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The restored Empress Steam Train 2816, which was built in the 1930s, began its Final Spike Anniversary Steam Tour through Alberta on April 24 to mark the one year anniversary of the creation of the CPKC. The company, which was created on April 14, 2023 was marked with a ceremonial spike, is the merger of Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern railways. It is the only single-line railway connecting Canada, Mexico and the United States. The Empress is making stops on its tour to Mexico and last Friday it made an unscheduled stop in Brooks. "This special cross-continental journey of the 2816 steam locomotive serves as a reminder of our past and a celebration of our future. We are excited to share this extraordinary experience with communities across our network as we mark the one-year anniversary of our CPKC journey. The Final Spike Anniversary Steam Tour will be the first ever steam-powered passenger train in North America to traverse Canada, the U.S. and Mexico in a single trip," said CPKC president and CEO Keith Creel. The locomotive is the only non-streamlined H1 Hudson that is preserved. It operated through the Great Depression and World War II. According to rail history, The Empress covered 3.5 million miles and averaged up to 18,000 miles per month. | BROOKS BULLETIN PHOTO

Grasslands Public Schools will construct football field

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Grasslands Public Schools will construct the football field and track which means the old rodeo grounds will be able to hold other amenities.

Over the past five or so years, current and past city councillors have gone back and forth in discussions regarding the property.

A one point housing was discussed and a tender was issued but they did not get what they wanted. That was followed by a public consultation which found that the majority of those surveyed wanted recreation.

The current slate of councillors had agreed that the football field should be constructed at the rodeo grounds but they could not

get confirmation of funding from Grasslands or any other school board.

Last week officials from the city and the public school met to discuss football field.

"From yesterday's (Monday) meeting we had with Grasslands this has turned around completely now," said CAO Alan Martens.

"For about 100 reasons that we heard this (school property) was their preferred site," he said.

"They had no interest in the football field at the old rodeo grounds," said mayor John Petrie.

With Grasslands maintaining its responsibility for both the football field and the track, which will most likely be built at Eastbrook School,

Grasslands can design it as they choose, including whether natural grass or turf will be used.

The new school is expected to be ready for the 2026-2027 academic year and the football field should be available for the following season.

Martens said the school board told the city they do not have funding but they do have a lot of land.

"They're certainly going to want to look for city contributions and they want to do fundraising to build these facilities. They do want artificial turf," he said.

While they work on the football project the track will be more immediate.

"I think they would like to get going right away a little quicker with the actual track and right now

they're working on getting some cost estimates for that and then they're going to reach out back to us," said Martens.

Petrie believes the city should provide funding for the track.

"If they didn't build that school at the junior high and if they wanted another piece in town, we would have to pay for that land.

"That's part of the Municipal Government Act," said Petrie.

He said it's expected that the Catholic school system will be asking for a new school in the next five to 10 years so the city will have to provide the land.

Following a fairly lengthy conversation by city council on Tuesday about the future of the old rodeo grounds with amenities such as

soccer fields, it was decided to re-engage the recreation consultant.

Don Saari the city's manager of utilities and works threw another idea on the table.

"Another option is to put it (soccer) in Greenbrook Park where the skateboard park is going," he said.

Saari said, the skateboard park designer, New Line Skateparks told him more activities around the skateboard park would be better.

He said New Line talked about building basketball and pickleball courts as well as soccer fields.

"They'd be right between the schools and the Duke of Sutherland and would be all on that same run. It's an option, too," he said.

There was some

discussion that an amphitheatre could be considered for the old rodeo grounds, which was the original location before Evergreen Park and before city council stopped the theatre from going into Lake Stafford.

However, there have been other conversations that may see the amphitheatre constructed in a location in the county.

While the old rodeo grounds is seemingly returning to a recreation facility, the city has confirmed that the new public works building will be constructed on its current site.

The new 16,145 square feet (1,500m²) building will be built at 7th Street and 2nd Avenue East.

That building will cost about \$13.5 million.

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County begins petition period for proposed change

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In a vote of 9-1 county council agreed to second reading of the new county map that has been proposed for the redistribution of the population across nine divisions.

The public can file a petition against the bylaw.

The petition must contain at least 10 per cent of the county's population or 747 electors and must

be submitted to the county office by 4:30 p.m. on June 17.

The final reading is scheduled for June 20.

Tilley resident Joanne Dovichak, who attended the meeting and submitted a letter prior to the meeting, urged the county to reconsider the boundary for Tilley.

She said she has been following the discussion but it recently came to her attention that the Tilley

boundary is proposed to be changed to Highway 535.

"It cuts straight through our community and I think it's divisive," she said.

"We're Tilley. We're not Rolling Hills."

The change is about half a section north which would bring all of Township 16 from Range 11 to Range 14 into the division instead of it being divided as it is currently.

The current southern boundary of Division 2

Tilley is just below Rolling Hills Reservoir putting the site into the Tilley division.

The change will move the Reservoir into Rolling Hills.

In a letter that Dovichak submitted to the municipality prior to the meeting she wrote, "I want to express my strong opposition to moving this border."

She said she did not receive notification of the border moving and asked that it remain where it is.

"I'm just asking for a pause and maybe you can reconsider that boundary."

She said she doesn't understand why the population is so important.

"I think the population distribution is a guideline. There aren't hard and fixed numbers with regard to that," said reeve Arno Doerksen.

"Council has felt that they wanted to get closer to more equitable numbers if they could and I think this division represents that."

"Why do we all have to have 800 people in our division?" Dovichak asked.

Councillor Neil Johnson explained to Dovichak that Divisions 5 and 10 each had 1,100 to 1,300 residents.

"Which means that a vote from someone that has 500 people in it, their vote actually counts three times and you can't have that kind of unfairness in the county."

"We vote on every issue at every council meeting. Every motion that goes through is proportionality represented now. Before it was not," said Johnson.

Tilley councillor Adena Skanderup, who voted against second reading said she can see where it would be confusing.

"When you talk about making things more equal or proportionate when you have Division 1 proposed to have 726 and you have Division 4 with 1,029. That's still not very close," she said.

Councillor Ellen Unruh asked if there would be a difference in population if the boundary remains at its current location.

"I think we're just looking to get input from the public. I think we've already looked at all of those variables as council in the past, so I don't have an answer," said Doerksen.

"Our public engagement and our conversations have all been around invisible lines basically. When we take an oath of office you understand that you don't have just one person as a ratepayer to contact; that right now there are 10 of us who represent every area of the county," said councillor Kelly Christman.

"We just happen to be voted in."

Prior to the public hearing CAO Matt Fenske

told council, "We've been working on the electoral division boundary bylaw update for - it seems like a long time now."

He said a hearing is not required under the Municipal Government Act but it was recommended by administration during the last failed attempt at getting the bylaw passed.

In December 2020 county council gave third reading to the bylaw, however, a judicial review was sought after a couple alleged that the bylaw was passed without following proper legislation as they did not have a 60-day period open for petitions.

The bylaw was overturned.

"One of the lessons learned was more public engagement is better than less," said Fenske.

The updated map has improved distribution of the population more evenly but there were several competing interests with numbers and keeping communities together, Fenske told council.

With the proposed change the population will be redistributed across nine divisions with an average of 834 residents.

The idea is to have the bylaw prepared by the end of the year in time for the October 2025 municipal election.



Methanex firefighters returned to the Brooks Fire Training School last week for fire practice. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Bassano's outdoor pool liner project completed



Top photo, Bassano public works supervisor Lonnie Raymond, councillor John Slomp, CAO Amanda Davis, mayor Irv Morey and Sydney Smith, recreation and services liaison. Bottom photo, Jennifer Huard and Jackie Peterson, members of the community's enhancement society.

TOM MCPHAIL PHOTOS

The completion of the Bassano pool liner was celebrated on Friday with staff, volunteers and elected officials. "This project ensures the longevity of one of our community's most valuable recreation assets, extending its life by 15-plus

years," said mayor Irv Morey. Sydney Smith, Bassano's recreation and community services liaison, said one of the best parts of the project was engaging the local school. The outdoor pool liner's *Under the Sea* theme was

designed by Bassano School students in grades 1, 4 and 5. "We had asked students to share their favourite sea creature and those creatures have been incorporated into the design," Smith said. Recently, the students were invited to see their work. "I have never seen kids more excited."

The project partners include the Town of Bassano, the Bassano School, the Bassano Community Enhancement Society and the County of Newell. A CFEP grant was also received for the project. Smith said the final projects costs will be determined in the fall but a CFEP application and other fundraising helped to reduce the cost of the project by \$121,229.

TOM MCPHAIL PHOTOS



Cassils Clarion & Antelope Creek

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - What a fitting and wonderful show of support for Ross Annett at his Bow Slope retirement celebration on Friday. It was a packed house standing ovation fitting for a genuinely hard working and kind person who has given so much to the auctioneer and livestock industries in the County of Newell and province as well. Ross is a very strong community minded person who has dedicated countless hours not only to his job but many community events and fundraisers. Congratulations Ross on this milestone and may the days before you be filled with the kind of rest and relaxation you are looking for!!

The transcontinental trip of the Montreal built Canadian Pacific Empress 2816 locomotive passed through Brooks on its way to Mexico City on Friday.

Enthusiasts were out to watch the CPKC engine and old passenger cars pass through and hear the signature whistle!

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.

There was a memorial service for Gordon Karaki on Saturday at the Heritage Inn. There were a lot of people in attendance and was like a reunion of many generations. Gordon and Mihoko lived in the Cassils area for many years before moving into Brooks and more recently to Lethbridge. Deepest sympathies to the

Karaki family.

Audrey Martel and 14 siblings from her family of Lelond's gathered in Stettler recently for a family reunion of sorts! I'm sure there were a lot of laughs had!

