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Tree toppled during strong wind



SANDRA M STANWAY
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There were no reports of injuries as a result of a tree falling onto a home in the Ingram Park area on Friday during the 94 km/hour wind that blew into Brooks.

City staff reported that there was minor damage only

with a few branches breaking off trees and one tree that blew over at Lake Stafford Park. In Bassano, where the peak wind gusts were 102 km/hr a homeowner's tree split and a trampoline blew away. The peak wind speed in Rainier was 91 km/hr and it was 89 km/hr in Finnegan, Patricia and Rosemary.

In addition to the strong winds, much needed rain fell. Brooks received 28.44mm of rain on May 7 which broke the previous record of 16.8mm that was set in 1948.

A precipitation record that was set on May 6, 1968 of 29mm remains in place as does the 1921 record of 24.9mm of rain. Ivan Friesen,

the general manager of the Eastern Irrigation District said even prior the recent rains, the total precipitation year-to-date has been above the long term average for this time of year. "This past week's rain has only added to that total putting it now well above the long term average for this time of year," he said.

"There was essentially no irrigation demand during the opening week of the delivery system and now with the recent rains it is again expected to see weak demand for another one to two weeks. With all reservoirs largely at full supply levels and weak irrigation demand, diversions have been scaled back to

maintain and complete filling of reservoirs while keeping the delivery system charged," he said. The drought level that is set by the EID will continue to be reviewed as needed particularly during May and June meetings.

AUC withdraws Pace's Brooks solar project application

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With no activity for five months the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) has withdrawn Pace's application to construct a solar farm

in northwest Brooks but a Pace representative is not concerned.

Pace had registered the project last November. In December the AUC put the application into abeyance after the company indicated that the application and

supporting documents would be filed in early January.

"However, over five months has passed with no additional filings on the proceeding or any project updates from PACE," states the AUC.

"The Commission has therefore determined that it is more efficient for Pace to submit a new application when it is able to move forward with the project."

Claude Mindorff, director of development at Pace, said the withdrawn application

is just procedural.

"It means absolutely nothing," he said.

The public involvement portion is expected to be completed after Mindorff's presentation to city council committee this week.

Mindorff expects to

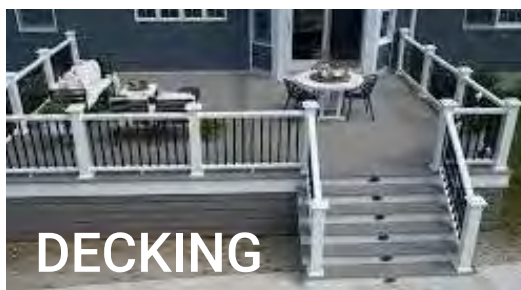
reapply to the AUC in about two weeks.

In addition to the Brooks project, the company has proposed a solar project in Bassano and tonight the company is hosting its first information session.

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Councillor questions recent information on moratorium

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County councillor Neil Johnson is not impressed with the premier's stand on solar and he didn't hide his feelings last week.

"I think Danielle (premier Smith) overstepped. I think she bullshitted. It's pretty well proven in the papers now," said Johnson.

Johnson has been leasing a quarter section to a solar company since about 2015. He said he has had nothing but a positive business experience with the company.

He was referring to information that was released by The Narwhal which obtained hundreds of pages of information about the pause of renewables through a Freedom of Information request.

In a nutshell, it was found that the government had been planning a moratorium on renewables for months and it was not a surprise announcement in August 2023.

One document obtained last December showed that one month after the election, Nathan Neudorf, the electricity and affordability minister, was ready to discuss the issue with the chair of the AUC.

Documents also revealed that the Alberta Electric Systems Operator (AESO) found the decision troubling.

Johnson said Smith is the worst solar proponent in the province and he believes the county should react.

"The regulations that came out from the moratorium aren't what anybody was asking for. It

is stifling the industry," he said.

"This is bigger than the sustainability rules or anything else we've written letters about. It's \$350 million. I can't get that number out of my head," he said.

The \$350 million is an estimate that was determined by CAO Matt Fenske based on the number of projects, construction costs and assessment.

"It's a loose estimate based on numbers and the projects like megawatts that were in line. That's where we shook out the number."

Johnson said it was estimated by the Eastern Irrigation District, which owns much of the land that projects are proposed to use, could potentially lose \$150 million over the next 20 years.

"I think we're taking this thing laying down without putting up the least bit of a fight," said Johnson.

"When you realize what's at stake, it's all the tax money that we'd collect in the next 20 years - doubled."

He said municipalities were only asking for a determination as to who would pay for the end of life costs for wind and solar.

"We didn't want to stifle the whole industry."

He told council, you don't have to read very many articles or do that much research to see that this is starting to cost tens if not hundreds of millions of dollars with a possibility of more damage.

"Maybe we'll have to be at odds with the premier on this one," Johnson said.

"I do know that all

over the province there's counties and municipalities starting to realize that the money that was there in solar is maybe not going to be there in the same proportion and it's a big, big, big deal."

Reeve Arno Doerksen said from what he's read the issue isn't just local in terms of the province.

"Some of it is economics based on things like uncertainty around the carbon tax, the experience that other jurisdictions have had with alternate forms of energy particularly in Europe and the UK where they haven't delivered to the level that was expected," he said.

Doerksen suggested that the province could be encouraged to complete their work.

He said some of the project owners have indicated that they're not sure what the end result is going to be.

"The information I've seen does not heap all these into one group at the foot of the province," he said.

"All I'm looking at is the lens that I have to look at sitting at this table and I'm looking at its a \$350 million possible lens," Johnson said.

Councillor Kelly Christman suggested writing a letter to Smith to let her know what the county has lost and asking her to look into reasons and

get back to the council.

"I also know there are other solar projects in the queue and I want those projects in some shape or form. I don't want her to think that the County of Newell is negative solar," she said.

Doerksen said he doesn't believe he has enough

information to write.

Fenske reminded council that they previously advocated regarding protection of agricultural land.

"You don't want to be speaking out of both sides of your mouth but there are potentially problems with the new regulations," he

said.

Council decided to raise the issue at a future meeting.

In March the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) denied Solar Krafte's 450 megawatt Rainier project for a farm near Brooks along Highway 36 due to the large amount of native grass that would be lost.

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Cody Fraser rides True Grit during the Koye Larson Memorial bullriding that was held at the Centennial Regional Arena on Friday. Fraser did get bucked off before eight seconds was up. The event champion was Gilmar Santana who earned 59 points. SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

NOTICE COUNTY COUNCIL INTENT



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County of Newell Residents

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

This notice is issued in accordance with Section 148, 149 and 606 of the Municipal Government Act. During the March 28, 2024 County Council meeting, 1st reading was given to Bylaw 2073-24 which if subsequently approved before December 31, 2024, will establish new geographic boundaries for nine (9) electoral divisions within the County of Newell. After a public hearing held during the April 25, 2024

Council meeting, 2nd reading of the bylaw was approved by Council. The proposed new boundaries would be in effect for the Oct. 20, 2025 municipal election. The bylaw and related information is available at the County of Newell office or on the website.

In accordance with Section 606 of the MGA, Electors of the County of Newell have the right to petition against the bylaw. The rules for a petition submitted against the bylaw are outlined in Sections 220 – 226 and Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act. A valid petition must be signed by at least 10 percent of the population of the County of Newell or 747 electors, and be submitted to the County of Newell CAO at the County Office within **60 days** after the last date on which the proposed bylaw is advertised.

The deadline for submitting a petition is

July 22, 2024 at 4:30 pm MST.

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Back to the drawing board for SAEWA organization

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The Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association (SAEWA) has parted ways with the company they had selected to construct an energy from waste facility in the county.

"We've been working on this for about 15 years," said city councillor and SAEWA chairman Ray Juska.

On Thursday, Juska asked the county if the association could use the remaining

\$74,000 in funding to move forward with a new MOU.

Last year the county provided \$150,000 to the organization as they dealt with writing an MOU between SAEWA and Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI) to move forward on the process.

"We did enter into a long term long negotiation process with HZI

"I guess on the advice of engineering and legal the process went on a lot longer than expected or hoped and it ended with a mutual

agreement to not proceed with the project with HZI," said Juska.

HZI was selected in January 2023 to establish an agreement for the implementation of the facility at the regional landfill. Since then the two organizations have been working on a Memorandum of Understanding.

"That leaves us kind of looking for direction from here."

He said even while working with HZI, the

association was approached by other vendors.

"Those vendors are still out there and we have started contacting them to consider their technologies," he said.

Juska said the board will be hearing presentations, including costs to build a facility over the next couple of weeks with a final decision to be made by May 31.

As of last Thursday the board has arranged to hear presentations from the seven companies.

"When we started this it looked like the only viable option was to do a regional facility mass burn."

He said at that time there were small scale local facilities but they had not proven themselves effective.

"What came out of this new direction is we will consider local facilities because that eliminates some of the issues and costs associated with it.

He said the downside is there won't be the benefits and revenue generators that come with a large scale

facility, such as large scale electrical generation.

The regional landfill was selected as the location for a large scale energy from waste facility in January 2023.

The goal of the project is to reduce the long term reliance on landfills, to process nonrecyclable solid waste, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from solid waste management and to produce electricity, heat energy and to possibly supply by-products for commercial use.

