

# BROOKS BULLETIN

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# Province announces construction funds for BJHS



Premier Danielle Smith announces the construction funding for the new Brooks Junior High School during a press conference at BJHS on April 5. Shown are left, Pat Connor, Grasslands School board chair and education minister Demetrios Nicolaides. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

Last Friday premier and Brooks-Medicine Hat MLA Danielle Smith announced the construction of the new Brooks Junior High School.

The premier was joined by the education minister and Pat Connor, chairman of Grasslands School board in the junior high school library.

"We are all indeed very excited about the possibility of this new school and the opportunities it will offer," said Connor.

"This new facility will provide ease of accessibility, will provide additional space to allow Grasslands and their teachers to, in the words of our minister, provide a world class education."

The new 6,477 square meter facility will replace the current school that has served the community for seven decades.

"Brooks Junior High is the school at the top of the priority list for the Grasslands School Division, so this is welcome news not only for the school board, but also for staff, students and their families," said Smith.

"I look forward to seeing the next steps as this project moves toward construction, as well as celebrating when the doors officially open."

The original school was built in 1953 and had expansions to it in 1959, 1972 and 1985.

The capacity of the current school is 663. The new one will have space for 820 students.

Grasslands School board has been working with an architect on the school's design which will include multiple windows for more sunlight.

During construction, which will take place on the

site of the football field and track, students will remain in the existing building.

"While project timelines are still to be ironed out and finalized, we do anticipate the new school could be in a position to be opened for students starting the '27 to '28 school year," said minister of education Demetrios Nicolaides.

The school replacement was announced in the 2023 budget and the construction funding in the 2024 budget.

A final decision as to where the football field and track will permanently move has not been made.

Football will likely be played on the Brooks Composite High School field for at least two seasons. During construction of the school, there will be no stadium lights for football.

It's unknown where track and field activities will take place.

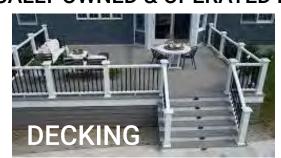


Eastbrook Elementary School students crammed into a Brooks Fire Truck on Monday under the guidance of Brooks fire chief Kevin Swanson. | SM STANWAY PHOTO

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# Grasslands FCSS selects 2024 citizen and junior citizen

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

Perkins Duane Grasslands FCSS Citizen of the Year and Zan Qi Tian as the junior citizen of the year.

Citizen of the Year



**DUANE PERKINS** 

"I was surprised," said Perkins, who sent his short response while overseas.

Perkins was recognized for his numerous volunteer positions which started when he and wife, Janet, arrived in Brooks in 1980.

Starting with Oilmen's Association, he has marshaled the Santa Claus Parade, volunteered for numerous City of Brooks committees and organizations as as those that operate independently from the city such as the Brooks Bandits, Brooks Curling Club and the Brooks and District Food

In 2023 Perkins was presented the Healthy Living Award in AgeCare's Seniors of Distinction award.

He chaired the 2023 Alberta 55-Plus Senior and while he proposes ideas to city council, such as the amphitheatre, that may get turned down, he perseveres, as his nominator Gloria Evans notes her letter.

One project was the pump bike track which he proposed at the West End. Although the location wasn't selected, it may be built alongside the skateboard park.

"I believe he has the interests of city and the county residents at the heart of his volunteering," Evans wrote.

City mayor John Petrie noted in his nomination letter that Perkins not only serves on boards but always takes an active role.

"He is what most of us call 'go getter' and 'doer'," wrote Petrie.

#### **JUNIOR CITIZEN**

Grade 12 St. Joseph's Collegiate student Zan Qi Tian was selected as the Junior Citizen for his volunteerism at SPEC.

"I didn't expect it but it

Jr. Citizen of the Year



**ZAN QITIAN** 

was very exciting," he said.

Zan, 17, arrived in Brooks in 2009 from China but did not know English.

He said he found the community to be very welcoming and has since been working with newcomers through his volunteer efforts where he tutors newcomers in all subjects through SPEC and organized a Fun Run for Global Village which was aimed at newcomers.

"Newcomers are most important part of the community."

In addition to his volunteering, in 2023 he spent part of his summer at the University of Calgary in the High School Youth Researcher Summer (HYRS) program.

Working with a mentor analyzed scanned

images to diagnose arthritis in the knee.

The images were run through a series of codes which highlighted the critical parts of the image to allow Zan to manually go through images and compare them between patients with and without arthritis.

His post secondary schooling will involve computer science and the development of artificial intelligence in the field of medicine for both diagnosis and practical work.

Nasra Omar, coordinator of the settlement worker in schools program, noted in her nomination letter that Zan is a lead volunteer in the tutoring program that allows immigrant and refugee youth learning English to access additional support outside of school.

'Coming from a family of Chinese immigrants, Zan has had the unique experience of seeing first hand how vitally important it is for new students in our community to have support," Omar noted.

"Zan is remarkably bright, as evidenced by his grades. He is also positive and kind, always shows up with a smile and is always the last to leave," noted nominator Ahmed Kassem.

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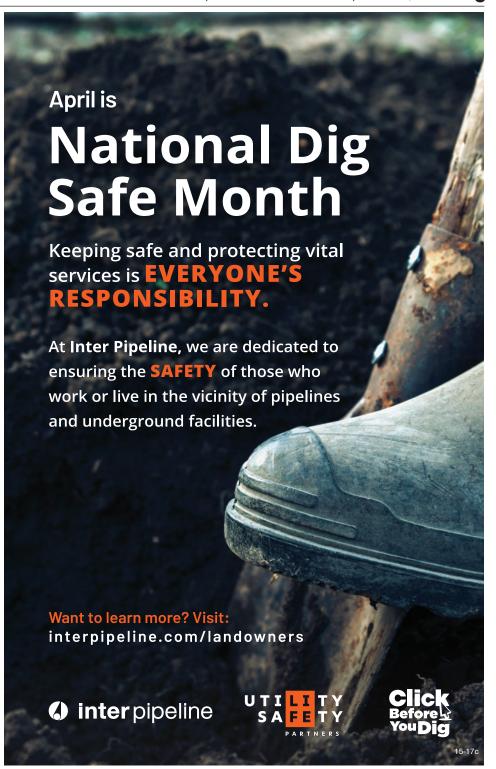


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## Notice of Public Hearing

City of Brooks, in the Province of Alberta, for proposed Bylaw 24/12 (Zoning Change) to be held at 5:00 pm, May 6, 2024 in City of Brooks Council Chambers

PURSUANT to sections 216.4, 606 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the Council of the City of Brooks in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt Bylaw 24/12, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw 14/12 for the municipality.

The purpose of the proposed Bylaw 24/12 is to redesignate LOTS 18-23, BLOCK 4, PLAN 0712061 (1504 - 1514 2 Avenue East) from "RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DETACHED (R-SD)" to "RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (R-HD)", as illustrated below.

### **Submit Comments**

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

> Planning and Engineering 201 - 1st Avenue West Box 879 Brooks, AB TIR 1B7

Please forward written submissions on or before May 3 at 4:30 PM.



## Attend or View the Hearing

The public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw 24/12 will be held in the City of Brooks Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2024. Please get in touch with the Development Department if you would like to speak at the meeting.

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





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## Notice:

The City of Brooks will be closing the Storm Retention area on Irrigation Ave and Young Road. This area has been used as a dog off-leash area but users are now being asked to use the new Brooks Dog Park on Sutherland Drive.



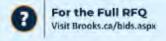
# **Request for Proposal**



## **Transit Feasibility Pilot**

The City of Brooks seeks innovative proposals from interested parties for the the provision of all services, equipment and expertise, including all vehicles and operators necessary to provide regularly scheduled public transportation services for the City as part of a public transit feasibility pilot project.

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





# COMMENT

# **Canada must follow Europe's lead on building** new energy infrastructure

We sit on the sidelines as Europeans ink deals with Qatar and build LNG terminals at warp speed. Canada needs to show it means business

BY ALEXANDER DALZIEL

NATIONAL POST

Another foreign visit, another plea for Canadian liquified natural gas unanswered. Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, who was in Canada March 24 and 25, got the same cool reception that his peers from Japan and Germany in their calls for Canadian liquefied

natural gas (LNG) exports.
Why the indifference? Enter the dreaded rhetoric of the Canadian "business case," the habit in domestic policy discourse to dismiss LNG exports to Europe as unviable — despite repeated asks from Europeans themselves.

This lens fails to acknowledge the transformation underway in the international political economy. The 1990s were the heyday of rationalist economic thinking, when a past blighted by politics was being left behind for an optimal future of market signals and consumer preferences. This period of enlightenment has given way to a dirty present, where politics is back with a vengeance in economic decisionmaking. In the 1990s, efficiency was the idol; now redundancy is a cardinal virtue.

So, as Canada's infrastructure investment has atrophied, others have taken a different approach and it's paid off handsomely.

Consider Lithuania. In 2011, its electricity grid relied entirely on gas from Russia's stateowned Gazprom. Fed up with the exorbitant prices it was being charged, Lithuania's government decided to intervene and took the significant financial risk of selffunding, without European Union (EU) support, the construction of an LNG regasification plant. It was operating by late 2014 and paid immediate dividends: Gazprom, its monopoly broken, had to offer better prices, and by 2018 Lithuania was paying it about 50 per cent less for gas.

After Russia's full invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Lithuania halted Russian imports. Its LNG infrastructure proved invaluable not just to its economic stability and national security, but more broadly to European energy particularly that of security, Estonia, Latvia and Poland. Despite a weak "business case" 1990s economic terms, Lithuania's political choices created resilience and a better life for its citizens.

took Russia's aggression against Ukraine for the rest of Europe to fully learn the Lithuanian lesson. In 2021, Russia accounted for about 40 per cent of EU gas imports. Late last year it was down to 16 per cent. Europe now relies heavily instead on Norwegian and Algerian pipelines for natural gas, accounting for 40 per cent of total gas imports late last year

from 30 per cent in early 2021; meanwhile, LNG from the United States now accounts for about 20 per cent of all gas imports, up from about five per cent over the same period, according to the Bruegel think tank.

Suppliers in the Middle East have been busy, too. Qatar in particular has been signing longterm contracts to provide LNG to Germany, France and the Netherlands. Norway and the U.S. are unquestionably reliable suppliers, but in the longer term, Qatar, with its head-spinning reserves of natural gas, is likely to grow its European market share.

