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## Bandits, four other teams, leaving AJHL

No AJHL teams have been suspended....

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
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The hockey world was rocked on Saturday when the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) leaked that the Brooks Bandits and four other Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL) teams will move to the BCHL.

Brooks, Blackfalds Bulldogs, Okotoks Oilers, Sherwood Park Crusaders and Spruce Grove Saints will join the BCHL for the 2024-25 season.

The BCHL will increase to 22 teams and the AJHL will drop to 11 teams.

"The information wasn't supposed to be out until May 1," said Bandits president, Paul Seaton.

"Nothing has been signed yet but an agreement has been reached and our board has agreed to it unanimously," he said.

He said the decision to

change leagues was made "very recently" and that the five teams have not officially notified the league.

In a statement announcing the cancellation of games last weekend and three this week, the AJHL said they are assessing the next steps and schedule implications.

The cancelled games have been between teams leaving and teams remaining.

Four games were cancelled over the weekend including the one between Drayton Valley Thunder and the Bandits and the Whitecourt Wolverines and the Bandits.

The cancelled weekend games were removed from the master schedule.

"The league has taken certain actions I believe are outside their jurisdiction in that the game tonight (Saturday) and tomorrow night have been cancelled," said Seaton.

It's not known if the schedule will change to the end of the season, however, change may include

continuing the season as scheduled or even removing the five teams from the schedule.

Seaton said he can't imagine it going that far.

"It's obviously going to be a legal question."

In addition to listing this week's cancellations, the AJHL appeared to respond to inaccurate social media posts which stated the five teams were "indefinitely suspended."

"The Alberta Junior Hockey League continues to operate as a member of the Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL) and has not suspended any of its 16 member teams," the league said on Monday.

"All games played have been league sanctioned under the management of the AJHL game officials and recorded in the league standings."

When asked for a comment on Saturday from the CJHL, president Andy Harkness told The Bulletin "There is no comment at this time."

Seaton said he cannot yet discuss the reason why the decision was made to leave the AJHL but the early announcement resulted in things going a little south.

"We're all a bit miffed. It's chaos at the moment but we'll have to see where the mop flops, I guess," he said.

The BCHL withdrew its membership from the Canadian Junior Hockey League in 2021 and in May 2023 it served notice of its withdrawal from Hockey Canada.

Hockey Canada continued to honour its agreement with the league until the withdrawal date of June 1, 2023.

The Bandits intent to operate within the AJHL for the current season expires on May 31, 2024. It is also anticipated that Hockey Canada will continue to honour its agreement with the five AJHL teams.

There would be some advantages to joining the BCHL, which is an independent league, including allowing teams

to recruit 16-and-17-year-old players from other provinces and allowing players to remain in Canada and compete in the NCAA. That option may be expanded for players under 18.

The BCHL structure will be announced over the next few months but it is believed there will be little change in travel.

Harold Evans, a long time Bandits fan, said he will continue to show team support and believes the move will mean more competition.

"When you think of the travel, it's going to probably be more than it already is but it's probably a good move," he said.

"We're still going to be Brooks Bandits."

Kim Penner also agrees that changing leagues will mean better games for fans.

"People don't want to come to a game where they're winning 11-2," she said.

"Now they're going to be playing with people who are

more their calibre. It'll be good for the boys."

Martin Shields, also a long time fan, said he hopes the team will continue to do well in Brooks.

"The level of play is excellent. As a fan, all you're hoping for is a continued level of team management and coaching and players that have been attracted to play in Brooks."

He said he's enjoyed watching the team, their development and growth and seeing them become a recognized name in Canada.

"That's because they are part of the Alberta Junior Hockey League. There's been lots of games played and lots of players who participated in AJHL. It's a great sport to watch," he said.

Brooks mayor John Petrie said all the mayors from the affected teams were caught off guard by the decision.

"Nobody saw that coming."

He said the change will not financially impact the city in terms of the arena agreement.

As a fan, he wonders what the affects will be.

"Certainly the travel costs will go up. Does that mean my ticket price goes up?"

The news and cancelled games overshadowed Bandits parent weekend.

Although there were no games the players did manage to put on a show with a three-on-three hockey competition and autograph session for the few hundred that were at the arena.

Rob McCall, father of Bandits defenceman Quinn McCall, travelled from Indiana.

"Parents weekend for us is all about seeing Quinn, seeing him in his environment, seeing him in his element with his hockey teammates and also getting to know the other parents. It's been great."

He said the on-ice talent is amazing.

"The change in not only Quinn's play but also his teammates play throughout the season has been great."

McCall said, "Quinn has quite the following in Indiana and there's quite a few Brooks Bandits fans in Indiana."



Jordan Boisjoli, Taylor Boisjoli and Paula Moyano, along with Quinn, prepare to go skating on Lake Stafford on Sunday. The city cleared the snow and made some trails last week officially opening the lake for skating for the first time this season. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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# SE Alberta chamber hoping to attract local businesses

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There had been some difficult few years for the Brooks and District Chamber of Commerce, specifically during COVID, and a decline in members and finances over those years resulted in moving the office into city hall and later on members voted for dissolution.

Not wanting to leave businesses without representation, this area will become part of the rebranded Medicine Hat chamber, now known as the Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce.

During their AGM at the end of November the Med Hat Chamber agreed both the name and boundary changes.

In December, documents were filed with Corporations Canada and the Boards of Trade Act to expand their boundaries to include businesses in the city and county and to officially change the name.

There is a lot to do prior to the organization having a presence in the area.

The executive members told The Bulletin they want to return trust of the chamber to the community.

Letters are being sent to local businesses which will be followed by in-person meetings.

"The relationship is really important; building



Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce members Lisa Dressler, executive director, Steve Heid, president and Becky Mae, member relations. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

trust in the community. We are truly here to help," said chamber executive director Lisa Dressler.

"We have slowly trickled our way in," said Becky Mae, member relations.

"We want to make sure that we're focusing on the relationships first," Dressler added.

Some changes that are expected include disallowing elected officials to sit as board members but allowing them to serve as government liaisons on committees.

"It's recommended that chambers don't have government representatives of any kind on their board," said Dressler.

"As an advocacy organization you need to be able to advocate to municipal, provincial and federal levels of

government."

She said board decisions are unified and if an elected official is a member, especially one that is part of an organization being lobbied by the chamber, it creates a conflict of interest.

"We have very much held that we don't have elected officials on our board."

That same reasoning is expected to be part of the decisions for the eventual relocation of the chamber office from city hall.

"We still have to have the conversation with the City of Brooks administration and council as to what the arrangements are.

"Certainly there's been an offer made but we want to make sure we go through the proper protocols in terms of what that looks like," Dressler said.

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# Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - Once again I'm disappointed to be starting off with warnings and reminders to keep watch over neighbours and the neighbourhood. A yellow and black van was caught in Antelope Creek stealing from a well site this past Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately by the time police arrived the van and driver were able to get away. Thank you for the text alerting us that there was an out of place vehicle heading towards our farm. If something seems like it doesn't fit, it probably doesn't!

Deepest sympathies to Mihoko Karaki and family on the passing of husband Gordon. Gordon and Mihoko were long time residents of the Cassils and Brooks before moving to Lethbridge this past year. A celebration of life will be held in the spring. Condolences to you all.

Murry Giles was curling in Renthom last week and finally won the Bonspiel after being in the finals for 6 years. There were 36 teams competing, and he curls with Albert Gerdung, Jason Lindgren of Brooks and Grant Henderson from Lethbridge.

Josie Giles and her hockey team Southern Express out of Lethbridge were in Waldheim,

Saskatchewan for a tournament this weekend placing 3rd.

Taylor Giles earned 2 silver medals at a skating competition in Lethbridge.

There is a Perogy making class hosted by Newell Alberta Education on Tuesday February 6th. It's being held at Alcoma School starting at 6:30 - register through our office at 403-641-3444. Every-one welcome.

