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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024



Resiliency youth, Trystan Lewandoski, Brynn van Metre and Emily Burton put on funny glasses and costumes during the 24th annual Brooks and District Resiliency Celebration last Tuesday at the Heritage Inn. Forty youth from city and county schools in Grades 5 and 8 were asked to read postcards they had written as to who their mentor was and why. Youth chose parents, grandparents, coaches and teachers. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Temporary loss of community football will hurt, says coach

Community will lose football not athletes....

SANDRA M STANWAY
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No community football home games are expected to be played in Brooks beginning in the fall which is expected to last about three years.

Community football games have been played at Brooks Junior High School under lights, however, a new school will be constructed

on the football field this year which is forcing football and track and field to find new homes.

It had been thought games could be at Brooks Composite High School but at last week's community football AGM it was decided to move games outside the community.

"We obviously can't host games here because there's no lights at the high school," said Mark Freeman, president of community football and head coach of

the junior high Roadrunners.

If any games are played at the high school they would have to be in August or early September.

"As of right now the high school (Buffalos) will have their home games in Taber. We're (Roadrunners) going to have our home games in Medicine Hat," said Freeman.

"It's not ideal but we won't lose football," he said.

"Obviously, not having home games hurts. Kids love watching football games.

Our players like it when their friends and family watch so, obviously that's going to hurt but the good news is the kids still get to play.

"It's not like football is ending it's just going to have different challenges."

Community football members have tossed out the idea to rent portable lights but it's unknown how that may work, said Freeman.

The change is expected to put some extra financial

strain on the football program. The organization has just over \$17,400 to cover travel and to move the football SeaCans to the high school and take down and store stadium lights and the scoreboard.

The season schedule is expected to be released over the next couple of weeks but as for early schedule, the Buffalos will hold spring camp on May 15 and they will host a jamboree on June 1 at the junior high.

The Roadrunners will

hand out equipment on April 25 and practice begins on April 30. They will attend a jamboree in Medicine Hat on May 31.

There will be no spring camp for the pee wee/atoms but the equipment and registration will begin in late August.

Earlier in the month the province announced the construction funding for the new school which is expected to be open for the start of the 2027-28 academic year.

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Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for the upcoming week go out to Kevin Wagner on April 29; Curtis Antill on April 30; Arlene Currie on May 2; Dawn VanHal on May 3.

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.

Rainier Community Club's Second Annual Mother's Day Brunch. Sunday, May 12th from 10.00am to 2.00pm at the Rainier Hall. All are welcome. Menu: croissants, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, hashbrowns, cream puffs, berry compote, coffee, tea, juice. Mimosas

and "mimosas" (alcohol free) will be available for purchase. Advance tickets available until May 5. Purchase from Corrie Davidson at Alcoma School or contact Pascalle Wisse 403-363-2621, Cyndi Graham 403-992-5835, or Dennis Unruh 403-376-6667.

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 toasty 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 -prairiehospice.ca. If you have any questions call Audrey at 403 793-7806.

Grab your membership (five seeds and a hat) for the 2024 Rolling Hills Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest. Memberships will be available online and in person, www.rollinghills.ca/general-store or Rolling Hills Post Office or Cordon Electric, 612 Alberta Street, Brooks. Great prizes available again this year! Proceeds go towards Rolling Hills Ag Society. For further

information contact Ben 403-633-4175, or Darby 403-363-3216.

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.

Please contact me by Sunday if you would like any news included in this column for that week. Phone/text 403-793-0692 or email janebellward20@gmail.com.

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- Have 1 metre clearance around the bin.
- Only grass clippings, leaves, and small branches up to 1/4" in diameter
- Branches larger than 1/4" in diameter need to be taken to the landfill.

Motorcycle Safety

With warmer weather we often see more motorcycles on the roads. We'd like to remind motorists and motorcyclists to be safe on our roads and follow the following safety tips:

Staying safe means being visible. Wear reflective tape, bright safety gear and avoid blind spots by finding a lane position where you can be seen.

Wear a helmet! In Alberta, all drivers and passengers on a motorcycle must wear a helmet. The penalty for not wearing a helmet is \$155.

People driving trucks and cars need to be aware of other vehicles around them and be checking blind spots.

Enjoy the summer weather and the ability to be outside, but keep each other safe on the roads!



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City of Brooks

Registration opens April 15th

\$50 per child

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Notice of Public Hearing

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.



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.

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- Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
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- Safe Communities Committee Members at Large & Two Youth Members
- Communities in Bloom



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COMMENT

Trudeau remains intransigent on oil and gas cap – despite dire warnings of harm

BY KENNETH GREEN
CALGARY SUN

In the face of heavy opposition from Canada's premiers to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's carbon tax, one might have hoped the prime minister would moderate some of his government's extreme climate policies. But alas, on a recent swing through Alberta, he threw cold water on any hope of moderation.

When asked in a meeting with a who's who of Alberta's energy sector if he might drop the forthcoming cap on greenhouse gas emissions specific to the oil and gas industry, Trudeau reportedly replied "not a chance." That's a shame, because it was an opportunity for Canada (and Alberta) to dodge another bullet aimed at its economic heart, and an opportunity to reduce some of the rancor between the West and Ottawa.

And, in fact, there are many good reasons to drop the GHG cap.

In a recent report, the Conference Board of Canada estimated oil and gas production cuts due to the cap would lead to a permanent decline in Canada's real GDP of between 0.9% (the report's most likely outcome) to 1.6% (its least likely outcome) relative to the baseline in 2030. Which means a loss of \$22.8 billion to \$40.4 billion in 2012 dollars. In Alberta, real GDP by between 3.8% and 6.7% (or \$16.3 billion to \$28.5 billion). These are devastating impacts, hand-waved away by the prime minister.

Moreover, the report estimates total employment declines nationally by between 82,000 and 151,000 in 2030. A large part of this unemployment will land in Alberta where the report estimates total employment in the province would decline by between 54,000 and 91,500 jobs. And between 2030 and 2040, employment in Alberta will be between 66,300 and 102,600 lower per year (on average). Again, these are huge economic damages disregarded by the prime minister.

Lastly, as shown in a 2023 study published by the Fraser Institute, even if the proposed cap achieved the emissions reductions government predicts, the reduction would equal four-tenths of 1% of global emissions, a reduction unlikely to have any impact on the climate in any detectable manner, and hence, to offer only equally undetectable environmental, health or safety benefits.

The Conference Board report, and other studies of the likely high costs and non-existent climate benefits of the pending cap on oil and gas emissions, would offer cover for the prime minister if he backed away from what's clearly an ill-considered climate policy poised to wreak massive economic harms to Canada, particularly in the West. Apparently, however, he's unwilling to acknowledge reality and change course.

Kenneth Green is a senior fellow at the Fraser Institute.

TIME CAPSULE



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Indian Election

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GWYNNE DYER



Extreme nationalism always looks foolish or even deranged to those who have not caught the virus, but in India it's now official.

In January, India's Ministry of Defence started setting up 822 'selfie points' at war memorials, railway stations and tourist attractions where people can take photos with a cardboard cutout of their hero, Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The timing was no coincidence. The national election begins on Friday and runs until 4 June, when the result will be declared. (With almost a billion voters, the country votes one region at a time.) The outcome is known in advance – Modi will win – but the Hindu fanatics who provide his core vote have the bit between their teeth.

In West Bengal, for example, the World Council of Hindus recently petitioned a court to separate two lions in a zoo enclosure. The male lion is called Akbar, after a 16th-century Muslim emperor, while the female is named Sita after a Hindu goddess.

"Sita cannot stay with the Mughal emperor Akbar," the petitioners demanded. "Such an act amounts to blasphemy and is a direct assault on the religious belief of all Hindus." The pair have been duly separated and now reside in different cages. Ridiculous, of course, but also deadly serious.

India's 200 million Muslims, about one-seventh of the population, are now deliberately targeted by Narendra Modi's militantly

Hindu BJP (Indian People's Party).

Some Hindus nurse a historical grievance because most of India was ruled for five centuries by Muslim conquerors originally from Central Asia, but that ended two centuries ago. Hindus were already in the ascendant under British rule, because they were readier to collaborate with the new conquerors – and even that ended 77 years ago.