Although few would question its commitment to customers, Qatar is located in a fractious region, where a conflict in the Persian Gulf would compromise shipping routes, adding heightened element of geopolitical risk. Should such risk manifest itself, Europe in the decades ahead may again face a serious energy crunch.

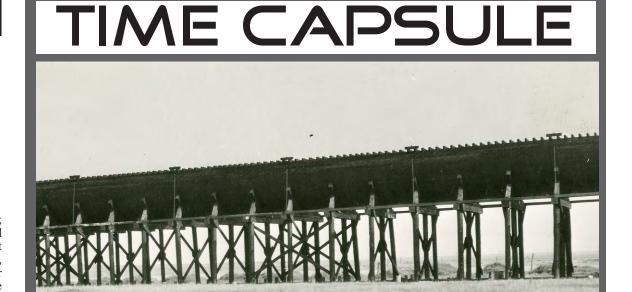
We don't need to just limit the conversation to the future. Qatar's example indicates that European market share is still available. Despite the precipitous drop in pipeline gas, Russian LNG exports to the EU have continued unabated as members can't find enough gas to replace it. As of February, it was still the second-largest exporter to European customers. So, an LNG export facility on Canada's East Coast would have sound prospects in the medium term to ship to Europe and replace Russian LNG, even barring new geopolitical upsets (which are pretty much inevitable). This suggests a sustainable market with upside potential.

Canadian natural gas would be another long-term reliable source. Probably the single most effective thing Canada could do for Ukraine would be to wean Europe off the remaining gas it gets from Russia.

Canada has shown it is willing to place massive financial bets on battery manufacturing. A similar mentality should apply to natural gas, which is also essential to the energy transition. It has growth prospects for at least the next two decades. Canada's reputation as a reliable supplier to allied and partner nations is likely to prove a competitive asset.

And the Lithuanians, more recently the Germans, have shown that LNG infrastructure can be put in place, fast. Germany got an LNG import terminal up and running within a year in 2022. We should dare to act. That would show Canada means

Alexander Dalziel is a senior fellow at the Macdonald-Laurier



# **Senegal: Last Country Standing**



The crisis in Senegal, the one country in West Africa that has never had a military coup, has passed. Few people outside Africa were paying close attention to it, but I'm sure you will be pleased to know that democracy has survived.

Lucky Senegal doesn't even an Islamist insurgency killing hundreds or thousands of people a month. (Most other countries in the 'Sahel' belt just south of the Sahara – do.) In fact, the recent turmoil in Senegal didn't involve soldiers at all, just an elected president who wanted to overstay his welcome.

Amidst the violence and misery that plague the rest of the Sahel, Senegal is a beacon of hope: very poor, to be sure, and with an exploding population (the median age is 19), but it is peaceful and democratic. It even has reasonably efficient public services, good roads and a high-speed train.

Nowhere else in the Sahel has those things, but Senegal's relative success signals to the other countries of the Sahel that they are not cursed. They could hope to have those things too, if only they could get their act together. A slim hope, maybe, but better than nothing, so the crisis in Senegal really got the attention of other West Africans.

To cut to the chase, Senegal's President Macky Sall, nearing the end of his second term in office, tried to postpone the next presidential election, legally

scheduled for last February. His chosen successor seemed certain to lose and he couldn't legally run again, so most people assumed that Sall was planning to hang on to power illegally.

Maybe he was and maybe he wasn't, but youthful protesters came out on the streets, and sixteen were shot dead. by the police. Some opposition leaders were jailed on questionable charges. Everybody has seen this movie, and it doesn't end usually end well - but this is Senegal, and the players changed the script.

The Constitutional Council (a panel of senior judges) ruled that the election must be held on time. Macky Sall accepted the judgement and agreed to leave power.

The election went off peacefully last week, and the opposition candidate, Bassirou Diomaye Faye, won with 54% of the votes. A happy ending, or so it would seem.

However. the new president is just a stand-in for the real opposition leader, Ousmane Sonko, who couldn't run for president because of his recent conviction for "acting immorally" towards a 20-yearold massage therapist. (He was cleared of raping her, though she claimed that he did.) Does this case remind you of some American politician?

Sonko is adored by the radical youth of Senegal, who have lots to be radical about because they can see no jobs in their future. (More than 60% of the population is under 25.) Sonko is a 'firebrand' who says things like "those who have ruled Senegal deserve to be shot," and promises to make things better by breaking things.

It's a marriage made in Heaven (although Sonko is actually 49 years old). He rants and the alienated youth cheer. His political style, in fact, is

quite similar to Donald Trump's, although neither man would welcome the comparison. Trump is most appealing to the old, ignorant, and angry; Sonko appeals to the young, ignorant and desperate.

**LATHOM FLUME** 

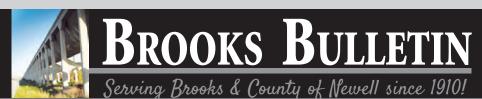
So this may really be the swansong of Senegal's halfcentury of democracy. It always seemed likely to develop in that direction, rather than other West African countries 'leveling up' to Senegal's standard. Sonko will be happy to read the funeral

Every country has problems, but these countries have every problem at once. They have a heritage of brutal colonialism. Education for most is basic or even non-existent. Health care is virtually non-existent in rural areas. Corruption is rampant (mostly because people are so poor).

There have been six military coups in West Africa in the past three years: one each in Guinea and Niger and two each in Mali and Burkina Faso. Every one of these countries except Senegal is besieged by Islamist fanatics who belong to al-Qaeda or Islamic State, and now Russian mercenaries are adding to the carnage. It sounds trite to say it, but the only escape route from all this is economic growth: growth that will create the jobs, the schools and the hospitals, which will in turn will create a workforce that has the skills well, you know the rest.

West African economies are actually growing, with a couple of exceptions, but the high birth rates throughout the region mean that the per capita income is stagnant or declining in the Sahel countries. Even Senegal's population is growing at 2.5%; Niger is at 3.7%.

What West Africa need is a virtuous circle of growth. What it has is the biggest vicious circle in the world.



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# Brooks and area **RCMP** report

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

#### Mail theft

A prolific property crime offender was caught by Brooks RCMP as he was stealing a package that had been delivered to a residence.

Police say they saw Jann Capco steal the package on April 10 at about 1:50 p.m.

After he was arrested, police found documents belonging to multiple people.

42-year-old was The released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Brooks court on April 17.

The public is asked to report any property theft including missing packages or theft of mail.

#### Stolen **Trailer**

A trailer that had been reported stolen was found on a rural property in Iddesleigh on April 1 and towed to Brooks.

Theft of Other Motor

#### Vehicle

On March 28 a Brooks resident reported to police his travel trailer had been stolen from his residence.

The travel trailer is a white 2007 Springdale with Alberta plate 4JX327.

#### Semi on Fire

On March 30 at 9:56 a.m. the Brooks fire department responded to a semi on 6th Street East that was on fire.

When police arrived they observed a fully engulfed semi. There were no injuries and the investigation is ongoing.

#### **Breach of Peace**

On March 28 at 12:07 p.m. RCMP responded to several 911 calls from an intoxicated male who was threatening to kill police.

The unidentified man arrested without incident and held until sober. He is to appear in Brooks court on May 1.

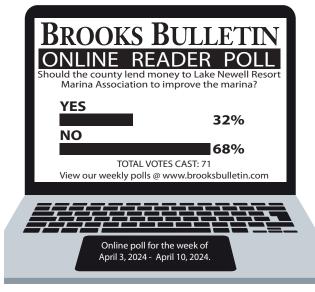
called Police intoxicated family, friends Over the recent long

weekend, police dealt with numerous mischief files in local residences where a friend or family member was intoxicated by alcohol or drugs to the point families called police to have the person removed.

Brooks RCMP would like to remind citizens of Brooks that you are responsible for your consumption of



substances and if you can not control yourself and police are called you will be arrested and held in cells until sober.



# **He Still Restores**

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

Pastor Kola Ayeni, The Redeemed Christian Church of God

At the completion of the creation process, God carefully appraised all He had created and concluded that it was very good. Genesis 1:31

However, looking at the world God created today, it is very glaring that a lot of things are no longer very good. One may but wonder why this is so. Through deception of the devil, Adam & Eve fell into the error of sin which brought corruption and degeneration into the world. Men began worship created things after the fall and God cursed the earth which invariably led to a situation where these created things began to work against humanity. The land refused to yield

its increase, the weather became contrary, and animals became wild and unfriendly. God knew that humanity needed restoration which He alone could provide, and this prompted Him out of compassion and great love to send His only begotten Son - Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus during his ministry on earth went about restoring things that had been destroyed by the enemy back to God's original plan and purpose. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, the restorative power of God was released through the forgiveness of sin. That same Jesus is still in the business of physical and spiritual restoration today. Whatever might have been lost or broken in your life can be restored if you will turn it over to Him. Jesus still restores!

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B. illness

C. blood

D.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Lyme disease. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 8 = L)

16 22 13 24 9 25 A.

Clue: Bighting insect or organism

B. 8 23 22 26 26

Clue: Causes one to be sick

6 8 9 9 11 C.

Clue: Flows through the body

12 13 24 22 25 D.

Clue: Microorganisms that can cause disease

# WORD SCRAMBLE

something pertaining to Lyme disease.

