2024.

"We are very focused on making sure that all of these four organizations that we set up are laser-focused on improvements, on patient care, on making sure that those that are on the front lines are able to provide their feedback to us directly," said health minister Adriana LaGrange.

"This huge is а undertaking but a necessary one," she said, having previously said the health care system was in a state of collapse.

The change will also see the province return decision-making to the local level by restructuring the 12 AHS health boards into 12 regional advisory councils



Alberta premier Danielle Smith answers a reporters question on the health care system changes in Edmonton last Wednesdav. CHRIS SCHWARZ/ALBERTA GOVERNMENT PHOTO

and an Indigenous advisory council.

On Wednesday premier Danielle Smith, who opened the press conference by saying "Welcome to a new day for healthcare in Alberta," said creating specialized organizations within one provincial system will enable each organization to look after one area of healthcare only and, "Avoid the scattered and uncoordinated approach of the more rigid centralized structure that exists now."

Speaking to members at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) convention the following day, she said the goal is that the system is adaptable.

"If your community has specific acute needs in one specific area the system will be able to shift to meet that local demand and not because AHS has decided it from on high but because staff and healthcare decision-makers in the region have the freedom to react and to respond."

While Dr. Paul Parks, president of the Alberta Medical Association, told his members that it is crucial to approach the restructuring responsibly and carefully to ensure there are no adverse impacts on patient care or lead to longer wait times and poorer access, Heather Smith, the president of the United Nurses of Alberta said the restructuring does not address "chronic understaffing and overwork caused by the shortage of nurses."

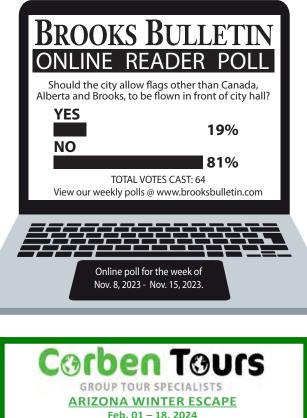
She said the government's plans will make the problem worse.

"It seems likely the chaos in the health care system will be a roadblock to the retention and recruitment of nurses," she said.

will "Tomorrow, it change? It's taken a long time to get to where we are. It's going to take some time to shift but that being said, once we get into the new focused areas my anticipation is that we will actually see better

outcomes because they will be laser-focused on making sure that they address the

concerns and the problems that they're seeing on the ground," said LaGrange.



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## **Families in Brooks need to** earn \$19.05 to meet expenses

2023 Alberta Living Wage Network Report released...

#### SANDRA M STANWAY **BROOKS BULLETIN**

To cover basic expenses and have a modest standard of living, a Brooks resident needs to earn \$19.05 per hour which may include benefits as part of the calculation.

That's according to the Alberta Living Wage report that was released earlier this month for its 16 member municipalities.

A living wage is calculated by looking at the amount of money a family of four requires to earn to meet their expenses and allow children to develop.

"It assumes that each adult is working full-time hours and includes savings unexpected for costs, continuing education, child care and a small which allows amount people to participate in the community," states the document.

Based on calculations, a family of four in Brooks spends \$77,685 on things such as food, clothing and shelter, it receives \$28,416 in government benefits and pays \$7,818 in taxes.

To cover their costs, workers would need to have a wage of \$17.21.

"This year we have faced affordability challenges like nothing I've seen in my career," said Meaghon Reid, executive director of Vibrant Communities Calgary and a member of the network.

According to Reid, there are more than 100,000 people on the brink of losing their shelter and many who are making trade-offs.

"But we also saw that the government's affordability payments made a difference albeit temporarily. It's time for longer-term action that will help people right now."

Last year compared to this year's report showed that lower wages were required in four communities based on the federal and provincial government affordability payments, however, the difference was pennies.

Drayton Valley was \$19.65 last year and is \$19.55 this year, Grande Prairie was \$19.65 last year and is \$18.90 this year, Medicine Hat was \$17.50 last year and is \$17.35 this year and Red Deer was \$19.65 last year and is \$18.75 this year.

"We know this is not the reality for low-wage workers who live in these communities," states a

release from Living Wages

"We hope that governments across the country see the benefit that these payments had on lower-wage workers and take steps towards more long-term income-based solutions."

The other member municipalities increased.

Brooks, Cochrane, and Drumheller are on the report for the first time. Rocky Mountain House did not return this year so the wage difference is unknown.

The 2023 wages for the municipalities member are: Medicine Hat \$17.35, Red Deer: \$18.75, Grande Prairie: \$18.90, Brooks: \$19.05, Drayton Valley: \$19.55, Lethbridge: \$20.60, Spruce Grove: \$21.00, Stony Plain: \$21.10, Lac La Biche County: \$21.60, High River: \$21.70, Edmonton: \$22.25, Calgary: \$23.70, St. Albert: \$23.80, Fort McMurray: \$24.50, Jasper: \$24.90 and Canmore: \$38.80.

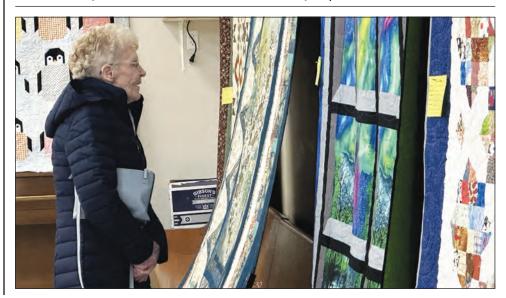
There are 100 employers across Calgary, Lethbridge, Red Deer and Vauxhall that are enrolled as Living Wage Network Employers. A

Although there are no employer members listed in the city or across the county, Lafarge Canada is a member and does have a presence in Brooks.

## Quilts and things on display



Over 100 people attended the annual quilt show on Nov. 4 at the Trinity Lutheran Church to look at the 80 items on display. The items included 36 quilts, 13 wall hangings and other small items such as Scrappy, a homemade Teddy Bear and a travel pouch that was pieced together. Other items included simple sewing walker totes that were made and will be donated to Newbrook Lodge residents by Gloria Evans. Top picture, Janet Perkins, Lenore Anderson and Rosemary Koch look at a quilt while, bottom, Elsie Munro looks at a quilt. | SM STANWAY PHOTOS





### **Notice of Public Hearing**

CITY OF BROOKS, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA PROPOSED BYLAW 23/15 (Zoning Change) To be held at 5:00 pm, December 4, 2023 **City of Brooks Council Chambers** 

PURSUANT to sections 216.4, 606 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the Council of the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt Bylaw 23/15, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw 14/12 for the municipality.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed Bylaw 23/15 is to redesignate Lot 4 Block 4, and Lot 4 Block 1, Plan 1711387 (6th Street West) from "COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G)" to "RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (R-HD)", as illustrated below, to accommodate the policies of the Northwest Sector Area Structure Plan.

#### HOW TO REVIEW THE BYLAW AND SUBMIT COMMENTS

A copy of the proposed bylaw is available on the City of Brooks website at brooks.ca/342/news

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#### **Municipal Planning Commission Board Vacancy**

#### The City of Brooks is looking for a citizen at large to sit on the Municipal Planning Commission.

The Municipal Planning Commission considers applications for development permits within the City of Brooks and makes decisions after giving due regard to the purpose, intent, scope and resolution outlined in the Land Use Bylaw adopted by Council. They also review and advise Council on other matters such as subdivision applications and statutory plans.

> If you feel this is a Board that interests you, please contact: Natacha Entz. Development Officer: 403-362-3333 | nentz@brooks.ca



If you would like to submit comments or require further information on this proposed bylaw please email lub@brooks.ca, call 403-362-3333, visit the City of Brooks office during normal business hours or mail comments to the following address:

> Planning and Engineering 201 - 1st Avenue West Box 879 Brooks, Alberta, T1R 1B7

Please forward written submissions on or before November 30 at 4:30 PM.

#### HOW TO ATTEND OR VIEW THE PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw 23/15 will be held in the City of Brooks Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2023.

The City of Brooks Council Meeting and public hearing will also be streamed online on the City of Brooks Facebook and YouTube.

### COMMENT From the files of the Bulletin... Plant pickerel eggs in two reservoirs

One million, five hundred "eyed" pickerel thousand eggs were planted in Lake Newell and Cowoki irrigation Wednesday reservoirs provincial afternoon by fisheries government inspectors and officials of the Brooks Fish and Game Association. It was the first introduction of a game fish into reservoirs of the district and met with hearty approval of all sportsmen.

The fish eggs were delivered to Brooks by auto and transferred from their icepacking to their new homes. About a million were moved to Lake Newell, oldest and longest reservoir on the project, and the balance to Cowoki.

