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Huge plumes of smoke could be seen over the city on Sunday from the Brooks and Regional Fire Training Centre where Cypress County firefighters were training. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

County consensus reached on new electoral map

SANDRA M STANWAY

It has been a long time in the making but it seems as if county council has agreed to the realignment of the municipality with a reduction of one division and ultimately one councillor in the 2025 municipal election.

The process has been going on since before the 10th division was added in the 1990s as a way to redistribute the growing population east of Brooks.

Over the years councils have been attempting to redistribute the population so the representation is more fair instead of it is now with two councillors representing over 1,000 residents, three with under 600 residents and even one with just 374 residents.

As of now, and it would be up to council, there are no changes to the current recreation or fire areas.

The county approved a concept map, however some councillors asked if proposed borders could be moved to change the configuration of a division while others said they haven't had feedback.

Councillor Kelly Christman said she's heard that the decision is organizational and a lot of time and energy has been spent on the process.

"They say they don't even know where the boundary was yesterday or today. To most people boundaries mean nothing within the County of Newell," she said.

"We're never going to please (everyone). Someone's got to be on the border one way or another. We can't take any people away from Rolling Hills. That's the idea of why we did what we're doing. Just even up that representation," said councillor Neil Johnson.

"There are an infinite number of edits that you could make to this. I think we've been through a pretty good process. You've got good information.

"Administration's bias

at this point is to keep it as straightforward and simple as possible," said CAO Matt Fenske.

Before the map is given first reading another map will be presented to council likely at the March 28 meeting. After the first reading it will return to the public for final comments.

Some councillors remain concerned that the hamlets they represent are being divided.

Councillor Adena Skanderup said she's a little frustrated that the county discussed keeping communities together and division two is dividing a community.

"Going forward we want to do what's best for the county and not what's best just for my division," she said.

"Dead horse. We're beating a dead horse. Honestly, we need to make a decision and move on," said councillor Dan Short.

"Just make a decision and let's keep moving."

Repairs needed at Lake Newell Resort marina

SANDRA M STANWAY

The Lake Newell Resort Marina board may have to resign over unsafe conditions if they cannot get their boat dock and launch replaced.

During the off-season the county and the Eastern Irrigation District passed motions to support work that is required at the marina, however, a major landowner is refusing to sell land that is needed for the project which could halt the work.

Julian Annicchiarico, vice-president of the marina society, said previous managers have resigned because of the safety issues.

"As directors we are going to be very hesitant to stay on the board because that dock is really unsafe," he said.

"If there was ever a serious injury or a fatality and there was a lawsuit involved, they could come after the directors. We've identified that that is a really huge issue."

Last year the County of Newell approved \$65,800 to replace the launch but it is contingent on a county registered blanket easement at the marina which is the part that the landowner wants close to \$3 million.

Annicchiarico said the landowner also owns the marina, building and dock.

"We've had about seven meetings with him. Basically, the bottom line is he's not putting another dime into the project because he's already lost a lot of money out there," he said.

The repairs to the area will cost about \$622,000

not including the land.

The cost includes about \$305,000 for the dock, and installation, \$137,000 for a coffer dam, \$105,000 to repair the shoreline erosion, \$75,000 for a boat launch and between \$7,500 and \$10,000 for the EID to remove the existing concrete slab and prepare the area for the work. The EID's cost would have to be repaid by the society.

The board tried to get the environmental approvals last fall while the water level

was low to avoid using a cofferdam.

"When you add everything together there is a substantial amount of money that is going to be needed to fix these three problems."

If the marina is closed, the 50 or so boat slips would also be removed and all boats would have to launch from Kinbrook Island Provincial Park.

The entire issue will be discussed this week during a marina meeting.



The condition of the Lake Newell Resort marina and boat launch is poor as shown in this photo from August 2023. To replace the dock, launch and to rehabilitate the area will be about \$655,000 plus the potential purchase of land.

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*We bet you thought the asterisk would lead to some sort of stat that softens this embarrassing statement. Unfortunately, the truth only gets worse. The latest report on "Education Spending in Public Schools in Canada", conducted by the Fraser Institute in 2023, puts into perspective how poorly Alberta stands against the rest of our country. As much as we hate to reference the Fraser Institute, their study shows Alberta spent the least on a per-student basis for public education in all of Canada in 2020/21. To make matters worse, data shows that from 2012 to 2021 provinces like Quebec and BC have rightfully increased spending by 33% and 13%, respectively. Whereas Alberta has had a shameful decrease of 12% in spending over that same time period. When public education does not receive the proper funding, students' needs are not met. Classrooms are overfilled, diverse programs are being cut, and there is less teaching support for students with complex issues. The compounding effects of these issues have seen distraught teachers in our province leave their chosen profession altogether. It's time to right the wrongs. It's time for solutions. Tell your MLA, "Stop the excuses."

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Alberta to permit an independent police agency

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

National Police The (NPF) Federation concerned that the Alberta government will allow for the creation of an independent police agency.

Last week the province introduced legislation to update the Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act which would establish a new organization that would alongside work police services across the province, establish an oversight committee and allow for the electronic monitoring of offenders who are out on bail.

"Officers in the new agency would take on responsibility for police-like functions currently carried out by the Alberta sheriffs," states a provincial release.

Mike Ellis, minister of public safety and emergency services, said on Alberta Update that municipalities have been requesting sheriffs who have been taking on the role of police.

"I think it's time to evolve because it's really about civilian oversight," he said.

The government states that the change would give them the ability to respond to requests for additional law enforcement.

"The new agency would be operationally independent from the government, as all Alberta's police services are now," states the release.

proposed "The amendments would underpin the government's ongoing work to strengthen the current policing model. The new, independent police agency will have the authority and jurisdiction to support the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, municipal police services and First Nations police services in Alberta."

NPF's Brian Sauvé, president said in a release, the federation is "deeply concerned and perplexed about the announcement."

"Alberta has significant policing infrastructure in place through the Alberta RCMP, yet the government has not increased funding for our members to keep pace with population growth and evolving crime in the province."

According to the NPF numerous polls have shown that four out of five Albertans are satisfied with their policing services.

"Proposed changes to policing in Alberta have deeply unpopular residents Alberta and today's (Wednesday) announcement appears to be yet another attempt to force an unwanted and expensive policing change

The province has been looking at creating a provincial force for years and is offering grants to municipalities to evaluate municipal policing.

The county has applied for the grant on behalf of the region.

While there may be some concerns about the potential legislation detachments such as Bassano may be able to benefit from the change.

Since last September the detachment members have been meeting with stakeholders, including those from the county and the town, to discuss their policing issues which have included filling vacancies neighbouring detachment members.

"Throughout this difficult period Brooks detachment has provided Bassano with substantial assistance," Bassano RCMP reported to town council.

The shortages have also resulted in overtime pay to fill shifts.

"This has significantly increased Bassano detachment's expenditures."

Two Bassano members are now working with two officers from outside detachments but that is expected to change by the end of the year after the new members from Depot complete their field training.

CLARIFICATION

In last week's edition it was reported that the Eastern Irrigation District was granted \$14.1 million for its broadband program. In fact, it was granted \$8,303,402 - half from the federal government and half from the provincial government. The EID is also contributing to the project, which started in 2021 and is estimated at \$15 million.



Gopher Control

Parks will begin gopher control due to the number of gophers. This includes putting an oat/pellet poison into gopher holes. Please obey signs posted at sites.

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Proposals to be received until April 12 at 10:00 a.m.



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Dog Park Fencing

The City of Brooks is seeking quotations for the supply and install of a chain link fence perimeter around the Brooks Dog Park.

The Quotation deadline is March 29 at 10:00 a.m.







A 45-year-old cyclist was transported to Brooks Health Centre and then airlifted to Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary after being struck by a car on Sunday afternoon at Second Street West and Cassils Road. On Monday evening, it was reported to The Bulletin that the cyclist was doing

County guarantees funding with Rosemary, Rolling Hills

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Rolling Rosemary, Hills and the county have signed new recreation agreements which will help organizations plan.

