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Area councils to review Grasslands FCSS agreement

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

Area councils will be asked to review motions that were made at the joint services meeting by the

Grasslands FCSS agreement. amendments The include putting term limits

on members-at-large and rewording the funding officials also questioned why the county appointed two councillors to the FCSS board.

The agreement states that one councillor and to be appointed by each municipality.

county's organizational meeting in October councillor Holly Johnson was appointed

the board and councillor Amanda Philpott as the member-at-large.

At joint services county councillor Neil Johnson said there had been problems on the last board and it was "uncomfortable to get people off the board.

"We felt that we had better quality people to take those positions and we do," he said.

At the October meeting the county discussed a new appointment sought by Jamie Nesbitt and the re-appointment of Clarence Amulung who had been a board member since 2010 as both an elected official and a member-at-large.

"This is not a power struggle," said Johnson.

City councillor Joel Goodnough said the spirit behind the board composition is a memberat-large and with the two councillors the county has a majority vote.

"I think that's a conflict," he said.

When Johnson asked if a councillor can be a memberat-large, multiple people responded "no."

The FCSS agreement states a councillor or designate as a council representative is to be appointed at the organizational meetings and that, "They shall appoint a member-at-large."

Following the county's organization meeting, Layne Johnson the county's director of corporate services, was asked about the two appointments as well as the compensation.

Members-at-large do not get a stipend by the county for FCSS.

said Johnson appointments are served at the pleasure of council and are subject to annual consideration.

"The option for a municipality to appoint two members of council to FCSS with one of them being their member-at-large has always been there and any of the other partner municipalities may choose to do the same," he said.

As for compensation, he said it will require clarification from council.

"That is going to be a discussion and decision

within council and will not impact the other appointees that represent the other municipalities," he said.

As of now, compensation has not been discussed publicly.

Brooks mayor John Petrie said while he appreciates people stepping forward to sit on boards, it may be prudent to set term limits to allow for a different perspective.

"I think we have to work on the succession of our committees," he said.

"After awhile we have the same people on there forever and ever. They're grandfathered in there and they think they own that committee," he said.

CAO Alan Martens said in July 2017 the term limit was removed.

"Unlike any other board or appointee that you make, this one can stay there for ever and ever," he said.

Martens said when it comes to the board funding, the province pays 80 per cent and municipalities pay 20 per cent. The Grasslands FCSS agreement states that communities should pay 1.5 times per capita share but that rate is not being paid.

There have been a couple of increases by the province over the years, as recently as last year, however, FCSS did not seek extra funds from the municipalities. For 2024, the board did ask for some additional funds.

"Really, we're paying an extra \$43,000 over and above what we need to meet the parameters of the agreement," said Martens.

"If we stuck with the 1.5 per cent, we'd be paying around \$73,000-\$75,000 more. Do we need to reword that?

"Otherwise, tomorrow they can say they want 1.5 per cent and basically, we are bound."

He said the FCSS board hasn't taken advantage with the increases and can use the extra money for programs such as like Meals on Wheels which otherwise wouldn't be eligible under the FCSS program.

Grasslands FCSS member councils are the city, county, Rosemary and Duchess. Bassano has its own FCSS organization.



Frost clings to Doug Christman's moustache and glasses after being outdoors on Sunday when the temperature hovered at around **-35C.** | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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COMMERCIAL PRIN

County to present maps for public input

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Although county councillors will not support any of the four proposed redistribution maps that have been presented, they do agree that public input is crucial.

The county's population, based on the 2020 census, is being redistributed across nine divisions which means that one division and one councillor will be dropped for the next municipal election.

The population has been skewed across the county with 374 ratepayers in Division 7 up to 1,301

ratepayers in Division 5, a plus 56 to a minus 55 per cent variance range but the proposed maps do have a better plus/minus ratio.

CAO Matt Fenske told council in December based on the current population, the average for each division would be 834 while keeping communities together.

He said the proposed divisions range from 1,042 at the high end down to 625.

"Those are the bounds that we're trying to work within," he said.

Council was asked to provide some input on the first draft of maps and suggested that three or four maps for each division could be presented to the public and allow them to make suggestions of their own.

"I would encourage us that we don't look for the perfect map but we look for concept maps that would be good enough to kick out to the population so they can review and be critical," said Fenske.

During the December meeting councillors made numerous suggestions including moving a couple of sections out of Gem and into Rosemary to keep Rosemary together, keeping Kinbrook Island Provincial Park and Lake Newell Resort in the same division and putting Duchess and Patricia in one

division

A second set of draft maps were presented to council last week and although some suggestions were made, it was agreed that council should not support any map.

"The idea with the concept maps is not to have arrived at any individual map but to give folks a variety of options to look at, criticize, form opinions on and we will solicit their feedback," said Fenske.

Although the final public consultation process has not been formalized, it is expected that it will run for a month and will include a survey and an open house at

the county office

Although councillors again tried to propose changes to the second draft of maps, a motion was made to take them to the public.

"It's not about getting connected to a particular map or a couple of maps.

"This is about going out to public engagement right and recognizing that there can be changes made in response to public engagement or further direction," said reeve Arno Doerksen.

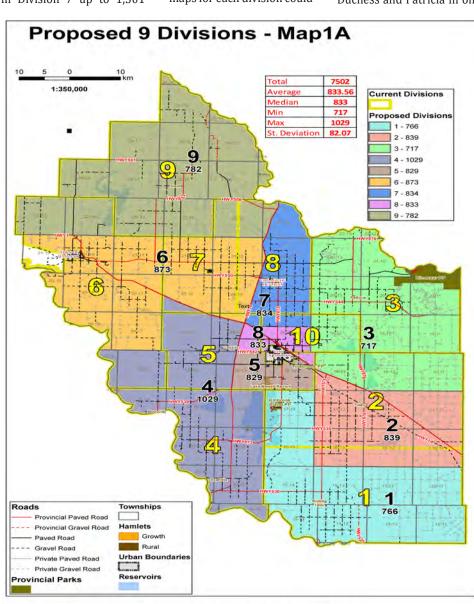
He said the county is trying to provide options and listen to ratepayers.

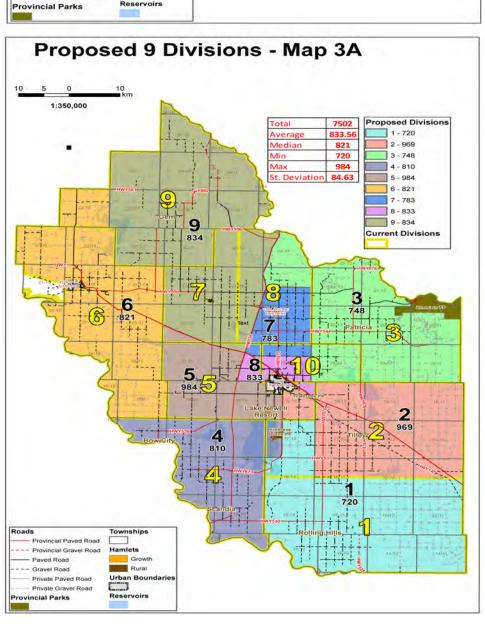
"I don't think that it should be our goal to try and resolve a problem that really hasn't been fully identified before going to public engagement."

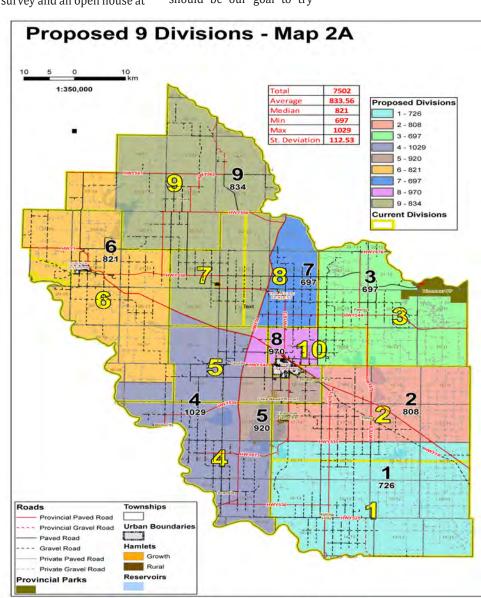
Councillor Neil Johnson said it really doesn't matter which map the council takes.

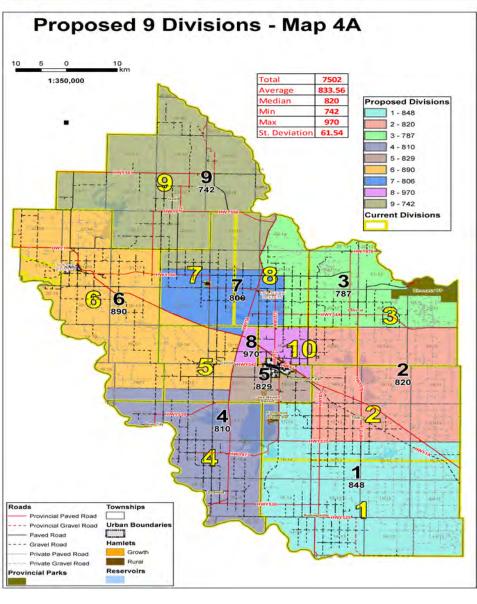
"I'm not totally convinced that all of our ratepayers actually care. Like, 20 per cent voted last election. Most of them don't even know who their county rep is so maybe we're putting too much emphasis on this," he said.

There will be public consultation likely beginning in February.













The goal of the Community Benefit Grant Program, which is funded by Elemental Energy (Brooks Solar II) is to provide eligible organizations financial support for projects, events, or initiatives that improve environmental quality, reduce environmental degradation, or increase community awareness of environmental issues. For 2024, the total grant funding available for all projects is \$10,000. Grants may range from \$100 and up.

Funding applications are accepted for projects within the Brooks Newell Region.

Applications open February 1 and close February 28!

Find the guidelines, application form and more information!





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Grasslands Regional FCSS Board Vacancy

We're seeking a member-at-large to serve on the Grasslands Regional Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Board!

Grasslands Regional FCSS Board works to assess community needs and set priorities to support individuals, families and communities within the Region through the direct and indirect delivery of preventative social programs or services.

Email Jenny Wallace at jwallace@brooks.ca for the application form if interested!



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Notice of Public Hearing

CITY OF BROOKS, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA PROPOSED BYLAW 23/17 (Zoning Change)

> To be held at 5:00 pm, February 5, 2024 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 23/17, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw 14/12 for the municipality.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed Bylaw 23/17 is to redesignate a portion of SW1/4 3-19-14-W4M (Sutherland Drive E) from "DIRECT CONTROL (DC)" to "COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G)", as illustrated below, in keeping with the policies of the Northeast Sector Area Structure Plan.

HOW TO REVIEW THE BYLAW AND SUBMIT COMMENTS



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 February 2, 2024.

HOW TO ATTEND OR VIEW THE PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw 23/17 will be held in the City of Brooks Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2024.

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



COMMENT

Baby boomers demand dignified old-age care

by Patricia Spindel in

The Ottawa Citizen

Baby Boomers are unlike any generation that came before them. We are, for the most part, well educated, had fulfilling careers, and many of us prepared for retirement. We have remained active, still go to exercise classes, volunteer in our communities, are interested in national and international affairs, many of us read, and we maintain our brains with crosswords, bridge games, and through social interaction.