Ecole Le Ruisseau student selected as mayor for the day

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Ange-Joël Sonna, 12, a Grade 6 student at Ecole Le Ruisseau was selected as mayor of the day to lead his junior council

The city will host the annual Municipal Involvement Day with 'councillors' from Ecole le Ruisseau, Eastbrook, Uplands and Griffin Park on May 22.

The junior council is Sarah-Lynn Sonna, Ecole le Ruisseau, Sundus Sheikh from Eastbrook School, Jennie Han and Wen Ya Lu from Griffin Park School and Vedder MacDonald and Everett Pelletier from Uplands School.

"Since fourth grade it's been a dream to be mayor," said Sonna.

He said he saw that other students had the job and saw how they were treated.

"I was kind of jealous," he said.

He said he would like to see the mayor's plans for the city and is most looking forward to the council meeting.

The students have been learning about democracy in their social studies class.

Teacher Elvira Manga said she is pleased to see both Ange-Joël and his sister, Sarah-Lynn selected.

"It means that they really understand the chapter on local government. I am really proud of them," she said.

The city hosts municipal involvement day annually for grade 6 students to familiarize them with local government.

Jr. mayor



ANGE-JOËL SONNA

Each of the schools were sent a letter inviting students to submit an essay as to why they would like to be mayor or council for the day.

The submissions are reviewed by Brooks mayor John Petrie who selected the junior mayor and council.

City agrees to amend ICF agreement with the county

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The city has agreed to update its intermunicipal collaboration framework (ICF) agreement with the county which ends Dec. 31, 2024.

The funding agreement includes the fire and recreation agreements which are expected to be part of the discussions.

Earlier this year county council denied a request from the city to amend Schedule A of the recreation agreement to include the redevelopment of the old rodeo grounds and skateboard park.

If approved, it would have seen the county responsible for a percentage of the costs, however, following a

presentation by the city, the county noted that neither project was fully planned.

Brooks mayor John Petrie said the county is looking for concrete plans.

"In the near future we could possibly have a really good idea what's going into the old rodeo grounds and it would be nice to have a concrete understanding of how much money we have to work with when we're going through those plans," said city councillor Marissa Wardrop.

She asked if the amendment could be postponed

"Is it possible we can come back to the county and show them what we are working on now and see if we can get this into

the next ICF so we do have some concrete funding agreement?" she asked.

Deputy CAO Amanda Peterson said the county has agreed to everything and said that when a more concrete plan is developed the projects would be included.

"The door's definitely not shut on those two items. It's just that they would like to have more information going forward.

"That doesn't mean another amendment can't go forward a little later," she said.

Petrie, a representative from administration and two councillors are expected to be appointed to the ICF negotiating committee.

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COMMENT

Job growth in Canada led by increase in public sector workers

Hiring more and more people to work for the government is unhealthy for our country's economy

BRIAN LILLEY
TORONTO SUN

On the face of it, Friday's jobs report was a good one – we added 90,000 jobs in April and the unemployment rate held steady at 6.1%.

But a deeper look at the numbers give cause to worry on two fronts.

Firstly, and most immediately, the 90,000 job gains and continuing increase in wages could give the Bank of Canada (BoC) pause for concern in lowering interest rates. The BoC's next scheduled decision on whether to raise, cut or stand firm on the teen setting overnight rate comes on June 5 – a little over three weeks from now.

Several analysts reacted to the hot jobs numbers with concern that the BoC would hold off on cutting rates from the current 5%. The sharp increase in rates over the past two years has exacerbated the housing crisis, increasing costs for average Canadians but also slowing new housing construction at a time when it is desperately needed.

If the BoC holds firm over concerns that inflation isn't yet fully under control, it could further hurt housing starts and private sector hiring. Which brings us to the next problem in the job report, Canada's job growth of late has all the stability of a house of cards.

The majority of the 90,000 jobs created last month were part-time – 50,000 part-time to 40,000 full-time – and 28% of the job growth was in the public sector. What's worse, once again, the economy failed to keep pace with population growth, something Statistics Canada has been warning about for months now.

StatsCan has said in the past that we need an average of 50,000 new jobs being created each month to keep up with our immigration-driven population growth and we simply aren't getting that. Even last month, the 90,000 jobs created didn't keep pace with the 108,000 people who entered the labour force.

Compared to last April,

Canada's working population aged 15 and over grew by 3.3% from 32.2 million to 33.3 million last month. Employment though only grew by 1.9% over that same time frame from 21.1 million to 21.8 million.

Over the last year, the number of people looking for work but unable to find any has increased by 256,000 to 1.3 million people. A year ago, Canada's unemployment rate was 5%, today it's 6.1%, and it would be higher if not for the explosive growth in public sector employment, a trend that is simply not sustainable.

Of the 398,000 jobs created across the country over the last 12 months, 208,000 (or 52%) have been in the public sector.

A month ago, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau acknowledged that his government has increased the level of immigration, especially foreign students, "at a rate far beyond what Canada has been able to absorb." This is the major factor in the increase in the unemployment rate over the last year and that unemployment rate would be much higher without the staggering increase in the number of government workers.

Between April 2023 and last month, the labour force grew by 3% but the public sector workforce grew by 5%. The disparity in growth between 2019 and 2024 is even more startling with the country seeing an 8% growth in the labour force and a 16% growth in the size of the civil service.

Canada's economy won't be a healthy one if the job growth continues to be led by more and more people working for the government. Yet, there are two things that the Trudeau government won't cut, beyond spending, and those are immigration numbers and government jobs.

Canada's economy is not collapsing, we aren't in a recession, but there are plenty of signs that we aren't in a healthy state at the moment.

TIME CAPSULE

MAY - 1980
Brooks Alfalfa Plant east of Brooks.



The Mother of All Feedbacks?

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



"Just like this year, last year the heat wave extended from parts of India to Bangladesh and Myanmar, and all the way to Thailand. This year it went further east, into the Philippines. So, it's the same pattern," said Prof. Krishna AchutaRao of the Indian Institute of Technology. "I do not particularly buy into this idea that El Niño is the cause."

That is the burning question, not just for South and Southeast Asia but for the entire world. A heat wave is a random phenomenon that comes and goes in certain seasons for a period of some days. A climate feedback is forever.

April to June, before the monsoon arrives, is always the hottest part of the year in South Asia, but now it's breaking all bounds.

On 6 May the Indian Meteorological Department reported: "Yesterday, maximum temperatures were 44-45°C over Telangana, interior Karnataka, and north Madhya Pradesh; in the range of 42-44°C in southeast Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Coastal Andhra Pradesh." Crazy hot all over the place, in other words.

The actual numbers are lower in regions farther from the equator, but the average global temperature for each of the past eleven months has been the hottest the world has ever experienced in that month. So obviously something big is happening,

but what? Is it just a big El Niño, a heating of the surface waters of the eastern Pacific that happens every three to seven years. That would be nice, because it would mean it's cyclical and will go away again in due course.

Or is it confirmation of climate scientist Jim Hansen's claim that the average global temperature is going to jump half a degree C. He says that new rules on pollution are cutting back hard on the sulphur dioxide emissions that used to reflect a lot of incoming sunlight back into space and therefore cool the planet.

Or have we triggered a big feedback in some natural system that we were not aware of? There's about a dozen potential tipping points that we do know about – the collapse of the West Antarctic ice sheet, the melting of the permafrost, a switch from rainforest to savannah in the Amazon, etc. – but there may be a few that we don't know about yet.

So which is it? It's very unlikely to be El Niño, because this one was not particularly strong. Besides, it peaked in December and has been fading away ever since, while global temperatures go on breaking records.

Jim Hansen's proposed explanation is a contender, because the 'brown clouds' that used to hang over big Chinese cities and the 'ship track' clouds from the exhaust gases of 60,000 giant tankers and container ships did reflect enough sunlight to have a significant cooling effect. Cleaning up those emissions was bound to drive up the temperature.

Alas, the dates don't match very well. The emissions from Chinese factories and ocean-going ships were reduced over a period of about fifteen years, whereas the 'non-linear' jump

in average global temperature began just a year ago. Moreover, some scientists doubt that the amount of cooling that was lost is big enough to explain the scale of the heating.

I say 'alas', because this leaves us with the least desirable explanation: the sudden activation of an unknown feedback. And remember how this stuff works. The heating that human beings have already caused carries us across a 'tipping point' we cannot see, and that unleashes a feedback: warming from non-human sources that we cannot turn off.

The likeliest candidate for a new mystery feedback is the world's oceans. Since we began burning fossil fuels in a big way two centuries ago, they have absorbed around a quarter of the carbon dioxide that humans emitted. More importantly, they have soaked up around 90% of the excess heat.

Now they may be giving some of it back. In the past thirteen months the average sea surface temperature worldwide has soared. According to the European Union's Copernicus Climate Service, it is now at an all-time global high of 21.09°C.

There was not enough data about the behaviour of the deep ocean currents to put the ocean heat sink on most climate scientists' list of potential feedbacks. However, many always feared there would be a limit how much heat the oceans could contain over the long run.

We may be about to find out where the limit is, and it could be the Mother of All Feedbacks. Or maybe it will turn out to be a false alarm this time. The fact that we don't even know which yet illustrates the depth of our ignorance, and the scale of our peril.



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Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - 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.