"That gives them certainty what funding will look like from the county and village," said CAO Matt Fenske of the Rosemary Ag Society agreement.

Previously funds for the ag societies have flowed through the municipalities or recreation committees.

In 2023 the Rosemary ag society received \$22,850 from the county and in 2022 they received \$37,400.

Under the new agreement the ag society will collect \$36,960 from the county and \$7,040 from the village and a two per cent increase from both municipalities over the four-year life of the agreement.

Through the agreement the village will collect an additional one per cent of the overall funding that is being directed to the ag society year over year.

The ag society's funds are to be used to cover day expenses at the RecPlex.

The previous split to the society between the county and the village was 87 per cent county and 13 per cent village. The new agreement will see 84 per cent county and 16 per cent village.

"By the end of the term we're down to 81 per cent,"

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said Fenske.

The goal is to attain a 50-50 cost share but with little tax base in Rosemary that may be difficult.

Although requests for capital funding will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis the county would like to receive a five or 10 year plan from the ag society to determine if there is enough funding.

Over the past couple of years the county has started the RecConnect program which allows online bookings and can track facility usage.

Councillor Christman said she would like to see municipalities and ag societies commit to using RecConnect.

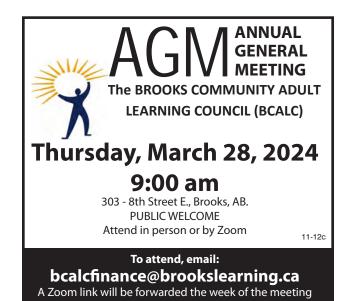
"It looks pretty good. We just haven't had enough time to dive into it," said CAO Sharon Rosemary Zacharias

Councillor Neil Johnson said usage data is important.

"We're a little weak with our 10 or 11 halls and it's hard to make decisions just on air. We need some numbers," he said.

Through the Rolling Hills agreement the Ag Society will receive \$120,000 this year and a two per cent increase over the next four years. Last year the county funded the society \$92,615.

The funds will be used to pay for day-to-day expenses for the arena, golf course, community hall and exercise





Beware of salesmen with no credentials

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

A couple of homeowners notified police of suspicious salesmen who were in the area over the weekend.

On Friday a resident in Duchess contacted police to report a man who was posing as an alarm salesman and told the homeowner their alarm required repair.

The man had no credentials to indicate he was with an alarm company but was told to leave by the homeowner.

The man is described as being in his mid-40's, groomed and has salt and

The following day police responded to a similar report in Lake Newell Resort where a man was posing as a Honeywell Security salesman.

The salesman also had no credentials to prove he was with a security company.

The suspect at the Resort appears to be a different man from the Duchess incident.

The Resort man is described to be in his mid-30's, unshaven, unkempt, thin and 5'10" tall.

Police remind public to report anv suspicious activity

people conducting similar behaviour.

Do not let anyone into your home if you do not know them. Persons posing as door-to-door salesmen must be able to provide credentials.

If they do not have documents contact police and try to get a description of a vehicle or any other descriptors.

reputable "Most companies will notify Brooks RCMP when they are in the area conducting sales, surveys or completing their work," states the RCMP.





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COMMENT

MPs hike our taxes and stuff their own wallets

BY FRANCO TERRAZZANO TORONTO SUN

On the same day members of Parliament take more money out of your wallet, they will be stuffing more into their own.

On April 1, the federal government is hiking carbon and alcohol taxes. That very same day, MPs will take another pay raise.

A backbench MP's salary is currently \$194,600. A minister collects \$287,400, while the prime minister takes home a \$389,200 annual salary.

This year's estimated pay raise will range from an extra \$8,100 for a backbencher to \$16,200 for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, based on contract data published by the government.

But this year's raise is just the tip of the iceberg. In fact, this year's raise will be MPs' fifth pay raise since the beginning of 2020.

A pandemic, lockdowns, job and business losses and their constituents not being able to afford ground beef haven't stopped MPs from taking raises every year.

As of this April, MPs will receive an annual salary about \$23,800 higher than they did pre-pandemic, while Trudeau will take home an extra \$47,600.

The government could stop the upcoming pay raise like it did between 2010 and 2013 in response to the recession. But so far, the silence from all political parties on this year's pay raise has been deafening.

Politicians don't deserve raises when they make life more expensive with tax hikes.

After the April hike, the carbon tax will cost 17ϕ per litre of gasoline, 21ϕ per litre of diesel and 15ϕ per cubic metre of natural gas.

That carbon tax will cost the average family up to \$911 a year more than they get back rebates, according to the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

While the feds are busy raising taxes, provincial

governments of all political stripes have provided taxpayers relief.

The New Democrats in Manitoba suspended their 14¢ per litre gas tax. The Liberals in Newfoundland and Labrador cut their gas tax by 8¢ per litre. Conservative governments in Alberta and Ontario also provided fuel tax relief.

You could be forgiven if the upcoming MP pay raise and carbon tax hike drive you to drink. But there's more bad news: Trudeau will reach deeper into your pocket whenever you go to the liquor store or bar.

Taxes already make up more than half the price Canadians pay for alcohol.

In fact, Canadians pay five times more tax on a case of beer than our friends south of the border. In Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador, the tax on a case of beer costs more than the total price of a case in half of American states.

And on April 1, Trudeau is hiking his federal taxes on alcohol by another 4.7%.

Even worse, Trudeau made the alcohol tax hike automatic so MPs won't even vote on it.

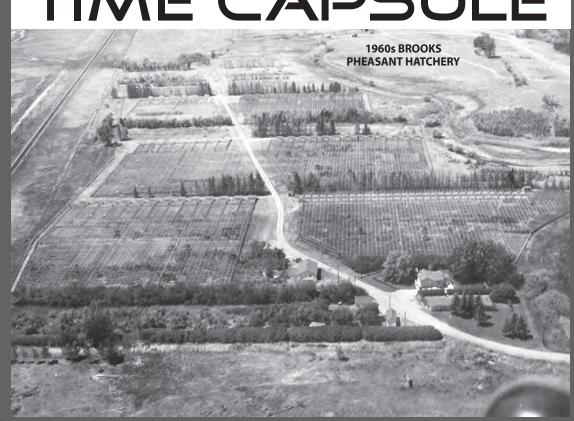
Last year, the feds capped their alcohol tax increase at 2%. Trudeau shouldn't have hiked the tax at all, but the smaller increase reduced the tax burden by \$100 million. The least the federal government could do this year is freeze its alcohol taxes.

Politicians shouldn't be giving themselves a raise the same day they take more money from tapped-out taxpayers. Politicians shouldn't take more money from people already lined up at food banks. And they don't deserve a penny more.

All politicians from every political party should oppose April's tax and pay hike.

Franco Terrazzano is federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

TIME CAPSULE



Not the Anthropocene?



There has been a ten-year war within the geological community over what to call the epoch we live in right now, and an international panel of two dozen senior geologists has finally delivered its verdict. We are not living in a new geological epoch after all. The Anthropocene (the 'Human' era) is now, in George Orwell's terms, 'oldspeak'.

'Holocene' used to be the accepted term for the period we still live in, which began when the glaciers started retreating more than twelve thousand years ago. However, as the impacts of human activities on every aspect of the global environment accelerated, a group of (mostly younger) scientists started agitating for a new name: the 'Anthropocene'.

The new name would take account of the fourfold growth in human population since 1940, the tenfold increase in energy use since 1930, the accelerating impact of that energy use on climate, and focus our attention better on our own impacts on the Earth System. But it ran into fierce opposition.

To some of the opposition the proposed new name sounded too presumptuous, even arrogant. Others objected on procedural grounds, and there were definitely some who just thought it was too 'woke'.

The behaviour of Philip Gibbard, secretary-general of the International Commission on Stratigraphy, didn't help. "The decision is definitive," he crowed. "There are no outstanding issues to be resolved. Case closed." Shut up and sit down, in other words.

