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Bassano continues to develop their community

SANDRA M STANWAY
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The Town of Bassano has been busy reshaping their

community through their Build Bassano program which has four projects planned for 2024.

The idea behind the

program is to make the area appealing to current and new residents including allowing for more residential units to be

constructed.

Following a public hearing last week, council gave third reading to amend the Land Use Bylaw for the



Bassano will remove the water pumping station building and fences to create medium density residential lots.

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Jasmine Wiens, 3, blows bubbles with her mom, Tara. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

property at 822 5A Avenue to allow medium density residential (R2).

The council's first reading on March 11 was to approve residential manufactured homes on the property.

RM districts allow manufactured and single family dwellings while R2 districts allow for dwellings such as apartment buildings and row housing.

Following input at the public meeting council amended the bylaw.

Bassano CAO Amanda Peterson said, "It was proposed to be zoned for residential use. Many of the same uses are found in both land use districts."

Just down the block, the town has also been working on a four parcel subdivision plan on the 5A triangle at 7th Street East.

That plan would result in another land use bylaw amendment to rezone the parcel from public and institutional to five lots that would include three RM and one R2. The land had been rezoned from municipal reserve to public and institutional to allow for some FabHomes.

The town is also looking to create acreages south of the rail tracks.

The plan was to develop 12 one-acre lots but is now proposed to be 10 one-acre lots and one five acre lot.

A local business owner wants to purchase a large property for a new home and although council denied his request for a seven acre parcel, they approved a five acre parcel, although the approval has not been finalized.

The town is still working on the surveys and plans for the entire property.

Build Bassano also includes subdividing and selling parcels at the airport, a unique idea in itself as most airports lease parcels.

The plan was finished and approved last year and lots are expected to be developed this year.

Town reps presented the plan to county council last month seeking \$50,000 which is half the cost of the capital project under the Intermunicipal Development Framework agreement.

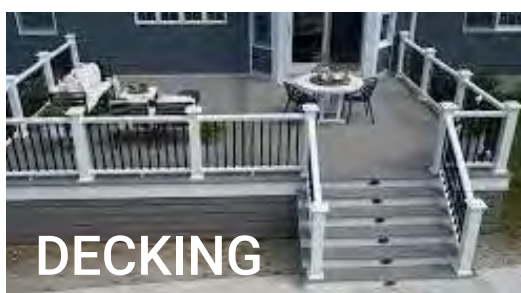
The airport is owned by the town but it is on county property. The county would collect the taxes.

The county did not include the request in its final budget that was presented last Thursday.

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Auctioneer going to 'slow down' after 50 years of service

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Ross Annett is retiring from his weekly auctioneering gig.

A former national auctioneering champion and Citizen of the Year, Annett said it's time to slow down.

"Father Time marches on. You can only go so far. I just need to slow down a little bit," said the 72-year-old.

"It's been an honour for me to be auctioneer for all these years and to work for the producers. These producers are free enterprise people and believe in the free market system and so do I."

Annett is a past Livestock Markets Association of Canada (LMAC) auctioneering champ.

He won the Canadian Livestock Auctioneer Championship in 2004 and placed in the top 10 in Canada over seven years and placed in the top 10 11 times at the Calgary Stampede's international competition. He also won the Jim Raffan Memorial Buckle in Ottawa in 1999.

He started working for Fort MacLeod Auction and Hurlburt Auction in Lethbridge in 1972 and two years later, at the age of 22, he began auctioneering at Bow Slope Shipping Association during which time he gained notoriety and used it and his



Ross Annett auctioneer retiring after 50 years of community services. | FILE PHOTO

talents to help non-profit organizations fundraise.

He said while he will stop the weekly auctioning, he will not end his trade completely having already agreed to three 4H auctions and others as requested.

"On request, I will still do purebred sales and farm sales, but I won't be doing it on a weekly basis."

Art Paetkau and upcomer Logan Hopp will continue the weekly auctioning.

He said the current livestock pricing landscape is exciting to see.

"Right now, is pretty exciting with the cattle market being what it is. I just sold a bull this morning (Friday) for \$2.15 per pound for a big bull and it looks like we'll be selling dry cows

before the day's done at \$2 per pound. To me, that's pretty incredible. I've seen cows in my career as low as a nickel a pound and as high as \$2 per pound. It's quite a spread," he said.

"I'm pretty happy stepping out of the weekly industry on a market as strong as this. I think it will stay for a while. Markets come up and markets go down, but I think it's pretty good for awhile."

He said it's been an honour.

On April 26 at 1 p.m. Annett will be honoured by Bow Slope Shipping Association for this half century of service.

"It's just another final sale day," he said.



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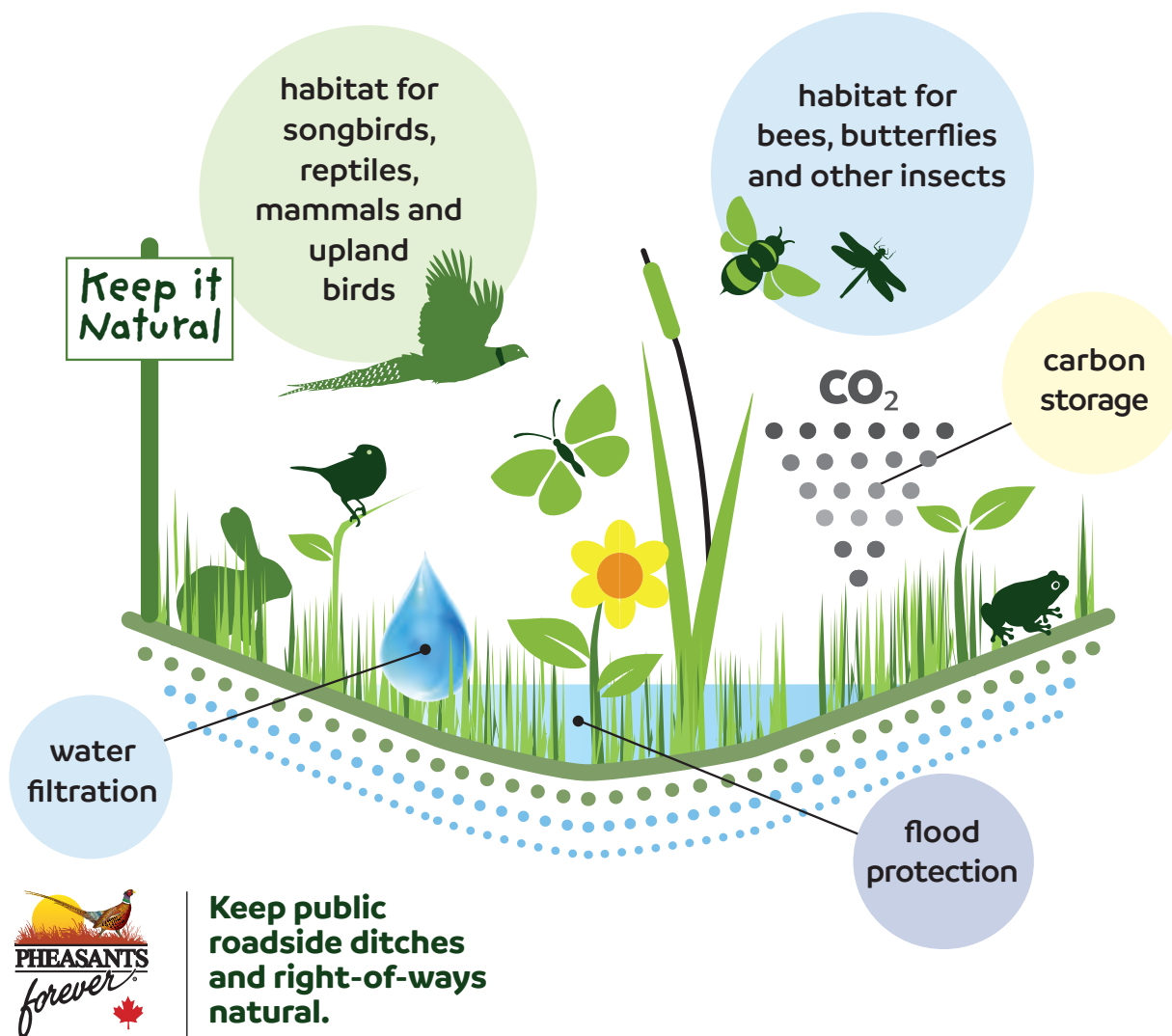


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County approves request for Cassils Hall

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County council on Thursday agreed to cover 25 per cent of the \$50,000 storage facility at Cassils Hall.

The community approached the county administration prior to COVID in 2020.

"Then for two or three years there was nothing," said Gary Hankins, who presented the application to council.

He said he kept in touch with Layne Johnson, the county's director of corporate services, with additional information over the past couple of years.

Hankins said over three or four years, the storage facility will save a lot of the equipment as well as any extra irrigation pipe.

"In the past I've had to go out there and pick it up because kids have been

playing with it, broke it into pieces and such," he said.

The community had previously discussed paving the parking lot in front of the community hall but has decided to keep it as gravel due to the weight of campers and trucks that would damage pavement.

DEVELOPMENT FEE REFUND DENIED

Council denied a request to refund the development fee of \$600 to Rolling Hills School, however, council did agree to provide the same amount to the school's agricultural program which includes keeping livestock and growing produce.