KTCI



# Guess Who?

I am an actress born on April 13, 1980, in Georgia. I studied theater at the University of Evansville in Indiana. I am "All My Children" and for playing a detective on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

Answer: Kelli Giddish

Rearrange the letters to spell



Апѕмет: Тіск

best known for my role on the soap opera

# IE DISEASE WORD SEARCH

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

## **WORDS**

BITE BLACK-LEGGED BULLSEYE DEER DIAGNOSTIC DOG **FEVER** H0ST **ILLNESS INFECTION JOINTS** LYME DISEASE NYMPH PAIN PARASITE PATH0GEN **PREVENTION** RASH **RESPONSE** SPIROCHETE SPREAD **STIFFNESS SYMPTOMS** TICK

40. Gazes unpleasantly

51. Data file with computer

56. They have eyes and noses

59. Large Madagascan lemur

64. A driver's license is one

65. Latin term for charity

61. Ornamental saddle covering

69. Objects from an earlier time

32. Ancient Frankish law code

35. Popular pickup truck

39. Lying in the same plane

46. Challenge aggressively

47. Nocturnal hoofed animals

55. One-time name of Vietnam

62. Political action committee

57. Self-immolation by fire ritual 59. Private school in New York

B. de Mille, filmmaker

37. Buzzing insect

38. Deal illegally

49. Bird's nests

54. Title of respect

42. Obstruct

43. Related

50. Forays

70. Hindu male religious teachers

41. In a way, traveled

43. Ukraine's capital

44. Appropriate

48. Swiss river

animations

53. City in S. Korea

55. Particular region

45. Dash

58. Tear

60. Not out

67. Rechristens

47. Twitch

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Island nation
- 7. Platforms 13. Project plan
- French fishing port
- 16. South Dakota
- 17. Oakland's baseball team
- Military policeman
- 20. Ornamental stone 22. Garland
- 23. Process that produces
- ammonia
- 25. Mousses 26. Music notation "dal"
- 28. Fail to win
- 29. Peyton's little brother
- 30. Not near
- 31. Some cars still need it
- 33. Lizard genus 34. An idiot (Brit.)
- 36. Postponed
- 38. African country

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- 2. Yukon Territory
- 3. Makes a map of 4. An established ceremony
- prescribed by a religion
- 5. Unnilhexium 6. Merchant
- 7. Playing the field
- 8. Folk singer DiFranco
- 9. Something to scratch
- 10. Mexican agave
- 11. Equal to one quintillion bytes 12. Session
- 13. North American people
- 15. Ranches
- 18. Electroencephalograph
- 21. A type of compound 24. Avenue
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С ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

There is more to any situation than the money factor, Aries. When a new opportunity comes your way, look beyond the payoff to see what the heart of the offer entails.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 Look to your family members if you need inspiration on a new project, Taurus. Use loved ones as a sounding board for all of the ideas that are bouncing around.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 The willpower that you have been relying on lately is still going strong, Gemini. That is excellent and it's having a profound effect on other areas of your life.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, gossip is not something you usually delve into, but you may get roped into a conversation this week. Try not to give any weight to the rumors swirling around.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, you shouldn't be boastful about your abilities, but try not to be too modest. Accept the credit you are given.

Graciously embrace all of your good press.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 An interesting invitation might come your way, Virgo. It could open the door

to a very busy social calendar if you accept and do some key networking.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, an issue that you were worrying about is unlikely to surface. Stay in the present instead of looking ahead to all of the things that might go wrong.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 It may seem as if you are operating on autopilot, Scorpio. Days seem a carbon copy at this point. Do something to alter your routine.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 It's best if you avoid crowds for the time being, Sagittarius. You will benefit from some quiet time that only comes with being alone or within small groups of close friends.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 You are not normally characterized as "impulsive," Capricorn. However, this week you may surprise everyone. An opportunity to travel or another venture could drop in vour lap.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius, if you are not feeling challenged, you have to find activities that will get your brain moving again. Do whatever you can to spark some excitement.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 The choices coming your way are quite varied, Pisces. It can be overwhelming, so do not make any rash decisions until you work through all of your options.

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à midi le jour de déclaration de candidatures.

**Bassano Royal Purple** members presented contributions week organizations support ongoing community work.

Top photo, Bassano Royal Purple president **Tanya** presents Graham \$3,000 to Jackie Peterson of STARS.

Centre photo, Logan Grant, **Brooks** community peace officer, accepts \$1,000 from Royal **Purple member Kelly** Christman. The funds will be used for bike helmets as part of the city's bike rodeos.

**Bottom** photo, Urlacher Donna of Cantara House, accepts \$3,000 from Kelly Christman.

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Local Authorities Election Act

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(s'il y a lieu) Quartier PUBLIC No.2

Aire électorale 2 Quartier CATHOLIQUE No.3

Aire électorale 1

(Article 26)

Avis du jour de déclaration de candidatures

# Local craft distiller uncorks awards

SANDRA M STANWAY **BROOKS BULLETIN** 

Pivot Spirits recently earned a handful of awards from the Artisan Distillers of Canada Spirit Competition.

The Rolling company won nine awards including a gold with distinction for their winter gin in the contemporary category. They also won awards for their liqueur and whisky as well as a

ngle grain Weatherhead The single whisky, Whisky, was created for the Weatherhead family in honour of their contribution and impact on agriculture in Alberta.

"Brad and Weatherhead initially asked me if I could do a memorial whisky for their father and fast forward almost four years and Weatherhead Whisky has just won a bronze medal," said Lars Hirch, co-owner

The sustainability award was awarded to the company in recognition of their environmentally conscious methods that are integrated into their distilling farming and processes.

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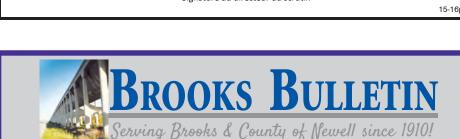








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# Cacao production crashes... chocolate lovers panic or should



It hasn't hit home yet, but next year, prices for a sinful indulgence will be considerably more expensive. I refer to the the shortage of cocoa powder the base ingredient for chocolate production. Chocolate products on the shelf today were produced from cacao harvested last year – even years ago – so retail prices haven't skyrocketed yet. I suspect the chocolate industry expected this for years, would have shortage as they known that cacao production back on the farm was severely declining. Chocolate manufacturers protect themselves from price increases by hedging through the cocoa futures market. But that only slows the inevitable price increases to come the shortage. Cocoa futures are traded

exchanges in through London, New York and Singapore. Cocoa futures contracts are similar to those for wheat, canola, etc. Interestingly, the Netherlands is the world hub of the cocoa trade, controlling 24% of the business, and it's the largest grinder of cacao beans. Most of their cocoa powder is then exported worldwide. It all started with the Dutch having most industrial windmills used in cacao grinding in the 18th and 19th centuries.

There are different of spellings cocoa and cacao. It's widely believed that the term 'cocoa' originates from a spelling mistake when the English translated it from Spanish. This is why cacao is the only word used in Hispanic languages, while cocoa is more common in English. What has evolved is that "cacao" refers to the pod and beans derived from the chocolate(?) tree, Theobroma Cacao. term cocoa is once the beans used

have been roasted and turned into nibs and powder, which are then used to manufacture chocolate products. The entire chocolate industry generates over \$100 billion annually in business worldwideunfortunately, smallholder cacao farmer gets less than 6% of the final value of the consumer chocolate product. Therein lies part of the problem.

So what has caused the world shortage of cocoa and caused chocolate lovers panic terrors? The mainstream urban media tends to blame it on – you guessed it - climate change. Sure, but weather (that's what climate change used to be called) has been a challenge to any crop production since humans began practicing agriculture. For cacao production in the major West African production area, most of the cacao crop losses have been due to ever-increasing cacao tree diseases like swollen shoot, black pod

rot, and witches' broom. diseases have caused 40% of the losses in production.

Other losses are due to illegal surface gold mining, which sees countless hectares of cacao trees being uprooted by criminal entities that corrupt governments local overlook. Perhaps the more significant issue contributing to lower cacao production is that primary production is labour-intensive and that small growers (2-4 hectares) produce virtually the entire crop can not make a living growing cacao trees. They also do not have the financial ability, economies of scale, expertise or skills to apply pesticides fungicides, other agronomic practices to deal with crop-destroying diseases.

Interestingly, the Mayans and Aztecs in Central America, where the cacao tree originated, knew how to deal with disease outbreaks. They just destroyed the sick

trees and moved to a new location, cleared out a chunk of the rainforest and planted new trees. That's a practice now frowned upon by savethe-rainforest zealots. Plant scientists and agronomists have developed new cacao tree genetics and chemical control practices that could deal with disease impact and spread. But as mentioned, that is not possible under existing small-scale production practices.

answer The increasing production is not just massive disease control measures but commercializing cacao growing industry to plantation size with corporate investment professional and management. Such an approach has worked rather well in coffee, tea, banana, rubber, pineapple etc production. However, it would take tremendous investment as the cacao tree is less conducive to row crop production and requires shading to maximize

production. With present cocoa prices in the \$10,000 per ton range up from \$1,500 a ton - that might make cacao production more viable.

Perhaps consistently high commercial prices, cacao production could be started in other growing areas like Papao New Guinea, northern Australia, Ecuador and Colombia. Those areas presently have limited cacao production but seem more open to modern cacao agronomics, plant genetics, and largescale commercialization than West African production, which has existing intractable problems. In the meantime. expect chocolate products to get much more expensive. Buy Alberta potato chips instead no shortage there.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.



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# May long weekend bird count returns to area

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

The 25th annual Brooks-Lake Newell Spring Bird Count is set to fly over the May long weekend.

The count, made up of volunteers, is one of the largest citizen science projects in the province and is part of the provincial May Species Count which began in 1976.

The aim of the count is to catch peak Alberta bird migration and to help collect data to help science.

On May 18 and 19 volunteers from all bird watching levels will spread out across a 20-mile radius across the area to record the number of birds and

species.

Last year 33 people volunteered and collectively recorded 150 bird species and over 33,000 birds including the first ever observation of a wood duck, the first yellow-bellied sapsucker since 2011, the second black-throated green warbler and the thirdever Nashville Warbler.

Overall, there were a low number of warblers, meadowlarks and extremely low duck and shorebird numbers but a higher than average number Chestnut-collared of Longspurs, which was the highest since 2014.

The number of pelicans doubled 24-year the

average.

The Whimbrel, Blue Jay, Warbling Vireo were not observed for the first time in the count history and Swallow numbers were below average.

Across the province there were 451 participants last year who observed 267 bird species, which was just below the average of 271 species.

Spotters saw 174,712 birds in 2023 which is 19 per cent lower than the 15-year average.

If anyone is interested in joining the bird count for the weekend, register in advance at BrooksBirdCount@gmail. com. All levels of birders are welcome.



Samuel Isimeli took this photo of the partial solar eclipse over Brooks on Monday at about 1p.m. Although Albertans were able to catch a partial eclipse, others in North America, including in parts of Ontario, Quebec, PEI, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland were treated to a total eclipse. SAMUEL ISIMELI PHOTO



You are invited to Attend

# **BROOKS MINOR HOCKEY** ANNUAL GENERAL

Date: Tuesday April 30/2024

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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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**NOTICE** 



APRIL 25 11:30 am

PURSUANT to sections 23O, 6O6, and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, Chapter M-26, 2000, as amended, the Council of the County of Newell in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw 2066-24 being an amendment to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw 2016-21.