Next year the government plans to bring in "mature" pickerel, ready to spawn, and place them in the same waters. Pickerel are said to be sporty, with firm flesh even when caught in the warmest weather.--June 9, 1938.

Brooks Fish and Game officials were notified this week that the provincial fisheries department is prepared to stock Lake Newell with speckled trout. The action comes as a direct result of co-operation between the local sportsmen organization and the government department, the executive said, and will add greatly to the popularity of the irrigation reservoir as a fishing resort.

Lake Newell already abounds with pike and whitefish and last week nearly a million pickerel eggs were planted there. With the introduction of speckled trout, fishermen will be offered every type of the sport. Next year a further number of pickerel will be added to the well-stocked reservoir.

Sportsmen of the district acclaimed the most recent announcement as the best news from a fishing standpoint they have ever received. Lake Newell even now attracts fishermen from points as far distant as Maple Creek and northern Alberta.

Introduction of the gamier species of fish will undoubtedly bring greater numbers of sports lovers to the district, besides providing enjoyable recreation for farmers and others living on the project, it was considered.--June 16, 1938.

### EDITOR'S SCRAPBOOK

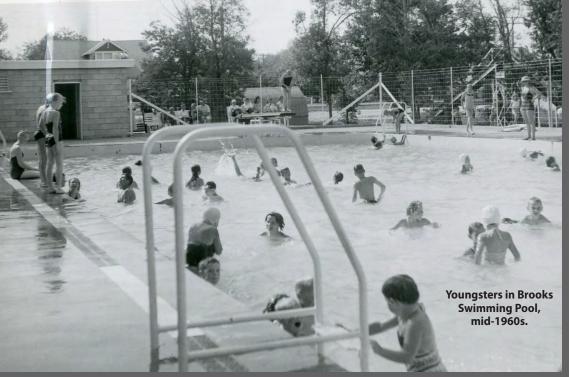
Wouldn't it be something if we could have things we love in abundance without their losing that special attraction the want of them held for us? – Dolly Parton

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Sometimes people put up walls, not to keep others out, but to see who cares enough to break them down. – Banana Yoshimoto



# TIME CAPSULE



### **Artificial Intelligence for Dummies**



I'm sorry that I didn't get my article on Artificial Intelligence in last week during the 'AI Safety Summit' at Bletchley Park, the historic Second World War decoding centre in England. I got distracted by some other stuff that was happening in the Middle East.

The other reason for the delay was that whenever I looked at the video of Rishi Sunak, prime minister of Little Britain, sitting awestruck at the feet of Elon Musk and saying things like "Given that you are known for being such a brilliant innovator and technologist...," I would collapse into helpless giggles. Some people claim that Sunak was pitching for a job with Musk once he loses next year's election and is defenestrated by his own Conservative Party, but that's unfair. Sunak doesn't need a post-politics job; his fatherin-law owns half of India. He's just an awkward nerd who wishes that he too was a tech bro.

Anyway, the topic at Bletchley Park was AI. Between Biden's Joe announcement of a US 'AI Safety Institute' and Sunak's 'AI Safety Summit' (graced by Vice-President Kamala Harris, King Charles III and Elon Musk), a lot was said about artificial intelligence. Most of it was nonsense. Demis Hassabis, CEO Google DeepMind, of declared that "I am not in the pessimistic camp about AI, obviously, otherwise I wouldn't be working on it,"

but last May he warned that the threat of human extinction from AI should be treated as a societal risk comparable to pandemics or nuclear weapons.

Kamala Harris went for profundity: "Just as AI has the potential to do profound good, it also has the potential to do profound harm." That's equally true of drugs, money, and sharp knives. She's still not ready for prime time.

King Charles thought that "The rapid rise of powerful artificial intelligence is no less significant than...the harnessing of fire." At the risk of committing lèse-majesté, one must reply: No it isn't, and besides it hasn't even happened yet.

Musk, never at a loss for words, opined that AI is an "existential threat" because human beings for the first time are faced with something "that is going to be far more intelligent than us." It was a jamboree of the trite and the portentous.

These deep thinkers were all banging on about existential risk, but that is a contingency that would only arise if the machines were endowed with something called 'artificial general intelligence', that is, cognitive abilities in software comparable or superior to human intelligence.

Such AGI systems would have intellectual capabilities as flexible and comprehensive as those of human beings, but they would be faster and better informed because they could access and process huge amounts of data at incredible speed. They would be a real potential threat, but they don't exist. There is not even any evidence that we are closer to such creating such software than we were five or ten years ago. There has been great progress in narrow forms of artificial intelligence, like selfdriving vehicles and automated

legal systems, but the only threat they pose, if any, is to jobs.

That's not a minor issue, but it is hardly existential. And the advent of chatbots that can write essays and fill out job applications for you is not AGI either.

The 'Large Language Models' the chatbots are trained on make them expert in choosing the most plausible next word. That may occasionally produce random sentences containing useful new data or ideas, but there is no intellectual activity involved in the process except in the human who recognises that it is useful.

There is plenty to worry about in how 'smarter' computer programmes will destroy jobs (now including highly skilled jobs), and also in how easy it has become to manipulate opinion with 'deepfakes' and the like. But none of that needed a highprofile conference at Bletchley Park.

So why did they all go there and wind up talking about existential threats? Well, one possibility is that the leaders of the tech giants wanted to make sure that they were in on the rule-making from the start, for there will surely be new rules made about AI over the next few years. Most of those rules will be about mundane commercial matters, not about threats to human existence. You might feel that it would be inappropriate for the people who will be making money from these commercial activities to be the ones making the rules. On the other hand, they should certainly be involved in decisions about any existential threats arising from their new technologies, so tactically it makes more sense for them to steer the discussion in that direction. They're not stupid, you know.

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### Remember . . . that we may never forget!



#### Pastor Maggie Theiss, Trinity Lutheran Church

Early November is a time of "remembering". Across the nation ceremonies happen that recall the sacrifice of the lives given by those who served in the wars of the past century and who continue to serve today. What is the purpose of this remembering? How real is this process for many of us? On social media we see many people post family members who served and if we are post family remembering someone close to us then it is still very real. But for many today the World Wars are A street poll done in California a few years ago recorded that a frightening majority of young people polled did not know who Adolf Hitler was which seems impossible. It is said that if we do not remember we will surely forget!

There is still a collective memory of the suffering, sacrifice, and death of so many, but it is shrinking daily. There is also an air of derision on the part of some who point out that the 'wars to end all wars' did not! For so many others the whole concept of war, bombings, the death of women and children, helpless babes in arms are beyond what they are willing to face and so they don't. Many think that if they turn off the news, refuse to hear, and look away they can carry on with their lives as usual. Before we judge too harshly, we should

remember that we are all sinners living in a sin filled, broken, confused and hurting world. Evil is real and present. It is almost impossible to know what to trust, whom to believe, and how to help in any kind of meaningful way. In response many simply tune out and focus instead on living their lives. In years past all eyes would have been on the wars happening and people joined together in doing their part to fight evil. My grandmother told me some of the best years of her life were the war years. How is that possible I asked? She said, 'we were all in it together and we cared for each other like family.' Each November she remembered not just the losses but also the shared purpose and community. Today it is not our lives nor our children's lives at risk of death each day and so

we carry on, often choosing to ignore what is happening in our world, staying busy with the affairs of work, school, raising our families and enjoying a relatively affluent and safe life. That is a choice many can and do make. It is also a choice to 'not remember'. And if history has proven anything it has shown us that what we choose to forget we are doomed to repeat.

Ask yourself right now, "What would you give your life to defend or preserve?" or "In Whom do you believe?" The concept of a society where all the people would rally together for a single shared cause is a difficult one for us to truly comprehend. If we are honest, we are a conflicted bunch about the issues of war, peace, right, wrong, and truth. We say, "live and let live", but the reality is that people are still dying.

We see dimly through shades of grey because we have lost the clarity of right and wrong. In that grey there is confusion, and we find ourselves adrift, often without purpose or hope. God, however, sees clearly and invites us to see clearly through the eyes of grace and love which God alone gives. God did not turn away from people when they were most in need. The Scriptures tell us that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16 In Romans 5 we hear these amazing words, "For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly ... but God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us." God remembered us in the depth of our sin and

showed us what love truly is - unconditional sacrifice. Christ bled and died for the forgiveness of sin, making right what was wrong and bringing us new life. In this gift of new life, we respond by loving and serving our neighbours both near and far! Instead of closing our eyes and tuning out the need of the world we remember the need of the world. Trusting in God's provision and grace we remember in prayer all who are suffering. Each day we remember to share our abundance, to speak words of kindness and care. In the grace and love God so freely gives we can imitate Christ's frame of mind, humbling ourselves to remember the sacrifice of lives, health, families, careers, hopes, and dreams that were given, and continue to be given for others, for us still today. We honour them and God with our daily choices. May our remembrance be intentional and life-giving!

