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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024



Brian de Jong tosses a snowball on one of the final - hopefully - days of winter. This week Environment Canada is forecasting temperatures of 12 and 13C until Sunday with some nighttime lows of -5C. The first official day of spring is March 20. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# **EIDNet fast-tracked with** \$14.1 million in funding

Project to be completed by December 2025....

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

The Eastern Irrigation District got a major boost last week from the federal and provincial governments through the universal broadband agreement Canada between Alberta.

Both governments have committed just over \$4.151 million to the project for a total of \$8,303,402 and the district will fund \$3,903,800 to connect 1,400 households in Cassils, Gem, Millicent, Patricia, Rainier, Rolling Hills, Scandia and Tilley.

The district began to build its eight-phase \$15 million system in 2020 with 2028 as the estimated completion date.

The funding moves the project completion date to December 2025 and four remaining phases have been grouped into two final phases.

Installation is currently taking place in Bow City, Rainier and Scandia.

Next year fibre will be installed in Patricia, Rolling Hills and Gem to finish the



The governments of Canada and Alberta are investing \$112 million to connect another 22,500 homes to the internet including 1,400 in the County of Newell. The announcement was made on Tuesday at Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park. Left to right, elder Clarence Wolfleg, Gudie Hutchings, federal minister of rural economic development, Siksika Nation chief Ouray Crowfoot and Nathan Glubbish, provincial minister of technology and innovation. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

project.

We're excited complete this project and we're very thankful for the funding that the province and feds have provided us," EID's general manager Ivan Friesen said at the EID's annual general meeting.

The first phase of the fibre optic project connected households in One Tree, Duchess and Rosemary in

Phase two which was

completed in October 2023 connected households in Bantry, Tilley and Cassils.
At the AGM Friesen said

when the district looked at the original project they knew it had to stand on its own and pay for itself.

"With the funding that makes it that much easier to stand on its own," he said.

The announcement of funding for the EID was made on Tuesday in Siksika.

# Highway 1 and 36 overpass announced by premier

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

An overpass will be built at the Highway 1 and Highway 36 intersection.

Danielle Smith, premier Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA announced the project during her fundraiser in Brooks on Thursday with about 200 people in attendance.

said Devin Smith Dreeshen, minister transportation and corridors, economic confirmed the construction.

"He confirmed that we are in the final engineering for the overchange at Highway 36 and Highway 1." she said.

province's The construction program notes that the project is for planning and engineering grade-separated overpass.

"A new interchange is required due to the growing traffic volumes in the area and to support over-height and overweight vehicles," said Jesse Furber, press secretary with Alberta Transportation Economic Corridors.

"When it's built, a new overpass will enhance safety and make travel through the area more efficient."

A study was completed in 2007 by UMA Engineering at which time the company submitted a planning study to determine "the

optimal configuration for a future interchange." It also looked at the area within five kilometre radius of the current intersection.

The study found that volumes traffic had increased on Highway 36 which resulted in operational issues at the at-grade intersection.

"As Highway 1 is on the National Highway System and will eventually achieve the freeway status, the intersection was also identified as a future interchange location," states the study.

noted that It also Highway 36 will be a major two lane highway in the

at-grade

intersections along Highway 1 will remain and existing property accesses along Highway 1 and Highway 36 will be rerouted via service roads," the study states.

The 2007 document noted that the traffic volume on both highways had increased higher than the provincial average.

The most recent volume numbers provided by the province state that there are approximately 8,200 vehicles per day use that section of Highway 1 and about 1,500 vehicles per day use the Highway 36 section.

The UMA study also noted that although the traffic volumes for the interchange were relatively low the largest benefit is the grade separation allowing free flow traffic on Highway

The 2007 proposed bridge structure was 106 metres in length with an 18 metre wide bridge deck that can be increased to 37

The construction would require 249 acres of land.

The cost estimate in 2007 was \$34.5 million for the initial interchange construction, \$11.2 million for a future loop ramp and \$6.2 million for a service road.

During a recent press conference Dreeshen also announced an overpass at Highway 1 and Range Road 264 to accommodate the De Havilland manufacturing

in Wheatland County and twinning 46 kilometres of Highway 3 between Taber and Burdett.

Preparation work has started for the twinning of the last 69 kilometres of Hwv. 3 between Medicine Hat and BC, as well as a grade widening along 55 kilometres of Hwy, 41 between Hwy. 1 and 20 km south of Elkwater.

On Tuesday morning, The Bulletin leaned that the province has approved construction to fund a new Brooks Junior High School.

The groundbreaking for the new school should begin in September.

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COMMERCIALPRIN



Brooks Jr Bandits U13 team won two games against Redcliff Grizzlies over the weekend to bring home the U13 Tier 5 Green banner. They will move ahead to compete for the Tier 5 CAHL banner in the coming weeks. The team would like to thank their community for coming out to support them for this banner game at CRA today. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Wardlow Westerly

WARDLOW When we had arrived he received word last week had gotten some fabulous news that there is a new that John's brother Leo had become very sick and had medication that he can try and if it works for him been admitted to hospital, so we decided we would he will be able to start head on up to see for our chemotherapy. This giving him a chance. Good thoughts selves what was going on. and prayers are needed, We travelled to Girouxville and lots of encouragement on Wednesday but waited until Thursday to go and to keep him positive and visit home in Peace River. uplifted. On a positive note

for us we were able to reconnect with his children whom we haven't seen in quite a few years, and meet their children. We returned home on Sunday, the roads and weather were very cooperative for us.

We did come home to a very messy wet yard.

Next weekend are heading to Lethbridge

JEAN LAVOIE

to watch grandson Jake perform in the play Jesus Christ Super Star. It has been quite along while since we have been able to watch him perform, so looking forward to going.

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

# Local roads, culverts in budget

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

The province will be taking care of some of the local roads and culverts as announced in the 2024 Budget.

Funding will be made available for planning and engineering of Township Road 192.

The work is being facilitated as part of the JBS Canada road to be built from the company's south parking lot to Gun Club Road to help move vehicles out of the plant faster.

Jesse Furber, press secretary Alberta for Transportation and Economic Corridors, said the county requested safety at Hwy. 873 and Twp. Road

The department and the county will work together on options and explore

funding considerations.

Funding was announced for an EID canal concrete box culvert on Hwy. 1 four kilometres west of Brooks, a bridge over an EID canal on Hwy. 875 near Rolling Hills, a bridge girder design for the Red Deer River bridge located 18 km north east of

Design will take place to pave 36 kms on Highway 1 between two kilometres west of Hwy. 875 and 20 km west of Hwy. 884 is listed for design.

# **Eyremore Dam** proposals under review

SANDRA M STANWAY **BROOKS BULLETIN** 

Requests for proposal

for the Eyremore Dam was issued in December and are being evaluated by the province.

The province provided \$5 million in the 2023 budget but there was no money in this year's budget.

"A bid award decision is expected soon and work will begin immediately after the contract is awarded to the successful proponent," said Jessi Rampton, press secretary for agriculture and irrigation.

The Terms of Reference were provided to the Alberta Irrigation Districts

Association for input and the study will provide the government and irrigation districts an understanding of the costs, resources and the work that will be required to design, acquire regulatory approvals, construct and operate the

The 1977 study showed that the reservoir could be between 580,000 acre feet up to 1.5 million acre feet which would flood out the Bassano Dam.

"Do we need something of that height? Maybe not," Ivan Friesen, the EID's general manager said during last week's annual general meeting.

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# U9 hockey team reaches semifinals at U11 level



The U9 Brooks Red team played at the U11 level during the season. Earlier in the month the Brooks red team played Kainai in the playoff round. Brooks was defeated in both games.

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

The U9 Brooks Junior Bandits red team hockey team were defeated by Kainai in the U11 division semifinals to finish their season.

"There's never been an entire underage team playing up," said Reiko Wenzel, team manager.

Kelly Kalo, the team's head coach, said the staff wanted to get many of the players ready for the U11 AA team.

"U9 is typically half ice

and we wanted to get our kids playing full ice with off sides and icing - all the rules which you can't do at U9," he

"We formed a U9 rep team which had parents and kids who were committed to wanting to learn and be prepared at the next level so we created this team but the only way to play on full ice was to up an age group into

Not knowing how the team would compare to the bigger U11 players, the U9 team started the season at tier six and during the

tiering portion of the season moved up to tier five.

"We played out our season in five and finished first in our division," he said.

Thanks to the top spot, the team had a bye in the first round of playoffs and were knocked out by Kainai.

"I think it's inspiring to see how much these kids have improved and the potential for them in the future, as the majority of them will be trying out for the U11 HADP team next year," said Wenzel.

# Ready for Tax Season?





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# **Notice of Public Hearing**

CITY OF BROOKS, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA PROPOSED BYLAW 24/03 (ZONING CHANGE)

To be held at 5:00 pm, March 18, 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 24/03, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw 14/12 for the municipality.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed Bylaw 24/03 is to redesignate Lot 16 Block 13 Plan 0613077 (77 Upland Blvd West) from "RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DETACHED (R-SD)" to "RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (R-HD)", as illustrated.

# LAND USE DISTRICT REDESIGNATION FROM: Residential Single-Detached (R-SD) TO: Residential Mich Density (R-MD) LOT 16, BLOCK 13, PLAN 0513077 WITHIN SE 1/4 SEC 5, TWP 19, RGE 14, W 4 M

### **Submit Comments**

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

> Planning and Engineering 201 - 1st Avenue West Box 879

Brooks, Alberta, T1R 1B7

Please forward written submissions on or before March 15 at 4:30 PM.

### **Attend or View the Hearing**

A public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw 24/03 will be held in the City of Brooks Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2024. Please get in touch if you would like to speak at the meeting.

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



# **Notice of Public Hearing**

CITY OF BROOKS, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA PROPOSED BYLAW 24/10 (ZONING CHANGE)

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THE PURPOSE of the proposed Bylaw 24/10 is to redesignate LOTS 22-23, BLOCK 4. PLAN 0712061 (1512 & 1514 2 Avenue East) from "RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DETACHED (R-SD)" to "RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (R-HD)", as illustrated.