The Rolling Hills Ag Society would like to invite you to their Valentines Ball. This will take place Saturday February 10th at the Rolling Hills Community Hall. This is a prime rib dinner followed by a dance with the Chevelles. Formal wear is encouraged and doors open at 5:30. Tickets can be purchased online at rollinghills.ca under the general store or from the Rolling Hills Post Office. No tickets will

be sold at the door. This was a very fun evening out last year and a great fundraiser for their community.

Anyone with news or information to share please call Jodi at 403-501-1583. All hall rentals and inquiries can be directed to Heather at 403-793-3890.

"At the end of the day I am thankful that my blessings are bigger than my problems." Have a great week!

# People turned off by lack of TVs in hospital

SANDRA M STANWAY  
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Patients at Brooks Health Centre will soon hear the sweet sounds of television to help pass the time and to get some comfort.

Over the past few months the issue has been raised by patients and families that people have nothing to do while they're in the hospital.

The patient TVs were removed following the retirement of the TV Lady about a year ago.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has provided TVs to the long term and sub-acute departments, however, AHS, "Isn't in the business of providing TVs in acute care but they do provide the cable," said Shauna James of the Brooks and District Health Foundation.

She said donations of TVs have also been made for the palliative care unit and a donation of TVs for all rooms is expected in the near future.



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During recent budget deliberations, Brooks City Council determined that business licence fees will be reinstated, effective immediately, utilizing the previous fee structure.

Business licence fees were temporarily eliminated in 2021 as a proactive response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This initiative was aimed at providing crucial support to local businesses during a time of economic uncertainty.

Recognizing the unique circumstances, businesses have been granted an extension to pay their business licence fees until February 29, without incurring any penalty. Typically, invoices are distributed by the beginning of December and are due by December 31.





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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.

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# COMMENT

## Oilsands deserve our thanks and respect

By Chris Nelson in  
The Calgary Herald

Without doubt, it's the greatest industrial success story this country has enjoyed in the past half-century. That's probably why so many people would like to shut it down.

We're talking about the Alberta oilsands, which has repeatedly beaten overwhelming odds for more than a century to become the leading cumulative corporate contributor to provincial and federal tax coffers, thereby providing oodles of cash to support all types of social programs so many of us enjoy.

This is not something you dare mention in polite society, of course. Because the oilsands are dirty — pulling massive amounts of bitumen from the northern muskeg isn't an endeavour where white gloves are deemed de rigueur. So, the mining itself along with its eventual end product could in no way be tagged with some virtuous, green-energy badge of honour.

That's why a most notable milestone a few weeks ago was afforded barely a nod of recognition in this country. Even here in Alberta, it passed rather quietly.

According to the Alberta Energy Regulator, the province's oil production rose above four million barrels a day for the first time in November.

The vast majority of those 4.16 million daily barrels came from the oilsands, where companies are now ramping up production to fill the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion that's due to start up this year, providing capacity for another 590,000 barrels to export across the Pacific. (I'm not holding my breath, given that project's history. But in the oil business, fortune favours the brave.)

The upshot of this boost in production is that a single province in Canada (that being us) is now the fifth-largest oil producer in the world, after the U.S., Saudi Arabia, Russia and Iraq. Add in additional production from Saskatchewan and Newfoundland, and Canada moves into fourth place.

Yet, we are not proud of this. The energy industry is akin to that rogue uncle the family disowned long ago, but still insists on embarrassing

everyone at every opportunity.

Having a soft spot for rogues, I consider the development of the oilsands — back in 1921 when Karl Clark began testing bitumen extraction methods at the U of A — as a wonderful Canadian success story: one that should be celebrated. It shows what can be done despite the challenging climate, the bruising politics of a vast, federated land and the inherent volatility of the energy business itself.

For a few years, the head honchos of the various oilsands businesses, encouraged by the Alberta government, would invite certain celebrities to visit Fort McMurray and tour their operations, hoping not for support but at least for some small word of understanding. All they got in return was dismissive condescension and ultimate condemnation.

Frankly, it served them right for pandering to such folk — let's face it, the CEO of Suncor won't be asked to tour Disney's studios in Burbank, Calif., to give his opinion about the latest adaptation of Snow White, so why should we care what Leonardo DiCaprio thinks about bitumen extraction?

Such bended-knee snivelling seems to have abated along with those embarrassing invitations to folk who think in situ must refer to some latest fashion trend or a potentially profitable property makeover.

The climate is changing: if I can use such a slightly naughty turn of phrase. Not in Hollywood, but across this country. Canadians haven't had a come-to-bitumen moment, but they have had a cost-of-living epiphany.

And suddenly, green policy is about as popular as that same colour on two-week-old cheddar.

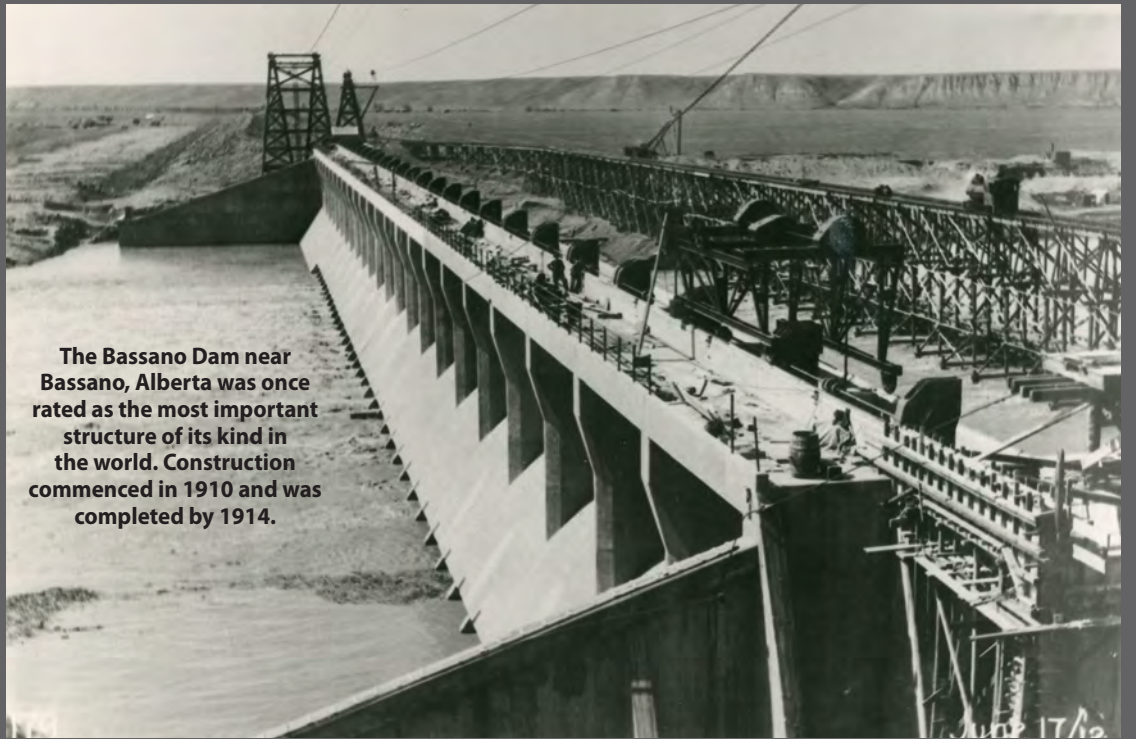
Of course, such folk won't suddenly love the oilsands — finding it on a map is beyond their grasp — but at least they won't demand it be shuttered to somehow save the world.

So, raise a glass to Canada, Alberta and those men and women who believed for so long that this daunting resource could eventually be harvested to make all our lives better.

Cheers.

Chris Nelson is a regular Herald columnist.

# TIME CAPSULE



The Bassano Dam near Bassano, Alberta was once rated as the most important structure of its kind in the world. Construction commenced in 1910 and was completed by 1914.