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

Faith Lutheran Church in Rolling Hills will have worship service on Sunday, June 2 at 10:00 am with Reverend John Theiss. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

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

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.

An usher found an elderly man sprawled across several seats near the rear of the movie theatre. "Sir," he began, "You are only allowed to occupy one seat." The man did not move, but only moaned a little. Thinking him intoxicated, the usher again urged him to move, "Sir, you must move or I'll be forced to get the manager." The

man remained motionless. The usher summoned the manager, who also attempted to reason with the man. "Excuse me, sir," he said, "You must get up now or we will need to notify the police." The man moaned again and shifted uncomfortably. The police arrived and asked him, "Sir, what is your name?" The man muttered, "Fred." "And where are you from, sir?" the officer inquired. With great pain in his voice, the man could only whisper, "The balcony."

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.

"What is truth?"

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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Josh Mueller, Rosemary Mennonite Church

It has been said that we live in a post-truth society and an age of relativism. Any truth claim that goes beyond a privately held belief and conviction is immediately suspect. On a human level, it's understandable to be skeptical in the face of so many different faiths and viewpoints, whether they're religious, political or even supported by the majority of current scientific consensus. No one wants to be misled by misinformation or propaganda, or be manipulated by

someone who may have a winsome personality but ultimately turns out to be a wolf in sheep's clothing. In that context we may be sympathetic to Pilate's question, "What is truth?" (John 18:38). At the same time, no one lives in a vacuum. We DO end up choosing voices we trust and rejecting others that we don't. A popular motto right now is, "Trust your intuition, trust your gut, follow your heart!" And at times, gut feelings can accurately detect when something is wrong. But they are not infallible. And when it comes to the human heart, we do well to consider Scripture's observation, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand

it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). It's so easy to be swayed by desires or emotions of the moment and still end up disappointed and disillusioned. Jesus' statement before Pilate's question was this: "The reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." (John 18:37). Jesus' trustworthiness can only be decided on the merit of his claim to have come from God and as the Son of God speak words of truth and life. Countless individuals across the globe and through two millennia have not only chosen to listen to Him but also experienced the lifechanging impact of His words. To whom will YOU choose to listen today?

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LETTERS

Kudos to Rolling Hills School

Editor, The Bulletin;
In this current world state where the daily news is doom and gloom, I want to express an appreciative shout out to the staff of the Rolling Hills School on the great dinner theatre event they hosted last night. What a positive and upbeat evening the students and staff provided to the sold out crowd. The students, in wonderful costuming, presented "How to Host a Murder Mystery Dinner Party" to the laughter and delight of attendees.

Past events we've enjoyed at the school were the Junior High Boys' Basketball Zone Finals, a highly successful event which filled the gym for

two days. The students worked the food venue, all the support positions and their team got to play in the tournament. They also recently hosted an open house to showcase the Ag Program they are developing. The community could see the calves, goats, sheep in their newly established pens and shelter. Gardens and landscaping are on this spring's agenda. What a varied array of learning opportunities for these students!

I can't help but reflect on what a great school experience Rolling Hills is providing for their students, parents, and the supporting community at large. Small schools may

have been seen as somewhat restrictive in opportunities in the past but this seems to be quite the opposite. The whole community supports these events and there is a warmth, charm, and intimacy not experienced in larger settings.

Kudos in particular to the two first-year teachers who have been so instrumental in these projects.

Congratulations to Rolling Hills School. Can't wait for the next activity we can attend and enjoy while you are fulfilling your commitment to your students.

JANE MARSH
Tilley, Alta.

Brooks and area RCMP report

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Bicycle, vehicle lost, found

A bicycle that was stolen from Steaming Cup on May 4 was found a short time later in a downtown alley.

On the same day a vehicle that had been stolen out of Taber was found abandoned in Scandia.

Single vehicle rollover

On May 4, 2024 at 3:46 p.m. Brooks RCMP members responded to a single vehicle rollover at Range Road 132 and Highway 1A.

Police reported that the vehicle was travelling westbound on Hwy. 1A when it struck loose gravel and lost control.

The driver and passenger suffered minor injuries. The driver of the vehicle was issued a ticket for driving carelessly.

Minor collision in lot

Police responded to a collision at the NoFrills parking lot last Sunday.

Damages were under \$5,000.

Truck stolen

A 2005 grey Chev Silverado pick-up truck was stolen from DaPajo's yard sometime last Monday.

The truck, with Alberta licence plate BWY 3454 was driven through the company's gate. The investigation is ongoing.

Vehicle stolen in Bassano

Bassano RCMP received a report on May 5 that a black 2020 Mitsubishi Outlander with Alberta licence plate CHY6647, was stolen from

a home in Bassano. The investigation is ongoing.

Impaired operation of vehicle

While on patrol during the early morning hours on May 9 a vehicle was stopped by a Brooks RCMP member who witnessed it driving through a four-way red flashing lighted intersection.

The officer stopped the vehicle at 3:11 a.m. and located an open can of beer in the middle seat cup holder.

The driver failed an alcohol demand test. Provincial sanctions were given.

Suspicious person at laundromat

On May 7 at 3:37 a.m. police located a suspicious person who was later identified as Fuad Adam at a local laundromat.

Police say when they originally asked Adam for his name he lied about his identification and he was arrested for obstruction.

It was found that Adam had 12 outstanding warrants. He was remanded in custody until May 14.

Multiple rollovers

Brooks and Bassano RCMP resulted to multiple rollovers involving trailers on May 7 due to the high winds.

Highway 1 westbound was closed down for a short period of time to allow vehicles to be towed.

Driver extricated

The driver of a vehicle that lost control and hit a pedestrian crosswalk



post after it was struck by another vehicle had to be extricated.

Brooks firefighters used the Jaws of Life to get the driver out of the vehicle at the 2nd Ave and 7th Street East collision last Monday.

Police reported that they issued tickets at the scene.

Vehicle Passed Bus with Lights Flashing

A silver Jeep was reported to have passed a school bus just as a child was about to depart.

Police received a complaint on May 9 informing them that the situation occurred at 3:40 p.m. on May 6 on Highway 550 and Range Road 15-5.

Police report that the investigation is ongoing.

Be aware of potential scamming, do your homework

As the weather gets warmer you may have contractors try to solicit work at your home such as pavers.

Police are asking residents to be extra careful, seek documentation from the municipality and check with the BBB to ensure the company is accredited as some may claim on their webpage.

"Do your due diligence to check online, the phone book or any other way you can verify a company's existence before paying them for their work," states the RCMP.

"It's also important that you have a record of the agreed upon work to be done and the price to be paid. If someone shows up at your door, saying they have leftover paving from another project and could give you a good deal be hesitant and don't allow them to pressure you.

"This kind of scam has been going on for a long time but recently surfaced in our area."

The intended victim checked with some of the accredited memberships as posted on their website, including the BBB and the Alberta Construction Association to find out they are not members.

Safe communities earns award



County peace officer Randy Burgess, Brooks RCMP Cpl. Sharon McCreedy, Amanda Goodnough, safe communities chair Kelly Sanford, safe communities coordinator, John Nesbitt, Mohammed Idriss city councillor and Brooks RCMP Cst. Travis Norton accept an award from the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks and District Safe Communities committee was presented an Excellence in Municipal Enforcement Award at the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association's annual general meeting in Red Deer on May 1.

Kelly Sanford, Safe Communities coordinator said the committee was nominated by a Carstairs resident who learned about the organization on social media and recognized how well it communicates with the public, officer engagement and its TikTok presence.

"It's an honour that the

work that we're doing has been recognized not only within the City of Brooks and County of Newell but province-wide," she said.

The association also recognized the local detachment's youth policing program in its engagement of youth and as an introduction to policing.

Bandits 2-0 heading into game three of playoffs

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Bandits will return home this week with a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven playoff series against the Sherwood Park Crusaders.

In the first game on Friday at the Randy Rosen Park the Bandits claimed the win with an 8-1 victory.

Sherwood opened the scoring in the first period but it was their only goal in the match.

Bandits Logan Sawyer and Ty Mason each had a pair of goals. Mason had

back-to-back goals scored within a 14-second period.

Other goalscorers were Caelen Fitzpatrick who opened the Bandits scoring to tie the game, Jordan Hughesman, Nick Peluso, Nic DeGraves, Danylo Korzhyletskyi and Hughie Hookie.

On Saturday the two were back at it.

Nathan Free and the Bandits kept the pressure on from the opening seconds.

While Fitzpatrick opened the game's scoring at the 34-second mark, the other team's goal scorers in

the first period were Davide Patella and Free with his first goal. Sherwood had the game's only score in the second period and in the third, Free got the Bandits second goals followed by Korzhyletskyi to close it out.

The pair will return to Brooks for games three and four on Friday and Saturday.

The winner of the series will face the winner of the British Columbia - BCHL team in the best-of-three Rocky Mountain Challenge in Alberta from May 31 to June 2.



Brooks firefighters attend a collision on May 6 at 2nd Avenue and 7th Street East. The driver was extricated and taken to hospital with unknown injuries. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Hay Permits Along Provincial Highways (2024) Attention Land Owners

Volker Stevin Highways Ltd. along with Transportation and Economic Corridors (Alberta Transportation) advises that anyone interested in cutting hay along the highway right-of-ways will need to apply for a permit. For Contract Maintenance Areas (CMA's) 23, 24, 25 and 26, submit application to Volker Stevin Highways Ltd.