But this wasn't an argument between one set of scientists who believe that the activities of human beings are transforming the behaviour of the entire Earth System, and another lot who don't. The in-house debates were about whether what's happening deserves the status of a geological epoch, and when did it really start?

For example, why did the pro-'Anthropocene' team pick the 1950s as the start of the epoch? Yes, there was a surge in fossil fuel burning, fertilizer use, and atomic bomb fallout in the '50s, but why not 5,000 years ago, when the global climate prematurely stopped cooling and began climbing instead?

The ten-thousand-year warm periods that come along about every hundred thousand years are called 'interglacials', and the one we are in right now is called the 'Holocene'. Like the thirty-odd before it, it began with a huge surge in temperature. Average global temperature rose as much as 7°C or 8°C, even a bit warmer than the present.

Global average temperature would then normally have started the slow, relentless slide back down until the glaciers began re-forming again about 10,000 years later. That is, quite a while ago now, since this interglacial officially started 11,700 years ago. There would already be permanent snow, maybe young glaciers, in northeastern North America.

But this time round the glaciers are not reforming; in fact, they are melting. That's because about 5,000 years ago the average global temperature stopped falling and started rising again.

That made no sense – until Bill Ruddiman, an American palaeontologist, pointed out that this was when human beings started farming in a big way. There were only a few million of them at first, but they cut down a lot of trees (carbon dioxide), they tamed a lot of cows and sheep (methane from burps and farts), and they grew a lot of rice (more methane).

A few thousand years of that, and they had released enough greenhouse gas to raise the average global temperature by one full degree Celsius. That's why we aren't going back into the next big glaciation right now. In fact, the whole Ice Age has been cancelled permanently.

Frankly, most people don't care what the geologists eventually decide to call this episode in the Earth's long history. Everyone else will call it the Anthropocene because human beings really are now in charge of what happens to the global temperature, the sea level and all the rest of it whether we wanted that job or not.

The Anthropocene is not a badge of shame. It is just what the planet is doing right now. WE are what the planet is doing right now. The only relevant question is whether the human race gets to continue in one way or another, which is the way that all evolution works.

More control over the outcome of our own evolutionary experiment, which is what the Anthropocene acknowledge and embodies, is not a bad thing. As Johan Rockström, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, put it:

"We are now simply so big and so dominant that we now need to drive the vehicle. Currently we are just sitting there and not really recognising that we are the ones with the levers now. It's time to use them."



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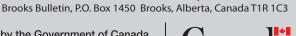
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Duchess Dispatch

Winter has plans of his own welcome to attend.

and it sounds like there will still be a bit more white stuff and temperatures below 0 this week. Why it can't appear in the form of rain, I will never know.

Congratulations to the U 15 Duchess Storm who won the banner and are now headed to Provincials. The team consists of players: Brodi Beasley, Matthew Dyck, Brady Dyck, Jet Rowan, Kane Hudec, Messi Chhiv, Gideon Snider, Gradey Doerksen, Zane Rowan, Greyson Dunham, Evan Rooke, Truett Moeller, Ty Barlow, Hayden Marks, Jace Sulz, William Hale, Corbin Coaches include: Roen. Daniel Doerksen, Ryan Barlow, Brandon Kasdorf, Scott Loewen, Reid Rowan and manager Amber Hudec.

Good luck Storm! We were all sure happy to hear the Hnatiuk's were ok after the house fire a few weeks ago. Our thoughts are with you as you go through this difficult time.

Golf Duchess club is holding their AGM on

Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 at the clubhouse. All are

The family of Bryon Barton are having an 80th birthday party at the Prairie Girl restaurant in Cessford on Saturday, March 23rd, starting at 4 pm!

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Deuteronomy

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Deuteronomy literally means "second law" because Moses is giving the Law to the people of Israel a second time. In Numbers, the people come to the edge of the Promised Land and send in 12 spies, one for each tribe, and only two of them bring a good report. The other ten are afraid because of the enemies they see, and the people are on the verge of going back to Egypt (where they were slaves before the Exodus).

God gives them over to what they want. They will not enter the Promised Land, but their children will possess it. They wander in the desert for

40 years. The trip that should only take 11 days takes 40 years, and a whole new generation stands on the edge of the Promised Land by the Jordan River. Moses is now teaching them the Law that he received and taught to their parents.

I notice in chapter 9 that Moses takes pains to remind them that it is not because of their righteousness that they are receiving the Promised Land. Three times he tells them so in the first five verses. It is because of the wickedness of the inhabitants of the land. Then he recounts how as a people they failed with the golden calf (which is interesting since it would have been the previous generation largely that participated in that event).

We are prone to beginning to think that we have deserved the gift of God, that we have earned it somehow. Beware the subtleties of pride. A gift is given to us not because of our merits, but because of who God is and His goodness. We all come to the foot of the cross in the same condition, as those in need of a Savior. As we approach Easter this year, may we reflect anew on our need of being saved. And may we find the Savior, Jesus our King, at the cross.



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LETTERS

Alberta should also ban out-of-province watercraft

Editor, The Bulletin:

For well over 100 years we have taken our waterways and irrigation infrastructure granted. Their importance is illustrated by the fact that 4.4 per cent of Alberta's cultivated land within irrigation districts provides 27 per cent of the value of all agricultural products produced. Irrigation is responsible for 46,000 full-time equivalent employment positions and produces well over \$5 billion to the annual provincial GDP.

Alberta has billions of dollars in water irrigation infrastructure and contemplating \$900 million in further investments. All

of this is in immediate peril due to invasive species (Zebra and Quagga mussels) which are at our borders!

On February 4th the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce called for the immediate moratorium on all out-of-province water craft-- singling out Albertans! I believe we must join this moratorium with urgent priority. Unless we are able to provide 24 hour security at every border crossing (which we don't have either the resources or the time) we are at great risk. All it takes is one contaminated boat and the entire water shed is contaminated - forever because these waterways

are all inter connected and there is no practical eradication method.

Society doesn't generally like "abrupt" but never has an issue deserved "abrupt " like this existential threat. Google Lake Winnipeg Zebra Mussel infestation.... imagine the consequences of 3 feet of rotting shell fish on the banks of our rivers and lakes. We must be proactive -- to be reactive is unthinkable! if you agree, I encourage you to write letters supporting this initiative to every level of political leadership – local, municipal, provincial, federal.

S. TODD BEASLEY, **Brooks**

One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



haven't we had some gorgeous days the past week. But I guess that's all about to change as of Wednesday, as it's supposed to start to rain and snow for the next few days and get much colder. So we'll just have to wait and see what happens. It's been so nice not to have to wear boots and heavy jackets. Oh well, it's still March and anything can happen..

Here we are already in the last half of the month of March, and the days just

seem to be flying by.

NOTE The Brooks United Church Thrift Sale is on THIS Thursday, March 21st from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and buy things you didn't know you This is a CASH needed. ONLY sale!!

Brooks and District Social Club dance was last Saturday with not the attendance we had hoped for, but there were some new folks that came, and those of us that were there had good music and had a great time. The next dance is on Saturday, April 20th from 7:30pm to 10:30pm, with the "Softones" playing at the Heritage Inn in "Room C". We hope to see you all

Birthdays greetings for the coming week go out to Val Juss on Mar. 21st;

to Betty (Slomp) Parent of Edmonton and to Brett Bunney of Duchess, both on Mar.22nd; to Dick Alberts and to Dave Waschenfielder, both on Mar. 27th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that has a birthday this week and we wish everyone all the best in the years ahead.

Нарру anniversary wishes go to Brian and Lorene Nichols of Brooks on Mar. 21st and to Michael and Corey (Merkl) Meyer of Chestermere on Mar, 26th. We wish both couples all

the best, for many healthy, happy years together.

I don't have much to report this week as it seems to be a quiet one.

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.

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Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - Jason and Sue Giles took a drive a week ago down to Sulphur Springs, Montana. They went to Stevenson's Bull Sale and met up with friends for a couple of days in Great Falls.