## Routine Rockets

### COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



Not all that long ago, attacking another country's territory was still seen as a big deal. It was, in legal terms, an 'act of war', liable to have unpleasant and potentially unlimited consequences including full-scale war. Very powerful countries occasionally made small, one-off at-tacks on very weak ones to 'discipline' them, but even that was relatively rare.

We have changed all that now. Launching a few cruise or ballistic missiles at another country as an expression of displeasure has become as routine in the Middle East as penalty shots on goal are in sports. Here are the latest examples.

Last Tuesday the United States and the United Kingdom made their first air strikes on Yemen, to punish the Houthi regime for attacking ships heading up the Red Sea towards the Su-ez Canal. Quite separately, Turkey made multiple air strikes against northern Syria. Also on Tuesday, Iran launched missiles into Pakistan's province of Balochistan (next to Iran's own province of the same name). This was a new departure, since Iran had never struck Pakistani territory before.

On Wednesday Iran launched missiles into the Kurdistan province of northern Iraq, claiming (implausibly) that they were eliminating an Israeli spy site.

On Thursday Pakistan launched rockets and suicide drones against alleged terrorists in Iran's border province of Balochistan, but it was really retaliating

for Tuesday's Iranian missile attacks on Pakistan's own territory. And Jordan attacked targets in southern Syria. Something to do with drug trafficking, I think.

On Friday the United States and the United Kingdom made a second round of air strikes on northern Yemen including the coast. Israel and Hezbollah (which is part of Lebanon's government) traded missile and drone strikes across the border, as they do every day.

On Saturday, Israeli missiles killed five senior officers of Iran's Revolutionary Guard in Damascus, where they were acting as advisers to the Syrian army. Also five innocent bystanders. Can't be helped.

On the same day, a number of cruise and ballistic missiles hit the Al Asad airbase in Iraq, causing "traumatic brain injuries" to "an unspecified number of US military personnel" who were based there with the agreement of the Iraqi government. The group that launched the missiles were probably Iraqi citizens, but openly acknowledge their links with Iran.

Just another working week in the Middle East, and I'll have forgotten the details by next weekend. The players are all way past trigger-happy, and the reason is simple. There is no longer any serious penalty for acting crazy.

Yes, it's the Middle East, which has always been readier to use violence than the rest of the world, but even there they didn't used to act like this. None of these countries are actually at war with each other, but they are all using air and missile strikes to kill people in neighbouring countries with complete impunity.

That's what is driving this steep rise in targeted cross-border missile strikes: the complete impunity. If there is any retaliation, it will be tit-for-tat at most, so if you want to

'send a message', what's to stop you? Nothing.

Why is this only happening now? Technology, mostly. The missiles are now very accurate, so you can be reasonably confident — not certain, mind you — that your strike will kill your in-tended target, but won't kill a lot of innocent people and give you a bad name.

Moreover, there's no longer any risk of having a pilot bail out and get captured, which used to be a serious disincentive to dropping high explosives on other countries. The hi-tech Western militaries started using these weapons on weaker countries as soon as they became avail-able — but now everybody in the Middle East has them, and they're all using them.

This is obviously not a good thing, but is it worth worrying about if you don't live in the Middle East? Not in the sense that it will inevitably spread to the rest of the world. The weapons have been widely available for at least a decade already, but there's no sign that they are being used with impunity elsewhere.

However, they certainly raise the risk of miscalculation and escalation in the Middle East, which fills the same role of 'cockpit of the world' that the Balkans did before the outbreak of the First World War. When you're launching missiles at somebody or other every week or so, it gets to be routine. You tend to forget what a huge risk you are taking.

Attacking another country, even if it's just to kill a few generals or a few 'terrorists', is a momentous act with potentially huge consequences. Israel and Pakistan already have nuclear weapons, and thanks to Donald Trump Iran is only a few baby steps away.

Missiles are a really poor way of sending messages to your enemies. Traditional diplomacy is a lot better.



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# Millicent Mirror

MILLICENT LADIES THURSDAY CLUB

MILLICENT - As we have all experienced the delightful cold snap that seems to bring so many down during this time of year, in our little community we find ourselves grateful. At Lowell and Brittany Osadcuk's wedding that was celebrated on New Years Eve, in the best man's speech John Janzens used the term 3am friend to describe the groom. No it's not what some of you are thinking. This friend is one you can call on at any time of day and they will drop everything and run to help. In these cold dark weeks true light has shown in Millicent due to great neighbours that are just like those 3am friends. Even though some of them go to bed before 9pm all of them are willing to help others when the phone rings; with frozen water lines, to feed animals, open warm shops, serve a hot bowl of soup, play a game of cards, boosting vehicles and of course helping all who have lost loved ones. We might be a small community but with

the willing and open hands to help makes a big impact so these colder days seem a bit warmer. The ladies from Grasslands Christian Fellowship wanted to let everyone know that 150 students and adults were fed at the soup day they put on this last Wednesday at their church located next to the Brooks Recreational Centre. Each week they serve up a yummy hearty hamburger soup with homemade buns or bread and fresh lemonade. The ladies said each week it will range from 150-200 bowls of soup given out. The ladies also stated that their group absolutely loves soup days, and very much enjoy the friendly, respectful school kids that stream through the doors. Some of them even run the whole way to get there first! They run strictly on donations and want to give a heart-felt thank you to all who have blessed them with funds, food and other supplies. They couldn't do it without your generosity and

goodness of God. Everyone is welcome to stop in on a Wednesday during lunch time to have a bowl of soup or give a helping hand. Also this month the John Ware 4H club is doing their annual can/bottle drive that will be finishing up on March 31st. Please contact your local member to come pickup or give directions for drop off. One of our new neighbors Sharon Williams will be hosting a ladies Bible study on Tuesday mornings at 10am that will last 12 weeks and will concentrate on the book of 1Corinthians. If anyone is interested, you're welcome to join them but she wanted everyone to know there is no childcare available. The Millicent community would like to extend our deepest condolences on the passing of one of our own Millicent Ladies, Bea Seely. She will always be known for her love of animals, gardening and always having a pot of coffee on to share with friends.

# "The view from above"

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"To boldly go where no man has gone before ..."

If you grew up with James T. Kirk and the voyages of the starship Enterprise, you'll be familiar with these words on the original Star Trek TV series that encapsulate its goal and mission. When actor William Shatner - who played Captain Kirk and became famous because of this role - finally did go into space at age 90 on Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin space shuttle, he returned with a very different outlook on space and our planet. Instead of being exhilarated

he felt profound grief: "The contrast between the vicious coldness of space and the warm nurturing of Earth below filled me with overwhelming sadness. Every day, we are confronted with the knowledge of further destruction of Earth at our hands: the extinction of animal species, of flora and fauna . . . things that took five billion years to evolve, and suddenly we will never see them again because of the interference of mankind. It filled me with dread. My trip to space was supposed to be a celebration; instead, it felt like a funeral." Similarly, when David penned the words of Psalm 8, he was struck by the dissonance between the importance God places on mankind in

comparison to the rest of creation: "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" We are so small and life here on earth as we know it is so unique and precious compared to the vastness of darkness and death which surrounds us that we can only marvel at the attention and love we receive from our Creator. Jesus the Son of God died, rose again, and ascended to the heavenly realm, in order that we may be restored to God's original design, reflecting His glory, and ultimately be the hope again instead of a curse for the rest of creation as well (Romans 8:19-21).

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# Second coyote attack on Highway 1 confirmed

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

A second coyote attack has been confirmed by a Brooks resident who witnessed the incident. On Jan. 10 the man and his passenger, both of whom do not want to be identified,



stopped at a rest stop two to three kilometres east of Suffield.

"I just want people to know that the coyote incidents happened at separate locations," he said.

A semi truck was ahead of his vehicle and one was behind.

He said the coyote was at the front truck where it appeared to be begging for food.

"The coyote left the front truck, walked past us and went towards the big truck behind us.

"The passenger door opened and someone stepped out. And that's when he got bit," said the resident.