Adjacent landowners will have from May 1st until May 15th to apply. All other applicant permits will be issued between May 16th and May 31st. There is no fee for the permits.

*CMA 23 and 25 applications must be made over the phone between 8AM and 4PM, Monday through Thursday.

*CMA 24 and 26 applications must be made in-person between 8AM and 4PM, Monday through Thursday.

****All persons wanting to cut hay MUST provide proof of \$2,000,000 liability insurance at the time of application****

Note: Some permits may not be issued due to weed infestation problems.

<p>CMA 23 (Medicine Hat, Brooks, Hilda Elkwater) PH: 403-502-6595</p>	<p>CMA 24 (Taber, Bow Island, Foremost, Warner) Shop Address: 6203 - 64 Ave. Taber, AB T1G 1Z7</p>
<p>CMA 25 (Lethbridge, Cardston, Vulcan) PH: 587-220-3297</p>	<p>CMA 26 (Ft. Macleod, Claresholm, Coleman, Pincher Creek) Shop Address: SW Corner of Jct. Hwy 2 & SH 785 Fort Macleod, AB</p>

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New home for Bassano fire



The Town of Bassano fire department will move from the 5th Avenue facility, top photo, to its new home at 317 11th Street, bottom photo. Last Thursday following an in-camera meeting county councillors agreed to use a portion of the stabilization funds to purchase the building on 11th Street for \$399,000 plus closing costs. In addition, the county and the town will meet to update the fire agreement which will ultimately see the transfer of the operational governance of the fire department from the town to the county.

TOM MCPHAIL PHOTOS

Bow City Signal

WANDA SMITH



BOW CITY - Wow got to love the weather. Rain and sun. Hopefully lots of the farmers got lots of rain.

Birthdays go out to Navy Calvert 16th, Meagan Andrews 19th, Joshua Andrews 20th, Donna Gillespie 21, Curtis Calvert 23, Kathy Ketchmark 28, Julie Ketchmark 30, and Barb Fraser 31. Have a great day to all of you.

Anniversary are Dan and Wanda Smith 19th and John and Teena Ketchmark on 28th.

Calverts branded today and then on to Ketchmarks. Lots of that going on. Getting ready for the lease. It's so nice to see them all get together and get it done.

Brad and Carrie Palko went on Friday to High River to spend it with son Jake and his fiancé Kelsie. Had a great time and got to meet Kelsies parents. Went out for supper to celebrate Kelsies birthday and Mother's Day. On Sunday Carrie sister from Oyen came for the day to show off her new puppy. Great visit was had.

Joyce and Jerry had appointment in Medicine Hat on Wednesday for moms eye surgery. Stayed the night as she had doctor appointment next morning. All went good.

Joyce and Jerry along with Dan and I made a trip Saturday to Black Diamond for a surprise 60th birthday for sister-in-law Kim and Justin and Kim's

30th anniversary. Was a great visit with all even got to see Uncle Justin and Aunt Joy. Plus Brent Juergenson, formerly from here. Always nice to see people that you have not seen for awhile. We had a great visit and seen a rainbow, elk and the new towers coming up.

Friday night Jerry, Joyce and I went and had visit with June and Brian for 80th birthday drink. Junes sister Peggy and Morris were also there. Saturday Bud, Janet and family came and made her a beautiful supper. Gotta love kids

when they come and cook. Happy birthday June on May 13.

Rick and Robin had granddaughter Noella for Friday night. And does she like to wear Nana out. Had great time with her.

Hoping all mother's had a great day. Was a beautiful day.

I spent good part of day cleaning pool and getting it ready for water and usage can't wait.

If you have any news please send it in to me at 403-363-7496 thank you all have a great week

Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - Happy Belated Mother's Day to all those mommas out there for all that you do! Hope you had some time to soak up this beautiful sunshine!

Tamara, bride elect of Ben Gubbins, would like to thank family, friends, and community for joining in celebrating at her bridal shower held on May 5. Thank you for attending, your support, and thoughtful gifts too. It was a lovely afternoon and appreciation goes out to all that helped. with planning setting up and taking down thank you.

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-thank you to everyone who sold and purchased from our Alberta Prairie Meats fundraiser. It was a great success!

Come and check out some of the fun things happening at Alcoma School while enjoying refreshments & goodies as we say "Thank You" to all the wonderful

volunteers, families, and community members that help make our school such an AWESOME place to be! Everyone is welcome to attend our Annual Spring Tea & Open house, to be held on Friday, May 31! Our student performances begin at 11 o'clock with refreshments and snacks served, feel free to tour the school, bring your littles to the SPEC playgroup held that day at a later time from 1- 230, along with our Alcoma community kids club beginning at 12 o'clock till 130.

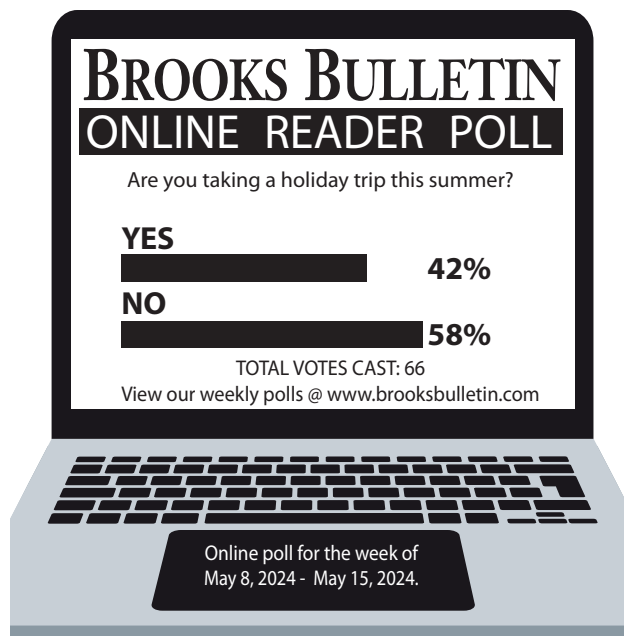
Provincial Achievement Exams and final exams for Language Arts Writing begin this week for Grades 4-9. Jr. high students head to Rosemary this Tuesday for track and field. There will be hot breakfast on Thursday morning for all students. There will be NO SCHOOL Friday, May 17th, and Monday, May 20th, for the long weekend. 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.



Thank You!

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BOARD MEMBER OPENING

The Newell Housing Foundation is an organization that manages housing and housing programs in 5 communities within the County of Newell. The Foundation manages 180 units of seniors supportive housing, 133 units of seniors independent housing units, 41 family housing units, as well as a subsidy programs.

The Newell Housing Foundation is currently looking for 1 board member to join our Board of Directors as a member at large.

Please email cao@newhf.ca if interested.



The picture is of Bradyn Baynham (Unfinished Business) and Aurora from The Brooks Food Bank

May 3rd 2024 there was an event called "Hip Hop for Hunger in Brooks!" To raise donations for The Brooks Food Bank. There was fun and games as well as prizes/giveaways all day, Taco in a Bag for Supper and to end the night there was performances by local Unfinished Business (Bradyn Baynham) and others.

To end the night Unfinished Business did a Red Dragon Skateboards Giveaway to conclude his performance!

We were able to raise \$450 as well as a donation bin full of food for The Brooks Food Bank!

"Hip Hop for Hunger in Brooks!" Would like to say thank you to everyone who donated bottles or made any contributions of any sort to help make this event happen. Thank you to The Sage Brush Arts Society and "The Medium" for letting us host the event in your building.

Thank you to Frontier Sign Works for the posters and making the shirts for the event.

Thank you to Over the Hill Farm for the Ground Beef for the event at a very fair price and a gift certificate!

Huge Shout out to our Sponsors Sweet Tooth for the Caramel Popcorn,

RDS (Red Dragon Skateboards) for the prize package including Hats and Skateboards!

Land rezoned in city

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The city has given final reading to rezoning five parcels at 1514 2 Avenue East from residential single detached to residential high density.

Last Monday the city held the public hearing during which time no comments were received.

The undeveloped properties were subdivided in 2007 and included in the southeast area structure plan as a multi family development area.

Welcome

TO OUR NEWEST AGENT

Laurie Till

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In 1983, I made the move to Brooks with my three children. Over the years, I gained experience in various retail positions at Harves Jewelry, Wrights Jewelry, 42nd Street, and Zellers. Eager for a career that allowed me greater control over my time, I transitioned to real estate and obtained my license in 1994, beginning my journey at Eagle Realty.

My real estate career has taken me through different agencies, including stints at Century 21 and Royal LePage. Alongside my professional growth, my family set out on their own journeys. My son pursued a career in the oil field, my daughter became a scientist, and my youngest daughter, initially a hairdresser, later joined the ranks as a REALTOR®. Enthused by her path, I decided to join her at the Real Estate Centre.

The Real Estate landscape has witnessed numerous changes, but the thrill of helping clients find their dream home remains constant. Witnessing the transformation in their demeanor when they discover "the one" is truly rewarding. From measuring spaces to envisioning furniture arrangements, the excitement and anticipation build with each showing. Guiding clients through inspections, legalities, and the final Possession Day is a gratifying part of my role.

