

# BROOKS BULLETIN

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# AUC denies Rainier Solar Project

SANDRA M STANWAY
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The Alberta Utilities Commission has denied Kinbrook Solar, GP Inc. and Solar Krafte's application to construct the 450-megawatt Rainier Solar Project and the Rainier 1050S substation.

The AUC determined that the project would not be in the public interest due to the unmitigable negative effects on the environment and wildlife.

"The commission is not satisfied that the benefits

of the project, including increased economic activity and local tax revenues, outweigh its negative impacts," states the decision.

A major reason for the denial is that about 73 per cent or 1,143 hectares of the 1,172 hectare project was

sited on native grass.

Alberta Environment and Protected Areas-Fish and Wildlife Stewardship (AEPA) found that the project would be a high risk to native and critical habitats.

It was noted that

the property includes 4.3 hectares of human-made disturbances but the applicants failed to demonstrate how the amount reduces the value of native and critical habitats or that the disturbance justifies a departure from the wildlife directive's avoidance standard.

"Given the importance of site selection to avoid impacts to native and critical habitats, the applicants' proposed mitigations are

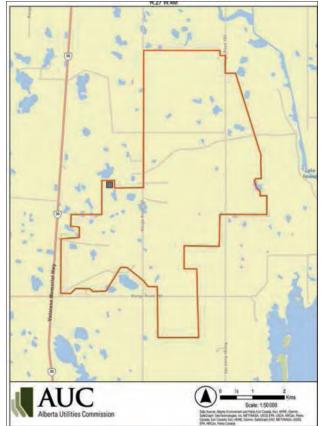
not adequate to reduce the environmental impacts on wildlife and the availability of native and critical habitats to an acceptable level," the commission decided.

The project area had been sited on Eastern Irrigation District-owned land about 10 kilometres southwest of Brooks.

The commission has previously approved other solar projects on EID land including the Brooks and Tilley projects.



Emmanuella Mutanti in her provincially recommended performance of Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim's *Everything's Coming Up Roses* during the 30th annual Grand Concert at the Brooks Music Festival last Tuesday at Griffin Park. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



# Province continues work with EID

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Although reservations are open for Alberta Parks don't look for the group site at Kinbrook yet.

A provincial government official said they are still working with the landowner, the Eastern Irrigation District.

"Alberta's government is actively engaged with the Eastern Irrigation District to open the group camping site in time for the 2024 summer recreation season," said Pam Davidson, forestry and parks press secretary.

Elected officials have been urging the province to re-open the group area which closed about three years ago but continues to be maintained by the province.

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# Officials urged to increase efforts around invasive species

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Bow River MP Martin Shields has been working with British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta members of parliament to address the drastic consequences of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in waterways.

Shields said he is concerned with the potential introduction of the microscopic quagga and zebra mussels in waterways particularly in reservoirs and irrigation structures.

He was told by officials from the Ontario Invasive Species Council they are now quantifying the costs that municipalities and industry are paying because of AIS in their waterways.

"Their view is that Alberta should do everything preventative so we can avoid future huge costs," he said.

Shields and county resident Todd Beasley have been sharing information they find regarding AIS which resulted in Beasley's attendance at the recent Alberta Invasive Species Council Conference at Olds College.

Beasley said the message he heard from attendees was "they're horrified" at the possibility of mussels and other aquatic invasive species in Alberta's waters.

"Not only are we not good - we are far from good.

"We are facing a biological apocalypse the likes of which we have never seen. This goes to the heart of our food chain. This goes to the heart of our \$5 billion GDP and again there is no practical method to eradicate these.

"The only option is preventative maintenance or preventative programs

He said there is no

known practical method of decontaminating the waterways or irrigation systems.

"I do not want to leave a major infestation for our children and grandchildren that is a forever infestation," he said.

There has been a loud cry from many residents and lawmakers who believe that mussels will make their way to the west.

Last October, one month after Idaho announced that quagga mussels had been found in the Mid-Snake River near Twin Falls, the Okanagan Basin Water Board called for a moratorium on out-of-province watercraft.

That call was repeated in February by the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce and over the next few weeks the Alberta government will announce an expansion to the invasive species program.

Although no details have been released, Beasley doesn't believe it will be enough.

He believes the only way to provide 99-plus per cent of assurance is to have a moratorium similar to the ones issued by the federal government.

The federal government announced a moratorium until March 31, 2025 on waterbodies in three national parks, Yoho, Kootenay and Waterton Lakes.

The moratoriums are to help prevent the spread of whirling disease which was first found in Alberta in 2016 - but has not reached B.C. - and has a 90 per cent mortality rate.

There is no known cure for the disease that affects trout, salmon, char, grayling and whitefish.

Banff National Park has had a restriction on non-motorized watercraft, fishing equipment and water related gear since 2022. The only exception is for holders of AIS prevention permits.

During a main estimates budget meeting, Rebecca Schulz, the minister of environment and protected areas, said there will be an announcement regarding the expansion of the AIS program.

She said the department's responsibilities include programs related to fish,

wildlife disease and to aquatic invasive species with quagga and zebra mussels as the highest priority as well as a concern for Eurasian water milfoil.

"We have an early detection rapid response plan in place should invasive mussels or any other aquatic invasive species be suspected in any Alberta water body," she said.

She said she is proud that

Alberta currently remains free of zebra and quagga mussels.

Last year more than 8,000 boats were inspected in Alberta of which 19 were positive for invasive mussels, she said.

"This is important work. We're committed to increasing our efforts in the coming year," she said.

Schulz said she will be reaching out to Canadian

border services to raise concerns about watercraft inspections.

"We don't want those invasive species in our waterways," she said.

One of the most effective methods of testing is K9 sniffer dogs however, there are very few, if any, in Alberta.

"They are most effective," said Schulz.



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# COUNTY OF NEWELL

# Assessment

2024

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You may see our assessor in your yard to take pictures, measure buildings, and might even knock on your door. If the Assessor has any follow up questions, a Request for Property Information form will be emailed or mailed to the registered owners.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## MP introduces bill to protect transport of livestock, insects

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Bow River MP Martin Shields introduced a private member's bill to safeguard livestock and insects during transport while simplifying rules for truckers.

Private Member's Bill C-385, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Transport Act, would set a 240-km radius Electronic Logging Device (ELD) exemption from the point of origin and destination of an inter-provincial journey transporting livestock or insects.

The logging device was mandated in January 2023 to track hours-of-service for long haul inter-provincial trucking but, Shields noted, there were unintended consequences that surfaced for the health and welfare of livestock and insects.

Those consequences include unforeseen delays that occur during loading, unloading or transportation of livestock which can result in several hours of

forced downtime before the transporter can resume the haul which endangers animal welfare.

"Bill C-385 will not only harmonize Canadian laws with those of our American neighbours to simplify rules and reduce red tape for our truckers, but it will also add flexibility to safeguard the welfare of animals in the event of unforeseen delays," said Shields.

The ELD mandate reduces Canada's competitiveness with the American agriculture industry and increases costs to the producer, the transporter, the processor, and ultimately food costs to Canadians.

"Conservatives know our Canadian agriculture industry operates at the highest standards. I look forward to continuing to work with farmers and agriculture producers to safeguard animal welfare and bring home the best quality food in the world," said Shields.

# **Brooks and area RCMP report**

**SANDRA M STANWAY** 

Youth still missing



**SUMMER FAITH TAYPOTAT** 

**Brooks RCMP** are continuing seek to information the on whereabouts of Summer Faith Taypotat.

The 16-year-old was last seen on March 16 at about 11:30 p.m. at her home.

"She's still missing and extensive efforts are being made to locate her," said Brooks RCMP Cpl. Sharon McCready.

She has medium length light brown hair, is 5 feet 8 inches and weighs 136 pounds.

She was last seen wearing green pants and a grey sweater.

If anyone has information they are encouraged to contact the RCMP at 403-794-4400

#### Loitering couple connected to thefts

Brooks RCMP have received multiple reports of a male and female who

parking lots asking people for money.

Police say the couple has been seen in the Walmart and NoFrills lots.

They are driving a grey Ford Edge with Quebec licence plate P70YNN.

Police are urging the public if they see the vehicle to immediately report it to police but do not attempt to stop the vehicle.

#### Hwy. 1 and RR 150 collision

On March 21 at about 4:30 p.m. a vehicle that was unable to navigate a turn at the JBS Food intersection at Highway 1 and Range Road 150, T-boned a stopped vehicle.

Brooks RCMP reported that two people were

life-threatening injuries.

The investigation is continuing.

#### Man disobeys court order

On March 22 at 12:35 a.m. RCMP responded to an intoxicated male who was stumbling and falling.

Police later located and arrested the man for public intoxication when they saw him stumbling in the middle of Sutherland Drive East.

It was later learned that the man was on conditions not to consume an excessive amount of alcohol.

He was released from custody and is to appear in court.

#### Impaired driving

On March 22 while police were on a routine patrol,



A vehicle that was struck at Second and Second lost control and struck a power pole. The driver was transported to hospital.



A stopped vehicle was hit by another one that lost control at Highway 1 and Range Road 150. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

they saw a vehicle that was travelling at a high rate of speed.

The driver of a Ford Explorer made a sudden left turn from a red light into a field off 2nd Street West when police conducted a traffic stop.

Police say the driver was intoxicated but he refused to provide a sample of his breath.

His vehicle was towed, he was handed a 90-day driving suspension and fine of \$1,200.