"It was so weird seeing a coyote do this."

The Brooks man and his passenger checked on the trucker after the incident and convinced him to go to the Brooks Health Centre.

Fish and wildlife

members were immediately contacted and he was told that the coyote has learned they will get food from big trucks.

"The coyote wasn't interested in my SUV."

The coyote attack of a 10-year-old Brooks youth in December occurred about 23 kilometres west of Suffield.



These submitted photos are of a coyote that attacked a man who stepped out of his semi truck at a rest stop about three kilometres east of Suffield. | SUBMITTED PHOTOS

# 25-years given to man who killed local family members

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The man responsible for a collision in South Dakota that killed a Duchess mother and son in July 2022 was sentenced to 25-years in prison.

Justin Ray Hurtado, 35, pleaded no contest last October to vehicular homicide and vehicular battery.

On Nov. 16,. 2023 he was sentenced.

According to recently obtained court documents Hurtado, who was impaired at the time of the accident, was sentenced to 10 years in jail for vehicular battery and 15 years for vehicular homicide.

He was also ordered to pay over \$100,000 to the family of his wife, Veronica, who was a passenger in his vehicle and died one month after the crash.

There is no restitution notice for the family in Duchess contained in the court documents. The Bulletin has learned that part of the records are



Koye Larson, 14, and his mother Darsey, 40, were killed by a drunk driver in a crash in South Dakota. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

sealed.

On July 3, 2022 Hurtado was driving about one mile east of Colome, SD when his truck crossed the centre line and crashed into the truck that being driven by Kyle Larson of Duchess and which was pulling a cattle trailer.

Kyle's wife, Darsey, 40, and son Koye, 14, died.

Kyle was airlifted with life-threatening injuries and has since recovered.

Hurtado has had multiple driving-related offences. In the last five years he was cited and pleaded guilty seven times for driving with a suspended licence in counties across south Dakota.

The second annual Koye Larson Memorial Rodeo is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Centennial Regional Arena on May 10 and 11.

## Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - We made up for our acting like hermits and staying indoors during the cold spell last week, by travelling to Medicine Hat on Thursday, then to Taber on Friday, and we had a meeting regarding summer programs coming to Pioneer Acres this year so travelled to Irricana, so put on a few miles. In Medicine Hat, we were able to meet up and have lunch with Missy our eldest daughter and Eli our youngest grand son. Plus drop off some repair work, mending and Welding for Kallie our youngest daughter. Of course we did Costco because I think they have the most reasonably priced flour, on the way out, when they were checking the bill John mentioned that

maybe that flour wasn't as reasonable as I told him.

John bought some antiques online at auction from Prairie Treasures and Antiques in Taber. We decided to run down and pick up our purchase and if you are an Antique hunter you really need to go to her store, she has lots of cool stuff.

I mentioned a couple weeks ago that if you sew the ladies at the Duchess Mennonite Church could use your help sewing together quilt tops. They make up kits, and you can take them home to sew when you find the time, if anyone is interested in doing this at home give me a call or email and I'll hook you up . If you want enjoy the fellowship of

these cool ladies they meet at the church on Wednesday mornings to cut fabric make up the kits, and quilt or tie the quilts. I have recently heard that there it a huge need ,so if anyone wants to help out it is so appreciated.

Bye the way my amerillus is continuing to bloom and amaze with the speed of its growth and how prolific it is. We had company today, our nephew and his wife Jean and Erin Brochu were so impressed they decided they are going to search one out for them selves.

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

# Second Division 5 public member named to rec board

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Julian Annicchiarico was approved by the county as the new Division 5 and 10 recreation member-at-large.

The previous member resigned following his appointment in October.

Some councillors

expressed concern that the appointment was being made without advertising because Annicchiarico said he wanted to sit on the board.

Councillor Neil Johnson thought the optics would be better if was advertised.

Division 5 councillor Greg Skriver said one member-at-large is from Cassils and

Annicchiarico is from Lake Newell Resort.

"This would be to fill that void from the Lake Newell Resort area. It's a pretty balanced board that way," he said.

Both members are from Division 5. There is no member-at-large from Division 10.

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# Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

### Commercial B&E in Duchess

The Duchess convenience store was broken into last week and the suspects got away with a large haul of items.

RCMP reported that three suspects, two males and one female, entered the retailer through a broken window on Jan. 18 at 5:45 a.m.

They stole a large amount of tobacco products, vaping equipment and lottery tickets.

"The suspects left in a vehicle but no description of the vehicle has been obtained yet," RCMP said in a press release.

"Police collected CCTV and evidence on scene which is being processed to identify the suspects. The investigation is ongoing."

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### vehicle unattended

Police found many vehicles that were running were also unattended and could have easily been stolen.

Brooks RCMP took part in Operation Cold Start, a province-wide program to inform the public of the risks, including theft, when leaving a running vehicle unattended in cold temperatures.

Between Jan. 8 and Jan. 12 local RCMP located about 105 running vehicles and while some had been started remotely about 50 were found with the keys inside, running and unattended.

Most of the unattended vehicles were unlocked which can easily provide the opportunity for a thief to slip in and a drive away.

"We understand the need to have your vehicle warmed up and thawed out, however, all preventative measures to

protect it from being stolen should be taken," RCMP stated in a press release.

In Brooks last year there were 37 vehicles stolen which was a decrease of eight over the previous year.

The latest statistics from the county and Bassano show there were 13 vehicles stolen in the county and three in the Bassano detachment area which includes Rosemary.

### Truck catches fire

The back end of a commercial vehicle caught fire while it was operating near Highway 36 and Township Road 184 last week.

The Brooks fire department responded to the fire on Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. They arrived to find the rear end of the trailer on fire.

It was later determined to have been caused by a mechanical issue.

"Luckily, the tanker

was empty and no environmental/hazardous issues were identified," said the RCMP.

No injuries and no other vehicles were reported damaged.

### Impaired drivers removed from roads

Three impaired drivers were removed from the roads over the weekend.

An 18-year-old and a 33-year-old driver both with graduated licences that prohibits any amount of alcohol in their body while driving, had their vehicles

impounded and provincial sanctions issued.

RCMP were in Duchess when they located a vehicle that was stopped in the middle of the road on Jan. 20 at about 11:20 p.m. It was determined through a screening test that the 18-year-old driver was impaired.

At 2:40 a.m. another driver with a Class 7 licence was given the test.

The 33-year-old old driver with Class 7 licence (graduated) had their vehicle impounded and provin-



cial sanctions issued.

On Jan. 21 at 4 a.m. police say a 22-year-old driver refused to provide a sufficient breath sample and received a provincial sanction including having the vehicle impounded.

Police report that there were obvious signs of impairment.

### Intoxicated dispute, failing to comply with an order

On Jan. 21st at 4:45 p.m. Brooks RCMP were called to a residence in the Eastbrook area for two females who had gotten into a physical fight while in the home.

There were no significant injuries sustained, however, an 18-year-old female who was very intoxicated and uncooperative with the police on scene, was arrested.

The other female, Aziza Abdulahi, 28, was found to be in breach of her release order and charged. She was released from custody with a future court date.

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



An empty tanker caught fire while operating on Township 184 east of Hwy. 36. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Art grant program changes to be considered

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The city may make changes to the arts, culture and heritage committee's grant process that requires applicants to return some of their unused funds.

The current requirement

is that five per cent or more of the unused total that was granted is to be returned to the board for reinvestment in future projects.

Randi McPhillips, the city's recreation manager said it's up to boards how the grants are administered. For example,

all unused funds through recreation grants are returned to the city.

The city will have the board re-visit the decision to return funds for the 2025 grant season.

The 2024 season for applications opens in two weeks.