'Hindutva', the aggressive modern version of Hindu nationalism, is largely a contemporary ideology created for political purposes, but it currently dominates the Indian political scene. It has given Modi licence to transform an imperfect but functional democracy into a 'soft' fascist state.

This will be Modi's third consecutive term in office, and many Indians believe that it will complete his transformation of the country. What will emerge, they fear, is a BJP one-party theocracy, nastier than Orban's Hungary or Erdoğan's Turkey although perhaps not as vicious as Khamenei's Iran.

It may well come to that. Even now opposition politicians are routinely jailed on false charges, almost all the media are cowed into obedience, and Muslims face intimidation or actual violence with almost no hope of protection from the police. Some of the courts are still independent but the rule of law is definitely in retreat. Yet it's too soon to give up on India's democratic traditions. The BJP, for all its bombast and swagger, only got 37% of the popular vote in the last national election five years ago. Its apparent 'landslide' victory was only due to the opposition being divided into many smaller parties.

Hindutva is all-powerful in the 'Hindi belt' of northern India, but first-language Hindi speakers are only 40% of the

population. Southern and eastern India speak other languages and have different preoccupations. And there is one topic that could unite them against the BJP: caste.

The BJP is dominated by upper-caste Hindus who have convinced a great many other Hindus that they are all in the same boat, but they are not. Socially, economically and educationally the lower castes trail far behind. The opposition, or at least the Congress Party part of it, has realised (better late than never) that these are the voters they need.

Rahul Gandhi, the scion of the family that has given India three prime ministers, has begun to demand a 'caste census' in every state, because that would reveal how small a share of the national wealth the lower castes actually get.

No such census had been published in India since the 1930s. However Bihar, an opposition-governed state, finally did one, and revealed late last year that more than two-thirds (73%) of its 130 million people belong to 'backward' or marginalised castes.

That's much higher than people thought, and it's political dynamite. So now Gandhi's election speeches sound like this: "Are any of you Dalits ('untouchables') or other low castes in the judiciary? Are any of you in the media? Do any of you own even one of India's 200 top companies?"

"Why are you all asleep? You are 73% of the population. What kind of society is this where you don't make any decisions?"

The idea that all Hindus share the same grievances and goals is just 'culture-war' lies, and caste is finally taking its rightful place on India's political agenda. It may be coming too late to turn back the BJP juggernaut this time, but fascism is not necessarily India's future.



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Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH

BOW CITY - Sorry about news last week, didn't have much to put in.

Happy birthday goes to Vickie Calvert on April 23, and Nixon Voutier on April 24. Have a great day.

Anniversary goes out to Brad and Carrie Palko April 27.

Joyce and Jerry had son Justin pop in last Monday for a quick visit and then was back on Saturday to visit and get Dad to do some welding for him. Always nice to have visits weather short or long.

We enjoyed crazy ladies card day at Joyce's on Friday. We always have a great time together.

I enjoyed a hot tub date with Barb Dunning on Saturday night. Thank you for letting me enjoy it with you Barb.

Rob and Dana Bridges got home after a couple weeks on the road. Glad you got to see some beautiful scenery Dana.

Condolences go out to the Boyd family and Jean on the passing of Harvey.

That's all I can think

of if anyone has some news let me know by Sunday evening. 403-363-7496.

Have a good week to all.

BRZ mill rate set

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BROOKS BULLETIN

There were no comments at the city's Brooks Revitalization Mill Rate public hearing last week for the final reading of the tax rate for the downtown businesses.

The city was able to approve the 130.95 mills for 2024 for the businesses.

It has been estimated that the BRZ will have an estimated \$22,000 in expenditures and \$168,000 in assessment.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

EID MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

Pastor Maggie Theiss
Trinity Lutheran

Many years ago, it was popular to do Rants. I especially loved the "I am Canadian" rant. Do you remember Joe? "My name is Joe and I am a Canadian ..." Joe went on to share what a Canadian is NOT and then what one IS. I especially loved the line, "And a beaver is a truly noble animal", probably due to my being a Narnian! Rants are written to share truths about who a person is, about their identity and what matters to them. They are intended to be either a positive statement or a facetious one to make us think!

The words "I am" are identity words. In

Rant on...

the Bible, in Exodus 3, God reveals His name to Moses. "God said to Moses, 'I AM Who I AM' . . . thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" (Exodus 3:13-14) God proclaims His name is 'I AM'. God is the God of our ancestors, our present, and our future. This means something for us today because in the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies Himself with the following words, "I AM the bread of life", "I AM the light of the world", "I AM the Good Shepherd", "I AM the gate", "I AM the resurrection and the life", "I AM the way, the truth and the life", and "I AM the vine". (selected verses from the Gospel of John) Jesus is God in the flesh, God with us! Jesus has given His life for a broken and sinful world. This is what Easter is all about. All people sin, whether they admit it or not, and

Jesus, God's own Son, came for sinners! Jesus paid for all sin on the cross and then was raised from the dead shattering even the power of death. Now there is something to get excited, passionate, and vocal about, yet we don't. Those of us who bear His very name, Christian, are often passive, quiet, and private about this amazing Good News. Why? It seems we are afraid to say, "I am a Christian". We fear rejection, ridicule, and potential loss of friends, standing, and respect. We know the current caricature of Christians prevalent in our society (one that in truth bears no resemblance of any kind to anyone humbly living as a follower of Christ) and we want to distance ourselves from that image. And in doing so we distance ourselves from our very identity

found in Christ. To say, "I am a Christian" is to say Jesus is my Lord and Saviour. I am a servant to others in Christ's name. To say, "I am a Christian" is to say, I am loved, I am bought with a price, I am called, I am God's.

To proclaim "My name is Maggie, (insert your name) and I am a Christian" is to share my identity as a sinner, yet forgiven, known and precious to God in Christ Jesus. I am saying, "Hey, I'm no better than anyone else, simply put I am Christ's and He is mine and so I shall seek to live in ways that bring glory to God, actively serving and caring for people - all people, because Christ died for all people. My rant is simple and true - 'Come and see Whose I am - I am Christ's! Identity True! Whose are you?"

