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One of 28 pieces of railway maintenance equipment is lifted onto a waiting truck near the spur line in the Brooks industrial area on Monday. The convoy of vehicles was moved onto trucks and will be taken to British Columbia. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

## Brooks mayor concerned about Bill 20

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Brooks mayor John Petrie is worried that some provincial legislation will interfere with municipal councils.

The province has proposed the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act which will change two key pieces of municipal legislation: the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA) and the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

The Elections Act establishes the framework for the conduct of elections in Alberta at the municipal, school and irrigation district divisions while the MGA establishes the rules that govern the conduct of local elected officials and the administration and operation of municipal authorities.

Included in the changes to the Elections Act are allowing municipal officials to require record checks for candidates, repealing the municipal authority to develop a voters list, limiting the ability to vouch for someone's address and require mandatory orientation training for councillors and allowing cabinet to remove a councillor in the public interest or to order a referendum to determine if a councillor should be removed.

Petrie's main concern is recall because it may stifle councillors.

"I know you have to have recalls in place, but I think what it does is stifle councils from sometimes making tough decisions because we get either NIMBYism (Not In My Backyard) or a group of people who come to council and it frightens them," he said.

Minister of Municipal Affairs Ric McIver said the amendments will make local elections more transparent and elected officials more

accountable.

"When a councillor has betrayed the public trust and it's in the public interest to remove them, swift action should be taken to remove them. As municipal councillors and mayors are locally elected by their constituents, Alberta's government recognizes this authority should only be used as a last resort, which was always the intent of this legislation," he said.

The government will work with municipalities to propose amendments and clarify that it would be used in limited circumstances, he said. While McIver stated it would not be done lightly, Petrie is worried that councils will always be looking over their shoulder.

"Regarding Bill 20, the amendment act, are we as council going to be looking over our shoulder whenever we make a decision and wonder, 'Will this please the government?'"

His fear is that councils will be fearful that they are making a tough decision.

"At the municipal level we have to make some really tough decisions because we're face to face with the electorate."

"In the end, I believe if the people aren't happy with a council, we have elections every four years to remove council or keep council. I don't know if it's right for the provincial government to tell us what decisions are important for the City of Brooks."

"The role of an elected official is one with tremendous responsibility and expectations. The Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act will strengthen the accountability of locally elected officials and councils while balancing the need to support local autonomy in areas of municipal oversight," said McIver.

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Petrie said he's not too concerned about the introduction of political parties at the municipal level, a practice that is expected to begin with Edmonton and Calgary in 2025 and if it is acceptable then move to the rest of the province with 2029 elections.

"I'm not too worried about that. I don't know how that will work in the municipal government but at the federal and provincial levels they have a whip. How do you whip a municipal government into voting one way. There's no recourse over that," he said.

The province has also proposed a change to the provincial priorities act they claim will support the government in pushing back against federal government overreach. Bill 18, if passed, will require provincial entities to obtain prior approval from the province before entering, amending, extending or renewing an agreement with the federal government.

The day after first reading was given, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) stated the association was frustrated by many of the changes including a degradation of municipal autonomy.

"Along with the formalization of political parties in local elections and Bill 18's restriction of municipal-federal funding

agreements without provincial approval, these changes are the latest and most serious attacks on municipalities and will centralize more control over municipal issues in the hands of the province," states the RMA.

Last Thursday the RMA noted that McIver committed to amending the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, "to address the unwarranted provincial overstep into municipal democracy that was included in the initial version of the bill. The RMA appreciates the minister's commitment to amending the bill in collaboration with municipalities."

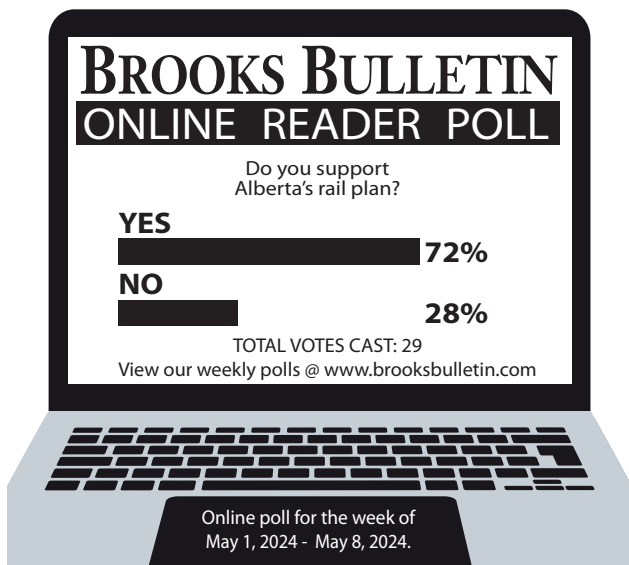
"It appears that Minister McIver has listened and is willing to work with the RMA and other municipal stakeholders to ensure that