THE PURPOSE of proposed Bylaw No. 2066-24 is to update the Land Use Bylaw to include policy that will create efficiencies in the development permit process. The Council of the County of Newell wishes to amend the following sections of the Land Use Bylaw: Table 2: Development Not Requiring Permit | 3.10 Accessory Buildings/Structures | 3.58 Signs Not Requiring a Permit | 4.14 Live/Work Units | 4.17 Secondary Suites (External)

And to amend Section 5 - Changes to permitted and discretionary uses in the Agriculture, General District (A-GEN), Agriculture, Small Lot (A-SML), Agricultural, Hamlet Transitional (A-HAM), Residential, Manufactured Home Park District (R-MAN), Residential, Hamlet District (R-HAM), Business Hamlet District (B-HAM), Business, Rural District (B-RUR), Industrial, General District (I-GEN) and Special, Parks and Public Services District (S-PPS) Land Use Districts. And to amend Section 6 - Glossary to amend the definition of Campground, and add a definition for School, Colony.

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 18, 2024.



Council Chambers or our livestream



# Brooks and area RCMP report and tips

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

#### **Dangerous driving**

On April 5, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. RCMP received a report of a van that was swerving while westbound on Highway 1.

Gleichen RCMP stopped the Mercedes Sprinter.

The driver did not have any alcohol on his breath and the screening showed

The American driver was issued a ticket for \$162 for failing to maintain a lane.

#### **Impaired operation**

While on patrol on April 6 at 1:29 a.m. in the downtown area, a member of the Brooks detachment observed a Mercedes Benz stop at a four way intersection, proceed slowly and stop again while it was halfway through its turn.

A traffic stop was made and the driver was given an alcohol screening test which showed that he was impaired.

The vehicle was seized and the driver received provincial sanctions.

#### **Loose horses**

During the early morning hours of April 6 police were called to a report of horses running loose on Silver Sage Road.

"The Brooks RCMP member who responded showed his rodeo skills in wrangling three horses back to the owner," states a police

## **Driver found to be** impaired after failing to

On April 7 at 1:34 a.m. an officer who was on patrol watched a vehicle drive through a stop sign and cut off members who were on the road.

The officer initiated a traffic stop and the driver was given a screening test which showed a fail.

The driver failed to comply with a mandatory screening test and was charged.

The vehicle and driver's licence was suspended for 90 days

#### Failing to Comply

On April 7, 2024 at 10:44 p.m. an officer was conducting a foot patrol near the Brooks Hotel when they witnessed a vehicle turning south on First Street East and then did a U-turn and drove east.

A traffic stop was initiated.

passenger The was arrested for failing to comply with his release order to not be in Brooks.

He was arrested and held for a bail hearing.

## **Environmental design**

# prevention

RCMP reminding property owners to protecting their home

business through crime prevention through environmental design.

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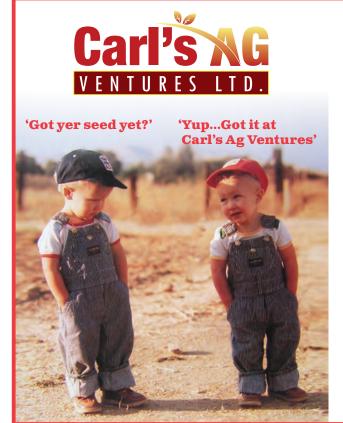
The more time it takes to overcome a security function the more likely they will be detected and

Install adequate nighttime lighting and a security

system as well as a good line of site from the main building and light up hiding spots.

Other suggestions include lock windows and doors on all buildings, install

exterior lights, security cameras and store items in a garage and remove key, trim trees and shrubs to avoid landscape that could conceal an intruder.



#### **Durum:**

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- AAC Donlow
- AAC Stronghold

#### Wheat:

- AAC Wheatland VB HRSW
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- KWS Sparrow VB GP
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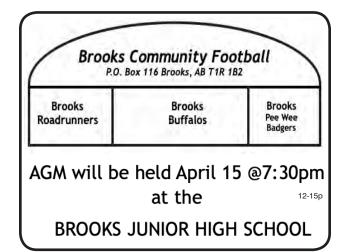


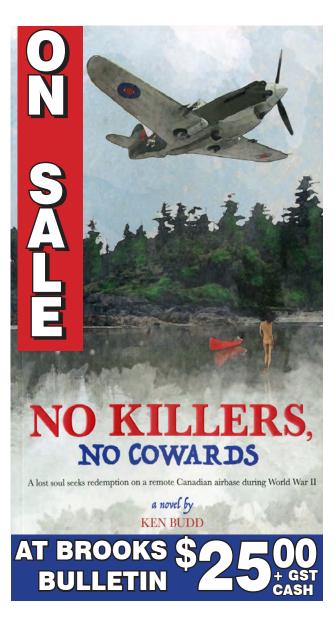














# **Special Areas holds** spring meeting

**SUBMITTED BROOKS BULLETIN** 

From water and roads to healthcare and various presentations Special Areas Advisory Council held their spring council meeting at the end of March.

discussed Members Phase Two of the Regional Irrigation Feasibility Study as well as the withdrawal the water licence application that was related to the area's water supply project.

The area has been helping to ensure residents can get health care when required including a \$5 million commitment funding towards construction of a 14-bed dementia and assisted living unit in Oyen; a partnership with the Acadia Foundation and the province.

"This critically needed project will be the first of its kind in the Special Areas region and will allow individuals to age in place in the community," states the release.

The area is also funding a nurse practitioner for two years for Consort as par of their pilot project which will begin this summer.

Other information included welcoming Special Area No. 4, Subdivision 1 elected official Gordon Long attended his first meeting as the newly elected representative, a new trades program at Prairie Rose schools and challenges in school transportation including long distances and time spent on buses by rural students.

statements and approved the 2024 budget.

Like other most places, municipality faced continued challenges with supply chains which resulted in lower than budgeted expenditure

The Highway 855 paving project, which is being costshared by Special Areas and the province, has been moved to this year from last year.

The area's road includes program kilometers of surfacing work, 31 kilometers of re-crowning and construction work on local roads, regional economic development projects and new resident access roads.

The officials directed administration to exempt agricultural producers from road use agreements and as a way to support road maintenance work an online notification system will be created for agricultural hauling which has 10 or more loads that uses the same route in a 24-hour period.

Other discussions including a policy for review to help with coyote predation and ongoing drought conditions and the related water conservation efforts were discussed including potential impacts to local water supplies.

There was also discussion in planned allotments at community pastures, along with work to improve water security and infrastructure.

There was a presentation MPE Éngineering's findings on ways to further develop water systems in

Bevan & Partners

Municipal River Users Group presentation on its key priorities and projects.

Administration Palliser Regional Municipal Services are reviewing the draft Land Use Order prior to returning it ahead of second reading.

Ratepayer meetings will take place in June and will be shared on the Special Areas web page.

The next meeting of the Advisory Council will be in the summer.



Special Areas members listen to a report on the Regional Water Feasibility Study.

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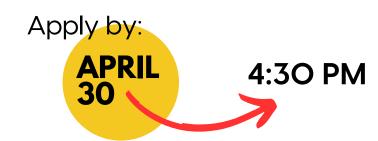
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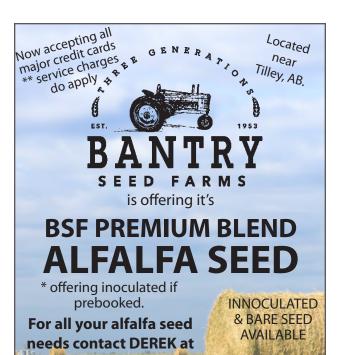
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# Local Paralympian hopeful wants Canada to medal in Paris

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

On July 10, 2015 when Iennifer Oakes, now of Brooks, was 17 she lost her leg as a result of a boating accident. A year later she was playing international sitting volleyball for Canada.

Oakes' life changed but her resiliency, perseverance, grit and positive attitude helped her to look ahead and move forward in both her personal life and as a sport ambassador as a Canadian paralympian.

During a warm July day Oakes was visiting her grandparents at their Lake Newell home. She and her friend were riding in a motorboat on the lake when a wave sent Oakes overboard and in a split second the propeller cut her right leg.

She was airlifted by STARS to a Calgary hospital where doctors had to amputate her leg below the knee but that didn't stop the athlete who played competitive soccer for 13 years, enjoyed water sports and was an elite standing volleyball player.

She knew it could have been much worse and remains grateful to the people who helped her through her recovery from her friends and family to STARS and Brooks First Responders.

While in her hospital bed she looked to the future and although she recognized that anyone would be horrified to lose a limb, she managed to take a day at a time.

She made short and longterm goals which kept her distracted.

"I had a lot of things to kind of be excited for," she said.

One of those things was Paralympic sports - an international games for disabled people that takes place after the Olympics.

"That got me really excited to learn something new and potentially have that opportunity to explore," she said.

Oakes worked hard to get into her prosthetic leg and re-learn how to walk so



Jennifer Oakes at the World ParaVolleyball Cup in Egypt in November when Canada earned a berth to the 2024 Paris

she could return to her life including watersports and volleyball.

Within a few months, Oakes had returned to the volleyball court and began to train for a position on Canada's sitting volleyball

"I was pretty new to the sport. I spent the whole year training really hard to make the roster, be on the team and be an asset on the team," she said.

While 0akes recovering in hospital and likely just learning about the sport, Canada's women's sitting volleyball team had qualified for the 2016 Rio Paralympics - including Oakes who was a Team Canada member.

She played with the team in China and then went on to Rio where Canada finished in seventh place.

The following year the Canadian women's team earned a bronze at the ParaVolley Pan Am Zonal Championship in Montreal, a seventh place finish at the World Championships in Holland and a bronze medal at the 2019 ParaPan Games in Peru.

In 2020, in Halifax, Oakes was named Best Server at the World ParaVolley final Paralympic qualification tournament and Canada earned a berth to the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.

Played in 2021 due to Canada's sitting volleyball team finished in fourth place in Tokyo.

Paralympics. | SUBMITTED PHOTO In 2022 the team won the silver medal at the World

> 2024 Paralympics in Paris. "Our program has grown so much since 2016," Oakes

Championship in Bosnia

and Herzegovina and in

Egypt in November 2023,

Canada earned the silver

medal and a berth to the

said. "We've been putting in a lot of hard work and have been at a lot of big tournaments, time away from home, time training in Edmonton so we're really hoping that things can come together and we can get a medal," she said.

In addition to preparing for the upcoming games, the Canadian organization has been working to raise the profile of Paralympic sports.

ever since I've heard of the Paralympics. Lots of people haven't heard of sitting volleyball or heard of other paralympic sports.