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## LETTERS

## Signal lights: use them please

Editor, The Bulletin; I am truly impressed with our enlightened population. It was a rough and stress filled period through COVID but most people were astute enough and finally learned how to wash their hands.

Now the bigger challenge ahead, and has been for some time, is for the driving population to actually understand the intended function of signal lights and to actually utilizethis function to signal their "intended" turns while driving.

I think most of us will recognize that changing the direction of a vehicle does signal -well, a change of direction. Just saying.

RON EATON Brooks, AB.

## **Barry Morishita resigns as** leader of Alberta Party

#### SANDRA M STANWAY **BROOKS BULLETIN**

Alberta Party Leader Barry Morishita, who ran in the May 2022 Brooks-Medicine Hat by-election and in the October provincial election against Danielle Smith, has resigned.

Premier and Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Smith posted that she earned deep respect for Morishita and his ideas to make Alberta better during their debates and hallway conversations.

"Barry, you are an incredibly kind and thoughtful person and I wish you tremendous success in what you do next," she posted.

The resignation was announced last week, however, it was effective on 0ct. 15.

"After two years of service dedicated to promoting and building the party, Barry is moving on to the next chapter in his storied career and we wish him continued

Former leader of Alberta Party

success," states a release from the Alberta Party. Morishita

stepped down as Brooks mayor in September 2021 to take on the position.

He earned 18 per cent or 1,871 votes in the November 2022 by-election and 6.2 per cent or 1,233 votes in the provincial election.

"Undaunted by the results, Barry remains convinced that Alberta deserves better and that

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politics must change. He knows the Alberta Party has the answers Albertans are clamouring for."

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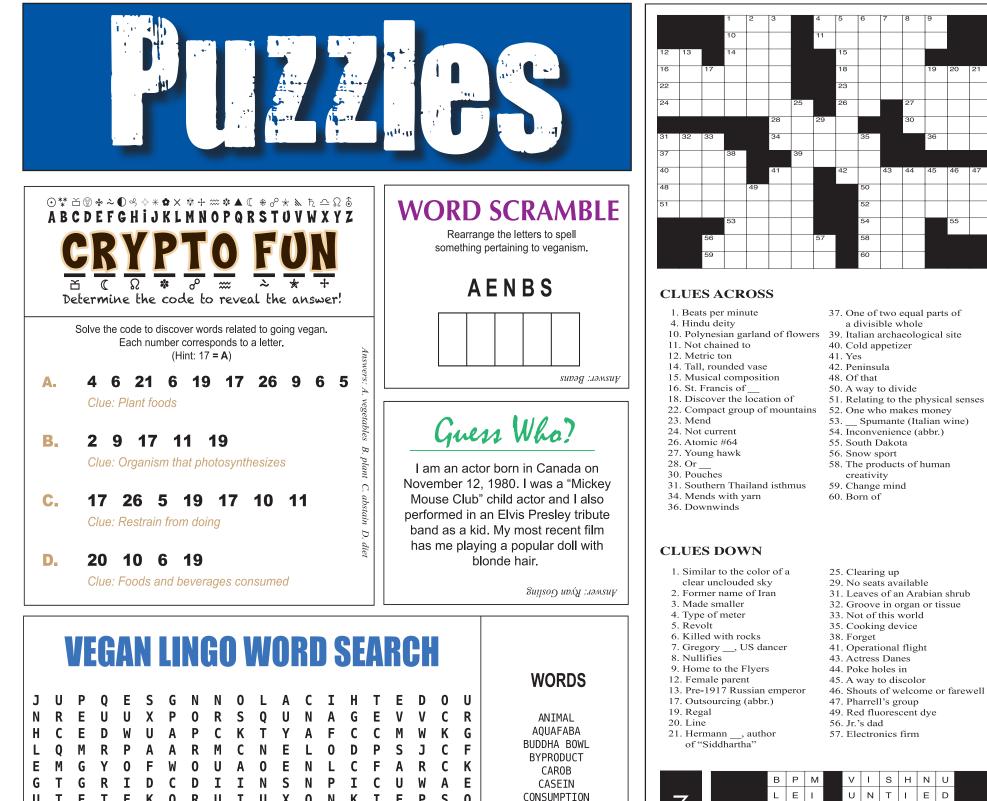
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# Horoscopes.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, you may see the details of a situation a little differently this week. unheard or unheeded, Virgo. This week someone starts giving you the attention you deserve.

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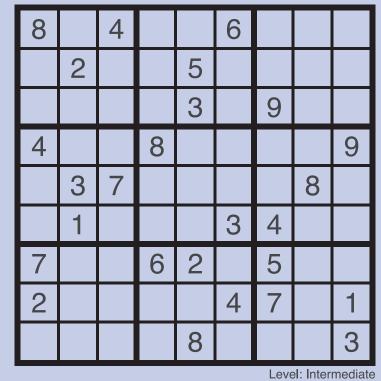
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Libra, if brain fog has set in the last few days, you may get a reprieve this week. Rather than floundering around, you'll have a direction to go and be focused on your goals.



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Taurus, your passion for a long-forgotten project is renewed. Dust off what you started, and see it through to completion. The results may surprise you.

#### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Are you ready to communicate, Gemini? It's time to have an important conversation with someone close to you. It may not always be comfortable, but it needs to be done.

#### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, a message will come to you that will shed light on something that you have been missing for some time. In fact, it is so simple you won't know why you missed it before.

#### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you may need some financial fixes this week. Take control of your spending and identify ways you can curtail it further going forward. Ask for help, if necessary.

#### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Lately your good advice and common sense offerings have largely gone

#### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 You may have been too close to the action to realize an important piece of the puzzle, Scorpio. After having an

opportunity to step back for a bit, the picture becomes much clearer.

#### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 Sagittarius, career gears could be spinning right now. You have a lot of questions to ponder, including whether you should stay put at work or maybe look elsewhere.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 Actions speak louder than words, Capricorn. Others will take note of your efforts and embrace any chance to work alongside you.

#### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

It is time to stop waffling on a particular situation, Aquarius. You have done the research and checked it over many times. Make a decision knowing you are prepared.

#### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You may need a crash course in negotiation, Pisces. There is something you have your eye on, and you may have to haggle over the details so things go your way.

## Kidnapping charge laid in connection with assault of woman

SANDRA M STANWAY **BROOKS BULLETIN** 

Brooks RCMP have charged local resident Kyle Ivan Potts, 37, with 22 charges in connection with a woman being critically injured after she 'fell' from a vehicle.

Last month RCMP said that witnesses had reported that a red Cadillac Escalade was speeding through the construction zone on Silver Sage Road when they saw a female fall out of the passenger side door.

female suffered The injuries which critical

did keep her in hospital, however, she has been released and is recovering.

On Nov. 7 during the early morning hours, Brooks RCMP and partnering policing teams, executed a search warrant on a residence in Sunnylea and arrested Potts at his home.

Potts has been charged with one count each of kidnapping, pointing a firearm, possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition, prohibited firearm in a vehicle, unlawful use of a firearm, threats to cause death or bodily harm, theft of a motor vehicle,

and improper storage of a firearm, eight counts of possession of a prohibited firearm and three counts each of assault with a weapon and failing to comply with release conditions.

The Crown will apply to revoke Potts's bail on the previous federal charges and they will seek indictment on all the new charges.

Potts appeared in court last week via CCTV and was remand to custody with consent. He will attend court today via CCTV for a bail hearing on the new charges.



The Duchess Eagles intermediate girls volleyball team earned a silver medal in Zones over weekend at the South Central Zone 1J Girls Volleyball Championship that was held in Bassano. The team had a successful season marked by medal placements at three local tournaments. The team clinched the gold at the Oct. 14 St. Joseph's Collegiate tournament where they defeated the host team in the final. They earned a silver after a hard fought third game against the Brooks Junior High 3 team at the Bassano tournament that was held over the Oct. 20 weekend. A tournament in Rosemary Duchess claimed gold after an intense three-game showdown against Strathmore's Holy Cross. In the league finals Duchess was defeated against the strong BJHS 1 team. Shown is the grade 7-9 team at the St. Joe's tournament. Back row, left to right, Steven Radford, head coach, Trystan Lewandoski, Paizley Best, Miley Rath, Halle Slaney, Judy Wieler, Emily Eckert, Kallie Freimark and Buffy Best, assistant coaches. Front row, left to right, Bria Petkus, Isabelle Freimark, Rosa Radford, Lillie Connors, Kayla Dunham and Aleta Kiedrowski. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## **City council approves one year** temporary permit for kiosk

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

The city has unanimously approved waiving its water and sewer regulation for one year to allow a temporary permit for a drive-through cafe.