Church *Come worship with us...*

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|  <p>St. Mary's Catholic Church 511 - 4th St. W., Brooks, AB. Ph: 403-362-4466 Fax: 403-793-2571</p> <p>Parish Priest Father Marino Infante</p> <p>MASSES Saturday at 5:00 pm Sunday at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm WEEKDAY MASS</p> <p>Please call church office at 403-362-4466 St. Vincent de Paul 403-409-9510</p> |  <p>CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH One Block North of Cassils Rd. at 11th Street West</p> <p>Join us for Sunday Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>403-362-8142 www.brookscrc.org</p> |  <p>804 Cassils Road E., Brooks, Alberta T1R 0L2 Pastor Daryle Fox Church: 403-362-5060 Cell 403-793-7203</p> <p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 11 am</p> <p>Affiliated North American Baptist Conference Connecting People to Christ and His Caring Community! EVERYONE WELCOME!</p> |  <p>BROOKS EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH</p> <p>625 8 St W, Brooks, AB (403) 362-2952 www.brookseffc.com</p> <p>Sunday Services 10:00 am Kids program and nursery available</p> <p>Jon Chalmers - Lead Pastor Garth Everett - Family Pastor Josiah Johnson - Youth Pastor</p> |  <p>Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church</p> <p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Brooks United Church 507 3rd Ave. West 10:00 am</p> <p>REVEREND ESTHER CREWS Phone: 403-362-3637 <i>Inviting, Including, Inspiring</i></p>  |
|  <p>ALLIANCE CHURCH 304 Cassils Road East Phone 403-362-8908 Website: www.brooksalliancechurch.com</p> <p>PASTOR DAVID BRADFORD</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 am</p> | <p>DUCHESS LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCC) PASTOR ANDY KAHLE Phone 587-832-3221</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service 11:30 am Everyone Welcome!</p> <p>LUTHERAN HOUR Sundays 7:30 am CHAT FM94.5 RADIO 8:30 A.M. CKMX 1060 "We Can't Stop Talking" (Acts 4:20)</p> |  <p>Box 298, Duchess, AB. T0J 0Z0 Phone 403.633.2829 Email: office@duchessmennonite.ca Website: www.duchessmennonite.ca</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am</p> <p>Pastor Nathan Ramer Pastor Terry Jackson</p> <p>Office Hours: Tuesdays to Thursdays 8:30 am to 12 Noon</p> |  <p>BROOKS UNITED CHURCH REVEREND ESTHER CREWS SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM ALL ARE WELCOME Kids Programs Available. For online worship please see our Facebook page or www.brooksunitedchurch.com</p> <p>507 - 3rd Ave. W. Brooks, AB. Phone/Fax: 403-362-3637 Email: bksunite@shaw.ca Office Hours: 9:00 to 12 Noon (Tues. - Fri.)</p> |  <p>ENCOUNTER CHURCH Pursuing God, Life, Family & Purpose</p> <p>God is doing a NEW thing! Jesus came so we could all have life, and life in abundance. Come & encounter your fullest life with us!</p> <p>Worship Service & Kids SuperChurch (K.G.6) Sundays 10:00am Youth Group (Gr. 7-12) Fridays 7:30pm</p> <p>Pastor Aaron & Cynthia Barrington 15th Ave & 3 St W 403.362.7785</p> |
|  <p>Rosemary Mennonite Church 403-378-4933</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Welcomes Everyone! Pastor: Josh Mueller</p> |  <p>BROOKS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Pastor Ryan Reeves 780-232-2926 420 - 2nd St. W.</p> <p>SATURDAY SERVICE Sabbath School: 10:00 am Worship 11 am</p> |  <p>Trinity Lutheran Church</p> <p>Worship Sundays at 10:00am Ed. Hour : Gr7 + at 9:00am Age 3- Gr 6 during Worship</p> <p>Pastor Maggie Theiss 811 Cassils Road West 403-362-4259 brkstrin@telusplanet.net</p> <p>For more info on Trinity go to brookstrinity.ca</p> |  <p>Church of God SUNDAY SERVICE at 10:30 am</p> <p>JOIN US AT OUR NEW CHURCH HOME 190004 RGE RD 142 ACROSS THE OVERPASS ON ONE TREE ROAD</p>  <p>SCAN THE QR CODE CALL 403-362-8697</p> |  <p>Brooks International Gospel Church 120 1st Ave E. Brooks, AB. T1R 0S4 403-363-0843 big.church@yahoo.com 2024 Year of Doing New Things Bible Study: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am</p> |



Chloe Bohnet recognized Kristen Niznik as her mentor. Bohnet said Niznik has a passion for helping people and she stepped in to help her learn about horses and to take care of the family when her mother was helping her father. "She took care of me like I was her own kid. She took care of my mom like she was her sister," she said. Niznik responded that even during her father's care, Bohnet continued to attend 4H and made a speech to her club, district, region about her journey and her father's cancer. "There were no dry eyes in all three places," said Niznik.

| SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

CORRECTION

In last week's edition Bassano CAO was misidentified. It should have been Amanda Davis but it was incorrectly written as Amanda Peterson.

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!

The Rolling Hills GPGA is selling memberships for their 4th annual Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest. Grab your membership for the 2024 contest now, \$50 gets you 5 seeds and a hat! Buy your membership at the Rolling Hills Post Office or at Cordon Electric in Brooks. Great prizes will be available again this year, with all proceeds going to the Rolling Hills Ag Society. Check us out on Facebook too! Contact Ben at 403-633-4175 or Darby at 403-363-3216 for more info.

Alcoma school News-Grades 6-9 badminton players wrapped up the season with a tournament at CTK this last weekend. Well done players! There will be a Parent Council Meeting Wednesday at 1:30. Grades 3-6 Mini basketball will take place at Alcoma this Wednesday after school, come on out to cheer the Raiders on! SPEC playgroup will be at school on Friday from 9:30-11, bring your littles for some fun!

The Jr. High students will be doing a bottle drive on Friday morning to help raise funds for a Skills competition in Edmonton. If you have bottles you would like to donate they can be dropped off beside the Quonset this week and will be put towards the field trip. Bottles are always

welcomed by the school and can be placed by the Quonset and the Jr.high students will get them taken in anytime. 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!

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 or interesting Scandia trivia you'd like submitted in the sketch, please contact me at Karlyn. takeda@hotmail.com or 403-501-3618.

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Resiliency celebration honours student mentors

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The 24th annual resiliency celebration was held on Wednesday with about 40 kids from Grades 5 and 8 reading postcards they had written honouring their mentor.

Trying to hold back tears at the end of presentations, Cpl. Sharon McCready of the Brooks RCMP said, "This is why we do what you do, whatever grades you're in, moms and dads, you're making a difference."

She added, "Never underestimate your impact. You never know who needs to hear that they matter."

Event co-host and youth RCMP academy member and leadership award winner Kiera Hickey thanked her mentor.

"My mentor was my mom. She's helped me through so much," she said.

Hickey said a lot of teenagers go through bullying and while many adults don't want to talk about it, her mom did as well as giving her inspirational quotes in the morning.

"My mom is always there for me."

Allison Hickey said in response, her daughter, like most teenagers, has had some trouble with school but at the end of the day, "I still love her very much. She will do amazing things."

Mom (name) told the youth in the room that there may be struggles

but "tomorrow is a new day which brings new experiences and new opportunities."

A most emotional tribute came from Emily Burton in honour of her mentor, hockey coach Brent van Metre, who died last September, one day after she visited him in the hospital.

"I still can't believe he's gone. I was so angry inside but over every other emotion I was incredibly scared."

The day after his death, Burton and some other hockey players had made the U15AA Southern

Express elite girls hockey team.

"The main purpose of Brent pushing us so hard every time we stepped on to the ice was to help us make that team. We were all absolutely devastated that he never got to find out that we did it," said Burton.

Speaking on behalf of the van Metre family, his daughter Brynne said he loved coaching the team.

"He loved coaching all you guys and wanted to make a difference. Brent was so thankful and appreciated that he made a difference in your life," she said.




WARDLOW - The Prairie Rose Hospice Society, 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 Alzheimer's. His presentation will include what is AD from the perspective of psychology and neuroscience, how is AD diagnosed, and a large part on the steps to prevention and the patches to a cure.

You can register for this conference by going to the PRHPCS website - prairierose-hospice.ca If you have any questions call Audrey at 403-793-7806.

Last Saturday, our local WI hosted the District 5 annual conference. We had a lovely day. Makes me so proud to be a part of our community and especially these talented ladies. The conference went very well, the meal and coffee breaks outstanding. Our local judges for handicraft did very well and our speaker so informative and interesting. We also had a small craft that was impressive and fun. Thanks to all who came. # WI Cares.

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



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BROOKS MINOR HOCKEY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday April 30/2024
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Time: 7pm

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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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CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - Dementia seminar
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Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Association presents "Know Dementia - steps to prevention, path to a cure".

May 4th from 9am-4pm at the Heritage Inn in Brooks. For more information or to register visit prairierosehospice.ca or call 403-793-7806, the cost is \$25. The guest speakers look to be very interesting.

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.

The Rolling Hills Ag society encourage all pumpkin growers to go pick up your competitive pumpkin seeds for their annual Pumpkin Growing Contest. Grab your membership at the Rolling Hills Post Office or at Cordon Electric—612 Alberta Street in Brooks.

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

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Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Damage to school lights

Police report that an unidentified person is shown on video kicking the lights at Holy Family Academy at 10:55 a.m. on April 14.

If you have any information call RCMP.

SK. cellphone theft believed link to Brooks

Theft of cellphones last month in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba are likely linked to similar thefts in Brooks and Medicine Hat.

Portage la Prairie RCMP reported that on March 9 at about 9:30 p.m. about 60 Apple iPhones, valued at \$70,000 were stolen from a business on Sissons Drive.

It was reported to police that two adult males and a female went to the electronics department in the store.

The female distracted the employee while the males broke into the locked cabinet and stole the phones.