### Thank you to all the donors of the BASSANO'S 2024 AG-ENERGY MEN'S CURLING BONSPIEL

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# Iddesleigh Intelligence

WENDI RISTE

IDDESLEIGH - Emily Riste, of Brooks, passed away on Dec. 28th at the age of 103 years. She was born and raised in the Iddesleigh area. Emily and her husband, Ole, retired to Brooks around 1980. She leaves to cherish her memory, many friends and family. Emily was loved by all who knew her. A funeral service was held at the Rainy Hills Lutheran Church in Iddesleigh on Jan. 8.

Danny Bruce Aebly of Atlee, AB passed away in Medicine Hat, AB on Jan 3, 2024. He was born in Medicine Hat Hospital on April 4, 1950, and was 73 years old. Dan is survived by his wife Gwen Aebly; children, Dustin Aebly (Jodi), Denton Aebly (Tracy), Dallas Wilcox (Derek), and Dannell Stucki (Chris); 10 grandchildren;

2 brothers, Brian Aebly (Giselle) and Gene Aebly (Laurie); sisters-in-law, Liz Houseman and Donna Halter (Daryl); brothers-in-law, Kenneth Vanderloh and Keith Vanderloh (Wendy) and numerous nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life for Dan was held on Friday, Jan 12, 2024, at the Buffalo Community Hall.

Ronald Alfred 'Ron' Theise, beloved husband of the late Judy Theise, passed away at his residence in Jenner, Alberta on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at the age of 78 years. Ron's memory will 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. 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. Their children were born and raised in Jenner. He will be missed in the community!. A come and go Celebration of Ron's life was held at the Jenner Arena on Saturday, January 20, 2024. starting at 1:00 p.m.

We are finally getting a break from that bitter cold! A beautiful blanket of fresh snow greeted us this morning. It is most welcome after the very dry year. Hopefully more snow will come!

# Cassils railway crossings to be repaired

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

The county agreed to cover their share of the costs of rail crossing replacements at Cassils.

Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway (CPKC) informed the county of the need to upgrade two crossings in Cassils at Range Road 154 and Range Road 155 from timber to concrete.

The costs for maintenance crossing at RR 155 are subject to a federal government order that was made in 1973 after a request by the county was granted by CP to install an additional track at the grade.

That county will be responsible for half the costs, \$223,690.

While the costs for the crossing at Range Road

154 are the responsibility of the rail company, CPKC requested half the costs from the county, \$113,956 to allow for a concrete upgrade.

Had the county refused, CP would have replaced the timber in the crossing.

Mark Harbicht, the county's director of municipal services, told council that railway

crossings containing timber are failing at the point where the pavement and timber meet due to vibrations or movement from trains and vehicles.

Crossings with concrete panels are not showing signs of this type of failure, he said.

The work is expected to be completed by the end of October.



The timbers in the rail crossing at Range Road 154 are breaking down which can cause problems for both trains and motorists. | COUNTY OF NEWELL PHOTO

# City CAO to retire in May

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

City of Brooks CAO Alan Martens has submitted his resignation.

"At my resignation date (May 3) I will have been in the CAO's position for 13 years. Some turnover is always good," said Martens.

Martens started with the city as the deputy CAO in 2009 and was named CAO in 2011.

"I've really enjoyed my time here. We've had some great councils in the past. We've had some good decisions."

Some of the decisions

Martens highlights that have been made by previous councils include building the Centennial Regional Arena, which was prior to his arrival, developing the quad ball diamonds and expansion of the JBS Centre.

"It's been fantastic working here at the city."

He said when he's done he's not sure what he will do but will remain in the area.

City mayor John Petrie said, "Alan not only has a massive amount of knowledge on municipal government, he is passionate and caring about the community he has been serving."

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# Former local hockey player returns home with international bronze medal

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

For so many young kids representing Canada on an international stage is a dream.

For Makayla Watson, a former Brooks Minor Hockey player that dream came true.

Watson, 17, was part of Team Canada's bronze medal team at the 2024 Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship in Zug, Switzerland.

"It was a dream come true. It was so special.

There's so many girls my age that would love to be in the position so it was pretty special to be able to wear that jersey," she said.

With a 3-0 record and first place after the preliminary round Team Canada defeated Switzerland 6-0 in the quarterfinals to advance to the semifinals where they lost to Czechia, 4-2.

Watson said Czechia had a couple of lucky bounces and a "hog goalie."

"Their goalie (Adela Sapovalivova) played really well. We had 47 shots on goal but we couldn't get it

passed her. That was too bad.

"We were all pretty heartbroken but our coaches brought us together and we just decided we had one more game left in the tournament.

"We still had the honour and opportunity to play in a medal game," she said.

Canada earned the medal after defeating Finland 8-1. The U.S. went on to defeat Czechia 5-1 for the gold.

"It pretty special to get an IIHS medal with this team. It was a pretty awesome group."

Watson said the entire experience was special both on and off the ice.

"It was awesome. It was such a cool experience," she said.

She said the tournament was fun and awesome and she had the opportunity to tour Switzerland and Italy.

"My coaches were awesome. They just made a really good experience."

Watson finished the tournament having played six games with three assists.

"It feels good to contribute a little bit."



Team Canada poses with their bronze medal in Zug, Switzerland after defeating Finland 8-1 at the 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship on Jan. 14. Makayla Watson, a former Brooks Minor Hockey player is located in the back row third player from the left. | ANDRE RINGUETTE/ IIHF PHOTO

## Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - My tummy is grumbling already... pies & pancakes!!!- mark your calendars- Scandia's Annual Pancake Supper & Pie Auction will be held on Tuesday, Feb.13th @ the Scandia Community Hall. Supper will begin at 6pm, with the pie auction to follow at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come on out, enjoy a delicious pancake supper, and try to win yourself a scrumptious pie with your bid!

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.

Alcoma school News- there will be Jr High basketball practice after school Monday with games happening in Rolling Hills after school on Tuesday. Wednesday the grades 4-9 head to Hidden Valley for the yearly ski trip. Thursday there will be Hot Lunch for all students. Friday grades 4-9 will head to Brooks for some curling fun! A friendly reminder that temperatures and weather fluctuate often and to please make sure your child/children have appropriate outdoor wear 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.

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.

## County meal allowances changed to meet CRA method

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

A slight change has been made to meal allowances for county councillors and staff who attend meetings outside the community on behalf of the county.

"It's been a number of years since the actual rate for meal allowances has been reviewed," said Layne

Johnson, the county's director of corporate services.

The different allowances of \$15 for breakfast, \$20 for lunch and \$25 for dinner made it cumbersome for anyone submitting documents and for staff.

Council agreed to follow the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) method to

have annual adjustments applied automatically which would have one rate at \$69 per day.

"Basing the meal allowance on an objective external source which is updated annually will ensure that the meal allowance rate remains current over time," Johnson said.

## County's to seek \$29,000 from province for uncollectable taxes

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The county will make its annual request to the province to cover the unpaid education and industrial tax from companies that are no longer in business.

The program was established in 2017 - but included 2015 and 2016 - to provide municipalities with an education property tax credit that is equal to the uncollectable taxes

on delinquent oil and gas properties.

The program was to conclude in 2021 but was extended to 2023.

The county's 2023 Provincial Education Requisition is \$22,880.42 bringing the total amount requested to \$265,442.43 since it's first application in 2017.

The 2023 Designated Industrial Tax request is \$1,112.29 which would bring that total to \$6,217.75

since the county started applying in 2021.

"The advantage of writing off these balances on a yearly basis allows the county to recognize the uncollectable funds in the year they are levied, as opposed to letting a balance accumulate and then having to write-off multiple years at one time," Shannon Biette, the county's corporate services supervisor told council at their last meeting.