#### **Brooks Local Media** Release

RCMP were kept busy on Wednesday with multiple collisions and vehicles that hit the ditch due to snow and icy highway conditions.

Collision near Bassano

On March 20 at 10:22 a.m. Brooks RCMP responded to collision on Hwy. 1 near Bassano.

When police arrived they saw that one transport truck was in the ditch, another had stopped in the right hand lane and a third vehicle that had been travelling east attempted to stop, however, due to the icy roads the vehicle clipped the side of the transport truck causing a rip in the rear passenger door.

#### There were no injuries. **Residential B&E**

On March 20 at 8:58 p.m. RCMP responded to a report of a Parkland Way home being broken into while the

residents were at work. The back window and door were broken. The



house was left a mess and so far it has been determined that money and jewellery are missing.

#### Frozen pizzas hit the road

Just before noon last Tuesday a five ton semi rolled over on Highway 1 near Township Road 211A and spilled a load of frozen pizza.

The driver transported to hospital and treated for his injuries.

The truck blocked both eastbound lanes and the road was closed for a period of time while the area was cleaned up and the vehicle was removed.

#### **Second and Second** collision

Last Tuesday at about 7:55 p.m. a pair of vehicles collided at 2nd Street West and 2nd Ave.

Police report that a Cadillac had run the red light at 2nd Street and hit a Nissan on the driver side.

The Nissan collided with a light pole that fell on the vehicle.

Tickets were issued to the driver of the Cadillac.

The driver of the Nissan was transported to hospital and was treated for injuries.



# **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.

Questions or concerns? Call 403-362-3146.







## **Canada Day** in the Park

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



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## COMMENT

# Trudeau in full defensive mode to save his carbon tax hike

BY BRIAN LILLEY
TORONTO SUN

Justin Trudeau wants you to know that life would be a lot worse without his carbon tax rebate. The Liberals are now selling the carbon tax, and the rebate that comes with it, as an affordability message, even though the carbon tax is part of what is making everything more expensive.

Pierre Poilievre's Conservative Party has put forward a motion calling the Trudeau government to cancel their 23% carbon tax increase scheduled for April 1.

"The leader of the Opposition wants to take away those Canada Carbon Rebate cheques from Canadian families," Trudeau thundered in the Commons.

Trudeau said those rebates benefit families, a claim he's made since he announced his carbon tax plan back in 2018 and a claim that's been disputed by anyone with open eyes.

There are two main problems with Trudeau's carbon tax rebate system and the claim that eight out of 10 families get back more than they pay. The rebate calculation is based on averages rather than what you pay, and as the Parliamentary Budget Office has shown, the claim doesn't include all the other economic impacts.

When calculating your rebate, the government uses averages from Statistics Canada for measurements such as driving. They use of the figure of roughly 15,000 kilometres per year for the rebate, even though many of you reading this now, especially suburban and rural readers, drive far more than that.

When they calculate the cost of heating a home, they again use averages and average emissions, meaning the 525 square-foot condo in downtown Toronto is thrown into the mix with the large suburban house for a family raising three kids.

Anyone raising a family in the suburbs or rural areas of this country is most certainly paying more than they are getting back in the carbon tax.

Then there are other economic costs.

Still, I'll concede that the PBO found using the government's

formula, including averages, that most families will get back more than they pay. Yet, when looking at the whole economic picture, the total cost of the tax means most families are worse off financially thanks to the carbon tax.

When both fiscal and economic impacts o the federal fuel charge are considered, we estimate that most households will see a net loss," Parliamentary Budget Officer Yves Giroux said in a report released last March.

"Based on our analysis, most households will pay more in fuel charges and GST— as well as receiving slightly lower incomes— than they will receive in Climate Action Incentive payments."

When Poilievre stands up in the House of Commons and tells Trudeau that his tax will cost Canadians more, this is what he is talking about — the total cost. When Trudeau stands up and replies only that eight out of 10 will get back more than they pay, he's talking about the tax without considering the economic impact on the whole country and on your finances.

"You know, all it does is gouge people," Ontario Premier Doug Ford said Tuesday in London, Ont. "I don't know what the guy is smoking up there, but it's not beneficial. It hurts people, everything from transporting goods from point A to point B, going to pick your kids up at a hockey game or sports facility."

And with that you have summing up the sentiment of most Canadians.

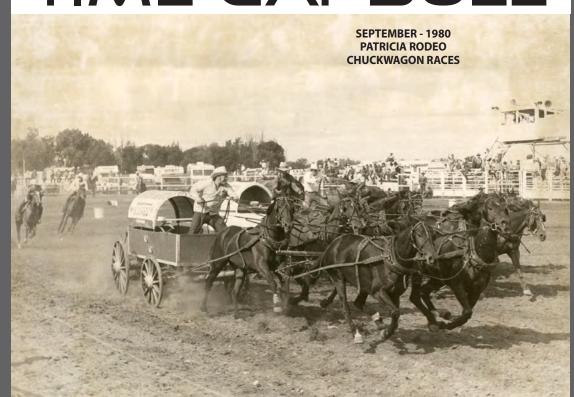
A Leger poll conducted for the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation asked the simple question, "Do you support or oppose the federal government increasing the carbon tax?" A very strong majority (69%) said they opposed the tax hike, while 31% said they supported it.

So what will Trudeau do come April 1?

He's going to ignore the popular will of the people, he's going to ignore the stated desires of the majority of provinces, and he will increase the tax by 23% — from \$65 to \$80 a tonne.

Trudeau said recently that it's not his job to be popular; he's doing well at that part.

# TIME CAPSULE SEPTEMBER - 1980



# Three Famines



There are three incipient famines in the world today, and politics is at the root of all of them. That's not unusual, actually: famines are almost always political events.

My family is descended from the Catholic Irish diaspora, and when I was a boy in Newfoundland we would sometimes play the game of 'potatoes and point' at the dinner table. We'd point at the potatoes (there was always a bowl of boiled potatoes with the main meal) and say "may I have a slice of beef" or "I'll have some more carrots, please."

It was a distant echo of the Irish famine of 1845-1852 that halved the country's population (a million dead, three million fled). Potato blight killed the potatoes, but it was politics – an ideologically driven British government that refused to interfere in the working of the free market by giving the starving Irish free food – that killed the people.

In order for a mere political decision to topple a country into famine, it has to be foodstressed already. But politics provides the final push: that's what is really killing people today in Sudan, Gaza and Haiti.

The 'politics' in question is generally a war of some sort – and in most cases the starvation is a by-product of the war, not even the main event.

That is certainly the case in Sudan, the biggest of the current famines. According to the UN's World Food Programme, nearly 18 million people in Sudan are facing 'acute food insecurity' as a result of the civil war between two parts of the army that broke out in April 2023.

However, the hunger is mostly in the areas where there is severe fighting (Khartoum and the south-west) It is accompanied by an attempted genocide of the 'African' (i.e. black) ethnic groups in the south-west by the 'Arabs' who make up most of the Rapid Reaction Forces (one of the rival military groups)

Haiti's situation is much the same. The capital, Port-au-Prince, has been overrun by armed gangs, and the gangs have taken control of the port and the roads to block food supplies from entering the city. Starving people provide excellent political leverage.

Most of Port-au-Prince's 1.4 million people are going without food for days at a time and there is plenty of almost random killing, but famine is probably several months away in most parts of the country.

The key question here is whether any country will be willing to intervene in the next few months to stop the worst from happening. The answer is likely to be 'no', because countries have already sent troops and aid too many times, only to find that they end up being blamed for failing to cope with the intricacies of the perpetual Haitian power struggle.

The Gaza Strip is also clearly a man-made famine, in the sense that without the war it would not be happening. It was Hamas that started the war, and it undoubtedly intended to trigger a massively violent Israeli retaliation. It would then use the Palestinian victims created by that response to further its own political agenda.

That's standard guerilla

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strategy, so the Israelis knew what Hamas wanted them to do. The fact that the Israeli Defence Forces did it anyway was a deliberate decision by the Israeli government. So what did Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's coalition government hope to gain from the destruction and the food blockade?

There is a deliberate food blockade, although Jerusalem denies it. Aerial photos from late last month show 2,000 trucks waiting to cross at Rafah. Most are still there now, containing enough food to feed everyone in Gaza. Some have been waiting for as long as 90 days. This is not Israeli incompetence. It is Israeli policy.

There are already children dying of starvation every day in the northern Gaza Strip, and the consensus of the IPC (the major food aid organisations) is that "Famine is imminent in the northern governorates of the Gaza Strip and projected to occur anytime between mid-March and May 2024."

Random air drops of food and a new pier in a couple of months' time for food deliveries by Israel's 'allies' will not prevent that outcome. So is the Israeli policy merely one of taking vengeance on the innocent, or is it intended to empty the Gaza Strip of its Palestinian population?

I never thought I would write that sentence, not because I thought Israelis are more moral than other people but because I believed they were not stupid. There is nowhere else for those 2.4 million Palestinians to go, and Israel's allies, especially the United States, would never condone such an act of ethnic cleansing. It's not 1948 any

But then again, I didn't think that Putin's regime would be stupid enough to invade Ukraine either.

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# Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA

Congratulations to Cornell, Roberta, and boys, as well

as Grandparents Kasey and Pearl Ovinge and Lolita and Rob Plantinga on their newest addition to the family! New baby boy, Rudy Christiaan Ovinge, was born March 2nd, weighing 8lb. 10oz.

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!