Bill 20 will not infringe on the ability of municipal councillors to make decisions within their scope of authority," commented RMA President Paul McLaughlin.

The RMA will continue to work with the province to ensure that the provisions in Bill 20 to allow cabinet to remove councillors and amend bylaws for any reason will be removed.

"If this is not possible, the RMA will push for tight restrictions around the cases in which both powers can be utilized.

"While we don't yet know what the Bill 20 amendments will look like, we feel heard by the minister and we are cautiously optimistic this issue will be resolved in a way that works for the province and RMA members," said McLaughlin.



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## COMMENT

## National pharmacare will reduce drug access for almost 26 million Canadians

*Existing public plans cover fewer drugs than private plans do and take twice as long to get them covered after Health Canada approves them*

BRETT SKINNER  
FINANCIAL POST

The recent federal budget provided \$1.5 billion over five years to support the launch of a national pharmacare plan. The money will fund universal prescription drug benefits for contraceptives and diabetes medications and is intended to be the first step toward comprehensive, federally funded, single-payer programs that will eventually replace existing public and private drug plans.

By taking this action, the Liberal-NDP coalition in Ottawa shows an astounding lack of concern for how national pharmacare will disrupt prescription drug benefits for privately insured Canadians.

According to the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association, 25.5 million Canadians — 64 per cent of us — have prescription drug coverage under private plans. In addition, provincial and federal governments provide drug benefits for select target populations defined by age, income, disease or their Indigenous status. People who fall between the cracks of private and public plans are protected by publicly funded safety-net programs for out-of-pocket prescription drug expenses that every jurisdiction in Canada offers.

In sum, Canadians are already universally insured against catastrophic expenses — though only for the drugs approved by these various plans. The list of drugs covered is different in private and public programs. Private plans are generally more comprehensive. Telus Health reports that over 80 per cent of private drug plans have open formulary lists, meaning they generally include all drugs authorized for marketing by Health Canada.

The country's biggest drug coverage problem is that its public drug programs do not cover many new drugs. If an insured person's prescribed medication is not listed on the public formulary, that person is exposed to 100 per cent of the cost as an out-of-pocket expense. Unfortunately, pharmacare does not solve that problem.

Granted, pharmacare will move all Canadians into a single system modelled on existing public drug plans. To examine how this might affect access to medicines, I compared the number of new drugs covered

under public versus private drug plans and how long Canadians waited for insured access to those drugs. The analysis used data from the leading source of pharmaceuticals market information, IQVIA Inc., as well as provincial and federal formularies.

The evidence is clear: coverage for innovative drugs is better and faster in private than public plans. Excluding vaccines and radio-pharmaceuticals, of the 166 new medicines authorized for marketing by Health Canada between 2018 and 2022, at the end of 2023 public drug plans covered only 18 per cent on average, compared to 68 per cent on average in private drug plans. In other words, Canadians in public plans were covered for less than one in five new drugs that Health Canada deemed safe and effective during the study period, while Canadians in private plans were covered for 3.5 out of five.

On average, publicly insured Canadians waited over two years for drugs to become available in their provincial or federal plans following approval by Health Canada. This was twice as long as the average wait times experienced by privately insured Canadians. To be precise, the insurance coverage delay averaged 770 days across all listings in the 11 provincial and federal public drug formularies while the comparable wait time in private plans was just 369 days.

Delay is not the main problem, however. Many new drugs simply were not listed publicly even after six years. In 2018 Health Canada issued 38 marketing authorizations for new active substances. As of Dec. 31 last year, the number of these drugs that had made it to public formularies ranged from a low of just three in British Columbia to a high of 13 in Nova Scotia. Ontario had listed only nine. The average for private plans was 29.

Despite what its supporters claim, national pharmacare will not improve Canadians' insurance coverage. Rather, it will universalize the scarcity and delays currently experienced under public drug plans and it will reduce access to new medicines for Canadians now covered under private plans.