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# Research and initiatives would be welcome... admitting the emission reality would be a good start



Previous columns mentioned that mitigating forest fires is perhaps the most significant factor in reduc-ing Canadian and even global emissions. But it seems like addiction issues; the need is first to admit that a real problem exists. Since Canada and the rest of the world do not formally include wildfire stats in calculating shares of global emissions, that first step is not likely. One notes that the green left is quick to blame climate change for the increase in wildfires but provides no practical ideas on how to reduce their incidence. It would seem their wildfire resolution is that if fossil fuels were eliminated,

temperatures would drop, and we would return to a previous idyllic time when forest fire emissions were of little consequence. However, history tells us that massive forest and range fires raged across Canada during those idyllic times when fossil fuel use barely existed compared to today. One of the largest of such fires occurred in 1913 when a forest fire that began in Idaho was finally extinguished almost two years later in the Athabasca area of Alberta. Did climate change start that fire? I think not, but its spread was not controllable through any human abilities at the time. We do have those abilities today, but even then, it's been an incremental process. I mentioned that a large dedicated national air force of modern water bombers would significantly im-pact the length and severity of forest fires in Canada. But politically, that is not likely to happen,

as for-est fire management is a provincial responsibility. Such an air force would face an already existing fi-nancial problem - water bombers and allied aircraft and pilots are only needed for around four months of the year. Perhaps what might help is if forest fires were detected earlier - before they get out of control and are much harder to deal with. That's not a new idea - at one time, numerous forest fire lookouts were built across the country - the idea being that fires could be detected earlier in remote areas. Those lookouts were eventually superseded by helicopter and plane patrols over vast forested areas. One presumes that was an improvement over lookout towers, but it would be more costly and subject to cost-saving measures. I suspect aircraft could not be used in low-cloud and inclement weather when fire-causing

lightning strikes are more likely to occur. Satellites have become incredibly sophisti-cated, but can they penetrate enough through clouds and storms to detect fires in a timely manner? Perhaps there is an evolving technology that can be the next step in early fire detection. That technology would be the use of drones instead of helicopters. The level of technical sophistica-tion of drones is such that they could be GPS programmed to operate at much lower altitudes and at times that are impossible for helicopters. Cost-wise, they could also operate more often and with in-fared, smoke and temperature sensors, would probably detect fires sooner than what is done at pre-sent. I expect that using drones for fire detection is already known in the forest fire control industry. Drones are already used in a multitude

of sectors, like surveying, crop scouting, wildlife conservation, and even looking for missing persons. Commercial drone companies would be well organized to en-gage in large-scale fire detection programs. I believe the same drone technology could also be used in aerial pipeline inspections. But alas, I believe drone usage is being restricted and frustrated by that usual plague of that Canadian disease - federal bureaucratic intransigence and obstruction. I am to understand that regulations re-quire that drones must operate within line of sight and cannot operate under computer control alone. I suggest those regulations are quite outdated, and considering the military experience with drones, existing control technology is more advanced than many realize. However, that would

not sway regu-lators who are more interested in maintaining bureaucratic control and power. But I digress. What would be interesting to know is at what level are governments engaging with developments in forest fire control technology like drones. Surely, research is going on to find better ways to detect fires early somewhere in Canada. I understand California extensively researches forest fire detection and control from several angles. One would expect that Canada, the forest fire capital of the world, would have an even more robust forest fire research program - one that is coordinated at a national scale - or is that all wishful thinking? Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.

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# Four per cent decrease in Brooks fire department callouts

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks fire department responded to fewer calls last year than the year before while seeing but saw an increase in fire code infractions.

The annual fire services review was presented to city council on Monday by Brooks fire chief Kevin Swanson.

Between Jan. 1 and Dec.

31, 2023 the Brooks fire department responded to 465 calls, a decrease of 20 calls from the previous year.

Of the calls, 333 were within the city and 132 were within the county.

There were 28 motor vehicle collisions in the city in 2023 which was down from 44 the previous year.

In Divisions 5 and 10, which includes the TransCanada Highway, there were 37 collisions which were down from 46

the previous year.

Councillor Marissa Wardrop complimented the fire department's staff retention program which allows firefighters to purchase \$1,000 on personal firefighting equipment every three years.

This year seven firefighters are eligible to receive a long service medal including Jim Bonora for 32 years.

## Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - Tilley & District Public Library hours are Mondays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 4:00 to 7:30 pm; Wednesdays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 4:00 to 7:30 pm; Saturdays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

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 available. Please visit rollinghills.ca (General Store tab) or visit

the post office or arena.

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

Linda went to a psychiatrist and told him, "I don't ever want to get married. I am educated, self-sufficient, and satisfied with myself. But my parents are asking me to marry. What should I do?" The doctor replied, "You will no doubt achieve great things in life. But sometimes, things won't go your way. Sometimes, your plans will fail. Then whom will you blame? Will you blame yourself?" Linda bolted upright and exclaimed, "NO! Most certainly not!" "Well, then," said the doctor, "this is why you need a husband."

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. 24-01-08

## Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - We are out of the deep freeze for now. I see neighbours out walking their dogs again and getting the fresh air back in the lungs without gasping!

Duchess Curling Rink is hosting an "open bonspiel" starting February 5-10th. To register a team please call Tony at 403 501 8240.

Duchess 50+ Club drop-in meets every Tuesday at the Duchess Library from 11am thru 2pm. Come and join us for coffee, conversation and cards.

Duchess 50+ Club is holding our regular monthly lunch Thursday February 1st at the Duchess Curling Club lounge.

Don't forget, 1st Thursday of every month is the Duchess 50+ Club lunch.

RSVP to duchess50plus@gmail.com, deadline to confirm

attendance is January 26th. See you there.

Congratulations to the Duchess Storm U11 team who hosted their hockey tournament this past weekend. While I don't have the final report of the winner, I do know that the hometown team made it to the gold medal game. That makes for a successful weekend!

Have a fantastic week and please call or text your news to me at 403 793 1630, or you can email me at louie63@hotmail.com.

Quote: "Cry. Forgive. Learn. Move on. Let the tears water the seeds of your future happiness."

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>. Bid packages will be available on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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29	30	31			

### FEBRUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Regular Sale 9:00 am	3
5	6	7	8	9 Regular Sale 9:00 am	10
12	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14	15	16 Regular Sale 9:00 am	17
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# Classifieds

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## obituaries



**SCHNELL** - Craig Kevin Joseph Schnell  
1957-2024

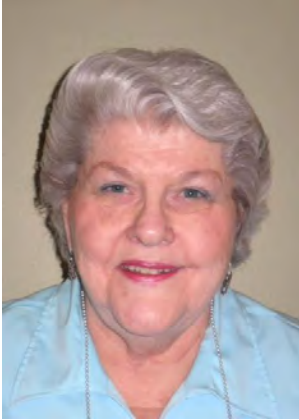
It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of Craig Schnell on January 14, 2024 at the age of 66. Craig passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family.

Craig was born in Lampman, SK and grew up in Cessford, AB. Craig worked and played hard from a young age. He worked in the oilfield, started Maverick, then pursued his passion for flying and received his pilot's license in 1981. Craig dedicated much of his career flying over the northern bush, his beloved prairies, and later, his wingtips touched many parts of Canada and the United States.

Craig was a beloved father and husband, a treasured brother and son, and a dear friend to many. Married for 39 years to Jo-Ann, his childhood sweetheart, they lived life to the absolute fullest. Traveling overseas, running their business, raising their children and spending time with cherished friends and family.

Craig loved flying, going on motorcycle trips, restoring vehicles, using his hands to build, fix and create, and above all, he loved telling stories and spending quality time with the people in his life. His laugh will forever be remembered through the radio waves in the sky and throughout the universe.

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**BOSOMWORTH** - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Sharon Louise Bosomworth, on January 12, 2024, in Calgary, at the age of 82. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend to many. She was born on March 23, 1941, in Medicine Hat, Alberta. She worked for the city of Calgary for 35 plus years, first as a supervisor of the land assessment clerical section and then later the legislation and policy section. She enjoyed singing in the choir, traveling, reminiscing with friends, and music. She had a great sense of humor, always remembered to

send birthday wishes and gifts, had a sharp mind "go ask Sharon if you need to know where something is", and was generous. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Greg, Derrick, and Lana (Niall); her grandchildren, Lane, Lindsey, Curtis, Levi, Ryker, and Lara; and her niece Patti. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Opal Larsen of Rolling Hills; and her brother, Erik (Bud) Larsen.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., at Choice Memorial Funeral, 4715 13 Street NE, Calgary. At a later date she will be buried in the Larsen plot in the Rolling Hills cemetery.