We are not our parents' generation, but we respect the generation that came before us, and understand the hardships they have endured through two world wars and the Great Depression.

In the 1960s, then-Premier Bill Davis saw us coming. He introduced a system of community colleges across the province for a generation that was demanding access to postsecondary education. University spaces also increased to accommodate one of the biggest generations of young people in history.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau saw us coming too. He knew we would need work opportunities upon graduation to allow us to integrate fully into the workforce with good skills and values. He introduced Local Initiatives (LIP) grants in 1971 as part of his Just Society program to fund everything from food co-operatives to the first community health clinics. He intended to incorporate Canadian values in the next generation, and set us all on the right path.

No government since then has seen us coming. The current Ontario government believes that people now in our 70s and 80s, who have led valued lives, contributed to their communities, and fought for social justice, will somehow allow ourselves to be mass institutionalized — segregated from the society we helped to build, away from our neighbours, friends, and families. The federal government believes that all that is needed is to introduce standards to "improve" the longterm care institutions.

They have all gotten this generation wrong.

Baby Boomers are again standing up and speaking truth to power. The "Hell, no, we won't go" of the 1960s in reference to a generation, many of whom refused to go to war, is now saying "Hell, no, we won't go" into long-term care institutions. We demand care that affords

us safety and dignity in our old age. That includes intensified in-home support services, and money that follows the person not the institutions — many of which have never been in compliance with provincially legislated standards.

We want those family members who care for us to be paid to do so in a Paid Family Caregiver Program.

We want fair pay for the predominantly racialized women workers who often take the place of family.

We want direct funding to be available to us and our families as an option through the Home Care Program, so that we can manage our own care and support services.

We want fully staffed small community residences in every neighbourhood for those of us with cognitive disabilities, operated by municipalities and non-profit, community-based organizations.

We know that this will help those of us living on low incomes, those who have faced race, gender, and cultural discrimination all of our lives, and those in the LGBTQ community — all of whom need and deserve more individualized support as we age.

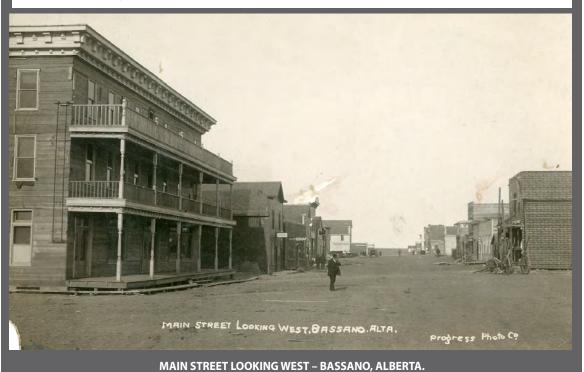
It does not cost more to provide it, but it does require a paradigm shift in government thinking. It will require that current governments finally get this generation right, and redirect funding from institutions to direct funding, family caregiver, home care, and community-based residential programs that bring care to us who are living in naturally occurring older adult communities.

At about \$200 per person, per day, paid to institutions that cannot seem to meet standards, and that are profiting from the misery of elders, by redirecting that funding to the people who need the care and their caregivers, and to non-profit community agencies, housing, and care co-operatives, and accessible housing, government will better serve us and future generations as we all prepare to leave this planet.

We know we are going to die. It does not frighten us. It is where and how we will die that does. We are not going quietly into that dark night like the generations that came before us. We are fighting for a dignified old age for ourselves and those who come after us.

Patricia Spindel is the Chair of Seniors for Social Action Ontario.

TIME CAPSULE



Alberta Hotel (on left) burned down circa 1924 or 25. Just across (west) from Imperial (Hunter then) Hotel.

Mining on the Moon



What could be so rare and valuable that it would be worth going all the way to the Moon to get some?

If you ask Google, it will tell you helium-3, an isotope of helium that is the ideal fuel for nuclear fusion reactors. It's very rare on Earth, but NASA, the US space agency, estimates that there is a million tonnes of it on the Moon.

However, there are no fusion power plants yet. They are still 'thirty years away', as they have always been. So what's the rush, then?

Monday morning's launch of the new Peregrine lunar lander, with a robotic rover aboard, is the first of half a dozen 'mining' missions scheduled for the Moon this year. Some are funded by NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services initiative (CLPS); others are private start-ups that sense a business opportunity. But mining? Really?

No. Mining of a sort is involved, but the 'miners' will be seeking basic resources like water and oxygen that are free and universally available on Earth. On the Moon they will be digging into the 'regolith' (the lunar equivalent of soil) and into the ice they think is hidden in various craters that are never exposed to direct sunlight.

The various landers and orbiters flocking to the Moon this year - SLIM, Peregrine, Nova-C, VIPER, Blue Ghost, etc., just to mention the

American ones - will be checking out various locations for lunar bases and accessible resources, because by next year there will be people there - and soon they'll be staying for good.

There won't be a continuous human presence next year or the year after, but there will be lots of coming and going, and there will be permanent manned bases before the end of the decade. That means a whole infrastructure has to be put in place in at least two separate versions, one for the US and its friends, one for China.

We know that there is frozen water in some places on the Moon (the Indians found it years ago), but we don't know where or how much. Some people think it may be possible to get moisture out of the regolith anywhere, but maybe

Small nuclear will give you electricity to split water, and that will give you oxygen to breathe and hydrogen for fuel, but there are countless details to figure out. Can hydroponics (and maybe meat grown on lattices) provide most of your food, or will most of it have to be brought from Earth?

If the sources of abundant ice are few and far between, who gets the good ones? Will lunar dust get into everything and gum up your machines? This is a whole world, albeit a small one (about the same area as Asia minus the Middle East), and there are a thousand things we don't know about it.

So why are we all going back there after fifty years when we practically ignored the place? Not just the Chinese and the Americans, either, but soon enough the Indians, the European Union, and probably the Japanese and the Russians

as well. Not for 'science'. Not for profit either, although lots of money will be made. One word: prestige.

Apple TV+ has made a science fiction series called 'For All Mankind' based on the simple counter-factual that the Russians got to the Moon first in the 1960s. The 'space race' therefore continues credibly for decades, although neither side is making any money out of it, or gaining any military advantage.

The fourth season is just finishing and our heroes are on Mars by now, although it's still only 2003 in film time. Prestige alone was a sufficient motive to get them there - and similarly in real time what is finally putting manned space travel beyond Earth orbit back on the agenda is the emergence of a plausible Chinese rival to the United States.

There are no big strategic or commercial advantages to be had in this competition for prestige, but there may be disputes over the best sites for bases. What worries the diplomats is that the treaties banning annexation or legal ownership of lunar territory are unratified or unclear.

Scientists, on the other hand, worry that the best sites for their work may be pre-empted by 'miners' digging for ice and other physical resources.

"We are not trying to block the building of lunar bases," explained Prof. Richard Green of the University of Arizona. "However, there are only a handful of promising sites there and some are incredibly precious scientifically. We need to be very, very careful where we build our mines and bases."

Fair enough, but long may the competition for prestige continue. It's the best kind of rivalry by far.

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Bow River MP is ready for a federal election ca

Bow River MP Martin Shields is prepared if there is an election call.

"We're ready to go," Shields said prior to the winter break.

Shields has represented the riding since 2015 and is always involved in issues across the constituency but one of his most important committees, he said, over the last couple of years has been the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage.

The committee has discussed among other topics, the Online News Act, which led Shields standing up to government to help protect the survival of rural media. The act has resulted in a dwindling revenue stream.

Another major topic that the committee dealt with is the development of the safe sport program to protect

Hockey Canada reps addressed the committee about the 2018 incident in London, Ontario where a woman alleged that she had been assaulted by eight Canadian teen hockey players, including members of the gold medal-winning 2017-18 world junior team.

"As the story started to unfold we were hearing that maybe it wasn't just hockey and before long, as we reached out to other amateur sports organizations from the national levels down to the local level, we started hearing more and more horrendous stories," he said.

He said those stories were mostly about abuse.

"We're dealing with minors up to national level," he said.

The presentations to the committee led to the development of safe sport recommendations is to be released in the spring.

"There has been quite a bit of reaction from organizations that have recognized we have to do something. What it has done even without our recommendations, is it has brought a lot of attention to an issue that we didn't realize was there until some very tragic stories in committee," said Shields.

Now the minister of sport and physical activity Carla Qualtrough wants the committee to figure out how to protect athletes at the grassroots.

"That's the challenge she wants to take on," Shields

In December, Qualtrough announced a number of changes including moving the Sport Canada Athlete Advisory Committee to the ministerial level with

the committee to provide input on sport policy and programming.

"What happened should never have happened and I am committed to ensuring that they are supported," the minster told the committee.

Other issues that have kept Shields busy include carbon tax and price increases and Bill C-234, An Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act.

The Bill is designed to help farmers secure a carbon tax exemption for natural gas and propane and was approved by the House of Commons and went to the Senate who made changes.

However, the House of Commons is on a break and if the Bill is not returned prior to an election it will die.

The Senate's removed the carbon tax exemption for barn and building

heating and the shortened the sunset clause on carbon price exemption from eight years to three years.

That time change will align with the government's plan to exempt home heating from the tax for three years.

"Here's something that the Senate created a problem with - a piece of legislation passed by all parties in the House of Commons."

Shields and his staff have been busy working on a private members bill regarding digital logs to help give more flexibility to truckers who are moving livestock.

Currently, if a truck moves more than three kilometres an hour the log kicks in.

"It might take a little while to get livestock loaded before you get on the road. We have a 12-hour time period which trucks can be

they're either into breaking the law or they stop," he said.

In early Ianuary the region's economic development committee hosted the State of the Region which Shields was not able to attend.

Had he been attendance he would have addressed issues such as the housing crisis and the lack of infrastructure to house up to a million new people, carbon capture, challenges of agriculture and wanting to see helium included on Canada's critical mineral list.

The list includes 31 minerals that are considered for the sustainable economic success of the country and its allies and which can be produced in Canada.

"It is an important economic piece of the local economy," Shields said.

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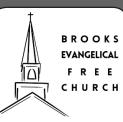
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2023 Rain of Blessing Bible Study: 9:30 am

Worship Service: 10:30 am Pastor Maureen Banda

Inter pipeline staff gathered before the holidays to donate \$6,000 for St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas hampers. Shown are Doug Willms, Jason Locke, Stewart Musgrove, Patricia Schimmel, Luke Mrakava and Lisa Jones. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rainier Record

403-363-2621 or Cyndi Graham 403-992-5835, or

on January 24. Salon in Brooks. Please let me know if I have missed anyone's day, anniversary. The next Friday Fun

Night for kids at the Rainier Hall is January 19. It is every third Friday of the month for kids 4 years and older. The activity starts at 7.00pm until 8.30pm. This is a free activity for kids in and around the Rainier Concession community. available for a drink For more and a snack. information, please contact Pascalle Wisse at 403-363-2621.

RAINIER

Birthday greetings for the

upcoming week go out to

Ethan Rosen, Tommy Ovinge

Mark the date for the 2nd Rainier Revival -Saturday, January 20, 2024! Join us for an incredible evening of music, fun, and community spirit at the Rainier Community Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm, music by the talented Mark Lorenz Band starts at 7.30pm, fireworks at (donated by 10.00pm Prairie Oasis). For tickets and further information, Pascalle

rainiercommunityclub@ gmail.com, or stop by The

Alcoma School News-A friendly reminder that temperatures and weather fluctuate often and to please make sure your child/ children have appropriate outerwear for our Winter weather.

school gladly accept your bottle donations. These can be placed by the Quonset and the Junior 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.