*Brett Skinner is CEO of the Canadian Health Policy Institute.*

## TIME CAPSULE



## The Second Time as Farce

COLUMNIST

GWYNNE DYER



"History repeats itself — the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce," said Karl Marx. He was talking about European history, of course, and here it comes again, a century later, doing a tribute act to the 1920s.

In Germany, we have had a replay of Hitler's failed coup attempt of 1923. The first of three trials opened in Stuttgart this week, targeting nine alleged ringleaders of the 'military wing' of the far-right 'Reichsbürger' group who were arrested two years ago on charges of high treason, attempted murder, and membership of a terrorist organisation.

Further mass trials will follow in Frankfurt this month for the 'political wing' and in Munich in June for what the prosecutors chose to call the 'esoteric wing'. There's a clue there, if you are paying attention. These would-be emulators of Adolf Hitler are not actually ex-stormtroopers hardened by years in the trenches. They are nasty but marginal fantasists.

Another clue lies in the name of their leader, a 72-year-old self-styled aristocrat calling himself Heinrich XIII, Prince Reuss. They really did want to take over Germany and remake it as a neo-fascist state, they really did hate the Jews, and at least some of them were willing to kill, but they were never a serious threat.

In Italy, where the other great inter-war dictator, Benito Mussolini, seized

power and created the world's first fascist state in 1922, there is already a neo-fascist in power. Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni formed her first government in 2022, but she uses no violence, she's loyal to the NATO alliance, and she seems almost harmless.

Maybe she's just biding her time, but there's no sign that she is planning to invade Ethiopia or even Greece. There are no gangs of fascist thugs beating people to death, and no political prisoners. Life in Italy is pretty normal, in fact.

So it is in Spain, although you wouldn't think so if you listened to the People's Party (PP), the increasingly hard-right, ultra-nationalist opposition to Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez's Socialist Workers' Party. The PP calls him a "psychopath", a "traitor", and a "terrorist sympathiser" who deserves to be "strung up by his feet," but it obeys the law.

Claims that the Spanish prime minister's wife is really a man and that her family runs the drug trade in Morocco were so hurtful that Sánchez took five days off to ponder whether he really wants to stay in politics. However, it's really just the online rules of engagement leaking into the real world. There's no new Franco plotting an armed fascist rebellion.

And in Poland the ultra-nationalist, militantly religious Law and Justice Party was voted out of power last year despite claiming that the opposition leader, Donald Tusk, is planning to give half the of Poland to Russia and bring "German order" to what's left. (You know, exactly like the Nazis did).

The point is that the Law and Justice Party didn't win, and neither did the PP in Spain.

Meloni only won by

pretending very hard not to be a fascist, and the Reichsbürger in Germany were just a comic opera group (albeit with loaded guns).

Marine Le Pen in France may come closer to winning the presidency on her 4th try in 2027 than ever before, but her Rassemblement National party has achieved that by ditching almost all of its extreme-right policies except for its trademark hostility to immigration.

Britain's Conservative Party has shifted steadily to the right during its fourteen years in power, but whatever influence that might have had in the alleged rightward migration of other European parties was nullified by its lunatic obsession with 'Brexit' and its stunning incompetence and indiscipline. It will be all but annihilated in the election due this year.

The Labour Party which will take its place is pretending to have no intention of shifting the United Kingdom even a millimetre to the left, because it is superstitiously terrified of scaring the voters back into the arms of the Conservatives, but that is not a realistic possibility. After it wins, it will set about rescuing the welfare state.

The results of the forthcoming elections to the European Union's parliament may provide some apparent evidence for a rightward drift in European politics, but that's because people use their EU votes as a safe way to express their dissatisfaction with the economy. However, national elections really matter.

Americans may elect Donald Trump this November and Canadians may elect Pierre Poilievre next year, but Europe is not leading a charge to the right.



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# Collaboration should continue for diversity and inclusion



Attendees at a recent round table in Brooks on anti-hate and some things that can be done moving forward. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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BROOKS BULLETIN

Elected officials, RCMP, school divisions and provincial organizations attended an anti-hate round table discussion that was hosted by Global Village Centre on April 25.