Working with sellers is equally invigorating and challenging. Assisting individuals in the personal process of selling their homes, setting the right price, and navigating paperwork brings a unique sense of satisfaction. From preparing homes for viewings to handling logistics like pet accommodations during showings, every detail is crucial. The delight on a client's face upon receiving an offer and successfully navigating the intricate details of negotiations and paperwork is what makes real estate truly special.

Whether I'm helping someone find their perfect home or guiding a seller through the process, the joy and excitement on everyone's face make real estate the best job. I absolutely love what I do!

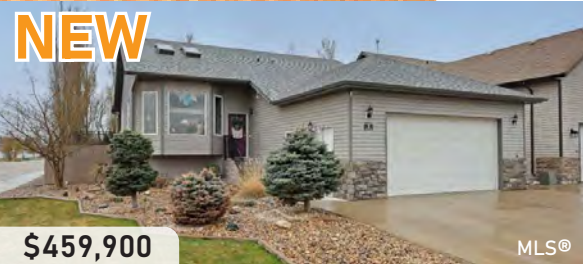


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MILLICENT LADIES THURSDAY CLUB

MILLICENT - Spring is here and we are happy about that with the Mayday tree blossoms ready to open and my bleeding heart plants blooming beautifully already. And I see tulips and such opening too. I'm sure many of you have your gardens planted and that will happen this week here. All the bedding out plants are available now so let the fun begin. We all love this season but would be even better if the mosquitoes didn't arrive, right?

Best wishes from all your neighbours to those whom had or are having a birthday this month. Rylan Shepherd-May 1: Katelynn St. Onge-May 7: Emma VanSteekelenburg on May 10 and to Charlie Charlton on May 16th. Also congratulations to Ray and Shontele Torkelson who celebrate their special day on May 25th. May you all have a happy, healthy year ahead.

Layne Davidson recently enjoyed a stay with his sister Connie Pierson and family at the ranch at Wardlow. He had a busy time helping her with spring yard work but he really enjoyed their side by side rides with his passengers of any of the dogs who weren't busy with their chores. Definitely a fun time with more people

action then here at home. He says "It sure is quiet here!! Lucky guy to have his families around....."

Ken and Marilynne are so happy to have recently welcomed a great grandson into their family and their hearts. He is our fourth great grandchild and the fourth grandchild for Carla and Brett Bock. "Children are like little angels sent by God to bring hugs, kisses, laughter and tons of love". A blessing for all of us.

Millicent Ladies Club year-end supper for Present and Past members is being held on Thursday, June 20th at the Newbrook Lodge, home of our longtime members Mary Berg and Pat Rowe. Please mark that date on your calendar and we will send out notices closer to that date for your meal reservation and details.

Ken and Marlene Robinson had a great time in Calgary last weekend helping Blake and his fiancée to get their newly acquired home ready for the move-in after their June wedding. This coming weekend they are also joining family and friends up there for the bridal shower...many, happy fun times ahead too.

Remember that the Brooks and District Social Club Dance is on Saturday May 25th from 7:30-

10:30pm at the old Legion Hall, (now NIKKO SUSHI) downtown in Brooks. Do use the East side door to enter. Great music and lots of visiting too.

Many enjoyed the Koye Larson Memorial PBR and Corb Lund concert in Brooks this past weekend. The funds raised during the event will be used by the Brooks Elks to benefit kids in the community.

Ray and Brenda went to visit grandchildren and children last weekend. The kids are all very involved in dance and they had their recitals. Fun to watch them become such elegant little ladies and young men. Our youngest grandson James does tap dance and he is very good, at least we think so. This is Elizabeths last year in dance as she graduates in June then off to University in Saskatoon in the fall. Always lots of laughs and good times when we get together. When they got home from North Battleford it started to rain for two nights and a day and they discovered a sink hole near the west side of their shop. It was 4 feet wide and 10-12 feet deep. A lot of garbage in the bottom so maybe it was a garbage pit at one time. If anyone knows anything about it, please let Ray know.

A few neighbors along Hwy 544 are planning a garage sale May 25, so watch for balloons/signs. Brenda will add to Facebook closer to the date. This is after the long week-end.

Brooks library board would like to include county representative

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks library board would like it to expand to include a county rep.

Brooks city councillor and library liaison Mohammed Idriss said the county's library board funds the Brooks library but they don't have a representative.

Idriss said the Brooks board wants to include a

clause in the agreement to include either a funding amount, whether it's a dollar figure or a percentage in the agreement as well as a possible bylaw amendment to appoint a county representative.

"We'd love to have a county ratepayer on the library board or someone who is a member of the county library," said Idriss. The plan is to have

everything approved for the October organizational meetings.

The county funds the county library board and a portion of those funds are directed to Brooks.

This year the county contributed \$84,830 while the province contributed \$51,134. The county library board is to reallocate \$39,505 to the Brooks library.

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Illegal meat sales - the rest of the story... it's a cyclical thing



WILL VERBOVEN

Recent news in the urban media has seen alarming reports of meat stores being closed for selling uninspected meat to the public. Coincidentally, reports circulated about small livestock being killed and butchered in a garage in Edmonton. The CBC twisted their report, alleging this could spread diseases like BSE. They found a compliant scientist to list frightening foodborne diseases one might get from uninspected meat. What they blatantly avoided was to state that this activity is almost exclusively confined to the Muslim community. To be fair, there were images of the word Halal meat – although few would understand the connection.

Interestingly, the CBC broadcast the Alberta occurrence on their national news even though such incidents are more widespread in the east with their higher Muslim populations. Over a decade ago, the urban media re-discovered a remarkably similar incident in Alberta. It's re-discovered because it is a cyclical event that occurs about every ten years in and around every major big city that has a significant Muslim population. Although, at times, folks of Caribbean descent also get involved, particularly with goat meat.

It boils down to the intent of folks from those ethnic communities wanting to acquire cheap and fresh sheep and goat meat. They also want meat of certain animal weights, ages, and physical attributes, primarily for religious and cultural reasons. For instance, devout Muslims

want meat from young rams with intact testicles, tails and no ear tags or other blemishes. Muslims also require their meat to come from animals killed according to Halal ritual slaughter. It's similar to Kosher slaughter in that animals are killed by correctly severing the jugular vein. That process has become controversial as it has been deemed a slower, more cruel way of dispatching the animal. Modern commercial meat processing uses a stun/electric killing process deemed quicker and more humane. Other ethnic groups want the sheep or goats to be older and leaner – some want the head on the animal. Meat from animals of particular age, condition, etc., are not always available in ethnic retail meat stores.

Meat from animals, as described above, is usually available from ethnic food stores, but it can be quite costly

because those retailers are legally obligated to buy and sell meat that has been inspected by federal or provincial inspectors at licensed legal processing facilities. That's done for health reasons. Also, they need a licensed Iman's official certification ticket if they want to sell it as Halal. The big lamb plant in Innisfail does specific kill runs for the Halal market, but that results in an expensive albeit certified and inspected lamb or goat carcass. You can well imagine it doesn't take long for individuals and some retailers to figure out how they can acquire cheaper product directly from the farmer. Most cities are surrounded by small acreages where there always seem to be owners that find ways to satisfy the demand for sheep and goats directly to those wanting the product. It's always a cash business, saving the growers the costs of

marketing those animals to distant auction marts and packing plants. Selling at the farmgate can be sketchy, and the ones that get caught usually try to make it a bigger business with onsite slaughter, etc. Some folks get involved in reselling the uninspected meat to retail stores. Fake Halal tags generally are part of the business.

Generally, it all operates relatively quietly as an underground business until it gets too big or competitors in the retail meat business demand the authorities do something about the illegal activity. My experience is that officials at every level are not enthusiastic about dealing with an activity that does not have many angry victims. City cases accumulate, and eventually, they crack down – hence the ten-year cycle. It's worse in the countryside, where the RCMP is involved in

laying charges against the offending suppliers of the sheep and goats. Firstly, there is nothing illegal about selling food animals to anyone who comes to the premises. It gets dicey if the sold animals are then slaughtered on the property, but landowners are pretty savvy in hiding that practice. Above all, the RCMP is hopelessly understaffed to pursue those cases, and crown prosecutors loathe taking anyone to court for illegal sheep selling. Judges treat such cases as a nuisance and dismiss them with a minor fine. The stores will just get fined and be back in business until the next cycle of crackdowns in ten years.

Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.

Rainier Record

JANE BELLWARD



RAINIER - Happy Birthday greetings for the upcoming week go out to Joshua Andrews, Justin Graham on May 20; Janet Sandau, Ryan Ovinge, Hunter Graham on May 22; Liz Kerner, Jane Bellward on May 25.

Celebrating their wedding anniversary this coming week are Michelle and Ian McNiven on May 22.

I spent a few days in the area visiting with Janice and Bruce Christensen and Jeannine and Richard

Motokado, and the enthusiastic friendly faces at Bloomin' Acres. I had hoped to catch up with many more but the much desired rainfall caused a few problems with road conditions! Within days you could notice the improvement of the pastures. Until next time!

Tamara, bride-elect of Benn Gubbins, would like to thank family, friends and community for joining in celebrating at her Bridal Shower held May 5th. Thank you for attending,

your support and thoughtful gifts too. It was a lovely afternoon and appreciation goes out to all those that helped with planning, setting up and taking down. Thank you!