Our oldest daughter Kate was home from Toronto on semester break this past week. It's as a very busy full 6 days fitting in as much family and fun as we could! Coincidentally her cousin Brooklyn is in Toronto at the same time with the Orlita family.

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.

"Choose your life's mate carefully. From this one decision will come 90% of all your happiness or misery."

Okotoks forces game 7 in playoff series against Bandits

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The Brooks Bandits came from a one goal deficit to force an overtime period on Sunday in Okotoks in game six of the series playoffs.

The Oilers managed to get the first goal in overtime which forced game seven to go ahead at the Centennial Regional Arena on Tuesday night.

The winner of the series will face the Sherwood Park Crusaders who swept their series against Blackfalds

Bulldogs.

The Alberta division winner will face the winner of the British Columbia division in the best-of-three post season Rocky Mountain Challenge that will take place in Alberta beginning on May 31.



Street Sweeping Begins April 29th

The City of Brooks will begin residential street sweeping on Monday April 29th. Please watch for signage being placed on the sidewalks of the street notifying residents when their street will be swept.

Things to Remember:

- Street sweeping will take place Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm.
- Sweepers will only be going through residential areas once - so please make sure your vehicle is moved off the street!
- Residents can temporarily park on their lawn, boulevard or in the alley to clear the street.
- If parking in the alley, please do not obstruct garbage and yard waste trucks.
- Vehicles should be moved off the street by 8am.

Crews will be starting north of Cassils, working their way from the west side (Uplands) to the east (Lakewood). Once the north half is completed,

they will begin south of Cassils, starting on the westside (Westbrook) working towards the east and south (Eastbrook, Greenbrook, Meadowbrook and then Sunnylea).



Water Conservation

Conserving water helps everyone! It saves the consumer money, it helps producers access the water they need, and it helps the local environment!

To prepare for possible drought conditions this summer, we're asking residents to start considering water conservation measures.

- EcoBrooks offers rebates for waterwise fixtures like toilets, washing machines and rainbarrels!
- Fix leaks inside and outside your home - little drips add up to a lot of water!
- Don't water your lawn during peak, daytime hours. Consider using timers and moisture sensors.
- Check out more water saving tips and tools to audit your home at Brooks.ca -> Services -> Environment -> Water Conservation

Yard Waste Collection Begins April 29th

- Bins must be out by 7am.
- Roll your bin back onto your property after pickup.
- 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.



COMMENT

Turning the divisive liability of Canadian regionalism into a unifying asset

Just imagine if the next federal government recognized the concerns and aspirations of all parts of our country

BY PRESTON MANNING
NATIONAL POST

Canada is a nation of regions — Atlantic, Laurentian (Quebec/Ontario), Prairie, Pacific, and North — depending on which geographic and demographic criteria we choose to define them.

Each of these regions, however we define them, has some unique — let us say “distinctive” — concerns and aspirations. These can readily become divisive and major sources of national disunity if only addressed in part or used to pit one section of the country against another, as when the current Liberal/NDP coalition fixates on the aspirations and concerns of Quebec and/or Ontario while disparaging those of the West, ignoring those of the North, and treating Atlantic Canada as a subsidized vassal of the federal government.

But what if the next federal administration were to officially recognize the regional character of Canada in a new and constructive way? What if it were to officially acknowledge that the residents of each of these regions have legitimate and distinctive regional aspirations and concerns that must be addressed by the national government in co-operation with the respective provincial governments? What if the next prime minister of Canada were to cultivate strong regional lieutenants to represent those concerns and champion those aspirations — just as John A. Macdonald had George-Étienne Cartier in Quebec and Charles Tupper in Atlantic Canada, or as Wilfrid Laurier had Clifford Sifton in the West?

Most importantly, what if the next federal government were to offer to systematically and specifically address those distinctive regional aspirations and concerns on one condition — that its efforts to address the aspirations and concerns of one region be co-operatively supported rather than opposed by the people and governments of the other regions?

Time and space do not here permit a proper cataloging of the current “distinctive concerns and aspirations” of each of Canada’s regions — an exercise that would be well worth the time and trouble for some respected think-tank or forward-looking federal party to undertake. But here are three samples from a recent personal survey.

From a colleague in Atlantic Canada: We remain very much a rural region. Whereas Ontario crossed the “50 per cent rural, 50 per cent urban” line many years ago, New Brunswick is just crossing that line now, with P.E.I., Newfoundland and Labrador in much the same position, and Nova Scotia at 41 per cent rural.

National policies heavily focused on urban Canada fail to recognize or address the concerns and aspirations of rural Canada, of which Atlantic Canada is a prime representative.

From a Quebec colleague: As is well known, we in Quebec have always aspired to preserve and strengthen our French language and culture. But a priority concern today is the negative impact on our language and culture of federal immigration policies which, without consultation, flood our province with thousands of temporary foreign workers who share few of our linguistic or cultural goals and strain our social services to the breaking point.

And from the West: We strongly aspire to see the natural resource sectors — agriculture, energy, forestry, mining and fisheries — recognized and treated as fundamental building blocks of the economy, and a priority concern today is that the current federal government regards and treats these sectors contemptuously, as relics from the past and even environmental liabilities.

Of course, there is actually much common ground between the aspirations and concerns of one region and those of the others, even though the priorities themselves may be different. Atlantic Canada’s concern about Ottawa’s seeming indifference to rural issues is shared by rural Canadians across the country. Western Canada’s desire to see the natural resource sectors treated as fundamental building blocks of the economy is a shared aspiration wherever Canadians are engaged in agriculture, energy development, mining, forestry or the fisheries. And Quebec’s expressed concern over federal immigration policies is appreciated by residents of the Rest of Canada because if they voice similar concerns they are denounced as “racists” by the Liberal/NDP coalition, but when Quebec expresses that concern the blow-back from Ottawa is much more muted and the concern may even be heeded.

And thus the question: Could not official recognition of the regional character of Canada by the next federal government, and the fashioning of a proactive but conditional response to the distinctive concerns and aspirations of each as suggested above, turn what has previously been a divisive national liability into a unifying asset for Canada as a whole?

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Ukraine: The Outlook

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



“I’ve said before, you do the right thing and you let the chips fall where they may,” said Mike Johnson, the Speaker of the US House of Representatives. The chips being the ten or twenty thousand extra Ukrainians who died needlessly during the six months when the Republican Party blocked the sending of any more US military aid to Ukraine.

To be fair, that’s a fuzzy number. Neither side issues regular updates on military casualties, and Ukrainian civilian deaths from Russian bombs, shells and rockets are only about 11,000 in the past 26 months. However, Ukrainian military deaths have at least doubled since the US Congress stopped sending artillery shells and other weapons six months ago.

To be even fairer, a significant number of Republican members of the House support Ukraine, and only a small number are actively pro-Russian. (The rest are simply isolationists or are cowed by Donald Trump, who does favour the Russians.) Johnson may lose his job for defying the hard-liners in his own party, but they cannot reverse Saturday’s vote.

The Senate has come back from recess to approve the amended House vote, which authorises \$61 billion in military aid to Ukraine. President Biden will sign the bill before the end of this week, and the US armed forces claim that fresh supplies of 155 mm shells and other urgently needed

kit will start reaching exhausted Ukrainian troops by next week.

Is that soon enough to avert collapse? Probably, but it has been a very near-run thing. As the US-supplied munitions ran out, the Russians have been able to fire ten shells for every one expended by the Ukrainians — and since the fighting increasingly resembles First World War-style artillery duels with added electronics, that gave the Russians the upper hand.

“We are trying to find some way not to retreat,” said Ukraine’s President Volodymyr recently, but in fact they are retreating. They lost Andriivka in February after holding the front line there for two years, and since then the Russians have advanced to the suburbs of Chasiv Yar, the last high ground held by the Ukrainians in Donetsk province.

The Russians have been building up for a big June offensive, but they might launch it early in the hope of breaking through before the US arms arrive. That would probably be a mistake, however, because the rasputitsa (‘mud season’) that makes off-road movement by vehicles almost impossible is now often lasting into early May due to global warming.

So if the renewed American military aid prevents a Russian victory at least until the end of 2024 — and if Donald Trump does not return as president next January — what are Ukraine’s chances of surviving over the longer term as an independent country?

If the analogy of the First World War is relevant, then the next step, for one side or the other, is military mutiny and/or political collapse.

So far the analogy has held up quite well. A first few months of rapid movement (August 1914/March 2022) is rapidly followed by a surprise shift into trench warfare and stalemate. This

lasts for three years, punctuated by occasional big offensives that cause high casualties but gain little or no ground.

And then, by mid-to-late 1917, the sheer futility of the war has undermined morale so badly that the armies start to mutiny or just collapse. The Russians leave the war entirely and have a revolution instead. The French and Italian armies mutiny and their officers dare not order any more offensives.

The equivalent point on our 21st-century Ukraine War timeline would be early next year. True, the analogy is far from perfect, but that’s a problem with all historical analogies. This war directly involves only two countries, not all the great powers, but the experience of the soldiers is very similar — and it was the soldiers who mutinied in 1917, not the generals.

Which side will collapse first this time around? Hard to say. There has already been one mutiny in the Russian forces. (Prigozhin’s aborted putsch last June). He was duly killed for his presumption, but he came close enough to success to inspire others.

Ukrainian morale has already taken a battering because of the capricious stop-and-start character of US military and financial aid, and Ukrainian soldiers will always face three-to-one odds or worse because of their country’s smaller population. ‘Gallant little Ukraine’ is a great slogan, but God (as Voltaire remarked) “is on the side of the Big Battalions.”

All that this analogy can tell us, therefore, is that the war is unlikely to be decided by a military victory for either side. It will probably be settled by which side’s soldiers get sick of it first — and if you are not actually living amongst them, you cannot know how close either side is to that point.