Police say the incident occurred within minutes and was not discovered until the following morning.

Portage la Prairie RCMP believe the incident is related to similar thefts that have taken place in the last month in Swift Current, SK, Medicine Hat and on Feb. 29 in Brooks.

Two males were caught on camera after the theft

of a dozen Apple watches from Walmart in Brooks but it wasn't reported to police until March 4.

Truck stolen

A vehicle that was stolen from a feedlot near Bassano on April 18 was found in Brooks the following day.

Police were on patrol when they located and stopped the vehicle on Second Ave West in Brooks.

The 23-year-old Brooks driver, who has not been identified, was charged with theft of a motor vehicle and possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000.

He was released and is to appear in court on June 5.

B&E

Brooks RCMP charged a woman who was hiding inside a home where a break and enter had been reported.

On April 18 at 9:18 p.m. police responded to a break and enter in progress at a



residence on 2nd Ave West and found a back window had been smashed.

"Members arrested a female hiding in the residence," states a press release.

The unidentified woman was charged with break and enter with intent and mischief under \$5,000.

She was held for a hearing.

Vehicle fire

Shortly after 7 a.m. on Friday Bassano firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the eastbound lane on Highway 1.

Cory Cochrane, Bassano fire chief, said the incident occurred near Range Road 17-2.

"The vehicle was driving on the rim and the sparks caused it to ignite," he said.



Bassano firefighters extinguish the flames from a vehicle last Friday. The fire occurred on Highway 1 near Range Road 172 near the entrance to a feedlot near Bassano. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

County wants choice to appoint two councillors to FCSS board

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The city and county continue to disagree on the definition of member-at-large in regard to appointing a member to Grasslands FCSS.

Last fall the county appointed a second elected official to fill the member-at-large position on the FCSS board despite the fact that two non-elected community members were interested.

During a joint services meeting the city raised the question of the representation. Each municipality was tasked to

discuss the issue.

Last month the county agreed that their FCSS composition will be an elected councillor along with the option to select either a second councillor or member of the public.

The city and Rosemary agreed their representation should be a councillor and a non-elected member of the public while Duchess discussed it at their meeting on Monday.

At city council last week CAO Alan Martens said the FCSS regulation states that a municipality should promote public participation in planning, developing and governing

the program and services.

"Given this plus the spirit and intent of a member-at-large being a public member and not a councillor informs the recommendation," he said.

He said municipalities can't decide on a definition of member-at-large, each will do what they want.

"Unless another municipality takes issue with the way they're doing it. You would have to go from there," he said.

Municipalities make committee and board appointments during organization meetings usually held in October.

Current and future Bandits named in new NHL rankings

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The NHL Central Scouting Mid-Term rankings that were released last week include three current and one future member of the BCHL Brooks Bandits.

The list includes 10 BCHL players including current Bandits forward Logan Sawyer who was ranked 114, down from a ranking of 91 in January.

Right winger Nathan Free, 17, is ranked 186th and was previously ranked 185 and defenseman Keith McInnis is ranked at 213.

Also included is future Bandits defenceman Austin Moline, 18, who is ranked 182.

Moline is currently playing at Shattuck-St. Mary's School in Faribault, Minnesota. He was ranked 182 in January.

Current Bandit Mathieu Taillefer, did not make the current rankings list but he was ranked at 176 in January.

Taillefer has not played a game since March 9, the game that he scored his first BCHL goal.

Last week the BCHL announced the Alberta All-

Star team and those include Brooks players.

The Alberta Division First Team All-Star includes forward Parker Lalonde, the Second Team All-

Stars include defenceman Ethan Beyer and goalie Johnny Hicks and the All-Rookie team includes forward Logan Sawyer and defenceman Quinn McCall.

No relevant proposals for transit study

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

With no "relevant and appropriate" proposals, the city is not moving forward with its transit program.

The city issued a request for proposal for a transit feasibility pilot earlier in the year seeking a company to provide services, equipment, expertise, vehicles and operators for a public transportation service.

The idea was that the pilot would run from May 1 to December during which time the city would determine its use and the viability of a semi-fixed route.

The city set the budget at \$124,000.

In a social media post, the city stated, "The hope was that interested companies and organizations would provide innovative proposals and the city could implement the proposal as a pilot project starting May 1st.

"Unfortunately, we didn't receive any relevant and appropriate proposals, so we won't be able to launch anything on May 1st as planned."

During a transportation pilot in 2001 it was estimated by a consultant that 11,000 people would use the service in the city.

The project was cancelled after three months because just 791 people used the service and it had cost the city about \$16,000.

The city will continue to evaluate its options for a new project.

Mayor John Petrie said the cost came in higher than anticipated.

"We don't want to give up on the project because we know transportation is an issue for the community. We have to look around

and maybe look at what some other communities of similar size are doing," he said.

Petrie wants to look at how Okotoks and Cold Lake are running their systems.

While Cold Lake is a no-cost system, Okotoks' fares start at \$3.50, however, buses are ordered, a pick-up and drop-off location are determined ahead of time and tickets are purchased ahead of time with no funds handled by drivers.



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF DECISION

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| DEVELOPMENT AREA | APPLICATION NUMBER | LEGAL DESCRIPTION | TYPE OF PROJECT | DECISION | APPEAL PROCESS |
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| 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) |

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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
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Ilean Small submitted this photo of deer statues that were donated to Sunrise Gardens by Jessie Small and George Mountford when the couple moved into the facility. "The statues are made from cast aluminum out of old pop cans," Small said. | ILEAN SMALL PHOTO

As part of their financials, city reports asbestos in buildings

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

In their financial statement the city stated that there are nine buildings and one lift station that contain asbestos, a building material that was declared a carcinogen by the Canadian government in 2016 and officially banned in 2018.

The material was used in building construction for well over 100 years in Canada.

Buildings that were constructed prior to 1990 have a higher risk of asbestos use.

Shelley Thomas, the city's financial manager, who will retire this year, presented her final financial statements on behalf of auditor KPMG.

Thomas and CAO Alan

Martens pointed out that a lot of time was spent by city officials on the new accounting standard that has to do with retiring assets.

One of the obligations is identifying asbestos in buildings and facilities.

"When establishing our measures we based them on the assumption that the buildings would eventually be completely demolished, instead of remediated," said Cathy Slaney, the city's senior accountant.

The city has identified the airport, the arts, culture and heritage building, the Community Culture Centre, the Prairie Pioneers building at Evergreen Park, the Kin building at old rodeo grounds, city hall, the facilities building, JBS Canada Centre, and

the public works shop as containing asbestos.

Undisturbed asbestos fibres that are undisturbed pose little risk.

According to the financial document the buildings that have been identified as containing asbestos were purchased between 1948 and 1998. The liability was measured as of about 1991.

"The buildings had an expected useful life of 50 years of which several of the estimates have been changed based on their current condition and use," states the document.

The buildings have between two and 45-years of usefulness remaining.

The city has about \$2.7 million set aside for asbestos removal.

Brooks part of Bridging the Gap documentary

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Brooks students and educators will be part of the 2023 Rosie nominated documentary, Bridging the Gap, which will premier locally next month.

The film is based on work by Rahat Zaidi, a researcher at the University of Calgary's Werklund School of Education.

Its goal is to teach the importance of starting and continuing conversations about immigrant and refugee resettlement in classrooms, universities and social organizations.

For about four years Brooks Composite High

School (BCHS) students and staff participated in focus groups with Zaidi who looked at things such as the similarities between Brooks and where a newcomer came from and how it was for the student to enter the high school.

"One of the things the documentary discusses is the beautiful things that new Canadians can bring to a classroom," said Michelle Veroba, a teacher at BCHS, who is part of the film and was part of the focus groups.

"Just learning from the people who are coming here."

She said the documentary is a resource for educators on how to work with

newcomers.

Veroba and other educators and teachers from the Grasslands School division, BCHS, Eastbrook Elementary, a local family as well as Calgarians are part of the documentary.

The evening's screening will begin at 5:30 p.m. on May 8.

Zaida is expected to attend to talk about film which was nominated in the category of Best Documentary Production Under 30 Minutes.