The owner of the shop which is located in a lot adjacent to Third Street West, has been approved for two previous six-month temporary permits.

The regulations that have been waived by the city include that a building must be connected directly to a sanitary sewer and that no person shall allow water from another water supply that is not connected to or provided by the city.

The shop has been OK'd by Alberta Health Services. Its water is delivered and its greywater is removed.

Council also agreed to allow an extension beyond the year if it's requested.

The owner of the shop asked for an extension during a council meeting which was further discussed during a committee meeting. Although some

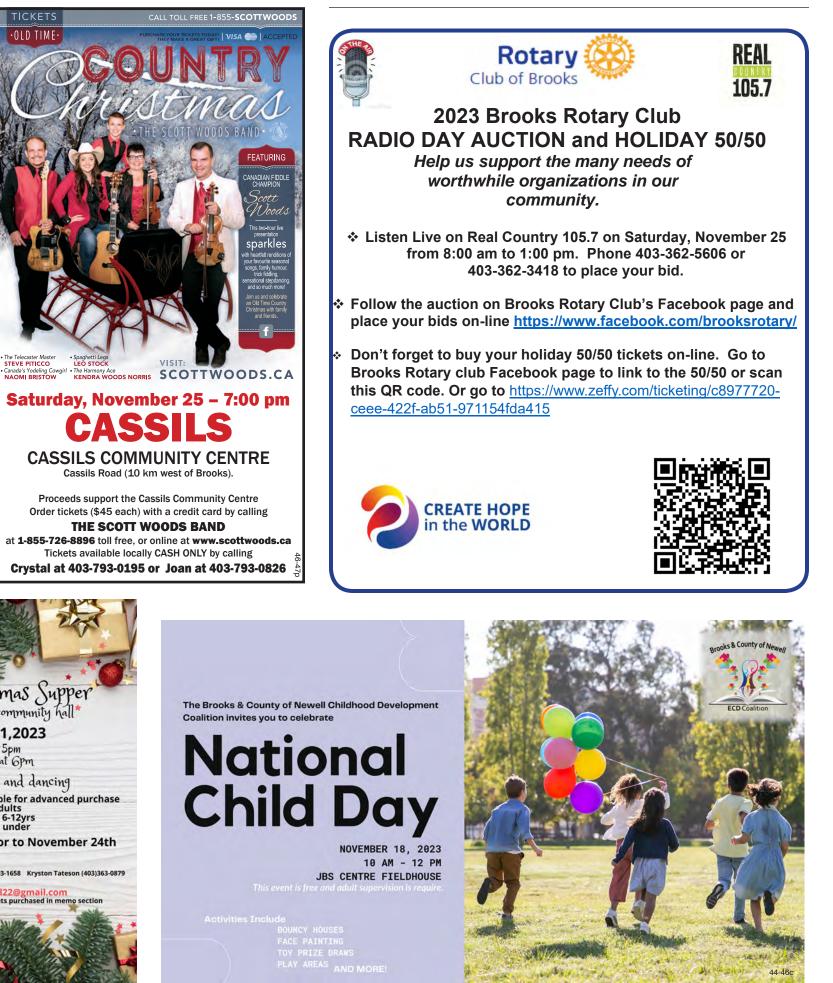
councillors raised concerns about the shop and how



temporary it may be, other councillors see it as a good option for a business. The estimated value of

construction as indicated

the non-residential on development permit application, shows that it has increased from \$11,400 to \$37,200.



Scandia Christmas Supper a fundraiser for the community hall December 1,2023 Happy Hour at 5pm Catered Supper at 6pm silent auction, music and dancing Limited number of tickets available for advanced purchase \$40.00 for adults \$40.00 for adults \$25.00 for ages 6-12yrs Free for 5 and under Tickets must be paid for prior to November 24th Contact Kathi Jacobson (403)363-8611 Pearl Ovinge (403)793-1658 Kryston Tateson (403)363-0879 Ok e-transfer: scandiahall22@gmail.com me and total amount of tickets purchased in memo section





Inter pipeline donated \$3,000 to REDI Connects to purchase kitchen items which will be used by REDI clients to start a cooking class. Shown left to right, representing REDI are David Galdamez, Karlee Duxbury and far right Mitchell Freundl, with Lisa Jones , second from left, representing Inter pipeline. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Eight guilty charges for local man

#### SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

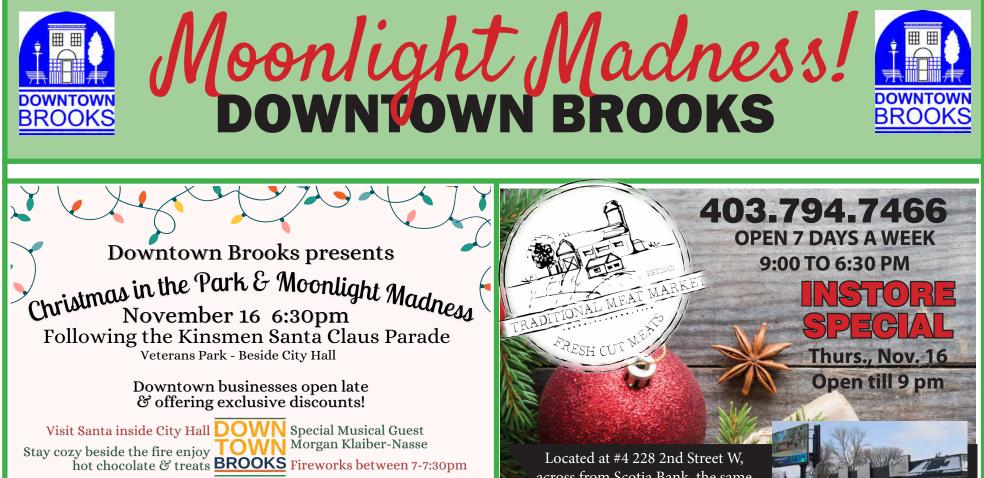
Adam Hoskins, 34, was sentenced last week in Brooks court to 75 days in custody.

Hoskins pleaded guilty to

three counts of disobeying a court order, three counts of theft under \$5,000 for stealing a lighter, two bottles of pop and a cell phone, one count of failing to attend court and one count of obstructing a peace officer. He will remain in custody on other charges and has asked to serve days in custody in lieu of a fine.

He will appear on three additional charges this month for the setting of trial dates.





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## Ag Ministerial junket declared a success... food exports should double - but others should get credit



The federal Ag Department communication machine recently blanketed every media outline and email address in their database with breath-taking news about a trade junket the federal Liberal Ág Minister made to Asia. The press release was filled with positive trade statistics, Minister's quotes, and selfaggrandizing observations that Minister MacAulay had just returned from a triumphal victory journey over fawning foreigners. Apparently, he met hundreds industry leaders, importers and government representatives who were so awed by his skill in promoting Canadian food products that

they felt an immediate need to buy more such exports. Ag Department word spinners made it seem like this bold visit, like a previous visit in 2015, would double ag and food exports to the area. Wow, who knew that a visit by the federal Ag Minister would result in such astonishing increases. Imagine what he could do if his entire job was touring the world promoting ag exports full-time. That is probably the dream scenario of senior Ag department bureaucrats who could then run the department according to their agenda and not have to constantly deal with a less busy Minister having annoying questions about other department business.

The Ag Minister taking credit for expanding Canadian ag and food exports is probably rather exasperating to the myriad commodity and food export agencies and companies that do the actual hard work laying the groundwork and doing the detailed merchandising and deal-making needed to make those increases. To be fair, many of those folks will agree that high-level meetings with senior foreign bureaucrats and government officials does help grease the wheels of trade in many countries. The press release also refers to \$31.8 million in funding for a new Ag export office in Manila, the Philippines, to, in their words, "help Canada engage with stakeholders, regulatory counterparts, and policy decision-makers." One wonders if there was an actual need for this office and if export agencies and exporting companies even requested it. One expects that those folks aren't opposed to a new entity designed to encourage more exports, but couldn't that \$31.8 million have been given to agencies like Canada Beef Inc., Canada Pork and other

such groups who are already there in the field and have a track record of success doing the real merchandising work. One suspects much of those new federal taxpayer millions in Manila will be squandered on lavish new offices, furniture, gender and equity consultants, ad agencies, administrators, visits by overseers from Ottawa and a squad of resident government bilingual trade officials all getting hefty six-figure wages plus housing and hardship benefits. From personal knowledge, that's all par for the course for a federal government entity. Still, one can't help but wonder what an annual \$10 million (from the \$31 million) federal boost to the Canada Beef Inc. budget would do to get actual ag export results. But I digress.