# LAND USE DISTRICT REDESIGNATION SCHEDULE 'A' FROM: RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY (R-LD) TO: RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (R-HD) LOTS 22-23, BLOCK 4, PLAN 0712061 WITHIN SE 1/4 SEC 33, TWP 18, RGE 14, W/4 M

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# COMMENT

# The carbon tax is going up and so are emissions

BY LORRIE GOLDSTEIN **CALGARY SUN** 

The futility of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's carbon tax increasing by 23% on April 1 was demonstrated yet again on Friday when the International Energy Agency announced global industrial greenhouse gas emissions reached a record high in 2023.

Emissions rose to 37.2 billion tonnes last year, an increase of 410 million tonnes, or 1.1%, from 36.8 billion tonnes in 2022, the previous high.

More significantly, this means the drop in global emissions in 2020 because of the world-wide recession caused by the first year of the pandemic - when emissions fell by 1.9 billion tonnes, or 5.2%, from 36.3 billion tonnes in 2019 to 34.4 billion tonnes in 2020 — was a mere blip on the radar.

Since then, emissions have increased every year, to 36.3 billion tonnes in 2021, 36.8 billion tonnes in 2022 and 37.2 billion tonnes in 2023.

They are now 8.1% higher than the were in 2020.

While the rate of annual increases in global emissions has slowed over the past decade, the United Nations' latest target to reduce emissions in 2030 by 43% compared to 2019 levels is a fantasy.

Global emissions in 2019 were 36.3 billion tonnes.

That means the UN target for 2030 is 20.7 billion tonnes of emissions, compared to 37.2 billion tonnes last year.

The idea the global economy could survive a 16.5 billion tonne cut in emissions in 2030 compared to 2023 is preposterous given the human suffering a recession of that magnitude needed to achieve it would cause.

Emissions in the first year of the pandemic, remember, fell only 1.9 billion tonnes.

Why is all this significant to Canada?

Because as parliamentary budget officer Yves Giroux has explained:

"Canada's own emissions (1.5% of the global total) are not large enough to materially impact climate change. Consequently, Canada's primary means of limiting the economic costs of climate change are through participation in a globally coordinated emissions reduction regime."

But emissions globally are going up and among the primary reasons are China, the world's largest emitter, where they rose by 565 million tonnes in 2023, and India, up 190 million tonnes.

Given the global increase in emissions of 410 million tonnes in 2023, China and India alone wiped out more than all of the reductions in the U.S. and Europe.

Canada's emissions in 2021 (the latest government data available) were 670 million tonnes, up 1.8% from 2020.

Trudeau's carbon tax will increase to \$80 per tonne of emissions on April 1, up from \$65 per tonne, on its way to \$170 per tonne in 2030.

That will raise the price of gasoline by 17.6 cents per litre on April 1, up from 14.3 cents per litre, on its way to 37.4 cents per litre in 2030.

The cost of natural gas, widely used for home heating in Canada, will increase by 15.25 cents per cubic metre, up from 12.39 cents per cubic metre, on its way to 32.4 cents per cubic metre in

It total, the cost of 22 forms of fossil fuel energy will increase on April 1. That's why the carbon tax raises the cost of almost everything, because fossil fuel energy is used to create almost all goods and services.

The Trudeau government claims 80% of households paying the carbon tax end up better off financially because of rebates.

But the PBO says when the negative impact of the carbon tax on the economy is factored in, 60% of households pay more in carbon taxes than they receive in rebates, rising to 80% in Nova Scotia in 2025, 80% in Ontario in 2026, 80% in Manitoba in 2029 and 80% in Alberta and P.E.I. in

Here are the PBO's estimated average net costs (after rebates) for households under the federal carbon tax system as of April 1, followed by the estimated net cost in 2030:

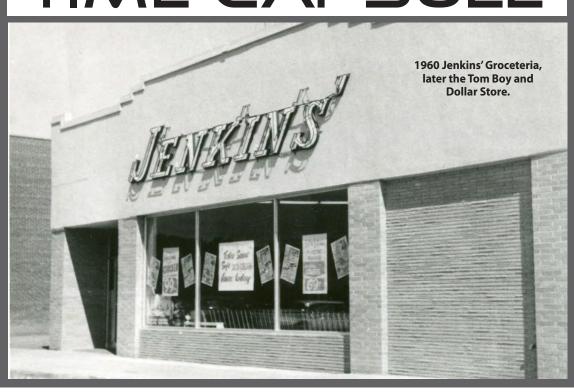
Alberta \$911, \$2,773; Ontario: \$627, \$1,820; Saskatchewan \$525, \$1,723; Manitoba \$502, \$1,490; Nova Scotia \$537, \$1,513; P.E.I \$550, \$1,521; Newfoundland and Labrador \$377, \$1,316.

(Quebec and B.C. have federally-approved provincial plans. New Brunswick is excluded because it joined the federal system after the PBO estimated costs. The federal carve-out on home heating oil will reduce costs in Atlantic

The bottom line is Canada where our emissions don't materially impact climate change — is relying on the UN plan to reduce global emissions, while they keep going up.

Given all this, the idea Canadians are going experience less severe weather by paying Trudeau's carbon tax is absurd.

# TIME CAPSULI



## **South Korea: Hyper-Competitive and Childless**



There are enough people to go around: eight billion now, compared to two billion less than a hundred years ago. Fifty-one million in South Korea, compared to only twelve million a hundred years ago. So why are South Koreans obsessed about their low birth rate?

It is certainly very low now. The average number of children a South Korean woman will have in her lifetime is just 0.72, whereas the birth rate needs to be at least 2.1 children per woman to prevent the population from falling.

of Lots developed countries have low birth rates nowadays, especially in East Asia – Japan is 1.3 children per woman, China is 1.2 – but no other country is below 1.0. South Korea is not just leading the parade. It is so far out in front that it is almost out of sight.

The national anxiety about this is so great that South Korea's President Yoon Suk Yeol has finally said the unsayable. His country's citizens are "excessively and unnecessarily competitive," he admitted - and that is why it has the world's lowest birth-rate.

The steadily declining birth rate has been perceived as a 'problem' for almost two decades now, and various governments have thrown an estimated \$286 billion at it with no effect whatever.

All sorts of incentives have been tried: subsidised housing, free taxis and even

direct monthly cash payments for couples who have children. Married men are exempt from military service if they have three children before turning 30; mothers can hire nannies from South East Asia and pay them below minimum wage.

Nothing worked, and the birth rate is still falling fast. At the current rate of decline, it will be down to 0.5 in just five more years, at which point the country will only be replacing one-quarter of its present population. What is driving this extraordinary collapse?

We know that it is not some peculiarity of Korean culture in general, because there is a control for this particular experiment: North Korea, which beneath a thin veneer of Communist ideology is a traditional Korean dynastic state. And the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (to give its full name) has a birth rate of 1.8 children per completed family.

Whatever it is, it's specific to South Korea - and what stands out is the sheer speed with which South Korea became a fully modern democratic society. It was still a dictatorship thirty years ago. It was still a very poor and poorly educated country fifty years ago. It was a war-torn wreck seventy years ago, and a downtrodden Japanese colony eighty years ago.

Now it is in the same income bracket as Canada, France and Japan, but it made that transition three times faster than Japan did and social attitudes don't change that fast. Even in Japan women face many challenges at work, but in South Korea they are virtually insurmountable.

Three quarters of South Korean women have a postsecondary education, but they are expected to leave work for at least two years after having a child. Even after that they face obstacles in getting back into the workforce at the same level - yet South Korea is the most expensive country in the world to raise a child, and one income is not enough.

The whole set-up is Japan squared: intense competition from the cradle onwards. Many Japanese parents hire tutors for their children or pay for extracurricular classes and courses; all but two percent of South Korean parents do so. Add needlessly long working hours and very high housing costs, and many women decide that having a child is just impossible.

President Yoon Suk Yeol has diagnosed the problem, but it's the kind of problem that would take at least a generation to solve. If South Korea took fifty years to fall into this trap, it will probably take at least that long to get out of it - and in fifty years, at this rate, the population will have shrunk by half.

There's nothing wrong with having a smaller population in principle: nobody felt the country was empty in 1960, when the population (25 million) was half what it is now. The difficulty is going back down to a much smaller population very fast, because that turns the normal 'population pyramid' upside-down.

By 2075, the number of South Koreans of working age will have halved, and almost half the population will be over 65 and relying on that greatly shrunken workforce to support them. This is not a viable outcome.

The time to start putting a much higher value on women's happiness and well-being is now, but it might also be a good idea to start encouraging mass immigration from countries with higher birth rates.

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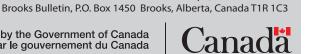
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LINDA MOREY



people have pulled their ice fishing shacks home. It seems to be warming up and maybe we'll have an early spring? Sunshine and wind were the topic of last weekend!

Duchess Curling Club is holding a "Curling, Sturling, Bonspiel on March 18-23rd. Please call Tony at 403 501 8240, to register vour team.

Brooks Music final concert Festival's will be on March 19th, at the Griffin Park Theatre, starting at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend! Admission is free, and donations are gratefully accepted.

There is a SEAC U15 Spring Camp coming up on May 11,12th. This is open to players born in 2010-2011. To register, you can find the link on the Duchess Minor Hockey Facebook page.

**Duchess School** pancake

on Monday, March 18th. Parents, please stop by with your students for a little Monday morning fun and pancakes.

Also, spring break is around the corner for staff and students. The break is from Mar 29- April 2.

Have a good week and please call or text me at 403 793 1630 with any news items you may have.

Quote: "If you want to know what a man looks like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals."

# Cause of Duchess fire determined

SANDRA M STANWAY **BROOKS BULLETIN** 

The cause of the \$1 million fire last week near Duchess has been determined to have been caused by internal plates folding into themselves.

Regional fire chief Stewart Luchies said over time the heat from the fire in the fireplace caused a plate at the bottom of the fireplace, which sits on plywood, to cave in and the

"It created extreme heat and broke the plywood overtime," Luchies.

"It probably had the right air mixture with the plywood heating up and caught the wood on fire."

The fire then moved into the attic and into the basement.

"It was a high and a low fire."