"Our community and school has really come together to make this project successful," said Veroba.

Water sharing agreements have been signed

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Four major water-sharing agreements are in place across the province to help respond to the risk of severe drought.

"The landmark agreements will let more Albertans access water in a drought and reduce the negative impacts on communities, the economy and the environment," states a provincial release.

The agreements cover the four sub-basins: Red Deer River, Bow River, the mainstem of the Oldman River and the upper tributaries of the Oldman River.

Recent snowfall has helped but the province's winter snowpack remains below average and there are many rivers that are lower than normal and multiple reservoirs that are below capacity.

To help the situation, 38 of the largest and oldest water licensees in southern Alberta have voluntarily agreed to reduce their water use if severe drought conditions develop.

The groups represent up to 90 per cent of the water allocated in the Bow and Oldman basins and 70 per cent in the Red Deer River basin.

The Eastern Irrigation

District with its water licence of 679,000 acre feet and the St. Mary River Irrigation District with its 880,000 acre feet licence are two of the largest holders.

In February the EID board agreed that the irrigation allocation will begin at 18-inches while the St. Mary's board agreed to begin the season with an eight-inch allocation.

Ivan Friesen, general manager of the Eastern Irrigation said the allocation will be discussed at this week's board meeting.

The meeting this week is the first since the water sharing agreements were finalized and announced by the province.

The board will consider either keeping the allocation at 18-inches or beginning the season with a lower amount.

The one advantage, perhaps, that the EID does have is its reservoirs are filled close to their normal amounts for this time of year.

City councillors were to discuss their plan for a potential drought at their committee meeting on Tuesday and are considering anything including rationing as determined by the CAO, increasing water rates, not using the non-metered raw water irrigation system and holding an education

campaign.

In 2005 the city developed a water restriction plan which is the one that administration is expected to recommend to council this week, likely with some modifications.

The 2005 plan considered various watering programs for restrictions from stage one to stage four including water use for residential, vegetation, vehicles, boats and public areas.

Bassano and Duchess have approved their water allocation plans and there are other municipalities across the province that have put plans in place with water consumption cut between five and 10 per cent.

Participating industries are using the minimum volume of water and irrigation districts will use less water to allow other users to access water.

"With these agreements, Albertans are once again coming together when times get toughest," said Rebecca Schulz, minister of Environment and Protected Areas.

"They will help make the most of our limited water supplies and make every drop count if a severe drought hits this summer."

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Aggie Days has come a long way... stampede and commodity groups stepped up their game



WILL VERBOVEN

A recent visit to the Aggie Days event at Calgary's Stampede Park was a pleasant enlightenment indeed. It's an annual event that both celebrates the agriculture industry and tries to educate the public about the industry. That's not an easy task considering the almost universal ignorance of the general public on where their food comes from and how it is produced. The urbanite perception that food magically appears in grocery stores and fast food joints has never been truer than it is today. That perception has been an exasperation for farmers, ranchers and food processors for many decades. It's gotten worse recently as

the big city mainstream media has relentlessly focused on how the big grocery chains are gouging the consumers and making huge profits from selling food. Little mention is made that the primary producer of that food back on the farm and ranch is not sharing much in those new profits. There is more to the story from the retailers' and processors' perspective. Still, those folks have traditionally tried to pay as little as possible for primary farm production outside of supply management farm products. But that's an old story.

Many decades ago, Aggie Days was a rather mediocre event that ran more like a glorified petting zoo. Hordes of school kids would file through the livestock barns, touching (kids were allowed to do that back then) farm animals and being shocked from

seeing them defecate and urinate. The supply management boards and some of the larger producer groups put up some displays. They tended to focus on the trials and tribulations of production rather than connecting it to the food that city attendees saw at the grocery store. Even then, the displays assumed the urban consumer and their kids had some rudimentary knowledge about where and how food was produced - that was a big mistake. Another problem back then, and in my view, was that the Stampede organization put little effort and not much money into the Aggie Day event. To those who knew, that was rather aggravating as the Stampede received an annual \$10 million grant from the lottery fund to support agriculture-related events. That grant resulted from the

Stampede being declared an ag society and not the giant corporate entertainment entity it is. It gives the Stampede tax breaks and other advantages. To be fair, that started when it was a real ag fair many years ago, but how financially convenient for the Stampede that it's still an ag society just like the Olds Fair.

One of the big problems with the old Aggie Days was that it was mostly located in the livestock barns - that's okay for the farm animals - but space was restricted for putting on extensive educational displays. That was resolved in 2014 with the construction of the Nutrien Western Events Centre, which became the showpiece for ag education and related events. Since the centre opened ten years ago, by coincidence, design, or financial support, almost all crop commodities and

livestock and poultry groups have become extensively involved in telling the story of their agriculture and food production sector. Some displays are remarkably interactive, with many targeting school-age kids. The big ag groups also seem to be increasing their displays' size, educational depth, and fun. I suspect there may be some competition among the big groups to be bigger, better, more techy, and hands-on. One notes that many groups employ young folks instead of farmers as hosts and guides for their displays. There is nothing wrong with having farmers tell their story, but those young folks seem to be able to relate to young city kids better. I found out that they are also well-trained in ag facts and figures.

I don't know for sure, but it would seem the Stampede organization

has probably put some support money in place for some of the ag industry displays, particularly for smaller commodity groups - and that's a good thing. I cite the sheep and wool industry display for its impressive exhibition and educational presentation. In the old days, I recall there were just a few sheep and a sheep shearing demo. Most ag industry presentations are also displayed during the annual Calgary Stampede event. I expect literally millions have seen the ag industry displays at Calgary Stampede events over the past ten years, and it has contributed considerably to city folks' understanding of agriculture and food production. Good Work, Aggie Days.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.



DUCHESS - We had just over a half inch in the Village last week. Grasslands Public Schools were celebrating education week and had more than a few activities planned for outside but the relentless wind and cool temps were not cooperating. Mother Nature is dealing us a typical April with rain, snow, wind and sun.

Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society presents Know Dementia: Steps to Prevention Path to a Cure. It will be on May 4th, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm at the Heritage Inn. You can register by going to prairierosehospice.ca or by calling 403-793-7806.

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.

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

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.

Must a reminder that our Duchess 50+ club is meeting the third Tuesday of every month.

Have a fantastic week and please call or text 793 1630 with your Dispatch news.

Quote: "You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry. Don't worry. And be sure to stop and smell the flowers along the way."

'Got yer seed yet?'

'Yup...Got it at Carl's Ag Ventures'

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ONE TREE - Well, here we are supposedly having Spring, but it seems the weather doesn't know that. After, having some really nice days, than snow and cold wind, it's not too nice.

It's nice to see some of the neighbours, "Snowbirds" returning from the US. Welcome home!

On Friday Sandra Smith and sons of Lethbridge came to visit with her parents Karl and Linda Slomp for the weekend. She left on Sunday. The kids love to come to Grandpa and Grandma's place.

Visiting at the home of their parents, Ozzie and Elizabeth Schalm were their daughters, Jonene and Sherry of Calgary from Friday to Sunday. They were here to help out with some things for their dad. They had a great visit while here.

On Saturday Judy Merkl arrived back home after spending a week and half visiting at the home of her son Jason and Paulina's and little Luca in Edgeley, SK. She stopped in Medicine Hat to have a visit with my brother, George and wife Jean Zvolensky on her way back home.

Recently Greg Patterson helped to move his brother Bryan Patterson

to Sunrise Gardens from Newbrook Lodge.

On Saturday, there was a nice gathering at the LDS Church in Brooks to help former residents of the area, Wayne and Janice Bunney of Lethbridge celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, with goodies served. Congratulations to you both and we wish you many more great and happy years together. They had some former friends from around the area come to see them and have a visit. I finally caught up with them, as I still thought that they lived at Derwent. I don't know, when people move, if no one tells me. So please keep me in the loop.

The Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society (PRHPCS) is holding their 2nd Alzheimer's conference on Saturday, May 4, 2024 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 Alzheimers. 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 - prairiehospice.ca. If you have any questions call Audrey at 403 793-7806.