## coming events

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

**Mon & Sat**  
8:00 pm Brooks United Church, 507 - 3rd Ave. W., Brooks  
**Tues. & Thurs.**  
8:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church  
**Wednesday**  
8:00 pm Bassano Health Centre  
608 - 5th Ave. Bassano

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**ROYER**, Donald Paul  
October 11, 1926 – January 14, 2024

In loving memory of Don Royer, who died peacefully at home at the age of 97.

Much loved husband of 62 years of Elaine; dad of Risa and Craig; father-in-law of Nicole; brother of Betty; brother-in-law of Dorry, Arnold, and Jan; grandfather of Elise and Dominique; uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by brothers: Phillip, Curtis, David, Maxwell, and sister, Kathleen.

A long-time resident of St. Albert, Don dedicated his 35 year career in the Telecommunications Branch of the Ministry of Transport

in the Government of Canada.

The family wishes to thank the following for their loving care and services: Dr. Leon Lefebvre, North Home Living of Alberta Health Services, the staff of Our Family Homecare and of Caregivers Home Health Care.

A Memorial Service will be held on  
Saturday, January 27, at 1:00 PM  
In the Unitarian Church of Edmonton  
10804 - 119 Street, Edmonton

Reverend Rosemary Morrison officiating.

To view the livestream of the service, please visit [www.fostermcgarvey.com](http://www.fostermcgarvey.com).

Flowers are gratefully declined. Donations in memory of Don may be made to:

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## coming events

### ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BROOKS & DISTRICT BRANCH

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Robert and Arlene Smith of Brooks, Alberta sincerely thank all our family and friends for the support and comfort you provided after Stewart's passing January 11, 2024.

We appreciate you more than words can say during this difficult time in our lives.

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obituaries



**SEELY** - May 25,1949 - Jan. 18,2024 It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bea Seely at the age of 74. She will be remembered for her kindness to every living thing. She was well known in the Brooks area as the owner/ operator of Brooks Answering Service. Bea kept very busy juggling all the duties of running a business plus raising a family and helping

to keep the farm running. Bea and Harv travelled many miles together purchasing Miniature horses and quality quarter horses all while going to the race track, usually with a carload of friends and family to watch them run and she never missed a Odd and Unusual Sale. Her love of animals bloomed into the creation of Whispering Creek Petting Zoo. It is there that she shared all the special animals that came to live on the farm with the public. Bea had a special way with all the orphan wildlife brought to her to be saved and could often be seen with anything from fawns to baby raccoons following her about the yard. She took great pride in having an immaculately groomed yard. Bea loved to play bingo and always seemed to have extraordinary luck on her side. Bea and Harv looked forward to getting away on a fishing trip whether it be to northern Saskatchewan or out to the BC coast. She filled the extra hours in a day with crochet and diamond paintings and was sure to gift all her family and friends with ones they took a shine too. Bea was predeceased by Jim (Father) and Bernice (Mother) Westwick. She is survived by her husband Harvey; daughter Jerri (Garry) Fletcher and daughter Danelle (Lance) Ulrich and their son Aaron; sister Pam Lawson and her children Sheila and Shawna (Darrel) and their daughter Taylor and sister Loretta and her son CJ Westwick (Cheyenne) and new baby Camryn; brother Gene (Kelly) and their son Lane (Dakota) Westwick and their son Ben and son Brett (Jesse) Westwick and their children Jase and Zoey. Please save July 23, 2024 for a Celebration of Mom's Life to be held at the family farm on. Updated service information will be announced closer to service day.

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**JAMES** - Pamela Vaughn James, beloved wife of the late Desmond James, passed away peacefully at Sunrise Gardens, Brooks the day after her 93rd birthday on Saturday, January 20th, 2024. Pam is survived by her children, daughter Patricia Snyders (John) and her children Kyle Snyders and Donna Heal (Peter); son Brad James (Linda) and their children Justin Stroh (Jenn) and Megan Julian (Nick); daughter Maureen Kordich (Rob) and their children Dana Guelber (Igor), Erin Kordich and Evan Kordich and son Kevin James; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Sophie, Arlo, Lillian, Simon, Emily, Owen, Avery and Hannah and sisters-in-law Audrey Martens, Kay James and Faye Ward. Pam

was born on January 19th, 1931 in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta to Lewis and Nellie Pearson. Her early childhood was spent in Rocky Mountain House and Red Deer. During the war years, while her father was overseas, she lived in Tilley, with her Uncle Nels and Aunt Leah Anderson, along with her sister Patsy and cousins Ian, Peter, Donald, Leigh, Robin and Connie. Upon returning from the war, her father moved to Brooks and opened Pearson Jewelry. Mom continued to live in Tilley and commuted back and forth from the dormitory in Brooks, where she completed high school. While working one weekend for her father, she saw a young man, who she always described as having "hair too long and pants too short". This young man would be-come her future husband, Des. She then went to Calgary to complete her teaching degree. After receiving her diploma, she taught grades one to six in a one room school in Clancy. The next 69 years were spent married to Des, living in Brooks, and raising their four children. She will be fondly remembered for her love of drawing, painting, poetry and literature. Feeding the bluejays during the winter months was one of her favorite past times. She was well known for her butter tarts, lemon meringue pie and chocolate chip cookies. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her utmost pride and joy. She will be dearly missed by us all. The family would like to sincerely thank Dr. Coetzee and Janet, Cindy Young, the staff at Sunrise Gardens, and Kelly at Smith Funeral Home. As per mom's wishes there will not be a funeral, but a family gathering at a later date.

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ONE TREE - Well that was quite a cold spell we had and finally it has warmed some. Now it sounds as though it's going to warm up more than we would want it to. It was would be great if it would stay around -10C, but then we can't control the weather.

Get well wishes go to Bryan Patterson who is a

patient in the Brooks Hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery Bryon and hope you'll back to you own self.

Our deepest sympathies go to Jill Mrakava and families on the sudden passing of her son Everett on January 3, 2024 at the age of 47 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad

time. Funeral service for Everett Mrakava will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 1:00pm at Thom's funeral home.

Our deepest sympathies go to Robert and Arlene Smith of Brooks and their families on the passing of their youngest son Stewart, at the age of 59 years, on January 11th, 2024. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this sad time.

**\*\*Note\*\***The Brooks and District Social Club will be holding their 1st dance of the year on Saturday, February 17th in the Heritage Inn in Room "C" at 7:30pm till 10:30pm with the local 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 from the USA. So folks, "MARK" your calendars and come on out and have some fun visiting and dancing.

On Saturday afternoon David Clarke was at the Brooks Library and gave and very informative talk and power-point on the history of the "Duke of Sutherland" and the Sutherland Historical Home. Also mentioning how it came about that the Duke had come to Canada and in particularly to Brooks, Alberta to bought land in the area, etc. Also added that the Hajash families had bought up a huge the parcel of land and built house and is still today. The talk was very interesting and was enjoyed by those who attended.

On Saturday Karl Slomp along with Carolyn and Levi Wadsworth and family, Sandra Smith and her family of Lethbridge and Melissa and her three sons, all went to Castle Mountain resort to spend the day skiing. I hear

they all had a great time. Then after a day of fun they all returned home tired and happy.

Our deepest sympathies got to the families of Lloyd Rempel who passed away on Friday, January 19, 2024. Our thoughts and sympathies go to Rena Urban and her families on the loss of her brother, uncle and Great uncle. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

I don't know how many people remember my brother-in-law John Merk and his wife Jean of Calgary. John, of course passed away many years ago. My sister-in-law Jean Merk passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at the age of 91 years. Her "Celebration of Life" will be held on February 3, 2024 at the McInnis & Holloway Crematorium in Calgary. It is so sad so many are passing away, but everyone is getting older so I guess that's next in life. Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Jason Van Oirschot on Jan. 25th: to Carla Gillen of Drumheller on Jan. 26th; and to Karl Slomp on Jan. 29th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday this week. We wish each of you and everyone else all the best for the coming year.