It was a big day for the Brooks Skating Club as they showcased their spring Carnival at the CRA this weekend. So many great little skaters of all levels and many from right here on our community. Great job everyone!

Bruce and Eva Niznik evening enjoyed an performance Friday at the Calgary Philharmonic. They said it was a fantastic performance musical showcasing a violinist.

Eva Niznik along with other Newell District members competed in 4-H regional Speakoffs this past Saturday at Lethbridge College with 80 speakers in total. Eva placed 2nd in Senior Presentations and is headed to compete in Olds at Provincials in a few weeks. Best of luck!

Brynn Biette and coach dad Brad along with the rest of their Brooks

GFC U-15 tier 3 Rep Soccer team, went undefeated at Provincials in Lethbridge this past weekend securing

medals. The championship final game was a 5-4 win over an Airdrie team. Congratulations to you all, I watched one very hard played tight match! The team will play in one more tournament in Calgary over Easter weekend and then it's on to outdoor soccer!

The 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 issues.

Eyremore Association members will be having their AGM on April 2nd at the Bow City Hall 7:30pm. Any further information required please contact Bruce Niznik at 403-363-7330.

"You cannot plow a field by turning it over in your mind to begin, begin."

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.

Missing Brooks youth last seen on Friday

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

Brooks RCMP are urging the public to help them locate a 16-year-old who has been missing since Saturday.

Summer Faith Taypotat was last seen at home around 11:30 p.m. and there is concern for her wellbeing.

Summer is 5" 8" tall and 136 pounds. She has medium length light brown hair and was last seen wearing green pants and a grey sweater.

Missing Teen



SUMMER FAITH TAYPOTAT

Eastern Irrigation District

Notice of Election

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Local Authorities Election Act, s. 12, 35, 46, 53 [L-21, RSA 2000] [AR 106/2007]

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Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



cattle grazing AGM March 21@7:00pm at the Rainier

Hippity Hoppity the Easter Bunny is making his way to the EID historical Park in Scandia. The hunt will take place Saturday, March 30th @10am. Call 403-362-9630 to register. Don't forget your baskets!!! You'll need them to collect all your eggs.

Please join community to wish Shoko. Jeannine, and Richard Motokado all the best. Saturday, April 6th @ the Rainier Hall from 2-5pm. This is a potluck, please bring an appetizer or dessert. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

Brooks

Roadrunners

E.I.D.Historical Park will be holding their AGM March 22,2024@ 7:00 pm at the CPR Station in the Park. Everyone is welcome

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

Alcoma school News-It's time to register for Kindergarten! You can register at Alcoma or online using the following link; https://registration.

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Alcoma School is pleased to announce that the One School. One Book program has officially started!! "El Deafo" by: Cece Bell has been revealed as this year's novel, and was

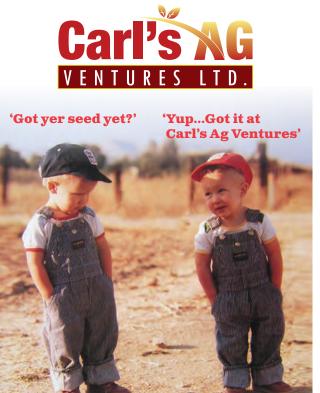
sent home last week. Please note that there is a small typo on the back of each bookmark. Our wrap-up assembly/prize draw will be happening on March 28, 2024 not on the 29th as stated on the schedule. Badminton for grades 6-9 in Duchess after school Tuesday. HOT Lunch for all students on Thursday. Students will head to Rolling Hills skating on Friday. The school will gladly accept your bottle donations. These can be placed by the Quonset and the Jr.high students will get them taken

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

Centre family swim pass available, for two adults and two children. Check it out like a book.

It's always great to hear about our neighbors and the exciting things happening in the community. If you have any news or interesting Scandia trivia you'd like submitted in the sketch, please contact me at Karlyn. takeda@hotmail.com 403-501-3618.





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Funding always looms large with ag groups... would endowments work better?



PART TWO

The recent demise of the Alberta Farm Animal Care Association (AFAC) due to financial difficulties is occupational hazard for many ag organizations, save those with a mandatory checkoff. refundable AFAC was particularly vulnerable because on many it relied organizations that themselves relied on voluntary unreliable contributions. If those organizations found themselves in a declining revenue situation, the first reaction of many is to reduce voluntary contributions to outside activities. That would include advertising, PR work and donations to groups like AFAC. It's all quite understandable the saying being when

all else fails, you have to retreat and hold the Fort. counterargument is that organizations finding themselves in that predicament should prioritize what could be cut back. For instance, is the obvious value of supporting AFAC a higher priority than supporting pet management projects like a glossy association magazine or other dubious self-promotion communication schemes.

As a former AFAC director when it began, major livestock groups like hogs and cattle were the primary funders. The milk, egg and poultry producers were also funders but to varying levels of enthusiasm. The supply groups management AFAC contributions may increased time but I recall there was grumbling about those groups being they were the wealthiest in commercial animal agriculture. It was felt considering

millions those groups spent promoting their products and themselves, they could afford to spend a few hundred thousand a year supporting humane animal agriculture in general. Be that as it may, they had a different perspective on the value of AFAC. For one thing, the big milk and poultry groups basically looked after their own humane handling issues. Due to the nature of licensing their quota powers, supply management agencies can rigidly enforce production humane regulations their on producers. No other livestock groups have such powers.

The result of the supply management producers' proactive, hands-on approach is that in the 30-year history of AFAC, I expect they probably had few animal abuse or neglect issues to deal with from the dairy, egg or poultry sectors - and that's a good thing. You can then understand that

those groups had little need for a group like AFAC when they looked after any animal welfare issues themselves. But that didn't stop the grumbling from other groups in AFAC. From a self-interest perspective, the supply management groups have done a superb job of directly addressing any concerns the public may have about how milk, eggs, and poultry meat are raised. They work tirelessly to improve handling and health issues so that they don't become problems in the future.

I understand AFAC made significant efforts to broaden membership and contributor base from the Alberta Veterinary Association to ag college groups, but it remained precarious. About 15 years ago, the Alberta government was able to sponsor a truce between AFAC and the ASPCA, as I noted in my previous column. Along with that

came what seemed to be some funding stability for both groups. Apparently, that did not last or was not adequate for AFAC to survive. Someone should investigate what the Alberta government's role was in the demise of AFAC. I suspect there is always more to the story besides a short press release rambunctious nature of agriculture politics guarantees that there's a bigger story.

As a long-time observer of government support for agriculture from various perspectives, one has to expect that it will change - much of it at the whim of the Minister or Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the day. The present UCP government, like its PC predecessors, always could take the ag industry for granted, so cutbacks don't have a lot of consequences. Maybe governments need to take a unique approach to financial support to ag groups like AFAC, who do really

good work. How about matching membership contributions with the proviso that half the government funding placed into an Бe to endowment fund provide a stable longterm revenue base. Had that approach been taken 30 years ago, AFAC might have accumulated million dollars could at least fund its ongoing administrative operations. For years, I have promoted that sort of government support approach for small crop and livestock groups. My intent was that the endowment approach would give agriculture more time on issues to expand their members' production and not have to spend so much time worrying endlessly about having enough money to pay their office rent. It's never too

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.



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Brooks mixed league champs



Team Walde is the 2023-24 Brooks Mixed League Champions. Shown left to right are Ben Nickel, Brenda Stimson, Laurel Nickel, Charlene Walde and Andrew Walde. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



Team Ness is the 2023-24 Brooks Mixed League 'B' winners. Shown are Wendy Wallace, Brian Ness and Rob Wallace. Missing is Sheila Hirch. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE had a very nice evening.

WARDLOW - It is with deep sadness that I tell you this week that John's brother Leo, passed away on March 15. Our sympathy goes to his wife Neth and his children, Jesse, Krystal, Dan, and Rolland and his 7 grandchildren. Also to his brothers John and Andy and sister Lea, and their families. Rest In Peace Leo you gave cancer a courageous fight.