****Hey!!! We have good news in regards to the *Brooks and District Social Club Dance* and are excited to announce that we are having a dance in May. ** NOTE** It will be held at the Old Legion Hall, (What is now the Nikko Sushi place) which is one block west of Scotiabank, on Saturday, May 25th, from 7:30 pm to 10:30pm . The band is "Sleepless Nights" from Redcliff, we are really thrilled. We are told it is a very good band. So please do come on out and have a great time. To enter the Hall you will have to enter through the EAST side door only. If you'd like to have something to eat, I'm sure they'd be happy to accommodate you. So we hope to see you all there.

It's great to see some of our Snowbirds making their way back home from the US.

We were happy to have Ed and Lydia Breikreutz back from the US, as they "the Softones" played for our Social Club Dance on Saturday evening. It was great, but not a very big crowd. Those of us that attended sure did have fun.

Birthday greetings for the coming week go out to young Andrew Smith of Lethbridge (grandson of Karl and Linda Slomp) on Apr. 26th; to my granddaughter, Stephanie Merkl of Kelowna on Apr. 27th; to Mackyla Goldade on Apr. 28th to Shane Senecal and Ian Zoerb, both on Apr. 30th and to Janice Alberts on May 1st. We wish each of you a great day and

a "Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone else that is celebrating this week. We wish everyone all the best for many more great years.

Happy anniversary wishes go to Jock and Linda Airth on Apr. 26th and to Kathy (Urban) and Jack Kuhn of Sylvan Lake on Apr. 27th. We wish both

couples' all the very best in health and much happiness for many more great years together.

***Note ***I was wondering if there are any young kids in my area that would come and do some raking up of pines cones for me? You could make yourselves a bit of money. Call my at 403-362-3023

or email me at simerkl@eidnet.org

"Virtual Hilarity"
My Father's hearing aid occasionally emits a brief high-pitched squeal that can be heard by anyone near him. One day my little niece was sitting on his lap, when the device started to beep. Surprised, she said, "Grandpa, you've got mail."



A lighthouse at the entrance to the marina at Crawling Valley Campground. | TOM MCPHAIL PHOTO



IQubed keynote speaker Doug Griffiths presented *13 Ways to Kill A Community* during which time he identifies challenges and opportunities that all communities face from the fear of community collaboration due to a perceived thought of losing identity to examples of what happens when communities work together. He said everyone needs to adapt to change, technology and changing values. "The whole world is looking for real communities to belong to especially post pandemic. They want places to connect with other people. We don't need a revolution. We don't need more anger. We need to be open to new ideas and we need a renaissance," he said.

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Dusty Plains 4-H MULTI-CLUB NEWS

DONOR STEER update

Lucie Berg working with donor steer Dusty. Dusty has decided he loves being groomed so gets himself as muddy as he can so he gets all the attention.

The Dusty Plains 4-H Multi Club would like to introduce one of the three charities that the money from the donor steer will be going to. The Aarit Hok foundation is a fund under the Brooks & District Health foundation specified for pediatric equipment. It helps the need to assist in all aspects of the hospital in regards to pediatric care and needs. This fund was created by Aarit's parents and little brother in memory of Aarit, after his sudden passing of a rare strain of E. Coli. Come out May 27th to Silver Sage and meet Dusty, our calf and help us raise money for this amazing charity.



City selects contractor to complete dog park fencing

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The final fencing at the dog park is expected to begin at the latest in early June by the contract winner, the Bobcat Guy.

A small portion was completed last year and last week the city awarded the contract to the Brooks company for his bid of \$49,420.

The city received 12 bids from companies in BC, Ontario and Alberta including Brooks Landscaping which bid \$59,379 on the project.

The additional fencing required is 747 metres

including 492m of four foot high and 255m of six foot high chain link as well as two 10 foot swing games for equipment.

The project is expected to start at the latest in early June and should take a couple of weeks to complete.

The entire area of the park is 9.4 acres including a parking lot, 8.7 acres for large dogs and half an acre for small dogs.

The majority of the fencing will be four feet high with one section along Highway 1 at six feet.

When asked if the height of the majority of the fence is sufficient, Lisa Tiffin, the city's manager of

community development services said there is currently a four foot fence.

"That's what you see on a ball diamond. If a dog is going to jump a four foot fence, he'll jump a six foot fence," she said.

"The idea at a public dog park is your dog would still be under your control whether they're on a leash or not on a leash. They should have some kind of recall. Owners do take some sort of risk when they attend and the hope and expectation is you're not bringing a wild, uncontrollable, unpredictable dog to a public space like this."

Massive deficits send debt interest charges soaring

FRANCO TERRAZZANO
CANADIAN TAXPAYERS FEDERATION

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is criticizing the federal government's 2024 budget for hiking taxes, increasing spending and allowing debt interest charges to eat up \$54 billion of the budget.

"Debt interest charges are costing taxpayers more than a billion dollars every week," said Franco Terrazzano, CTF Federal Director. "Massive deficits mean interest charges will cost taxpayers more than the feds send to the provinces in health transfers this year."

"The Trudeau government says it

wants fairness for every generation, but doubling the debt isn't fair for Canadians' kids and grandkids."

Debt interest charges will cost taxpayers \$54 billion this year, which is more than the federal government will send to the provinces in health transfers.

The deficit will total \$40 billion this year. There is no plan to balance the budget.

The debt will total more than \$1.2 trillion this year. When Prime Minister Justin Trudeau first took power, the debt was \$616 billion. That means the Trudeau government will be responsible for doubling the national debt.

"Finance Minister

Chrystia Freeland promised Canadians she would find savings, but when you increase spending by more than \$30 billion in one year, you're saving money wrong," Terrazzano said. "This government could win the lottery every day and it would still max out its credit card."

Spending this year is increasing by \$37.1 billion, from \$497.5 billion to \$534.6 billion. Budget 2024 also increases capital gains taxes.

"This government has no plan to balance the budget or save money," Terrazzano said. "This government's only plan is to take as much money from taxpayers as it can."

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Bandits 1-1 in playoff run

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Bandits and the Okotoks Oilers are tied at one game a piece in the second round of playoffs. The Oilers defeated the Spruce Grove Saints 3-1 in the first round of playoffs to advance to round two. In the

meantime, the Bandits had a first round bye. Both games of round two were played in Brooks. Game one saw the Bandits blank the Oilers 4-0 while on Saturday the Oilers defeated the Bandits 9-2. The Oilers ended the first period at 2-0, followed by the Oilers one goal lead at

the end of the second period and notched in a couple of more in period three. The Bandits only goals were scored in the second period. The Sherwood Park Crusaders have taken a 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven semifinal match against the Blackfalds Bulldogs.

The semis continue on April 23 in Blackfalds and Okotoks. Prior to Saturday's match Bandits Danylo Korzhyletskyi was presented the Nick Crosby Memorial Award for his determination, loyalty and passion.



Logan Sawyer gets the puck up high to defeat Okotoks goalie Christian Green at 13:11 of the second period. Just 16-seconds later Hunter Wallace found the back of the net to get the team's fourth and final goal of the night. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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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.

The 4th Annual Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest is ready to begin! Proceeds of the contest go directly to the Rolling Hills Ag Society - your money gets you 5 seeds and a hat. Membership is available for purchase online or in person at the Rolling Hills Post Office and Cordon Electric in Brooks. Further information can be obtained by calling Ben at 403-633-4175 or Darby at 403-363-3216.

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

Wednesdays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 4:00 to 7:30 pm; Saturdays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

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

One night Nurse Jane was making rounds in the nursing home. Passing Frank's open door, she saw him sitting up in bed pretending to drive. She asked him what he was up to. "Driving to Vancouver!" he replied. She smiled at him and continued her rounds. The next night, the same thing occurred. Fran once again told her he was driving to Vancouver. "It's a two-day drive, you know!" he cheerfully told her. Two doors down, Jane saw 90-year-old Bob out of bed and pretending to dance around his room with someone. She asked him what he was doing. "Dancing with Frank's wife!" he grinned, "Frank's gone to Vancouver for a couple of days!"