"I think it's definitely growing and it's getting bigger and bigger, which is amazing to see."

She said the athletes want to have the same amount of

Olympians.

"Anyone who that they watched the Paralympics always thinks that it's pretty amazing. It's just hard to find the right coverage. We are big advocates for growing the sport and getting people on board with watching and teaching them about it.

fan likes learning about new sports, so, I think that it will come eventually."

Although Oakes is a Paralympian and a member of Canada's sitting volleyball team, she remains hopeful that she will be selected for the Paris roster.

The games will take place from Aug. 28 to Sept. 9.



#### **TENDER OF 5 YEAR** 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

Rick Volek, Land Administrator-Grazing For More Information Contact:

**Eastern Irrigation District** 

P.O. Box 128, 550 Industrial Road W

Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B2

eid@eid.ca

Phone: 403-362-1400

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# **NOTICE**

# **COUNTY COUNCIL INTENT**

**County of Newell Residents** 

Notice of County Council Intent to Pass Bylaw 2073-24 for the Purpose of Changing the Number of Councillors and Revising Electoral Division Boundaries

This notice is issued in accordance with Section 148, 149 and 606 of the Municipal Government Act. During the March 28, 2024 County Council meeting, 1st reading was given to Bylaw 2073-24 which if subsequently approved before December 31, 2024, will establish new geographic boundaries for nine (9) electoral divisions within the County of Newell. The proposed new boundaries would be in effect for the Oct. 20, 2025 municipal election. The bylaw and related information is available at the County of Newell office or on the website.

In accordance with Section 606 of the MGA, Electors of the County of Newell have the right to petition against the bylaw. The rules for a petition submitted against the bylaw are outlined in Sections 220 – 226 and Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act. A valid petition must be signed by at least 10 percent of the population of the County of Newell or 747 electors and be submitted to the County of Newell CAO at the County Office at 183O37 Range Road 145 within 6O days after the last date on which the proposed bylaw is advertised. The deadline for submitting a petition is June 17, 2025 at 4:30pm MST.

A public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving input. Open to the public - join us in Council Chambers or via the livestream. Presentations may be submitted to County Council by those in attendance during the Public Hearing.

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County Administration Offices: 183O37 Rge. Rd. 145

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# Bandits end season on top, have roundone playoff bye

**SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN** 

The Alberta league regular season in the BCHL ended on the weekend with the Brooks Bandits losing their final game 6-3 against the Sherwood Park Crusaders.

Liam Davidson, Parker Lalonde and Nick Peluso scored the Brooks goals, while Sam Scopa made 26 saves in the Bandits first regulation loss in 16 consecutive games since Feb. 10.

went 58-6-1 Brooks during the 2023-24 season, 17-2-1 in the BCHL, setting a team record for most wins in a season, surpassing the 57 set by the 2018-19 team. They finished first in the BCHL Alberta Division with 117 points after a total of 58-6-1 in 65 games.

Sherwood Park finished

second with 100 points, Blackfalds Bulldogs was third with 85 points, Okotoks Oilers had 79 points and the Spruce Grove Saints finished the season with 58 points.

The Bandits will host their first BCHL postseason playoff game on April 19 and will play the winner of the Okotoks Oilers and Spruce Grove series which will begin tonight.

The Crusaders will face Blackfalds.

The top Alberta team will host the BCHL's Fred Page Cup winner in a best-ofthree series beginning on May 31. The series will mark the official end to the 2023-24 BCHL season.

When the 2024-25 season starts, the Alberta teams will be fully integrated into the BCHL under a new division banner.

# Tree inventory taking place in public spaces in the county

# SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

It's important to treat trees as an asset rather than a liability.

"We have these wonderful trees in an area where trees are not that common," said Todd Green the county's director of agricultural services.

"How do we keep those trees for longer? How do we maximize their useful life? How do we replace them in a timely and proper fashion to make sure our public areas are well treed and ready to use at any time?"

Those are the ideas behind a tree inventory that is taking place on the county's public lands.

Last week Toso Bozic, CEO of ATTS, spent time at Emerson Bridge Park, Scandia, Rolling Hills and Tilley to help give the county a fairly good idea of the tree situation.

"He (Bozic) had some

concerns about a few of the trees but in the grand scheme of things everything looks good," said Green.

One area was the Rolling Hills Golf Course which Bozic noted has been very well cared for and trees look good.

The county leases the land for the course to the Rolling Hills Ag. Society.

"It was just great to hear," said Green.

"As the contractor was leaving, he said that 95 per cent of the trees that he was able to look at in the two-and-a-half days he was here were in really good shape and had a lot of life left in them," said Green.

He said one of the species of trees that Bozic commented on were the cottonwood trees, some of which are believed to be well over 100 years, that are planted at the park.

"They are getting quite aged and we should be

looking at transplanting some of the cottonwoods that are growing in other areas to take over," said Green.

He said Bozic looked at how the area has changed through old air photos whether it was floods that impacted the area or even the construction of the Emerson Bridge.

"I was happy to hear some of that information."

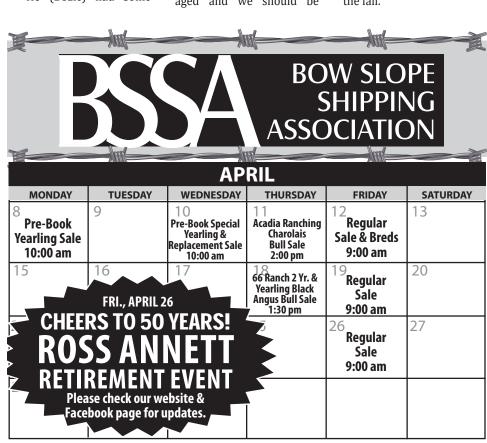
ATTS Group is looking at the species of trees, the condition, how to extend the life of trees as well as a replacement plan.

"Currently, what we have been doing is treating trees like a liability - they're always an expense. When they break we have to spend money to clean them up. When they fail we have to spend money to remove them," said Green.

A final report is expected to be presented to council in the fall.



The Brooks RUSH volleyball U17 boys won bronze at their third premier tournament over the weekend in Red Deer. The boys played 19 games over seven matches to clinch their first medal for the team. I SUBMITTED PHOTO



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OFFICE CLOSED VICTORIA DAY	21	22	23	24 Regular Sale 9:00 am	25		
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For a list of all upcoming sales & pictures visit our website **www.bowslope.com** 





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The recreation funding committee is now accepting applications from user groups within the Town of Bassano and Division 6 of the County of Newell. This funding is intended to support the long-term sustainability of our recreation and cultural services and improve quality of life for our residents!

Applications must include estimated costs, statement of need, and a copy of the organizations most recent financial statements among other details.

Changes have been made to the grant application and guidelines. 2024 applications and grant process information can be found at www.bassano.ca, www.countyofnewell.ab.ca, or can be picked-up at the Town of Bassano Municipal Office.

Please forward to one of the following by April 30th, 2024.

- ► P.O. Box 299, Bassano, AB, T0J0B0
- ► Email assistant@bassano.ca with subject line "RFC Grant Application"
- Or hand deliver to the Town of Bassano office 502 2nd Avenue, Bassano

# Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - We cannot get more snow at this point. We have drug out deck furniture and ladder ball game. It can rain, please rain, but it cannot snow.

The celestial event of the week was the eclipse. I think I will rely on the news and photos from someone else and save my eyes!

Congratulations to Lyndsey Peltzer for being chosen to receive \$10,000 in scholarship money from Lethbridge Rotary East. She is currently in her 3 rd year in Saskatoon, studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and majoring in Animal Science. Mom and Dad, David and Kathlyn Peltzer are beyond proud of their girl!

Thanks for the past six years Bad Company. We understand their doors are closing in Brooks and I, for one, will miss that option for

a dinner out.

Duchess Rec Centre is hosting a softball clinic on April 20th. Coaches Madison Hope and Jenni Routhier will be putting the kids through many skills. To register, please text Madison at 204 451 2343. Ages are U9- U15 and run at different times that day. There is a cost for this coaching so please contact Madison for that information.

Junior golf lessons will be starting in about one month. Please call the Duchess club house at 403 378 4710, to register.

Medicine Hat Minor Hockey Camp is ready for registrations. For more information, please check out the Duchess Minor Hockey Facebook page. Or use this link to register. https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/424402

Our community

sends condolences to the family Anne de Jong, who worked with her sons to build a successful dairy farm, north of Brooks.

We also send warm regards to the family of Mary Tobler and to the

family of Vi Christman. May your cherished memories become your strength through this difficult time.

Duchess School student council are doing a 'garden seed' fundraiser. Use this link to order: https://makeitsow.com/ shop/#code-submission and use Duchess\_2024 for the entry code. If you need more information, please call Duchess School at 378-4948. The deadline for purchasing seeds is April 15th.

Have a great week and please call 403-793-1630 with your news items.

Quote: "Stop focusing on how stressed you are and remember how blessed you are."



# **Pre-Kindergarten**

Call 403-793-6700 x: 6210



# PUF Ages 3 & 4

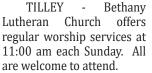
Children with moderate to severe speech or language delays, development delays, or a diagnosed disability may qualify.

## **EELL** Age 4

Children learning English as an additional language, or have a delay in their English Proficiency



# Tilley Telegram



Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society will hold their 2nd Annual Alzheimer's Conference on Saturday, May 4 at the Heritage Inn in Brooks. The keynote speaker is Dr. Rob Sutherland. Register at prairierosehospice. ca or contact Audrey at 403-793-7806 for further information.

Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will have worship service on Sunday, May 5 at 10:00 am with Reverend John Theiss. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Snow White, Superman and Pinocchio were at a

town fair. Snow White saw a tent advertising a beauty pageant. She told her friends she was going in and would win it for sure. When she came out with her winnings, she announced, "First place!" Further along, Superman saw a strongman contest taking place. He knew he could win, so he entered and came back with his prize. "First place!" he boasted. Another tent had a sign out front saying, "Lying Contest" and Pinocchio knew it was his chance. Moments after entering the tent, he returned sobbing and distraught. His friends asked what had happened. He replied, "I'm not really sure but I lost by a landslide - who the heck is Justin Trudeau?!!"

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.



2024

# Pesticide Control & Mowing Program

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Agricultural Service Board of the County of Newell intends to conduct pesticide control and mowing activities during the 2024 growing season.