The press release stated that a whopping 160 organizations were part of the overall "Team Canada" trade

mission, 17 of which were from the agriculture sector. It must have been a crowded plane; perhaps there is a list of those groups somewhere and a rationale for why they were on the trip and how much taxpayer money funded their presence. Federal Government funding of these trade junkets for agencies and export companies goes back many decades and probably has some positive outcomes in identifying new opportunities. Other big exporting countries, like the US, EU, Australia, etc, carry out such trade missions. In Canada, all the big agexporting provinces also send their ag and industry Ministers off on foreign trade missions to promote their own food exports. One fully expects the Alberta Agriculture Minister to be off on a trade junket fairly soon. Such a trip may be more necessary than one might

presume. No one should expect the new Federal Liberal government ag export office in Manila to robustly promote Alberta meat exports. Never mind federal hostility towards Alberta in general, but their obsessive fixation on climate change would preclude much beef export advocacy, being Liberals view emissions from cattle production as a major factor in the destruction of the planet. One notes the massive change of the Federal Ag department from a research and market development entity into one that now focuses on climate change ideology as an indication of their negative attitude towards increasing meat exports. Nevertheless, expect glowing reports about the success of the new Manila ag export office.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.



SANDRA M STANWAY

The Alberta Utilities

Commission (AUC) will not allow Solar Krafte/

Beargrass Solar to construct

a portion of their 295.13

megawatt solar farm west

of Brooks on the north half

of Section 18, Township 15, Range 15, West of the

In a decision last week,

the commission determined

that the north half of Section

18 is native grassland; a

reversal of their May 2022

allowed the project to use

the portion of land following

a presentation by Solar

Krafte and a presentation

on behalf of the Cassilope

2 group (C2G) who are

the C2G was told by the

commission that his study

had been conducted outside

decision, a new assessment

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However, following the

the active growing season.

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opposed to the project.

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**BROOKS BULLETIN** 



BOW CITY -Wow has this weather been something. I myself love it but my husband not so much. As he runs a grader and that means we need snow.

Birthdays for November are Logan Andrews 22, Jake Ketchmark on26, Teena Ketchmark on28, and Grant Ellefson 28. Have a great day all.

Anniversaries are to Marshall and Donna 15, Ken and Joyce Aasen on 18, and Ernie and Helene on 29. Have a great day to all

Momma's birthday was a great day she wants to say thank you to all that helped and so many HUGS, made her day.

Joyce and Jerry took a travel to Vauxhall and on to Ray and Dixie at Grantham for a visit. Mom said Ray was tuckered out as he pulled up his potatoes and carrots. And I'm waiting for a good stew Lol.

Mom and I went in and checked out the Well craft show. Lots of people coming and going. Then just took a drive out and about. Was such a nice day with mamma.

Carrie and I went to Vauxhall on Sunday for a great visit with Jami and Daniel, bought a few Christmas decorations as Jamie's grandma is in a I think I got some home. good deals.

Helene and Ernie had Ron and Emily out for the night and had great food and visiting

Mrs Barb Dunning has been a busy lady in the last couple weeks as she was in Calgary to do some crafts with Barbra D and grandson. She spent Thursday night with her son Will and family. Saturday night was with Barbara Debbie and Dan.

On this weekend she was in Calgary again to help daughter-in-law Lynzee and Will with baby sitting and spending special time with tĥem.

On Brad and Vickie's front.

Tiff and Aaron went to Ponoka to visit up her girlfriend Annie and introduce Charlie to Baker. Well up near Red Deer they took in the Ag show. They were surprised of how huge it was and didn't manage to make it to every booth. Fay had the family out for dinner today there was quite the crew. And I'm sure a great meal. Fun was had by all.

Mark your calendar.

#### was completed and work on the north half of the section

was temporarily suspended. In July 2023 the AUC initiated a 'narrow scope review' of their decision to determine if the section was in fact native or tame grasslands.

As the owner of about 3,592 acres of the original project land, the Eastern Irrigation District (EID) weighed in on the issue.

The EID argued that significant lease revenues would be lost by the district if the commission determined that the use of the section was not in the public interest.

A company was hired to conduct another assessment for Solar Krafte and it found that 41.5 hectares or 65 per cent of the area is within the project fenceline.

evidence "Based on provided by C2G and Solar Krafte, the Commission finds that the portions of the north half of Section 18 within the project boundary qualify as native grassland,"

states last week's decision. "The commission

AUC reverses its grassland decision; removes 41.5 ha

from Solar Krafte plan

considers that avoidance in siting the project on the north half of Section 18 is the only effective way to reduce the risk to an acceptable level in the circumstances," the commission stated.

The company must have a 100-metre setback for Class III+ wetlands and any construction in the area may only occur during frozen conditions, no herbicides will be permitted within 100-metres, there must be visual surveys and to reduce the risk of nest abandonment by hawks, if there is any nest activity, any construction within 1000 meters will require oversight of a biologist.

Last year the AUC decided the construction that would have a negative environmental impact on the native grass in Section 24 so it was excluded from the previously sized



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360-megawatt solar project. The construction

completion date has been extended to Oct. 31. 2024.

**Eastern Irrigation District APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY GRAZING** PRIVILEGES

The Eastern Irrigation District is announcing that the following Grazing Associations are accepting applications for grazing privileges for the 2024 Season.

Application forms, entry, breed of bull and other entry requirements may be obtained by contacting the association representative listed below.

Forms are **NOT** available at the District Office.

**BANTRY GRAZING ASSOCIATION** Greg Andrew - 403-633-6337 bantrygrazing@outlook.com

**BASSANO GRAZING ASSOCIATION** Tracy Hall - 403-363-5934 Gerri Christman - 403-793-0966

DUCHESS GRAZING ASSOCIATION Kathlyn Peltzer - 403-378-4577

EYREMORE GRAZING ASSOCIATION Bruce Niznik - 403-362-3868 Curtis Harbinson - 403-363-4777

**GEM GRAZING ASSOCIATION** Daniel Doerksen - 403-641-2886 Dorie Pickett - 403-641-2485

NEWELL GRAZING ASSOCATION Ron Schmidt - 403-633-1207 Barb Fraser - 403-362-4992

PATRICIA GRAZING ASSOCIATION Lee Beasley - 403-501-4753 Nanette Weir - 403-378-4855

**ROLLING HILLS GRAZING ASSOCIATION** Tyson Hemsing - 403-363-0761 Krista Payne - 403-964-2523

**ROSEMARY GRAZING ASSOCIATION** Brad Hall - 403-378-4028 Paula Dame - 403-378-3903

**TILLEY GRAZING ASSOCIATION** Cole Webb - 403-363-1174 Ruth Daniels - 403-363-4432

Applications must be completed and submitted to the Association by November 30, 2023.

A false, incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or late application will be subject to rejection.

> Go to www.eid.ca to view: Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pasture on EID Lands

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#### **SPECIAL AREA NO. 2**

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Rainier Revival Dance on November 18 at Rainier Hall.

The Citv Bow Community would like to welcome Logan and Raelyn Andrews to the community and their new place. Welcome.

This is how computer illiterate I am.

I was delighted to discover that I could play compact discs in the new computer of my company had given me one morning I was enjoying my favourite Beethoven piece winning administrative assistant stop by to deliver a stack of papers. Here in classical music fill in the air she stopped and explain poor you they put you on hold. Haha.

If anybody has any news that they want to send to me 404-363-7496. Would love to hear from any of you.

## SPECIAL AREAS LAND USE ORDER **OPEN HOUSES**

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**SPECIAL AREA NO. 4 GEM** Centre (Consort) Tuesday, November 21 Drop-In Event - 4pm to 7pm

**SPECIAL AREA NO. 3** CJ Peacock Centre (Cereal) Wednesday, November 22 Drop-In Event - 4pm to 7pm



www.specialareas.ab.ca/services/land-use-order-review/



Brooks Composite High School mechanics teachers, Nathan Wolf, shaking hands and Cole Robinson, right, receive a donation from Ross Dobson, shaking hands left, of the Brooks Street Rod Association (BSRA). The BSRA donated 10 high energy ignition systems and two timing lights. The items will be used to teach ignition and wiring basics. The association donates each year to help generate interest in automotives as a hobby or trade. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

### Drugs, money and a stolen pick-up truck

A short time after leaving a Sunnylea residence following an arrest, Brooks RCMP returned for a report of a suspicious person.