Happy anniversary wishes go to Randy and Corey Baksa on their 55th anniversary on January 25th and we wish you both all the very best for many more great years with good health and happiness together.

**\*This is how kids see it\***

My friends' seven year old daughter, Jada, wanted to order books from Scholastic at school. "I'll consider it later" said my friend. "Mom, just send them a cheque" she said. "You have so many. We can save the real money for food."

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SUMMER STUDENT

Newell Housing Foundation manages housing and housing programs for the Alberta Government in 4 communities within the County of Newell. The organization manages 313 seniors housing units, 41 family housing units, as well as the Rent Assistance Benefit Program.

Newell Housing Foundation is currently inviting applications to fill a seasonal full-time (37.5 hours/week) position for a Summer Student. (May 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024 – 8:00 am- 4:30 pm)  
Reporting to the Villa Manager for duties will include:

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- Complete any tasks designated by supervisors

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Resumes may be emailed to [tara@newhf.ca](mailto:tara@newhf.ca)

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The closing date for Resumes is February 29, 2024

~Only successful applicants will be contacted~

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LIBRARY  
MANAGER

The Tilley & District Public Library is looking for an outgoing individual to fill the role of Library Manager. This is a permanent, part-time position with a 10-15 hour work week and an hourly wage of \$15-\$20 per hour, depending on qualifications and experience. A Library Technician Diploma and/or Public Library experience would be an asset and knowledge of and experience with computers and online resources will be crucial.

For a complete job description, please refer to the Library website at [tilley.shortgrass.ca](http://tilley.shortgrass.ca). Resumes may be sent to [tadlsab876@gmail.com](mailto:tadlsab876@gmail.com). Further information can be provided via same email.

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Brooks-Newell Region

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- Effective interpersonal communication skills.
- Basic computer knowledge.
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For a complete job description please visit our website at: www.eid.ca. The EID offers a competitive salary, a comprehensive benefits package including a defined benefit pension plan, along with learning and development opportunities.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume to humanresources@eid.ca.

We thank all applicants for your interest in the EID; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Closing dates for all applicants is February 2, 2024.

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Crawling Valley Campground is looking for staff for the 2024 year.

Our season is May 1 to September 30.

**GROUND'S MANAGER** will start the middle of April to the middle of October. They would be responsible for the campground maintenance for all areas, operating and maintaining small equipment, supervising staff, and a good knowledge of underground sprinklers. Must be willing to work weekends.

**OFFICE MANAGER** responsibilities are registering campers, ordering and picking up supplies, processing transactions, banking, scheduling staff, and computer experience is required. Willing to work weekends.

**GROUND'S STAFF** are to assist the managers, operate small equipment and maintenance of the campground, clean bathrooms. Must be willing to work weekends.

**OFFICE STAFF** are to assist the managers in the office, registering campers, cleaning bathrooms daily, selling and stocking of products, and serving ice cream. Computer experience is required. Must be willing to work weekends.

**SECURITY PERSON** to work weekends from 10:00 PM to morning

If interested please send a resume to **Crawling Valley Campground Box 567, Bassano AB, T0J0B0** or email it to **crawlingvalley@gmail.com**.  
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# Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - 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!

Happy Birthday greetings for the upcoming week go out to Allen Nielsen on January 29; Caitlyn Antill on January 30; Shoko Motokado on January 31; Dale Rosen on February 2.

Please let me know if I have missed anyone's special day, or an anniversary.

Rainier Community Club is offering Ballroom Dance lessons at the Hall on Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Want to join the fun next Friday? Drop ins are welcome. For further information contact Cyndi or Pascale.

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.

The school will 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.

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

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 information? Contact Michele at 403-793-4130.

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

# Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH



BOW CITY - What difference in temperatures lately. Sure don't appreciate that-30-40 coldness. As I'm sure you know nothing runs right. Poor farmers and all that had to bear such nasty weather.

Our condolences go out to Robert and Arlene Smith and family on the passing of Stewart Smith. Dan and I along with many attended his funeral. What a great family and was a beautiful service.

Mom and I attended the celebration of life for Tim Thompson. What a great tribute the family and friends had put on. Our thoughts are with Penny and family.

Joyce and Jerry had a great visit from Marlene and Ivan Wigemyr from Medicine Hat.

Stratton Calvert played in the U9 Hockey Tournament in Brooks this weekend. He played splendidly well both in goal and as a defenseman. Amma vickie enjoyed watching the sportsmanship and camaraderie of all teams. Way to go Stratton. So proud of you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for February 10 at the Bow City Hall. The Fox and the Hounds are playing live Country Music. Doors open at 7 pm. Cash Bar and midnight lunch. Pre ticket sales Text 403-793-3873 to buy tickets.

Please contact me with news to share at 403-363-7496. By Sunday evening.

A fisherman was boasting to a fellow fisherman about a 20 pound salmon he had caught in Campbell river, 20 pounds huh, remark the other guy with skepticism. Were there any witnesses? Of course, said Willis, otherwise it would have weighed 30 pounds. Got to live fish tales.

## City traffic bylaw amendment on hold

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

City council tabled its amendments to the Traffic Bylaw.

The changes that are being considered are prohibiting the display of an item for sale or selling

any items on any public roadway, operating or parking a vehicle on a road without a licence plate and requiring vehicles to park within visible guide lines, as well as prohibiting vehicles from being parked on a front lawn and only permitted on concrete, asphalt or gravel.

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We are seeking members to collaborate with four County Councillors, playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of this historic facility.

Your involvement will include developing and presenting strategic recommendations to Council, outlining a visionary plan for the CDC South.

This plan will then be brought to life through a dedicated non-profit organization, ensuring the facility's ongoing contribution to agricultural innovation and progress.

Interested individuals are invited to express interest, please submit a summary of your relevant experience and how you envision contributing to the advancement of the agricultural industry in the Newell Region and beyond.

Submit expression of interest to: [administration@newellmail.ca](mailto:administration@newellmail.ca)





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Answers: A. slippery B. grab C. accident D. bathroom

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*Answer: Mariska Hargitay*

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7.      Humbug!
10. One who sets apart
12. Circle above a saint's head
13. Unpleasantly loud and harsh
14. Expressed pleasure
15. Feminine given name
16. Company of badgers
17. Popular Dodge pickup truck
18. Witty sayings
19. Leader
21. Autonomic nervous system
22. Premolar
27. Atomic #28
28. Holiday decorative item
33. Exclamation of surprise
34. Rusk or cracker
36. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
37. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
38. Eat
39. Marxist economics theory (abbr.)
40. Ceases to exist
41. Male Arabic name
44. Series of ridges on an organ wall
45. Places where bees are kept
48. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin
49. Church office
50. Single lens reflex
51. Pieces of fibrous tissue

1. Classify
2. Dismounted
3. Produced
4. Consumed
5. Director Howard
6. The products of human creativity
7. Thai monetary units
8. Away from wind
9. Builder's trough
10. Relating to Islam
11. It can sometimes ache
12. Small quantities (Scot.)
14. Poisonous plant
17. Laugh at
18. Vogul
20. C. European river
23. Type of cat
24. Exclamation of disgust
25. Stephen King novel
26. Without armies
29. Expression of sympathy
30. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
31. Previously
32. Illegal drug
35. Kiloelectronvolt
36. Large, flightless birds
38. For smoking
40. Binary
41. Competition
42. Mark resembling an arrow
43. Containers
44. Root mean square (abbr.)
45. Commercial
46. I.M. \_\_, architect
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# HOROSCOPES

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Your imagination is riding high this week, Pisces. Don't hinder it in any way so you can explore all of the creativity that is flowing out of you right now.