Grasslands Public School Division had applied for the permit in recognition of the intensification at the school for the Agricultural Academy.

County CAO Matt Fenske acknowledged the presentation about the school from the students

that was given earlier this year.

"I thought that was great," he said.

"I think that project aligns with the council's priority of promoting ag education."

He suggested providing the funds from the ag services budget.

"We don't set precedent by waiving the fee. The county taxpayers at large would cover the cost in support of ag education in Rolling Hills," he said.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS
The county has approved consolidating three bylaws - unsightly premises, cannabis consumption and noise standard - into a new community standards bylaw.

One change to the noise standard is that no one should use blasphemous,

abusive or grossly insulting language or sing or shout in a boisterous manner in public.

Mark Harbicht, the county's director of municipal services, said there is no change but the consolidation is for better management.

"It also provides better reference for the public rather than having to search in three different places to find information," he said.

Councillor Kelly Christman is concerned with the change regarding cannabis.

"If you look at the wording it's unenforceable. It says nobody can consume anywhere in the County of Newell. Period."

However, it is allowed but not in a public place, said Harbicht.

He said the province does

include cannabis but the question is can it be smoked outside of places such as the Centennial Regional Arena.

"Are there other places such as campgrounds where you want cannabis, vaping, smoking happening or not?"

He said the activities are permitted within an individual site but not in a public area.

John Nesbitt, the county's municipal enforcement supervisor, said his officers have mostly dealt with cannabis.

"Specifically, people having in their vehicle within reach," he said.

"This gives us the authority to educate and say you could have received a ticket," he said.

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City of Brooks

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CITY OF BROOKS, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
PROPOSED BYLAW 24/12 (ZONING CHANGE)

To be held at 5:00 pm, May 6, 2024
City of Brooks Council Chambers

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

LAND USE DISTRICT REDESIGNATION SCHEDULE 'A'
FROM: RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DETACHED (R-SD)
TO: RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (R-HD)

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 the following address:

Planning and Engineering
201 - 1st Avenue West
Box 879
Brooks, Alberta, T1R 1B7

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

Attend or View the Hearing

A 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 (contact information above) 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.

Yard Waste Collection Begins April 29th

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Fire training exercise



Firefighters from Cypress and Newell counties participated in a wildland fire training exercise on Sunday. At wildland fires water is poured from the trucks into large pools which allow the empty truck to leave the scene to refill allowing firefighters to access water. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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About 14 firefighters from the County of Newell and City of Brooks trained with about 16 firefighters from Cypress County in a wildland firefighting course.

The land was donated by the EID and was located near the Cypress County border at Range Road 16-4.

The course taught firefighters how to fight, attack and extinguish grass and bush fires.

"It was a fantastic day. Things are still green," said Stewart Luchies, the county's regional fire chief.

He said the firefighters learned how to create a fire break, a fire line and flank a fire.

"On wide berth fires, firefighters are taught

to drive alongside a fire, extinguish it until they reach the front of the fire," he said.

In 2020 a large training exercise took place at the Matzhiwin Creek area, Tilley and on land between Brooks and Duchess.

About 95 of the 164 firefighters in the city and county are now trained as wildland firefighters and would be able to respond if needed by the province.

The county assisted northern Alberta communities in 2023 over 60 days.

Luchies said that fire chiefs in the county are requesting users who are lighting fires to use all precautionary measures.

"Although we have received moisture recently, it is still dry in the county," he said.

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COMMENT

Rate stays put as Bank looks for clarity on Canada's economy

Big boost in federal spending, rise in home prices could prevent cut in key interest rate.

BY BRIAN LILLEY
TORONTO SUN

The Bank of Canada kept its key interest rate steady at 5% while hinting a rate cut could come in June. There were, however, two big unknown facts at play — the cost of housing and federal government spending.

Both of these factors could end up scuppering plans to give Canadians a break on mortgages, lines of credit and credit card fees.

A lot of the assumptions in the Bank's forecast, officially called the Monetary Policy Report, are built around the idea of housing rebounding, not in terms of prices rising but housing starts increasing.

That view is at odds with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's recent report which said to expect lower housing starts this year with a slight increase in 2025-26, but still not at the levels of the last two years.

If housing starts don't rebound, that leaves a big hole in the Bank's view of the Canadian economy, something they admitted was a risk. They also noted that given demand pressures on housing, including due to the massive increase in population, housing prices could rise again.

"House prices could increase more than anticipated due to strong demand, which would boost inflation by raising shelter costs," the Bank's report said.

If that happens, don't expect a rate cut any time soon. The Bank indicated that it's concerned that dropping interest rates too early could also push housing prices, and therefore inflation, back up.

Bank Gov. Tiff Macklem said that while there were a range of views on the state of the Canadian economy among the council members who make decisions on interest rates, there was consensus to leave the rate as is for now. One of the reasons for that is likely the coming federal budget and its potential impact

on spending and inflation.

Derek Holt, vice president and head of Capital Markets Economics at Scotiabank, told the Financial Post last week that increased spending by federal and provincial governments will add to inflation and keep the Bank of Canada from lowering rates. While many economists believe a June rate cut is possible, Holt isn't looking for a rate cut until September at the earliest.

The inflation number in the United States came in higher than expected for March at 3.5% due to higher gas prices and mortgage rates. That now has analysts thinking the U.S. Central Reserve won't cut the American key interest rate in June as expected.

This, of course, could have an impact on the Bank of Canada's decision.

Statistics Canada releases the next inflation report on April 16, the same day as the federal budget. With gas prices and mortgage rates tracking higher than a year ago, it's quite feasible that the 2.8% recorded in February won't be replicated in March, with inflation going higher.

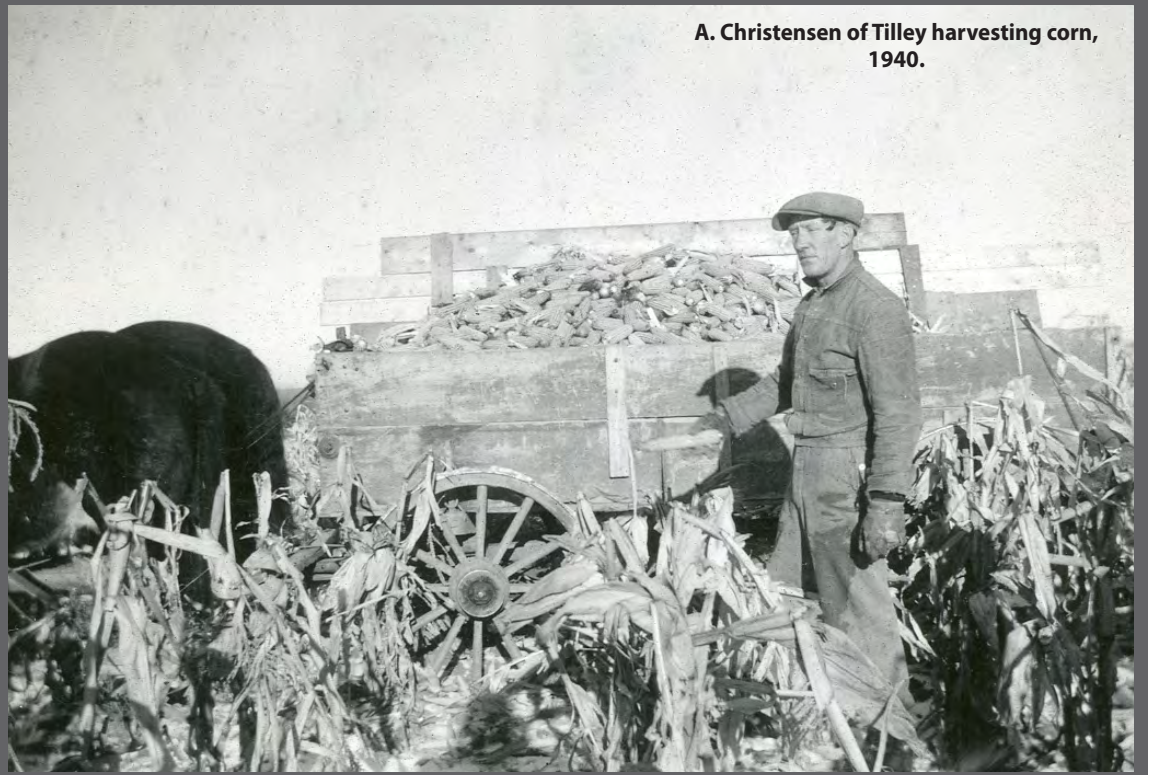
That same day, the full federal budget will be released, detailing tens of billions in new spending. Despite much of that spending having already been announced by the government, Macklem said the Bank doesn't take federal spending into account for their modelling until it has been officially released.

Parliamentary Budget Office Yves Giroux told CTV's Power Play that there are concerns the spending in the upcoming budget will add to inflation.

Bottom line, we aren't out of the woods yet in terms of getting relief for the economy, for consumers, and for anyone trying to get or renegotiate a mortgage. Given what is expected in the budget next week, any hope of relief will be pushed off months into the future, if not further.

Canadians hoping for relief will need to wait a little longer.

TIME CAPSULE



A. Christensen of Tilley harvesting corn, 1940.

There Really Are Rules

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



History is mostly a matter of dates, and the key date is always that of the last conquest. All previous conquests are then magically forgiven and forgotten.

This observation is prompted partly by the current wars in Ukraine and the Gaza Strip, but equally by the confused apology that a young student union official made on the website of a Canadian university where I spoke recently.