Alcoma Spring Tea & Open House. Friday, May 31st, 2024. This event is in celebration of all the wonderful parents, community members and volunteers we have in our school. Feel free to check out Alcoma School during this Open House! Everyone

is welcome! Tea, coffee and treats will be provided. Performances in the Gym: 11.00am to noon; Alcoma Community Kids Club: noon to 1.00pm; SPEC PlayGroup: 1.00pm to 2.30pm; Open House noon to 3.00pm. Kindergarten Open House. For more information please call Alcoma School 1-403-362-3741.

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 next Brooks and District Social Club Dance will be held at the old Legion Hall, which is now Nikko Sushi Restaurant. Saturday, May 25th from 7.30pm to 10.30pm. The band will

be "Sleepless Nights" from Redcliff. We are told they are a very good band. Come on out and dance your socks off! Please enter the hall through the east side door only.

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.

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



A wind turbine blade lays outside a storage yard in Duchess. Hundreds of turbines are being stored just outside at Liberty Trucking. | SANDRA M. STANWAY PHOTO



The Brooks Buffaloes High School ball team won the Riley Martin Memorial baseball tournament that they hosted last week. Participating teams were Cardston, McCoy and Willow Creek. Brooks defeated McCoy to earn the trophy. | KIMBERLY FALKENBERG PHOTOS

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STARS now funded by three local municipalities



In recognition of 30 years of support from the county, reeve Arno Doerksen accepts a print from STARS representatives Jackie Seely, left, and Glenda Farnden. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

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BROOKS BULLETIN

Bassano and Brooks have agreed to contribute to STARS air ambulance for the first time.

Representatives of the non-profit organization have made presentations to local municipalities and as a result, both municipalities agreed to contribute \$1 per capita for 2024.

Last year the county agreed to contribute \$25,000 per year to STARS which replaces its previous per capita rate which it has contributed for 30 years.



Shortgrass Library System presented the Bassano Memorial Library with the 2024 Programming Excellence and Manager of the Year Shorty awards. Programming excellence recognizes innovative and newly developed program while the manager's award recognizes exceptional effort by the administration two awards were among six that were presented to member libraries on April 15 during Shortgrass's 2024 Engage in Medicine Hat. | TOM MCPHAIL PHOTO



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First quarter shows reduction in crime in southern AB

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Southern Alberta RCMP reported that there was a decrease in the crime rate in the majority of rural areas in the first quarter.

From January to March 2024, when compared to the same period in 2023, there have been 76 fewer persons crime offences, 213 fewer property crimes offences, and 373 fewer total criminal code offences.

The year over year comparison from January to March 2023 and 2024 show a decrease of 18.4 per cent in break and enters, a 21.9 per cent decrease in vehicle thefts and a 17.7 per cent decrease in thefts under \$5,000.

Southern Alberta district's Staff Sgt. Laura Akitt said, "These statistics show the great work our members are doing in our detachments to combat rural crime.

"We will continue to listen to the needs of the people we serve, working proactively towards the apprehension of those who commit crimes in our communities."

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HALSTED – Wayne Alan Edward Halsted of Brooks, Alberta, passed away in Brooks on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at the age of 87 years. Wayne was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to Alan Clement Halsted and Sarah Georgina Kertcher on August 3rd, 1936. He was the first born and had a younger brother and a younger sister. He moved to Winnipeg, MB at the age of 6, where he lived until he left for a mission, to California for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Growing up and throughout his life he had a great love of trains. As an adult he was an avid model train builder. He married his first wife in April of 1962 and was blessed with three children. He was always

very active in and dedicated to his church and held many callings (assignments) within the church throughout his life. He had a very strong work ethic and was very meticulous. He worked for 25 years or more as the Operations Manager of Sprouse Fire and Safety in Calgary. Wayne is predeceased by his mother, father and sister. Left to mourn him are his brother M. Bruce Halsted, son Kevin (Sherri) and daughters, Corinne (Dave) Revitt and Kari (Barry) Brooks. Five grandchildren, Cory Halsted, Sheldon Halsted, Kaden (Sabrina) Halsted, Keegan Brooks (Jessica Cummins) and Colton Brooks. Six great grandchildren, Abrey Halsted, Zoe Halsted, Ivie Halsted, Oliver Halsted, Weston Halsted and Sawyer Halsted. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 11th at 2:00 PM from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Brooks, Alberta. Bishop Greg Graham officiating. Interment followed at Brooks Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations directly to the Brooks and District Health Foundation, for Palliative Care, Bag 300, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B3.



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BEASLEY - Jay Beasley
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He attended Haddington School then went herding sheep with his dad until the blizzard of 1951 which killed most of the sheep. Then going into cattle, he lived with his dad on the Ryan place until 1957 when it was sold to Stringham's. Jay stayed with the land, going to work for Stringham's. He bought the Stewart place in 1961, northeast of Sunnynook and built his ranch from there. Jay also worked for Bogi's for a few years. In 1976 Jay purchased the Burkinshaw home place and moved there. He was a very hard working, private, solitary man.

Jay was predeceased by his brothers: Roy, Lee, Verlin, Floyd, Lenard, and Fred; sisters: Erma, Jessie, Joy, Yvonne, Violet and Maxine.

He is survived by one sister-in-law Ann Beasley and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a family graveside service at a later date.

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JEFFREY - Allen Thomas Jeffrey, a cherished son, husband, father, brother-in-law, and uncle, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, May 6, 2024, in Calgary, Alberta, at the age of 56. He was born on July 28, 1967, in Vegreville, Alberta, to proud parents Bob and Luva Jeffrey; Al was their only child. He spent his formative years in Drumheller, Alberta, graduating in 1985 before relocating to Brooks, Alberta. There, he pursued a career as a skilled Electrical Journeyman through SAIT.

In Brooks, Al found not only a career but also the love of his life, Lisa Lyn Seibel. They were united in marriage on September 4, 1993, and shared a bond that lasted for three decades. Al and Lisa welcomed their daughters Taylor in 1994, Sydney in 1996, and Alysia in 1998, forming the beloved "Jeffrey 5."

After some time, the family moved to Medicine Hat, where Al continued to support his daughters in their activities, education, and sports, always offering his unwavering love and encouragement. After the girls left home to pursue their dreams, Al and Lisa eventually returned to Brooks, settling on an acreage north of Brooks.

"Alberto" enjoyed gatherings with family and friends, especially during fireside chats and camping trips. Al fit in with Lisa's big family, the Seibel's, enjoying their frequent celebrations, family dinners, and shenanigans. Though not one to seek the spotlight, Al's infectious laughter often filled the room. Known for his playful demeanor, Al often delighted in sharing his infamous "bad dad jokes."

In addition to his dedication to family, Al had a passion for sports, particularly the Edmonton Oilers and the Toronto Blue Jays. He also had a fondness for 80s music, especially bands like ACDC, RATT, and Def Leppard. Al also enjoyed and cherished spending time with his furry companions, Marlee and Willow, on their acreage.

Al leaves behind the love of his life, his devoted wife of 31 years, Lisa, and their three beloved daughters: Taylor Jeffrey, Sydney Jeffrey (fiancé Matt), and Alysia Jeffrey (Brandon). He is also survived by his parents, Bob and Luva Jeffrey, and his extended family, including Father and mother in law, Dennis and Mary Ann Seibel, sister-in-law Shelly Deunk (Richard) and their children Chad (Lacy) and children Livi and Leni, Brent Deunk (Kolbi), and Kaitlyn Deunk (Adam) and children Elianna and Liam, sister-in-law Paulette Bartusek (Rob) and their children Joshua Bartusek, Jordan Bartusek (Jenna) and daughter Landyn, and Jade Bartusek, along with brothers-in-law Denny Seibel and Brian Seibel (Lindsay) and their children Mason, Brynley, and Tatum.

Al was predeceased by maternal grandparents Edna and Vernon Garbe, and paternal grandparents Archie and Doris Jeffrey. A Celebration of Life will be held at Thom's Funeral Home on May 15, 2024 at 2 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to STARS or the Brooks Health Foundation in his memory. Al will be fondly remembered as a devoted family man, husband, son, uncle, brother-in-law, and friend. His laughter and love forever etched in the hearts of those who knew him.

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- DRAS webpage - <https://www.alberta.ca/digital-regulatory-assurance-system.aspx>
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DUCHESS - We had a busy weekend! We celebrated birthdays, Mother's Day, a wedding, a thunderstorm, and Northern Lights! Many folks were busy chasing their kids around the province for sports. I hope life can slow down a bit for a week!

Friday and Monday. Northern Lights Trivia: "The northern lights are created when energized particles from the sun slam into Earth's upper atmosphere at speeds of up to 45 million mph (72 million kph), but our planet's magnetic field protects us from the onslaught."

Duchess School was blessed to have dynamic speaker, Pro Rodeo/PBR announcer, Brett Gardiner, come and speak on mental health and resilience last week. They have a busy month and a half for staff and students as they head to the end. There is a spring BBQ for Duchess School families at the school on May 29th starting at 4:30 pm. Feel free to head over with a lawn chair, watch the kids play and get a good visit in!

Duchess Annual Parade of Garage Sales is happening this month on the weekend of May 24/25th. Dust off your treasures, open the garage and declutter your home!

The first Duchess Market happens to fall on the same weekend as the parade of garage sales. Head downtown and check out the vendors who will have their wares on display on May 25th.