The County's Roadside Vegetation Control Program is aimed at meeting five objectives:

- Allow clear sight lines to signs and intersections;
- Reduce snow accumulation;
- Promote road drainage and drying;
- Facilitate snow removal;
- 5) Control weeds (Prevent spread)

The program deals with vegetation control through the application of recommended vegetation control chemicals. The County also uses protective cultural practices to control weeds, which includes mowing.

Weeds will be controlled on County rights-of-way, County-owned land and work within the Town of Bassano, the City of Brooks, Village of Duchess and Grasslands School Division property. The projected dates of pesticide application will be May 5 - October 15, 2024.

Any residents who DO NOT wish to have areas sprayed adjacent to their land must fill out a NO-SPRAY Application Form BY MAY 15, 2024 and post signs. These are available at the County of Newell office.

All pesticides and procedures used comply with Federally approved label recommendations and regulations set out by Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, and Alberta Environment and Protected Areas.

The 2O24 Roadside Mowing Program will begin June 10th and will include all developed County rights-of-ways. Anyone wishing to hay a portion of the right-of-way must fill out a Haying Permit by June 1, 2O24.

To read the full Public Notice, including the list of herbicides used, go to our website > select Public Documents > General Information > Agricultural Services

Questions or concerns about the County's Vegetation Control Program, please contact the Agricultural Service Board Fieldman at 403-794-2336.

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# Wardlow Westerly

WARDLOW - On Saturday, April 20th our local Ella Jane WI is very proud to be hosting our district 5 conference. We are hoping for a fun day with a handicraft display and competition, we have a very talented and interesting guest speaker, lunch and coffee breaks with a surprise and fun craft to participate in if you wish. I wish to invite any ladies in the area to join us for the day. There is a registration fee for the day. I would ask you if you are planning to join us if you could please email me at hippies2@telusplanet.net or leave a message on my home phone 403-566-2448, we want to be sure we have goodies for all.

Last week our number one vehicle decided to cause us a bit of grief, on the way to an appointment in Calgary the transmission quit . These are not made to be rebuilt so we are looking at installing a new one. Oh well I guess it's only

If you have any news to share please call me at (403) 566-2448 or email me at hip-pies2@telusplanet.net .

# Classifieds

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

### obituaries

#### DE JONG - Anne de Jong was born on February 13, 1932 in Holland and was the third oldest of 10 children. She grew up on a dairy farm and had to work hard starting at a young age. She milked cows, took care of her younger siblings and cleaned houses both at home and for other people. Although she loved to learn, she was forced to leave school at age 11 due to the war. Anne learned her generosity for others less fortunate than her, from

her parents who took in refugees during the flooding of Holland and after the bombing of Rotterdam. She often recalled how they hid Jewish families in their home and the fear of being caught. Anne began dating Ted after he returned from a three-year army stint in Indonesia. They married on February 9, 1954 and immigrated to Canada two weeks later. They worked for various farmers in southern Alberta which involved hard work and learning Canadian customs while trying to grasp the English language. Their eldest child, Marianne, was born in 1955 and they eventually had 5 more kids (3 boys and 3 girls). In 1959 they bought their farm north of Brooks. It required a lot of work, but Anne was always an active participant in farm chores. By far, her favourite task was baling hay. Between dairy farming and raising 6 kids, she was a very busy lady, but she always took time to go to church and keeping Sundays as a day of rest. After Ted died tragically in 1992, Anne continued to farm with her two sons and their families but began volunteering more than before. She was an active volunteer with the CWL for 60 years by helping with church cleaning bees, rummage sales and organizing bingos at Newbrook Lodge. She continued to make the prize trays for the bingos until one month before she died. She brought fruit to the residents in Long Term Care, delivered Meals on Wheels and when she volunteered at the Tuck Shop at the hospital, she would say, "I've got to go to work on Wednesday." In 1998, Anne moved to her condo in Brooks where she lived independently until a few months ago. She was known for her devout faith, her hospitality, generosity and ability to forgive others. She loved to spend time with her family, play cards and go for walks outside. A year ago, she was able to ford her way with her walker through some rough back country at Emerson Bridge! She was famous for knitting a teddy bear for each of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Anne was predeceased by her husband, Ted in 1992, her daughter Marianne Hirose in 2023, sisters, Elizabeth, Riet and Leny and brother Govardus as well as numerous in-laws. She is survived by her three sons: John (Agnes), Tom (Patsy), Brian (Terri); two daughters: Linda Dube (Kelly) and Annette; son-in-law: Tak Hirose; 15 grandchildren, 50 great grandchildren (with 3 on the way); one sister, Sjaan (Cees); four brothers: Jan (Sjaan), Adrie (Marijke), Ton (Anka) and Sjaak (Ingeborg) and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made directly to either St. Vincent de Paul, c/o St. Mary's Catholic Church, Box 578, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B5 or Medicine Hat Red Cross, 398 Aberdeen St. SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 0R2. A Prayer Service will be held on Friday, April 12 at 7:00 PM from the St. Mary's Catholic Church. Rev. Marino Infante officiating. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 AM from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Rev. Marino Infante and Rev. Avinash Colaco Celebrants. A family interment to



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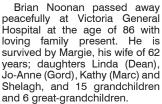
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NOONAN - R. Brian Noonan February 3, 1938 - March 24,



Brian was born in Regina, Saskatchewan, where he attended Campion College. After receiving his BA at St. Dunstan's University in Charlottetown, he received an LLB from Dalhousie

practiced law in Brooks, Alberta, and Kelowna and Summerland, BC. In his later years he was a family mediator, and chaired Federal Government Disability Review Tribunals. He was an early proponent and practitioner of alternate dispute resolution as his preferred method to the adversarial approach. Brian was a

Brian was always involved in community affairs including the Brooks Kinsmen Club, and Summerland Rotary Club, for which he was a much-trusted host and organizer in the student exchange program. He served on the Brooks Town Council, Brooks Chamber of Commerce, Summerland Chamber of Commerce and Holy Child Catholic Church Parish Council. He was named Summerland Man of the Year in 1988. He was very proud of his over 40 years plus of sobriety which he credited greatly to his involvement in AA. Brian helped many people with their addictions through the years, including many fellow lawyers.

His greatest love and priority in life was his family which he always put first. He was very much a "people" person but he also dearly loved dogs. Singing in choirs, cycling, and sailing were also his passions, as well as football and basketball during his university years.

The family wishes to express special thanks to Dr. Clinton-Baker and the caring staff at Broadmead Care on Chatterton Way, Lodge A2, where he resided since August 2023, and for the compassionate care he received from Dr. Cloé Solanki, Dr. Adam Thomas and the wonderful nurses and health care workers in the Trauma Ward at VGH.

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 10:30am at Sacred Heart Parish, 4040 Nelthorpe St. Victoria with Fr. Dean Henderson officiating and Fr. Jan Grotkowski concelebrating. The mass will be live-streamed at https://youtube.com/live/ Qe-pYeN8GAg

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations may be made to the BC SPCA, 3150 Napier Ln, Victoria, BC V8T 4V5 or to a charity of your choice. 15P

### lost & found

FOUND - 2 single keys found on green twist tag by Brooks Bulletin parking lot. Claim at Brooks Bulletin. 15-16p

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# **THANK** YOU!

The family of Mary Tobler extends a huge thank you to all who supported us through the passing of Mary. We so appreciate your kind words through telephone calls, cards,

Each of you have helped us along the way and we are very grateful.

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#### cards of thanks

emails, visits and food.

Pastor John Theiss, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sherri Lisowski and Smith Funeral Home deserve special recognition for a beautiful service for Mary. We also wish to acknowledge and thank the staff of Homecare, Newbrook Lodge Orchard Manor and Sunrise Gardens for the years of wonderful care Mary received.

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peacefully on Feb. 26, 2024 at the age of 87. He leaves behind his beloved wife Gail, Daughter Tessa, Stepson Dean Hansen ( Garrette), Stepdaughter Monique Hansen, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Brothers Ed Sulek (Lorraine), Jim and Tom and sister Elsie (Bob Strach), 12 nieces and nephews. Stan was predeceased by his parents John and Berta, brother Frank and sister-in-law Janet. Stan was a fun loving joker who never missed an opportunity to laugh. We will Celebrate his life at the Place at Lakeside Social Room on May 18,

SULEK - Stan Sulek passed away

2024 at 2PM. 2741 - 55th St. NW Edmonton, AB. 15p

## rentals

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath unit in 4-plex, \$1000/month includes gas, 1/2 people (will rent to one person for less). No smoking, no pets, close to 362-2716. 14-15c

LARGE FARMHOUSE, **TILLEY** YARD. SHED: Quiet country lifestyle, renovated two storey house. 2 baths, 5 bedrooms, laundry facilities, garden plot, no house pets. References required, yard maintenance required, \$2,000 + Available May 1, call 403-375-8277. 15-

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## automobiles

2014 White 4x4 Yukon XL, 9 passenger, new all season Michelin tires, stored inside, immaculate condition. Call 403-501-1565. 13-52c

#### **business** announcements

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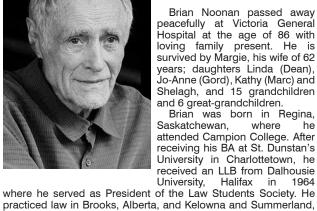
> coming events

#### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**

Mon & Sat 8:00 pm Brooks United Church, 507 - 3rd Ave. W., Brooks Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church

Wednesday 8:00 pm Bassano Health Centre 608 - 5th Ave. Bassano

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



SHANNON - It's with great sadness we announce the passing of Judith (Judy) Rae Shannon (Lewendon) on Saturday, April 6,

obituaries

Judy was born on April 29, 1949, in Calgary, Alberta and adopted as an infant by Edgar and June Lewendon of Brooks,

On January 7, 1967, she married Richard Shannon – they welcomed their two children into the world, Julie and Cory.

Being raised in Brooks, Judy enjoyed her younger years at Kinbrook Island where June and Eddie had a cabin that was often filled with cousins and extended family. She loved the water and would take every opportunity

to swim or boat even as an adult. She always said she "had a wonderful childhood!"

Judy was a fierce athlete and loved playing school sports as a young person. As an adult she made lifelong friends curling and playing ladies fastball. Later in life, she was passionately involved in her grandkids' sports. She was their biggest and loudest fan. Judy was also an avid card player. She loved playing cards with her grandkids and her friends at the Villa and Lodge.
Judy loved all elements of nature and wildlife. She always had

a number of pets, even exotic ones. She had an unquenchable thirst for learning about the world around her and found beauty in everything that nature provides. She was an avid gardener and took great pride in her well-manicured yard and colourful flower beds. Judy was a talented artist and loved to express her interests through art. Over her life she'd created an extensive collection of paintings, sculptures, carvings, and woodwork. Her family takes great comfort in these lasting keepsakes of her.