In Canada, the world capital of apologies, almost every public event begins with an acknowledgement that it is taking place on the 'unceded territory' of one or more 'First Nations' (although these statements never end with a promise that the 'settlers' are going to give the territory back).

This assumption of collective historical blame even leads to declarations of personal guilt like that of the student union leader I mentioned above. "My name is [name withheld]," she wrote on the website. "I use she/they pronouns, and I am a settler and uninvited guest on the un-ceded territories of the Songhees, Esquimalt, and WSANEC First Nations."

It would be funny if it weren't so sad. She was born in Canada, as were her parents for several generations past, and she has no other home. She feels guilty only because she doesn't understand how history works. The people she is apologising to were almost certainly once conquerors themselves.

There have been human

beings in the Americas for at least fourteen thousand years. Unless the cycle of perpetual conquest and re-conquest worked differently there than it did everywhere else in the world, there can be no patch of ground that did not change hands violently several times during that long period. We just don't know the details.

The cycle was certainly still going strong when the Europeans arrived five centuries ago. The Aztec empire in what is now parts of Mexico and the Inca empire in the Andes, both founded on conquest, were less than 300 years old. Aztec rule was so brutal that most of that empire's subjects united with the Spanish conquistadors to overthrow it.

History always worked like that. The wars of the European great powers in the 'modern' era were just variations on a theme, and nothing really changed until 1945. Then everything changed.

The politics of the Second World War were familiar, but the technologies had grown too powerful: the Second World War killed at least 40 million people and by the end they were using nuclear weapons. People were rightly frightened, and they collectively concluded that the endless wars and the constant changing of borders by force had to stop.

A lot of borders were changed immediately after that war — Poland, for example, was moved more than a hundred km. west — but once the United Nations Charter went into effect in late 1945 the new rule was clear: force and even the threat of force between member states is prohibited, and above all borders may no longer be changed by force.

This involved the freezing of many historical injustices, because almost all borders were the result of past wars, not of free votes or legal decisions.

However, allowing the borders to be changed by force again would open the door to future wars ad infinitum, so they would have to stay where they are — forever.

It made sense. Indeed, there were no good alternatives, and the new rule is still being observed in the vast majority of cases even eight decades later. All the colonial borders remained intact when the European empires collapsed, including the internal borders of the old Soviet Union. As a result, there have been no more great wars, only local ones.

Some of those wars were quite big, but none has killed even one percent of the people who died in the Second World War. Despite occasional exceptions like the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the various wars over the borders of Israel and Palestine, the new rule has been a huge success.

So why is it right to call Israelis who build Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank 'settlers', but wrong for the young Canadian woman to see herself as a 'settler and uninvited guest' in her own country? It really is a question of dates.

Canada's borders, like those of the vast majority of countries, are older than the UN Charter and were fixed by the freeze. Those of Israel and Palestine were fixed by the UN partition of 1948 but were immediately changed by the war of that year. They can only be finally settled by mutual agreement, and seizing more land in the meantime is illegal.

Whereas the border between Russia and Ukraine already existed before 1945, was ratified by Moscow on several later occasions, and cannot legally be changed by force. There really are rules, although their enforcement is distinctly spotty.



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The warm temperatures last week saw many people out to Lake Stafford. While some fished near the lighthouse, others fished around the shoreline and even one person was seen gliding across the water in a kayak. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

The Western Gospel

DEVOTIONAL
THOUGHT OF
THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

**Nathan Ramer
Duchess Mennonite
Church**

I once heard a speaker say that the western gospel focused on sin and forgiveness, while the culture he had worked in (he served as a missionary for longer than I have been alive) focused more on the gospel of power.

That struck me. I was also thinking about why so many of our children and youth walk away from faith when they become adults. There are a lot of theories to answer this question (and many of them involve buying someone's book to find out more), but I don't know if we will ever know.

But could one reason be that the western Church's

focus on the ideas of sin and forgiveness can be mastered without someone ever encountering Jesus? Hear me well; I am not saying that sin and forgiveness are unimportant. But they must be more than simply ideas. If the gospel of Jesus is truly to be "good news" in our culture, I suggest to you that it must be a message that is transformative.

Perhaps that is why I am drawn to the notion of a gospel of power. Because you cannot encounter the power of God and stay the same. Now, surely there will always be people that encounter God in real and significant ways, and still turn their backs on Him. But I am pretty sure that it is harder to walk away from something like that than it is to walk away from a set of ideas.

I think there is danger in boiling our message

down to a set of ideas that someone needs to agree with. Believing an idea can be the start of something, but on its own is never sufficient. Meeting a person (especially One like no other) can change us. And when you add to that with the reality of being indwelt by the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead - that sounds like dynamite.

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Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN



Theft at Torxen

An electrical cable worth about \$500 was cut and stolen from Torxen Energy in Wheatland County.

The company reported the incident to RCMP on April 10 at 11:30 a.m. reporting that it had happened sometime during the previous week.

RCMP are requesting that the public be on the lookout for suspicious behaviour in the county and anyone who is a victim of a crime to contact police at 403-362-5535.

Theft from Vehicle

A wallet and lottery tickets were stolen from a vehicle that was parked overnight on April 14 in an alley behind Second Street East.

Brooks RCMP reported that the credit cards were used after they'd been stolen. The investigation is continuing.

Fail to Stop or Remain at Accident Scene

A violation ticketed was issued to a driver who failed to remain on scene following an accident.

On April 14 at 7:38 p.m. a Brooks resident reported to police that his vehicle was involved in a hit and run. A bystander witnessed a blue van hit the vehicle, damage the front bumper and drive off.

RCMP located the driver and issued the ticket.

Outstanding warrant arrest

Last Wednesday afternoon Brooks RCMP located Nyachaing Choap who had been wanted through a Medicine Hat arrest warrant.

The RCMP arrested Choap and she was released her for a court hearing on May 21.

Impaired driver taken off the road

Last Wednesday at about 10:14 p.m. a Brooks officer

was patrolling southbound on 2nd Street West when he observed vehicle that was driving without headlights.

The vehicle was stopped and the driver, who complied with a mandatory alcohol test, blew a caution.

The owner's vehicle was towed and the driver was given a provincial sanction.

Dine and Dash

Last Tuesday a dining patron was returned by police to pay for his meal. Police had been called to a restaurant just before 7 p.m. when a man left without paying his bill.

The male has been banned from Motel 6 and Ricky's.

Yelling results in mischief charge

On April 9 at 7:22 p.m. RCMP responded to a Brooks residence where a female was yelling and intoxicated.

Fatima Ahmed was arrested on multiple outstanding warrants and held for a hearing.

Laundry room thefts

On April 3 police responded to calls for two separate thefts from apartment building laundry rooms.

Police found that the coin boxes were damaged and the cash was stolen.

Apartment residents should not let anyone who is unfamiliar to them inside the building and to report anything suspicious to police.

Assault with a weapon

A few hours after leaving the Brooks court house last Monday police charged Jordan Barry Potts with assault with a weapon.

Police were notified of an assault that occurred between a pair of roommates.

The male victim attended the Brooks Health Centre for non-life threatening injuries which were sustained during the assault. He was treated and released.

Potts, a 31-year-old Brooks resident, was

charged with assault with a weapon, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose and failing to comply with conditions of his release.

Potts appeared in Brooks Court of Justice on Wednesday at which time he wanted a bail hearing. The hearing was denied until April 16.

Report crime, Suspicious Activities and Public Risk

Police are urging the public to report any activities that are criminal, suspicious and/or are public risk activities.

"There are many platforms these days for citizens to express their concerns, however, the Brooks RCMP want to remind and encourage citizens and business owners to phone to report these instances to police."

If it's an emergency call 911. If it is not an emergency call 403-362-5535.

Trudeau gives Quebec special treatment on carbon tax

FRANCO TERRAZZANO
CANADIAN TAXPAYER
FEDERATION

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is highlighting a fundamental unfairness about the federal carbon tax: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is requiring taxpayers in other provinces to pay a higher carbon tax than in Quebec.

"Trudeau is giving Quebec a special deal on carbon taxes and giving other Canadians higher gas prices and heating bills," said Franco Terrazzano, CTF Federal Director. "The solution is simple: Trudeau should scrap his carbon tax and lower gas prices and home heating bills across Canada."

The federal government states all provinces are required to impose the carbon tax equally. "The federal government is committed to ensuring

that carbon pricing is in place across Canada at a similar level of stringency," states the government's backgrounder.

Taxpayers in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut are all required to pay a carbon tax of \$80 per tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent.

However, Quebec's cap-and-trade carbon tax is

currently \$57 per tonne.

By 2030, the federal carbon tax will cost \$170 per tonne, while Quebec's will cost an estimated \$97 per tonne, as reported by La Presse. That means in 2030, Quebec's carbon tax will cost about 14 cents per litre of gasoline less than in the rest of Canada.

"Trudeau's special deal for Quebec shows the carbon tax was always about politics," said Terrazzano. "Trudeau should make life more affordable for all Canadians and scrap his carbon tax."

Current cost of carbon tax, Quebec vs. rest of Canada*

	Quebec (\$57/tonne)	Rest of Canada (\$80/tonne)
Gasoline (per litre)	\$0.13	\$0.17
Diesel (per litre)	\$0.17	\$0.21
Natural gas (per cubic metre)	\$0.10	\$0.15

* CTF estimates for Quebec based on cap-and-trade auction price. The rest of Canada is based on the cost of the carbon tax, according to the government of Canada.