The couple in their mid-50s escaped without

# "Jesus, Lord of all"

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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"Jesus is Lord!" is the earliest confession of the Christian Church. Peter talked about it on the day of Pentecost, pointing to Jesus' resurrection as evidence (Acts 2:32-36). The broad claim comes up again in his conversation with the Roman centurion Cornelius (Acts 10:36). Its unique and exclusive nature is emphasized by the apostle Paul as well (1 Corinthians 8:6). But what does that lordship really mean and how does it impact our lives? First, we need to realize that to say "Jesus is Lord"

GOD. Some have alleged that Jesus himself never claimed to be anything more than human. That is demonstrably false (Revelation 2:18; also compare John 1:1+14; 20:27-31; Matthew 28:9; Luke 24:51f.; Matthew 22:41-46). Secondly, in this confession we pledge our wholehearted and exclusive allegiance. In the First Century, to proclaim Jesus as Lord was equivalent to saying that Caesar is NOT, nor are any of the pagan gods and idols. For this scandalous faith, Christians were willing to be imprisoned and even killed. Finally, when we say, "Jesus is Lord" we renew our trust that He can handle anything that life throws at us. All things are "under his feet," as Paul puts it in Ephesians 1:22.

We are invited to trust His ability to save, to heal, to mend broken lives and to set us free from the things that enslave us. As the Risen and Exalted One he sees even the smallest details of our lives and listens to our pleas and prayers. He gives us wisdom and guidance to live the kind of life that reflects His own character and honours Him as our Creator and Redeemer. He will continue to empower us until the day when will see him face to face and when nothing will impede our joy and worship. What is your greatest concern and worry right now? Invite Jesus into that specific situation with the expectation and assurance that He, the Lord, will care for you and resolve things in His way and timing!

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to St. Patrick's Dav. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = E)

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Clue: Little plant

В. 9 **22 15 15 26** 

Clue: Color associated with nature

17 24 8 26 C.

Clue: Holy being

D. 1 **22 12 26** 24

Clue: Someone who supports a cause

### WORD SCRAMBLE

something pertaining to St. Patrick's Day.



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# Guess Who?

I am a singer born in California on March 16, 1988. When I was starting my career, people thought I was related to Lil' Fizz. I rose to fame as a singer with the R&B group B2K and on the back of my poetry collection.

Апѕтек: Люепе Аіко

Rearrange the letters to spell



# ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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

### **WORDS**

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### 1. Helps little firms 4. Political action committee 7 Allowed 12. Olivia Colman played one

15. Open 16. He had a notable lamp

**CLUES ACROSS** 

- 18. Promotional material
- 19. Domesticated animal
- 20. Larry and Curly's buddy
- 21. The best ever 24. TV network
- 27. Checked for
- 30. Dry or withered 31. Expression of annoyance
- 34. Fifth note of a major scale
- 35. A secret clique

- 37. Partner to cheese
- school: where to learn healing
- 41. City in ancient Syria
- 42. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 44. Established practice
- 47. Thanksgiving side dish
- 48. District in Peru 49. It's becoming more prevalent
- 50. State in India
- 52. Measure of illumination
- 53. Raised platform 56. Japanese warrior
- 61. R.L. Stevenson novel
- 63. Transitory
- 64. Advanced degree
- 65. Fiddler crabs

26. Taxi driver

28. Semitic Sun god

32. Traditional rhythmic pattern

43. Having a strong, pleasant taste

36. Fugitives are on the \_\_

40. Two letters, one sound

51. River in northeastern Asia

55. Part-time employee

54. Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)

56. A very large body of water

57. Aboriginal people of Japan

29. Town in India

38. Type of dance

44. Golf score

45. Mayhem

46. Drenched

58. Millisecond

62. Royal Mail

59. Forearm bone

60. Subway dweller

### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Prevent from seeing 2. Czech city
- \_ and Andy, TV show
- 4. A young pig 5. Removed surgically
- 6. Covered with
- 7. Chest muscle (slang)
- 8. Nigerian City
- 9. Midway between south and east
- 10. A way to shut 11. Stop playing
- 12 Marshy places
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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, if you notice you have been achieve your goals, you may want to step back and try to figure out another course of action.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, an offer that notes your efforts and achievements comes your way. Do not let this immediately go to your head, but enjoy the fruits of your labors.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 Lately your willpower has been week, Gemini. If diet plans are getting sidelined by your inability to stay on track, you may want to enlist a buddy to keep you motivated.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, take a break when you can because there is soon to be a whirlwind of activity coming in your direction. Enjoy down time while it is still available to you.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, exercise caution so that your actions are not misinterpreted. You do not want others thinking you are doing things for the wrong reasons. Try to lighten up and be positive this week.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 This week you could find yourself being the center of attention at a gathering with friends or family, Virgo. Use the opportunity to get your thoughts out there and heard.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you will need to pick a course and stick with it, especially over the next few days. There is a lot of temptation out there but if you don't commit you'll never get things done.

Arguments that have been slowly

building up may come to a head this week, Scorpio. Your best bet is to stay out of the fray by keeping your distance and avoiding commentary.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 Sagittarius, it is possible that someone new you will meet this week can become a close friend who sticks with you through thick and thin. Look for this person in the days to come.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 Capricorn, now might be a time to figure out how to reduce some stress, especially if you find that people are avoiding you as of late. A change in attitude is all it takes.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 You might be ready to delve into the next chapter of a relationship, Aquarius. Figure out what means the most to you and move those priorities to the forefront.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 Inspiration comes your way this week, Pisces. You will have plenty of time to do anything you want to put your mind to. Start making that running list of ideas. Company ordered to pay \$295,000

The Newell District 4-H held their communications competition on March 2, 2024, at the Medicine Hat College - Brooks Campus. The Tilley 4-H Club hosted and would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time to make this significant event run! Our generous award sponsors and the speak off winners were; Junior Public Speaking Champion donated by Jay and Arlene Good - Sophie Daniels, Tilley 4-H. 2nd place Jr. donated by Bruce and Connie Pierson and Family - Mason Curry, Dusty Plains 4-H. Intermediate Public Speaking Champion donated by Niznik Ranching - Chloe Bohnet, Bow River Riders 4-H. 2nd place Int. donated by Russ Webb Consulting - Brett Campbell, John Ware 4-H. Senior Public Speaking Champion donated by Carey and Lynette Kopp – Nora Johnson, South Slope 4-H. 2nd place Sr. donated by Brandt Tractor - Bo Johnson, South Slope. Junior Presentation Champion donated by Deer River Ranching - Myra Murray, Tilley 4-H. 2nd place Jr. donated by John and Kathy Irwin - Carter Campbell, John Ware 4-H. Intermediate Presentation Champion donated by Kokay Farms - Eva Johnson, Jenner 4-Ĥ. 2nd place Int. donated by Spragg's meats - Maya Mandershied, John Ware. Senior Presentation Champion donated by Janzen Ranches - Eva Niznik, South Slope. 2nd Place Sr. donated by Baron Coulee Ranch - Ember Conners, Dusty Plains. Supplies were sponsored by Alta Link. We would like to congratulate everyone who competed and all those who will go on to represent our district at the regional competition held on March 16, 2024 to be held in Lethbridge at the Lethbridge Community College.

Picture 1: Newell District 4-H Communication 2024 participants



Picture 2: Award sponsors with the Newell District 4-H



# Tilley Telegram

Baseball coach Ron

Polk was thrown out of a

game for arguing over a call

with the umpire one time

too often. After tossing him

out, the very angry umpire

yelled, "I'm gonna need you

to go where I can't see you!'

Naturally, Coach Ron went

submit

items, please PHONE Anita

Chappell at 377-2259.

news

and stood on home plate.

To

TILLEY - The Tilley Ball Association will have their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm at the Tilley School. All are welcome to attend.

Bethany Lutheran offers Church regular worship services at 11:00 am each Sunday. There will be an Easter Sunday service at 11:00 am on Sunday. March 31. All are welcome to attend.

District Tillev 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.

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

Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will have worship service on Sunday, March 24 at 10:00 am with Reverend John Theiss. All are welcome to attend.

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.

# **SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** Brooks Asphalt and

Aggregate pleaded guilty to a charge under the Occupational Health and Safety Act in connection with the July 2021 workplace death of Barry Berg, 66.

The company will pay a fine, fund a piece of fire equipment and provide funds for the production of a safety video.

Through an agreed statement of facts the court was told that Berg landed inside an industrial bin that he was emptying but it is unknown exactly what happened.

"No amount of money will bring back Mr. Berg," the court was told.

The court was also told the task had been assigned to Berg who had been on the

**SANDRA M STANWAY** 

District water users in

Tilley will go to the polls

while Patricia has a new

Brad Deschamps of

Deschamps is replacing

Patricia was acclaimed to

his first term and will serve

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Eastern

representative.

iob for 85 days.

There had been no hazard assessment on the shift which was to have been done when there is a change in circumstances.

The court was told that after the incident the company participated in the investigation, implemented safety measures, kept the family on health benefits for two years after the incident and made a financial payment to the family of about \$25,000.

"Safety is a top priority at Brooks Asphalt and we take these matters very seriously. Nothing is more important than ensuring our employees go home safe every day," said Eugene Foisy, corporate controller for Brooks Asphalt and Aggregate following the sentencing.

Through Victim Impact Statements from Berg's

Ross Owen who, after 15 years, did not seek

In Tilley an election will

was

be held between incumbent

Brent Schroeder and Shane

acclaimed to his first time

The election will take

re-election.

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place on April 9.

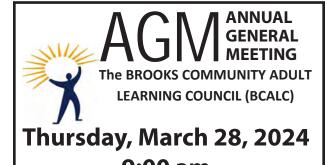
wife and daughters, the court was told that Berg was described as a kind person, great father and grandfather.

"Barry's fatal injury was a devastating moment for our organization, the site and most importantly to his family and friends. We express deep condolences to the family at this extremely difficult time," said Foisy.

The company will pay a \$1,000 inclusive of the

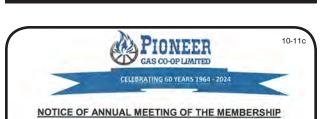
victim fine surcharge. They will pay \$50,000 to the Brooks Fire Department to purchase a Jaws of Life which is commonly used to extricate people who are trapped inside vehicles following collisions and \$244,000 to the Alberta Safety Construction Association to produce online safety materials on how to prevent similar accidents.

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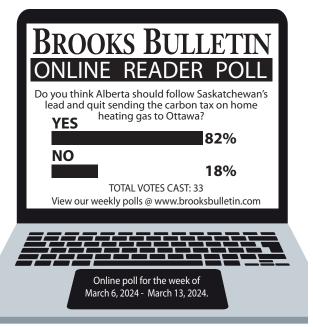
Monday, March 18, 2024

Bassano Community Hall 7:00 p.m.