Volunteers are needed appreciated!!!The Scandia Community Casino

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. grasslands.ab.ca/en/signin. Your child must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2024. Parents or guardians, please bring a Canadian Birth Certificate or proof of residency.

One School, One Book program has ofEl Deafo" by: Cece Bell will wrap up this week with the wrapup assembly/prize draw happening on March 28. Alcoma will be hosting badminton Tuesday night from 4:30-7, come on out to watch. There will be a Parent Council meeting Wednesday at 1:30. There

will be HOT Lunch for all students on Thursday, which was moved from last week. There will be NO SCHOOL Friday - April 7th for Easter Break. The school will gladly accept your bottle donations. These can be placed by the Quonset and the Jr.high students will get them taken in.

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.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

**David Bradford Brooks Alliance** Church

The Biblical narrative is very clear about the universality of sin, and yet, we are sometimes so blind to the sin that continues to rear its ugly head in our lives. The prophet Ieremiah said this: "the human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?" (Jeremiah 17:9, NLT). None of us will ever drift toward godliness and holy living. In fact, if not careful, our sinful human tendency is to drift away from God in all areas of our lives.

Just look at the Book of Judges in the Old Testament. Judges 2:16-19 tells us in very chilling words of the cycle that

#### Watch out!

the Israelites got into - a cycle of sin, slavery, and then salvation. As this happened, and the people of Israel would cry out to God for relief from slavery, God would raise up a judge who would then come and free them - time and time again. The repetition of this is what should serve as a stark reminder for us about our own tendency of turning away from God and amping up our rebellion towards Him

through sinful choices. We can ask why the people of Israel would not learn. But there is a warning for us as well. Why are WE so slow to learn? Where have we turned from God and chosen again a life of sin and rebellion? Sometimes our sinful habits and patterns can be so obvious to those around us, and yet we are completely oblivious to them. And just because we follow Jesus does not mean that we no

longer sin. God is slowly transforming us, but we still sin.

As we approach the Easter season, we can know forgiveness for our sins because God sent one final Judge, His Son Jesus Christ, who provides the forgiveness each of us needs. All we need to do is humble ourselves, pray (confess our sins to God), seek the face of God, and turn from our wicked ways (repentance) (see 2 Chronicles 7:14).



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2024 Year of Doing New Things

Bible Study: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am



Gabriel Reinke performs Randy Rhodes' *Crazy Train* at the Brooks Music Festival last Tuesday at Griffin Park. Reinke, whose name was drawn for a music camp sponsorship, was provincially recommended in the solo music category for his version of *Down in a Hole* by Alice in Chains' Jerry Cantrell. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



Just before the lights went out for the Grade 3 Griffin Park School glow in the dark performance of Entry of the Gladiators by Julius Fucik, students gave Peace signs to the camera.

| SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# Partisan politics could enter municipal council chambers

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

Members of both the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) and the Alberta Municipalities (AM) voted against allowing partisan politics in municipal government councils yet the premier has said she will be introducing legislation this spring.

Eighty-nine per cent of RMA members voted against the resolution to allow political affiliations at municipal councils.

In her report from the AM convention, city councillor Marissa Wardrop said there is a push from the province to have partisan representation at municipal councils despite three surveys showing major opposition.

A survey that was completed for the Alberta Municipalities in September 2023 found that 68 per cent of Albertans would prefer to see municipal candidates run as individuals and 24 per cent prefer to see them run as members of a political party. Nine per cent are unsure.

During a recent broadcast of *Your Province*. *Your Premier*, Premier Danielle Smith responded to a caller on another issue that the province doesn't want to interfere with local municipalities.

But when asked about partisan politics in council

chambers, she said she is in favour of it especially in larger cities but possibly not smaller municipalities.

"We've got 355 municipalities and in the smaller municipalities I don't know they're as partisan but when you get into city the size of Calgary or Edmonton, you better believe it's partisan," she said.

Many believe that a non-partisan chamber would mean councils are free to debate; a partisan chamber would have political representation and debates would be restrictive and would advance a provincial initiative instead of representing the best interests of a municipality.

# City turns down Land Use Bylaw amendments

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

City council defeated a pair of motions to amend the Land Use Bylaw that would allow multi-family residential homes in single family residential areas.

Councillors generally recognized the need for affordable homes but a tie vote defeated the motion to build such housing in an area of Uplands.

In a letter of opposition to council Duane Perkins questioned why someone would approve a multifamily dwelling among single family homes.

"We were told that the west end of Uplands was supposed to be filled up before the area north of Walmart. Let's fill up the rest of Uplands as it was explained to us long ago," he wrote.

Adam Herman also wrote a letter to the city stating the he doesn't believe it's a good location for the homes.

"This change will not be fair to residents in the area that have purchased existing homes on that street," he wrote.

Herman proposed

that the city considers developing a high density residential subdivision, such as in between the college and ball diamonds which is an area that currently has multi-family dwellings.

Councillor Ray Juska agreed while Uplands may not be the ideal location there is a need for multifamily homes.

He noted that neighbouring homeowners didn't respond.

Juska said they have no concerns and there would be minimal impact to neighbours in Park Place which is an area that is surrounded by a concrete fence.

"I think I'd like to see this move forward and accept this," agreed councillor Joel Goodnough, who chaired Monday's meeting in place of the mayor.

He said the property hasn't moved for several years and now there is a developer who owns multiple lots in the area, is eager to build and who has worked with the city on past projects.

"I think that moving forward would speak volumes to that community," said Goodnough.

Councillors Jon Nesbitt, Juska and Goodnough were in favour of moving forward. Opposed were councillors Mohammed Idriss, Marissa Wardrop and Bill Prentice. Mayor John Petrie was absent.

A second proposal to build multi-family homes on two lots along Second Avenue was also defeated, however that is expected to return to city council as a larger project.

Idriss proposed an amendment to the bylaw to allow a block of Second Avenue be developed as multi-family homes, however, the amendment was not accepted due to procedure.

"We have to let people know what's coming forward. The area structure plan does not support the whole block. Council can bring it back for a public hearing," said Gavin Scott, the city's land planner.

Idriss then attempted to table the motion but it was defeated by a vote of 4-2 with Nesbitt and Idriss in favour.

The bylaw was defeated with a tie vote.

# Tilley Telegram

TILLEY - 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 cold potluck lunch to follow.

Bethany Lutheran Church offers 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.

Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will have worship service on Sunday, April 7 at 10:00 am with Reverend John Theiss. Everyone is welcome!

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

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

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

Peggy heard about a new treatment reputed

to keep the skin youthful and wrinkle-free. It was expensive and so, rather than head to the salon, she approached her neighbour. Paddy ran a large dairy farm and as this new treatment required a bath in milk, she asked if he could accommodate her needs. "Sure," he replied, "How much ya be needin'?" Peggy said, "I'll need a tub right full of milk, several gallons fer sure." "Pasturized?" Paddy inquired. "Nah," answered Peggy, "Just up to me chin should be fine." (thanks, Ken Green - cleans up nice,

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita Chappell at 377-2259. You may also email at goombaw@eidnet.org with subject line Tilley Telegram. Please contact me by or

before 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings to have your news included for the week. On long weekends, news is due Thursday morning before the holiday.





ANITA CHAPPELL

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday April 30/2024

Location: Heritage Inn Room C

Time: 7pm

\*Once again every person in attendance at the AGM will have 1 chance to win \$100 off Registration. There will be

6 draws 1 per division – A Family can only win once.

Nominations and Elections will be held for VP Brooks Minor Hockey, Treasurer, Referee Director, RMFHL Director, Coach Player Development and all Committee

iv.) Before being elected to President or VP Jr. Bandits/ Prairie Thunder, the candidates shall have served at least a two (2) years on either member voted committee or has served two (2) years as a past BMHA board director. Before being elected to a board director position the candidates shall have served at least a one (1) year term on either member voted committee or has served a one (1) year term as a past BMHA board director.

If you wish to submit a letter to Brooks Minor Hockey for review at the AGM, it must be received by April 16/2024

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Clue: Where some food is grown

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Clue: Farm animals

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Clue: Gathering in crops

#### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to agriculture.

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Answer: Crops

## Guess Who?

I am a singer and actress born in Georgia on March 27, 2000. I was a child actress alongside my sister, who also worked with me on our YouTube pop music channel. Most recently I played an underwater creature in a popular Disney musical.