Community Alcoma Kids Club - The first Friday of the month, 12 noon to 1.30pm, in the Alcoma Community Library. Fun Activities and 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

JANE BELLWARD

Rolling Hills Ag Society presents Valentine's Prime Rib Supper on Saturday, February 10 at the Rolling Hills Community Hall. Formal wear is encouraged. Doors open 5.30pm. Supper 6.30-7.30pm. Live Band: The Chevelles 8.30pm to 12.30am. Tickets sold online at rollinghills.ca (General Store), Rolling Hills Post Office and Arena. No tickets sold at the event. Reserve a table for 8. Need more inormation? Contact Michele at 403-793-4130.

Is there someone in the community willing to write this column in the future? Please contact either myself or Diane at the Brooks Bulletin and she can get you on board!

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

Councils to consider support for police transition grant

Many of the area's elected officials believe the writing is on the wall regarding the transition of the RCMP into a provincial force and they support an application for a provincial grant to study the transition at the local level.

"The fact that it's coming from the province should be an eye opener," said county councillor Kelly Christman on the grant.

"They're promoting that we should do our due diligence. They're reading the writing on the wall," she

"I think we got a pretty good strong signal out of the premier at our (intermunicipal) dinner (Dec. 16) where she said, We've actually hired Curtis Zablocki as our ADM," county CAO Matt Fenske told members at the joint services committee on Tuesday.

Zablocki is the current RCMP commanding officer. On Dec. 18, two days after the premier attended the local dinner, he retired.

"That's the same guy who at RMA got up and said, 'You know, RCMP isn't saying we're getting out of community policing. I think the tea leaves are telling us at the end of the nine years you're not guaranteed that the feds are still interested

in community policing through the RCMP," said

County councillor Neil Johnson said the grant is ridiculous and suggested that the municipality pay for its own study.

"It's like the government saying, 'Here you wanna do this? We're going to send a guy down to brainwash you and make sure you're OK with it.' I don't see the point of it at all," he said.

At the county meeting last Thursday Fenske sought support for the application.

He said the study should encompassing be all should and include community stakeholder perspectives, understanding the issue and possible solutions and an implementation and transition plan to move to a future state.

"It's not necessarily toss the RCMP and go with a regional police force," Fenske said.

'You spend close to \$1 million and you don't have, really, any input into what boots on the ground do from day to day," Fenske said.

Most agreed to support the application, however, councillors Dan Short, Lynette Kopp, Neil Johnson and Amanda Philpott were opposed.

Reeve Arno Doerksen said it would be an opportunity to make an assessment unbiased

Short said it is important to get information to make decisions and to be prepared for the future but he believes the process is political.

He would like to see a report that shows current RCMP deficiencies and not speculation of what may or may not happen in a decade.

"I think this is 100 per cent a political move. The province wanted a provincial police force, we said we don't want it.

"They're finding a way to get us to say we actually want it and they're getting us to pay for it," said Short.

"No. I'm not on board with this at all. This is nonsense and I'm not on board with this."

He said he wants to speak to ratepayers to see if they support the application process for a provincial Indigenous and Municipal Police Transition grant.

Other councils will discuss whether they have support for the county to apply for the funds.

The 20-year provincial and territorial agreements expire on March 31, 2032, however, according to the RCMP any of the agreements may be terminated on March 31 in any year by either party with 24 months prior to the date of the intended termination.

Bandits U11B handed second loss of the season

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

The U11B Junior Bandits suffered their second loss of the season on the weekend with a 10-8 loss to Beiseker at the Centennial Regional

With a 5-0 lead by Beiseker in the first period, Brawley Stewart of Brooks got his team on the board.

Stewart scored again in period two as did Carter Culter, Oliver Takeda and Linkyn Lawrence with a power play goal.

Assists in the period were credited to Cohen Anderson, Dominic Olofin, Liam Labrador, Paityn Surgenor, Culter and Mason Hammond.

In the third period Olofin, Stewart and Cutler were credited for the team's final goals. Both the Olofin and Cutler goals were unassisted while Olofin assisted Stewart in his goal and Stewart and Cutler had

With the junior Bandits down by one goal in the final period and with two minutes left on the board, Brooks goalie Aden Takeda-Packham, who had made some sensational saves during the game, was pulled.

The game continued to be battled in Beiseker's end but eventually the battle moved to the Bandits end and the final goal by Beiseker was scored on an empty net. Brooks will travel to

Drumheller and Strathmore on Sunday.

The following week is the U11 home tournament with games at JBS and the CRA.

High taxes may provoke a new Boston Tea Party

GEORGE BROOKMAN CALGARY HERALD

Tax increases are out of control. Instead of running the business of government, elected officials have decided to social engineer our lives and it has gotten way out of hand.

On Dec. 16, 1773, exactly 250 years ago, a group calling itself the Sons of Liberty boarded three ships in Boston Harbour and threw 342 chests of British tea into the ocean. Most people have heard the story of the Boston Tea Party and the fact that the people had reached the point where they were simply not going to tolerate any further taxes.

But most of our elected representatives seem to have collectively missed those classes in American history.

How else can you explain that at a time when Calgarians are struggling with grocery prices, utility bills and high interest rates, our city council feels this is the right moment to add more taxes to cover the costs of bloated project budgets and wild climate crisis schemes. The new year has not brought any more logic to their taxation demands, but rather has seen taxes being piled on.

The city approved a nearly eight per cent increase in residential property taxes at a time when market value assessments are already climbing by an estimated 10 per cent. This is how you define "double dipping" when you see values rise, then increase the mill rate to take full advantage of the fact that money is needed to fund extravagant purchases such as electric buses and the Green Line LRT project. Let's not forget that transit fares have also gone up as of Jan. 1, while the city is now "looking at" local utility access fees.

It will not be a surprise if it takes many months to "look at" those fees, because a majority of council wants to avoid any suggestion they should do more with less. At the same time, the Calgary climate crisis has also led to a bylaw forcing businesses to charge for any bag needed to carry home your groceries, or even your Tim Hortons doughnut. There are some voices of reason on council but they are drowned out by the purveyors of panic.

Even our leaders in Edmonton have decided to reinstate the tax on

gasoline and diesel, but try to make us feel better by suggesting that, at nine cents a litre, we are actually getting a bargain. We have the third-largest supply of hydrocarbons in the world, but at more than \$70 U.S. a barrel, the province still cannot run Alberta on income taxes, fees and royalties, and needs to reinstate the fuel tax.

Could their timing be any worse? In their defence, there is a plan to lower income taxes in Alberta for individuals making less than \$60,000 per year, and Alberta does remain the lowest tax regime in Canada, but the introduction of the fuel tax seems to go against that thrust of lowering the cost of living.

No one, however, tops the federal government for raising taxes. A news

report this week said the federal civil service has tripled in size since 2015, so taxes must certainly go up to cover the costs of those additional salaries, pensions, car allowances and so on.

We are all painfully aware of the increase in the carbon tax designed to save the planet no matter what the Saudis and the Chinese do in their countries. The carbon tax is a tax grab, plain and simple, that is trying to dress itself up as a climate crusader.

There will also be increases in payroll taxes, taxes on alcohol, increasing import duties and an increase in the amount of money that working Canadians must contribute to the Canada Pension Plan. This is all done while federal ministers attack grocery

chains for making a profit and constantly repeat, "We understand what Canadians are going through."

Tax increases are out of control. Instead of running the business of government, elected officials have decided to social engineer our lives and it has gotten way out of hand.

We may not have a Sons of Liberty in this country and the Bow River may be too shallow for dumping overpriced milk and cheese, but someone had soon better say, "Enough," or the day will come when even the most placid and pleasant Canadians will simply stop paying taxes.

George H. Brookman chair and company ambassador of Canadian Digital.

Municipalities urged to come up with water conservation plans

SANDRA M STANWAY

WaterSMART Solutions was awarded the province's contract enhance drought modelling to mitigate the risk of a severe drought this year and a drought command team will be

"The last three years have brought droughts water shortages to various parts of Alberta, including most of southern Alberta last summer," states a press release.

"Compounding situation, El Niño is producing a warm and dry winter across Canada and more than 70 per cent of the country is experiencing conditions."

The province relies on

melting snow and rain for most its water, however, the winter snowfall has been well below average.

The province reported that many rivers are at or near record lows and multiple reservoirs remain well below capacity.

"There is a high risk that drought conditions could worsen this year and WaterSMART will help Alberta's government take action to be fully prepared."

A recent letter was sent to all elected municipal leaders recently by Rebecca Schulz, the minster of environment and protected areas, urging municipal action.

"I am confident that Albertans will find their municipal leaders are ready and willing to deal with this challenge head-on," she wrote.

Schulz asking municipalities to initiate

efforts to monitor water infrastructure supply with particular attention to water intake relative to water levels and review their water licence, advise water managers that they will be contacted by a member of the provincial drought command team if conditions within the municipality's water licence needs to be triggered.

Schulz also asking that a water shortage plan be prepared and that all water users begin planning to use less water this year.

There are five stages in the province's water management plan with one being a minor drought.

province The currently at stage four, one step behind a provincewide emergency.



Low water levels in area rivers last year made it harder for the EID to maintain water levels in area reservoirs and provide much wanted irrigation water at the same time. Shown is the beach at Lake Newell Resort last August. | BULLETIN FILE PHOTO

Rest stop coyote may have attacked again

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

Over the weekend it was learned that there may have been another coyote attack at the rest stop where a local youth was attacked.

A post was made on Jan. 10 by someone who had just received word that a trucker was bit when he got out of his vehicle at the unnamed rest stop 23 kilometers west of Suffield within the Cypress of County but close to the Newell border.

The incident cannot be confirmed.

The post includes photos of a coyote outside the truck that were taken from a vehicle that had also stopped.

Someone PLEASE go get this prick before he gets more people," stated the person who received the post.

On Dec. 26, a 10-year-old from Brooks was attacked when she got out of her vehicle. She received five puncture wounds on her leg and was forced to get rabies shots.



Coyote at the rest stop 23 kilometres west of Suffield appears as if it's waiting for food from a trucker. At least one person has been attacked by the coyote and fish and wildlife officers are apparently looking for it. | FACEBOOK PHOTO

A representative from Fish and Wildlife said they received a report on Jan. 10 of someone who had been bitten in the leg by a coyote while at a rest stop.

"Fish and Wildlife has also received multiple reports of a coyote in locations nearby," said Calli Forbes, with Alberta public and emergency

services.

"Based on the information received from complainants, the coyote is showing signs of habituation and is associating humans with food.

"Fish and Wildlife officers are currently working with local stakeholders to locate the coyote and assess it for rabies," she said.



An extension over a stock area at the Silver Sage has been started and is anticipated to be completed soon. The project has been about three years in the works with funding from the county and the provincial community facility enhancement program. The cost estimate for the project is \$150,000. | BROOKS BULLETIN PHOTO

U13 hockey tournament held in memory of former coach



Gina Van Metre and her daughter Brynn dropped the puck at the First annual Brent Van Metre U13 Memorial Tournament to Khove Lukye of the Brooks Junior Bandits and Angus Lowerison of the Cochrane Rockies. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

The family of the late Brent Van Metre was touched by a hockey tournament that was held in December.