- · To present the annual reports of the Chair, on behalf of the Board
- To present the annual report of the Manager
- . To present the Auditor's financial report of the Association for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- To appoint the auditor for the Association
- To (re)elect Directors of the Association:
- one director from the former franchise area of Gem
- To transact other business, if any, as may properly come before the

There will be a roast beef dinner served at 6:00 p.m. (members

Members MUST register for dinner by March 11, 2024 by calling our office at 403-641-3632 or email at pioneer@eidnet.org

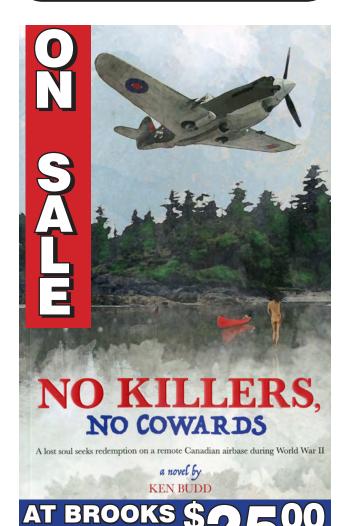


Tilley water users

will go to the polls

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# Animal welfare groups bites the dust... its good work led the nation



Last week, a sudden news release from the Alberta Farm Animal Association Care (AFAC) announced that the organization would be terminated effective March 1, 2024. It was the abrupt end the 30-year-old organization that has served the livestock industry well and was a pioneer of animal welfare ideas and actions. But first, some transparency, I was a Founding Father of AFAC, served on its board for many years and even filed its incorporation regulations. Subsequently, as a keen observer organization, watched it evolve into a sophisticated operation that delivered actual services that helped animals distress in and ways to address

abuse cases in a timely way before they became criminal matters. AFAC also got involved in training truckers and folks involved in accidents on handling livestock safely and humanely - I believe that was a first in North America.

AFAC was created at a time when livestock organizations across North America felt under assault from extremist animal rights groups and their allies in the green left lobby industry. At the time, 30 years ago, those anti-agriculture zealots had wellfinanced, sophisticated campaigns in place to spread disinformation and outrageous allegations commercial animal agriculture. Those fearmongering campaigns generated a flood of donations from gullible city people. What was even more aggravating was media's mainstream complicity in supporting those duplicitous campaigns. The same

groups were also making inroads into academia and schools. Commercial livestock producers felt powerless against the onslaught and demanded that their commodity organizations do something to counter what looked like a one-sided war against livestock production.

There were emergent groups being developed by livestock groups in various jurisdictions and a national group was established in the USA. Alberta efforts to promote a positive image of commercial animal agriculture were mainly through the Ag in the Classroom program managed by former Alberta Cattle Commission. It was mostly a volunteer operation run on a fairly limited budget. It never had the capacity to operate consistently across the province with multiple programs for various school age groups. But that program helped instigate initial meetings about how a

better PR effort could be launched to counter the disinformation war animal rights groups were waging. Those meetings resulted in establishing AFAC. But as noble as the intent was from the very beginning, it suffered from that usual ailment that plagues so many commodity groups - a lack of significant longterm financial support. That unfortunate reality was cited as the reason the organization was

finally terminated. AFAC did receive  $financial \, support \, from \, the$ Alberta government, but in the beginning, it was less than robust, mainly because it was providing a significant grant to the Alberta Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). That venerable and longstanding group was empowered to enforce animal cruelty and abuse laws throughout most of the province, including commercial animal agriculture. ASPCA officers worked

with urban humane societies and the RCMP to prosecute criminal cases. Part of the rationale back in the day for creating AFAC was that the ASPCA sometimes appeared somewhat enthusiastic more pursuing animal agriculture incidents. The organization also educational and political outreach program that seemed to favour an animal rights philosophy agenda. To be fair, the ASPCA, a non-profit charity, had to appeal to city folks for donations to help fund its operations. By accident or design, it had to use more sensational PR approaches to compete with animal rights organizations for the urban citizen donation dollar.

What was apparent at the time was that ASPCA directors and management felt threatened by the upstart AFAC in that its creation implied that the ASPCA might not be doing its job. Even more concerning

to the ASPCA was that government funding of AFAC might imperil the size of the annual grant the ASPCA received from the government. In retrospect, back in the day, the naïve AFAC was out-lobbied by the more experienced ASPCA, and its annual grant was never in danger. With its regulatory duties and powers, the ASPCA was integral to the Alberta government's legislative role. Besides, by downloading its responsibilities on the ASPCA, it didn't have to hire its own officers. Years after my involvement, the Alberta government established a funding mechanism that seemed to satisfy both sides, and there was a truce between the two organizations. But that was then, and something must have happened since the truce to cause demise of the the organization—more

next time. Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.



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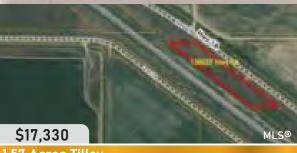
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# County-EID drainage project to move to Rolling Hills

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

The county-EID drainage project will return to Rolling Hills this season while leaving Rosemary uncompleted.

The two organizations annually budget \$1 million to improve drainage in areas throughout the county but last year just \$200,000 of the EID's budget was spent on the project.

Rosemary, which was

to see nearly 185 km of improvements, has seen major flooding over the years which has resulted in road closures, however, very few landowners permitted project on their property. Upon completion of the last few kilometres, the city and EID will move the project south.

"În order for us to fit the ditches that they want us to build to their specifications we need to purchase 5 metres on both sides of the road, depending on where the drainage is, said Ryan Gagley, the EID's assistant general manager of engineering and operations.

"We didn't get a whole bunch of work done in Rosemary."

The drainage program started in 2011 and over the years improvements have been made in Bow Rainier, Cassils, City, Scandia, Millicent and 36.8 kilometres in phase one of the Rolling Hills project.



Overland and localized flooding occurred about two miles north of Rosemary in April 2018.



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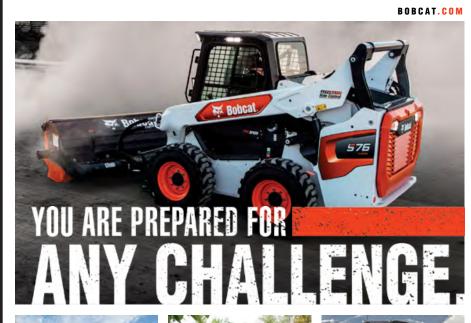
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About 100 girls' dresses sewn by a group of Brooks women Brooks will eventually be sent overseas as part of the Dress A Girl Around the World program. Recently, a group of women gathered at the Brooks United Church to sew dresses for the campaign which, since 2009, has seen about two million dresses delivered from women around the world to girls in need. "It's just a campaign for individuals or groups to make these little dresses," said Dorthy Walton. The dress patterns are specific. No fasteners such as buttons, zippers or velcro are allowed because if they are damaged, broken or lost the dress is useless. "They just have to be able to pop over the head," said Walton. Wilma Hunter and Walton have been sewing dresses since last year and other women who attended the sewing event last week will sew additional dresses on their own. The dresses can be completed by anyone who is interested. Contact the United Church for additional information. Shown back row left to right Linda Roth, Rosemary Koch, Wilma Hunter and Karen Nelson-Howe. Front row left to right, Genie Martin, Dorthy Walton and Elaine Bitzer. Missing from the photo are Kathy Delday, Judy Lawrence, Sherry Lisowski, Susan Mitchell and Lorraine Samis.

# Few questions asked at EID annual general meeting

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

The Eastern Irrigation District's annual general Tuesday meeting on garnered few questions from water users.

Staff and board members reviewed last year which was highlighted by a drought and the district's first time enacting its drought plan.

Through the plan the allocation increased and decreased throughout the season which is something the district would not like to

Lake Newell Reservoir was not quite full during the first part of May but it wasn't something either Ivan Friesen, the EID's general manager or the board were concerned with because it was early in the season.

He said it was a lesson earned that it's easier to lose water than to make

Newell quickly Lake dropped in late May and early June which was concerning.

river basically "The

crashed at that point. We were using in the order of 800cfs net out of Newell at the first part of June when typically that would be at

the end of July," said Friesen. On June 13 water allotment to the users was decreased to 12 inches and increased incrementally through the season until it reached 16 inches.

Friesen said water users understood the situation and they communicated well with operators and neighbours and even shared

In 2023, 548,000 acre feet were delivered on the 679,000 acre foot licence.

"We diverted what the river could give us," he said.

"We couldn't have gotten more. We filled all of our reservoirs."

For now, each irrigation season in anticipation of a drought, water users will begin with 18-inches which is a reduction from 21-inches, which had been

Water levels will be evaluated during the season and increased if allowable.

This year water delivery

will begin during the week of April 29 with areas going online as they are charged.

"Each area might start up at a different time. We're trying to be a bit flexible," Friesen said.

The provincial water sharing agreement will be detailed as it is developed, however, Friesen said it is nothing new for the EID and other districts which have been informally sharing

"Once all system demands have been accounted for then the districts among themselves will share the remaining water equitably,"

"It's not really a new concept. It's what we've done in the past."



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# Western Canadian lacrosse in Brooks **SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN**

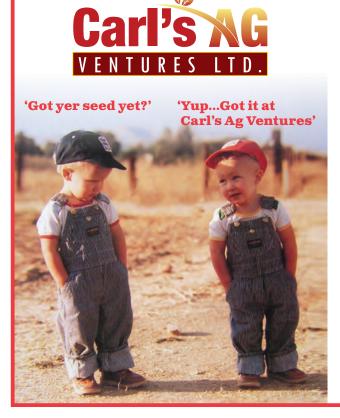
The Western Canadian Junior 'B' Lacrosse Invitational

MacDonald Cup is coming to Brooks.

The eight team event will be hosted by the Chaos Junior Lacrosse Club and its franchise the Southern Alberta

Last year the Cup was won by Cranbrook Black Wolves. It was the first time since 1995 that a tournament for the

The Wolves defeated Saanich Express in Port Coquitlam.



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# Brooks and area **RCMP** report

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

### Collision

As a result of a collision last week on Highway 873 overpass at Highway 1, a youth was airlifted by STARS to Calgary and two others were treated for minor injuries and released.