Answer: Halle Bailey

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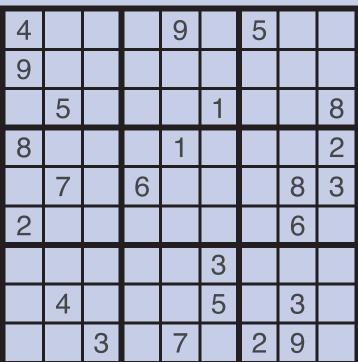
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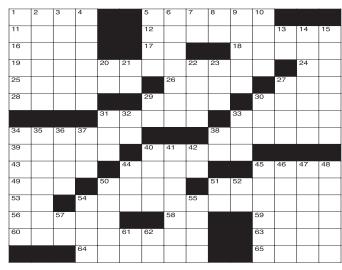
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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Database management system
- Medical procedures \_ Clapton, musician
- 12. Defender
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- 58. It cools your home
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- 63. One less than one
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Famed garden
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- 34. Loosen grip 35. Unpleasant smell Innermost membranes
- enveloping the brain 37. Esteemed college "league"
- 38. Partner to Pa
- 40. Small American rail
- 41. A salt or ester of acetic acid 42. Sodium
- 44. Military figure (abbr.) 45. Lighted
- 46. Paid to get out of jail 47. All of something
- 48. Ohio city
- 50. More abject
- 51. A radio band
- 52. Scientific development (abbr.)
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- 55. Scored perfectly
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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, communication with a spouse or you risk arguments for no reason at all. Sit down and have some frank conversations about your needs.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, when you face adversity you

should rest assured that you can handle anything that is thrown at you. Although, you may need a little help from some close friends or family.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, others may not understand who you are and could make assumptions that are inaccurate. They may just need some more information to get a clearer

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, many elements of your life are starting to level out this week. That can be a comfort to you because you seemingly have been running around for some time and could use a break.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, others have nothing but good things to say to you this week. Bask in their kind words and adoration, and use this as motivation for future endeavors.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

With no big events on the horizon, you may want to manufacture one to have a reason to party, Virgo. Start planning your guest list and come up with a fun

theme to get behind.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, while you should be mindful of your goals, you also can support those around you as they pursue

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 tackling some projects around the house that have been put off for some time. Redecorating and

remodeling can be an inspiration

their own. Serve as inspiration to people in your life right now.

right now. SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 Take a step back and reevaluate your

approach to a situation because the way you have been doing it just hasn't yielded the results you expected, Sagittarius. Take suggestions and tips. CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, high energy may have you swinging at the fences every time you try to tackle something. You may want to dial things back and take a management of the company of the super management of the company of the c take a more measured approach.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Various transitions in your life could temporarily disrupt your daily activities, Aquarius. You'll find a new groove soon enough that will feel comfortable and provide you with what you need.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Don't take stock of what all the naysayers have been dishing out, Pisces. You know yourself better than others and recognize what you are able to accomplish. Set started are able to accomplish. Get started

### Industrial renewable energy industry will cope... how about a free-for-all development zone



Recently, the month moratorium industrial renewable energy (IRE) projects in Alberta ended. Contrary to the mindless fearmongering by the IRE industry lobby and inane outrage by their allies in academia and progressive political parties, IRE projects and developers did not abandon Alberta. Billions of dollars in projects were new cancelled, and developers did not flee to more unregulated Why jurisdictions. should they leave compared to most other places in the western world - Alberta still remains the easiest and most profitable place to develop gigantic IRE projects.

couple of truths inconvenient

the IRE lobby forgot to mention is that IRE projects usually wind down in the winter due to extreme wind chill and snow conditions. Also, it has been found that of the many billiondollar projects that are announced, only about 1 in 3 actually start construction due to the financing and fiscal insecurity of developers. It also includes the scramble to line up the government subsidies, favourable tariff rates and carbon credit guarantees, which take time.

The Alberta government wisely announced that IRE projects would no longer be allowed within 35 km of pristine mountain and park scenery and not on class 1 and 2 agricultural land. That's minimal compared to restrictions in Europe and many other jurisdictions in North America.

The IRE industry lobby, green left think tanks, and progressive

academics proceeded to set their hair on fire with outrage over the audacity of a government putting limitations on land use. Some green ideology zealots even made the absurd claim that the Alberta government punishing was industry. Really, protecting foodagricultural producing from mostly foreign-owned, taxpayersubsidized, multi-billion dollar IRE development companies is considered a punishment by only the deluded. I suspect that compared to restrictions elsewhere, the IRE industry will quickly overcome any setbacks and continue its rampage across southern Alberta.

But there is a location alternative that could satisfy the ravenous IRE industry appetite for ever more land and where public interest and reaction could be contained. No, it's not in urban suburbs, city industrial sites or

of warehouse acres rooftops although all of those would most appropriate IRE development. Politics, liability, citizen sensitivities, and cost all prevent those obvious sites from being used. There is a massive block of land in southern Alberta that would be ideal for IRE development.

It's 1,140 sq miles in size, which is about 730,000 acres! Due to its dry and sandy nature, most of the land would be class 3 or higher, so its agricultural and grazing value is limited. Its scenic value is probably not impressive enough for most tourists compared to mountain views. And depending on an environmental evaluation, much of has been the land contaminated by military use and chemical warfare research. This chunk of land would be perfect for IRE developers to exploit to their greedy heart's

I refer to the iconic Suffield or British Block located between Brooks and Medicine Hat in southeastern Alberta. It's all in one block owned (leased?) by the federal government and will probably never be used for agricultural or recreational purposes for the reasons mentioned above. However, it could be repurposed for unrestricted IRE development. At present, about 40,000 acres of Alberta land has been lost to giant industrial solar operations existing and being developed.

The Suffield block is 18 times that size. It would be a developers' paradise if the Alberta government just cut them loose and let them cover the entire block with solar panels and windmills with no pesky land use restrictions, no more public hearings, no demanding land owners or irritable neighbours. For over 75 years, the public has not had much access to the block, so covering it with IRE projects would not be much of a loss. Sort of out of sight - out of mind. Sure, the British army has been using the block to train their soldiers on a seasonal basis. But they have mused about relocating closer to the UK. Besides, I expect they could move that training to the Wainwright Army base. The feds own or lease the block, so they might object to changing its use.

However, for a federal Liberal government obsessed with saving the planet from emissions, how could they be against the world's industrial largest windmill and solar operation? Besides, development could provide significant rental income from IRE sites on the block. Too much common sense probably.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.



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# Rainier Record



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RAINIER Happy Birthday greetings for the upcoming week go out to Alyssa Slenders on April 2; Pascalle Wisse, Kerrin Slenders on April 3; Ashley Coyne on April 7.

join Please community to bid farewell Motokado Shoko 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!

Нарру Easter everyone! Enjoy the school break!

Scandia - Scandia Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th, starting at 10.00am. Call 403-362-9630 to 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.

Alcoma School News-



JENNER - Please take note that a baby shower honouring David Douglas Ross White, infant son of Ross & Judy White, will take place on SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 at 1 p.m. in the Buffalo Hall. Please bring potluck snacks. Bring any size of Huggies diapers to get your name in the Diaper Raffle. Hostess is Raelvnn Howe.

The community needs positive news to give their spirits a boost after the loss of so many of our friends & family members over the past months.

Gods blessing for you

It may take a moment for the light to shine but these are very clever.

- 1. Bernadette: Torching a mortgage.
- 2. Burglareyes: What a crook sees with,
- 3. Eclipse: What an English barber does for a living.
- Heroes: What a guy in a boat does.
- 5. Paradox: Two physicians.
- 6. Pharmacist: Α helper on the farm.
- What 7. Polarize: penguins see with. 8. Primate:
- Removing your spouse from in front of the TV.
- 9. Sudafed: Brought litigation against government official.
- 10. Rubberneck: What you do to relax your wife. Keep Smilin'

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

will The school gladly accept your bottle donations. These can be placed by the Quonset and the Junior High students will get them taken in.

Alcoma Community Library will be open to the public during school hours, 10.00am to 3.00pm, and Thursday evenings, 6.30 to 8.00pm. Come on in and see what is offered for books, games, movies, puzzles.....

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

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.

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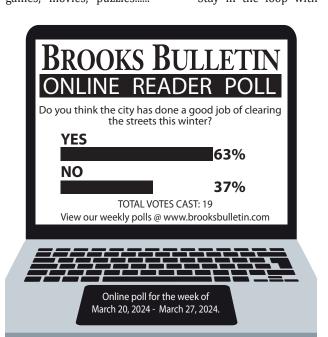
for more Alcoma Community Events! Have an upcoming event in the County? We are happy to include it in our emails and promote it in our community!

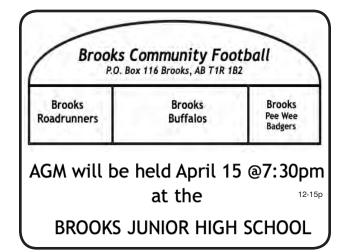
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Is there someone in the community willing to write this column in the future? Please contact either myself or Diane at the Brooks

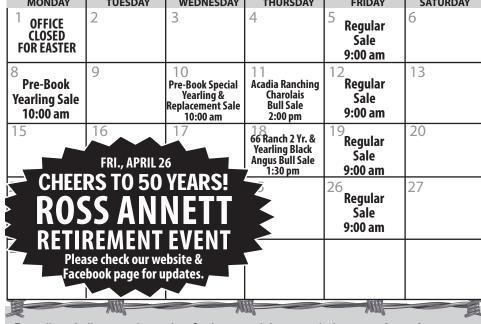
Bulletin and she can get you on board!

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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## Additional funding for Brooks women's shelter

SANDRA M STANWAY **BROOKS BULLETIN** 

The provincial government has announced \$10 million in funding over four years to help women's shelters provide critical services to victims of abuse.

"The government of Alberta is fully committed to creating a province-specific action plan that supports survivors and addresses the root causes of gender-based violence," said Tanya Fir, minister of arts, culture and status of women.

"This funding will help women's shelters across the province so they can continue to meet the needs of women and girls fleeing violence and help create stronger communities."

The investment funds an additional 104 beds in shelters, including eight additional beds at Cantara in Brooks to bring the total to 18 beds.

"I certainly think it will help our community in terms of not only the number of people we can have but the safety aspects to provide adequate staffing. It'll be safer for clients, It'll be safer for staff members," said Shauna Bell, executive director of Cantara.

"We're going to add to our staffing and I think that will go a long way to allow us to provide the services and resources that are available to our clients."