Police had executed a search warrant at a home at about 6:45 a.m. and remained there until the early afternoon.

About two hours after they left the home they received a call for a suspicious vehicle that was at the home.

"A neighbour saw a strange pick-up show up and knowing that we were there earlier in the day, called us about it," said an officer.

The male, who was later identified as a Rimbey resident, was stopped by police while he was leaving the home and was found to be in possession of a stolen pick-up truck from Calgary, a large amount drugs, large sums of money and stolen passports.

The 39-year-old, who has not been identified, was charged for being in possession of stolen property and drugs. He was held for a bail hearing.

"Brooks RCMP wish to thank the observant members of the public for their assistance," states a news release.

Police believe there was no connection between the man arrested earlier in the day and the Rimbey man.

#### Shooting update

A 45-year-old Brooks resident who shot himself with a gun that he was showing to another person, has been charged.

On Aug. 24 police reported they responded to a business at 1:09 a.m. and found there had been an accidental discharge of a firearm.



The male, who has now been identified Yohannes Tekesti, suffered serious injuries.

week he was Last charged with weaponsrelated offences including possession of a firearm or a prohibited weapon when knowing that its possession is unauthorized, possession of a restricted firearm or prohibited weapon with ammunition without having a licence or registration, pointing a firearm, two counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking (crystal meth and cocaine), possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and possession of a with ammunition in motor vehicle.

Tekesti is scheduled to attend court in Brooks next week.



be permitted to bid. Preregister for the auction at the EID Office from November 1<sup>st</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. Bid packages will be available on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information, visit the News tab on the District website, or call Rick Volek, Land Administrator – Grazing, (403) 793-0497.

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## City proposes amendment to Land Use Bylaw for housing

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN "It's also a good location next to a school, shopping and future parks and green space," said Scott. A public meeting will be held on Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. - WE DO IT RIGHT - FROM THE GROUND UP! -Phone 403-362-8222 or 1-800-262-5170

**Brooks Farm Equipment** 

The city is proposing to amend its Land Use Bylaw to redesignate land near Walmart and Upland Elementary School at 6th Street and 9th Avenue West from commercial to residential high density.

Gavin Scott, the city's land planner, told council that the property was subdivided in 2017 with an area structure plan adopted in 2021.

Engineering studies will be required prior to a project moving forward.

"At the direction of the ASP (area structure plan) this current commercial zoning is at odds with council direction," said Scott.

"The proposed zoning would bring it in line with the Municipal Development Plan and is a good candidate because it does provide a mix of housing densities.



#### DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF DECISION

#### THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

DEVELOPMENT AREA	APPLICATION NUMBER	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF PROJECT	DECISION	APPEAL PROCESS
Special Area No.2	SA2-25-23	1860BA; Blk 10; Lots 21-24	Mobile Home - 24'x70'	APPROVED	Subdivision and Development Appeal Board <i>(Note 1)</i>

Persons claiming to be affected by decisions of the Development Authority may appeal within twenty-one (21) days after notice of decision.

Note 1: Appeal by serving written notice to the Secretary of the Special Areas Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Note 2: Appeal to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal by submitting the **Notice of Appeal Form** found at <u>alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx</u>

Further information regarding the above may be obtained from the Special Area No. 2 District Office, Hanna, Alberta.

Brett Richards Development Officer



Grace Tancowny shared one of her homemade dog cookies with Kaya. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## City to donate JBS Canada Centre passes to minor hockey

#### SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

The city has agreed to provide 420 youth drop-in passes to Brooks Minor Hockey for the JBS Canada Centre.

The passes will be used by players who attend any of the six hockey tournaments in the city in December and January.

"In order to entice outof-town teams to participate in local tournaments, BMHA would like to continue to provide incentives to encourage registrations," Amanda Peterson, the city's deputy CAO told council

deputy CAO told council The value of the passes is \$2,625.

The pass program started last year. Of the 294 that were available, 54 were redeemed, the fewest number in December.

Peterson said the low number was as a result of a "communication error" with the teams in December.

"They did have 54 that were redeemed during that season," said Peterson. Councillor Jon Nesbitt, who is a member of the recreation board, said it is not part of their budget because it is above \$500.

"The fact that we give these out doesn't mean they will be utilized but it is a good way to keep people in town. Some people believe it or not, go to Medicine Hat and utilize their pools and their hotels.

"We're trying to keep them here and keep them in the hotels in Brooks. Maybe they can spend some money here, too," said Nesbitt.



DUCHESS - If only we could have this weather for another month, we'd be so happy. Much nicer for our livestock and just generally nice for getting outside! We took advantage of that weather and hung the Christmas light in preparation for the upcoming season!

Duchess School welcomed the Brooks Legion out to the school for Remembrance Day on Thursday, Nov 9th. They did such a wonderful job and the older kids all spoke so well. The singing by the younger grades just warms the heart. Job well done!

Duchess Craft Sale is happening at the Rec Centre on November 24th and 25th. Save some of your Christmas shopping for this event!

There was a lovely celebration of life honouring Lindze Elkund last Thursday at Thom's Reception Centre. Friends and family gathered together and shared stories. Lindze is the daughter of past residents Preston and Kelly Eklund.

Have a fantastic week and please call or text me at 793-1630 with your news items.

Quote: "Behind you, all your memories. Before you, all your dreams. Around you, all who love you. Within you, all you need. "







## Brooks man sentenced to 75 days in custody

#### SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

Joshua Plassid Slaney of Brooks was sentenced to custody following a trio of guilty pleas in Brooks Court of Justice last week.

The court was told that Slaney was driving a motor vehicle in 2021 that was not his and was contrary to a probation order that he was not to be driving a vehicle that was not in his name unless he had permission of the owner.

Police spoke to the owner

and was told that Slaney was permitted to repair but not drive the vehicle. Police also learned that

Slaney was a suspended driver.

The 33-year-old was also bound to house arrest from July 10, 2021 until Jan. 15, 2022.

In October he left a voicemail with probation stating that he was relocating to a motel and would contact his officer the following day.

The court was told that he didn't call and couldn't be

**Bandits climb in national** 

rankings thanks to big wins

When police contacted the hotel they learned that Slaney was no longer registered. He was considered to be unlawfully

reached.

at large. Slaney was sentenced to 15 days for driving a motor vehicle without permission with credit for 15 days.

He was sentenced consecutively to 30 days each for breach of probation and being unlawfully at large.

#### SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Bandits are close to halfway through the 2023-24 season and are hanging on to first place in the league and are now ranked third in Canada.

Over their last three games, Nov. 7, Nov. 8 and Nov. 10 the Bandits had two high scoring games.

In Grande Prairie on Nov. 7 the Bandits defeated the Storm 8-1 and on Nov. 8 the final score was 4-2 for the Bandits. At home on Friday the Bandits blanked the Calgary Canucks 9-0.

After 23 games, the Bandits are 20-3 with 111 goals for and 38 goals against.

In the Canadian rankings the Bandits have cracked the third place ranking. Flin Flon Bombers are first followed by Collingwood

Blues. Sherwood Park is ranked 10th from 15 and

is Blackfalds Bulldogs slipped from seventh to 13th.



Nathan Free, centre, scored the team's second goal of the game on Nov. 10 against the Canucks. The final score was 9-0 Bandits. SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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#### obituaries



SHANKS - Ruth Anne Shanks (née Madill) of Brooks, AB was called to rest on November 8, 2023, at the age of 89. She will be remembered with love by her husband William [Bill] Shanks of 72 years; two sons Doug (Bente) and Dale (Heather), four grandchildren; Darcy (Amanda), Nicole (Trent), Ryan and Darryl. Twelve great-grandchildren; one sister Grace (Fred) Dube as well as many special nieces and nephews. Ruth was predeceased parents George and Jane Madill, 3 brothers and 5 sisters. Ruth was born in Elrose, SK and grew up in Rolling Hills, AB where she met and on August 26, 1951, married the love of her life Bill. They farmed in Rolling Hills until

1957 when they moved to Tilley and bought their farm in 1960. Ruth worked in the home and on the family farm. She was an avid quilter and made beautiful creations sought by many. Ruth loved to play cards and together with Bill had many wonderful friends. In later years, they spent winters in Apache Junction, AZ. They retired from the farm in 2015 to Newbrook Lodge in Brooks, AB. Ruth fiercely loved her family and cherished her friends whom she enjoyed spending as much time with as possible. She was kind and generous and made friends easily with her gentle way. She will be missed dearly. A special thank you to Gloria and Stephanie. Also, to Homecare and staff at Newbrook Lodge and at the Brooks Health Centre Long Term Care. Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 17th at 11:00 AM from the Brooks United Church. Interment to follow at Brooks Cemetery.