Van Metre, a Brooks Hockey coach, assistant coach and CAHL director passed away

following a battle with

"He kind of coached at every level. He last coached our daughter in a U13 group and he coached my son," said Gina Van Metre, Brent's

"Last year was his last year coaching."

The cancer was found in October 2022 and Brent died at the Brooks Health Centre on Sept. 13, 2023.

"It means a lot. It really has touched our hearts and I think it's a great way to recognize Brent and what he has done in our community and for the hockey community," said

Funds raised in Brent's memory are going to Brooks Minor Hockey.

Nationwide recall of Quaker brand products

BROOKS BULLETIN

Check your pantries and shelves to remove any recalled Quaker brand food items to determine if they are part of the nationwide recall.

A variety of Quaker cereal and granola bars, Cap'n Crunch Treat berry flavoured bars as well as parfait and yogurt bowls were recalled by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) last week due to a potential contamination salmonella bacteria.

other There were recalls over the weekend of items that contain Quaker granola including some yogurt parfaits because they contain Quaker granola.

The recall was triggered

by the product recall in the United States on Dec. 15 Since Dec. 15, and since then about 60 products

have been recalled. As of Monday over 40 Quaker brand items have been recalled in Canada. The complete list of items is available at the Government of Canada's recalls and safety alerts webpage.

A company press release states that the recall, "Is being taken in Canada out of an abundance of caution and commitment to the wellbeing of our Canadian consumers."

If you have any of the items throw them away, return them to where they were purchased or go to the quakerrecall.ca website for information.

Food contaminated with salmonella may not look or



smell spoiled but can make you sick.

Young children, pregnant women, elderly and people with weakened immune systems may contract serious and sometimes deadly infections. Healthy people may experience short-term symptoms such as fever, vomiting and diarrhea and long-term complications may include severe arthritis.



Ice fisherman are likely keeping warm inside huts and campers while fishing at Lake Newell on Sunday. | BROOKS BULLETIN PHOTO

Wardlow Westerly

WARDLOW - Man we sure weren't ready for this cold spell, the mild weather sure spoiled us. Actually since it turned cold I've had a cough and cold so good reason to hibernate inside and puzzle, read and sew . We listened to the power alerts and shut down our Christmas lights. It sure looks dark and gloomy

when it's dark outside.

My good friend Eileen Barton gifted me an amyrilis bulb in November for my birthday and that silly bulb has chosen this cold spell to blossom. It's so beautiful.

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



Scandia Sketch

SCANDIA - Volunteers are needed and appreciated!!!The Scandia Community Casino Fundraiser will be held in May at the Lethbridge Casino. Volunteers are needed to fill shifts on Thurs., May 16th from 1-8pm, or 8pm-4am, Fri., May 17 from 11am-7:30pm, or 7:30pm-4am. Please call Echo at 4033629630 if you are able to volunteer.

Grab your tickets for the Rainier Revival happening Saturday, Jan.20, featuring the Mark Lorenz Band. Doors open @ 6:30, music starts at 7:30, and fireworks &10pm. There will be a cash bar and midnight snack. For more info contact Pascalle @ 4033733621, or Cyndi @ 4039925835.

Alcoma school News- The next Parent Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, Jan.17@ 1:00pm. With a welcome back to school comes a welcome back to winter weather! 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 gladly accept your bottle donations. These can be placed by the Quonset and the Jr.high students will get them taken in.

The Rolling Hills Ag Society will be holding a Valentines Prime Rib Supper on Saturday, Feb.10 @ the Rolling Hills Community Hall. Doors open at 5:30, supper at 6:30, with Live Band "The Chevelles" playing 8:30-12:30am. Tickets will be sold at the Rolling Hills Post Office and at www.rolling hills.ca, tickets will not be available for purchase at the door. For more info call Michele @ 403-793-4130.

Registration for Ballroom dance lessons offered by the Rainier Community Hall is now open. Please contact Cyndi 1 (403) 992-5835 or Pascalle 1 (403) 363-2621, for more info or to register. Jan.12-Feb.23, every Friday from 7:30-8:30. First come first serve, limited spots available.

Visit the Alcoma Community Library, open to the public also on Thursday evenings from 6.30 to 8:30pm. Come on in and see what is offered for books, games, puzzles, movies..... 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.





2023 Eastern Irrigation District Scholarship Recipients



Adil Abdulwahab



Jodi Allen



Kennedy Beck



Zachary Bryant



Zane Douglas



Rachael Dyck



Ryan Dyck



Cali Fiset-Hofer



Erin Haag



Ella Hiebert



Madison Janzen



Jay Lucas



Kolby MacNaughton



Ethan McClelland





Jared Ulry





Jeremy Philpott



Sarah Sinclair





Cody Troidl







Quinn Vikedal



The Eastern Irrigation District Board of Directors would like to congratulate the EID Scholarship Recipients for 2023. A total of \$45,000 was awarded in scholarships this year. Since the program began in 2008 a total of \$702,000 has been awarded to 364 recipients.

Brooks and area **RCMP** report

SANDRA M STANWAY

BROOKS BULLETIN Three men assaulted

A 26-year-old female is in custody after she was charged with three counts of assault.

On Jan. 11 at 3:55 p.m. when Brooks RCMP arrived on scene they learned that the female had assaulted three men in a home. The men received minor injuries.

As well as the assault charges, she is also charged with one count each of assault with a weapon and mischief under \$5,000.

Impaired driver

On Jan. 11 at 9:30 p.m. police located a vehicle near 2nd Street West that had been reported being operated by an impaired driver.

The 26-year-old driver was found to have been impaired by drugs and Provincial arrested. sanctions were applied and the vehicle was seized.

Safer new year

Brooks RCMP are urging everyone to include safety as part of their New Year resolutions to help reduce crime including storing valuables and making sure your home, sheds, and outbuildings are locked and the property is well lit and consider installing outdoor or motion sensor lights.

Vehicles should be kept inside a locked garage if possible.

If not possible, ensure vehicles are parked in a well lit area, that they are locked, valuables, including garage door openers, are removed.

Never leave a vehicle running unattended with keys inside.

"Property crime affects all communities and Brooks is not immune from this either," said Brooks Cpl. Joe Schmidt.

He said most property crimes are opportunistic and not targeted.

"Any steps taken to complicate the removal of goods from our properties and vehicles has been found to reduce these occurrences," he said.

He also reminds everyone

in plain sight or easily accessible to steal, and to lock cars and property at

"This is an unfortunate reflection of the current climate our communities are in where drug dependencies and the drug trade play a large portion of contributing to property crime and these opportunistic events."

Homeowners may want to register their surveillance camera with the capture program which lets officers know surveillance equipment is in the area which can be used as video evidence to help in criminal investigations.

Information on program can be found at ruralalbertacapture.ca.

Stolen vehicle found in Brooks

On Jan. 9 at 7:40 a.m., a report was made of an abandoned vehicle behind the Red Basket.

The 2016 Ford F-150 was found to have been stolen from the Calgary area about two-and-half months ago. The registered owner is from B.C.

Efforts to identify any

suspects are ongoing. No injuries in collision

There were no injuries as a result of a collision last week but it did result in a ticket for a driver who failed



to stop at an intersection.

On Jan. 9th just after noon a two-vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of 2nd Street West and 4th Avenue rendering vehicles undriveable.

Police reported that a ticket was issued to a driver who failed to stop at a red

The Alberta traffic unit urges motorists to be extra vigilant at intersections because of the high number of collisions mostly as a result of failing to obey or stop at a stop sign or red light and making unsafe left

Drivers should slow down when approaching an intersection and to stop and check for traffic before proceeding.

Four intersections mean that motorists must yield to the vehicle on their right.

"When approaching an intersection always prepared for the unexpected. Pay attention to pedestrians, changing lights and other drivers before proceeding through an intersection," said Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, from the Alberta Traffic Unit.

Arctic air sits over the area

A frigid Sunday morning just before 8 a.m. the temperature was reported by Environment Canada to be -40.6C. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

The blast of cold arctic air settled in for a few days last week but temperatures are looking up this week.

Across the province there were a multitude of cold weather records broken and that cold led to an emergency alert from urging people to turn off unnecessary power.

At least three weather records were broken on Jan. 12, Jan. 13 and Jan. 14.

12 On Jan. temperature dropped to -40C. It's believed that the record it broke as -38.1C from 1998.

On Jan. 13 when the temperature dipped to -42.2C it broke the 1916 record and on Jan. 14 when the temperature dropped to -41.3C it broke the 2005

record of -36.5C.

During the cold snap there were many grid alerts from the Alberta Electrical Systems Operator (AESO) including one that stated the hourly peak in the province hit a new high with 12,384 megawatts on Jan. 11.

At 3:30 p.m. on Saturday an alert was issued by the AESO noting that the grid could face a 100 to 200 megawatt shortfall of electricity during peak hours (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.) butt that was followed by a provincial-wide emergency alert at 6:45 p.m.

"Albertans are asked to immediately limit their electricity use to essential needs only," stated the alert.

Two hours later AESO said the conservation efforts "quickly reduced electricity demand and the risk of rotating outages."

Another alert was issued

Brooks & District

on Monday morning.

The alerts can triggered by factors that affect the grid such as extremely cold weather, time of day and wind conditions.

To help reduce electricity use Albertans should turn off unnecessary lights and any power appliances between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The extreme cold showing warning temperatures ranging from minus 30 to minus 45 and windchills between minus 40 and minus 50 continued for the Brooks area on Monday.

This weeks forecast included snow on Tuesday Wednesday and although it is expected that the temperature will drop to minus 28 on Thursday night, by Saturday they could reach plus 2C.

John Ware food

The John Ware Youth Centre is hosting a food drive on Saturday at the Heritage Inn.

The food will be donated to the Brooks Food Bank to help fill their shelves.

Ahmed Kassem, director of executive Global Village which operates John Ware said there are people who are suffering from food insecurity and there is still a need coming out of the Christmas season to help

to do," said Kassem.
It is not only the food donation of importance but also the volunteering from the Cadets and the

band Highway 36.

"Bring what you can to the event. We will have boxes for food drop off, cash, or cheques made payable to the Brooks Food Bank Foundation," said Kassem.

drive on Saturday **SANDRA M STANWAY** BROOKS BULLETIN

people.

"We are happy to get assistance from the Air Cadets. It is a noble thing

Fish & Game

Annual Awards Night and Wild Game Supper

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 at 5:00 PM

 BRING A WILD GAME DISH TO OUR WILD GAME SUPPER -PRIZE FOR WILD GAME DISH

• Live Auction: 6:00 pm - 6:15 pm •

- Supper to follow Auction Awards: 7:30 pm
- **Door Prizes**
 - Silent Auction Kids Raffle
- Bucket Raffle
 Mystery Meat Challenge

Tickets: 6 to 12 yrs: \$15 ~ Adults: \$30 Tickets Available at:

Brooks Home Building Centre 620 5th Street West Wild Life Taxidermy 507 3rd Street East Phone: 403-362-2667 Sport Side - Source for Sports 140 1st Street West

Sally Bartman Phone: 403-362-1929 **Lester Janke Phone: 403-362-0733**

 Grand Prize for all Trophy Entries submitted in Youth & Adult Categories • Enter Your Unfilled 2023 Tags for a Grand Prize Draw 51,01,03,05C

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Traditional Meat Market would like to thank you for making our first year unforgettable! We look forward to providing the finest meats for many more years to come!