On Saturday evening we attended the University Lethbridge Musical production of Jesus Christ

Superstar, of course we thought it was amazing as one of the actors was our grandson Jake, he played a priest and sang in the ensemble as well, it was fantastic tho see him acting and singing again. We are very proud of his talent. But we are grandparents so we can brag.

Friday night we took Missy our oldest daughter out for supper to celebrate her birthday only 6 members of the family were able to come out, but we

Thursday the 21 the school library at BCC-school, is having a craft night to paint yard ornaments on

wood, I would love to go do this but it's also the Bassano Arts concert and we have tickets so will go there. Isn't it funny that so many things you want to do conflict. Actually I think that makes us very blessed at the age we are now.

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

Buffalo Briefs



congratulations to Annie Musgrove of Brooks on her ninetieth birthday on March 18. We hope you have a wonderful day with your

family and friends.

baby Α shower honoring David Douglas Ross White will be held in Buffalo Hall on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 1 p.m. The shower will have a Diaper

Raffle meaning anyone who chooses to include diapers in their gift will have their name placed in a draw. Good luck to all of you. Please bring potluck snacks.



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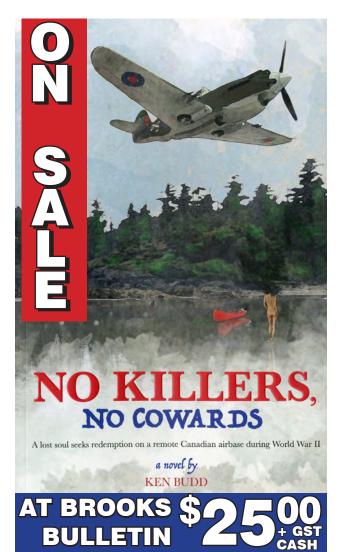
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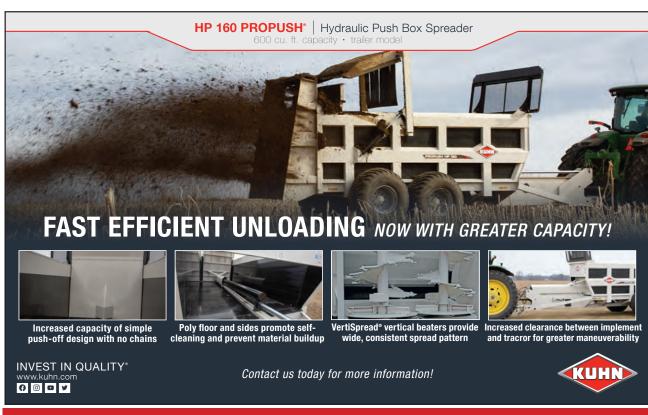
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Brooks and area **RCMP** report

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

It's not OK to pass a school bus

RCMP Brooks received multiple complaints last week of vehicles passing stopped school buses that had their lights on.

report that Police investigations are ongoing and traffic tickets will be laid.

"It is imperative for the safety of all school aged children getting on and off a school bus that all vehicles stop," RCMP said in a press release.

If a motorist passes a bus that has lights on and the stop sign extended it will result in a \$567 ticket, a criminal charge and most important, possibly injury

Power pole knocked down during collision

Two vehicles were towed from a collision at Highway 544 between Range Road 145 and Highway 873 that occurred at about 8:45 a.m. on March 14.

Police reported that the collision between a semi and an SUV resulted in a power pole being knocked

Police report that a ticket was issued to the driver of the SUV.

Man banned from convenience store

An unidentified man has

been banned from Circle K.

Police reported to the convenience store on March 14 at about 3:20 p.m. as a result of a male, who was belligerent, refusing leave.

Police spoke with the complainant who asked that the man be verbally banned from the store and escorted off the premises.

The man was told that he is not welcome and was escorted off the premises.

Wheelchair ramp stolen

The rubber wheelchair ramp that sits at the front door of REDI Enterprises,



and helps clients in and out of the facility, was stolen.

Impaired Driver assaults officer

On March 15 at 9:55 p.m. Brooks RCMP stopped a vehicle that was travelling on 2nd St West after observing some concerning driving behaviour.

The stop revealed the lone driver was impaired by

As police were taking the driver into custody he began to physically assault the officer. Additional officers were able to take the man into custody.

The 45-year-old Lethbridge man was arrested and charged with assaulting an officer, and received provincial sanctions. He was released and ordered to be back in court on April 24.

The officer received minor injuries.

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- Amanda Riley

Region hopes pilot project will strengthen its energy reputation

BROOKS BULLETIN

The county will apply for a grant to fund a pilot project to determine the effectiveness of hydrogen as a source of fuel while enhancing its recognition as an energy production

The region has a history of oil and gas, renewable are resources fairly abundant in the area, a helium production plant and the energy from waste facility continues to be explored.

Now the region wants to be recognized as a hydrogen hub.

"When you consider the term Silicon Valley synonymous with high-tech cluster and what we're hoping will eventually happen is the Brooks-Newell Region will be synonymous with energy production or an energy production cluster throughout Alberta," said Layne Johnson, the county's corporate director

The pilot would involve equipping three of the county's heavy duty diesel vehicles with a hydrogen fuel conversion kits.

"Those kits allow for hydrogen fuel to be injected into the fuel stream," said Johnson.

He said when the hydrogen blends with the diesel the vehicle would use less diesel.

The pilot would include a temporary fuelling station where hydrogen would be brought to it and off loaded and made available for fueling.

When the pilot is completed, data will be collected which would help decide whether or not there should be a permanent production hydrogen facility.

The hydrogen would be sourced by Integrated Energy Power Solutions (IEPS) which

continues work on its Kitsim Hydrogen project.

According to the 2022 Accelerator Transition report the initial phase of the Kitsim proposal will produce enough hydrogen to displace 24,355 L of diesel per day for heavy

The area has been known for its history of oil and gas production, the proposed energy from waste facility and other opportunities that are being explored.

County administration, with support from citycounty joint services committee members will work with the area's development economic department on an Alberta Innovates application in support of the proposed Newell Region Hydrogen

provincial application process is continuous so there may not be too much time after submission to find out if it's been accepted.



MEMBER

BOW CITY - We sure couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather than these last few days. Bees are out already and the gophers.

Please join Rainier Community April 6 from 2-6. For an afternoon of visiting for Shoko, Richard and Jeanine Motokado. For their new adventures.

Iovce and Ierry took a Sunday drive to moms stomping grounds at Gem and on way home stopped and had a visit with Barry and Carol in Bassano.

It was my turn to have the card ladies at my house. Lots of laughs even took a break to watch Calvert's move cattle.

Stephen, Alecia and kids came out Friday night for supper and visit. Kaleb

had a blast running through the water puddles on the lawn. So much energy that boy has.

I attended a Celebration of Life for a friend in Turin on Saturday. Couldn't have asked for a better day and

Brad and Carrie had Jack and Lorrie for visit and supper on Saturday.

What are fishermen going to do now that ice fishing is done for the year? I'm sure they will find something to do with their time.

BarbraDee and Dan were at Barb and Brian's Saturday for a super visit with mom and dad.

Please get hold of me with some news to share. 403-363-7496



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The Brooks High Rollers attended the Special Olympics Foothills Invitational Bowling Tournament in Okotoks over the weekend. Sean Tiffin won a trophy for the highest over average after beating his own average score. Shown, back row, coach Clint Tancowny, Logan Douglas, Sean Tiffin and Mya Goodnough. Centre row, Lisa Douglas, Karlee Duxbury, Lee Ann McBride and Becky Oelke. Front, Grace Tancowny. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



- 9:00 Program Begins
- 11:30 AGM

research, industry updates and water availability. Watch the website for the speaker

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IDDESLEIGH - BABY SHOWER: for David Douglas Ross White, infant son of Ross and Judy White of Jenner. Sunday, Apr. 7th at 1:00 in the Buffalo Hall. Potluck snacks. Bring any size of Huggies diapers to get your name in the Diaper

Raffle. Hostess is Raelynn Howe.