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Julie Nicholson paints lines for a soccer field at Griffin Park School on Sunday. Outdoor soccer returns to the area on April 22. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Local man sent to prison for more than three years

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Last Monday in a Brooks court, a local man in his 20s who had sexually assaulted and touched his sister over a three year period was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in a federal prison.

The man, who pleaded guilty late last year, cannot be identified to protect the identity of his victim.

Through an Agreed Statement of Facts, the court was told the man was 19-years-old when he began assaulting his 10-year-old sister.

"He understands what he did was wrong," said the Crown prosecutor.

The Court did not have a victim impact statement

to rely on and which is used with sentencing, but there were psychologist, psychiatrist, a pre-sentence report and letters from the parents for the court.

Referring to the letter from the mother the accused operates at an age range of between 12 to 13-years of age.

"I'm suggesting it's not as low as people indicate," the Crown said.

He added that the mother indicated that the victim is fine and happy and that the family is broken and it needs to be whole.

The Crown who was seeking a five year sentence, said harm to the victim might not manifest itself until adulthood.

Defence told the Court that with treatment over

five years, the accused has a very low chance of repeating his action, according to one of the reports.

The accused read a letter to the court prior to sentencing in which he apologized for his actions.

He said all the 'sorries' in the world would never be enough, he deeply regrets what he did and he is embarrassed. He said he went through a rough patch and he did not know what he did.

"This is an act I regret deeply everyday," he told the court.

In addition to the custodial sentence, the accused was ordered to provide his DNA and he is to register on the Sex Offender Information Registration Act for 20 years.

Town watering

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Bassano council amended their watering schedule for a couple of areas.

Water will be available for the community gardens seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. from May 1 to June 15. After that water will be available for the gardens on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and the 3A Triangle will be watered once a week.

Other areas for watering in town will remain the same as it is in the policy.

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Women's curlers reach quarter finals at club provincials

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BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks women's curling team went 3-1-2 and the men's curling team went 1-4 at the Provincial Club Championships in Airdrie.

The women's club made up of Karen Morrison, Heather Wilson, Katie Crump and Norma Douglass defeated St. Albert 7-5 in the first draw, conceded

after a 5-2 lead by the host team after the seventh end, lost to Sherwood Park 3-6, defeated Ellerslie 7-2 and Chestermere 12-4 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Brooks conceded after the sixth end when Peace River Curling Club took a commanding 9-3 lead.

Peace River was defeated by Thistle #2 Curling Club in the finals, 9-6.

On the men's side, the

Brooks team of Michael Steele, Josh Steinbach, Jason Wilson and Joel Falkenberg, won their first draw against Crestwood, lost their second draw against Okotoks, conceded in the eighth end with an 8-2 lead by Crestwood #2 and then lost their next two matches, 6-5 against Airdrie #2 and 6-4 to Vermillion.



The Scandia Community Centre is thrilled to announce that we are moving forward with the building renovation of the 1967 Quonset part of our hall.

Thank you to all our community members and businesses who have donated to our renovation fund. We also thank the County of Newell and the Government of Alberta (CFEP Grant) for their generous financial support.

We need to set our plan in place, and we need your help.

Please let us know if you have any ideas for the structure of our new building. The size and design of the replacement will depend on the budget we have to work with.

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Provincial contribution for path to Kinbrook Island

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The province's Northern and Regional Economic Development Program granted the County of Newell \$200,000 for the path to Kinbrook Island Provincial Park.

The amount that was granted is the maximum

amount provided for eligible projects.

The funds are for the completion of the Kinbrook Connection Pathway that links the Kinbrook Island Provincial Park to Brooks.

The entire length of the path is 12km; about half of the path was paved last year and the remainder of the path between the Bantry canal and Township 18-2, is

to be completed by October 2024.

Including the grant, about \$315,000 has been fundraised for the path.

The grant that was provided is for municipalities, Indigenous communities and non-profit organizations that promote regional economic development and diversification.



The bridge over Bantry Bay that will align with the Kinbrook Path was installed last month, however, it is not ready for public use. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Bandits to face Okotoks Friday



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5-4.

Okotoks Oilers defeated the Spruce Grove Saints in the BCHL's Alberta division semi finals.

The Oilers defeated the Saints 6-2, 3-2, and 3-2 and

With the win, the Oilers will face the Brooks Bandits in a best-of-seven series which will begin on Friday.

Also on Friday will be the start of the best-of-seven series between Blackfalds Bulldogs and Sherwood Park Crusaders.

The winner of the Bulldogs - Crusaders series and the Bandits - Oilers series will face each other in the playoffs.

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COOL is back again... is it time to face meat labelling reality



WILL VERBOVEN

Like an unwelcome itch that never goes away, American Country of Origin Labelling (COOL) legislation recently came back to haunt the Canadian meat industry – particularly the cattle and beef sector. The COOL issue is decades old and has cost the industry millions in product discounts, logistical hoops, red tape, and lobbying expenses by our provincial and national cattle producer organizations. I suspect the beef industry may have hoped that the World Trade Organization ruling in favour of Canada and Mexico had finally put the issue to rest. But alas, no such luck. For some nefarious US

protectionist groups, the issue will never be settled until all meat and livestock imports from Canada are banned. The issue always seemed to be driven by some underlying factors – first, the misguided perception that if all beef and cattle imports were restricted or banned, the price of live cattle for US producers would skyrocket. Yes, that's a great supply and demand theory, but it doesn't quite work that way in the North American cattle and beef business. There isn't much point in regurgitating why that is because, in the end, it doesn't matter to protectionists, many of whom are outside of the meat industry and who have other agendas.

Another reality is that folks involved in promoting COOL work for lobby organizations that pursue and initiate protectionist rules and

regulations as a business. Consider the notorious R-CALF USA anti-Canadian lobby group, who have been the driving force behind COOL for the past thirty years. COOL is their main issue, and their fearmongering has been instrumental in accumulating countless thousands in donations to keep the organization going. Fearmongering for donations is nothing new in the lobbying business; animal rights and green left groups always use that approach. It gives such groups more money to hire more professional staff – whose full-time job is, you guessed it, to lobby and fearmonger their causes for more donations. In a perverse way, the endless COOL odyssey has been a boon to R-CALF as it has allowed it to remain in business.

One has to credit the devious nature of R-CALF as it has been successful

in allying itself with other seemingly dissimilar lobbying groups to keep itself alive and successfully pursuing its cause in high political circles in Washington, DC. Some of those groups are larger, better connected and better strategists. I suspect they will support any cause for a price or will deem R-CALF to be useful idiots in supporting their own causes. Again, there is nothing new in that business – animal rights, vegetarian, green left groups and enviro law agencies are all known to be interconnected – heck, such folks even have conventions where they can make deals, strategize and find ways to share causes. But I digress.

Knowing all that, it's no surprise that new COOL legislation would rear its head again. The latest, which goes into effect in 2026, uses a voluntary

approach called vCOOL instead of the mandatory one called mCOOL. The latter was declared illegal by the WTO – vCOOL is designed to dodge that ruling. The onus will be on packers/processors to prove that the cattle or beef they use are 100% of US origin to use the "Product or Made in USA" label. Meat marketers will have to decide whether using that label will be more profitable for their business. However, with their multiple sources of domestic and imported meat products, I suspect the big dogs will find ways to manipulate label use to their specific market ad-vantage. That brings to mind whether Canada should use its WTO authorization to impose retaliatory tariffs on US imports to deal with the new vCOOL regulations. The odds are Canada won't take that option, as our timid trade officials would be loathe to challenge

and upset the US, especially with NAFTA renegotiations coming up in 2026. There would be no political benefit to poking the bear.

Unfortunately, in this situation, neither a Biden nor a Trump US administration would make much difference in this issue. Both are merciless protectionists for the same reason – protecting American jobs and industry from foreign competition. Also, fighting the new vCOOL isn't worth the cost and effort without federal government involvement. Maybe vCOOL is the best of a bad situation. Perhaps more US dairy product import access could be traded for a vCOOL exemption. Not likely; the Quebec-centric, politically powerful Canadian dairy lobby would never allow that to happen.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.



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Jay Armishaw rollerblades with Boone as Rayel Janke follows on her bike at Lake Stafford last Tuesday. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Bassano's BARRA will dissolve, sell assets including building



The Bassano recycling centre will be closed over the next few months. The town has been in discussions with BARRA to purchase the facility. | TOM MCPHAIL PHOTO

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Bassano's recycling board wants to dissolve over the next few months but they cannot until they sell the building and other assets.

Last week Bassano town council discussed the purchase of the BARRA-owned building, on town land.

The town agreed to provide BARRA with up to \$50,000 to help with dissolution costs in exchange for BARRA's building at 702 1st Avenue.

The town would like to convert the building into a public works shop instead of having to build an addition

to their existing building as council had agreed to last year.

"Acquiring the BARRA building could be done in place of building an addition on the existing shop.

"Knowing this, the BARRA board requested a purchase price of \$50,000 from the town for the asset. A rationale was not provided with regards to the purchase price valuation," states the town's agenda notes.

The town is also considering cleaning out its parks and recreation shop at 317 2nd Avenue and leasing that facility.

BARRA (Bassano Area Resource Recovery Association) has been

operated by a volunteer board since about 1987.