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



Funeral arrangements entrusted to: SMITH FUNERAL HOME LTD. AND CREMATORIUM BROOKS, ALBERTA Condolences may be forwarded through www.sfh.ca Telephone 403-362-4636 or Toll Free (866) 362-4652 "Our Families Serving Your Family Since 1951"



**MARCY** - Murray Grant Marcy of Duchess passed away peacefully in his home on November 11, 2023 at the age of 69 years. He is survived by his wife Cindy, his daughter Lisa (Mark) and his faithful dog Bud. Cremation entrusted to Thom's Funeral Home, Duchess. At Murray's request there will be no service.



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#### in memory

Those we love are never out of mind, Regardless of the years gone by.

## Our son

March 9, 1965 – Nov 7, 2007

His sons Lucas & Ty have day jobs and are part-time ranchers

as well, Handed to them by their

dad Kim. Kim is now a grandpa his oldest son Lucas

Married his wife Desire in June 2021. In Sept 20, 2022 they

became parents to Blakely Lynn Rose Hudec. Blakely celebrated her 1st birthday on Sept 10, 2023 and yes there was a party. Needless to say she is the

endless pride & joy to her parents, grandparents and uncle Ty. Grampa Kim's picture hangs proudly in Blakely's room always for her to see. Kim your name comes up often at work & play As we admire your good

deeds, your wit and that unforgettable Kim smile.

You are missed with a grief beyond All tears & loved with a love beyond all words.

Love Mom

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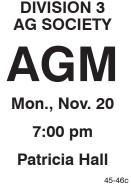


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## Ine Tree World

ONE TREE - Gee, the weather has been quite nice, with the exception of the wind on Saturday when it really howled.

Sorry that some of us in the neighbourhood didn't know about the "Celebration of Life" service for Kelly Rasmussen recently. It sure would have been nice if someone would have let me know about it, so I could have put it in my column. People seem to think that I know what goes on in the area, but unless someone lets me know I don't. There would have been a lot more people present. Our deepest sympathies go to all the families.

Visiting at the home of Greg Patterson from this past weekend was his daughter Victoria and her husband David Weston of Calgary. I had the pleasure of having them come to my place for a visit.

David and Melissa Slomp spent a nice weekend at Elkwater for an early anniversary celebration. I'm sure it was a nice break.

Visiting at the home of Ozzie and Elizabeth Schalm on Sunday afternoon were their daughters Jonene Shantz and her son Ethan of Calgary and Michelle and Jeff Richardson and

daughters Lily and Macy of Diamond Valley to help their mother Elizabeth celebrate her birthday with a birthday cake. Jonene and Ethan went home later and Michelle and Jeff and family stayed overnight for a great visit. I'm sure it was nice to have family home to celebrate. I'm sure you mother enjoyed your visit.

\*\* Note\*\*Don't forget to get your tickets to the Scott Woods Concert on November 25th at 7:00pm in the Cassils Community Hall. For tickets -contact

Joan at 403-793-0826 or Crystal at 403 793-0195. If you haven't seen their show before I'm sure you would really enjoy it.

\*\*Note\*\*The Brooks United Church will be holding their Thrift Sale on this Thursday, Nov, 16th from 8:00am to 1:00pm. All are welcome to come and buy all the things you think you need or not. But remember that it's "CASH ONLY".

Birthday greetings this week go out to Weston Charlton on Nov. 20th. We

## Scandia Sketch

SCANDIA - Join us for a Scandia Christmas Supper on Friday, Dec.1, with a silent auction, happy hour at 5pm, a catered supper at 6pm, and music with dancing to follow. There are a limited number of tickets available for advance purchase only. Tickets must be purchased before Nov.24th. For more information contact Kathi Jacobsen 403-363-8611, Kryston Tateson 403-363-0879 or Pearl Ovinge 403-793-1658.

The Scandia Church has begun planning for the children's Christmas program to be held on December 17th. If there are any kids that'd be interested in participating this year, it is a low stress, no pressure play where our goal is to celebrate Christmas in our little church. All are welcome!

Alcoma school News-Alcoma School currently has an online 50/50 raffle taking place until the end of November! Be sure to check out our Facebook page to find the link, or visit www. rafflebox.ca, click on find raffle and enter Alcoma. Mini volleyball for grades 3-6 begins this week, with the first practice happening Wednesday at lunch. if you would like to help out with coaching please let the school know. Thursday there will be Hot Breakfast for all students. SPEC playgroup will run at the school this Friday, Nov.17 from 9:30-11am. Bring your littles for some fun! A friendly reminder that temperatures and weather fluctuate often and to please make sure your child/children have appropriate outwear for our fall weather. The school will

#### wish you a "Very Happy Birthday" and to everyone else that's celebrating this week. We wish everyone all the best for the coming years.

Нарру anniversary wishes this coming week go out to Mike and Susan Baksa on Nov. 16th; to Ken and Linda Kozma of Brooks on their 50th anniversary and to Harry and Julie Travis, both couples' on the 17th; to Peter and Laverne Buhler on Nov. 18th and to Joel and Rachel Slomp of Abbotsford. BC on Nov. 19th. We wish

gladly accept your bottle

donations. These can be

placed by the Quonset and

the Jr. high students will get

Visit The Alcoma Community Library, check

out a book and enter your

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Sigmund Brouwer's books.

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each couple all the very best for many more, happy, healthy years together.

**IRMA MERKL** 

As Kids See It

Mv friends' three year old daughter, Penny got her first piggy bank and her mom noticed her admiring it. "Cool" her mom said. Are you going to put money in there?

She looked at her mom and replied, "No, mommy you are."

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**KARLYN TAKEDA** 

check it out! There is a JBS Centre family swim pass available, for two adults and two children. Check it out like a book.

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 403-501-3618.



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Grasslands We are accepting applications for the following position: **Public Schools** Position: Maintenance Technician

Contract Type: **Duration of Position:** 

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 Application Close Date:
 As soon as a suitable applicant pool has been established

our MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT is hiring!

We are seeking applications for a Maintenance Technician to join our team of skilled workers. This position will be based out of the Maintenance Department, at the Grasslands Public Schools Central Office, and will work at locations throughout the division. Some of the iob duties include general repairs of buildings, school locations, grounds, and equipment including replacing windows, Installation and repair of cabinetry, repairing playground equipment, safety equipment, and desks etc.

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in memory Ì

The Brooks Bulletin has a selection of verses and memorial tributes to

> remember your loved ones with. Sample verses:

On year has passed since that sad day. When one we loved was called away, God took her home, it was His will, But in our hearts she liveth still.

Father or Brother We often think of days gone by When we were all together, A shadow o'er our lives has cast, Our loved one gone forever.

Wife or Daughter No one knows our heartaches, Only those who have lost can tell Of the grief that we bear in silence For the one we loved so well.

Husband or Son Nothing can ever take away The love a heart holds dear Fond memories linger every day, Remembrance keeps him near.

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#### Child

He has gone to be an angel Secure in our Father's care, And his dear little feet now patter along The beautiful streets up there.



We cannot, Lord, They purpose see, But all is well that's done by thee.



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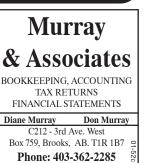
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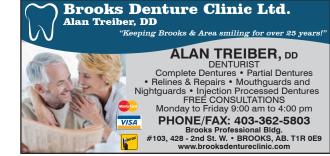
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## Rainier Record

Нарру RAINIER -Birthday greetings for the upcoming week go out to Logan Andrews on November 22; Derek Shirley Christensen, Ovinge, Jake Ketchmark on November 26.

Come on out to the Rainier Hall this Saturday, November 18, for a social gathering and games. Everyone welcome, free event, bar is open. Starts at 7.30pm. See you there!

November 17th will be another fun night for kids at the Rainier Hall. 7Pm until 8.30pm. Games and decorate cookies. This is a free activity for kids in and around the Rainier Community, ages 4 and up. For more information contact Pascalle Wisse at 403-363-2621.