It seems that spring is making an appearance this week. We still have a bit of snow and ice in the area but it's disappearing pretty fast. Some dugouts are full and others have very little

water in them. We remain optimistic for some spring rains!!

If you have news to share please text me at 403 793-4702 or message me through FaceBook.



The Eastern Irrigation District is accepting offers on the following equipment:

Equipment is FOB Brooks and will be released April 24, 2024. Last day to submit a bid is April 10, 2024, 12 noon.

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11'10" arm, aux. hydraulics plumbed for twist bucket & Packer attachments Groeneveld auto grease system Factory front window guard

ESPAR engine coolant heater 72" Twist Bucket

6920 Hrs as of March 11, 2024 2018 HITACHI ZX350LC-5N 350 Excavator - S/N 1FFDDC70AJE930839

13' – 1" arm, auxiliary hydraulics plumbed for twist bucket

84" Twist Bucket

Groeneveld auto grease system

ESPAR engine coolant heater

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2019 DEERE 350 GLC 350 Excavator - S/N 1FF350GXTKF814080

13' – 1" arm, auxiliary hydraulics plumbed for twist bucket

84" Twist Bucket

Groeneveld auto grease system

ESPAR engine coolant heater

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Block heater

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1700 Hrs as of March 11, 2024

Please mail or drop off bids in written and sealed format to:

Eastern Irrigation District

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Any questions about the equipment, please contact:

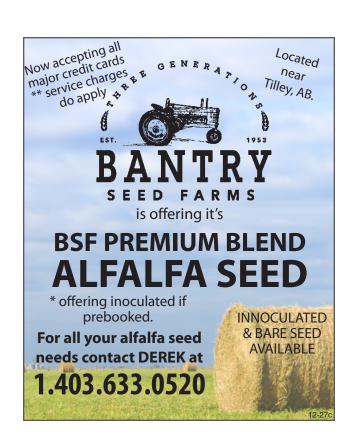
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The Eastern Irrigation District is now accepting seasonal campsite applications for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground. 35 seasonal campsites, with electricity, will be available from May 13th until September 30th, 2024 at a fee of \$3,200 + GST.

Applications for the seasonal draw must be received at the EID office prior to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28th, 2024 and must include the \$500 application fee (to be applied to the seasonal campsite fee for selected entries).

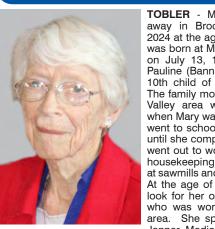
Application forms and additional information can be found at www.eid.ca under the recreation tab or at the EID office. Forms can either be dropped off at the office or mailed to the Eastern Irrigation District at P.O. Box 128, Brooks, AB T1R 1B2.

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Classifieds

Deadline for Classifieds word ads is Monday - 3 PM Call 403-362-5571

obituaries



TOBLER - Mary Tobler passed away in Brooks on March 14, 2024 at the age of 99 years. Mary was born at Medicine Hat, Alberta on July 13, 1924 to Ralph and Pauline (Bannard) Rathgeber, the 10th child of a family of twelve. The family moved to the Wenham Valley area west of Wetaskiwin when Mary was 2 years old. Mary went to school at Wenham Valley until she completed grade 8, then went out to work at age 14 doing housekeeping and cooking jobs at sawmills and homes in the area. At the age of 16 Mary set out to look for her older brother, Ralph, who was working in the Jenner area. She spent a few years at Jenner, Medicine Hat and Brooks

area working in factories, restaurants and coffee shops. During this time she met a local cowboy named Alf Tobler. After a brief courtship they were married on July 8, 1946. By this time Alf had secured a job as pasture rider for the newly formed Patricia Community Grazing pasture. In January of 1948 they began their family of 3 boys, Larry, Doug and Wade as well as purchased a farm in the Patricia area. Mary and Alf lived on this farm from 1948 to 2015 when Alf passed and Mary moved to Newbrook Lodge in Brooks. In 2020 she moved to Orchard Manor and in 2024 Mary moved to Sunrise Gardens. Mary is predeceased by her parents and 11 siblings as well as her husband Alf and her son Larry. She is survived by her two sons, Doug (Vivian) Tobler and Wade (Frances) Tobler; six grandchildren, Bradley (Robin) Tobler, Jodi (John) Pisarewski, Dalamie Tobler, Christina (Mark) Franke, Rae Tobler (Dan) and Cassie (Matt) McBean as well as 12 great grandchildren, Ashton Tobler, Aiden Tobler, Nash Tobler, Shae-Lyn Pisarewski, Katie Pisarewski, Caleb Ryall, Colton Ryall, Braden Ryall, Declan Frazer, Alexis Frazer, Mason Frazer and Taylor Frazer. Funeral services for Mary will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Brooks, AB on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Interment at Brooks Cemetery.



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Wednesday,

April 3rd, 2024

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Tues., April 2nd, 2024 Bow City Hall - 7:30pm

Contact Bruce Niznik 403-363-7330 or Curtis Harbinson 403-363-4777 for further details.

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coming events

BROOKS TOY **LIBRARY** ANNUAL MEETING

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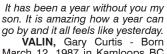
Brooks Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church

Wednesday 8:00 pm Bassano Health Centre

608 - 5th Ave. Bassano

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

obituaries



VALIN, Gary Curtis - Born March 12, 1987 in Kamloops BC and left this world March 21, 2023. 36 years was not near enough time. Because of his radiant and joyful way of life every person that was lucky enough to spend time with Gary was guaranteed to walk away with a smile and feeling genuinely loved. Gary talked and argued far right political views, but he lived his life like a political left socialist, always taking the time to help others. Gary always acted tuff, but he always put himself second to others and was respected and invited into every ethnic group he encountered.

With broken hearts we all grieve but especially teenage daughter Luna. Gary's mother Carmen found the strength to take care of all the arrangements concerning Gary's passing and Gary's father Brent could not possibly be more proud and thankful for Carmen's endless courage while she was also dealing with the horrible grief of the loss of their first born child.

Gary's parents went their separate ways but before that they blessed Gary with a brother named James. Gary's mother and father went on to have other relationships and other children. Gary always placed his brothers and sisters into one big family. No such thing as step brother or step sister, just brother and sister with endless love for each one of them.

Before a list of Gary's closest family members, a very big and loving hug has to go to Gary's Aunti Lori. She is the center of our family structure and the person everyone leans on.

Gary's friends and family meant the world to him and to numerous to mention all. He is now with

those beloved family and friends gone before him. Survived by his father Brent Valin, mother Carmen Chatterly, his dearly loved daughter Luna Valin and his siblings James Valin, Kim Tagg, Emily Valin, Jason Valin, Victor Valin, Adain Valin, Alexandra Valin and Rebecca Valin. His grandmother Bonnie Ryde and great uncle Jim Valin and many more uncles, aunts, cousins and friends who will miss Gary's kind and gentle nature.

Love your enemies, Bless them that hate you And pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you. - Matthew 5:44 King James

It doesn't matter how much it hurts The sun will always shine It doesn't matter how much it hurts The flowers will always bloom and be beautiful It doesn't matter how much it hurts There will always be new life with everlasting joy and happiness It doesn't matter how much it hurts There will be future days with happy memories

I just don't see those days yet I can't imagine a day without the pain I love you Gary and miss you every day.