Please call or text me at 793-1630 with your news items. Next weeks news items need to get to me my Thursday evening as we have a long weekend ahead. Students are off school

Fall trade show

SANDRA M STANWAY
 BROOKS BULLETIN

A trade show will be held in Brooks in the fall.

The Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce, of which the city and county are members, have organized the 2024 Home + Leisure Trade Show to take place from Oct. 4-6 at the JBS Canada Centre.

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Army and air cadets from Brooks, Taber and Medicine Hat gathered at Emerson Bridge Park on Saturday to learn orienteering. The morning was spent getting to know each other and learning how to do orienteering without a compass and in the afternoon a competition was held where the cadets had to locate nine markers that were placed throughout the campsite. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

One Tree World

IRMA MERKL 

ONE TREE - Sorry folks, I didn't get any news in for last week, I came down with some flu bug that really knocked the stuffing out of me. But you'll get last weeks' and this week's now. Here goes last weeks for May 8th first--

Well a week ago Thursday Linda Slomp had organized a trip to Rosebud of mostly their Bible Study ladies and a few others, there were 17 in all. I had it lucky, as I was asked if I'd like to join them, of course I said yes, along with my friend Diana. Linda had as her carload, Charlotte Noronha, Diana Goff, Anne Marie Luchie and Maria Beute and me. There was also another carload of seven and three of ladies from the Duchess area chose to take their own cars. We all arrived pretty well at the same time at the Rosebud Mercantile and soon were called for the luncheon, which was very good. Then, after we went over to the Opera House for the show, which was "Chariots of Fire", a very well performed play. Then after we all took off for home and we arrived at my place at 5:40pm. Thank you Linda, from both Diana and myself for the ride and for the opportunity to go, it was much appreciated.

Then a few minutes later Joe Hajash came and picked me up to go to Bassano Arts Council final concert for the season. Talk about cutting things fine, eh!

Visiting and helping out at the home of Ozzie and Elizabeth Schalm were their daughter Michelle and husband Jeff Richardson of Diamond Valley from Friday to Sunday. I'm sure their

help is much appreciated.

On Saturday Erwin Unger and Inge Ellefson went to Drumheller, where Inge attended the Rotary District Conference at the Badlands Convention Centre, meanwhile Erwin went to enjoy the displays at the Tyrell Museum. Then, that evening they stayed at the Rosebud Inn and had supper at the Rosebud Mercantile Restaurant. They were back to Drumheller for the conference on Sunday then home.

On Saturday I drove to Taber to attend the "Celebration of Life for Tony Merkle" a favourite cousin of Steve's, which was held at the Taber Civic Centre at 1:00pm till 3:00pm. It was a fitting place as Tony and Irene were custodians there for over 26 years. It was great to connect with all the relatives again and there are many down there before I headed home.

Then I came to Brooks so I could attend my Great-grandson, Vaughn Merkl's 1st birthday celebration at Dillon and Amy Merkl's place in town. There for the occasion were grandparents Gayle and Bob Prepchuk and their daughter-in-law to be Kayla, all of Lethbridge, and Frank and Judy Merkl and Great-grandma Betty Hok of Newbrook Lodge. It was a nice gathering, then, there was gift opening, after we had pizza and cake and trifle, which was all very good. Happy birthday to you, Vaughn!!

This past week's news- *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.

On Thursday Linda Slomp went to Lacombe to visit with her sister Margaret and Gary Devries till Saturday.

On Sunday visiting at the home of Ozzie and Elizabeth Schalm were their children Jonene and daughter Greer; Sherry and Sherwin, all of Calgary were here to help their mother, Elizabeth celebrate a Happy Mother's Day. They left for home later in the day.

Barbara Mahrer went to Lethbridge for the weekend to celebrate Mother's day weekend with her eldest son, Jordan and her daughter, Carina and family. She returned home on Sunday afternoon.

Erwin Unger had invited his grandson Tim and Ashley and their son Avery Unger of Airdrie to have Brunch with them here on Saturday morning.

Belated birthday greetings for last week go out to Michael Day of Wasa, BC, to Darcy Wilson of Brooks and to Jasmin Goldade, all on May 12th; Brenda Scherger on May

13th; Ariel Joseph (AJ) Wipf of Calgary on May 14th. We hope you all had a great day and all the best to each of you in the years ahead.

Then to this weeks birthday greetings go out to Peter Buhler on May 16th; to Kyle Stenger and to my great-grandson Finnigan Merkl of Brooks, both on May 17th. We wish everyone a great day and a

"Very Happy Birthday" to each of you and to everyone that celebrated in the last two weeks and we wish you all the best in the years to come.

What a Deal? I saw an advert in the window that said: "Television for sale, \$1. Volume stuck on full." I thought I can't turn that down.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Habitat Enhancement Project

Tree Planting

Brooks Aqueduct Trout Pond



Date & Time: Saturday, June 1st, 2024. Registration starts at 8:45AM.

How to Get There: From Brooks, go east on Old Hwy 1 to RR 14-2, then south approximately 3 km (or type Brooks Aqueduct Pond into Google Maps!). Follow the nature trail sign north to the tree planting area.

Parking: Available at the main entrance to the trout pond.

Equipment: Please bring a shovel if you have one, good footwear, gloves, a hat and any other clothing you'll need for Alberta weather.

Food & Water: FortisAlberta will be providing lunch & refreshments. Water Pure & Simple will be providing water.

Washrooms: Provided on-site by Vibrook Vacuum & Septic Services.

Register to volunteer by **May 26, 2024**
Email, text or call **Rod Rosland**
rosland@telusplanet.net
403-793-0809, or
Lester Janke
cathyorlester@gmail.com
403-362-0733

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2024 RATEPAYER MEETINGS

Share your thoughts on how we are doing - and what we should be doing next!

Advisory Council & Senior Administration members will be on hand to answer your questions, share updates on upcoming projects, and hear your feedback.

SUBDIVISION (SD)	LOCATION	DATE/TIME	ADVISORY COUNCIL
SA2 - SD 7 & 8	BUFFALO HALL	MAY 21 @ 1:30 PM	DARYL SWENSON, BRAD OSADCZUK
SA4 - SD 1, 2 & 3	CONSORT GEM CENTRE	MAY 23 @ 1:30 PM	GORDON LONG, LAURIE FERENGE, DOUG NOBLE
SA2 - SD 3 & 4	HARD GRASS HUB	MAY 24 @ 1:30 PM	BRAD SLORSTAD, JUSTIN GRIFFITH
SA2 - SD 1 & 5	HANNA LEGION HALL	MAY 31 @ 1:30 PM	KEVIN BOSSERT, MARK BLAIR
SA3 - SD 4, 5 & 6	CEREAL COMMUNITY CENTRE	JUNE 6 @ 1:30 PM	ERIKA TESSIER, JOHN KIMBER, KEVIN WILSON
SA2 - SD 2	HOMESTEAD COULEE HALL	JUNE 12 @ 1:30 PM	NEAL ROES

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THE WORLD OF WONDER

THE COLOSSEUM

Exploring the realms of history, science, nature and technology

The Flavian Amphitheater (as it was originally named) was the largest outdoor arena in ancient Rome. At the time of its completion in A.D. 80, it was the most complex human-made structure in the world and one of the largest. The nickname “Colosseum” was based on a colossal bronze statue of Emperor Nero that stood nearby. The arena had a velarium, a retractable roof made of cloth. It was home to some of the most brutal entertainment spectacles ever created. Today, the Colosseum receives more than 4 million visitors every year.

Who built it

The Colosseum was built between A.D. 70 and 80 under Emperors Vespasian, Titus and Domitian, the Flavian Emperors.

The construction was overseen by Roman engineers and craftsmen. Most of the labor for the construction of the building was provided by tens of thousands of slaves, who had been taken as prisoners.

Construction

The Colosseum was built from an estimated 3.5 million cubic feet (100,000 cubic m) of **travertine** stone, plus a similar amount of cement, brick and tuff blocks. Travertine, a class of limestone, takes its name from Tibur (modern-day Tivoli), where it was mined.

In addition to the different types of stone and cement, iron clamps were used to bind the large blocks together. These clamps were scavenged in later centuries when the Colosseum fell into disrepair, leaving large pockmarks in the building’s walls that are still visible today.

Did you know?

The Colosseum could be flooded and used for mock naval battles. Called **naumachia**, such performances were rare because of the expense, and the Colosseum was too small to properly recreate the drama of historic sea battles.

The underground of the Colosseum is called the **hypogeum**. It comprised an elaborate network of tunnels and chambers where gladiators, animals and prisoners were kept before entering the arena.

Scholars believe that as many as 50,000 gladiators, slaves, convicts, prisoners and entertainers perished in the Colosseum during the 350 years in which it was used for human bloodsports.

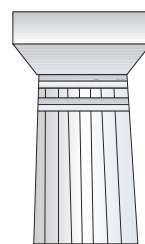
Gladiator games had referees and doctors monitoring the fights, so matches didn’t always end in death.

Over the centuries, the Colosseum has endured large fires and earthquakes. As a result, it has been repaired and rebuilt many times.

Stylistic complexity

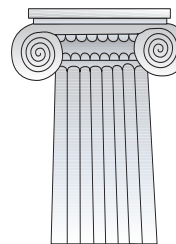
Each of the three lower levels of the outer building was built with 80 giant arches (240 in all) supported by classical Greek columns representing the architectural orders of the time.