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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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**Nathan Ramer,
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I wonder sometimes about what really leads to change in my life. Is it when I read a book? Is it when external circumstances finally align with my desires? (Oh wait, has that ever fully happened?) Is it when I try harder? Is it when I suddenly have a strong reward motivating me to take a new or different action?

Probably there are a few answers to that question. Maybe a better question is what leads to lasting change? We all know the stereotype of New Year's resolutions: pick up a better habit or a list of them for a

Change

few days or a week or maybe two if you are a driven personality, but months later look back after having completely abandoned them. We know we aren't perfect. There is always room for growth.

When it comes to spiritual growth as Christians, sometimes we emphasize what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:6: "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." Growth comes from God. We are helpless to make ourselves grow. We are dependent creatures. Other times we emphasize what Paul says in 1 Timothy 4:7: "Train (discipline) yourself to be godly." Only God can make us grow, but He directs us to do what we can to cooperate with Him in that purpose. God will not do for you what He has asked you to do (though I

think He does want to do things with us).

The uncomfortable fact is that we grow when we are uncomfortable. So what leads to lasting change? Doing the uncomfortable thing that God has asked of us. Obedience to God's direction is the key ingredient.

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Fines for unsightly properties may be issued if warnings go unheeded



Garbage and other items are shown beside a dumpster behind an apartment at the east side of Brooks. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Dumpsters stuffed with furniture, mattresses and other items on the ground beside dumpsters and garbage blowing on private and public properties were among the photos that councillor Ray Juska presented to city committee members last Tuesday.

He said he wants a public

campaign to clean the city and responsibility put on to the landowners and a public campaign.

The council noted that a lot of the garbage has blown into some of the areas and while they will urge landowners to clean, they don't believe it would be right to give the landowner a ticket.

"There's all kinds of places like that," said

councillor Bill Prentice.

"I think we should do a campaign and then, I agree, let's get tough," said mayor John Petrie.

The city will issue warnings to landowners to clean up their properties and if after two weeks it hasn't been done then its expected that they will issue fines.

Logan Grant, the city's community peace officer,

said he's found most of the property owners will dispose of large items.

"If we know we have a property manager or owner who's giving us a difficult time, they get charged.

"Because we know there's such an issue with it in Brooks as far as illegal dumping, we're willing to work with those who are willing to work with us to get the problems cleaned

right away," he said.

Petrie would like the public to also pick up garbage and/or contact the city if there is a problem.

"If you see something that you think is unsightly, give us a call and then we'll get a hold of the landlord," he said.

Anyone can submit photos through the Newell Connect App (Apple or GooglePlay).

"Our phone does ring often so you know as much as we try to be proactive, there's also a lot of reactivity involved because the public is doing what we encourage them to do and letting us know that there are issues," said Grant.

A major city clean-up will be taking place on July 15 before the national Communities in Bloom judges arrive in the area.

City will not rejoin Palliser Economic Partnership

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

City council committee has decided that they will not rejoin the Palliser Economic Partnership, a program they have left at least twice over the past 15 years.

The city left PEP in 2012, rejoined in 2015 and withdrew again in 2020.

According to a PEP annual general meeting report PEP's goals are to market the region, build capacity and cooperation through learning and networking opportunities and actively encouraging investment and business growth.

"They've asked us to be back in there and their fee was \$1 per capita," said mayor John Petrie.

He said joint services pays about \$9,000 to PEP so if the city rejoined, they would have to pay the balance.

He said the local municipalities would like to see the city return to the organization to help give the local part of the constituency a little more leverage.

"I'm not in favour of going back into PEP," said councillor Joel Goodnough.

He said their track record, from what he has heard, is "not well" including unstable leadership and not knowing what the organization has done for the region.

"There's no good from what I see. Maybe I could be proven wrong. We've had a presentation from (Barb Kylyk, manager).

"Other than her going to Japan, I don't know what they're doing. I would not be going back into that," he said.

Mitchell Iwaasa, the area's economic development officer, said he has seen one PEP initiative for the area in the last three years.

The program paid for the training of elected officials which cost PEP between \$1,000 and \$2,000. The region covered all other costs.

"There was no involvement from them," Iwaasa said.

During the county's organizational meeting in October, Iwaasa was appointed to the PEP board.

"Since then, I've received

two emails notifying me of a meeting both of which unfortunately, I was unable to attend," he said.

"I never received a notification from PEP that I was on their board. Never received any other correspondence from them."

He said the province is also looking at cutting the funding to regional economic development associations over the next few years.

"The cost for PEP to continue operating will be borne by the member communities."

Iwaasa said the area works well with other communities and organizations in southeast Alberta and there is flexibility. If the city was to become a member of PEP it would require doing things as members while committing more time.

Petrie said, locally there is a good economic development team who works with Community Futures and the chamber of commerce both of which are well organized and connected.

"So we don't do it then," said Petrie of PEP.

Wardlow Westerly

JEAN LAVOIE



WARDLOW - The Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society (PRHPCS) is holding their second 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 on a large part on the 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.

Saturday we travelled to Hanna to take in their spring town garage sale at

the arena the whole town volunteers and they have a huge sale. Some really good deals to be had. We are avid garage sale people, we need nothing but still managed to find a few things we had to bring homework. You never know what treasure you could find at a garage sale.

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

Ideology masking as leadership killed the Canadian dream

Enough of the gaslighting, evading, blaming and deluding.

Canada needs to be made ours again

GEN. RICK HILLIER
NATIONAL POST

"This is not Canada," is a phrase we hear far too often. It seems to come from every politician, from all levels. It's exclaimed after every illegal demonstration, hate crime, blocked street, gang shooting, home invasion, car theft and emergency room horror story.

Those exclamations ring hollow as food bank lines stretch longer and as hopeless thousand-yard stares of good men and women grow more prevalent. While dreams of home ownership fade, shantytowns grow and our confidence in the future plummets. We hear the official inflation rate, but it bears little resemblance to our real-life experience. "This is not Canada" grates, harshly, especially when it comes from those who seem so out of touch with reality.

The Canadian dream, so wonderfully launched in 1867 with the partnership that was the Dominion of Canada, is dead. Killed by ideology masking as

leadership. Slaughtered by economic suicide posing as climate control. Bled by crushing taxes wasted on scandalous and foolish endeavours. Crushed by debt that compromises long-term fiscal viability. Wounded by battles over responsible care for children. Frightened by our abandonment of some 300,000 Canadians, attacked not because they're bombing Gaza, but because they're Jews.

Coupled with increasing brain drain, capital flight and failing infrastructure, we face a harsh reality: the great experiment, a federation of like-minded peoples that was the Dominion of Canada, is failing.

Our responses are feeble. More regulations. More and higher taxes. Massive amounts of immigration, without a plan to integrate. Decrying American politics without acknowledging that our dirty politics are homegrown, with leaders

dividing instead of uniting. Think of former governor general Julie Payette, who as head of state mocked religious Canadians by complaining that "we are still debating and still questioning whether life was a divine intervention or whether it was coming out of a natural process let alone, oh my goodness, a random process."

Our leaders missed a truly inspirational opportunity during the COVID pandemic: to form a "war cabinet" to combat the enemy attacking our nation. Just as the United Kingdom's Winston Churchill did in 1940, in the face of another brutal enemy, we could perhaps have risen above the fray of partisan politics in our darkest hour. We did not.

The cure for what ails us is simple to say, but difficult, perhaps impossible, to implement: leadership.

Real leaders have a vision for what we can be, a strategy to get there, a

plan to execute the strategy and priorities to get things done daily. Those who wish to be political leaders should articulate what their leadership will mean and how it will function, including how they would hold the public service accountable for delivering priorities under the plan.

Equally crucial to a leader's vision is the economy. In the federal domain, any strategy should consider how to unfetter and inspire a private sector that delivers transformational technology, investment opportunity, well-paid employees and hope for a better future. Underscoring all of this should be a rethink of how, and how much, we tax. Canadians are tired of "tax and spend" policies.

Canada should also have a plan to develop, rather than dismantle its energy sector. Climate change is real. The country must stop committing economic suicide as a solution,

however.

Instead, leaders should work with Indigenous peoples to produce the cleanest, safest, most ethical LNG to power the world. Canadian LNG can replace coal for power generation throughout much of Asia and the rest of the world, reducing global carbon emissions by millions of tons while creating massive economic benefits for Canadians. Our contribution and leadership to combat climate change should be enormous, not ludicrous.

Last on this incomplete list is the empowering of personal ambition, initiative and ingenuity. De-regulate, remove red tape and stop being an obstacle. Our current housing crisis, our inability to dream of owning a home, can be traced in large part to the red tape and taxes with which we have handicapped both builders and buyers.

It all starts with responsible leadership. We

have succeeded in tough times before. As Canada's prime minister during the First World War, Sir Robert Borden led through a brutal conscription crisis. During the Second World War, then-prime minister Mackenzie King became a powerful influencer to two of the greatest leaders ever, Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt, shaping the world to Canada's advantage.

Strong prime ministers continued to strengthen the nation in the decades that followed: Lester B. Pearson in the '60s, Brian Mulroney in the '80s and '90s and ruthless Jean Chretien in the '90s into the early 2000s.

We need that leadership now. Enough of the gaslighting, evading, blaming and deluding. The mission is clear: make this our Canada.

Rick J. Hillier is a retired Canadian Forces general who served as the chief of defence staff from February 2005 to July 2008.

Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for the upcoming week go out to Shane Davidson on May 6; Beth Motokado Medway on May 7; Wendy Davidson, David Andrews on May 12.

Celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this coming week are Cory and Delaina Springer on May 12. Jessen Van Den Hoek plays on the U14 (girls) Brooks Rush Club Volleyball team. They went to Provincials for Volleyball Alberta the weekend of April 20 and 21 in Red Deer. They won Bronze in their division. That's a wrap on their 2024 club volleyball season. Congratulations girls!

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.