Throughout the years the board has found that it has become increasingly expensive to operate the facility. Last fall they agreed to dissolve the board.

If the town purchases the building administration is estimating that it would cost between \$20,000 and \$24,000 per year to operate it which would require additional taxes.

When the equipment and building are sold, Newell Recycling will move in recycle bins that they will also empty on a schedule.

Last week BARRA discussed the offer that was made by the town during their meeting.

City sponsors resolution for municipal convention

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

City council is sponsoring a resolution that has been seconded by the Town of Sexsmith to shorten the time to obtain a Class 5 driver's licence.


According to the background information, Alberta has the most restrictive learner's licence program in the country with no ability to shorten the Class 7 (learners) licence period.

If passed, Alberta Municipalities (AM) will advocate that the government should review the program and shorten

the time to get a Class 5 Graduated Driver's Licence, from one year to eight months for those 16-years of age and older and who have taken a driver's training course.

"By shortening the learner's licence period to eight months for those 16-years of age and older by taking an approved and accredited driver's training course may potentially result in the reduction of collisions, tickets, court time and more," states the motion.

The motion will be presented at the fall convention.



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County gives first reading of tax bylaw

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

County council has approved the final 2024 budget and given first reading to the tax bylaw.

The 2024 budget includes some changes to tax revenues based on actual assessments and requisition amounts such as those for schools from the province, grant revenues and some carry forward projects.

The final budget includes an increase of \$729,000 or 2.26 per cent in property taxes over last year; an increase in operating expenses of \$2.05 million or 6.17 per cent.

The county will collect \$45.495 million in property taxes and will pay \$12.534 million in requisition requests.

Stephanie Hanson, the city's controller, told council the main drivers are the increase in staffing costs of \$504,000, an increase of \$580,000 to other organizations and an increase of \$63,000 in policing costs to \$859,123.

The county has budgeted \$25.5 million for capital projects and will repay \$106,000 while issuing \$750,000 in debt for the Lake Newell Resort path.

Seventy-five per cent of the path funds will be repaid by the Resort residents through a local improvement tax.

The county will transfer a net of \$386,000 to its restricted surplus account.

Last month financial requests were made to the county from Brooks and Bassano for projects they are undertaking.

None of the project amounts were included in the final budget. The requests included support for the city's old rodeo grounds development and skateboard park and Bassano's airport lot development and amphitheatre.

"Going into interim budget, administration was targeting a three per cent revenue increase on property taxes," said CAO Matt Fenske.

"At the time we put the caveat that we'd only reaching for that if we have the growth and assessment to support it."

The county did not achieve the three per cent but reached about 2.26 per cent increase.

"That means were around \$239,708 under what we had projected in interim," Fenske said.

He said there was some

growth in residential and non-residential.

"Administration is comfortable with that growth. We ended 2023 with a bigger surplus than we had initially projected," said Fenske.

The taxable assessment values in the county increased by \$167.7 million from last year to \$4.28 billion due to an increase of \$132.6 million in growth and \$35.1 million in inflation.

Fenske added that there were some inflationary pressures on assessment, so administration recommended to council a reduction of the residential tax rate.

In the first reading of the tax rate bylaw, the residential mill rate is 3.7893, farmland and non-residential are 8.8552 mills and small business is 6.6414 mills.

The Newell Foundation requested \$425,192 from the county, the school foundation request is about \$11.682 million and the separate school request is \$222,934.

Transfers to organizations this year include \$20,000 for the school resource officer; \$225,234 for the Bassano fire agreement, \$457,844 for the city's fire capital funding and \$231,818 for its operating funds.

The Duchess fire agreement will see the county provide \$109,530 and \$97,020 will go to Rosemary fire.

The county will also contribute \$159,870 for its share of economic development expenses.

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 183037 Range Road 145 within 60 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

**APRIL 25
2024
11:00 am**



COUNTY OF NEWELL

County Administration Offices: 183037 Rge. Rd. 145

14-16c



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF DECISION

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

DEVELOPMENT AREA	APPLICATION NUMBER	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF PROJECT	DECISION	APPEAL PROCESS
Special Area No.2	SA2-01-24	SE-35-21-09-W4	Remove Existing Kitchen Building & Build 52' x 270' Kitchen Building (AMENDED)	APPROVED	Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (Note 1)

Persons claiming to be affected by decisions of the Development Authority may appeal within twenty-one (21) days after notice of decision.

Note 1: Appeal by serving written notice to the Secretary of the Special Areas Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Note 2: Appeal to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal by submitting the **Notice of Appeal Form** found at alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx

Further information regarding the above may be obtained from the Special Area No. 2 District Office, Hanna, Alberta.

Brett Richards
Development Officer

16-18c



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Benefits of proposed solar farm explained to Bassano council

Pace solar proposes farm in Bassano....

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Pace Solar gave their second presentation to Bassano town council ahead of their community presentation next month in relation to the proposed 15 megawatt solar farm.

The agrivoltaic solar farm, the co-location of solar and agriculture, is proposed to be constructed on 115 acres on a property north of Township Road 21-2, west of Range Road 18-5 (First Street East) south of the railroad tracks and east of Range Road 19-0.

While the company's first presentation focused on the development process and project details, last week Rhonda Barron, Pace Canada's project and communications coordinator, discussed the benefits of a project starting with the approximate \$286,000 annually of tax dollars or 7.6 per cent of the municipality's total revenue based on its 2021 revenue. She also noted that the company will agree to

donate \$20,000 annually to projects in Bassano.

"Many rural Alberta communities are struggling so this offers an important revenue source," she said.

Another benefit from the company, Barron's noted, is the willingness to contribute \$20,000 annually to the community for projects. One suggestion came from administration to develop solar facilities at the town's rec facilities.

The Business Renewables Centre-Canada (Pembina Institute) found that in 2022 over \$28.102 million had been paid in total tax revenues to Alberta municipalities for renewable operations including \$431,910 to the county or 1.09 per cent of its tax revenue.

The organization also reported that if all the wind and solar projects planned as of February 2024 were approved, it would add \$277 million to municipalities.

The County of Newell would have received just over \$12.1 million. Shortly after the report was released a large project that had been proposed in the county was denied.

Other economic developments, she said, include non-traditional revenue for struggling farmers, generating about 100 temporary construction jobs during its peak and two full time equivalent jobs once it's operational.

If approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) it would be the first solar project within the Town of Bassano.

Mayor Irv Morey said he wants to ensure that the company looks after the nearby residents by planting trees, especially on the east and north side of the project.

Barron said the planning includes a couple of rows of plants or trees to obscure the panels.

"I know that north of the project there is a proposed residential development, so obviously not only existing residences but potential for future residential growth in that area would definitely be flagged for potential of view impact," she said.

Pace representatives will hold their first community meeting on May 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the community hall.



Pace Solar's proposed Bassano farm location south of the railroad tracks and north of Township Road 21-2. | PACE SOLAR

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The first of several foals that are expected to be born at Sandy Ridge Stallion Station near Bassano arrived last Wednesday evening. The photo was taken when the colt was one day old.

TOM MCPHAIL PHOTO

Infrastructure bank lends \$33 million for Tilley Solar project

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) is lending \$33 million towards construction of the Tilley Solar project.

The 69,450 fixed-tilted solar panels are being installed about 4.1 kilometres east of Tilley at SE5-18-12W4 (124084 Hwy 1).

The financial agreement was announced last week with Alexander First Nation, First National Power

Development (FNpower), Concord Green Energy and the CIB.

“The total project cost is \$52 million and will include the economic interests of the Alexander First Nation and First Nation Power, an indigenous-owned organization dedicated to empowering First Nation community ownership and participation in the emerging renewable energy industry,” states a CIB release.

The Alberta Utilities Commission approved the

23.6 megawatt project in 2023.

As of early April about 18 per cent of the racking was completed and solar panels have started to be installed. The construction is expected to be completed by March 2025.

In collaboration with the Alberta Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative, led by PrairiesCan, Indigenous Services Canada contributed \$1 million to Alexander First Nation towards its investment in the Tilley project.



Work is underway at the Tilley Solar Project east of Tilley. As of April 2 all of the piles were installed and 18 per cent of the racking was completed. The company recently began installation of solar panels.

CONCORD GREEN ENERGY PHOTO

No change in Tilley rep on EID board

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Tilley voters in the Eastern Irrigation District re-elected incumbent Brent Schroeder to another term. Last Tuesday 100 ballots were cast with

Schroeder receiving 54 votes and Shane Vossepoel receiving 46 votes.

The district has 194 electors on the division's list.

Schroeder was elected to a three year term.

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Dusty Plains 4-H MULTI-CLUB NEWS

DONOR STEER



Left to Right: Nate Berg, Evelyn Rooke, Brinley Griffith, Lucie Berg, Jorja Griffith, Ollie Berg, Brock Griffith, Mason Curry and Tenley Griffith.

The members of Dusty Plains 4-H Multi Club would like to introduce you to DUSTY, this year's Newell District Beef Show and Sale donor steer.

Dusty has been generously donated by the Beef Club families: Rookes, Currys, C&M Griffith, J&D Griffith, and the Bergs.

Dusty comes from the Berg's herd. Dusty is an Angus x Charolais. He was born April 17, 2023. Dusty has been living the good life at Berg Farm, chowing down on Gamechanger Feed, donated by Trouw Nutrition and Bassano Building Center.