But I say unto you,

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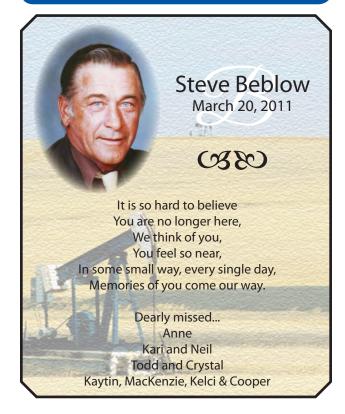
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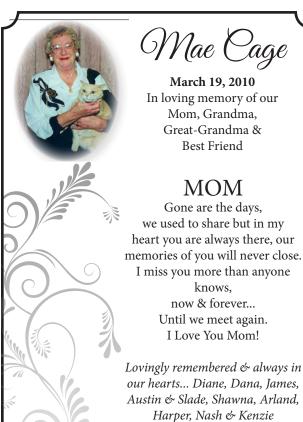
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CHAREST - Omer Charest

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Joseph Andre Omer Charest, beloved husband of Bev Charest, in Brooks on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at the age of 78 years.

Omer was born May 9, 1945 in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan and spent many of his growing-up years in Dollard, Saskatchewan and then Rolling Hills, Alberta. He married Beverly June Aitchison on February 19, 1966 and they settled in Brooks, Alberta.

Omer began his adulthood as a mechanic and his passion for vehicles started. He later nurtured his skill for woodworking, as evidenced by his workmanship on many projects throughout his

career as a cabinet maker. Omer also loved antique tractors and cars and was proud of his restoration work, which he enjoyed sharing with others.

Omer loved to travel with his family and enjoyed camping, too. Most recently, he spent much of his free time meeting up with coffee buddies and some of his closest friends.

As new generations were added to his family, Omer enjoyed getting to see them. When the great-grandchildren came to visit, he especially lit up.

Omer was predeceased by his father, Fernand Nazarre Joseph Charest, his mother, Laurencia Marie Lesperance, his sister, Helen Kam (Charest), and great grand-daughters, Olivia Pierson and Odette Jennissen.

Omer is survived by his wife, Bev Charest (Aitchison), sisters Ida (Roy) Hagg, Gladys (Richard) Harty, Val (Monfred) Haag, Pauly (Henry) Holst, brother-in-law Joe Kam, daughters, Maureen (Greg) Jennissen, Celine (Robert) Rodgers, grandchildren Jordanna (Brad) Pierson, Danton (Megan) Rodgers, Kelton (Jade) Jennissen, lescha (Jordon) Bandura and great-grandchildren Houston, Tucker, and Tesla Rodgers, Kenzlie Matyka, Lincoln and Eliza Pierson, and Parker and Carter Bandura.

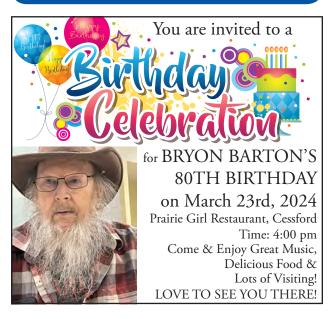
Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Roman Catholic Church at 511 4 St W, Brooks,

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Alberta Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

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.

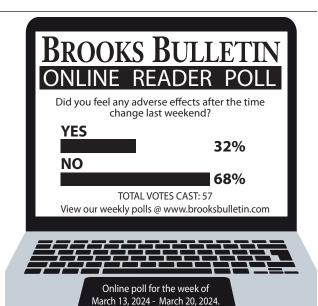


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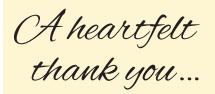


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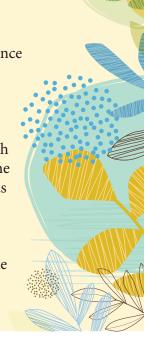
cards of thanks



We would like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to those who sent food, flowers, cards and messages of condolence on the passing of our dear wife, mother and grandmother Lanie.

Your kind words and actions helped us through a very sorrowful time. She will be sadly missed by us all and is forever in our hearts.

Jamie Nesbitt, Chris, Kate and Sean and families



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Tilley Telegram



in Rolling Hills will have worship service on Sunday, March 24 at 10:00 am with Reverend John Theiss. Everyone is welcome!

There will be a Good Friday worship service in Rolling Hills on Friday, March 29 at 11:00 am at the Rolling Hills Community Centre. All are welcome to join in the service and a potluck lunch to follow.

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.

The Hamlet of Tilley will hold an Annual General Meeting on Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm at the Tilley Community Centre.

District & Tilley 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.

One cold, rainy evening, Molly answered her door to see her husband's boss on the stoop. "Wherever is me Pat? He shoulda been home hours ago!" she inquired of him. Holding his hat in his hand, he said, "I'm sorry to tell ya, ma'am, but there was an accident at the brewery and yer Pat fell into the vat of Guiness and drowned." Wobbling a bit, she asked, "Was it quick, then?" "Ah," replied the boss man, "No, I'm sorry to say it wasn't. Yer bloomin' husband climbed out four times to use the loo!"

submit items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259.

Two more electric vehicles purchased

BROOKS BULLETIN

The Village of Rosemary and the City of Brooks purchased electric vehicles with funds that were granted from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre.

Rosemary received \$5,064 to purchase a Gator that will be used by the parks maintenance staff.

The city received \$50,000 to purchase their second electric Zamboni.

The new one is being used at the Centennial Regional Arena while the Zamboni that was purchased in 2021 is being used at the Sparrow Arena.

realize the fuel savings at both facilities now," said Randi McPhillips, the city's manager of recreation services.

The new vehicles operate quieter and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions

"Energy efficiency upgrades can carry a high price tag, which is why we're pleased to help fund this project," Rebecca Schulz, minister of environment and protected areas, said of the Zamboni for the city.

"This electric resurfacer will help lower Brooks' utility costs while reducing emissions and supporting family fun at the

Highways 1 and 36 overpass timeline

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

In addition to the confirmation that construction funding is available to build Brooks Iunior High School, the other important announcement from the provincial budget is an overpass at Highways 1 and 36.

An official from the provincial government has confirmed that the planning and engineering phase of

the overpass will take about two years.

"The time line for construction will depend on the final engineering design," a government official has confirmed.

Projects may change and be removed from construction lists during premier and Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Danielle Smith's recent fundraising event she said that the project has been confirmed to move forward.

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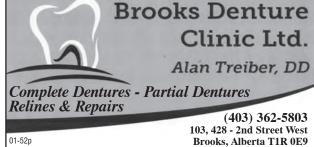
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BROOKS BULLETIN - Ask for Diane



In their first year competing on stage this group received a silver medal with an excellence in novice dance in the lyrical category at the Galaxy Dance Festival on Sunday in Brooks. Shown are Jayda Lawrence, Charlotte McWhirter, Ella Graham, Sharon Olascuaga, Leia Cyr, Harper Elliott and Allison Sanchez of Rhythmic Soles Dance Academy. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



Brooks figure skaters, back row left to right, Maya Rivera, Sinit Debesay, Ayan Igal Simon and Minnie Alberts, front row, Amnawit Robel, Nahomin Mesfen and Maggie Graham are ready to show off their skills at the club's year end skating carnival, Toy Story complete with Woody, Barbie, Slinkies, Sheep, penguins and Gabby Gabby dolls. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



Some of the Brooks figure skaters gathered prior to Saturday's Toy Story end of the year carnival at the Centennial Regional Arena. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



Brooks Gymnastics Club members competed in a tournament in Airdrie over the weekend. Shown are some of the club's three to five levels, left to right back row, coach Petre Neda, Chelsey Irwin, Gabrielle Wiens, Sarah Harink and coach Kamryn Dovichak. Front, Brielle Harty and Blayke Jackson. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for the upcoming week go out to Nathan Graham on March 25; Thomas Brummelhuis on March 26; Barry Kuefler on March 27; Dylan Sandau on March 29.

Celebrating their wedding anniversary this coming week are Brian and Michele Slenders on March 26.

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

Please join the community to bid farewell to 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!

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 information.

I have been meeting new like-minded people at the Seed Savers Group, and the Local Food Matters association, along with helping out at the Farmer's Markets. This coming Saturday, March 23, is the first of the spring time markets. I will help give out the locally produced seeds we have been packing for the last couple of months.