THREE DAYS! JANUARY 26TH, 27TH AND 28TH!!

Each purchase made during this anniversary event automatically enters you into a draw for a Traditional Meat Market Anniversary Freezer Pack OR a 50

And, we will have a limited time offer of 2 packages of our crafted in-house sausages for \$16 dollars. Choose from Breakfast Sausage, Bratwurst Sausage or Farmers Sausage.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!!!



Bow City Signal

BOW CITY - Oh my goodness, I sure feel for all our farmers, truckers , oil field and anybody that has to be outside in this weather. Thoughts are with you all. Thank you for keeping us going.

I have not had much news to report on as too cold.

Barb Dunning went on Quilting Bee at the SABC, They all stayed warm with lots of quilting and visiting with great food. Nice way to spend these cold days.

Joyce, Vickie and I enjoyed cards at Helene's on Thursday. Was so great to get out and enjoy cards and visit.

Would like to send out

condolences to our family on the passing of mom's cousin Dalvin Seely from Grand Prairie.

Also to the rodeo world on the passing of Tim Thompson. Was a great all around guy. Condolences to Penny and family.

Mark your calendar for the Rainier Revival on January 20. Featuring the Mark Lorenz Band. Live music, cash bar, midnight snack. Music starts at 7:30 and then they are having fireworks at 10 o'clock. For more information and details you can visit their social media, contact us at rainier communityclub@gmail.com

Pascalle at 403-373-

3621 or Cyndi at 403-992-5835. Or Facebook.

They have babysitting availability.

Please let me know if you have any news to put in. 403-363-7496. Have a great week.

An extremely large woman wearing a short sleeveless sundress walked into a bar. She raised her radar and revealing a huge hairy arm pit, as she pointed to all the folks seated within an asked, what men here will buy a lady a drink? The entire room went silent as patrons tried their best to ignore her. At the end of the bar, an owly eyed, dissipated drunk slammed his hand on the bar counter and

bellowed, give the ballerina a drink!" The bar-tender poured her a drink and the woman slammed it down. She again raised her massive arm, revealing her hairy arm pit again and ask the room what man here will buy a lady a drink? The same inebriated soul at the bar hollered out Give the ballerina drink!" bartender complied, but quietly ask the man, it's your business if you want to buy the lady a drink but why on the earth do you keep calling her the ballerina? The drunk man replied, any woman who can lift her leg that high has got to be a ballerina

WANDA SMITH

Just a little laughter is good for the soul.

LINDA MOREY

Valentine's Prime Rib Supper Saturday, February 10, 2024 Rolling Hills Community Hall Formal wear is encouraged Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.Supper: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Live Band: "The Chevelles" 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Ticket Info:

• Tickets sold:

- online at rollinghills.ca (under General Store)
- Rolling Hills Post Office and Arena
- NO tickets sold at the event
- Tickets \$50 each
- Limited # of tickets printed
- Reserve a table for 8:\$400

NEED MORE INFORMATION? CALL MICHELE @403-793-4130 02-04

Duchess Dispatch

DUCHESS - Well that was quite a week! We are so grateful for our farmers, ranchers, linesmen, oil and gas workers and all who work outside. You faced all the elements with machines that don't want to work in this cold either.

Rolling Hills Ag Society is hosting a Valentine's Day Prime Rib Supper and Dance on Saturday, February 10th. Formal wear is encouraged. Supper is at 6:30 and the dance follows with music by the always-entertaining band, "The Chevelle's." tickets are available at rolling hills.ca (tab General Store). You can always pick

them up at the arena and post office as well. They will not be selling them at the door. For more information, you can call Michelle at 403 793 4130.

On-line registration for the Brooks Music Festival is open from January 8 - 26. All ages and skill levels are welcome. For more information and links to the entry form go to www. brooksmusicfestival.ca

Living in a Village shows rewards all the time. There was another pooch that escaped from its house and had concerned owners with this crazy weather! A neighbour found the pooch and brought him in from the cold and owner and pooch were reunited. Thanks to Shelley Vikedal for being there for that dog!

Duchess School is having 'open gym' basketball practises for grades 4-6 on Monday and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30.

Thanks to Duchess School, two community Centers in Brooks have many new necessary and helpful items in their buildings. The Champion Center and Canterra Safe House were the recipients of these items that were generously donated by Duchess families.

Have a fantastic week and please forward

your Dispatch news to me at louie63_@hotmail.com or call or text me at 403 793 1630.

Quote: "Train your mind to see the good in every situation."





Business fees due Feb. 29

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

City council on Monday gave three readings to the business licence bylaw which had been reintroduced during the budget.

Canadawide warrant executed

Mathew Perini of Brooks, 34, was arrested by RCMP on a Canada-wide warrant.

On Jan. 12 Brooks RCMP completed offender management monitoring and identified a Perini as a person who was in breach of several of his parole conditions which stem from previous criminal convictions.

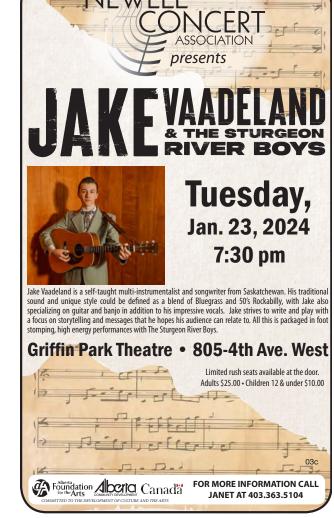
Perini was arrested by Brooks RCMP and has been held in remand until his next court appearance.

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE Monday **3:00 pm** This year's fees licence are due by Feb. 29 without a penalty.

"Normally, the invoices are sent by the beginning of December and are due Dec. 31," Amy Rommens, the city's manager of administration, told council.

It is expected the 2025 invoices will be issued by Dec. 1 this year as the process returns to normal.

The fees will be the same as they were prior to COVID and include \$150 for a new resident business and \$100 for an annual renewal.





JOHN WARE FOOD DRIVE

"Food bank visits have long been a 'canary in the coal mine' of our collective well-being- and now that canary is on its last breath". ~ Food Banks Canada



DATE- JANUARY 20TH, 2024

DROP-OFF LOCATION- HERITAGE INN HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTRE

TIME-7PM TO 9PM (DOOR WILL BE OPEN AT 6:30PM)

MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY-HWY 36 Road Trip Band

CHEQUE/CASH ACCEPTED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT- 4037937243 or info@globalvillagecentre.ca



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Reducing a big emission source and protecting the economy... should be common sense, but Feds won't get credit - that's the roadblock



previous observed that Canadian wildfires are one of the most significant sources of global emissions. Yet, there seems to be no major new effort by governments to take a real run at reducing the incidence, severity and length of forest fires. The problem is that ongoing wildfire emissions are not included in the official global calculation of Canada's share of worldwide emission levels. That means if they are not officially recognized, any new efforts to reduce those levels will be unrecognized. Without official inclusion. the Trudeau government wouldn't get credit on the global green hero stage,

which is their most important audience. Besides, the global green left is ideologically fixated on eliminating the energy industry, not some intermittent weather-related emission source that is mainly confined to Canada. There was much criticism from international commentators about forest fire smoke that spread outside of Canada in 2023, but suppose such smoke in 2024 is confined to Canada. In that case, foreign outrage over wildfires will disappear, much to the relief of the Feds, who want the world to applaud its kill-theenergy industry mania and not be distracted by non-sexy wildfire smoke emissions.

Most folks would see the common sense in taking action to reduce the most apparent most immediate emissions produced by Canada, which would be forest fire smoke emissions. But that just won't happen. That's not to say

governments and the forest industry are not trying to deal with the menace of forest fires. Both spend hundreds of millions annually, but they have to use limited resources with diminishing success in lessening the number and severity of wildfire outbreaks. This is no bad reflection on the hard-working folks taking big risks fighting forest fires. But consider this: what if forest fire fighting resources across the country were doubled or tripled - would that not enable those involved to better control spreading fires sooner and quicker thereby reducing wildfire emissions immediately? The federal government spends billions yearly on dubious emission reduction schemes that can only reduce them slowly and incrementally. What if those billions were spent on adding resources to fighting forest fires that could reduce incidence and severity

by 50% per year right away? I would suggest those emission reductions in one year could equal all the politically correct government emission reduction schemes for the next ten years or more.

For example, one of the more apparent failures in national forest fire fighting is acquiring more water bombing aircraft. If governments had twice the number of such aircraft available, would that not reduce the severity and time frame of forest fires? At one time, Canada was a leader in inventing and building water bombers. But it seems once various governments acquired a bare minimum number, new models and acquisition stopped; eventually, water bomber aircraft production stopped. Various provinces and territories have about 100 planes dedicated to firefighting, of which 40 are actual Canadair water bombers. The rest are a

conglomeration of other aircraft, including old World War 2 Mitchell bombers.

Ironically, as more wildfires started to occur worldwide, demand for new Canadianbuilt water bombers increased to the point that production has now been revived. Firm orders were placed for the new bombers from countries like Greece, Spain, Turkey and others. In fact, the company building the new planes is booked up until 2030! That means Canada, the country that builds the planes and has the most severe wildfires in the world can't acquire any new additional water bombers for at least six years. Ironically, those planes are expected to be built at the new De Havilland aircraft assembly plant east of Calgary. There is something truly absurd about this situation.

Alberta has only four older Canadair water bombers.

One might have hoped that at least the first half dozen new planes would have been bought by Alberta, being they would be built here in the province. Yes, they are expensive, but considering their ability to quickly extinguish fires and emissions - shouldn't some of the hundreds of millions of climate change dollars be redicted into acquiring those planes. Just think what doubling of the water bomber fleet could achieve. Think it can't be done try offering De Havilland \$I billion to double their water bomber production. It's much less than the \$40 billion given to EV battery plants in Ontario. Which scheme - water bombers or e-cars - would have the most immediate impact on emission reduction in Canada? Food for thought.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.



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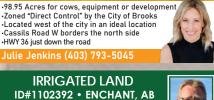
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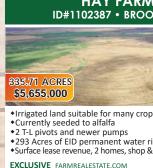
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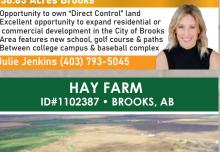
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A trio of Bandits on NHL mid-term scouring list

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Logan Sawyer, Mathieu Taillefer and Nathan Free are among the 224 players who have been ranked and selected for the NHL's Mid-Term Central Scouting List for North American skaters.

The list ranks players who are eligible for the 2024 hockey draft.

Sawyer is ranked at 91, Taillefer is ranked at 176 and Free is ranked at 185.

Also on the list from the Alberta Junior Hockey League is Easton Hewson of the Calgary Canucks who is ranked at 199.

The top-ranked player is Boston University's Macklin Celebrini.

Macklin is the brother of Aiden Celebrini who played for the Bandits and was drafted by the Vancouver Canucks in round six at number 171 overall in the 2023 NHL Entry Draft.