"The youth flown to Calgary by STARS is still in hospital and has a long recovery ahead," Sharon McCready of the Brooks RCMP detachment.

At about 2:20 p.m. a pick-up truck and a cattle liner collided on the overpass, crashed through the guardrail and landed on the grassy area beside Highway 1.

Both vehicles remained on their wheels.

The driver of the cattle liner was uninjured and the were transported from the

### Vehicle reported to have been traveling west in eastbound lane

On March 4 11:40 p.m. Brooks RCMP responded to a complaint of a vehicle that was travelling west in the eastbound lane on Highway

Police arrived on the scene and found the vehicle parked facing westbound on the eastbound ditch.

"The vehicle started moving and police initiated a traffic stop," states a

The driver was arrested impaired operation which led to a ticket, licence suspension and loss of vehicle for a time.

Vehicle fire in

firefighters Brooks responded to a vehicle that was fully engulfed in flames in Princess Place parking lot just after midnight on March

The fire was extinguished and it was determined that the fire was caused by either the block heater or its cord and not suspicious in nature.

### **Intoxicated female**

On March 3rd at 4 a.m. Brooks RCMP were called to a residence for an unwanted female causing a ruckus inside a home.

Police reported that a 22-year-old Brooks resident was intoxicated and was unwilling to accept help in finding her a different accommodation for the evening.

She was charged with mischief and released when sober.

### **Intoxicated male**

On March 3 at 4:30 p.m. police were called to a



residence for an unwanted male inside the home who was very intoxicated and yelling.

reported that Police after all reasonable efforts were made to relocate the 49-year-old Brooks man, he was charged with mischief and released when sober.

### **Dozen Apple watches** stolen

A dozen Apple Watches with a value of \$5,600 were reported stolen from Walmart in Brooks.

Police say the incident occurred on Feb. 29 and was reported on March 4.

Two male suspects, who were caught on camera, were seen leaving in a dark coloured mid-2000s SUV, possibly a Chevrolet Traverse.

If you have any information contact the Brooks RCMP at 403-794-4400.



Suspects in Apple watch theft from Walmart on March 4.

# Alfalfa Seed **Commission of Alberta Presents** 2024 **Spring Meeting** & AGM www.alfalfaseedab.com

MARCH 25TH, 2024 @ Cassils Community Hall

Coffee 8:30 - 9:00 am

9:00 Program Begins

11:30 AGM

Join us for the morning discussing all things research, industry updates and water availability. Watch the website for the speaker



# Silver Sage president provides update to city council

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

Wanting to improve their brand name and plans the Silver Sage Ag Society gave city council an update on their direction and the importance of partnership.

Last week the society's president Ken Neufeld introduced some of the programming for the year which included some multiday events including the Newell Pro Rodeo.

"There are people that are here for an extended period of time. Some of those 13,000 people don't







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always just come and go in a day. They're sometimes here for a for a night, go to restaurants or whatever so that to us is significant about why we are a player in this community and a valuable player," he said.

It has been a significant transformation of the society over the past couple

In March 2022 the province took control of the Silver Sage following a mass resignation of the board The province then viewed the society as no longer being able to properly function and affairs were not properly conducted.

That led to a new society being guided for a few months by the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies.

"As a board we were told by the people in Edmonton that we were deficient in not having a vision," he said.

Since then the society has picked itself up by its boot straps and is looking to a successful future with plans, partnerships and events for residents and guests.

The board spent a couple of months developing a vision, mission statement and values for the society.

"We are devoted to this community and creating growth within the walls of the society and in the community next," Neufeld

The society's master plan will help bring consistency to the organization.

"We will do assessing of our impact in order to improve and sell the Silver Sage brand to our entire city and our county, said Neufeld.



For more information or a catalogue, please call:

President: MERLE WYATT (403) 485-8289 Secretary: NICONA BROST (403) 878-7141 PO Box 23107, Medicine Hat Mall, Medicine Hat, AB T1B 4C7

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# SPEC's youth program to remain at rec centre until 2026

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

The SPEC Association will continue to use the JBS Canada Centre for its weekly program until 2026.

Last Monday Chelsea Opperman, program manager with SPEC, requested a two year in-kind extension continue to use the facility for its Youth Connections program.

SPEC recently received its third contract extension from the provincial Family Resources Network which funds the weekly Mezz program.

The first three-year grant was awarded in 2020 which was followed by a one year extension which

ends at the end of the month. The new extension will run until March 2026.

"The contract amount has been \$100,000 annually for each year with the exception of year five (2024) when the government approved a one-time three per cent increase to assist with increased costs," Opperman told The Bulletin.

"This three per cent increase is not guaranteed for year six."

Between 40 and 100 youth take part in the program that includes games and activities for youth. Outside groups also get involved such as the RCMP and library staff.

"No one has said no that

we have asked. Everyone is very much in support of coming and supporting the youth," said Opperman.

Makerspace is also now

part of the program.
"I feel it brings a different atmosphere in different areas," Opperman said.

The program has seen 2,346 youth dropins including 1,083 from Brooks Junior High, 558 from Christ the King, 205 from Brooks Composite, 251 from St. Joe's, 75 from Sunrise, 19 from St. Lukes, 19 from Ecole Le Ruisseau, 21 from rural areas and 115 that are listed as other.

"We have a lot of different age ranges coming from a lot of different



A Snowy Owl watches over the surroundings. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# City to hold public hearings on high density residences

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

On March 18 the city will hold a couple of public hearings regarding the construction of high density residences.

The first will be reopening second reading of a motion to redesignate 77 Upland Blvd West from residential single detached to residential high density.

The discussion moved to committee where Gavin Scott, the city's land planner, recommended that at the hearing information that has gone to the committee should be disclosed to allow for public comments.

At the original public hearing on Feb. 20 there were no comments to the rezoning, however, city councillors were concerned that a fourplex unit has been proposed in the single residential area.

According committee meeting minutes,

council and Scott discussed the zoning of a single lot as high density apartment.

Also considered was a change in locations within the area that may be more appropriate for high density development and rezoning all the lots in the area.

The second public hearing will consider rezoning two parcels at 1512 and 1514 2nd Avenue East from residential to residential high density.



# Corben Tours

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RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for the upcoming week go out to Holly Johnson, Dallas Antill on March 20; Liam Guttman on March 21; Connie Price, Esther Nielsen on March 22; Marlee Takeda Noji on March 23; Catherine Graham Davies, Duane Lindsay on March 24.

Newell Cattle Grazing Association will have their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, March 21, at 7.00pm at the Rainier Hall.

Please join community to bid farewell Shoko Motokado and Richard & Jeannine Motokado. Saturday, April 6th, at the Rainier Hall from 2pm to 5pm. This is a potluck event so please bring an appetizer or dessert. Coffee, tea & juice will be provided. Everyone is welcome so please spread the word for us! For those who wish to donate cash to the farewell cards, please visit Corrie at Alcoma School. Hope to see you there!

Joinus for a Shamrockin' St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Rainier Hall. This event is family friendly with some activities for the kids. Saturday, March 16th at 7.00pm. Feeling festive? Dive into the spirit of the holiday with our

optional green beer at the bar. Potluck Snack Feast – we invite you bring your favourite — Irish-inspired snacks or any dish that strikes your fancy. Dress in your best green (or Irish) attire and let's turn Rainier Hall into a sea of emerald joy! Save the date, spread the word, and get ready for a night of Irish magic.

Scandia – Scandia Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th, starting at 10.00am. Call 403-362-9630 o register. Meet at the EID Historical Park. Bring your own basket. All are welcome!

Scandia Community Casino Fundraiser is in need of a few more volunteers to help out at the Lethbridge Casino on Thursday, May 16th, and Friday, May 17th. Please call Echo at 403-362-9630 if you are able to volunteer.

The Annual General Meeting of the EID Historical Park will be held on March 22, at 7.00pm in the CPR Station at the Park.

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.

Stay in the loop with the Rainier Community Facebook Page

for more Alcoma + Community Events! Have an upcoming event in the County? We are happy to include it in our emails and promote it in our community! Shoot us an email at rainiercommunityclub@gmail.com with your information.

The next meeting for the Rainier Community Club is on Tuesday, March 19th at 7.00pm at the Hall. All community people are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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 would like any news included in this column for that week. Phone/text 403-793-0692 or email janebellward20@gmail.com.







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# Classifieds

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### obituaries

GYORFFY, EDNA ISOBELLE

Edna Isobelle Gyorffy passed way peacefully in Calgary, away peacefully in Calgary, Alberta at Foothills Hospital on February 23, 2024, at age 94.

She was born in Brooks Alberta Jan. 20, 1930. Edna married Dennis Gyorffy November 24, 1949; he predeceased her on December 31, 2017.

She was brought up by the sisters at Father Lacombe home after her father passed away when she was 14 years old.

Worked at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary and Cedars Villa Calgary.

She was the loving mother of Donald Gyorffy, Brenda Chisholm, Alan Gyorffy all of Calgary and Dion Gyorffy of Grand Forks and will also be lovingly remembered by her 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Edna was predeceased by her daughter Joanne Henry and her 4 brothers Jim Horek, Doug Horek of Calgary, Joe Horek of Vancouver, and Kenneth Horek of Edmonton.