We have started halter breaking him. He enjoys a scratch on the tail head and loves bucking around in his fresh straw.

Watch this space for further updates on Dusty and our chosen charities. Newell District 4-H Beef Show and Sale day is Monday 27th at the Silver Sage.

Written by Lucie and Ollie Berg.
Photo by Melanie Berg 1/4/24

One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - What a gorgeous few days we've had this past week, it almost appears that Spring has sprung. The robins are all back and some have moved on further north too. I've seen one Killdeer so far, and some red-winged blackbirds, too. It's so nice to hear them singing. It's supposedly supposed to rain and snow this week, I don't know for sure, I guess we'll just have to wait and see what happens. I noticed that the trees are starting to show budding and will soon be exploding with their foliage. All the grass has just popped up this past week, which means soon I'll have to get that mower going pretty soon. I'm sure that very soon the farmers will be eager to get out on the land to seed, fertilizer, etc, etc.

****NOTE*** * Brooks United Church Thrift Sale is on "THIS", Thursday, April 18th, from 8:00am to 12:30pm, as of this sale, the closing time has changed. This is also bag sale, so come on out and get the best bargains and all those things you didn't know that you needed. See you there!!

Last week Monday my daughter Kelly and her husband Ron Coughlin arrived back to Canada from their home in California. They arrived at supper time and then stayed overnight and were able to visit with Frank and Judy over supper too. On Tuesday they left for their home in Sherwood Park and they were glad to get back home, as Kelly was not well at all.

Judy Merkl left last week Tuesday morning to go and spend some time with her son, Jason and Paulina and little Luca in Edgely, SK for a couple of weeks.

Last week Tuesday Michelle Richardson of Diamond Valley came and stayed with her mother, Elizabeth Schalm from Tuesday to Thursday. Meanwhile Ozzie went on last week Wednesday to Lacombe to attend the funeral service for his friend, Charlie Budd. He had a nice visit with Charlie's families while there.

Our deepest sympathies go to the families of Mrs. Jackie Murray, who passed away on April 4, 2024 at

the age of 97 years. Her service funeral will be held at the Brooks United Church THIS Friday, April 19th at 2:00pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. She was a very busy lady most of her life and she'll be very much missed by all her families and by her many friends and also by all the organizations that she worked with. Rest in Peace, Jackie!

Another one of our old-timers John Andrejcin has passed away on April 8, 2024 in the Sunrise Gardens. He played in bands for many years and everyone loved his dance music. He helped to organize the Jam sessions at the Legion for many years, which was enjoyed by all who participated. He'll also be missed by his wife, Jane and all his families and his many friends. There are any arrangements made yet at this time.

Our sympathies go to Elsie and Bob Strach and to her siblings and all your families on the passing of their brother, Stan Sulek on February 26, 2024 at the age of 87. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

On Friday afternoon I, accompanied by Diana Goff of Scandia drove down to Medicine Hat to visit my brother George and sister-in-law Jean Zvolensky for a couple of hours. We had a nice visit with them. It was a beautiful day for a drive. We saw several herds of pronghorn antelopes on our way home.

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 of 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.

*****NOTE***** Brooks and District Social Club

dance will be held "THIS" 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. More to report next week about the dances, so keep tuned in.

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to Harold Wutzke of Brooks and to Riley Church, both on Apr. 18th; to Monty Kozma on Apr. 19th; Michelle Alberts on Apr. 20th; to

Jamie Janko on Apr. 21st and to Patty Alberts of Brooks on Apr. 24th. We wish each of you a great day and a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating a birthday. We wish everyone best wishes for many years to come.

Special happy birthday wishes go to a long time friend, Charlie Cyr of Brooks, who celebrated his 95th milestone on Sunday, April 14th. Charlie, we wish you all the very best for several more years. His son Howard and wife Mandy

of Enderby, BC came last week and spent a few days visiting and helping out with the yard work. While they were here they had a family get together to help him celebrate. I also had a nice visit with them all while they were here, too.

Happy anniversary wishes go to Neil and Dominique Grundy on Apr. 19th and to Wayne and Janice Bunney of Derwent on Apr. 20th. We wish both of the couples' all the best and for much happiness for many great years together.

I hope everyone one has

got their income tax done and at the accountants and/or sent in as the deadline is fast approaching.

I hope everyone will have a great week.

If you have any news or announcements you'd like in my column, Please give me a call at 403-362-3023 or email me at the following -simerkl@eidnet.org 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.

REGIONAL IRRIGATION OPEN HOUSE

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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:

- 1) Allow clear sight lines to signs and intersections;
- 2) Reduce snow accumulation;
- 3) Promote road drainage and drying;
- 4) 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 2024 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, 2024.**

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.

Cassils Clarion

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - Community condolences are extended to Patsy and Tom deJong and family on the passing of Tom's mother Anne. Services for Mrs.deJong were held this past Saturday at St.Marys Catholic Church.

Deepest sympathies are also going out to the family of Jackie Murray who passed away last week. Jackie and her late husband Jim were long time Cassils residents and community supporters. Services for Jackie will be held this Friday April 19th at the Unites Church in Brooks at 2pm. Jackie was a community oriented lady and was very active in many organizations. She left a legacy of spirit and genuine kindness.

Audrey Martel had her niece Emily for a few days and she celebrated Easter here. Grandson, Brett Busse was able to stop in too while home from Edmonton.

Joan, George, Tracy, Brad, Kristen, Jack, Donna, Ron and Glenda Niznik were all up to Sylvan Lake on Sunday for a 60th wedding anniversary dinner. George and Jack's sister Fiona and her husband Ed Forner were celebrating, and most of the family was able to make the trip to celebrate with them!

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.

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.

Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - I'm sure you all, had some great doses of Vitamin D this past week. A cooler week now, but perhaps there will some moisture.

Are you interested in having a garden but don't have the room in your yard? Then the Duchess Community Garden may be of interest to you. This year will be our fourth season of operation. For a very small fee, you get a one hundred square foot plot in the garden. In addition, garden members share in the community crops which

include corn, potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins, and squash. We also have a raspberry and strawberry patch and fruit trees this year. Watering equipment and gardening tools are available at the site, all you need to bring is seeds and ambition. To find the garden follow Center Street south to the canal and look for a c-can to the east. If you're interested in having a garden plot then contact Casey Wickert at cawickert@outlook.com or 4034274057 to reserve yours.

Friends and family of Tracie Ion gathered down at Edgar's this past weekend to celebrate a milestone birthday. She is blessed to look much younger than her true age.

There is a program sponsored by FCSS that is called Girls Who Run. It is for girls and their female parent or caregiver. No experience necessary. You will learn strength and training as you go. They will meet on Tuesdays from 5:15-6:30 at the Duchess School track, starting Apr 30- May 28th. There is a

fee involved and this all culminates in a fun run in Drumheller on June 1st. This great for girls to learn movement and leadership. Please register by going to www.longgamefitness.com/girls-who-lead

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 soon. Please

call the Duchess club house at 403-378-4710, to register.

We send our condolences to former residents, Deneen Ropp and family, for the loss of their Mom and Grandmother, Darlene Beck. Many will remember that Darlene and husband Gordon Beck ran the Red Basket in Brooks for some years. Cherish your memories as you go through this difficult time.

Annual memberships for the Rolling Hills Ag Society, 4th annual Giant Pumpkin contest are available again by going to the following link: <https://www.rollinghills.ca/general-store.html> This fun contest has cash prizes for

the 'adult heaviest pumpkin' as well as a 'youth heaviest pumpkin.' You can also get your membership through the Rolling Hills Post Office, or Cordon Electric in Brooks. For more information, please call Ben- 403 633 4175, or Darby- 403 363 3216.

Have a good week and please call or text me at 403-793-1630.

Quote by the brilliant Dr. Seuss: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And you are the guy who'll decide where you go."

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - The Bridal Shower of Tamara Block (Bride-elect of Benn Gubbins) will be held Sunday, May 5th @ 2pm Rainier Hall.

Alcoma school News- We'll done badminton players; grades 6-9 headed to Medicine Hat this last weekend for a tournament and will head to CTK this weekend for another. The school has begun our spring fundraiser! This year we will be selling meat products from Alberta Prairie Meats! There are a wide variety of products and packages available for purchase. If you are interested please don't hesitate to contact myself

or any one of our families to support our school! Mini basketball begins this week with the Raiders heading to Rolling Hills on Wednesday.

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

It's time to register for Kindergarten! You can register at Alcoma or online using the following link; <https://registration.grasslands.ab.ca/en/signin>. Your child must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2024. Parents or guardians, please bring a Canadian Birth Certificate

or proof of residency.

Visit the Alcoma Community Library, open to the public also on Thursday evenings from 6.30 to 8:30pm. Come on in and see what is offered for books, games, puzzles, movies..... check it out! There is a JBS Centre family swim pass available, for two adults and two children. Check it out like a book.

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

Millicent Mirror

MILLICENT LADIES THURSDAY CLUB

MILLICENT - For all your news submissions please call Brenda (403) 378-4010 or email bandana.ra@hotmail.com.

Love the rain we have been getting, now I want to get the garden going even though I know I can't start yet.