Everyone is invited to a Bridal Shower in honour of Janelle Pomeroy, bride

elect of Carter Anderson. Please join us at the Scandia Community Centre on Saturday, May 11th at 2 pm.

Come to the Spring Fling at Rolling Hills Drop-In Centre on May 11, starting at 10.00am. Shop great homemade and handmade deals. Plants, Pottery, Cards, and Baking for sale! Check out the beautiful quilts, runners, and bags. We may even have a few garage sale tables with all kinds of treasures! There is a little something for everyone. For more information, contact Elaine at 403-964-2331.

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 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.

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

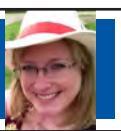
Events! Have an upcoming event in the County? We are happy to include it in our emails and promote it in our community! Shoot us an email at rainiercommunityclub@gmail.com with your information.

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.

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.

Saturday, May 11 is the Spring Fling in Rolling Hills at the Seniors Drop-In Centre. The day begins at 10:00 am and offers a variety of handmade items and crafts, assorted plants and baked goods. The event will wrap up at 2:00 pm and all are welcome to attend.

The 4th Annual Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest is ready to begin! Proceeds of the contest go directly to the Rolling Hills Ag Society - your \$50 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.

The Rolling Hills Seniors Club offers a Soup & Sandwich Lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the seniors' hall. There is a choice of two homemade soups, sandwich, dessert, and beverage. The lunch

is open to everyone, all are welcome.

After a big win, Jake made the bold move to throw the ball into the crowd, just like the professionals do on TV. He quickly discovered that this is unacceptable in bowling.

To submit news items, please PHONE Anita

Chappell at 377-2259. You may also email at goombaw@eidnet.org with subject line Tilley Telegram. Please contact me by or before 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings to have your news included for the week. On long weekends, news is due Thursday morning before the holiday.

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Recreation Parks Cultural Grant Funding

Village of Duchess and County of Newell - Division 8

The Recreation Parks Cultural Board is now accepting applications from user groups within the Village of Duchess and Division 8 of the County of Newell.

Changes have been made to the grant application and guidelines, so please stop in and pick up an application or see our website www.villageofduchess.com for details.

Submitted applications must be complete and include; estimated costs, statement of need and a copy of the organizations most recent financial statement, among other details.

Applications must be submitted to the Village of Duchess office in one of the following methods, prior to **May 13, 2024**.

- Mailed to: PO Box 158 Duchess, Alberta T0J0Z0
- Hand delivered to the Village of Duchess office. 103 2nd Street East Duchess, Alberta
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Brooks man gets six months custody for unprovoked attack

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

A 29-year-old Brooks man who kicked and punched a woman in an unprovoked attack was sentenced to six months in custody.

Jean Marie Okito Oteka pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily harm in January. A pre-sentence report was ordered before last week's sentencing.

The court was told that on Aug. 11, 2023 just after 8 p.m. while Jennifer Roth was walking through a neighbourhood collecting bottles, she was "viciously" attacked by Oteka near his east Brooks home.

The court was told that Roth was punched multiple times in the face and chest and she was punched and kicked to the ground against the curb.

Roth could not get away so she used a bag of bottles to protect her head. After a few minutes she managed to escape and get help.

The court heard that when an officer attended to her, Roth was covered in blood and had a five inch cut to her head.

Oteka was arrested in front of his home.

The accused and the victim were unknown to each other.

"It is an unprovoked attack," said the Crown.

The defence told the Court that while Oteka doesn't remember the incident he does accept that it did occur.

"He's not denying what happened but he doesn't remember," said the defence.

Oteka suffers from schizophrenia as was indicated in the pre-sentence report, the Court was told.

Reading her Victim Impact Statement Roth said her emotions fluctuate day to day.

She said some days it's easy to forget what happened but other days she is faced with discomfort and fear.

"It is impossible to clearly articulate the many nuances of the emotional impact of this attack," she said.

She said the attack has affected her husband who has had trouble sleeping as a result of worry, anxiety and guilt from not being able to protect her from harm and she has friends

who are afraid to leave the gym alone for fear of attack

Another friend, she said, is afraid to walk her dog alone.

She said some of her daily routines and activities have changed because of the "unprovoked and cruel incident."

In her sentencing the Justice said the unprovoked attack will leave Roth with lifelong physical, mental and emotional consequences and has resulted in consequences in Brooks.

The Brooks Justice accepted the joint submission for Oteka of six months in custody followed by 12 months of probation.

Along with the mandatory probation measures of keeping the peace and attending court, Oteka cannot have contact with Roth, he cannot possess a weapon except for culinary or employment purposes, he must pay \$385 to the victim in restitution by the end of the probation period and he must supply his DNA.

He was also ordered to pay a \$500 victim fine surcharge which he will pay by serving an additional

Committee would like to raise \$1 million for new Scandia hall

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Scandia Hall committee hopes to raise \$1 million to remove the 57-year-old Quonset and construct a new hall.

"It will be square," said hall president Echo Chandler.

She said the building would be roughly the same size as the Quonset but with straight walls that are 14 feet high.

Chandler said the Quonset portion of the building is supported underneath with wooden beams and concrete pillars that are failing and have resulted in structural degradation and the wood is splitting which has led to instability of the floor.

"When we noticed these failings we realized we needed to replace this part of our hall," she said.

The size and features of the Quonset replacement will depend on the amount of funds raised but they have raised about 70 per cent to date to cover the increases in cost of a new building.

"We are in the design stage now," she said.

The engineered plans will be for a square building that is brighter and will have about 14 foot walls.

There is no requirement for washrooms or a kitchen because they are in the adjoining building.

The committee has received \$125,000 from the Community Facilities Enhancement Program and other grants including

one from EcoBrooks and a matching grant from the county of \$324,000 that is on the books if the hall committee can come up with the same amount.

"If we got another \$400,000, that would do us very well. It would give us about \$1 million."

At last week's Eastern Irrigation District meeting the board agreed to help with the demolition of the hall which was news to Chandler.

"That's great," she said.

She hopes that the building can come down by the end of September at the latest but the sooner the better.

The hope is to begin construction next year with the majority of the building finished by December 2025.

County updates recreation schedule under ICF program

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The county has updated a section of its recreation, parks and culture services agreement with the city and agreed to cover \$183,280 of the city's capital funding this year and to fund \$273,299 of last year's expenses.

"We've amended Schedule A as was always intended to be updated during the term of the agreement," said CAO Matt Fenske.

The county covers 20 per cent of costs associated with recreation, parks and facilities capital projects such as building component replacement, capital improvements/replacement and new or non-recurring capital projects.

"What is not included are the skateboard park and old rodeo grounds redevelopment," said CAO Matt Fenske last week.

In March city staff made a presentation to county council asking for an amendment to Schedule A to add the skateboard park and rodeo grounds.

If county council agreed, the county would be responsible for 20 per cent of the costs associated with the projects including \$3 million for the rodeo redevelopment and the \$1.5 million skateboard park.

The city, through their 10-year capital plan, had proposed that the county pay a share of each project.

The projects are expected to be discussed during this year's intermunicipal collaboration framework meetings

between the city and county. The total cost that will be shared with the city in 2024 is \$1.75 million to help fund

areas such as fire services, economic development, school resource officer and safe communities.

50 is the new F-bomb

Watch out 'cause on May 4th... the bomb will hit...

If my body was a car, I would trade it in on a newer model... every time I cough, sneeze or sputter my radiator leaks and my exhaust backfires.

Happy 50th to Tanya Dingwall an amazing daughter, sister, mom, wife, aunt and Quarter Way grad!

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EID will stretch fibre to Bassano

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It will take a couple of more years but Bassano residents will be able to access internet fibre.

"It was always part of our initial program. Just under the funding agreement it had to be set aside but once all the projects under the funding agreements are completed, we'll then go back and finish the Bassano leg," said EID general manager Ivan Friesen.

He said it was unfortunate how their funding worked and how Bassano could not be included.

In 2022 the EID was

told that Bassano was already being served with internet speeds of 50Mbps downloads and 10Mbps uploads so the town did not qualify for funding.

Instead of challenging the map, the district set aside Bassano and instead installed fibre to Snake Lake earlier than planned.

With Snake Lake fibre installed the EID can increase the bandwidth capabilities from Snake Lake to Bassano and take the link up to 800Mb.

"This will allow us to increase the available speeds to Bassano to up to 100Mb/50Mb," according

to a submission to the EID noted last Tuesday.

In March the EID received \$8,303,402 through a federal-provincial/territorial broadband funding agreement. The funds will be used to benefit 1,400 households in Cassils, Gem, Millicent, Patricia, Rainier, Rolling Hills, Scandia and Tilley.

The fibre installation to the Bassano tower was originally planned for the 2023-2024 portion of the project.

The district is now aiming to install the Bassano fibre during the 2025-26 budget year.

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One Tree World

IRMA MERKL



ONE TREE - Wow! I can't believe we are going into May already. Before we know it seeding time will be done, as there has been some seeding done in our area already. It seems that the time is just flying by so fast. I just wish the wind would quit blowing, and quit drying out the moisture that we had.

A week ago Sunday Erwin Unger and Inge Ellefson left to go to Osoyoos, BC and arrived on Monday at their condo. They then went to Oliver, BC on Tuesday to visit with Erwin's father, Peter Unger, to help him celebrate his 99th milestone. There to help him celebrate also were Erwin's sister, Jeanne and her husband Dave Blair of Saskatoon, SK, and their brother Victor of Vancouver, BC, also Peter's girlfriend, Gaye and his stepson Jack. They had a nice celebration with lots visiting over food, cake and singing. Erwin and Inge returned home on Thursday.

Then on Friday they went to Elkwater for a Yoga Retreat joining two other couples there. While there the guys went fishing and the gals did their Yoga thing. They returned home on Sunday.