Those wishing to pay their respects may do so at Eden Brook Funeral Home (17th Ave SW and lower Springbank Rd) on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 9am to10am. A funeral service

Condolences may be forwarded to the family by visiting www. edenbrookcemetery.ca 11p



### **EDEN BROOK FUNERAL HOME** Reception & Cremation Centre



WILSON - With great sadness we announce the loss of our beloved husband and father Robert Norman John Wilson on March 5, 2024 after a lengthy illness. Robert leaves to morn his loss his loving wife of 69 years Rosalie Wilson; two sons, Donald Wilson (Debra) and Lance Wilson (Deborah) and 2 daughters Shannon Gulberg (Ed) and Roseanne Wilson and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Robert had a lengthy career self employed and then went on to work as a Deacon at St Mary's Catholic Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00 PM from St Mary's Catholic Church, Brooks, Interment to follow at Brooks Cemetery. In lieu

of flowers donations can be given to your favourite charity



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### obituaries



BONORA - Jimmy Mario Peter Bonora, beloved husband of Karen Bonora, passed away in Calgary surrounded by his family on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at the age of 63. He was born in Lethbridge on February 26th, 1961 to Mar-io & Rosi Bonora. He graduated from BCHS in 1979. He then followed in his father's footsteps and apprenticed to be an electrician, later becoming a Master Electrician. Working with his Dad and brother, and eventually his son, in the family business, Mario's Electric Ltd. for 40 plus years. Jim married the love of his life, Karen Woods in 1985. In 1989 they were blessed with the arrival of their first child, Vanessa followed by their son Eric in 1991. Jim was devoted to his

family and very proud of his children. His love and commitment will be a source of strength and inspiration. He was so proud to warmly welcome Rachel to his family when she married Eric in 2022. Jim never missed any family occasion. He was at every holiday celebration and celebration without a holiday with the Bonoras, Smiths, Santonis and Zanonis. Jim had a great love for sports. He played basketball and football in school. He played fastball with the JoAnn Trucking Juniors and slo-pitch with the Brooks Hotel Rebels, Jim curled in numerous leagues and enjoyed skiing. He absolutely loved golfing and everyone knew where Jim could be found on Sunday mornings. He enjoyed watching all sports including Nascar. Jim was a devoted fan of the Brooks Bandits. Jim wanted to give back to his community, so he became a volunteer firefighter in 1991. Jim was proud to be part of the Brooks Volunteer Fire Department family. He was proudly a deputy chief and captain. Jim's legacy as a fire-fighter trainer, mentor, and rescuer will forever shine through the countless lives he touched. His dedication to saving others and imparting knowledge leaves an enduring impact on the firefighting community. Jim is survived by his wife, Karen, his children, Vanessa and Eric (Rachel), his dad, Mario, his siblings, Doris (Lorne), Ron (Pam), Lisa (Carl), his brother-in-law, Michael (Jayne), his sister in law, Barb (Shawn), and his numerous nieces and nephews who held a special place in Jim's heart. Jim is predeceased by his mom, Rosi, his stepmom, Addy and his niece, Mia. Jim's celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, at 1:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Brooks. Rev. John Theiss officiating. Interment at Brooks Cemetery. Reception to follow at Brooks Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cantara Safe House/Brooks Women's Shelter, Box 1045, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1C6.



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### crematorium





coming events

### **BIANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society

Sun., March 17 2 pm

Duchess Mennonite Church 204 - 3rd St. E., **Duchess** Everyone Welcome

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KORITHOSKI Donald Korithoski

Norman was born in Calgary, AB on February 19, 1944 and died on March 02, 2024 at 80 years of age. His parents were Tony and Minnie Korithoski. He is survived by an older brother Lenard, a younger brother Ted, one sister Doris Bachand and his son Shayne and Shayne's mother Fran Hudson.

Norman grew up in the small village of Tilley. As a youth he was among the "Tilley" kids that joined Brooks Air Cadets! Norman's learning disability led to him leaving school early and entering the workforce. His first job was

on the CPR working with Willie Stenger and Don James. He also worked for Celtic Construction and Eds Field Construction.

Norman married Frances (Fran) Hudson in Calgary in June of 1977. Among the things Fran loved most about Norm were his friendliness and sense of humour. He could always find a way to make her laugh. In September, the couple moved to Veteran, Alberta. The Town Foreman had recently retired so Norman arrived at just the right time to take over the job

Norman and Fran eventually settled in Stettler. In 1981, they welcomed the arrival of their son, Shayne. A friend and former colleague of Fran's remembers Norm showing up at her workplace to announce the happy news and offer a cigar to everyone in sight. Norman was every bit the proud, devoted father. He had been working for CN, but when Fran went back to her job, he stayed home to provide care for their son until Shayne was old enough to go to Day Care

Norman and Fran remained good friends even after their marriage came to an end in 1984. Norman moved to Red Deer, where he began attending Living Stones Church and made a commitment to Christ. He helped out with various church-related activities, such as taping the Sunday services. Norman volunteered as bell ringer for the Salvation Army through many seasons at the Red Deer Mall.

He continued, as well, to be involved in Shayne's life. Father and son spent many fun-filled weekends and holidays together. They especially enjoyed outdoor settings like Bower Ponds, the Kerry Wood Nature Centre, and Sylvan Lake. Norman was always very fond of cars, and had by then acquired a red Ford Mustangcomplete with sunroof. He was never happier than when he was behind the wheel, his son beside him, both of them looking forward to a new adventure.

When Shayne and his mother moved to Calgary in 2001, Norman was a frequent visitor. The three of them spent several memorable Christmases together. Norman was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2008 and was treated at the Foothills Cancer Centre in Calgary. Throughout the experience, he remained cheerful and optimistic. Thankfully, the treatments were successful.

After Shayne relocated to Vancouver in 2012 to further his career, he and his father were able to stay in touch by phone. Feeling the need to be near her son, Fran moved to Chilliwack,

where she started her retirement in 2014.

Norman resided at Waskasoo Towers, Fleming Kiwanis Manor and Pines Lodge in Red Deer after retirement. In 2020 Norman was hospitalized in Red Deer and had to be sent to Hanna because the Red Deer hospital was bursting with Covid patients. In Hanna he became a resident of the Long Term Care Centre and was diagnosed with Lewy Body dementia. His sister Doris Bachand and brother Ted Korithoski, both of Brooks visited him in Hanna each Saturday providing support and comfort during his last four years of life. Kriss and Robbin were two of Norman's favorite caregivers in Hanna. Ted and Doris took him to Tim Horton's for coffee and lunch whenever he felt able to go out or brought his "Tims" to his room. They also arranged FaceTime calls between Norm, Shayne, and Fran that were very much appreciated and enjoyed by all concerned. He continued to make us smile and laugh at his clever (& old) jokes!!

Shayne and Fran will be forever grateful to Ted and Doris for their faithfulness in providing encouragement and support to Norman during his stay at LTC, Hanna Health Centre. Norman was dearly loved. We take great comfort in knowing he is with Jesus. Thom's Funeral Home is in charge of cremation. Internment at

Bethany Cemetery will take place at a later date.

For further information, to light a memorial candle or to leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomsfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.



coming events

**BROOKS** TOY **LIBRARY ANNUAL** MEETING March 20 at 7:00 pm

at the Toy Library

**EVERYONE WELCOME!** 

coming events

**CASSILS** COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL MEETING Mon., March 25 7:00 pm at Cassils Hall

obituaries

LANGEVIN - Edward Fabien

Langevin, beloved husband of the late Elsie Langevin passed away

on March 4, 2024, in Brooks, AB.

Eddie was born at the Lac La Biche

Mission on October 24, 1935. Ed

and Elsie met in Maple Creek, SK

### obituaries



MICHAEL - Carol Diane Michael of Bassano, Alberta, beloved wife of Costas "Gus" Michael, passed away in Calgary, Alberta on Tuesday, March 5th, 1964, at the age of 65 years. Carol was born in Calgary on January 28th, 1959, the 4th of 5 children. Carol found her calling working in the food services. She was a tremendously talented and accomplished baker. Carol would set up a table at the local indoor farmer's market in Oliver, British Columbia and routinely sold all her baked goods the first day! She married Costas 'Gus" Michael on August 30th, 1992, and spent the remainder

of her days with him. She was predeceased by her parents, Daniel and Winnifred Beard; mother-in-law Evelyn Stolen and sister-in-law Eleni Hirt. Carol is survived by her loving husband of 31 years, Costas "Gus" Michael; siblings, Kenneth "Blaine" Beard and his wife Betty, Barbara May Hutchings, Winnifred "Gail" Northcott and her husband Les and David "Owen" Beard and numerous extended family and friends. A Private Family Celebration of Life will be held in the spring of 2024. In memory of Carol, memorial tributes may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 1200, Box 2414, Toronto,

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



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CENTRE

Tues., March 19 7 pm

Trinity Lutheran

Church

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# **DUCHESS GOLF CLUB** AGM Wed., March 27

at the

CLUBHOUSE

7:30 pm

### **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

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

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### **MUSIC & DANCING**

**Brooks & District Social Club** Heritage Inn Room C

### Sat., March 16

7:30-10:30 pm MUSIC: "LARRY & SON-IN-LAWS' LOCAL BAND \$15.00 per person

Everyone Welcome! NO MEMBERSHIP **REQUIRED** 

50/50 Draw

11p

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- Esther Isobele Smith widow of her beloved husband Dale Smith, passed away in Brooks on March 6th, 2024 at the age of 98 years. Born in Provost, Alberta to Isobel and Robert Winters on April 12, 1925 she was raised in Provost. She moved to Hamilton, Ontario where she and Dale were married on October 31st, 1944. Esther worked as her husband completed his Funeral Directors Licence in 1947. They moved to Calgary and in 1951 to Brooks where she had resided since. Dale and Esther operated Smith Funeral Home until their retirement. Esther was an active

member of St. Alban's Anglican Church and later the Brooks E Free Church, the Royal Purple and the Kinettes for many years. She will be lovingly re-membered for her love for her family, for her wit, her sense of humour and her love of travelling. Esther was predeceased by Dale on April 1st, 2022, and two daughters Linda and Sharon. She is survived by her loving daughters Donna and Carol, her son Ron and their families. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, March 14th at 2:00 PM from the Evangelical Free Church, Brooks. Pastor Garth Everett officiat-ing. Interment will follow at the Brooks Cemetery. If friends desire memorial tributes may be made to 1235 - 3rd Street West, Brooks, Alberta T1R 0P7.



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- All applicants are required to provide a current Driver's Abstract.

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If interested, please submit a cover letter, resume, and driver's abstract in confidence, including three (3) references by the end of day on March 15, 2024, to:

**County of Newell** 183O37 RR145 **PO Box 130** Brooks, AB, T1R 1B2

SEE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION ON OUR WEBSITE:

https://www.countyofnewell.ab.ca/p/employment We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those applicants selected for

an interview will be contacted.