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

before 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings to have your news included for the week. On

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to lawn and garden.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 8 = S)

A. 5 2 23 9 13 25 8

Clue: Colorful plants

B. 15 25 4 8 8

Clue: Lawn plant

C. 2 4 22 16 8 17 4 24 13

Clue: Visual features on property

D. 10 23 9 13 25

Clue: Cuts grass

Answers: A. flowers B. grass C. landscape D. mower

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to gardens.

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Answer: Water

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Texas on April 25, 1969. I made my big screen debut in the film "Empire Records" in 1994. I am widely known for a number of films, including one movie musical and another in which I played a famous movie star from yesteryear, a role that earned me an Academy Award.

Answer: Renée Zellweger

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CLUES ACROSS

- Excessively theatrical actors
- Footwear
- A way to disfigure
- Exchange rate
- Hawaiian wreaths
- North-central Indian city
- Bungle
- Extremely angry
- A short note of what's owed
- Criminal organization
- Mimic
- Try to grab
- U.S.-born individuals
- Some are covert
- Order of the British Empire
- Don't know when yet
- Payment (abbr.)
- Winged angelic being
- Variety of Chinese
- A way to be anxious
- Famed wrestler Hulk
- Partner to cheese
- Slang for sergeant
- Canadian flyers
- Actress Ryan
- Highly unpleasant vapor
- Body part
- Halfway
- Cool!
- Consume
- Salts
- Upper bract of a floret of grass
- Housepet
- Cavalry-sword
- Symbol of a nation
- Frocks
- Used to carry food
- Portuguese folk song
- Sharp mountain ridge
- Ireland
- Variety of Chinese
- Where golfers begin
- Greek mythological sorceress
- Fluid suspensions

CLUES DOWN

- "Mad Men" leading man
- Water (Spanish)
- Annoy
- Bulgarian capital
- Japanese title
- Capital of Zimbabwe
- Giraffe
- A mixture of substances
- Midway between south and southeast
- Staffs
- Turkish title
- Type of acid
- Thin, flat strip of wood
- Russian river
- Ribonucleic acid
- Partner to flow
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Earthy pigment
- Genus of earless seals
- "Key to the Highway" bluesman
- By or in itself
- Hot fluid below the earth's surface
- Partner to trick
- British Air Aces
- Ammunition
- Supervises flying
- Health care for the aged
- Flasks
- Millimeters
- Where wrestlers perform
- Not around
- Flightless bird
- Bell-shaped flowers of the lily family
- Expressed concern for
- Satisfies
- Flew off!
- Wings
- Load a ship
- Vigor
- British title
- Whiskeys
- Adams: founding father
- Body of water

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WORDS

- AMEND
- BLOOMING
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- DROUGHT
- EDGE
- FERTILIZE
- GARDEN
- GREEN
- HEALTHY
- INSECTS
- LANDSCAPING
- LAWN
- MOSSY
- MULCH
- POLLINATOR
- PRUNE
- SCENT
- SHRUBS
- SUNLIGHT
- TRIMMING
- WEEDS

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

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Level: Intermediate

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
You can get your spark back with some help from friends, Aries. You may have been struggling in one form or another, but others can provide the perspective needed.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you are a dependable rock and that comes with a lot of responsibility. Sometimes you may feel overwhelmed, and in those instances feel free to delegate some tasks.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Too much joking around may strike a nerve of someone close to you, Gemini. Feel out every situation before you start communicating in such a laid back and jovial way.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Cancer, like it or not, you have to stand by a promise or a commitment you made to someone, even if you no longer feel like doing so. Once it is finished, you can go your separate ways.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
Leo, if others have underestimated you or written you off in the past, you will have an opportunity to prove them wrong this week, even if you already know the truth.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Your keen eye for detail has you pointing out a mistake that may have cost someone a lot of money, Virgo. Your

reward could be a promotion or another commendation.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Making room for your needs right now is challenging as others seem to require all of the attention, Libra. You will have a chance to balance the scales soon enough.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Right now you may be reluctant to commit or comment on an issue that is affecting some in your circle, Scorpio. You can get involved once you dig further and do your own research.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, when you hang out with friends, you may be tempted to spend more than is in your budget at the moment. Set a limit, and perhaps leave your credit cards at home.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you are ready to move forward, but others in your orbit may be holding you back. Know when to cut loose and do things according to your bigger vision.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Thinking about all of the things in your life that may not be going to plan could have you feeling down, Aquarius. Flip the perspective and start focusing on the right things.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you are known for being a dreamer, but right now you have to come down from the clouds and develop a solid plan of action. There will be time for fanciful ideas later.

Classifieds

**Deadline for Classifieds
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obituaries



The family would like to announce the Celebration of Life for **Judith (Judy) Rae Shannon**

Please join us on **April 29, 2024** at 2:00 pm at the Heritage Inn, Brooks

obituaries



BELANGER - It is with heavy hearts that we announce Bonnie Belanger passed away peacefully on April 18, 2024, at Red Deer Hospital, at the age of 71, surrounded by family.

Bonnie was born on April 12, 1953, in Preeceville, Saskatchewan. In 1955 the family moved to Drayton Valley where Bonnie grew up and attended school. In 1976 Bonnie & Terry moved to Brooks, where Bonnie worked at the Newell Hotel for 12 years. After that Bonnie focused on bookkeeping for their company T.P. Excavating. Bonnie enjoyed a quiet life, camping, reading, and watching TV. She loved her game shows and watching the popular reality show Survivor.

Bonnie was predeceased by her spouse, Terry Peterson, her brother Dale Omit, and her parents Orrie & Clara Omit. Bonnie is survived by her son, Brent (Starlene) Belanger, daughter, Roxane Peterson (Richard Redl), grandchildren Kirkland, Zoe, and Kipp, brothers Gary Omit, Donald Omit & Glen Omit.

A Celebration of Life for Bonnie will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Thom's Funeral Home & Reception Centre, located at 477 Margaret Avenue East, Duchess, AB. For further info, to leave a message of sympathy, or to light a candle in memory of Bonnie, please visit www.thomsfuneralhome.com or call (403) 501-1010.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of Mary Tobler who died on 2024-03-14.

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8:00 pm Bassano Health Centre
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

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Excutrix
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

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business announcements

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Canada's clueless immigration policy will not end well

SIAVASH SAFAVI
NATIONAL POST

I came to Canada as a political refugee. In my home country of Iran, I was arrested, tortured and later received a prison sentence for my student-organizing activities. I had a month to surrender to prison. Instead, I decided to leave the country with the help of a smuggler. I escaped through the mountains, partly on horseback, to Turkey, where I applied for asylum through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

There, I waited one year for my UNHCR approval, despite all the proof and court documents I had provided. After that, I waited another 18 months for Canadian security agencies to vet me. It was a rough time. At age 28, I found myself in a foreign country with a language I barely understood, no money and no family or friends.

It's popular nowadays for people to feel sorry for themselves and express feelings of victimhood. But I have no complaints. If someone is kind enough to let me into their home for life, they have a responsibility to their family to at least find out if I am honest or not.

I arrived in Canada after 2½ years of living in Turkey.

In 2013, under Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Canada was accepting around 24,000 refugees a year, and the Canadian middle class was surpassing the U.S. to become the richest in the world. Canada was respected worldwide, and I couldn't wait to become a patriotic Canadian.

In my second year in Canada, I attended York University. As someone who was arrested for their student activism in Iran, I wanted to enjoy

the university experience in a free country. And as a classical liberal, I was intent on familiarizing myself with current western thought in the humanities. So I took anthropology and gender studies.

Both courses taught me that almost all the injustice in the world is the fault of white men, that western ethnocentrism is the cause of most conflicts between East and West, and that all cultures are equal, only different. I remember walking out of the class thinking, "I guess the West had a good run. It was bound to end at some point."