Bell said the funding is an excellent start, advocacy for additional funding will

"Not all shelters have been given an extra allotment of funding," she said.

said most of She the shelters in smaller communities in the rural areas where there are limited supports available for clients received the first allotment of funds.

Those communities are Brooks, Banff, Calgary, Camrose, Cochrane, Cold Lake, Edmonton, Fairview, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, High River, Lloydminster, Morinville, Rocky Mountain House, Sherwood Park, St. Paul and Whitecourt.

"We'll continue to provide information to the decisionmakers in government as to what is needed in all areas of Alberta not just the rural areas," she said.

"It's a really good start and we're very appreciative of the government for increasing our funding."

2023-2024, the province reported that more than 3,500 adults and 2,750 children were cared for by an emergency shelter.

Albertans can support 24/7 by calling or texting the Family Violence Info Line at 310-1818.



The first safety patrol lunch of the school year was held recently for student patrollers at Christ the King, Uplands Elementary, Griffin Park and Eastbrook Elementary. The students were chosen because they are exemplary examples of safety patrollers by consistently showing up for their shifts and making sure everyone is staying safe. | SUBMITTEDPHOTO

# Wardlow Westerly

WARDLOW - We are so

thankful for the moisture

that has come with this

snow last week, we could do

without that chilly wind that

seems to have come with it.

We are starting to prepare

things for Aggi Days at the

Stampede in April and Kids

Days at Pioneer Acres in

June. Our WI group is hosting

our district conference

on Saturday April 21 at

the Hard Grass Hub in Pollockville. It will run from 10-4. Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided. There is a registration cost per person. If anyone is interested in what we are all about you are welcome to come out but please let someone in WI know so we have enough supplies for evervone. You can contact me and leave a message at

the contacts listed below. We are planning to have a handicraft and baking competition between members, we have also lined up a guest speaker and a couple of surprises, should

JEAN LAVOIE

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

# County proposes Land Use Bylaw changes

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

County council has proposed amendments to its 2021 land use bylaw accessory buildings, shipping containers, signs, secondary suites and colony schools.

On Thursday council gave first reading to the amendments that propose allowing three accessory buildings under 10 square metres to be allowed on a parcel, removing the permit

requirement for shipping containers, allowing safety signs and making secondary suites subordinate the principal use.

Since the area's colonies have schools on their agricultural general parcels, the county has proposed permitting colony schools so they can be replaced when required.

All safety, fire and building codes would have to be completed as required in areas such as secondary

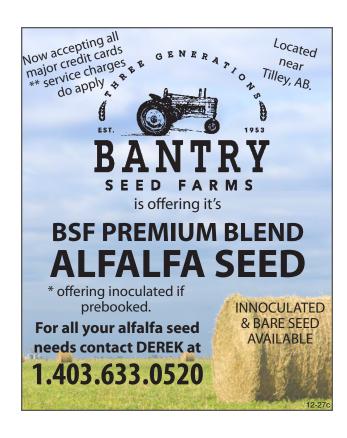
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## **NOTICE**



11:30 am

The County of Newell in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw 2067-24 being an amendment to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw 2016-21.

The land that is the subject of the proposed land use bylaw amendment is legally described as

A PORTION OF MERIDIAN 4 RANGE 14 TOWNSHIP 20 SECTION 7 QUARTER SOUTH EAST CONTAINING 64.7 HECTARES (160 ACRES) MORE OR LESS

**THE PURPOSE** of proposed Bylaw No. 2067-24 is to re-designate a portion of the SE 7-20-14 W4M shown in the attached maps, from Agriculture - General District to Residential - Rural District.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the County of Newell office during normal business hours. or in the Public Documents found on the County of Newell website.

Anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw, either written or verbal, should contact the CAO no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 8, 2024.



Council Chambers or our livestream





## One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



we got another shot at winter this past week again. I guess we need the moisture, but I'll just bet the cattlemen aren't too happy, as I'm sure there are some that are having baby calves being born. Poor little beggars, I feel sorry for them. Then in the same token they also need the moisture so the grass will grow on the pastureland. That is very wet and heavy snow, it would make a good snowman, if I were younger I'd make one, but that's not for me anymore as that would sure fix my back and cripple me up again for sure. I'll be glad when it quits snowing, this snow makes everything so slippery and you can't see where there is ice under it. There have been a few people that have fallen and broken arms and shoulders. Not good!

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Easter this coming weekend. It's very early this year. So have an enjoyable time with family and friends.

Weekend before the last Charlotte Noronha went to Calgary to celebrate her birthday with her friends up there. She returned home the night before the snow, as it started the following morning. Good thing she came home when she did.

On this past Friday Sherwin Schalm and sister Sherry of Calgary came down to visit with their parents, Ozzie and Elizabeth Schalm. Ozzie said they had a good visit and they stayed overnight and then went back home on Saturday.

Thanks again to my crew that come to clean my snow. I really do appreciate

The Newell Concert was cancelled due to the bad weather last Wednesday and they hope to re-schedule it in April sometime.

The Bassano Arts Council concert was also postponed for last Thursday and will hopefully have a better day on Thursday, April 4th in the Bassano Community Hall with performer Garrett Gregory. Let's hope the weather will cooperate this time.

Birthday greetings the coming two weeks go out to Wayne Bunney of Derwent, AB and to Will Allaby, both on Mar. 28th; to Peggy Hasselberg of Two Hills on

Mar. 31st; to Brian Slomp of Lethbridge and to Kathy (Urban) Kuhn of Sylvan Lake, both on Apr. 1st; to Mark Alberts, to Timothy Day of Lethbridge and to Edie Verbicky of Fairview, AB, all on Apr. 3rd; to Ben Hajash of Edmonton on Apr.

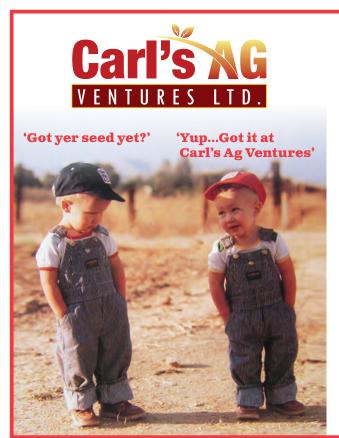
4th; to Bonnie Christman on Apr. 5th and to Julie Kristianson on Apr. 7th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each and everyone else that is celebrating this coming week. We wish everyone all the best for many great years.

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

I'm finally after a couple of weeks getting used to this darned Daylight Savings Time. My own time clock didn't want to change.

"Not My Mom"

After being a widow for a number of years, our mother was going to remarry. She wanted to keep the family name, but quickly reconsidered when we pointed out that she'd then be known as Mrs. Savage Bull.



#### **Durum:**

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- AAC Donlow
- AAC Stronghold

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- AAC Wheatland VB HRSW
- AAC Brandon HRSW
- KWS Sparrow VB GP
- Sadash VB SWSW
- AAC Wildfire CWRW

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**Contact: Carl Huvenaars** Phone: 403-654-5094 E-mail: carlsag.ventures@gmail.com Box 114 • Hays, Alberta • TOK 1B0



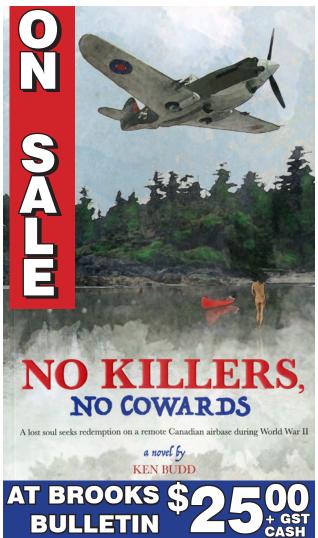












## **NOTICE**



**APRIL 11** 11:30 am

The County of Newell in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to consider PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW 2068-24 and close the following portion of roads to facilitate an existing pivot: adjacent to the NW 4-20-13W4M, as outlined in the map.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the County of Newell office during normal business hours, or in the Public Documents found on the County of Newell website.

Anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw, either written or verbal, should contact the CAO no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 8, 2024.





# Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS haven't heard how many centimetres we actually received but I am sure they must have been close on their predictions that said to expect 15-30cm. It's fantastic moisture, but truly, from here on in, we'd prefer

The Duchess 50+ Club will be holding the turkey luncheon this year on April 11, 2024. Please mark this on your calendars. This will be the only change for lunches. The club will be meeting one Tuesday a month from now on. This



will be on the third Tuesday of the month. The club will also be having craft days and seminars at various times. The Duchess Library is offering to teach the club and any other individual on how to work with the libby app where we can download books, magazines and audio books. The club will ask the day of the luncheon who would be interested in

Congratulations Brody Preston team who took first place in the Sturling Curling bonspiel last week. Coming in second was the Dennis Unruh team. The Duchess Curling Club would to thanks all the curlers and volunteers for a successful season!

Congratulations Duchess U15 Storm hockey team who brought a banner back to Duchess this past weekend. They are the 2024 Tier 2 Provincial Champions! The provincial tournament was held in Provost! Way to go, we are all so proud!

The SEAVC U18 boys volleyball team won another tournament last weekend. They are having a good season. Luke Gagnon from

Duchess plays on this team. The team is based in Medicine Hat.

Please call or text me

at 403 793 1630 with any news items for the Dispatch. I am not sure if Monday is considered a holiday, so

to be safe, please get your news to me by Thursday evening. Have a beautiful Easter!

Quote: "Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love and joy."