**Attention: Human Resources** 

Or email HR@newellmail.ca

and married on April 27, 1955. They moved frequently with the rig and each of their children were born in a different town or city. He is survived by his loving children; Sandra, Ken, Karen (Marvin), Mike, Cheryl, Linda, and Rene; brother Roger (Cathy) Langevin; sister Ida Dannish; sisters-in-law Gladys Kirschenman and Vivian Scherer; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many friends. Ed's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will have a private burial at the Brooks cemetery. A celebration of life will be at the Heritage Inn, Brooks on March 15, 2024, at 11:00 AM for friends

EID Legion No. 63. Arrangements in care of Thom's Funeral Home and Reception Centre, Duchess. To leave a message of sympathy, to send flowers or to light a candle in memory of Ed, please visit www.thomsfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.

and family. Rev John Theiss officiating. A reception luncheon will

follow. In memory of Ed, memorial tributes may be made to Brooks

**FUNERAL HOME AND RECEPTION CENTRE** 

### coming events



# **Annual Meeting Notice**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 7:00 pm Lifetalk Counselling Services Office Room 216, 327 - 3rd St. West Brooks, AB To RSVP call 403-362-2210 or email exec.director@lifetalkcounselling.ca

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### **Edmonton River Creek**

April 7th - 10th, 2024

\$450 pp/dbl occ/\$605 sngl

Couer d' Alaine

May 20th - 23rd, 2024 \$440 pp/dbl occ

**Disneyland & Annaheim** 

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**Passion Play** 

July 12th - 14th, 2024 Call for details

**Blue Jays in Seattle** 

July 4th - 9th, 2024

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### obituaries



his life, his partner, and the other half of his soul, "his ride or die" Beatrice (Cotton) Dietz for close to 55 years. They were married May 4, 1968 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Brooks Alberta and had three children, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, for now! Lorraine (Rex Porath) of Jefferson, South Dakota, Heather (Jeff) and their son Cotton, Brittni (Raf) Herrera) and son Apollo, Meghan Porath, Kately Porath, Taraly Dietz of Bassano, AB, Shellbea (Stephan Wood) and their children Addison, Scott, Kayden and Moriah, Shane (Kim) Dietz of Frobisher, Dakota Dietz, Taylor Dietz and her daughter Riley, Kayla (Eric) and their daughter Oaklynn and Sadie. He was the owner and operator of Easy Way Oilfield Maintenance until his health forced him to move on to a less labor-intensive job. He operated farm equipment and implements for Bassano Growers where he became great friends with Tiesh Hironaka and later drove Potato Truck for Tiesh and Bassano Growers. These were the jobs Alf most enjoyed. His amazing sense of humour and ease with people made him a favorite with his customers as the night shift cab driver for City Cab in Brooks, Alberta. Although his health was not the best his active mind and quick wit were always on point and his smile and laugh were always strong. The family would like to send a very special thank you to the following people and organizations; Brooks Paramedics, for always taking amazing care of Alf and prioritizing his comfort and care, Brooks Home Care, who took impeccable care of Alf; he loved his "tub bath" as they treated him with such love and kindness. Big shout out to Ken Hironaka, kindhearted and honorable and our neighbors who are beautiful, kind, caring and thoughtful who never failed to "check in" on Alf and Bea. Numerous friends and family members for the love and kindness for many years. Amazing care provided by the Medicine Hat Hospital, Medical teams and wards. Donations can be made to Brooks Paramedics, Brooks Home Care in the name of Alfred Dietz. We, Alf's family have such appreciation for these teams who worked like guardian angels for Alf. Thom's Funeral Home is in care of cremation.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Thom's Funeral Home & Reception Centre on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 1:00PM. To light a candle in memory of Alf, or leave a message of sympathy, please visit www.thomsfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501 - 1010.



### employment

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# Bow City Signal SMITH

BOW CITY - Holy moly did it ever melt today. We have a river running across drive way. Hope the culvert thaws and let's it go. See lots of water laying in the low spots and is good but to bad it wasn't all around for moisture.

Birthdays go out to Duane Dennis on March 14, Mrs McKay March 26, and Kevin and Sylver Voutier on March 29.

Joyce and Jerry had a great visit with Kim and Karey Belanger from Lac La Biche. They were here for the weekend and I had visits with them all. Saturday Mark, Jamie and Grady.

Came for supper and visit. It's always nice to see family together. Thank you mom and dad for hosting us.

On the Brad and Vickie side , Stratton, Navy and Oakes had an enjoyable weekend with dad Curtis. Outside activities kept them busy tobogganing ,checking cows ,riding quads and side-by-side's. They sure enjoyed their life out in the country with dad. Amma got to spend some time with the grand kids as well. Building a toy horse barn

and gathering some wheat from grandpa so we could have a good afternoon of imaginary farm play in the living room. Oh how Brad and Vickie just love those grandkids. It's such a special time.

Rainier Community would like to invite all to a wish Shoko, Richard and Jeannine Motokado all the best! Saturday April 6, 2-5 pm at Rainier Hall.

Potluck appetizers and dessert. Coffee, tea and juice is provided.

Please if you have any news to share get a hold of me at 403-363-7496. Love to hear from neighbors.

Two lions escaped from a circus visiting Ottawa. They went their separate ways, but after a week they met in the downtown park. When lion said, I'm having a hard time finding food, and people are always trying to catch me. The other lion said, I found a great hiding place in the Senate. I eat a senator every day, and nobody even notices anyone missing

Have a great week to all.

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### A little about the role:

Reporting to the Program Manager, Pathways to Success, the primary areas of responsibility for this position are to prepare and teach English as a Second Language courses to adult newcomers including but not limited to curriculum and associated resource writing, design and delivery, as well as delivery of specific workshops that complement the course of study. The LINC program focuses on English language acquisition in the 4 key areas: Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing according to the Canadian Language Benchmarks, and includes Essential Skills Training as well.

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### in memory

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# Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

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CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - I think spring has sprung!

The Cassils Hall AGM is set for Monday March 25th at 7pm. All area residents and members are encouraged to come out and support the decisions for the upcoming year and discuss other relative is-sues.

4H Public Speaking has been ongoing at the various levels in the area. South Region Competition is set for this Saturday at the Lethbridge College. Good luck to Eva Niznik and all local competitors that qualified

Brad and Kristen Niznik returned from a winter getaway to Vietnam and Thailand, meeting up with Bow City residents Ryan and Shannon Andrews and former Brooks residents Chad and Nancy Neifer. It sounded like a most amazing, insightful and fun holiday.

Eva Niznik and the BCHS Lady Buffalos finished off the basketball season with zone play in Cochrane last week. The girls played their hardest all season in the final game against Cochrane High but lost 71-63.

Hayden and Blake Mulvey were down south this weekend chasing rodeo! Hayden was a competitor in the Intermountain Icebreaker Rodeo in Ogden Utah. He made it to the short go with 13 others out of 60+ High School Rodeo

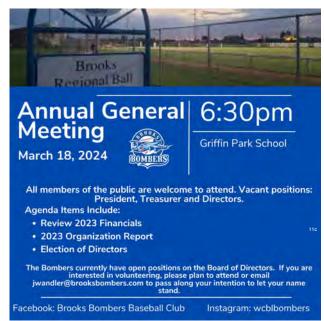
bull riders. Unfortunately he wasn't able to stay on the last ride.

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. Have a great week.

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### 2024 ALBERTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION (AFGA)

Conference & General Meetings & Awards in Medicine Hat

The Alberta Fish and Game Association which has been rebranded to the new **Alberta Wildlife Federation ( AWF)**. With a new logo too. With around 200 delegates and executive attending the three day conference in Medicine Hat at the Medalta Center on February 22 -24, 2024.

With various presentations given here are some of the examples. Impact of Wildfires on Wildlife and Habitat, Walleye Stocking and Monitoring, Aquatic Invasive Species in Alberta, Short History of Antelope Creek Ranches and many more sessions were held. With the Honourable Todd Loewen Minister of Forestry and Parks addressing the delegations on Friday

The Brooks & District Fish and Game Association received awards for the following categories for 2023:

### **DENNIS HINDU AWARD**

Awarded to the club or individual who has made an outstanding contribution to predator control.

AWF president by Faran Schaber presented to long time member of the Brooks & District Fish and Game Association Andy Barath for his outstanding contribution to predator control.



### **GUY BLAKE MEMORIAL AWARD**

Award to the club with the best club project, e.g. habitat, advocacy or promotion

This was presented to the Brooks & District Fish and Game Association for the Habitat Enhancement Project Brooks Aqueduct.

Presented to members of the BDFGA Rod Rosland, Sally Bartman by AWF Faran Schaber



### J.D. MUNROE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AWARD

Award to the club or individual with the best project to ensure the future of healthy fish and game population.

This was presented to the Brooks & District Fish and Game Association for the Habitat Enhancement Project Brooks Aqueduct for the wildlife enhancement.

Presented to members of the BDFGA Sally Bartman, Rod Rosland, Lester Janke



### **G.E. STEVENS MEMORIAL AWARD**

Awarded to the club or individual who has contributed the most to firearm safety.

This was presented to the Brooks &

District Fish and Game Association for the 2023 upgrades to the gun range for its members to have more opportunity at the range now open for handguns and trap shooting.

Presented to members of the BDFGA Lester Janke, Rod Rosland by AWF Faran Schaher



The Brooks & District Fish and Game Association outstanding members were presented with

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Presented to the members of the Association who. though long service to the Associate clubs and though other contributions to the aim and objectives of the Association at the club level merit, in the opinion of the Association special recognition for their Lifetime Service and Achievements

These three outstanding individuals were just awarded LifeTime Achievement Awards with the Brooks & District Fish and Game Association in early February of 2024 annual awards banquet and now are being recognized by the Alberta Wildlife Federation (AFGA) for their volunteer services to promote through education, advocacy and programs, the conservation and utilization of fish and wildlife and to protect and enhance the conservation of habitat they depend upon.







LLOYD COOK PATTY GREEN

PETE GREEN

# Agricultural learning at Rolling Hills School

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

Rolling Hills School will teach students the ABC's of agriculture in hopes of attracting more students to the rural school.

This is all about attracting new students and to get students outdoors to experience the world around them," said Mike

The plans to transform the school have been in the works since last summer through the hiring of staff with an agricultural background. It will not only allow the program to begin smoothly but over time it will be a program that can continue to operate and grow.

community largely agricultural. The majority of our families work in agriculture. That's what makes this program strong: the level of expertise that can come in and share," he said.

Flieger said students will learn the core subjects including reading, writing and arithmetic but they be taught with an agricultural flavour.