Although her health was not always strong, her humour, quick wit, smile, and laughter remained strong. She loved to meet people and was always up for a visit, she made friends wherever she went. She was an incredibly proud grandmother and greatgrandmother, always ready to show photos and share stories. Her family, including her daughter & son-in-law, Scott & Julie (Shannon) Tateson, son Cory Shannon, grandchildren, Kourtney (Tateson) Hiebert, Erin (Tateson) Stadnicki, Karmen Tateson, Archie Tateson, Austin Tateson, Stephanie Shannon and Cierra Shannon, and her great-grandchildren, Lyla and Henry Hiebert (Kourtney), Benton Weaver (Cierra) will remain forever grateful for her warm heart and her example of strength and resiliency.

The family would like to thank Judy's friends, the Newbrook Lodge staff and Brooks Hospital staff for their kind words and support during this time. Judy's celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

## obituaries



GREEN - It is with acute sadness that we announce the passing of Larry Peter (Pete) Green on April 5th, 2024, at age 67. Pete battled his cancer journey with courage, toughness, tenacity, and his faith. Pete was born on August 1956 in Gainsborough, Saskatchewan, and was the youngest of six children from Lawrence and Margaret Green. Pete spent the first three years of his life on the family farm in the Gainsborough area until he moved with his family to the Duchess area in 1959. Here, he completed his schooling and lived and worked in the Duchess/ Brooks area almost exclusively until his passing. He was a loyal employee of the EID for 37 years. Pete cared about his family and extended family, his friends, and community more than anything.

He was a caring husband, father, brother, neighbor, and friend. Pete loved to hunt, particularly with his wife, Patty, and his sons and their friends. He always shared what he had: his mechanical skills, his enthusiasm for sausage making, and his enthusiasm for life. Consistent with his commitment to his community, most recently Pete and his wife Patty received a Lifetime Achievement award from the Alberta Fish and Game Association. Left to cherish his memory, Pete leaves to mourn his wife and soulmate, Patty, his children Jessica (Cuong), Jordan (Melissa), Nathan (Mathet), and Patty's children Sarah (Byron) and Steven (Silken); his grandchildren Annabelle, Jensen, Emmett, Avery, May, Tilly, and Ned; two sisters Willene Stuckey and Kay Tay-lor (Pat); as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Pete was predeceased by his parents Margaret and Lawrence Green, his brothers Wayne and Bruce, and his sister Gwen Martel. There will be a funeral service Wednesday April 10th, 2024 at 2:00 PM from Trinity Lutheran Church in Brooks. Pastor Maggie Theiss and Rev. John Theiss officiating. In memory of Pete, in lieu of flowers, you may make a donation directly to Trinity Lutheran Church, 811 Cassils Road West, Brooks, AB T1R 0E4 or to a charity of your choice.

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



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## celebration of life

Please join us for a Celebration of Life



Valerie Elizabeth Christman Nov 6, 1954- Dec 6, 2023

Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. Brooks Alliance Church - 304 Cassils Rd. E. Reception & light luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to homeofhope.ca 15&18c

### in memory



## obituaries



MURRAY - Jacqueline Audrey Murray (Gay) Born on February 23, 1927

Montreal, Quebec. peacefully passed away at home with family by her side on April 4, 2024 in Brooks, AB. Beloved wife to the late James Hargrave Murray. Mother to Jane Murray Walsh, the late Brian (Eileen) Murray, Neil (Darlaine) and Ross (Jackie) (Jackie) Murray Grandchildren, Deanne (Brad) Cote, Scott (Lisa) Nelson. Jennifer Price, Angus Murray, Fergus Murray, Danielle (Alvin) Paul, Patrick Murray, Meghan (Adam) Desjardins , Jesse(Cera) Crane, Great great Grandmother to Hunter & Harper Price, Reese Braydon Cote, Molly & Dalton Desjardins, Hunter &

Murray, Braydon Cote, Molly & Dalton Desjargins, muriter of Wyatt Crane, Darren(Meagan) Odland, Abigail(Daniel) Graf, Thomas(Mary) Paul, Murrie Paul and great-great-grandmother to Veronica Jacqueline: Godmother to Alex Spac. Predeceased by her parents Harry & Elizabeth Gay, son Brian Murray, grandson Kevin Murray, son in law Thomas Walsh and grand daughter in law Lindsev Murray.

She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, family &

Jackie came to Medicine Hat, AB as a young bride where she and Jim operated Murray's Flying Service. They later ventured into farming, at Cassils, AB, having never stepped foot on a farm, Jackie had a great deal to learn. She tackled the many jobs a farm wife must do, (relating many hilarious stories of failures) becoming skilled at most. From farm hand, saving baby calves in the heat of the kitchen, helping with lambing season, and trying to run a house that, at the start, had no running water. Jane was born and Jackie took on another role of young mother. Brian followed, then Neil & Ross. Farm life was rewarding and happy not without trials and heartache. She always faced every event with strength, determination with the support of a loving husband and lots of prayers. There were many happy times shared at the farm with family, friends and neighbors. Jackie loved to host a grand party. Table was set with perfection. The house and yard were filled with people. Always a good time! Jim and Jackie also operated Murray's Aircraft Repair at the Brooks Airport for many years.

Being a Social Butterfly, she became very involved in her community, serving on a variety of boards, doing what she loved to do "organize!" She loved her garden and worked tirelessly ,

enjoying every minute.

Jackie has been recognized for her community spirit over the years. She was the recipient of the Queen's Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilee Medals in recognition of her community commitment. She was very honored to be chosen as an Alberta Centennial Ambassador (2005) by Lyle Oberg. Spending a busy year visiting many communities. She was also rewarded Citizen of the Year for Brooks. Another Juliette of her life was being involved with Communities in Bloom countless hours of volunteer work, more "organizing!" Every year during the summer you could hear her saying "The Judges are coming!" She thrived on every quest. Jackie was also involved with genealogy along with her father in law, Thomas Murray, charting the Hargrave family history. A very big endeavor. She was a supportive part of Girl Guides of Canada as well as Scouts. She will be missed greatly by her family, friends

Jackie's Funeral will held on Friday, April 19, 2024, 2 p.m. at the Brooks United Church 503 3rd Ave West. If unable to attend you may view on the United Church Facebook page."



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No one knows our heartaches, Only those who have lost can tell Of the grief that we bear in silence

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Nothing can ever take away The love a heart holds dear. Fond memories linger every day, Remembrance keeps him near.

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# We cannot, Lord, They purpose see, But all is well that's done by thee.



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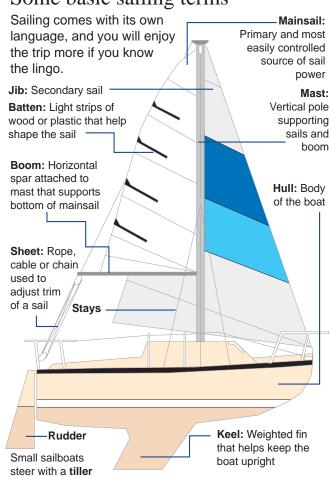
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# SAILBOATS

Sailing encompasses a sense of adventure, freedom and the challenge of mastering nature. Developed as early as the Bronze Age, sailboats have been used by cultures all over the world for transportation and pleasure.

## Some basic sailing terms

Employment Opportunities page



(attached to the

rudder); larger

boats use a

wheel.

The America's Cup is one of the most famous

and challenging sailing races. This competition

began in 1851. Today, it includes yachts from

countries all around the world.

## Looking back

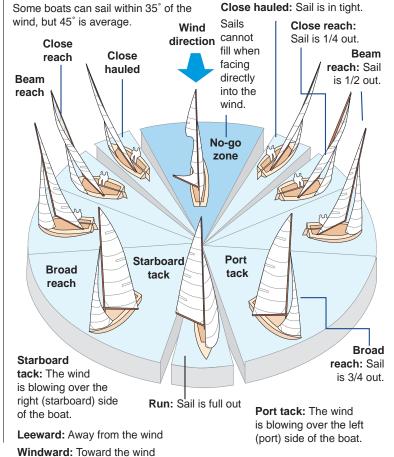
People have been using the wind to move boats for thousands of years. The earliest sailboat most likely consisted of animal skins tied to a log. The ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans all used sailboats for trade and in war.

In the 15th century, improvements in boat design and navigation allowed for longer voyages.

Commercial and military sailing ships were replaced by steamships in the early 1900s. Sailing as a serious sport traces its roots to 17th-century Holland, but pleasure sailing became more popular in the 1900s.

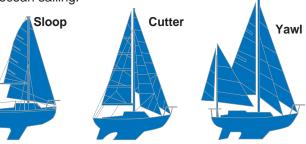
## Points of sail

The "points" of sailing are terms that describe the direction a boat is sailing in relation to the wind. There are three basic points of sailing: close hauled, reaching and running – about 45 degrees, 90 degrees and 180 degrees from the wind direction.



## Types of modern sailboats

Sailboats are classified according to their size and the way their sails and masts are **rigged** (arranged). The most popular sailboats are small catboats and sloops designed for sailing in lakes and bays. Such boats are relatively affordable and easy to sail. Boats like the yawl, ketch and schooner are large enough for ocean sailing









ONE TREE - Well, our weather sure can't make up it's mind as what to do. It's too bad it didn't rain a bit more and make it worth while. One thing it does with the drizzles is it keeps the roads all mucky. No point in washing the vehicles.

Wow, here we are in the middle of April already. Where has the time gone?

Get well wishes go to David Slomp who had knee surgery a couple of weeks ago, we hope you'll be careful and let it mend properly, before the Spring work kicks into high gear.

On Saturday I drove out to Rainier to my old stumping grounds to attend a Farewell Party in honour of Shoko Motokado, who has moved to Lethbridge and also to her son Richard and his wife Jeanine, who have bought a home out in Lake Newell Resort. We wish you folks all the best in your new

homes. May you all be able to enjoy your new homes for many wonderful years. One thing I sure found out, that I didn't know very many people from there anymore, as there are so many young folks I don't know. I did have a nice wit the ones I know. I guess, I've just been gone too long from the area. They had a very nice attendance and a very nice program and then a very abundant pot luck lunch. Good luck to both families.