I, along with many folks attended the SJC Drama Class presentation on "Alice's adventures in Wonderland," which played on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening. I attended, as two of the cast Paxton and Devin Slomp were from the One Tree Area and among the many others that were in

the cast. It was well done. Kudo's to all the cast and to their directors and all the people involved in setting up, organizing and directing. Congratulations to you all!!

Dianna Visser of Cheadle came to attend the Newell Concert on Thursday and to visit and stay with her sister Priscilla Petersen in Brooks and then attended a Burlesque Dinner Show Saturday evening put on by some local talent at the Heritage Inn. I hear that it was pretty good.

Ethan and Owen Shantz of Calgary were down over the weekend to visit with their grandparents, Ozzie and Elizabeth Schalm and to help Grandpa with some yard work. Ozzie and Elizabeth's son, Sherwin spent all of last week here helping his parents, after he did his own work on computer.

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 - prairierosehospice.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 Red Cliff, 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.

Birthday greetings this week go out to my little Great-grandson, Vaughn Merkl of Brooks, who'll be one year old on May 3rd; to Matthew Dyck of Calgary on May 7th; to Chris Wutzke, to Lorne Bunney of Brooks, and to Ryder Zoerb, all on May 8th. 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 this week. We wish everyone all the best for many more great years.

There aren't any anniversaries this coming week.

A Lesson learned
A young gal was living with her Grandmother and on one occasion she was dressed to go out with her date. Grandma saw that she was dressed in a see through blouse. Grandma told her

granddaughter, "You can't go out in that blouse" and her granddaughter said " Oh, Grandma your old fashioned, if your have rosebuds, why not show them off", and away she went. A few days later the granddaughter was expecting some friends in. So, Grandma dressed in a see through blouse and was sitting there on the sofa when the granddaughter came in and seen grandma in her attire. She said "Grandma you can't wear that, I'm expecting friends." Grandma said, "Well, if you can show off your rosebuds, than why can't I show off my hanging baskets."

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Property beautification contest to focus more on conservation

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BROOKS BULLETIN

The county's beautification contest will put more weight on xeriscaping properties this year in light of the drought and as a way to conserve water.

"We're requesting that people use less water. We don't want people to be judged based on not using as much water," said Todd Green, the county's ag services director.

"We already had a criteria for conservation efforts but it was only set at five points."

This year xeriscaping and other conservation efforts will be worth 30 points.

Xeriscaping is the practice of landscaping that needs little or no water.

The annual beautification contest is a nominated or self-nominated program that looks at the creativity of properties throughout the county.

Staff and an elected official spend a day or two viewing the entries and select the top three.

The top selections will become the beautification bus tour hosted by the county.

"At the end of the day the program is really just

about thanking people for doing an amazing job on their yards. I know it's kind of a competition because we have to pick three winners but it's really just a thank you," said Green.

This year's councillor judge will be Adena Skanderup. The judging and tour usually takes place in July.

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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)

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



Fed minister claims farmers on side with carbon tax... a big stretch even for Liberals



WILL VERBOVEN

Ag producer groups and commentators were astonished to read that Federal Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault stated in parliament that he had spoken to farmers from Alberta, Nova Scotia and Quebec and that they were more concerned with climate change impacts on their industry than the Price on Carbon Pollution (Liberals are not permitted to use the words Carbon Tax). That alleged farmer's perspective would be contrary to the carbon tax opposition by almost every ag producer group in the country. Only the miniscule extremist green left National Farmers Union supports the tax. Perhaps the Minister spoke to them in

desperation to find some politically-compliant farmers. It would have been interesting to find out who these carbon tax-supporting farmers were to ascertain their credibility. One suspects there must be a few farmer tax supporters somewhere who aren't card-carrying Liberal or NDP stalwarts. Perhaps there aren't - hence, no ID was provided to avoid embarrassment for those involved. Of course, politicians claiming they have consulted with everybody is usually dismissed as rhetorical flourish or just wishful bombast. How many times have you heard politicians of every stripe use the assertion, "The phones are ringing off the hook with citizens wanting to express their outrage or support to me". Yeah right. Curiously, only the ones who agree with the politician's position seem to call them.

The political truth has always been flexible - no doubt ag producer groups have met with Minister Guilbeault on issues related to their ag sector. It would only seem politically wise not to raise the Minister's indignation and mention you are opposed to his most cherished policy - you would quickly find yourselves being given the bums rush out of his office. For provincial and national ag producer/commodity groups, it's always a delicate diplomatic line they must walk when dealing with hostile governments that know the general ag community does vote for them - that would be every Liberal and NDP government across the country. Still, in some jurisdictions, they form the government and are therefore able to implement policies that could help or harm agriculture. For farm producer groups, the

goal with politically hostile governments is to lobby for benign neglect and wait them out for a new, more agriculture-friendly government to be voted in.

That was the case with the former Alberta NDP government. I recall that government was hopelessly naive and inept about the provincial ag industry - as their ham-fisted approach to farmworker rights and the termination of ALMA proved. The ag industry tried to deal with them through the AgCoalition, which represented virtually the entire commercial Alberta agriculture industry, but NDP government political strategists just brushed the group aside. After that, the industry decided to wait them out till the next election. History may well repeat itself (as it usually does) in a few years if the NDP is resurrected as a future government.

The presumptive new NDP leader seems to be Naheed Nenshi, the former mayor of Calgary. He is an intense ideological urban-centric leftist who is probably unaware that people, towns and cities exist outside of Calgary and Edmonton. He is not known to have said the word "agriculture" in his 14 years as a professional politician, TV pundit, and social gadfly - expect the worst and hope for benign neglect if he ever comes to government power.

One notes that a new AgCoalition-like group has been formed at the national level. I know - that's all the industry needs is another ag producer group to finance. It's called the Agriculture Carbon Alliance. Its 17 members include all the big dog farmer organizations from grain to cattle to chickens to dairy. The last is important as they are

acknowledged as the most powerful ag lobby in Canada.

I expect the Alliance's main purpose is to deal as a unified farm producer group on the carbon tax issue with the federal government. Their main focus at present is lobbying for the passage of Bill 234, which exempts grain drying and farm buildings from the carbon tax. I can understand the intention of the new group - better to deal as a unified group than a dozen smaller entities. However, as Alberta experienced with the defunct AgCoalition, a hostile government can just as easily ignore one group as a dozen. Best of luck to them, but their only hope of success in dealing with the carbon tax issue will be the election of a less hostile Conservative government.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.

Auctioneer overwhelmed with support of friends, customers

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Ross Annett has retired after 50 years as an auctioneer at the Bow Slope Shipping Association.

On Friday in front of about 400 people Annett sold his final calf that belonged to Caralee Reneault. The 660 pound calf went for \$4.10 per pound.

Many people took time to wish Annett well including those who travelled in from out of town including

Emil Chomistek from Saskatchewan and Don Osadczuk from Jenner.

A letter from the Alberta Auction Mart Association was read thanking Annett for his work and Mike Reese of Castor also thanked him on behalf of his customers.

Annett said he was overwhelmed with the support.

He will now turn his attention to his own auction house while continuing to help non-profit organizations fundraise.

Auctioneer



ROSS ANNETT



Ross Annett's supporters gave him a couple of standing ovations during his final weekly auction at Bow Slope Shipping on Friday. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Pro bullriders at CRA on May 10

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The professional bullriders will be in Brooks on May 10 for the Koye Larson Memorial PBR.

The second annual event is being held in memory of Koye who was killed along with his mother in a vehicle collision in the

United States in July 2022.

The event, which will also include a Corb Lund concert, is taking place at the Centennial Regional Arena on May 10 at 7 p.m.

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Drought plans falling into place, EID drops water amount

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The EID board has agreed to reduce the water allocation for irrigators and the city has proposed its drought plan which will start with an education campaign.

Brooks CAO Alan Martens told city committee members last week that the province is at Stage 4 of its five stage drought plan and they are asking everyone including municipalities, to reduce water use by 10 per cent.

If the province reaches Stage 5 an emergency will be declared under the Water Act.

"That would give

them a lot of authority to implement restrictions and even suspend the First in Time, First in Right priority system they have now," he said.

The priority means that during times of water scarcity, licensees with the earlier priority dates are entitled to take their full allocation of water over the junior licensees

Martens said the province is asking all water license holders to reduce usage and implement water shortage response plans.

Martens presented the committee with the 2005 drought plan that was part of the city's water licence application.

It includes reducing

water to city infrastructure such as parks while reducing water to residents and businesses.

"There are other options that we can use," he said.

Suggestions from administration and council included increasing water rates and fines, revitalizing the 2016 brochure *100 Ways to Conserve Water* and to not operate the city's raw water irrigation system.

"We cut it back last year. It's easy for us to do it to our own stuff. It's our own infrastructure but to cut it back on the public it's hard. There are no (water) meters," said Don Saari, the city's manager of works and utilities.

Without meters there

is no way of knowing how much water has been used.

"You don't want to scare people but I think you have to make sure that the reality is there that there may be restrictions," Martens advised.

A water restriction was announced last year, however, water revenue increased showing that the restriction didn't prevent or reduce water use.

"I think we have to start preparing now," he said.

The City of Lethbridge surveyed its residents and they found that the priority solution is rain barrels, followed by landscaping incentives and increasing water rates.

Lethbridge council will present a water rationing action plan by May.

By the end of December, they will review a scaling water rate policy but want to hold public meetings to discuss how the policy should work.

Residents in Lethbridge are voluntarily restricting their outdoor water use and the city provides

conservation tips through their Water Wednesday program.

While the city continues to work on getting information out to residents, EID board members agreed to begin the irrigation season allowing 15 inches of water.

"We made the decision to move to Stage 3 of the drought plan with an allocation of 15-inches," said EID manager Ivan Friesen.

In February the board had approved starting the season at Stage 2 with 18 inches of water but the drought seems to be ongoing as irrigation season draws much closer.