Ray & I managed to get away for a few weeks to Mesa, Arizona in Jan/Feb., but it was not that warm down there. Ray retired Jan. 9th, 2024 so we took advantage of the time and went for a holiday. We went to lots of garage sales, as we love to do, and found a few bargains to bring home. We took in a rodeo at Buckeye

as well, then visited friends in Maricopa and went to a really neat "Dwarf Car Museum". We also visited our neighbors from here, the Davidson's who were also in Mesa for the winter. We spent an evening with Ray's cousin, who was there as well, for dinner and a game of crib wars. If anyone finds a "Crib Wars" board please pick it up and let me know.

Marlene and Ken Robinson had a vacation to Costa Rica for two weeks. They found it very beautiful, relaxing and calming. They just loved it and had a great time.

Pete and Kelly

Conacher drove to Martensville, Saskatchewan on the weekend to see our son Matt, Joey and our 3 grandkids. Always good to watch the little ones.

Brenda Rose will be hosting the Millicent Ladies Meeting April 23, at 7:30pm, members please RSVP to the email sent out.

Did you know: If you have a zipper that opens up when zipped up you can very gently squeeze the bottom that holds the pull with a pair of needle nose pliers on both sides of the pull attachment and it should fix the problem. Beats replacing the zipper right away and worth a try.

Have a great week!

Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - Bethany Lutheran Church offers regular worship services at 11:00 am each Sunday. All are welcome to attend.

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;

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

As Reverend Davis was preaching his sermon one Sunday, he noticed his son up in the balcony with a peashooter, firing them into the backs of his congregants' heads. He glared up at the boy to no avail and vowed to give him a stern talking-to following the service. As his sermon neared its end, his son shouted from the balcony, "You keep on preachin' Dad, and I'll keep 'em awake!"

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MacKINNON - Lionel MacKinnon, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, brother and brother-in-law, passed away peacefully in Brooks on April 9, 2024 at the age of 95, with his family by his side. Lionel is survived by his loving wife Pat of 66 years; sons, Joe (Susan) and Jim (Milly); daughters, Kelly (Kevin) and Karen (Steve); son-in-law Rick McRae (Alana); 10 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Grace Flanders and Gladys Thormoset and many nieces and nephews and cousins. Predeceased by daughter Kathy

McRae on January 6, 2011. Lionel was born on May 6, 1928 in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan to Doug and Violetta MacKinnon. Lionel was fourth born out of ten children. The family moved to several communities before homesteading in Driftpile, Alberta. Lionel's parents passed away leaving younger children to be raised by family members, with Lionel going to Uncle Lee and Auntie Eva Pettyjohn in Merryflat, Saskatchewan until he was 14 years old. Lionel started working on the farms in and around Merryflat, Saskatchewan. Lionel had numerous jobs in BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan. During the winter months, Lionel and his brother Joe, worked falling trees in BC and Alberta. During the summer months, Lionel was working on anything from farming, railroad, working on a power dam at Mt. Bauldy or trucking. In 1956 he met Pat, marrying her in December of 1957. Lionel was driving long haul until 1972, along with having 5 children from 1959 to 1965. In 1972 he started working for the City of Calgary hauling gravel and later moving onto a gravel crusher operator until 1993, when he retired. Upon retiring Lionel and Pat purchased a lot in Rolling Hills and built their dream home. Once Pat retired, they became snowbirds for several years and travelled. Lionel enjoyed many activities/sports such as hunting, fishing, golfing, horseshoe, wood working, playing and coaching ball. Lionel also enjoyed get-togethers with friends and family playing cards of any type. Family would like to thank the wonderful Doctors and Nurses at the Brooks Long Term Care facility, for taking such good care of Lionel. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 PM from the Rolling Hills Community Hall. Rev. Debbie Daniels officiating. Interment will be held at Rolling Hills Cemetery. In memory of Lionel, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, 100,119-14th Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1Z6

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CHRISTMAN - Vi passed away peacefully with her family at her side, on March 16th, 2024 at the age of 95 years. Vi was born August 26th, 1928 in Irvine, AB, the daughter of Martha and Karl Sulz. Mom spent her early years in Irvine, until the family moved to Medicine Hat, when she was sixteen. Vi met her husband, Albert, in 1946 and raised seven children, one daughter, and six sons together. They lived in Millicent for several years and then moved to Bassano, AB. Vi worked in the kitchen at the Bassano Hospital, Bassano Cake Board, and Bassano Honey Plant. Viola

had a passion and love of gardening and baking. Vi was active with the Willing Workers and the Bassano Royal Purple for over 60 years. Mom had 56 years of perfect attendance and was a 60-year charter member. Viola leaves a trove of memories for her family, Betty Ann, Jerry (Cheryl), Larry (Gerri), daughter-in-law Lois and Doug (Kelly). Viola has 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. Viola is also survived by her sister Anne Becker of Medicine Hat, Alberta and many nieces and nephews. Viola was predeceased by her husband Albert; sons, Brian, Randy and Dale; great-grandson Alex; son-in-law Rick Robson and her parents and four brothers. Memorial donations can be made directly to either STARS, Suite 100, 1519-35th Avenue East, Edmonton International Airport T9E 0V6 or Bassano Royal Purple, Box 626, Bassano, Alberta T0J 0B0 or a charity of your choice. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 24th at 2:00 PM from Knox Presbyterian Church, Bassano. Rev. Peter Baek officiating. Interment at Bassano Cemetery.

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in Medicine Hat, where Gordon received and accepted Jesus' call on his heart. Darlene then returned to finish grade 12 in Golden Prairie and graduated as valedictorian in her class. Gordon took Darlene for a celebration meal at the A & W in Medicine Hat; however, Darlene's dad would not let them go unchaperoned, so Clayton Makus was elected. Darlene went to the United States to complete an airline course, only to discover she couldn't use it in Canada. She completed the course but returned to Canada and found a job in Calgary. Darlene and Gordon dated for about 2 years before they were married. Gordon was already living in Thompson, MB, and his employer reluctantly gave him 9 days to drive to Golden Prairie to get married, have a honeymoon, and drive back to Thompson. One extra day, Gordon would have found himself without a job. On October 09, 1965, Darlene married the love of her life, Gordon Beck. They moved to Thompson, MB, for 7 years, where they had their first 2 children - Deneen and Greg. They then moved to Medicine Hat, AB for about 2 years, where they welcomed their third child - Geff. In 1974 they moved to Brooks, AB. Darlene worked alongside Gordon doing bookkeeping for his trucking career and then later at the North End Red Rooster, which then changed its locations and was renamed Red Basket. Darlene was amazing at organization and quickly became the person to come to if you needed anything! Darlene was a faithful friend, a friend that was honest and always gave a shoulder to lean on. The staff at the Red Basket could often be found in her office talking and sharing with Darlene, who would always give them the time, even if it meant it took her longer to complete her work. She easily shared a smile and hug for those around her. Darlene was known for her devout faith, her hospitality, and her generosity. Darlene was always eager to share her faith and prayed fervently for those who did not know Jesus. Until her disease slowly took away her ability, Darlene was very involved in her church, Brooks Evangelical Free Church. From teaching Sunday School, to hosting and leading Bible studies, to helping with social events, Darlene was quick to volunteer. Darlene and Gordon enjoyed many activities together. They loved to golf, curl, camp, fish, go to Bandit's games and Country Gospel concerts, as well as travel. They were truly each other's best friend. Their love for each other was an inspiration for all those around. Darlene was a loving, dedicated and attentive wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved deeply and prayed diligently and daily for each family member. Darlene is survived by her husband of 58 years, Gordon Beck; her daughter, Deneen (Ropp) Beck and husband Leon; her son, Gregory Beck and wife Liza; her son Geoffrey Beck and wife Jen; her 9 grandchildren - Rachael (Blosser) Ropp and husband Greg; Evan Ropp and wife Amber; Caleb Ropp and wife Jelaine; Hannah (Wielemaker) Ropp and husband Caleb; Reagan Ropp; Aaron Ropp; Kimber-Lee (Kerner) Beck and husband Tyler; Darian Beck; Kennedy Beck; Emily Maurette; and her 14 great-grandchildren - Anthony and Shad Blosser; Wesley, Thomas, Frederick, and Samantha Ropp; Rylah, Leo, Meyer, and Lucy Ropp; Charlotte and Marylou Wielemaker; Thaedeon Vanhuizen and Miles Kerner; her sisters - Francis Knodel and husband Dennis; Carol Makus and husband Clayton; Sharon Anhorn and husband Don. In memory of Darlene, if family or friends desire, memorial tributes may be made to Compassion Canada at www.compassion.ca. For further information, to leave a message of sympathy or to light a candle in memory of Darlene, please visit www.thomfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.

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SHANNON - Judith (Judy) Rae Shannon
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 April 16, 2013

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BOYD - Harvey Lloyd Boyd March 9, 1940 - April 12, 2024 84 Years.

Sixth child of eight, born to parents Alice (Stonehouse) and Frank Boyd. Harvey grew up on their farm and lived there all of his life. Countless rocks picked, many fields plowed and harvested. In his younger years, Harvey did farm and ranch work for others in the Milo area, as well as his own farming. Harvey met Sylvia in 1961 and they married in Arrowwood in 1964. Harvey and Sylvia purchased the parents farm at the age of 21 he and his siblings were raised

on. They built a new house in 1973 (the same year he acquired his pilot's licence in Lethbridge). He purchased a Cessna and became a member of Flying Farmers of Alberta.