I was pretty shocked at the views promoted through Canadian universities, and quite horrified to find those ideas metastasizing in the cultural fabric. I'm sensitive to this issue because I've lived in countries in which a radical ideology has infiltrated the culture, taken over and ultimately undermined the national interest. It happened in Iran following the 1979 revolution, and again in Turkey with the rise of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

Two years after I came to this country, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau came to power and declared Canada the first "post-national" state. Soon after, tens of thousands of Syrian refugees were expedited into Canada, and I couldn't help feeling insulted. It wasn't just about the 2½ years of my life wasted away in Turkey, it was also because there were serious concerns that the refugees weren't being properly vetted.

Proper vetting is very necessary when bringing in people from countries whose cultures clash with our own. There are many Iranians who I wouldn't

want in Canada, including the policeman who lashed me in public when I was 19 for allegedly holding hands with a girl in the street, or the judge who ordered the lashing.

This is not about a certain nationality or ethnicity. Cultures are shaped by their geography and their history. Some are more inclusive than others. It doesn't mean one is necessarily evil. It simply means it holds values that are incompatible with those of some other cultures.

Newcomers are supposed to adopt the fundamental aspects of the culture of their new country, in order to fit in better and help maintain social cohesion. That's just common sense. In my orientation before arriving in Canada, we were taught not to relieve ourselves in the street. I could have felt offended, but I understood that there might be refugees from countries with different cultures or no indoor plumbing.

For us to live with people from many different places, we need common cultural threads. Even in a multicultural country like Canada, the native cultural threads are the only things that hold society together. Immigrant cultures can add their own pearls and jewels to that thread, but the thread is the base.

When dealing with refugees from countries in which the dominant culture or state ideology differs from our own, we should invest the necessary

time and resources to vet each individual properly, to ensure that those who hold extremist views are not admitted. But when the government imports tens of thousands of people from these countries each year, a few things happen.

The newcomers, many of whom usually do not speak the language well, will feel the need to stick together in close-knit communities, forming a parallel society with a completely different culture to the country they live in. The culture of the old country is promoted and protected in these communities, usually by self-appointed authoritarian leaders through social pressure, or sometimes by force, leaving the people vulnerable to all kinds of corruption.

Their children, who naturally will go through their own identity crisis phase, will go to university and learn that every negative thing their old country's culture says about their new country is true. So they will grow to resent their new country.

Newcomers in these communities are also easy prey for the criminals and sociopaths in their own communities, because they are not familiar with the law. And since they mostly come from countries with a negative view of authority, they don't trust the police, so it is much easier to take advantage of them.

Over time, through mass immigration and high birth rates, their numbers grow,

and they will be able to impact the political sphere, led by the most radical or corrupt authoritarians who take advantage of them.

Now imagine millions of Canada citizens who believe that all white people are evil and racist, or that Jewish people are a societal virus, or that the LGBTQ+ are demonic and need to be eradicated, or that women should be subservient to men, or, worst of all, that the use of violence is necessary against people who disagree with, or "disrespect," their culture.

At that point, you risk balkanization. You cannot force people who have nothing in common — or

worse, hold animosity toward each other — to share the same country. And owing to the freedoms afforded to people in a country such as this one, it is hard for authorities to combat citizens who despise their adopted country and are looking to undermine it through legal means.

None of us know what the best immigration policy is, but anyone with common sense should be able to see that if you bring in large groups of people in who hate your culture, while at the same time demonize your own country, it is just masochism, not policy, and it will not end well.

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Early days

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Nelson flew to Washington and persuaded **President Kennedy** to go on a national conservation tour. While the president's tour did not succeed in putting environmental issues on the national political agenda, it marked the beginning of an idea that would eventually become Earth Day.

After a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, in 1969, Nelson organized a grassroots protest over what was happening to the environment.

News wire services began to carry the Earth Day story from coast to coast, and the response was resoundingly popular.

The first Earth Day took place on **April 22, 1970**. Twenty million Americans participated in activities, events and demonstrations to help the planet and bring environmental concerns to the attention of the world. Their actions led to the creation of the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** and the passage of the **Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts**.

Since then, Earth Day has evolved into a major educational and media event that reminds people how special the Earth and its creatures are. It is celebrated around the world on April 22.

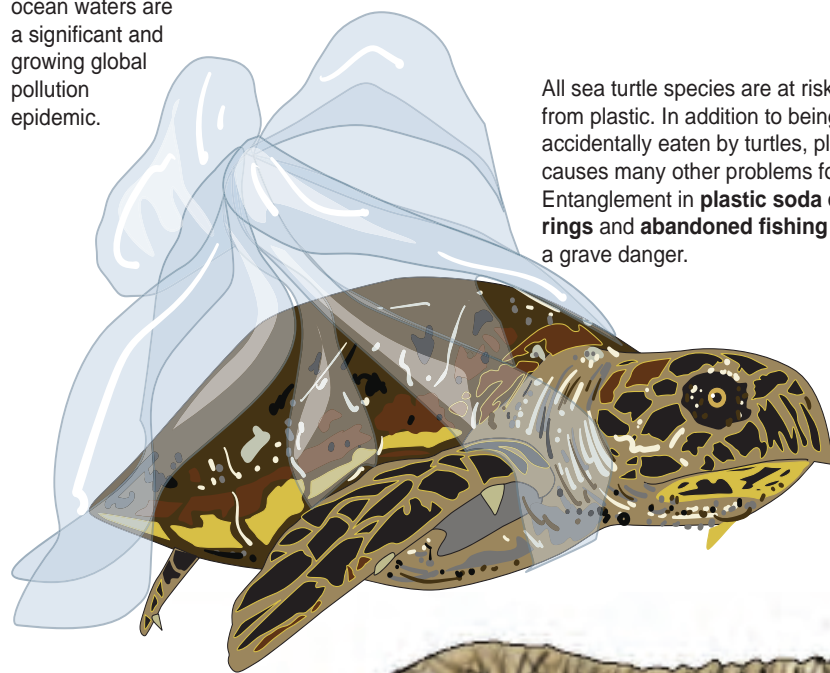
Planting **sunflowers** not only provides beauty, but the nectar-rich blooms are a vital resource for pollinating insects.

Sunflowers also attract helpful insects like ladybugs, which help control pest populations in gardens and agricultural fields.



Today, more than a billion people in 193 countries participate in Earth Day activities. This year, the theme is "Planet vs. Plastics" to raise awareness of how single-use plastics are damaging the environment and peoples' health.

Plastic bags in ocean waters are a significant and growing global pollution epidemic.



Poaching for ivory and loss of habitat have caused serious animal population declines over the past few decades. The number of **African forest elephants** fell by more than 86% over a period of 31 years, and they are now listed as critically endangered.

Democrats, Republicans and people from all walks of life have come together to support Earth Day.

All three **orangutan species** — Bornean, Sumatran and the newly discovered Tapanuli — are critically endangered, primarily due to habitat loss.



All sea turtle species are at risk from plastic. In addition to being accidentally eaten by turtles, plastic causes many other problems for them. Entanglement in **plastic soda can rings** and **abandoned fishing nets** is a grave danger.

Research suggests that 52% of the world's turtles have eaten plastic waste.

Turtles eat plastic because it looks a lot like jellyfish and other things they normally eat. The outlook for turtles that eat plastic is bleak: Eating just one plastic item is often a death sentence.

Making a difference

This month marks the 54th anniversary of the first Earth Day. Earth Day is all about participation, and you may help in many ways, both small and large. Here are some ways to save the planet:

Follow the 3 R's every day:

Reduce the amount of waste you produce. **Reuse** whatever you can, and **recycle** whatever you can't.

Plant a tree.

Ride public transportation one day or more per week.

Don't buy products with excessive packaging.

Start a compost pile.

Turn off lights when you are not using them.

Don't waste water.

Contact direct-mail sources and request that your name be removed from mailing lists.

Plant drought-resistant plants instead of grass.

Adopt a park and pick up trash when you visit it.

Buy shade-grown coffee to reduce dependence on slash-and-burn farming techniques.

Try sand instead of salt to treat icy sidewalks in winter.

Give up a few fast-food meals every month.

Ride a bike on local trips to reduce car use.

Buy used furniture. It is often better quality than new.

Use a fan instead of air conditioning one day per week in summer.

Don't indiscriminately use insecticides.

Join a wildlife, conservation or green organization and contribute what you can.