Friesen said the board had a good discussion about the plan.

"We reviewed the snow pack, reservoir levels, local soil moisture and what demands we see early on that are projected over the next few weeks," he said.

He said generally the board discussion was revisiting and reaffirming information they have reviewed including what

other districts are doing.

Staff and the board will continue to review the conditions and they will increase or decrease water allocation as required throughout the season.

The next discussion is expected to take place at the May board meeting.

"Our reservoirs are near full, but it all depends," Friesen said.

Last year the snow melted quickly and there was no rain in the mountains which resulted in the river crashing in early June.

"If that transpires again then we may ramp up the cadence of how many times we have a (drought) meeting with the board, but I don't see that happening in May," he said.

Last June the district put their drought plan into action for the first time by reducing water for irrigators. It was increased throughout the season.

The Bow River Irrigation District has reduced its irrigation to 16 inches and St. Mary Irrigation District is at eight inches.

Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Roommates fight

Brooks RCMP charged a Brooks male for assault causing bodily harm after learning of a confrontation and a fight between roommates.

RCMP were called to the Brooks Health Centre on April 19 at 8:33 p.m. where a male had attended with multiple injuries.

The arrested male was held for a hearing.

Mischief

On April 20 at 3:26 p.m. a Brooks resident called Brooks RCMP to report that a man had thrown a desk at his residence causing damage.

Further damage was

done to the residence's rear shed. An investigation is ongoing.

Duchess disturbance

On April 20 at 5:58 p.m. Brooks RCMP responded to a call in Duchess where a homeowner called to report an intoxicated male was damaging property inside the home.

A male was arrested for mischief and held in cells until sober.

Patrolling cop finds intoxicated male

While on patrol in downtown Brooks on April 20 at 11:18 p.m. an officer stopped a pick-up truck that was observed leaving a local bar.

The officer conducted a traffic stop and administered a mandatory



alcohol screening.

The driver failed and provincial sanctions were issued. The vehicle was towed.

Public intoxication

On April 22 at 11:53 p.m. a member of the public informed an officer who was on patrol that an intoxicated male was walking in and out of traffic.

Police reported that they located the male who could barely walk.

He was arrested for public intoxication to prevent him from injuring himself. He was taken to cells and released when he was sober.

Local Information Session for Regional Irrigation Project

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The investigation into regional irrigation in the Special Areas continues to move ahead and an open house is being planned this May to highlight progress in Phase 2 work.

To help share information on Phase 2 work completed so far, project partners are hosting an information session in Acadia Valley on Thursday, May 2 from 2 pm to 8 pm. This drop in style open house will give producers and local stakeholders the opportunity to stop in and learn more. Updates will include conceptual design work, potential reservoir sites, water availability and water infrastructure components. Experts from across the project will be on hand to provide updates, answer questions, and hear your feedback.

Drop-ins are welcome; no RSVP required. The Special Areas Board, MD of Acadia, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and the Canada Infrastructure Bank partnered to assess the technical and financial feasibility of irrigation expansion in the MD of

Acadia and Special Areas region. Based on the findings of the feasibility report, the partners entered into an agreement for Phase 2 work in 2022. Phase 2 work further investigates potential challenges and risks and explores ways to optimize the path forward.

This project will help clarify opportunities for investment in large scale, greenfield irrigation infrastructure in the region. If you would like to learn more about the regional irrigation project, please

visit our project website at <https://specialareas.ab.ca/regionalirrigation/>. To sign up for future information updates, individuals are asked to send preferred contact information to public.input@specialareas.ab.ca. For more information, contact: Maeghan Chostner, Communications Officer Special Areas Board (403) 854-5611/ (403) 857-8047 Maeghan.chostner@specialareas.ab.ca Peter Rafa, Reeve M.D of Acadia No. 34 councillor.rafa@mdacadia.ab.ca

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Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - Please join us for a come and go Bridal Shower to celebrate Tamara Block (Bride-elect of Benn Gubbins), on Sunday, May 5th from 2-5pm @ the Rainier Hall! The happy couple is registered at G&T's Country Cupboard, Crate & Barrel, and Amazon.

Please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Janelle Pomeroy, bride elect of Carter Anderson, on Saturday, May 11th @2pm @ the Scandia Community Center. The happy couple is registered at Amazon.

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-our spring fundraiser, Alberta Prairie Meats, is due back on Tuesday, April 30th. Please make sure to bring all forms and

payments into the school. Thank you to everyone who has sold/purchased meat to help support our school! Grades 3-6 Mini basketball will take place at Tilley this Wednesday after school, come on out to cheer the Raiders on! There are badminton zone qualifiers at SJC on Wednesday at 4pm. There will be Kids Club this Friday from 12-1:30. 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.

It's time to register for Kindergarten! You can register at Alcoma or

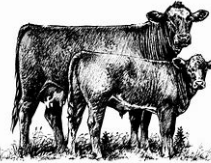
online using the following link; <https://registration.grasslands.ab.ca/en/signin>. Your child must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2024. Parents or guardians, please bring a Canadian Birth Certificate or proof of residency.

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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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday May 14, 2024 @ 1:00 P.M.

Lunch @ 12:00 P.M.

Please RSVP Friday May 10, 2024

Location: Brooks & District Feeder Office
Cottonwood Court - # 105,403 2nd Street West
403-362-4955

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County to sign mutual aid agreement with Wheatland

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The county agreed to sign a mutual aid agreement with Wheatland County.

The agreement is

activated when a local emergency gets beyond the scope of community First Responders who then reach out for assistance.

Layne Johnson, the county's director of

corporate services said the agreements are common.

"It is good practice to have them in place," he said.

"Through the agreement it says that we will not bill them for our time, for our equipment," said Stewart Luchies, the county's regional fire chief.

"The partnership between the two counties outweighs what it might cost us."

The county has other plans that will be updated including with Cypress, Taber, Vulcan, Special Areas and Brooks.

A new agreement is also being developed with Siksika Nation.

Although the county has rarely been asked to assist Wheatland the county's fire services have assisted Cypress, Special Areas and were on hold for a Vulcan situation should they have been required.

"What it does, is we don't have to have a special council meeting to do something like that," said Luchies.

The agreements work both ways.


In July 2021 a fire in the Patricia area got out of hand very fast.

"We ended up very quickly having Special Areas and Cypress County as well as the army base come in to assist us with the 5,000 acre fire.

"That's where it benefited us," Luchies said.



DONATION | Mike Rommens, representing Romer Environmental, presenting Kelly Sanford of the Brooks Elks and Koye Larson Memorial PBR committee with a sponsorship cheque for \$10,000. Romer Environmental is the title sponsor of the PBR and Corb Lund concert happening at the CRA on May 10. For more information on the event, check out www.eventbrite.ca | SUBMITTED PHOTO




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obituaries



ANDREJCIN - John Andrejcin February 18, 1931 - April 8, 2024
 It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness we announce the passing of Johnny Andrejcin at his residence in Sunrise Gardens on Monday, April 8, 2024. In the weeks preceding his death, John was surrounded by family and friends, and voiced his enormous gratitude for the love, care and compassion he received. John was born on the homestead in Vidora, Saskatchewan, the third child and eldest son of five children born to Andrej (Andrew) and Evza Andrejcin (nee Kolar). John

lost his mother to post-surgical pneumonia at the age of six, and then his father in a highway accident at the age of 17. He started work with the Canadian Pacific Railway becoming its youngest working foreman at the age of 14. After the death of his father and the auction of their family home, John and brother Mike followed the footsteps of his sister Anne, to the Medicine Hat/Brooks area where she had married and made her home. John married in 1953, and Debbie and Ken were born a few years later. Another marriage, and Mellanie joined the family. From the CPR, John moved into car sales and became a 35-year sales veteran and many time sales leader at Modern Auto, Beny's GM Dealership in Brooks. Always seeking a new challenge and never satisfied to stay in one place, John expanded his horizons. Upholstering, ranching, working with horses, auction school and carpentry all crossed his horizon. John was a man of many talents and would say that he was a "jack of all trades but a master of none." Despite his many transitions in life, one factor always remained a constant - his prevailing love of music. Self-taught and practicing constantly, John taught himself guitar, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, violin, accordion, harmonica, dobro and some keyboard. His music was his joy. He was predeceased by his parents, Evza and Andrew; brothers, Steve and Mike; sisters, Mary Ushey and Anne Ledene; nephews, Blain and Terry Andrejcin; daughter-in-law Betty Andrejcin and grandson, Jason MacRae. He is survived by his devoted wife, Jane Adams and her daughters, Lorrie (Tony) Clizbe and Sandra Broesder; son Ken Andrejcin; daughter Debbie MacRae and daughter Mellanie Kopec. He also leaves to mourn many grand-children, Whitney (Jason) Mandel and Calvin Andrejcin (Ken's), Jennifer (Clay) Webster and Nicole (Jay) Hochman (Debbie's), Bryce and Brody Kopec (Mellanie's) and seven great-grandchildren, as well as 4 Adams grand-children, Shane and Seth Broesder, Mark Clizbe, and Jessie Egger; 10 Adams great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His stage might be empty, but his presence and his music will be in our hearts forever. Please join us for a Celebration of Johnny's life on Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Heritage Inn, 1217 - 2nd Street W, Brooks, Alberta. There will be a jam as part of the Celebration.