Lower level



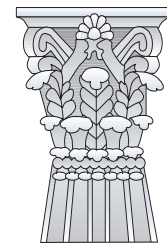
Doric columns were characterized by simple, classic lines.

Second level



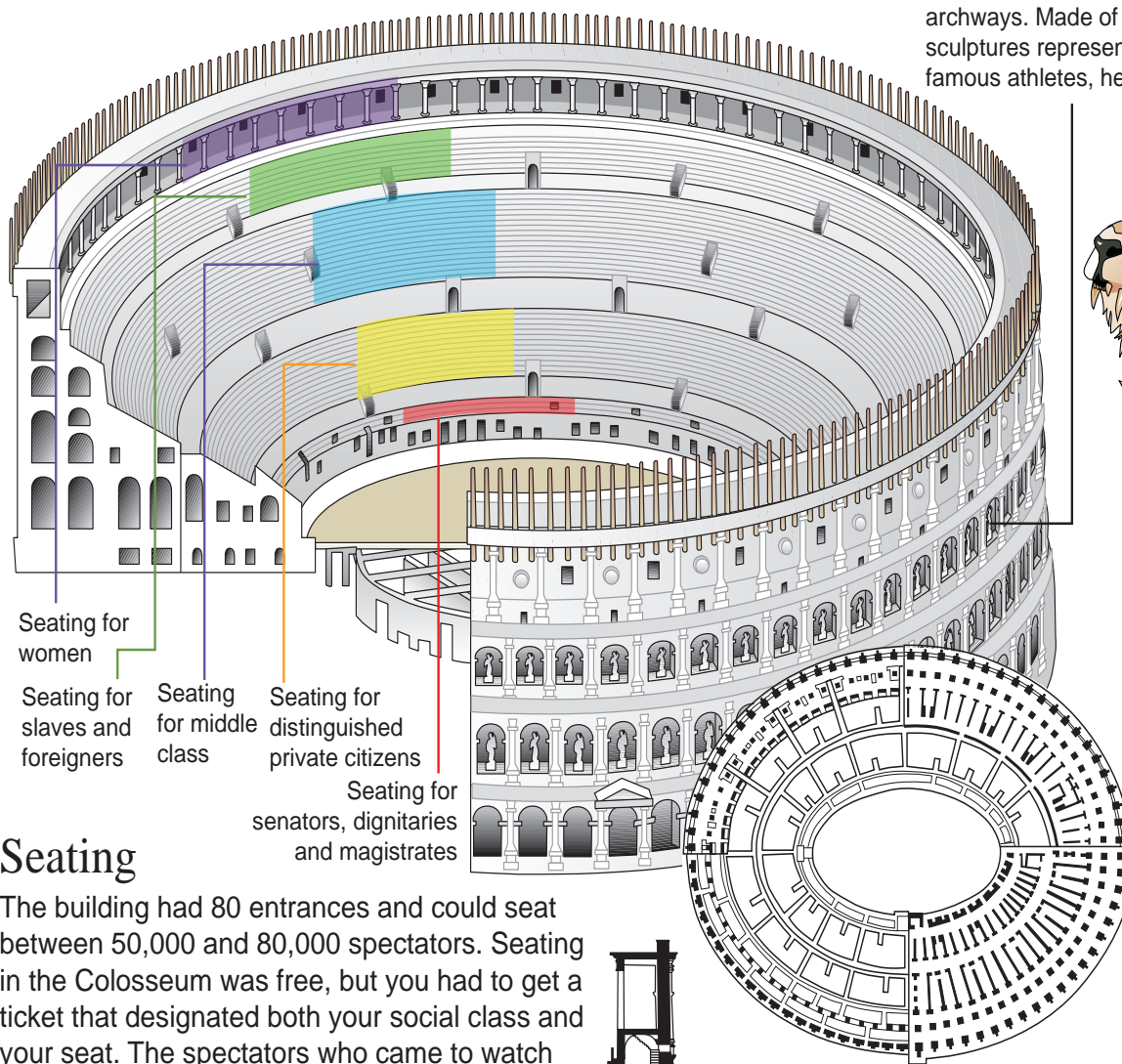
Ionic columns were slightly more elaborate and featured scrollwork.

Third level



Corinthian columns were decorated with intricate and ornate leaves.

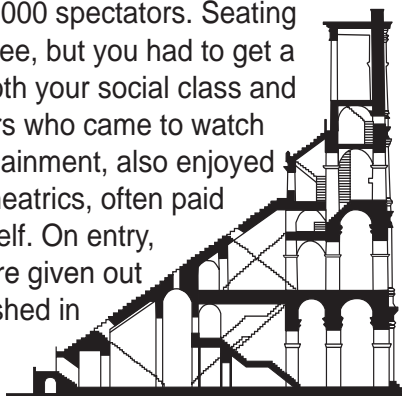
Statues adorned the second- and third-level archways. Made of marble or metal, these sculptures represented goddesses and gods, famous athletes, heroes and emperors.



Seating for women
Seating for slaves and foreigners
Seating for middle class
Seating for distinguished private citizens
Seating for senators, dignitaries and magistrates

Seating

The building had 80 entrances and could seat between 50,000 and 80,000 spectators. Seating in the Colosseum was free, but you had to get a ticket that designated both your social class and your seat. The spectators who came to watch bloody sports and entertainment, also enjoyed food, wine, music and theatrics, often paid for by the emperor himself. On entry, wooden ‘token’ balls were given out. The tokens could be cashed in for special prizes.



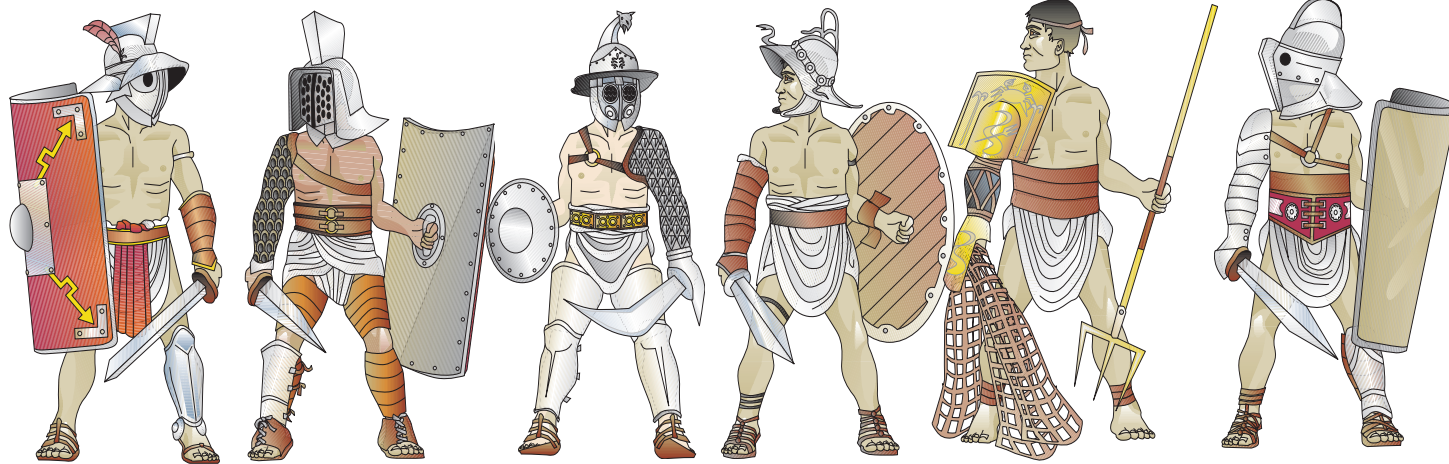
The oval building is 157 feet (48 m) tall (about the height of a 12-story building). The arena floor is about 285 feet (86 m) long and 180 feet (55 m) wide. A thick wall of about 15 feet (4.6 m) separated the spectators from the arena.



Not all of the animals brought to the games were wild and vicious, but most were. Starving lions were a crowd favorite. Some games lasted months; ancient records show 9,000 animals were killed in a period of about 100 days. The meat was not wasted; it was given away in lotteries. (People bought a chance to win the meat.) Animals would dramatically appear in the arena by way of 36 trapdoors and lifts.

Types of gladiators

Early gladiators were equipped with weapons and armor from conquered armies. Over time, gladiators became considerably more specialized in their forms of fighting. For example, the **dimachaeri** (“two-knife men”) carried a short sword in each hand. The **essedarii** (“chariot men”) fought on chariots. The **laquearii** (“lasso men”) tried to lasso their opponents. Here are six of the most popular types of gladiators:



Samnite
These men wore heavy armor and carried a straight sword called a **gladius**, from which the word “gladiator” evolved.

Hoplomachus
Before the reign of Augustus (31 B.C.–A.D. 14), heavily armed gladiators were called samnites. After Augustus, they were called hoplomachi.

Thracian
These men wore light armor. They carried a small, round shield called a **parma** and a curved sword called a **sica**.

Mirmillo
These gladiators were distinguished by fish decorations on their helmets. They were often made to fight the net-wielding retiarius gladiators.

Retiarius
These men fought with a net and a **trident** (a three-pronged spear). They wore little armor and could move very quickly.

Secutor
Also known as **pursuers**, these men tried to exhaust their opponents by chasing them. The metal leg guard is called an **ocrea**.