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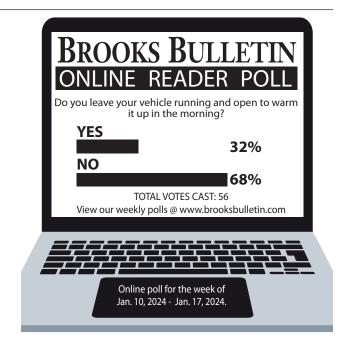


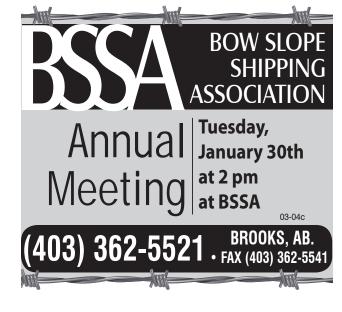
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During Thursday's county council meeting reeve Arno Doerksen presented the Alberta EmergencyServices Medal to area firefighters. Shown are Tilley firefighter and former chief Patrick Fabian who received his 22-year medal, Rolling Hills fire chief Bill Dickinson received his 32-year medal, Tilley firefighter Matthew Vossepoel received his 12-year medal, Rolling Hills deputy fire chief Tjark Stikker received his 12-year medal, Patricia fire chief Ray Torkelson received his 12-year medal and regional fire chief Stewart Luchies received his 22-year medal. Missing are 12-year medal recipients: Scandia deputy fire chief and Bow City firefighter Duce Currie, Gem captain Collin Reid, Gem Lt. Mike Wiebe, Bow City firefighter Curtis Calvert. Rosemary firefighters Logan Hopp and Kenny Knaap will received their 12-year medal at a village council meeting.

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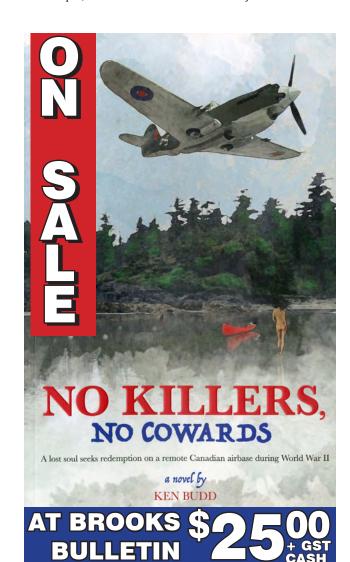
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THURSDAYS: Pool, 9:30 am - 11:00 am, Line Dancing (Beginners), 9:00 am - 11:00 am; Pie/ Coffee, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm - occasionally in Winter check first! Bocce Ball, 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm (May to Sept. at Evergreen Park). Line (intermediate), 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

FRIDAYS: Easy Step Exercise, 9:30 am - 10:30 am; Floor Curling, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Cards - Texas

Holdem, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm; Potluck Dinners, 5:00 pm eat at 6:00 pm (2x per year/ check first).





AUCTION FOR IRRIGATED LEASES

Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 2:00 p.m. at the EID Office, Brooks

This is a public auction; however, only preregistered irrigators or their proxies will be permitted to bid. Preregister for the auction at the EID Office from January 2nd through 26th. Bid packages will be available on January 2nd.

For more information, visit the News tab on the District website, or call Nathan Fontaine, Land Supervisor, (403) 409-3548.

n your garde It is early January and Mackenzie also sells bulbs and bareroot products that are shipped later in the

much too early to plant all but the slowest growing germinating seeds. That doesn't mean that the merchandise is not available. Seeds are being set up in garden centers and big box stores. Larger seed houses sent out catalogues in November or December and their online catalogues accepting orders. companies are happy to send catalogues requested.

While most websites say they do not sell GMO seed, it may alleviate customer's fears but GMO seed is not sold through local stores, seed houses, or small growers. Those that grow GMO seeds purchase a large amount of seed and sign contracts.

Organic seeds are listed as such in most catalogues. Fungicide treatment is also listed in the seed description. The weight or number of seeds or both are often included. If not, expect less seed for less money. Unless on is planting a large garden, more is not always better.

The following is a list of the older seed companies that have been supplying Canadians with seeds for many years.

Lindenburg Seeds are located in Manitoba where they have been shipping seeds, bulbs, potatoes, perennials, and water plants for 89 years. While there on line catalogue is not functional they have a pdf of their catalogue making it possible to order online.

Spend more than \$89.00 and shipping is free.

McKenzie seeds available locally through seed displays in stores throughout Canada and online. At present time, first time buver's online buvers receive a 10% discount. spring.

Ontario Seed Company known as the OCS has been a Canadian family business for five generations. They sell flowers and Aimers international vegetable seeds along with lawn and alternative lawn seed as well as seed for a few varieties of trees and shrubs.

Richters has been in the business of selling and shipping vegetable and herb seeds along with vegetable and herb plugs, small plants, for over 50 years. Both their herb and vegetable selection are extensive. Richters has a store in the Greater Toronto area and sells and ships orders throughout Canada and the United States.

Stokes seeds Canada is located in Ontario with a counterpart south of the border. It has been in business since 1881 selling a variety of vegetable and flower seeds with specific information on growing each variety of seed.

The company has been slowly moving away from small customer orders and has set the minimum order at \$125.00. It might pay to partner with other gardeners as larger orders get a discount.

T&T Seeds out of Winnipeg have a confusing website but a great pdf catalogue that can be accessed by asking for the link through the web page chat box. They have been selling seeds, bulbs, perennials, trees, shrubs and fruit for 70 years.

Veseys Seeds is located in P.E.I. and was established in 1939. They sell seeds, bulbs, potatoes, and bare rooted shrubs, perennials and tree saplings. The website and catalogue are both a wealth of growing information.

Live goods will be shipped after all danger of frost. Spring bulbs are shipped to the Prairie Provinces faster than other parts of Canada.

Veseys also puts out a second catalogue in the fall for bulbs and roots for fall planting

West Coast Seeds is a company out of British Columbia. It changed owners in 2016 and is now owned and operated by the Diamond family, a long time Canadian family. All West Coast seeds are organic which means they were grown on certified organic land, packaged in a certified organic facility and are not treated with fungicides.

West Coast Seeds has a good selection of flower and garden seeds. They also carry sprouting and micro green seeds along with fruits and berries

Seeds are available online with a smaller selection available in stores.

W. H. Perron was founded in 1928 in Quebec. The catalogues in either English or French list a large variety of flower and vegetable, tropical as well as native seeds. They cater to urban and organic growers.

William Dam seeds in Ontario was started by a couple that emigrated from the Netherlands after World War II. Presently most of the seeds are organic. They sell seeds to grow a green crop, cover seeds that will help improve the soil. They also carry a good selection of flowers, herbs and vegetables.

Then ordering seeds, one should take into account the cost of shipping.

Linda Tomlinson is a horticulturalists that has hardened in Central Alberta for over 30 years. She can be reached at your_garden@ hotmail.com

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to slow cooking. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = E)

12 9 10 12 23 A.

Clue: Vessel

B. 18 19 10 8

Clue: Opposite of fast

18 3 20 20 C. 16

Clue: Liquid kept below boil

D. 16 15 17 16 9 3

Clue: Soften fibers

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to slow cooking.



Answer: Cooker

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in New York on January 16, 1980. I started my musical career in a comedy hip hop group. I have achieved immense fame after creating groundbreaking Broadway musicals and contributing to movie soundtracks.

Answer: Lin-Manuel Miranda

SLOW COOKING WORD SEAR

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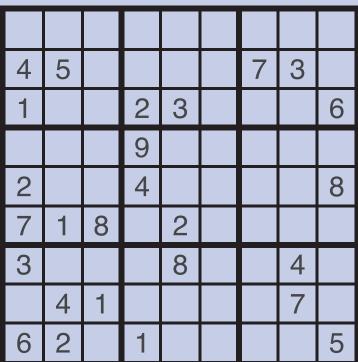
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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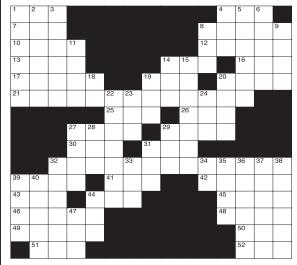
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Microgram
- 4. Where golfers begin 7. Each
- 8. Warm weather metropolis
- 12. Girl's given name
- 13. Myth (Spanish)
- 14. Ultrahigh frequency
- 16. Former NBAer Jeremy
- 17. Where rockers work
- 19. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 20. Soft-finned fishes
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Union
- 27. Member of religious community
- 29. Small shrill flute

CLUES DOWN

- 4. Men's fashion accessory
- 5. "Hotel California" rockers
- 6. Electronic communication 33. Midway between north
- 11. A way to resound

- 20. Boundary
- 22. Antilles island 23. It's used to make furniture 47. Wood or metal bolt

- 30. Small constellation in the
- Milky Way
- 31. They 32. College kid on vacation
- 10. Coat with sticky substance 39. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
 - 41. Part of the human body 42. A progressive grading
 - 43. Sound unit
 - 44. Noise some birds make
 - 45. Abba ___, Israeli politician 46. Portuguese city
 - 48. Be extremely, uncritically

1. An insane person

- 2. __ Boothe Luce, American author
- 3. Buttock muscles

- 8. Magnetomotive force (abbr.)
- 9. Hostelries
- 14. Exclamation: yuck!
- 15. A resident of Indiana 18. Exclamation of surprise
- 19. Make a mistake

- 24. Clod

- fond of 49. Resembling old Norse poems 50. Ask for out of extreme need
- 51. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 52. Midway between south and southeast
- 27. They indicate where places are
- 28. Bobby ___, NHL champ 29. Prints money
- 31. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 32. Appetizers
- and northwest
- 34. Spanish be
- 35. Breezed through 36. Grilled dishes
- 37. In a way, excites
- 38. Change mind
- 39. A French abbot
- 40. Popular candy
- 44. Partner to cheese
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Aries, if resolutions seem slow-going, become part of your routine. You can handle anything when you put your mind

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, there is a lot going on in your life at the moment, and you may need to accept that you can't do it all alone. Start farming out tasks to people you trust.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 How will you know if you can do something unless you give it a try, Gemini? Be adventurous this week, whether it is enjoying a new ethnic cuisine or trying a new activity.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, you may have a few plans on the horizon but aren't sure how to get

to improve.

at a time and soon you'll find that you're on your way. LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, you may think you're being humble and putting others' needs before your own this week. But if you look a little

started. Just like walking, take it one step

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, if you commit to something, follow through this week. Others are counting

deeper, you may discover you have room

on you for your portion of the work and letting them down now is not an option.

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IBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Health issues may have you taking inventory of your habits, Libra. It's a new year and the perfect time to start to make changes for the better. Ask for help if you need guidance.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You're not one for being bashful about things, Scorpio. But something could occur this week that leaves you a little red in the face and perhaps wanting to hide in the shadows.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 Someone new in your life is causing all types of changes to your schedule, Sagittarius. You're not quite sure if you enjoy it or not right now. Stay the course and wait to see.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 Capricorn, you will not make inroads with family or friends if you continue to play the victim. You must own up to any mistakes you've made and start making amends this week.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 Sometimes the best defense is remaining quiet and letting others dig themselves into a deeper hole, Aquarius. Others will see your positive efforts for all they are.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 Think about planning a getaway in the next month or so, Pisces. It doesn't have to be a grand voyage. Even a weekend retreat can be a way to rest and recharge right now.