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



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obituaries



WILSON - It is with great sadness that the family of Rosalie Lucy Wilson announces her passing on April 21, 2024, at the Continuing Care Ward in Brooks Hospital. Rosalie was born to James and Lucy Scott in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, on August 7, 1934, and spent most of her childhood in Edmonton. After graduating from King Edward High School, she wanted to become a teacher. Circumstances being what they were, she felt that wasn't possible so, instead, she went to work at Rutherford Library at the University of Alberta. She loved education and books, so it was a

good fit. It was not long before her older brother introduced her to Robert (Bob) Wilson. He convinced her to marry him in 1954 and, after several moves, they settled in Brooks, Alberta in 1966 to raise their family. Rosalie loved being a homemaker. She took pride in calling herself the "chief cook and bottle washer" and she really was a phenomenal cook. Her many handwritten recipes will continue to be treasured. She also loved traveling and, though she did not go everywhere she wanted, she went to the UK, France and the far north of Canada. While she was a quiet soul, she made friends wherever she went. Rosalie was devoted to her faith throughout her life, and while university was not to be when she was younger, she received a diploma (honours) in Religious Education from St. Francis Xavier University in 2002. She facilitated RCIA (Right of Catholic Initiation of Adults) at St. Mary's for many years. She was an active member of the Catholic Women's League, would sing in the funeral choir, and do whatever else was necessary. She never worried about receiving credit for her many selfless deeds. When Bob became active in the deaconate ("Deacon Bob"), Rosalie was always there to support him and, as we all know, keep him in line. Even when diagnosed with dementia, her faith was not shaken and she continued to be one of the most beautiful souls to ever grace this earth right up to the moment of her passing. She is now at peace. Rosalie was predeceased earlier this year by Deacon Bob and her beloved granddaughter and namesake, Sarah Rosalie Marie Gullberg. She is survived by her children Donald Wilson (Debra); Shannon Gullberg ("favourite son-in-law" Ed); Lance Wilson (Deborah) and Rosanne Wilson. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and so many others who loved her dearly. The family is eternally grateful for all the wonderful care provided to Rosalie by the staff at Continuing Care, particularly during the worst of Covid. Words cannot express our appreciation. The family also wants to acknowledge all those who visited mom at Continuing Care over the last number of years. She adored you all. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4th, at 11:00 AM from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Rev. Bryan Frank Celebrant. Interment to follow at Brooks Cemetery.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of Peter Hjorth Petersen who died on 2024-03-16.

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coming events

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 403-793-4796

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

In the Estate of Charles William Johnston who died on September 17, 2021.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by May 27, 2024.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

In the Estate of Viola Christman who died on March 16, 2024.

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obituaries

In loving memory of

Theodore John Klassen

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Theodore (Ted) John Klassen on April 20, 2024 at the age of 75 after a short stay in the Lacombe Hospital and Care Centre.

Ted was born on November 16, 1948 in Brooks, Alberta to his parents John and Agatha Klassen. He grew up on an irrigation farm in Rosemary AB where he learned both the importance and value of hard work. At a very young age he learned how to milk cows by hand, take care of a large flock of laying hens, drive a tractor, and fill every corner of a flat roofed granary during harvest. Ted attended Rosemary School from Grades 1 to 12 where he participated in a variety of sports. During that time he learned the value of being a team player and putting in his best effort for the benefit of all. He took those core values with him after graduation which also made him a valued employee. Ted attended UofC and graduated with an education degree. After a few weeks of student teaching, he decided he wasn't actually cut out to be a teacher and never spent a day in the classroom. He worked for United Drywall in Calgary and became an excellent taper. This skill came in handy as he helped family and friends with renovations and even did a couple of new builds. He also worked many years in Optic sales, another career choice at which he did very well. He travelled extensively to see clients and they were always eager to meet with him and catch up.

Throughout his life Ted continued to play and enjoy sports of every kind. Regardless of the sport he tackled he always worked to be the best he could be. He loved to go to the gym and work out to stay physically strong and fit. Ted loved team sports but he also loved those sports that allowed him to hone his own abilities to the maximum. When Ted met Betty he found a female version of himself. Betty was just as passionate about being her best as he was. They loved to golf!!! And they loved to curl!!! From spring to fall they were very busy golfing every chance they had and in winter they could be found at a curling rink. On the cold days of winter they also loved to watch curling on TV so they could cheer on their favourite team and give them lots of pointers on what the next shot should be and where to hold the broom.

Ted was a man who kept the first two great commandments. He loved God with all of his heart and demonstrated that love by loving his neighbours. Any time a relative or a neighbour needed help to build a shed or do some renovations, he was always there to lend a hand. He was mostly paid for his work in the satisfaction of seeing a job well done and the gratitude of those he helped. Uncle Ted was the guy who was anxious for you to finish your basement so he could come help. He loved to see projects finished.

The word "integrity" also defined Ted. He was a man who kept his word. If he said he would do something or be somewhere, you knew he'd be there as promised. He never looked for excuses to get out of commitments. He was like the pig who built the brick house, if he said he would be there at 8:00 he was generally there at 7:00 ready to get to work and happy to work.

The word "optimistic" was another word that described Ted. When he played cards, he was always very sure he was going to get a good hand and annoyingly he generally did. He was never one to sit and complain about life and how hard it was. When he had trials to face he went about doing everything he could to rectify the problems. If something broke he fixed it. If a container was too small he figured out how to add a few boards on the bottom to make it bigger. He always had the attitude that if something went wrong there must be a way to fix it and he was generally right. That solution also worked



well for the first three cancers he encountered – the solution being just to cut it out. However, it's a little trickier when that beast invades your brain.

Ted was always a people person. Everyone who knew Ted loved him and he loved to have fun! One day his brother-in-law was driving him to a dental appointment in Medicine Hat when they came across an accident which blocked all of the east bound lanes. The traffic was being diverted back down the highway and around the accident. When they arrived at the police officer who was directing traffic, Ted talked him into letting them drive down into the median and go around the accident. They chuckled as they drove around the accident everyone else had to detour. That was so Ted.

Ted loved nature and spending time outside. He and Betty lived right on the lake at Sunbreaker Cove on Sylvan Lake. During summer evenings they loved sitting on the deck of their home or on the boat dock listening to the lonely call of loons and watching the sun set over the lake.

Ted loved life and looked for miracles in everything. Even during the dark days when his life was being threatened by cancer, he saw miracles all around him. And the word miracle seemed to be the only logical explanation for what happened as he bravely and optimistically faced the many surgeries and treatments that he went through. He was always very sure he would come off the victor, but sadly that was not to be.

Ted leaves to mourn his passing his devoted and so loved wife Betty and his three children: Shaine Klassen (Guen) and their daughters Indiana and Kaiya who reside in Vancouver BC, his son Brad Klassen (Adrienne) and their daughters Natalia and Arielle also of Vancouver BC and his daughter Brett Gavan (Paul Wiles) and her children Dallas, Scarlett and Axel who reside in Calgary AB. He is also survived by Betty's two daughters Paula (Derek) Zaharko and their sons Izayah and Kayden of Airdrie AB and Cassandra (Michael) Andres and their children Skylar, Mason and Jaxon of Red Deer. He also leaves behind his two sisters Carol (Don) Gibb of Rosemary AB and Verna (Les) Wright of Victoria, BC and younger brother Jim of Red Deer, AB. His greatest joy in life was to spend time with his family, playing with them or encouraging them as they excelled in the things they undertook.

Ted also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews all of whom love him fiercely because he loved them first. They are spread across North America and as far away as Australia. Each one of them had a great love for Uncle Ted and they will miss him very much!

Ted will be greatly missed by his family and so many good friends, especially those with whom he played cards, curled or golfed. But mostly he will be missed by Betty. She was the love of his life. They made each other happy every day and were so grateful for the wonderful, fun filled seven years they spent enhancing each other's lives and looking forward to another adventure tomorrow.

There will not be a funeral service at this time but later in the summer a celebration of life will be held for friends and family to gather, reflect upon and share their memories of Ted. The date of the event will be announced at a future time. Hopefully it will be held outdoors on a sun-drenched day at a golf course or at the beautiful lake which he loved.

Condolences to Ted's family may be emailed to meaningful@telus.net

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Duchess Dispatch LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - The parks and streets of Duchess have become much busier with the warmer weather. Please take it a little slower on the streets as our little ones are learning how to ride bikes and scooters!

Spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon to the Duchess School Library! The family Blast-off event starts Monday, May 6 from 4:00-7:00 pm. There will be door prizes, guessing games and snacks! Come dressed as your favorite SPACE HERO!

The book fair continues, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 - 5:00pm and wraps up on Thursday, May 9 at 4:00. All purchases will benefit Duchess School students!

Newell Integrated Child Care Society, located in Duchess, is offering before and after school, childcare. Please call 378-0313 or email niccs.duchess@hotmail.com to register or ask any questions.

The Duchess 50+ Club luncheon is happening

on May 2nd, at the Duchess Club Lounge at 12:00 pm. The Duchess Rec Center is catering with the menu consisting of Pulled Pork on a bun, coleslaw and macaroni salad. Dessert is squares. This is a time to catch up with old friends and meet new friends.

Duchess School junior and senior high students are so fortunate to have Brett Gardiner making a stop at the school on May 10th at 10:30 am. Brett is an award-winning rodeo and PBR announcer who will be in Brooks for the Koye Larson Memorial and also does public speaking on mental health. This talk isn't for younger students due to its sensitive nature, but parents are welcome to attend. If you would like more information, please call the school at 378-4948.

Please call or text me at 403-793-1630 with your Dispatch news items.

Quote: "We think too much and feel too little." Charlie Chaplin

Bow City Signal WANDA SMITH



BOW CITY - Have a busy month of birthdays and a few anniversaries so here we go first off on the list is Nick Koch on the 5, George Mattern on 9, David Andrews on the 12th, June Bell on the 13th, Navy Calvert on the 16th, Megan Andrews19, Joshua Andrews on the 20th, Donna Gillespie 21st, Curtis Calvert 23rd, Kathy Ketchmark 28, Julie Ketchmark 30, and Barb Fraser on the 31st.

Anniversaries are Dan and Wanda Smith on 19th (34) and John and Teena Ketchmark on 28.

Brad and Carrie had son Alex and Steph out for weekend. They helped Carrie and Brad celebrate their anniversary and do some gopher hunting. They love the kids coming.