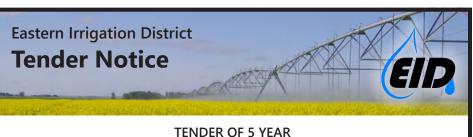
# Curlers advance to provincial club championships



Team Falkenberg is at the April 2 to 7 Alberta Provincial Club Championships in Airdrie. Twenty-eight teams competed at the Alberta Club Championship Provincial Qualifiers last month and six teams advanced. Shown left to right, Michael Steele, Josh Steinbach, Jason Wilson and Joel Falkenberg. The provincial club winner advances to the Canadian Club Championship in November. A host has not been announced. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



Team Douglass is at the April 2 to 7 Alberta Provincial Club Championships in Airdrie. The team competed in Hanna last month and is one of the five advancing teams. Shown are left to right, Norma Douglass, Katie Črump, Heather Wilson and Karen Morrison. The provincial club winner advances to the Canadian Club Championship in November. A host has not been announced. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



PRIVATE GRAZING LEASE

**#7169** Bids are being accepted for Grazing Lease #7169 located on District land in Pt. E 1/2 20-18-14 and Pt. Section 17-18-14 W4M consisting of 741 acres more or less: with a carrying capacity of 120 AUM or approx. 24 cow/calf pairs for 5 months. NO community grazing lease deduction. NO 640-acre limitation. Community grazing lease eligibility criteria is applied.

> Bid packages available at EID office. Deadline to submit bids April 15, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

> See terms of tender and eligibility requirements at:

www.eid.ca under News/Ads

For More Information Contact:

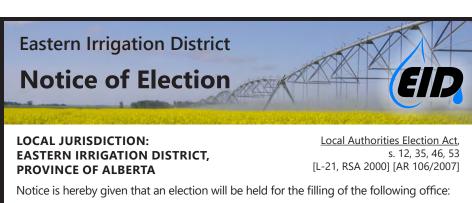
Rick Volek, Land Administrator-Grazing Eastern Irrigation District P.O. Box 128, 550 Industrial Road W

Phone: 403-362-1400 Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B2

eid@eid.ca

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Office	No. of Vacancies	Electoral Division No.		
Director	1	6 - Tillev		

Voting will take place on the 9th day of April, 2024 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The voting station will be located at:

#### Tilley Community Hall, Tilley, AB

www.eid.ca

DATED at the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta, this 12th day of March, 2024.

Ivan Friesen, Returning Officer

eid@eid.ca

12-14c 403-362-1400

#### **Eastern Irrigation District Equipment For Sale**



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.

2018 HITACHI ZX250LC-5N 250 Excavator - S/N 1FFDCB70LJE430453

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

8108 Hrs as of March 11, 2024

#### 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

6085 Hrs as of March 11, 2024

#### 2015 BOBCAT F50T4 50 Compact Excavator - S/N AJ1811950

Compact excavator with cab A51 package with heat and air conditioning with second auxiliary

52" grading bucket and a 24" trench bucket

Hydra tilt attachment

Hydraulic thumb

4840 Hrs as of March 11, 2024

#### 2011 GRADALL XL4200 III Gradall Excavator - S/N 4200000033

Auxiliary hydraulics with plumbing

Motor spool

Floor mount auxiliary control pedal

Air intake heater

Block heater

72" dredging bucket

72" and 42" ditching bucket with cutting edge

1700 Hrs as of March 11, 2024

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

**Eastern Irrigation District** 

P.O Box 128

Brooks, AB T1R 1B2

Or email bids to: eid.reception@eid.ca

Any questions about the equipment, please contact: Earl Palaschak, Shop Supervisor/Heavy Duty Mechanic, 403-793-5756

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eid@eid.ca www.eid.ca 403-362-1400

Brooks Music celebrated its niversary last Festival 30th anniversary week.

Diane Hirsekorn, who is one of three founding members, presented history brief festivalgoers.

She said for many years music students in Brooks and area travelled to Medicine Hat or Lethbridge to perform in a competitive music festival.

Gwynne Libo-on sings Castles on a Cloud by Alain Boublil.

said in 1992 piano teachers Dorothy Weinmeyer, Lana Penner and herself hosted a meeting where they wondered why they didn't have a local fesival.

Information was found on what was needed to make it a reality.

"The initial executive board was set up in 1993 with Mary Bessey, Glynda Finkbeiner, Del Folton, Pat Gingrich, Irene Kertesz, Heather Miyauchi, Karen Nelson, Treva Olson, Debbie Remus and Mary Tancowny.

"In 1994, Albert Zagorsky joined the board and when dance became part of our festival in 1996, Terri Simpson joined us."

From the first event in 1995 the festival was set up as a non-competitive workshop adjudication to assist participants to enjoy and enhance their love of

Qualified adjudicators give positive feedback to the performers and encourage them to be the best they can be. All levels of performers of all ages are welcome.

Disciplines include band, strings, piano, choral, vocal solos, ensembles, musical theatre and speech are part of the festival.

"Over the years I have seen participants excel and be recommended to partake in the provincial

music festival in Edmonton," Hirsekorn said.
"Some adult participants

went on to further their music education became professionals and teachers. I am proud of all participants who work so hard to prepare their selections and enter our festival," she said.

"What was once a thought became a dream and with the love of music, our community and hard

work and dedication, it became reality. My wish is for Brooks Music Festival to continue for many years to come."

During the event, Janice Jensen and Bette van Pypen were named Friends of the Music Festival for 20 years of volunteering.

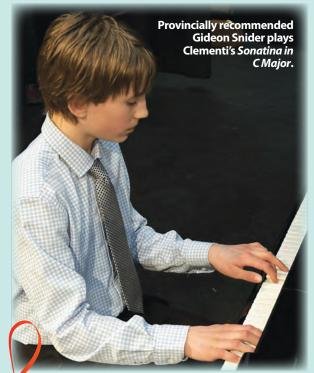
Photos & story by Sandra M Stanway

















# Classifieds

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

#### obituaries

ERIKSSEN - Edward Peder Erikssen

December 12, 1957 March 5, 2024 Edward Peder Erikssen, a man whose spirit was as strong as the roar of his beloved Harley. Born on December 12th, 1957, in Killam Alberta. Edward lived a life filled with passion, courage, love, good times and bad but, that's what made him him. Throughout his journey, Edward faced many challenges, but none could diminish his indomitable spirit. Despite battling cancer

after cancer, he approached each day with unwavering bravery, teaching us all the true meaning of resilience and faith. Edward's heart was always big he tried to bring joy and laughing to all who he met. Always chatting up a storm or eager to embrace the open road and the company of friends. His Harley was not just a mode of transportation but a symbol of freedom and adventure, allowing him to feel the wind in his hair and the thrill of the ride. His love of truck driving gave him the opportunities to travel and see many sights he may have never seen. He loved his truck, he loved to travel, from Alaska to Mexico, from beautiful British Columbia all the way to Nova Scotia. Where ever the road would take him. Honking horns for kids with arms raised high. As Edward's journey on this earth comes to an end, we take comfort in knowing that he is now reunited with his Mother, Ruth Erikssen whose love and guidance shaped his being and Father, Gudmunn Erikssen, whose strength and wisdom guided him through life's trials and triumphs. Edward was also predeceased by his sisters, Ruby and

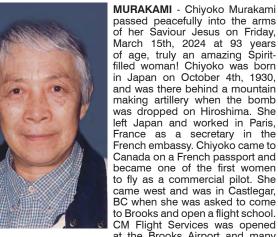
Diane and Nephew Jim McDonald. As Edward takes his place among the angels, may he find comfort in the loving embrace of his family who have gone before him. May their reunion in the realms beyond serve as a testament to the enduring power of love and the eternal bonds that connect us all. As we reflect on the life of Edward Peder Erikssen, we find comfort in the knowledge that his legacy will continue to shine brightly through those he held closest to his heart. Left behind to carry on his memory is his partner of 15 years, Tracy Kersey Edward is survived by his siblings, Ronald, Thora (Dale), Linda, Bryan (Liz), Mervin, Laura (William) and numerous nieces and nephews. His children's mother Lori Johnson. Edward's greatest accomplishments, his truest treasures, are his children and grandchildren, who were the pride and joy of his life. Amanda (Roger), and their children Alyssa (Justin) great-grandson Cooper, Jayden (Kathleen), and Jacob who carry forward Edward's legacy with love and grace. Jana (Mike), their children Blaise, Kyra, Alexander, Michelle and Myles, will continue to honor Edward's memory with every step they take. Stepdaughter Brandy (Jeff), their children Haleigh, Donovan, Turner, and Colby,

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at the Brooks Airport and many students young and old did touch and goes until it was announced 'You're ready to solo, go on you can do it". She was a very good instructor. She had other skills cooking authentic Japanese cuisine and playing Beethoven on her piano amongst them. Chiko moved into the Newbrook Lodge and then to Sunrise Gardens where she resided until her passing. She is survived by a brother Mitsuaki and his wife Yoko, a nephew and niece all of Japan. We would like to thank Doctor Coetzee and Nurses (Thea) also the staff at Sunrise Gardens for making Chiko's last years comfortable and happy. A Celebration of Chiko's life will be held at a later date. Interment will be held at Brooks Cemetery.