When students learn about area and perimeter they'll go outside to look at the area and perimeter of a garden plot and when they learn about financial literacy, students will track input and output costs of their on-school farm.

"Whenever possible we'll study through the lens of the farm but we'll still cover



Jarrel Peters, a Grade 1 student at Rolling Hills School holds a chicken. | ROLLING HILLS SCHOOL PHOTO

our core subjects but how we teach that curriculum by having a small farm on site will enable us to study through that particular lens," said Flieger.

The curriculum will be hands-on as they learn about the life cycle of animals through the care and growth of bottle calves, lambs, goats as well as hatching chickens and ducks.

Another reason for the change in program is to get kids outside and getting

He said a decade ago teachers were concerned about teaching technology to students.

"Now our kids certainly have a good grasp on technology. Now we have to balance that again. We have to get kids being kids, playing in the dirt, dirtying their hands, experiencing the world around them rather than just through technology."

He said parents want their children to be problem solvers and they hands-on real life work as a way to learn that skill.

The program received major support from businesses and community members and they are expected continue to their showing support through future school-based farmers markets.

The students will also use the crops in their home economics classes.

He said the program has become a darling of the community from families and businesses supporting

There have also been many in-kind gifts including a Seacan from the County of Newell which will be used to

"There is no doubt this is moving forward and we have a plan for growth.

continue to drive program."



Piper Ratcliffe pets a baby animal. | ROLLING HILLS SCHOOL PHOTO

# One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



weather sure has had variety to it. Last week with the snow on Sunday and I had my snow angels here again. Now this past Saturday evening the wind sure came in with fury, I thought the roof of my front deck was going to take off, as wind

was gusting so strong for awhile. Then later the wind still blew but not as strong. As of Sunday evening there isn't much for snow left on the fields, almost none.

On Thursday evening Thomas and Barbara Mahrer attended the fundraiser for Danielle Smith of the United Conservative Party. They said it was well attended but they didn't know if there were others present from our area or not as there were many folks there.

\*\* Just a reminder to folks that the Brooks United Church Thrift Sale will be on NEXT WEEK Thursday March 21st from 8:00am to 1:00pm. "NOTE" to folks dropping off donations at the church to PLEASE bring clothing in plastic bags or a box and put them inside the eastside entryway, not outside, Thank you! We appreciate all the donations given, preferably washed or clean otherwise.

\*\*Note\*\*The Brooks and District Social Club will be holding their dance on THIS Saturday, March 16th -with the local band "Larry and his son-in-laws" playing in the Heritage Inn in Room "C" at 7:30 to 10:30pm., then on April 20th-will be the "Softones" as they'll be back from the USA. The dance for May has been cancelled, as of this time. So folks, "MARK" your calendars and come on out and have some fun visiting and dancing. There's a charge of \$15 per person. "Everyone is welcome" to attend, and we could sure use your support. We hope to see you all there.

Our sympathies go to Jamie Nesbitt on the passing of his partner, dear wife Lanie and to his families on the loss of their mother, grandmother. Also our sympathies go to her father John Russell. I hope it helps to know that there are many of us that care. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time.

deepest Our sympathies got to Ron Smith and to his sisters Donna and Carol on the passing of their mother Esther Smith and to

their spouses and to all their families on the loss of their grandma, great-grandma. Your mother will be missed very much by all of you, and but also by her many friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time

Birthday greetings this coming week go out to Brandon Kristianson on Mar. 15th; to Kalem Schoneck on Mar. 16th; to Dr. Willy Dyck of Calgary and to Charlotte Noronha, both on Mar. 18th; to Dallas Alberts on Mar. 20th. 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 everyone all the best for the years ahead.

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

If you have any news or announcements you'd like in my column, Please give me a call at 403-362-3023 or email me at the following -simerkl@eidnet.org Sunday evening no later than 8pm. If I need more information I'll contact you. It would sure help a lot if folks would call me.

This afternoon when I was on my way home from town, so I decided to see how the progress was going on the irrigation water lines in the area. I was shocked to see that there is a lot more work to be done before its irrigating time. I sure do hope that they get it all done before May. I was wondering if they could have maybe done a two-year project instead of trying to do it all in one year. I just hope it works out for everyone.

Language Lesson

The first language for many of the students the one-room school friend attended in rural Saskatchewan was Ukrainian. One day the teacher engaged a youngster in conversation and asked if he had any pets, a cat or dog perhaps. "Yes, a dog," the boy answered. "What's its name?" asked the teacher. "I don't know how you say it in English," he replied, but in Ukrainian we call him Spot."

# **Brooks Curling Club hosts** mixed bonspiel



Team Dawn was the A event winner at the recently held Brooks mixed bonspiel. Shown are Justin Dwan, Christina Dwan, **Derek Burton and Brandi Wilkins.** | SUBMITTED PHOTO



Team Conrad (family) was the B event winner at the recently held Brooks mixed bonspiel. The team was made up of Emelle, Ellis, Jeralee and Paul Conrad. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



Team Despas was the C event winner at the recently held Brooks mixed bonspiel. Shown are Dalen Despas, Lisa Despas, Colin Brown and Donna Mobbs. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



Team Herman was the D winner at the recently held Brooks mixed bonspiel. Shown are Susanne McKay, Bentley Colbens, Susan Grove and Bill Herman. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

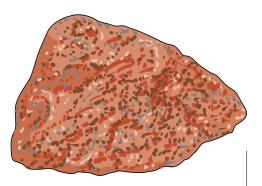
# WORLD OF WONDER

Exploring the realms of history, science, nature and technolog

# ALUMINUM

Aluminum is a versatile and abundant silvery-white metallic element. It does not rust and can be formed into thick plates or thin foil. About 8% of the Earth's crust is made up of aluminum, but it is rarely found free in nature. It is almost always combined with

other elements.



Bauxite was named for the town of Les Baux, France, where it was discovered in 1821. Its color ranges from dark red or brown to pink or nearly white, depending largely on the amount of iron oxide in it.

### Bauxite

While many rocks and soils contain some aluminum compounds, most aluminum is extracted from an ore called bauxite.

Bauxite is the name for any ore that has a large amount of aluminum hydroxide — a chemical combination of aluminum oxide (alumina) and water. Most bauxite consists of 30% to 60% alumina and 12% to 30% water. It takes two to three tons of bauxite to produce one ton of alumina, and two tons of alumina to produce one ton of aluminum metal.

### Looking back

Unlike copper, tin and lead, which have been in use since ancient times, aluminium is a **young metal**, in use for only about 150 years.

Scientists of the 18th century suspected that an unknown metal existed in the mineral alum, but they didn't know how to extract it. In 1825, Danish chemist Hans Christian Oersted was able to unlock the metal from its ore and produce tiny amounts of aluminum. Between 1827 and 1845, German chemist Friedrich Wöhler worked on other ways to obtain aluminum.

The first commercial process of extracting aluminum was created in 1854 by Henri Sainte-Claire Deville. Early aluminum was more expensive than gold, but the price dropped 90% in the next decade as the process of extraction improved.

### A useful metal

Aluminum ranks among the top three most-used metals — only iron and steel are used more.

Most aluminum is used by the transportation industry for airplanes, cars, trucks, boats and trains. The construction industry uses aluminum alloys for gutters, window panes, siding and roofing. Packaging uses include beverage cans, bottle caps, foil pouches, foil wrappers and food containers. Aluminum is used extensively in electrical equipment, including lightbulbs, power lines and telephone wires. Thousands of other products also contain aluminum.

Gardeners turn hydrangea flowers from pink to blue by adding aluminum sulfate to the soil.



Reasons to recycle

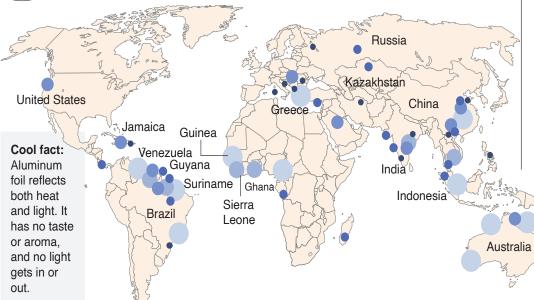
Aluminum is 100% recyclable and can be recycled any number of times. Recycling saves about 95% of the energy required to make aluminum from bauxite. Recycling also reduces the burden on landfills and helps keep the environment clean.

The U.S. recycles about 65% of its aluminum cans. Canada recycles about 71% of its cans. China recycles 99% of its aluminum cans, while Argentina and Switzerland recycle more than 90% of their cans.

Cool fact: Aluminum is a shiny metal, reflecting about 80% of the light that strikes it.

Where in the world?

The richest deposits of bauxite are found in tropical regions. The deposits we have already found will last several hundred years. The leading bauxite-mining countries include Australia, Brazil, China, Guinea, India, and Jamaica. Aluminum producers in the United States and Canada import most of their bauxite.



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Aluminum 26.981538

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Name: Aluminum Symbol: Al

Atomic number: 13
Atomic mass: 26.981538
Melting point: 1,220.6 degrees

Fahrenheit (660 C)

**Boiling point:** 4,478 degrees Fahrenheit (2,470 C)

**Discoverer:** Hans Christian

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### Characteristics

Aluminum is lightweight, nonmagnetic and an excellent conductor of electricity and heat. It is odor-free, corrosionresistant, abundant, affordable and recyclable.

### By the numbers

China is the top aluminum producer, accounting for about one-third of the world total (producing about 40 million tons of metal a year).

In 2022, total global aluminium production was around 69 million tons. The 2022 global aluminum market was \$179.32 billion.

### Did you know?

Aluminum is one of the lightest metals. It weighs about 170 pounds per cubic foot (2,720 kg per cubic meter) — about a third as much as steel.

The first large commercial use of aluminum was in cookware because it heats and cools quickly. Today, some health agencies recommend minimizing the use of aluminum cookware.

Aluminum does not produce sparks when struck, so it can be used near flammable materials.

Aluminum alloys get stronger at very low temperatures, making them ideal for processing, transporting and storing liquefied natural gas, which has a temperature of -260 degrees Fahrenheit (-162 °C).

# Major producers of bauxite (in thousands of metric tons)

Australia	70,000
China	40,000
Brazil	32,100
India	18,000
Guinea	17,400
Jamaica	9,200
Kazakhstan	5,300
Russia	4,700

Australia 70 000

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