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obituaries



DOLORES EDWARDS, Lethbridge, AB, beloved wife of Richard Edwards for 59 years, passed away in Lethbridge on Monday, December 25, 2023 at the age of 83 years.

Besides her loving husband Dick, Dolores is survived by her sons: Richard and Robert Edwards and daughter Rae-Ann MacDonald; grandkids: (Lukas), Jayme (Matt), Jasmine, Tyson and Tye; and greatgrandkids: Piper, Alyza and Ivie, as well as her sister Valeri Stefani (Rick) and her brother John Degenhardt.

Šhe was predeceased by her parents, Val and Connie Degenhardt; her brothers Bill and

Mike Degenhardt; son-in-law Gary MacDonald, and her nephew Kenny Stefani.

Dolores was the oldest of five kids born to Val and Connie Degenhardt on September 20, 1940. Dolores was born in Cabri, Saskatchewan, but called Acadia Valley home. She received her education in Acadia Valley, Medicine Hat and Calgary

Dolores met her soulmate, Dick Edwards, in Medicine Hat, where they got married on November 6, 1964, and had their three kids. They lived in Medicine Hat, Valley View, and Rainbow Lake, before settling in Brooks. Dolores participated and coached many sports and activities over the years. She was a lifetime Legion member and was also the first woman president of the Brooks Legion Branch #63. Dick and Dolores opened Dick's Boiler in

1981, where they worked together for almost 40 years.

Dolores was always a hard worker. She spent her days bookkeeping for Dick's Boiler and spent most of her evenings playing in her gardens. Dolores was an avid gardener. Her yard won the "Communities in Bloom Award" in Brooks in 2004. Her love of gardening was something she passed on to the next three generations. On top of gardening and bookkeeping, Dolores had an award-winning cold room filled with all kinds of canning and jams; she baked buns and filled the deepfreeze with cabbage rolls and stuffed peppers for the winter.

Dolores was a lifelong wrestling fan, who never missed a payper-view. She was often heard saying on Mondays and Fridays after work, "I'm going to go home, sit on my big fat ass, crack a beer and watch wrestling.

She was a force and the perfect lady to have on your side, yet she was kind and very generous with a great sense of humour. She was the rock in our family and will be missed forever.

Dolores was laid to rest in a private Family Graveside Service.

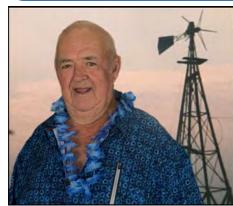
A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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July 19, 1945 ~ January 6, 2024 Ronald Alfred 'Ron Theise, beloved husband of the late Judy Theise, passed passeu away peacefully in his sleep while at his residence in Jenner, Alberta Saturday, January 6, 2024 at the age of 78

live on through his family: son, Robin (Marla) Theise; daughter, Laurel-Lee (David) McMenemy; one granddaughter and four great-grandchildren. Ron is also survived by one sister, Judy (Glenda); three brothers, Tom, Brian and Bruce (Evelyn) as well as numerous extended family. He was predeceased by his parents, Anne and Reinhard Theise; three brothers, Bob, Rick and Terry as well as one sister, Carol. Ron was born in Ottawa, ON., on July 19, 1945, before his family moved to Success, SK., in 1952. It was in the early 60's that Ron moved to Jenner, AB., where he met the love of his life, Judith Ann Knutson. They were married on February 8, 1969, and a number of years later they purchased the family farm. Ron enjoyed each opportunity to cast his line into the water when visiting their cabin at Suffern Lake. Throughout his time in Jenner, Ron was involved in the community becoming well know and well liked by everyone. He will be missed. A come and go Celebration of Ron's life will be held at the Jenner Arena on Saturday, January 20, 2024, starting at 1:00 p.m. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting www.cooksouthland.com) Those wishing to remember Ron may do so through donations to HALO, 12 - 1 Airport Drive S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 5G4 Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel, Crematorium & Reception Facility, 901 - 13 Street S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 4V4. Telephone toll free: 1-877-528-6455.

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MRAKAVA - Everett Mrakava beloved son, brother and friend to many, passed away suddenly on January 3, 2024 at the age of 47. Everett was the youngest son of Valentine and Jill Mrakava and raised on the family farm in Tilley, Alberta. He was a bit of a stinker when he was little, as not even the toot of the horn would speed him up to get to the bus. He always did things at his own pace and on his own agenda.

Everett decided that the

ranching side of things was much more exciting than driving a tractor though. And when from an early age he donned a cowboy hat, we knew we had a budding horseman. From riding with his cousins Clint & Otto, the Dubois Valley Horse Camp, the 'Legacy of Legends' in Fort Worth Texas, clinics at Tick & Leanne's, riding with Gord & Wendy, Chandra, and the many colt starting clinics he attended at Buck Brannaman and Peter Campbell's clinics, he continued to hone his craft as he travelled from Alberta to Saskatchewan, B.C., and all the way to Texas with his faithful border collie July by his side (later Merle and then June took on that roll). Everett admired Peter so much, and worked so hard to be a horseman like him. "No one worked harder at the clinics than Everett did", we are told. He even went down to Peter's ranch to ride with him there.

His love of Palomino's lead him to a special horse named Southern Gold Rush. From that beautiful stallion, Everett began his precious palomino herd. And even though Everett led a busy life with his cattle and horses, he always took time to somehow visit his family and friends...you just never knew when he'd roll in! His friends were important to him, and they knew they could depend on him when they needed a hand.

Everett was a bit of a roamer, and it took a few corral building adventures to finally start putting down roots, which he had finally started to do. We are grateful to the Mayerthorpe EMS and his friends Harvey and Jay and their families for the help they gracefully gave him on his last adventure, and for being there to provide CPR until the paramedics arrived at the ranch.

Everett was predeceased by his father Valentine and his brother Gerald. He is survived by his mother Jill and his sister Colleen (Dave) and many aunts, uncles and cousins. A funeral service will be held at 1:00pm on February 3, 2024 at Thoms Funeral Home and Reception Center, 477 Margaret Avenue East, Duchess, Alberta. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, PO Box 336 Stn. M, Calgary, AB T2P 9Z9 or to the Canadian Wildlife Federation, 350 Cowpland Dr., Kanalta, ON, K2M 2W1. For family members and friends unable to attend, there will be a provision to attend virtually or by phone. The Zoom link is: 844 0535 7436, PW: 1234 To listen in via phone, please call

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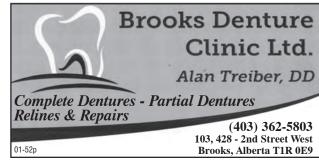
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Steven Guilbeault, 'policymaker of the year,' is killing economic growth

MATTHEW LAU THE FINANCIAL POST

Ottawa-based Macdonald-Laurier Institute has named Steven Guilbeault, federal minister of environment and climate change, its 2023 policymaker of the year. "Ruthless, reckless and damaging," the cover of the latest issue of MLI's Inside Policy magazine calls him, announcing its choice.

Standing out for reckless damaging policymaking is a real achievement in a government now famous for policy disasters. Its economic policy has created crises of unaffordability and stagnation; its foreign policy was recently praised by terror group Hamas; and its social policy has descended into a parody of wokeness, international headlines mocking Ottawa for providing free feminine hygiene products in men's washrooms on Parliament

federally regulated workplaces to do the same since providing them only to women would not be equitable.

When it comes to the Liberals' economic and policy environmental disasters, Guilbeault is a key architect. The Soviet-style electric vehicle mandate proclaimed two weeks ago is but the latest example. The Liberals are mandating that 20 per cent of new lightduty vehicles sold must be electric or plug-in hybrid by 2026. In this year's third quarter only 13 per cent were — so ground needs to be made up. And then the requirement rises to 60 per cent by 2030 and 100 per cent by 2035, with steep penalties for producers that miss these targets.

Forced conversion is a calamity for industry, consumers, and taxpayers. vehicles consumers \$14,000 more

, on average, than gaspowered cars after federal government subsidies of up to \$5,000 per vehicle plus provincial subsidies that vary by province but are as high as \$7,000 in Quebec. Hopes that electric vehicles may reach financial parity with gas-fuelled ones are fraught with uncertainty, as prices are largely driven by the costs of a wide range of minerals mined mainly in foreign countries.

As Manhattan Institute scholar Mark P. Mills detailed in a study last year, expanding mineral extraction government-inflated demand cancels out much of electric vehicles' supposed environmental benefits. For the vast majority of consumers, according to Mills, even with government subsidies it's not clear "when, if ever, EVs will reach parity in cost and fuelling convenience" and because

of the upstream emissions in manufacturing, "no one knows how much, if at all, CO2 emissions will decline as EV use rises." It's even possible, Mills concludes, that large-scale EV adoption may cause emissions to rise

In addition to fighting cars and drivers, Guilbeault spent 2023 assaulting the oil and gas sector with what the MLI's Heather Exner-Pirot calls "sectordestroying policies." On top of the carbon tax, clean fuel regulations came into effect in July, significantly inflating fuel costs and disproportionately impacting poor Canadians. August, Guilbeault introduced draft clean electricity regulations that will "necessarily take large swaths of Canada's existing generation capacity offline," Exner-Pirot writes. Then in December, at COP28, Guilbeault announced an emissions cap targeting

Canadian oil and gas. The carbon tax already covers all sectors; singling out one for special regulation is punitive and destructive.

The march to decarbonize Canada, apparently in the most haphazard manner possible, is causing profound economic harm. The federal government's own estimates suggest that relative to a "current measures" baseline, netzero policies would wipe out 20 to 40 per cent of the growth from 2022 to 2050 in real per capita GDP. And that assumes baseline growth of 21.1 per cent, which may well be optimistic. Canada's real GDP per capita actually shrank in each of the last

five quarters. While impoverishing Canadians to save the planet, Guilbeault has not himself set a good low-carbon example or lived especially austerely. In August, he and a seven-person delegation took a four-day

trip to Beijing for a two-day climate conference, billing taxpayers for flight and lodging costs of \$140,000, with additional expense claims pending. Juxtapose this with his November announcement that the government would fight a Federal Court ruling striking down its classification of all plastic manufactured items as "toxic" — the basis for its ban on single-use plastics. So Guilbeault and company can take a \$140,000-trip on our dime, but we are not allowed to drink from plastic straws.

Does Guilbeault really believe that his bans on plastics and gas-powered cars and all the rest of his meddling actually helps Canadians? If so, he's fooling himself. If not, he's trying to fool the rest of us. Either way, he really is damaging, reckless and the worst policymaker of 2023.

Matthew Lau is a Toronto writer.

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melt the snow, as there isn't

much snow cover as it is. Sunday I stayed home from church as my thermometer read -44C, that just too extreme to venture out.

Gee, here we are in the middle of the month already, the time just flies by.

deepest Our sympathies go to Shirley and Edwin Kirschenman and to her sister Joan Wombold of Calgary, on the passing of their brother Donald Ferguson of Calgary on December 27, 2023 at the age of 90 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your families at this sad time.

Thomas and Barbara Mahrer left on December 27th to board a Southern Caribbean New Years Cruise sailing from Fort Lauderdale. They were with a group of about 70 Ballroom dancers and had

a very enjoyable time. They stopped at several ports to spend a day touring. They returned home on January 7th. They made it in time for our cold weather. I'll bet you wish you were still back down in nice warm weather.