FLY SAFE CHIKO



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coming events

**BROOKS MOTOCROSS CLUB** 

Wednesday,

April 3rd, 2024

at the Silver Sage **Community Corral**  coming events

#### **PATRICIA GRAZING ASSOCIATION** AGM

Thurs., March 28 7 pm at Patricia Hall

12-13C

#### crematorium



#### **Eyremore** Grazing **Association** ANNUAL GENERAL **MEETING**

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

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

#### **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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SHANKS - William (Bill) Charles Shanks of Brooks, AB passed away on March 16, 2024, at the age of 92, after a sudden decline in health. He is survived by sons Doug (Bente) and Dale (Heather); four grandchildren, Darcy (Amanda), Nicole (Trent), Ryan and Darryl. Twelve greatgrandchildren as well as many special nieces, nephews and cousins. Bill was predeceased by his loving wife Ruth of 72 years, parents Melrose and Alexander Shanks, 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Bill was born May 20, 1931, and lived in Bracken, SK until 1940. He then spent a year in Medicine Hat, before moving to Rolling Hills, in the spring of 1941. This is where he grew up and where Bill and

Ruth met. They were married on August 26, 1951. They farmed in Rolling Hills until 1957, when they moved to Tilley and bought their cattle farm in 1960. Bill rode lease for the Tilley and Rolling Hills Grazing association for ten years. He then went to work for the Eastern Irrigation District in Brooks in 1966 as a Grazing Lease Manager. He retired to the farm full time in 1989. Bill and Ruth spent many winters at their second home in Apache Junction, AZ. They retired from the farm in 2015 to Newbrook Lodge in Brooks, AB. Bill was a cowboy and rodeo fan. You could often find him at a cattle auction or travelling to watch community rodeos. In earlier years he enjoyed horse riding, golfing and playing pool. Bill recently took to running bingos and crib tournaments at Newbrook and enjoyed staying active. He had a lot of great stories and enjoyed sharing them. Bill and Ruth enjoyed live music, socializing and playing cards with their many wonderful friends over the years. He was kind and funny and made friends wherever he went. He loved his family with all his heart and will be missed dearly. A special thank you to staff at Newbrook Lodge, and to the medical staff at the Brooks Health Centre. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 27 at 11:00 AM from the Brooks United Church. Rev George Edmonds officiating. Interment to follow at Brooks Cemetery.

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



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Nov. 16, 1927 -March 27, 1995

#### JOHN KOCH

August 28, 1915 -March 29, 1974

Those we love don't go away. they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, So loved, so missed, so very dear.

Loved and remembered, REG, KEN, CAROL, MERLE ANN & FAMILIES

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#### coming events

#### **CRAWLING VALLEY GENERAL** MEETING April 15

at 7:00 at Surestav Hotel in Bassano.

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LAWSON - It is with sadness we share that our mom, Pamela Jean Lawson, has passed away - unexpectedly but peacefully in her sleep at the age of 68.

Born and raised in southern Alberta, she was proud to be a farm girl and come from a small community where people were "salt of the earth", and everyone looked out for each other. Growing up in Patricia, attending school later in Duchess, and living in Brooks, there was a sense of comfort to her that many of the people she crossed paths with she had known her entire life. In 2009 she embarked on a new adventure by moving to Calgary with the devoted and caring Esmail Mohamud. But the memories of shared moments with family and friends that

spanned decades had planted their seeds deep within her soul, and she felt homesick for her roots and the place she felt she belonged. Three years ago, she followed that feeling in her heart, and she moved back to Brooks to retire and be closer to friends and family.

When we think of our Mom, we think of Strength. Life wasn't always easy for her, but she took everything in stride and forged ahead, making the most of the cards life dealt, and doing it well. In an era when it was heavily frowned upon, she became a teen mother at the age of 16. The bravery and strength it took to make that decision defined her, her whole life. She was Courageous, she was Caring, and she was Tenacious, and we are both grateful and proud of her for those traits.

Another defining trait: Compassionate. She derived such purpose and meaning in life from being of service to others. Whether that was through caring for clients when she owned her hair salon, Classic Cuts, where most times it was more about the heartfelt conversations with the people in her chair than it was about the haircuts, or through her work at Brooks Victim's Services. Of all the jobs she had in her life, this was the one she valued most. Being a gentle, guiding presence in people's time of need was her true soul's calling. She loved helping others and her time there meant so much to her.

The other thing she loved most... being a Mom, and even moreso, a Grandma. Oh how she loved her Taylor. The sun, and moon, and all the stars set and rose around her favourite girl. She was so proud of her, and to have played such a big part in her childhood. Mom loved spending time with all three of us girls, and getaways to Las Vegas, Vancouver, Radium, Banff and Canmore, as well as our times meeting for shared meals and arts & crafts over the years, will be memories we hold dear. We will think of her every time we listen to a Johnny Reid song, make her Italian marinated salad, do anything artistic because she was seemingly talented at it all, wrap a Christmas present with a ridiculous amount of bows and curly ribbons ...we will think of her, and we will miss

Pam was predeceased by her parents Jim and Bernice Westwick, her son Jamie, and just 2 months ago, her sister Bea Seely. She is survived by her daughters Sheila Enevold and Shawna Hogg (Darrell) her granddaughter Taylor; her sister Loretta and her son CJ (Cheyanne) and their daughter Camryn; her brother Gene (Kelly) and their sons Brett (Jesse) and their children Jase and Zoey, Lane (Dakota) and their son Ben. Nieces Jerri (Garry) Fletcher, Danelle (Lance) Ulrick and their son Aaron; her son-in-law Ryan Enevold and her closest friends, Sheryl Davidson and Janet Moreau

With her death, we are consoled by the thought that she is now reunited with many of her loved ones but especially those she missed the most: her Mom, her dear friend Paul Tessier, her very best friend (and fellow fun & mischief maker) Phyllis Gallant and her youngest child & beloved son Jamie, whom she has missed dearly every single day since the moment he left. It brings us great comfort to think of him wrapping his arms around her, resting his chin on the top of her head (she was quite short after all) and welcoming her with the biggest, most loving hug she has been

waiting 30 long years to have.

To honor our mother's wishes, there will be no funeral service. We invite you to please celebrate her memory and honour her in your own special ways. She will be with us all in spirit. In the summer, on a warm and beautiful day, we will take her Home by spreading her ashes on her family's land in a place she loved as

Because there will be no service we will miss out on the opportunity to hear your shared moments and memories of our Mom. It would mean so much if you would still share those with us, either via the funeral home website (choicememorial.com) or private messages via email and social media.

We sincerely Thank You for your care and understanding. Our tender hearts have been handled with such kindness and compassion by so many, and it has meant the world to us during this very difficult time to feel a sense of community support.

#### in memory



#### obituaries



PETERSEN - Peter Hjorth Petersen of Brooks passed away peacefully on March 16, 2024, at the age of on March 16, 2024, at the age of 85, surrounded by family. Born in Bassano on July 8, 1938, to Soren and Dagmar Petersen, Soren and Dagmar Petersen, Peter grew up on the farm and attended school at Renfrew, Tilley, and finally Olds College. On November 20, 1959, Peter married Lois Tiegs. They farmed across the road from his parents, and raised four children. Farming was difficult for young families then, but neighbors worked in turn to ensure that each other's homes could accommodate family growth. Peter was a farmer through and through: industrious and upright. Early in his career, he joined S &

A Seed Farms, and helped pioneer the Southern Alberta alfalfa seed business, introducing leafcutter bees to the operation, an innovation that began with a 10 acre plot and some drinking straw bundles, and developed into a expanded, custom work arm of the business. In 1971, Peter and three partners started Gold Medal Seeds. There, his ability to connect with customers flourished, and soon he took over its principal ownership, over-seeing the seed cleaning and marketing for the rest of his career. His days started early, with businesses around town racing to get their coffee pots on for each morning's round of jokes, pranks, and news. When Gold Medal's original seed plant burnt down and made its own headlines, Peter took it in stride and built a new modern facility in the newly-formed industrial park. In 2007, with mixed emotions, he sold out and retired. Retirement cleared the way for hobbies, most notably woodworking, which took place in his custom built woodworking shack. His self-taught skills were many, but lathe work was likely his chief passion, with his stools, tables, bowls, and plant stands now adorning many homes of friends and family. He was very generous with his creations. Sets of 'Made by Peter' coasters are now scattered near and far. When Lois passed away, 56 years married, Peter moved to Newbrook Lodge. There, he enjoyed an easier lifestyle, and took joy in following his whims at the wheel, checking in on crops and people. Sadly, aging chips away at our independence, and no one felt that more than Peter. The end of his driving career was painful, as were the limits this set on his visiting, though an electric scooter proved to be an acceptable compromise. Peter was predeceased by his parents; sister, Elsie; wife, Lois; son, Donald; and great grandson, Noah. He is survived by his daughters, Diane (Ed), Christine (Gord), Donna (Laine); his daughter in law, Colli; thirteen grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; his brother and sister, Dennis Petersen (Inga) and Doreen Burton (Jim); his sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews. By Peter's request, no formal service will be held. Family interment will be held at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Tilley. Thank you to everyone who made Peter's life more complete and more comfortable. Special thanks to the staff at Long Term Care. If desired memorial tributes may be made to Brooks and District Health Foundation, Bag 300, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B3 or a charity of your choice.

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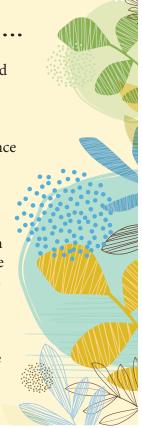
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We would like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to those who sent food, flowers, cards and messages of condolence on the passing of our dear wife, mother and grandmother Lanie.