Rob Bridges was home for a better part of the weekend. So Dana enjoyed that.

Carrie, Dana and I spent the Monday in Calgary for appointments. What a long day that was. But the three of us made it work. Lots of waiting so we did thrift shopping.

I was in Lethbridge for a birthday celebration for a long time friend. Was such a great visit and seeing them.

The wind was nasty going and coming, was glad to get home and not feeling that wind.

Joyce and Jerry had grandson Jordie on Saturday for visit.

Vickie spent the week in Calgary to help with grandchildren while Brittany was in New Mexico in a work conference. Vickie got spoiled while there as she had a ladies birthday lunch and they also went out for supper. Such a lucky lady. She is a beautiful friend.

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cards of thanks

Thank You!

The family of Viola Christman would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and support during this difficult time.

Special thanks to staff at Bassano Hospital, Orchard Manor and Playfair Lodge, also Bassano Royal Purple for the excellent lunch.

in memory

The Brooks Bulletin has a selection of verses and memorial tributes to remember your loved ones with.

Sample verses:

Mother or Sister
 On year has passed since that sad day,
 When one we loved was called away,
 God took her home, it was His will,
 But in our hearts she liveth still.

Father or Brother
 We often think of days gone by
 When we were all together,
 A shadow o'er our lives has cast,
 Our loved one gone forever.

Wife or Daughter
 No one knows our heartaches,
 Only those who have lost can tell
 Of the grief that we bear in silence
 For the one we loved so well.

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

Child
 He has gone to be an angel,
 Secure in our Father's care,
 And his dear little feet now patter
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Friend or Kin
 We cannot, Lord, They purpose see,
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THANK YOU!

The family of Larry Peter Green, (Pete to many of you) wants to try and express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who phoned, stopped in for a visit, sent cards, food, helped us around our acreage and most of all prayed. A special thanks to Claus Hansen for doing the final request by Pete for making the urns. You will never know how much Pete appreciated you agreeing to do that. Also, thank you to Pastor Maggie Theiss and Pastor John Theiss for your prayers and support through this journey. The Trinity Church Women for a wonderful lunch after the service, Kristi and her music team, Kelly at Smith Funeral Home, Brooks Home Care, especially Nicole and our amazing neighbors. You have shown how a community can offer support.

Thank you very much,
 Patty Green & Family 18p

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WORLD OF WONDER

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Cotton is a natural fiber made from cotton plants. People have been growing and weaving cotton for thousands of years.

COTTON

People in ancient India made a cotton muslin so fine that 73 yards of it weighed just one pound.

Early history

The people of ancient India were growing cotton to make cloth as early as 3000 B.C. On the other side of the world, in 2500 B.C., the people of Peru were twisting cotton fibers into fishing nets, and by 1900 B.C., they were weaving it into cloth. By A.D. 1000, both Eastern and Western hemispheres were weaving large amounts of cotton. China began growing cotton on a large scale around 1200. England and the American Colonies began to weave cotton in the early 17th century.

Slavery

In the 18th and 19th centuries, the United States used slave labor to pick and process cotton. During the height of the plantation system (c. 1850), 1.8 million of the 2.5 million slaves in the United States were involved in cotton production. Producing cotton today is still very labor-intensive. Working conditions are deplorable in the cotton fields and textile factories of some countries.



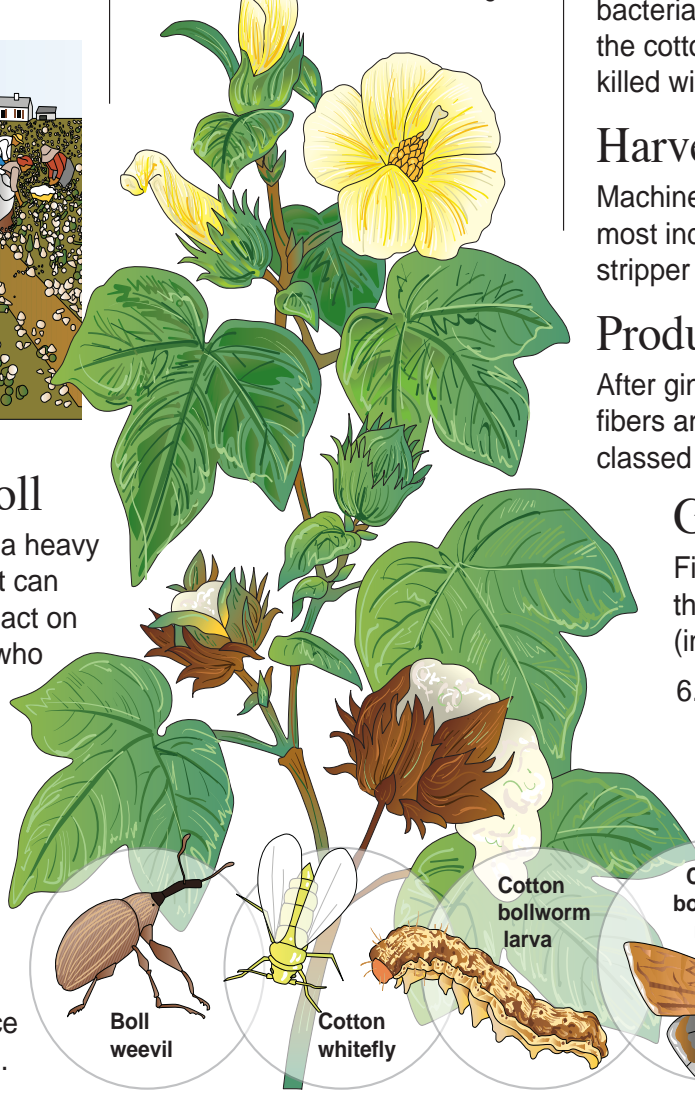
The plant

Cotton is a member of the **mallow** family of plants. Cotton plants grow to 2 to 5 feet (0.6 to 1.5 m) tall, depending on the species and region. It is usually grown as an annual crop. Seeds are planted in spring, and about a week after planting, seedlings appear. Squares (flower buds) develop in three to eight weeks. It takes each square three weeks before it blooms into a flower.

The flowers last for about three days before falling away. Seed pods, called **bolls**, form after flowering and contain 20 to 40 seeds. The seeds have fibers and linters growing out of them. It takes about six to nine weeks for the seed pod to grow into a green, walnut-sized boll. Cotton fibers are exposed when the boll dries out and splits.

Today, most cotton grown is white, but other colors such as brown, rust and light purple are still grown on a small scale.

Cotton flowers bloom with a creamy color. Over time, the petals turn pink and then reddish-purple before falling off.



Kinds of cotton

There are approximately 39 known species of cotton plants, but only four are grown commercially for their fibers. Upland and Pima are considered New World cottons; while they may be grown around the world, they are native to the Americas. Tree and Levant are Old World cottons native to Asia and Africa. These species are similar, but they differ in height, blooming time, flower color and type of fiber.

In the field

Cotton needs plenty of water, sunshine, warm temperatures and fertile, well-drained soil. The plant is sensitive to a variety of diseases. Wilt, blight, rot and seedling diseases are caused by bacteria and fungi. Weeds steal nutrients from the cotton plants and are removed by hand or killed with chemicals.

Harvesting

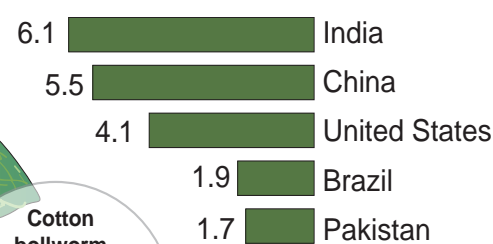
Machines have replaced harvesting by hand in most industrial countries. Spindle pickers and stripper machines are popular choices.

Production

After ginning (cleaning and drying), the cotton fibers are compressed into bales. The bales are classed by quality and sold to textile mills.

Global production

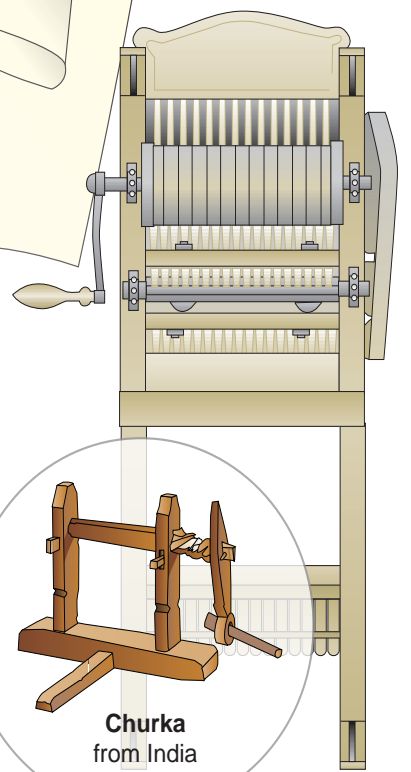
Five countries make up around 75% of the world's cotton production. (in million of tons annually)



By 2028, cotton production is projected to reach 29 million tons.

In a word

The word **cotton** comes from the Arabic word *quton*.



Cotton gin

Cotton Gin

In 1793, an American named **Eli Whitney** developed the **cotton gin**. This machine rapidly separated cotton fiber from seeds. Whitney's invention was not an entirely new idea. The **churka**, invented in India 3,500 years earlier, could gin cotton.

Did you know?

Cotton is stronger when wet. The paper currency of many countries is a blend of cotton and linen.

Cotton accounts for about 40% of the world's fiber production. Texas accounts for nearly 40% of U.S. cotton production,

Because they contain seeds, the bolls produced by cotton plants are technically a fruit.

It takes about a pound and a half of cotton to make one pair of adult-size jeans.

Cotton has a protective raincoat of oils and waxes, so it won't rot in wet fields.