They raised four sons on the farm and they were put to work before their feet could even reach the floor of the tractor. Harvey made many friends and enjoyed traveling with Sylvia. They hosted many extended family get-togethers and a large reunion in 2010. Sylvia developed Parkinson's disease in 1992 and he cared for her until her passing in 2016. Harvey crossed paths with an old friend, Jean Holden, who had previously lost her husband. They went to many "Jams" (dances) together and enjoyed each other's company. She eventually moved in with Harvey and helped care for him until his passing.

Predeceased by parents Alice and Frank, brothers Murry and Gordon. Survived by sisters Verna, Ruth, Eileen, Valerie and Bonnie. Sons Jim (Kelly), Roy, Dennis (Dina) and Dale. Grandchildren Amy (Drew), Scott (Cianna), Dallas (Amber), Shane (Tianna), Cody (Katrina), Jenna and Evan. Great-grandchildren Jax, Blake, Max and Alanna.

Celebration of Life to be held at Cassils Hall (6 kms west of Brooks on Cassils Road from #36) Monday, April 22 at 11:00 am.

coming events

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Rainier Record



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for the upcoming week go out to Benn Gubbins on April 22; Braidy Davies on April 23; Nicole Doll on April 24; Janet Wagner, Tobin Johnson on April 26; Chris Schmidt, Johnathan Redecopp, Avery Piper on April 28.

The next Family Fun Night at the Rainier Hall is this coming Friday, April 19th. The activities this week will be Mothers' Day crafts. The fun starts at 7.00pm.

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 topsy turvey Spring 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.

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 speaker is Dr. Rob Sutherland who is

the lead for some exciting research that has been done for Alzheimers. His presentation will include - What is AD from the perspective of 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.

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.

Brooks Figure Skating Club would like to say a big *thank you* to our Coaches, Skaters, Parents and the Community for all the support for the 2023/2024 Season.

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Long term wish for palliative care society is standalone facility

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Representatives of the Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society presented to joint services as an opportunity to introduce their program and for assistance.

In a letter that was submitted to joint services, the society's secretary Colleen Davidson, sought support and collaboration for their program as they work on addressing the gap in hospice care in the region.

Palliative care helps provide comfort to people who are at or near end of life, helping them maintain

doing what they love while ensuring care for what they require.

It's believed that there are between three and eight patients in the Brooks Health Care facility who are palliative or under hospice care, however, the numbers are unofficial.

Davidson said she has not been able to get firm numbers.

"We have initiated discussions with the Newell Housing Foundation and other relevant stakeholders in Brooks to provide hospice care beds."

She said those who want to access hospice have to leave the area.

"We have the tools to give those people the care and dignity to their last breath here in own community among friends and family."

She said the society's ultimate dream is to have a standalone hospice facility that would have common areas, suites with technology each patient would require as well as a room for patient families that include kitchenettes and staff.

"It would be fantastic to start with an eight bed facility," she said.

To start, the organization is looking for an area where they can have four to five beds with technology.

"The key is teamwork through the community and staff trained," she said.

She said there is a lot to learn about the program.

"We're starting. If you can help us find a way to that, it would be appreciated."

Once established, the program could be run through Alberta Health or Covenant Care.

County councillor Kelly Christman suggested that the society make a presentation to the Bassano and Area Health Foundation.

"They're aware of us," said Davidson.



You are invited to Attend

BROOKS MINOR HOCKEY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday April 30/2024

Location: Heritage Inn Room C

Time: 7pm

*Once again every person in attendance at the AGM will have 1 chance to win \$100 off Registration. There will be 6 draws 1 per division – A Family can only win once.

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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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There are two golf balls on the moon.

GOLF

Professional golfer **Tiger Woods** has won 82 PGA Tour events — tied with Sam Snead for the most ever.

One of the most popular sports in the world, golf is a high-stakes profession for some, an elite social statement for others and a fun source of recreation and exercise for millions more. Tournaments attract thousands of fans, and many enjoy watching the sport at home on television.

Early days

The earliest origins of golf are unclear. Golf may have roots in the ancient Roman game of paganica, in which players used a stick to hit a leather ball.

The modern game traces its origins to 15th-century Scotland, where it was banned in 1457 as a distraction. Oakhurst Links in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, is generally acknowledged as the first golf course built in the U.S., in 1884. The Professional Golfers' Association of America was founded in 1916, and professional golf has grown a great deal since then.

Ways to play

Stroke play – the player with the fewest strokes is declared the winner.

Stableford points play – the player with the highest points score is declared the winner (par = 1 point).

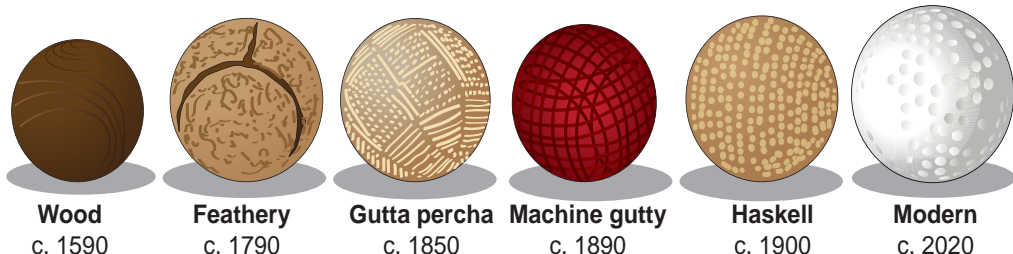
Match play – the winner is the individual or team that has the lower score on the most individual holes of a complete round.

Team events – can be played using stroke, Stableford or match-play format.

Alternative golf games, such as **miniature golf** and **disc golf**, have also become popular.

Evolution of the golf ball

Early golf balls were wood, then leather stuffed with feathers (called feathery and used until 1848). The golf ball with a wound rubber core was invented by Coburn Haskell in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1898. In 1905, William Taylor added the dimple pattern after discovering that dimpled balls travel farther than smooth balls. Although there is no upper limit on how many dimples a golf ball should have, most feature 336 symmetrical dimples. The modern golf ball consists of three main components: the core, the mantle, and the cover.



Object of the game

Golfers play each hole on the course by hitting the ball from the tee into the cup on the putting green. The winner of the competition has the lowest number of strokes (the lowest score).

The course

Golf is played on a large course divided into nine or 18 holes. Some courses are private, others are public (with a daily fee).

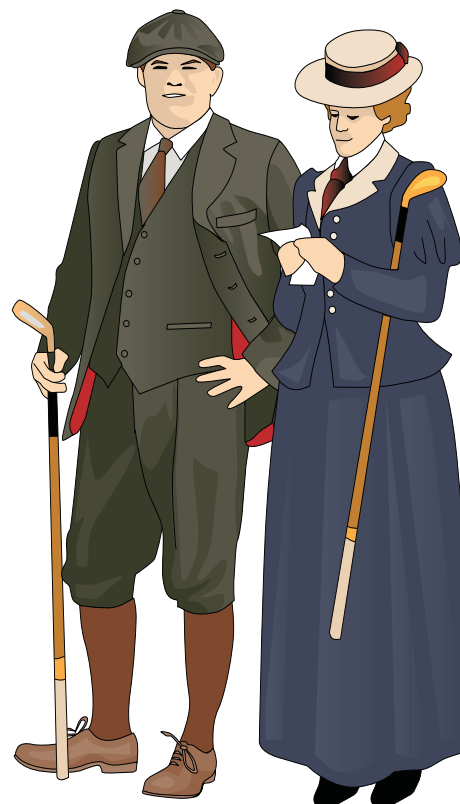
The first nine holes are called the “front nine,” and the last nine holes are called the “back nine.” There is no standard size, but an average 18-hole course measures 6,000 to 7,000 yards.

Water elements, sand dunes (bunkers) and other hazards increase the difficulty of a course.



Dressing to a tee

Bright plaid pants, argyle sweaters and smart cotton caps have come to epitomize the golf wardrobe. Before World War I, golfers (men and sometimes women) wore knickers. These early knickers gave way to a looser, longer, fitted pant. In the 1980s, men's golf clothing evolved to include the polo shirt (still popular today). Women's golf attire changed from tailored suits to pleated dresses and trousers. In the 1960s, women often wore slacks, shorts and skirts (a continuing trend).



Woods has also won 15 major championships, the second most in history.

Glossary of terms

Ace: hitting the ball directly from the tee into the cup with one shot (aka **hole in one**)

Address: taking a stance and placing the club behind the ball.

Back nine: last nine holes of an 18-hole course

Birdie: a hole played one stroke under par

Caddie: person paid to carry a player's clubs and offer advice

Chip: a shot that travels a short distance through the air and rolls the remainder of the way toward the hole

Divot: a chunk of grass that is uprooted when an iron or wedge shot is played

Double Bogey: hole played two strokes over par

Double Eagle: hole played three strokes under par

Eagle: hole played two strokes under par

Fairway: area of short grass between the tee and the green

Handicap: a number that indicates a player's skill level

Par: the standard score for a hole or course

Tee: a small peg placed in the tee box on which the golf ball may be placed on for the first stroke of a hole

Stroke: Every swing attempt counts as one stroke in a golfer's score.

Tee off: the first shot on a hole, with the ball elevated on a tee

Did you know?

- 45 million Americans ages 6 and up played golf, both on-course and off-course, in 2023.
- Americans spend more than \$600 million on golf balls every year.
- About 125,000 golf balls a year are hit into the water at the 17th hole of the Stadium Course in Sawgrass, Florida.
- The average 18-hole score on a full-size course is 97 for men and 114 for women.