On Sunday I came home after church and then a little later, I had the pleasure of having friends, Murray and Adele Pask of Atwater, SK stop in for a visit on their way to the States. I haven't seen them since before COVID. It was good to have a visit and to catch up on all the happenings.

Our deepest sympathies go to the families of Jackie Murray who passed away on Thursday April 4th at the age of 97. She lived a good life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I'm sure she will be missed by her families and her many friends.

Inge Ellefson was telling me, that just two weeks prior, that she was asked to be guest speaker by Greg Patterson at Rotary, which she did. She was an amazing woman.

On last Wednesday Mahrer Barbara went on a road trip with her sister and brother-inlaw of Lethbridge, to visit with Aunts and Uncles and cousins in Edmonton and Grande Prairie. They returned on Sunday. She said the roads were fine hardly any snow up there either. Wow, that's kind of scary for the summer coming up.

On Sunday afternoon Inge Ellefson called to

say that a meeting of the members of the Brooks and District Garden Club met at their Condo in Meadowbrook Estates and she was voted to be President, she was president some 20 years ago. They are going to plan several interesting trips around Southern Alberta for this summer. They are looking forward to new members, if anyone is interested, they can call Inge at 403-362-7168 for more info.

\*\*\* N O T E \*\* B r o o k s and District Social Club dance will be held on Saturday, April 20th from 7:30pm to 10:30pm, with the "Softones" playing at the Heritage Inn in "Room C". We hope to see you all there. Please come on out and support the club. Come on out and have a great time dancing and visiting. I don't think that there will be a dance in May, due to no

place available at a price the club can afford. Sorry folks.

The Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society (PRHPCS) is holding their 2nd Alzheimer's conference on Saturday, May 4/24 at the Heritage Inn in Brooks. The Keynote is Dr. Rob Sutherland who is the lead for some exciting research that has been done for Alzheimer's. His presentation will include -What is AD perspective psychology and neuroscience, how is AD diagnosed, and a large part on steps to prevention and the paths to a cure. You can register for this conference by going to PRHPCS website - prairierosehospice.ca. If you have any questions call Audrey at 403 793-7806.

Happy belated birthday greetings go to Kathy (Baksa) Olsen on Apr.4th. I hope it was good one. Birthday greetings this

coming week go out to Darcy Charlton on Apr. 13th; to Shawn Airth of Okotoks and to Bryland Schoneck, both on Apr. 16th; to Andrew Christman, to Kaden Mortensen and to Devon Slomp, all on Apr. 17th. We wish you all a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday this week. We wish everyone all the best for many years to come.

Once again there aren't any anniversaries that I know of.

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

# Bow City Signal WANDA SMITH

BOW CITY - Well here's hoping that the rest of the month goes better as Easter weekend was kind of a upand-down with weather but hopefully everybody had a great weekend.

As goes with the long weekend our paper is kind of screwy so I have to put the birthdays in that we have bladed as of this time

Fay Calvert on April 2 along with Cindy Voutier. Aunt Fay was 80yrs young and Cindy was 40 years younger. Robin Thiebert on April 7,John Ketchmark 10, Brody Ketchmark 16, Vickie Calvert 23, Nixon Voutier 27. Have a great day to all

Anniversary goes to Brad and Carrie on April 27

Joyce and Jerri had a beautiful Saturday afternoon evening supper for Mark and Jamie, Chase, Grady and Justine. I also enjoyed the evening and supper with them it was a great supper and mom wants to thank everyone that brought something.

As I had supper with mom and dad and family I also enjoyed supper on Sunday with Alecia and Stephen and family thank you all for fixing us up with great food, good visits all the way around as I say this Dan had the flu and was not able to enjoy any of these beautiful fixings.

I also want to put out there congratulations to Jerri and Joyce on the birth of their first great granddaughter. Cecilia was born on 4 April congratulations mom and dad and to brother Justin and Kim Calvert.

Barb and Brian had the family from Calgary and niece from Medicine Hat for a great supper on Easter Sunday. Did an Easter egg hunt with the grandson in the house. Darn snow and stuff to hamper these kids to get outside a great job

Helen and Ernie had daughter Carole, Trevor and Paige come on Saturday night. They played games and had great visits and Helen wants me to tell you that she sat in mom's chair at her place and she

could not win the game she says mom's butt is full of horseshoes right Helene. Either which way they all had a great weekend and had a great time

Joyce and Jerry had taken in the going away pot luck and visit for Shoko, Richard and Janine on their leaving of Rainier, Alberta. That family has been there for a lot of years and I hear it was a great turn out. Our thoughts are with all of you guys wherever you go and you'll always remember RAINIER. All the best to you all

Wow what is a great celebration for Fay Calvert for her 80th birthday they started out in the morning with tee (tea) time with their friends at the golf course was great surprise on Brad and Vickie.

Are you ready because it was such a great surprise for auntie Fay.

We celebrated Fay's 80th birthday at the par three with a come and go morning coffee and a family dinner in the afternoon. Over 90 people joined in with The great celebration of this wonderful lady thank you everyone who attended. They would also like to thank Arnold Roth for singing some beautiful songs really wanna thank all that attended and those that had travelled thank you so much for making this day special for Fay. It's so special when you have a chance to get together and all of Aunt Fay siblings were in attendance and the Calvert family. Glenda, Vickie and families did an awesome job.

Brad and Carrie Palko had son Jakob and his lady Kelsi on Saturday night. Went out for supper to celebrate great news. They are engaged. Wedding is set for 2025 so very excited.

Everyone is welcome to attend the bridal shower for Tamara Block, bride elect of Benn Gubbins. It will be held at 2:00 at the Ranier community hall on Sunday,

May 5
If anybody has news give me a text at 403-363-7496 By 8 Sunday.





#### Notice of Application

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#### Project Benefits:

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### Public Information and Consultation Session

An in-person Town Hall will be held at the Community Hall at 610 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on **Wednesday, May 15**, **2024, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** You can register using the link on the project website - info.pathfinderce.com - or by calling or emailing PACE Canada Development LP.

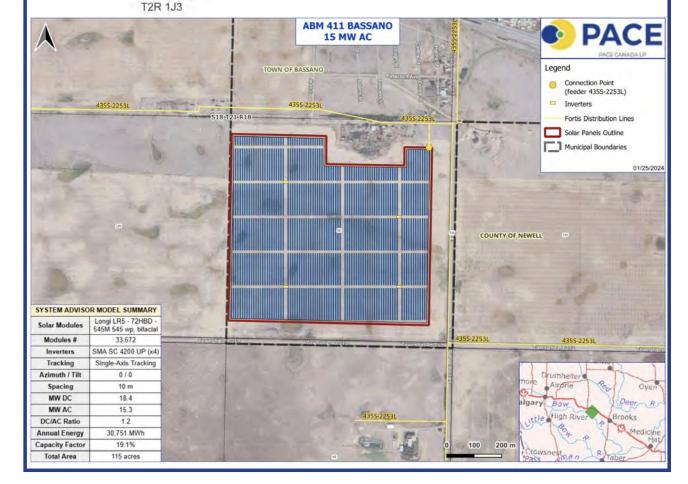
## Additional project information

Information updates on the proposal can be found on the project website: info.pathfinderce.com

If you have any questions or concerns or want to offer feedback on improving the project, please PACE Canada Development LP.

### Contact Information

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# Rainier Record

RAINIER - Happy
Birthday greetings for the upcoming week go out to Brian Guttman on April 15; Brody Ketchmark, Cheryl Guttman on April 26; Cory Springer, Rosalind VanHal on April 17; Richard Motokado on April 20; Levi

Johnson on April 21.
You are invited for the Spring Potluck Supper with dance and social. Saturday, April 20th at Rainier Community Hall. Doors and licensed bar open at 5.00pm. Please bring your favourite dish for your family and some to share. This is a non-ticketed and family friendly event. For more information please contact Pascalle at 403-363-2621.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Bridal Shower for Tamara Block, bride-elect of Benn Gubbins. It will be held on Sunday, May 5th , at 2.00pm at the Rainier Community Hall.

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

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

Alcoma Community Library will be open to the public during school hours, 10.00am to 3.00pm, and Thursday evenings, 6.30 to 8.00pm. Come on in and see what is offered for books, games, movies, puzzles..... check it out! There is a JBS Centre family swim pass available for two adults and two children. Check it out like a book.

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

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.

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JANE BELLWARD

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

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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# Cassils Clarion

CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - I missed news last week even after I asked if there was an early deadline! Got busy with Easter and delicious family dinners. I hope that you made time to see family and friends and were able to celebrate the holiday season.

Spring has arrived a few times now, but if predictions are correct she's starting to settle in and take charge! It's so great to see the excess water collecting where it hasn't for the last couple of vears. A sign of good things I'm hoping! The snow geese have been in abundance out this way had me wandering around my house trying to find what radio had been left on. When I opened the front door I couldn't believe the sound of the birds. Frighteningly impressive!! Calving is getting rolling for most and fingers crossed the cold nights are behind us. I'm sure there will be many tractors heading out to fields very soon as well.

Thank you to all who made it out to the Cassils Hall AGM, I heard it was well attended. Thank you to those who continue to serve the residents through their board positions and keep us a viable busy community. Thank you to Marie Hofer for her board term and to new board member

The next community event is the spring cleanup and it's set for May 6th at 5:30. This is when we need all available hands and bodies to come help get the hall ready for the busy summer months. Inside and outside work to be done. For

more information please contact Crystal at 403-793-0195 or Garry at

403-793-4598.

Brynn and Brad Biette and their indoor rep U15 GFA soccer team were in Calgary last weekend for a tournament and came away with the championship being undefeated again. Indoor soccer has come to a close with outdoor getting started right away. Baseball season is also upon us and Brooks Minor Ball is looking forward to getting started.

Hayden Mulvey had a tough go this past weekend as the High School Rodeo was in Brooks at the Silver Sage. He rode one out of three, best of luck at the next one Hayden.

Eva Niznik was in Toronto over the Easter break visiting her sister Kate and was fortunate to get to take in a Raptors game. She came home just in time to compete in Provincial 4H speak offs in Olds on Saturday morning. Inspiring and interesting topics, I don't know that I would tire of listening and being amazed at the talent and courage of these kids choosing to speak in front of a crowd and be judged! Eva didn't place but what a great learning experience.

"If you don't take risks, you'll work for somebody that did"

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

















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