NoteThe Brooks and District Social Club will be holding their 1st dance of the year on February 17th in the Heritage Inn at 7:30pm with the band "Time after time" to entertain us. We hope that there will be a good turn out as "Everyone is welcome" to attend. Other dances will be on March 16th -with Larry and his son-in-laws, then on April 20th -with the Softones as they'll be back. So folks, "MÁRK" your calendars and come on out and have some fun visiting and dancing.. I'll have more information

closer to the dance date. On Saturday Karl and Linda Slomp went in to their daughter Carolyn and Levi Wadsworth and family's place in Brooks, where all of Linda's family gathered to help her celebrate her special birthday. Joel and Rachel and family flew into Calgary and Levi picked them up at the airport as they came for the occasion. It's the first time the rest of the family would meet their new little girl, Twecy. Congratulations to you

ONLY Everyone Welcome and buy what you didn't know you needed. Birthday greetings for the coming week goes out to Tamzin (Buhler) on Jan. 19th; to David Slomp on Jan. 20th; to Brian Nichols of Brooks on Jan. 21st; to Logan Hickey and John Velasco, both on Jan. 22nd; to Dale Merkl of Arcola, SK on Jan. 23rd and to Wayne Swenson who'll be the big 60 on Jan. 24th. We wish each of you a great day and

for the coming year. anniversary Нарру wishes go to Ty and Glenda Charlton on Jan. 20th and to Tyler and Tamina Charlton on Jan. 21st. We wish both couples' all the very best for many great years with good health and much happiness together.

a "Very Happy Birthday" to

each of you and to everyone

else that are celebrating

a birthday and we wish

everyone all the very best

Here's something for the guys to think about twice--

"After being married for 50 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, 'Fifty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep with a hot 23-year-old girl every night. Now, I have a \$500,000 home, a \$45,000 car, a nice big bed and a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 69-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things.' My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 23-year-old girl and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV. Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve an

old guy's problems."

in memory

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Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL

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The CATS Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 pm at Wester's Garage.

Bethany Lutheran Church offers regular worship services at 11:00 am each Sunday. All are welcome to attend.

The Rolling Hills Ag Society will host a Valentine's Day dinner and dance on February 10 with "The Chevelles" providing music from 8:30 pm to 12:30 am. A prime rib dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 each (\$400 for a table of 8). Please visit rollinghills.ca (General Store tab) or visit the post office or arena.

The Rolling Hills Seniors Club offers a Soup & Sandwich Lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the seniors' hall. There is a choice of two homemade soups, sandwich, dessert, and beverage. The lunch is open to everyone, all are welcome.

Tilley Seniors Society luncheon is the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 pm for all members and invited guests.

Shortly after their wedding, Edna placed a shoebox on a high shelf in a closet and asked Ed never to touch it. After 50 years, he

had never even peeked. As Edna lay dying, he decided to look. He found two carefully crafted, handmade doilies and \$82,500 in cash. He took it to her and asked her to explain. She said, "My mother gave me that box the day we married. She told me to make a doily every time I was angry or frustrated with you instead of taking it out on you." Ed was very touched that in 50 years, she had only been mad at him twice! "Where did all the money come from, then?"

he asked. Edna replied, "Oh, that's the money I made from selling the doilies."

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259. You may also email at goombaw@eidnet.org with subject line Tilley Telegram. Please contact me by or before 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings to have your news included for the week. On long weekends, news is due Thursday morning before the holiday.



A couple of rabbits can be seen playing in the parking lot near Silver Sage. | BROOKS BULLETIN PHOTO





Newell District 4-H Recognition night was held on January 6, 2024

ALISA TREMBECKI SUBMITTED

Members, sponsors and friends were welcomed by Tenley Warburton and Kiera Trembecki who were the Masters of Ceremonies for the evening. We enjoyed a delicious meal and friendly conversation at the Duchess

Several awards were presented:

District Communications; Speeches - Junior: 1st Nicole Waldner, 2nd Madison Lessner. Intermediate: Ratcliffe-1st Ireland Graves, 2nd Chloe Bohnet. Senior: 1st Bryce O'Hara, Tenley Warburton.

Presenta-tions - Junior: 1st Harper Connaughton, 2nd Mallie Oliver. Intermediate: 1st Ember Conners, 2nd Maya Manderscheid, Senior: Zachary Slorstad.

Regional Communications; Speeches - Senior: 1st Tenley Warburton. Presentations: Senior: 3rd Zachary Slorstad. Provincial Communications; Speeches: 1st Tenley Warburton.

District Scholarship winners: Newell District 4-H - Abbey Slorstad. Grayson Fryberger. Newell District Light Horse - Brett Niznik. Ilissa Hendrickson Memorial - Ross Redelback,

Levi Johnson. Newell District Beef - Sarah Niznik, Brett Niznik. Newell Good Shepherd 4-H - Ross Redelback.

Regional Scholarship winners: South Alberta 4-H Regional Council Farming Smarter - Madison Gilborn. Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council Centennial - Madison Janzen, Abbey Slorstad, Shelby Gilborn, Bryanne Peltzer, Lyndsey Peltzer. Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council Bursaries - Falyn Fryberger, Jay Lucas. Southern Regional Light Horse Committee -Brett Niznik.

> Provincial Scholarship

winners: Frederick Carr Scholarship - Bryanne Peltzer. Alberta Beef Producers Scholarship - Lyndsey Peltzer. Isley Family in Memory of Sonya Isley Scholarship - Madison Gilborn. Irene M Levitt Memorial Scholarship - Ross Redelback.

Member Trip 4-H Awards: Canada Citizenship Congress -Tenley Warburton. Ag Next Generation-Alberta Agriculture Tour - Tobin Johnson.

Leadership Awards: 3 Year - Cole Brost, Madison Gilborn, Cordel Griffith, Natel Hofmann, Erika

Lacelle, Melanie Marriott-Berg, Calvin Rooke, Suntana Murray. 5 Year - Lee Beasley, Mindy Evans, Samantha Johnson.

District Record Book winners: Senior handwritten -Kiera Trembecki. Junior PDF -Evelyn Rooke. Interme-diate PDF - Evan Rooke. Senior PDF - Zachary Slorstad.

Regional Judging: Senior 1st Korben Johnson. Provincial Judging: Team -Newell District Members -Sen-ior 2nd in reasons and placings & overall Korben Johnson, Zachary Slorstad, Kamryn Trembecki, Abbey Slorstad. Intermediate 1st overall team and reasons Nora Johnson, Navada Murray. Intermediate 2nd placings Maya Manderscheid, Eva Johnson. Junior 3rd in reasons and placings & overall Harper Con-naughton, Myra Murray. Individual: Junior 1st place individual reasons Myra Murray. Intermediate

2nd individual reasons Nevada Murray. Senior 1st individual placings Kamryn Trembecki.

Awards of Excellence: Bronze - Abigail Dale, Evan Rooke, Evelyn Rooke. Silver - Evangeline Johnson. Tripp Warburton. Gold - Johnny Gilbert, Bo Johnson, Nora Johnson, Cassidy Liboiron Eva Niznik, Zachary Slorstad. Platinum - Madison Gilborn (2020/21), Shelby Gilborn (2020/2021).

Friends of 4-H were recognized: Bassano -Bonnie Spragg, Bow River Riders - Jardi Clark, Dusty Plains - Lyle and Susan Conners, Jenner - Kristi Liboiron, John Ware - Nina Conners, South Slope -Shannon An-drews.

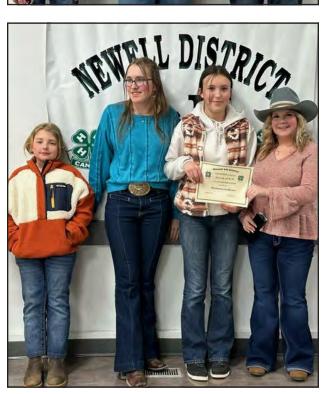
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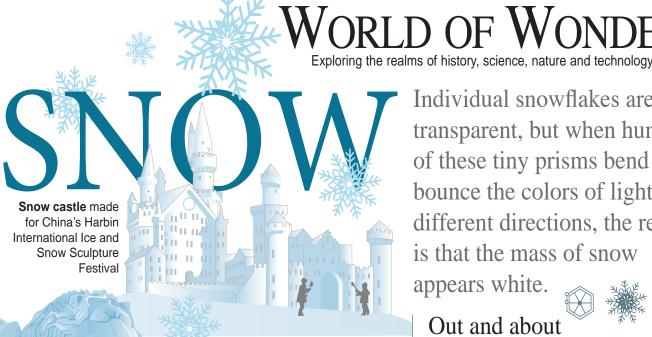
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Snow art

Snow forts and snowmen are usually made by children for imaginary fun, but some adults like to take snow fort building to another level.

Types of snow crystals

Not all snowflakes look like six-pointed stars. The illustration below shows 35 of the more common and distinctive types of snowflakes.

A hexagonal prism is the most basic snow crystal. Simple prisms tend to be quite small, but you might be able to take a look at them with a magnifying glass.



Hexagonal

plate

Snow

sculpture

of a resting lion at

the Quebec Winter Carnival

Simple prism



Solid column

Hollow

column



Sheath

Cup



Scrolls



on plate

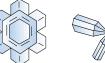


Columns



on plate





Stellar

plate

Sectored

plate



Bullet rosette

Isolated

bullet

Simple

needle



Capped column

Multiply

capped



Split plates and star



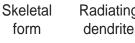
Radiating plates



















bullets







Simple

star

Stellar



dendrite



Fernlike stellar dendrite



cluster

Crossed needles





Double

Hollow plate



Arrowhead

twins

Crossed plates



Rimed

Graupel

Individual snowflakes are transparent, but when hundreds of these tiny prisms bend and bounce the colors of light in all different directions, the result is that the mass of snow appears white.

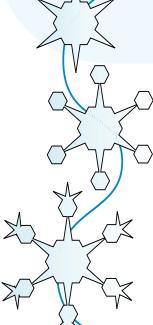
Out and about

Snowshoes can be traced to Asia about 6,000 years ago. Snowshoes work by distributing your weight over a larger area so that your feet do not sink into the snow. Snowshoes are still used today.

The first machine built to travel on ice was built in 1908. The Lombard log hauler, designed and built in Waterville, Maine, looked like a steam locomotive with tracks and front skis.

Is it snow, or is it sleet?

Snow crystals are not frozen raindrops; that is **sleet.** Snow crystals form when supercooled water vapor in clouds freezes directly into ice, without first becoming liquid water. As more water vapor condenses on the snow crystal, it grows and develops. There are roughly 1,018 water molecules in a snowflake, and each flake grows at a different rate, depending on water saturation and temperature. This is why snowflakes come in so many shapes.



A speck of dust **Dust particle**

A snowflake begins as a microscopic dust particle and grows into a complex crystal. Sometimes, other crystals stick to the flake.

The water molecules that form ice crystals (snowflakes) are made from two hydrogen atoms bonded to one oxygen atom. When these molecules come together in the sky to create ice. they arrange themselves in a lattice of hexagonal rings.

Saturation and temperature

As the temperature cools, snowflakes develop into needles, and then hexagonal prisms and hollow columns. As it gets colder, dendrites form at larger sizes. Go colder still, and columns and flat plates form.