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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A B C D E F G H i J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to flowers. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 19 = L)

18 19 2 2 6 15 12 5 A.

Clue: Flowering

B. 1 24 23 4 19

Clue: Part of flower

C. 7 2 16 19

Clue: Dirt

D. 18 24 24 7

Clue: Buzzing insects

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to flowers.



Answer: Pollen

Guess Who?

I am an entertainer born in New Jersey on March 18, 1970. I beat-boxed for a hip-hop group in the mid-80s before going on to a successful music and movie career. I was nominated for a Golden Globe for my work in the film, "Chicago."

Answer: Queen Latifah

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small Eurasian deer
- 4. Irish county
- 10. A major division of geological time
- 11. Broadway actor Lane
- 12. Canadian province (abbr.) 14. Human gene
- 16. A famous one is blue
- 18. Utter repeatedly22. Ring-shaped objects
- 23. Spoils
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Commercial
- 27. Near
- 28. Products you may need
- 30. Pledge thrown down as a
- challenge
- 31. TV network

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make up for
- 2. Baltimore ballplayer
- 3. Salary 4. Influential world body
- 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact
- 7. One who steals 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital employee (abbr.)
- 12. Nonsense (slang) 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. A fake name
- 20. Sheep in their second year
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate for a particular time of year
- 29. Creative works

56. Bicycle parts 58. Barbie's friend 59. Moved one's neck to see

60. Commercials

31. Recesses

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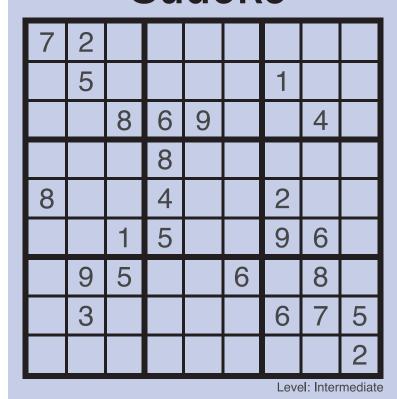
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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week you need to get back to business, especially if hobbies or other interests have been taking up much of your time lately. Avoid distractions at all

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 You may be excited about new prospects that are on the horizon, Taurus. With so much change coming, it can be exciting to see what lies in wait.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you may discover that you are devoting a lot of attention to others of late, sometimes cutting into your own needs. Be attentive and caring, but pay attention to your own needs as well.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, if you check the calendar lately you are bound to find a number of dates are filled. You may want to consider slowing down; otherwise, you may prematurely burnout.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, if expenses and finances have been

troubling you of late, you can breathe a sigh of relief when things lighten up this week. Right now you are in a good spot figurally. financially.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you will need to uphold your end of the bargain for the time being as others are counting on you delivering. You cannot dodge any responsibilities right now.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, over the next few days you may receive some offers from employers or entrepreneurs that seem very appealing. Before you jump into something new, do your homework.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, it will become obvious how others rely on you for advice and to

get jobs done correctly. All of that responsibility can put extra pressure on you, so take it all in stride. SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

This week you may discover that people are flocking to you left and right, Sagittarius. You will not have trouble making new friends if you so

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 Capricorn, take ownership of any actions that may have put you into a strained relationship with those close to you. Admitting mistakes is the first step in mending fences.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius, you may only now be getting to those resolutions you made a few months ago, but better late than never. Focus on projects around the home that will revitalize your spaces.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 Physical activity can do wonders for you, Pisces. If you are feeling stressed, overwhelmed or even tired, take a walk or hit the gym for some exercise that can alleviate many

Life span:

looks.

Springbok

Like many other cat

species, cheetahs mark

their territory by urinating

rubbing. This helps them

or by cheek- and chin-

avoid one another's

hunting grounds.

14-15 years

A cheetah's muscular, flat tail functions

standstill to 60 mph (97 kph) in just three

seconds. Each stride can cover about 21

The cheetah's coat varies from tawny to golden tones

just fur-deep; the skin beneath each spot is also black.

Cheetah fur is coarse to the touch and not as silky as it

covered in a pattern of solid black spots. The spots aren't

The dark tear lines that

run from a cheetah's

help it hunt.

eyes absorb sunlight to

feet (7 m). After chasing prey, cheetahs

almost like a boat's rudder, helping it

stay balanced and change direction.

Cheetahs can accelerate from a

need about 30 minutes to rest.

Exploring the realms of history, science, nature and technology

EETAHS Admired for their incredible speed, these athletic

cats are the fastest of all land animals. Their beautiful spots provide natural camouflage that blends with the tall, dry grasses of the plains. Sadly, cheetahs have lost 90% of their global habitat.

Length:

3.6-5 feet (1.1-1.5 m)

According to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, cheetahs are vulnerable and at risk of extinction. It is estimated that just 6,500 cheetahs remain in the wild, and their numbers continue to decline due to habitat and prey loss, as well as poaching and a lack of genetic diversity.

Where in the world

Cheetahs were once widely distributed throughout Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, Asia Minor and East India.

Fossil evidence has been found in China, Northern India, Southern Europe and even the Western United States.

Today, cheetahs can be found scattered across Kenya, Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa, with a small population in Iran.

Habitat

Cheetahs like to live in open grasslands and savannas with dense vegetation. The openness of grasslands and semi-deserts better suits a cheetah's way of hunting, which is chasing as opposed to the stalk-and-pounce method.

What's for dinner?

Cheetahs are carnivores that hunt small antelopes, including roan, sable, springbok, steenbok, impala, gazelles, hartebeests, kudus and oryxes, as well as young warthogs, game birds and rodents.

In captivity

Historical records suggest that cheetahs were tamed about 5,000 years ago by the Sumerians. Considered the easiest of the exotic cats to tame cheetahs were used as hunting partners for sport in Asia. Cheetahs have also been pets to many people over the centuries, including such historical figures as Mongol emperor Gengis Khan and Akbar the Great of India. Akbar (A.D. 1555-1600) had a collection of about 6,000 cheetahs.

Built for speed

The cheetah can reach speeds of 60 to 70 mph (97 to 113 kph) over short distances. Their light body weight, long legs and flexible spine help them attain these impressive speeds. To accelerate, only one foot at the time is in

> Wide nostrils, a powerful heart and large lungs deliver more oxygen to the muscles,

Unlike those of big cats, a cheetah's claws never fully retract, which means they are always ready to provide traction for a sprint.

facilitating a sprint.

Growing up

Cheetahs can produce one or more litters each year. While one female may have many cubs, the likelihood of their survival is small. The mother looks after the cubs on her own and is built for speed, not for fighting, so cubs are lost to a variety of predators and disease. About 90% of cheetah cubs die within the first three months.

> The average litter consists of three to five cubs. The babies are born blind and helpless. The mother is attentive, grooming and keeping

the little ones warm, but eventually she must leave the den to hunt. She can be gone for up to two days at a time, and the cubs are highly vulnerable while she is away.

A mother cheetah protects her cubs from predators by moving them around to different places every few days so other animals don't find them.

The cubs are weaned at 6 to 8 weeks of age and will then leave the den, playing and learning their hunting skills.

In addition to spots, cheetah cubs have what looks like a full-body mohawk. Called a mantle, this long bristle of hair runs from the neck down the back to the base of the tail.

contact with the ground.

In a word

The cheetah is a tall and elegant cat. Its body is slim and

well-muscled, with a

large chest, narrow waist and long, thin

> The word cheetah is derived from the Hindi word chita, meaning "spotted one."

Did you know?

The cheetah is not one of the great cats because it does not have a floating hyoid bone in its neck and cannot roar. It is classified as a lesser cat.

Cheetahs do not roar, but they do meow, purr and chirp.

Cheetahs have excellent binocular vision. They rely on sight over scent and hunt during the day.

While female cheetahs are solitary creatures (except when rearing a litter), males are known to form small groups of two to three.

Namibia is home to the largest populations of cheetahs, at about 2,500 cats. Due to agricultural expansion, 95% of Namibian cheetahs live on cultivated farmland.

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