Rainier Community Club will be offering dance lessons in January. More information to follow. There will be a dance on January 20th - save the date!

Alcoma School Newsfriendly А reminder that temperatures and weather fluctuate often and to please make sure your child/children have appropriate outwear for our fall weather.

Alcoma Community Library partially sponsors these upcoming Christmas

Craft Nights. November 28th, Tuesday, at 7.00pm in the Alcoma School Flex Room. Maximum 15 people.

School Alcoma currently has an online 50/50 raffle taking place until the end of November! Be sure to check out our Facebook page to find the link, or visit www.rafflebox. ca, click on find raffle and enter Alcoma. Support our small town school with a chance to win cash!

The school will gladly accept your bottle donations. These can be placed by the quonset and the Jr.high students will get them taken in.

Alcoma Community Library will be open to the public during school hours, 10.00am to 3.00pm, and Thursday evenings, 6.30 to 8.00pm. Come on in and see what is offered for books, games, movies, puzzles.....check it out! There is a JBS Centre family swim pass available for two adults and two children. Check it out like a book.

Alcoma Community Kids Club – The first Friday of the month, 12 noon to 1.30pm, in the Alcoma Community Library. Fun Activities and snacks provided. The Library will be open at this time. The program aims to strengthen children's relationships and to further the child's development in physical, mental and social areas. Everyone is welcome to attend. The next one will be on Friday, December 1st!

JANE BELLWARD

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



MILLICENT - For all your news submissions please call Brenda (403) 378-4010 or email bandana. ra@hotmail.com.

Our Millicent Ladies Christmas get together will be graciously hosted by Kersey Daniels this year on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM. All are reminded to call and RSVP to Kersey, and to bring a sample of your best snacks as well as a donated item or items to be passed on, watch for future e-mails.

Birthday wishes going out to Marlene Robinson on November 14, Brock Torkelson on the 16th, and Tamara Torkelson on the 17th, I hope you all have a wonderful day.

I apologize I missed Richard and Joanna Torkelson's anniversary on the 9th of November, hope their day was a special one.

Nevin and Tamara Torkelson have an anniversary coming up on November 28th, hope their day will be special as well.

throwing out old blue jeans and don't have a place for them to go, give me a call and drop them off, I will put them to good use in blue jean quilts, etc.

MILLICENT LADIES THURSDAY CLUE





Arts Culture and Heritage

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



#### **ARTIST:** PAT NEUFELD

Pat Neufeld has been an artist all of her life. She loves nature and finds inspiration in the beauty of nature. Her experience with photography has taught her how to find the beautiful in the mundane. This ability to compose interesting images is also useful in her many other mediums. Neufeld is an experienced photographer, printer, painter, potter, and gardener. Her garden is full of colourful flowers that are dried and pressed to be used in the



handmade cards that she gives to friends and family. When something catches her eye, she develops it into a colourful piece of art; sometimes, that takes the form of a coloured pencil sketch, and sometimes it becomes an oil painting. This year she has begun work on an illustrated children's book about a family of orangutans who go on a quest to find a new home.

This winter you will be able to find her work at the Streaming Cup, The Sagebrush Art Show on December 2nd, 2023, and at the Patricia Craft Show later this fall.



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**OPEN LETTER TO ALBERTANS AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS** 

## Alberta is refocusing our health care system on patient-centred care

Alberta's government is taking significant action to make health care better for Albertans and frontline workers who work tirelessly every day to serve their patients.

We are at a critical time when it comes to health care in Alberta.

We have heard clearly from Albertans that the current system centred on Alberta Health Services (AHS) is not working. The AHS organization is shouldering a burden it was not intended to carry and, through no fault of our incredible front-line workers, Albertans are facing long wait times and delays to the care they desperately need.

Alberta's government has announced a significant refocusing of AHS and our health care system. The improvements we are making will provide more effective care and will improve frontline service delivery for Albertans.

This refocusing will centre around four priority areas: primary care, acute care, continuing care, and mental health and addiction to ensure Albertans get the health care system that actually works for them.

Additionally, we will focus on improving EMS wait times and the delivery of Indigenous health care services across the province. Health care services will be accessed as they usually are during the system's transition period.

We know frontline health care workers provide exceptional care to patients and families and our priority is to protect frontline jobs during this transition and ensure all voices are heard.

To our health care workers, the work ahead will take time. We will partner with you to learn and find ways to best remove the many obstacles you face while working to serve Albertans and their families.

To all Albertans, we also want to hear from you: the patients, family members, caregivers and seniors who interact with our system day in and day out.

That's why we invite all Albertans to become involved in shaping a stronger provincial health care system. This starts now and will take many forms over the coming weeks and months.

For too long we have had to experience a health care system that is not operating as we all expect it should. It's time for that to change. Please join us on this journey!

Hon. Danielle Smith Premier of Alberta Hon. Adriana LaGrange Minister of Health Hon. Dan Williams Minister of Mental Health and Addiction **Hon. Jason Nixon** Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services

For more information, and to share your feedback, visit: **alberta.ca/healthcare** 



#### The classical acoustic guitar is a six-stringed wooden instrument (often rosewood or cedar). It typically has a classic shape, similar to early guitars from Italy and France. Classical guitars use nylon strings as opposed to steel strings found on a modern acoustic guitar. Nylon strings are thicker and produce a soft, mellow sound.

Before nylon strings, classical guitar strings were made of catgut (animal intestines).

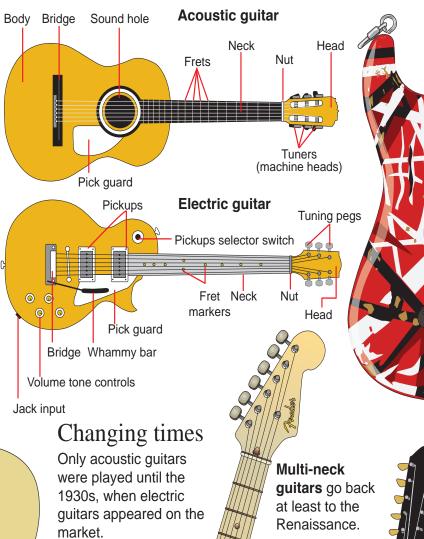
Today, acoustic guitars commonly used by rock, folk, country and blues artists have steel strings, which create a bright, crisp sound.

Modern flamenco or Spanish guitars are made of thin cypress and are smaller and lighter than the modern classical guitar. Most have pushpegs (like a violin) for tuning. The Spanish guitar has nylon strings and is meant to be Exploring the realms of history, science, nature and technology GUITARS Instruments similar to guitars were used in

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ancient Egypt. The Moors, who invaded Spain in A.D. 711, are thought to have brought the guitar from North Africa to Europe.

Every guitar is a little different, but they all have basic similarities. All guitars have a head, neck and body. Most are made of wood, such as ash, maple, spruce or holly. The type of wood used affects a guitar's sound. Many electric guitars are treated to look like metal or plastic, but are actually made from wood; some are made of fiberglass.



Electric guitars turn the

vibrations of the strings

into electrical signals

that are strengthened

before being sent to

by an **amplifier** 

sound speakers.

**Jimmy Page** Lead guitarist and founder of the rock band Led Zeppelin.

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The word **guitar** was adopted into English from the Spanish word **guitarra** in the 1600s.

A person who plays a guitar is called a **guitarist**.

### Did you know?

Many guitarists have named their guitars. Willie Nelson named his "Trigger," and Keith Richards named his "Micawber."

Most guitars have six strings, but there are also guitars with four, seven, eight, ten, or twelve strings. More strings make the instrument sound fuller.

Some of the most famous guitarists include Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Brian May, Prince, Tony Iommi, Elizabeth Cotten, Carlos Santana, BB King, Prince, Joni Mitchell, Xuefei Yang, Andrés Segovia and many more.

> Classic **EVH Striped Series** guitar played by Eddie Van Halen.

Fret markers help a guitarist know where to put his or her fingers to get the right pitch when playing.

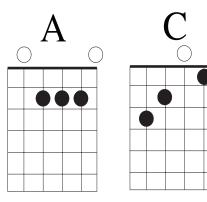
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Gretsch G6138 Box Guitar originally played by Bo Diddley.

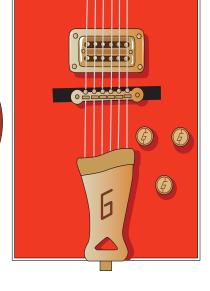
#### Chords

fingered.

**Chords** are combinations of three or more different notes sounded together. The black dots on the chord diagram represent the notes that make up the chord. They tell you which frets and strings to place your fingers on.







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