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- making keys etc., and try to minimize waste. Keep stock in storage area neat, clean, and orderly.
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#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ability to work a flexible schedule including weekdays and
- Friendly and helpful attitude toward customers.
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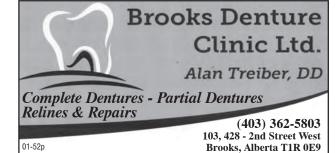


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AMBULANCE

# FIRSTA

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If you keep your head and know how to treat injured victims, you can save lives. This page looks at some basic first-aid techniques for minor injuries. More serious emergencies require medical treatment by someone who has taken a certified first-aid course. If you don't know what to do, get help immediately.

First aid is the immediate care provided to an injured or ill person before

treatment by medically trained personnel. First aid is mostly about using

#### General rules

- Quickly analyze the situation, and decide if you can safely help the victim. Do not put yourself in danger!
- · Do not try to help if you are not sure of the treatment. You could do more harm than good.
- Unless absolutely necessary, do not move a victim who may have a broken bone, internal injuries or damage to the neck or spine.
- Check to see if the victim is conscious and breathing.
- · Get help: Call 911 and give them a description of the emergency and your location.
- · Reassure and care for the victim while waiting for help.

#### Minor bleeding

Blood can carry diseases, so be careful. Use gloves if you have them, and try to wash your hands before and after helping someone.

#### Steps for treating a small cut or wound:

- Seeing blood can be scary, so it is important to reassure and calm the person who is hurt.
- · Apply pressure with a clean cloth if possible.
- · Wash the wound with water.
- · Remove any dirt with water and soap or a bit of disinfectant. Dirt inside a wound can cause infection, so notify a doctor if dirt remains in the wound.



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often provide classes to the public.

#### Nosebleeds

Nosebleeds are common and usually not serious.

#### Treatment of a minor nosebleed:

- Sit upright, and lean forward (not upward).
- Pinch the soft part of the nose for a few minutes.
- · After the bleeding has stopped, don't pick or blow your nose, and don't bend down for several hours afterward.

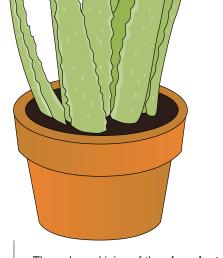
Seek medical care if the bleeding lasts for more than 20 minutes or if the nosebleed follows an accident (a fall or injury that might have broken the nose).

## Shock

Shock is a life-threatening medical condition where the delivery of oxygen and nutrients is not meeting the body's needs. Any time there is a loss of blood, there is a risk of shock.

#### Treatment of shock includes:

- · Reassure and comfort the victim.
- Try to stop any bleeding.
- Cover the victim with a blanket or jacket. (Not too thick, or it may cause a drop in blood pressure.)
- · Do not give a drink. Moisten lips if requested.
- · If alone, go for help. If possible, someone should go for help and someone else should stay with the victim until help arrives.



The pulp and juice of the aloe plant have been used to treat minor wounds since ancient times.

#### Minor burns

Burns are painful and should be treated quickly. Mild burns that involve only the top layer of skin and are tender to touch, appear red and swollen, and may blister — these burns can be treated safely at home. Serious burns involve muscle as well as skin and require immediate medical help.

#### Treatment for a minor burn:

- · Cool water, aloe-vera gel or aloe juice directly from the plant can soothe the pain.
- · Never put ice on a burn.
- Over-the-counter pain relievers may help.

#### Insect bites, stings

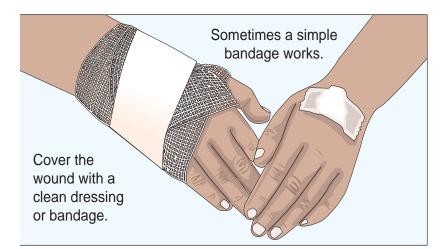
Bug bites and stings can sometimes cause infection or an allergic reaction. Symptoms such as coughing, swelling, hives, difficulty breathing or loss of consciousness require immediate medical assistance.

#### Treatment of a bee or wasp sting:

- · Quickly remove a bee's stinger. A wasp doesn't leave its stinger in the wound.
- · Wash the area with soap and water several times a day.
- To relieve pain, apply ice and calamine lotion.
- · Give over-the-counter pain relievers if needed.

A sting anywhere in or around the mouth requires prompt medical attention.

People who know they are allergic to bees and wasps should keep a special allergy kit nearby.



# No follow up discussion by city on Bandits ice request

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

The city's discussion regarding the Bandits' extended use of the Centennial Regional Arena was deleted from council's Monday agenda.

Brooks CAO Alan Martens said the Bandits requested that it not yet be discussed.

The Bandits' moved into the BCHL which resulted in an extension of the season for the former-AJHL team. In the fall a request was made to city council to host a rodeo in the arena.

Had it been a regular season the ice would have been removed by the beginning of May.

However, the Bandits believe they will be hosting playoff games at the time of the rodeo and predict that they will finish in first place which will give them home ice advantage.

The team did tell city council they can play at the

second place host arena or they can play in either Strathmore or Medicine Hat.

Council is expected to discuss a couple of options including adding a layer of sawdust under the ice surface or placing plywood over the ice.

The plywood option is likely to be favoured with a cost of just under \$40,000 which would be split between city taxpayers and the Bandits.



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# Lake Newell Resort Marina will operate this season

SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

The Lake Newell Resort Marina will operate this season with a new dock.

Last week about 50 resort residents attended the marina's annual general meeting to learn about its future.

Residents were told that the launch and dock needs to be replaced and the shoreline needs to be repaired.

"The board is of the view that the most pressing issue is the dock. It's a safety issue," said Bill Herman, board chair.

Former board member Sean Yeaman said there were two wind events in two consecutive years where fingers broke free from the dock during mid-afternoons so people were around to hold onto boats with rope to help avoid at least five to six boats from smashing into each other.

"Thankfully nobody got hurt," he said.

"It's only going to get worse. We're at a point now where the top decking is all rotten."

Many other problems were discussed regarding the 25-year-old dock and some temporary solutions considered but they were not acceptable to the majority.

Yeaman said he stepped away from the board because if something were to happen he didn't want to be left responsible.

"If those fingers break free again and we have six, seven, eight, nine, 10 boats go away, I'm definitely not going to be the one sitting there with broken and rotten wood in my hand.

"We know that there's a problem. We know it needs to be fixed. We can keep ignoring it and not do anything about it or we can do something about it." he said.

"I wouldn't put my boat anywhere near that marina."

Rick Noack told about his experience last summer when he went to check on his boat and felt unsafe.

"When I entered the main dock it was swaying from side to side so bad I had to get down on my hands and knees to crawl to my boat," he said.

He said the dock was wet and slippery and when he got to the end of his slip he reached out to hang on to his hoat

"As I did so, I was up to my waist in water because my slip had given way and was now submerged under the water and I was desperately trying to hold on to my boat in the wind and bring it back to the slip."

the slip."

"Those conditions are very extreme and are going to continue."

The members were presented with costs for the repairs including \$137,000 for a cofferdam, \$105,000 for shoreline repairs, \$280,000 for the launch plus between \$15,000-\$20,000 to remove the old one. The county granted the board \$65,800 to pay for a boat ramp. That has increased to \$74,900 and the marina may return to the county for additional funding.

Voting members overwhelmingly passed a motion that the association contributes up to \$90,000 towards the cost of a new dock and slips provided that at least 20 members commit a one time fee of \$5,000, excluding the \$1,000 annual fee, for the continued use of a

designated slip.

As of Monday morning, marina vice-president Julian Annicchiarico said they had 18 members commit to \$5,000 which means the dock will be installed this year.

As for the boat launch, he said they will make do with what they have this season.

EID general manager Ivan Friesen told the board that he anticipates another low water year on the reservoir so Annicchiarico believes the launch may be installed in the fall using a possibly rented cofferdam.

As for daily boat launch rental rates they will be discussed during an upcoming board meting.



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF BASSANO
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

#### PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 937/24

To be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 2024 Town of Bassano Council Chambers 502 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

PURSUANT to sections 216.4, 606, and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, Chapter M-26, 2000, as amended, the Council of the Town of Bassano in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw No. 937/24 being an amendment to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw No. 921/21.

The land that is the subject to the proposed land use bylaw amendment is legally described as

LOT 6PUL, BLOCK 52, PLAN 151 0415
WITHIN THE NORTHEAST SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 21, RANGE 18, WEST OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN

and this land is also shown on the map in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

AND WHEREAS the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 937/24 is to redesignate the above-noted lands from "Public and Institutional - PI" to "Residential Manufactured Home—RM".

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing to contemplate the proposed Bylaw No. 937/24 will be held in the Town of Bassano Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the  $8^{\rm m}$  day of April, 2024. A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Town of Bassano office during normal business hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw should contact the Chief Administrative Officer no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 8th day of April, 2024. Both written and/or verbal presentations may be given at the public hearing.

DATED at the Town of Bassano in the Province of Alberta this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2024.



Amanda Davis Chief Administrative Officer Town of Bassano 502 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Bassano, Alberta TOJ 0B0



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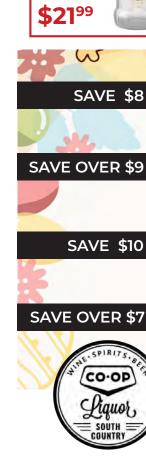


















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