The talk was led by Cst. Derrick Campbell of the province's hate crime coordination unit, Cpl. Geordie Simpson of the RCMP diverse community engagement unit and Cst. Abdi Hassan from the Calgary Police Service diversity resource team.

Attendees included

Brooks mayor John Petrie and councillor Mohammed Idriss, Bow River MP Martin Shields, local RCMP and fire department representatives, provincial mental health and addictions reps as well as school divisions and other organizations and stakeholder.

The group discussed the multifaceted issue and the effects on individuals and the community and shared their personal stories and experiences of discrimination.

"The roundtable shed light on the diverse range of populations targeted by

hate crimes, with a specific focus on excluded groups such as Jews, Muslims and immigrants.

"Through open conversation, participants emphasized the pressing importance of solidarity and support in confronting prejudice and promoting inclusiveness," states a wrap-up of the meeting.

"The presentation highlighted the continued work that needs to be done and that collaboration is key to working together for diversity and inclusion," stated Campbell.

# The Rot of Jealousy

DEVOTIONAL  
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**Jon Chalmers**  
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What would happen if the experience we call jealousy came to a family reunion? Imagine, jealousy rolls up into the parking lot of the community hall. Jealousy scans the vehicles in the parking lot and says, "How did Uncle Horace afford that truck? He doesn't deserve that! I work harder than him." Once inside the community hall, jealousy finds friends 'resentful' and 'envy' by the punch bowl. They give themselves to juicy conversation as their eyeballs scour the

hall together. The family reunion isn't over, but jealousy is miserable and eager to leave, envious of everyone who is having a good time. There is a wicked and destructive rot in jealousy. The Bible tells a story about a person named Joseph. Joseph was hated by his brothers. They were jealous of him. The story of Joseph and his brothers disturbingly shows that jealousy has an unlimited nature. Verse 5, "Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more." We have a capacity to hate even more tomorrow than we do today. That should be a wake up call for us. In the story of Joseph, the brothers jealousy and hate led them to do the

unthinkable - sell their brother into slavery. Our jealousy can lead us to do things we never thought we were capable of. What is the cure for our jealousy? It is found in God. The love of God dignifies us. The love of God tells us that even though we may feel insignificant, God so loved the world that He sent His Son Jesus to die for us. When we root our identity in the security of God's love as revealed in Jesus, we don't have to view others as a threat. When we base our security on what we can do or on what we own, someone will always be ahead of us. God's love anchors us with a security deeper than what we can achieve on our own strength, freeing us from the rot of jealousy.

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# Citizen of the Year awards presented by Grasslands FCSS

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Zan Qi Tian and Duane Perkins were honoured with family and friends last week with the Grasslands FCSS 2024 Junior Citizen of the Year and Citizen of the Year respectively.

About 100 people gathered to honour the two at Friday's event at the Heritage Inn.

In his introduction Ebenezer Asare said Zan is as passionate about academics as he is about volunteering.

"There are incredible youth out there in our city excelling in their daily endeavours and today Zan



The 2024 Junior Citizen of the Year Zan Qi Tian and Citizen of the Year Duane Perkins. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Qi Tian gets to wear the robes of all these individuals

and stand taller," said Asare. Zan thanked the

FCSS program and his nominators.

"Most importantly I would like to thank my parents. Without their love and support I wouldn't be who I am today," said Zan.

Gloria Evans introduced Perkins and friends including Lorne Wylie of the Brooks Oilmen and Perkins' granddaughters.

"Brooks is a better community because of the volunteer spirit of many people and many volunteers," said Evans.

She said it's nice to have Zan to represent younger people and Perkins to represent the older people.

"These volunteers care and dedicate their efforts freely to help us be a better area," said Evans, thanking Perkins for his volunteering.

"It is overwhelming to stand here today as the recipient of the Citizen of the

Year Award. This is not just a recognition of my efforts but an award of something I enjoy doing," Perkins said.

Also recognized at the event as honourable

mentions for Citizen of the Year were Sharon Reid and Joan Christianson for their volunteerism and impacts across the area and around the world.



Honourable mentions for Citizen of the Year Joan Christianson, left, and Sharon Reid. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

Rainier Record
JANE BELLWARD

**RAINIER** - Happy Birthday greetings for the upcoming week go out to Kendall Van Hall Blandford on May 13 - Happy Mother's Day!; John Kuefler on May 15; Chris Takeda, Ken Link, Matt Antill on May 17; Megan Andrews on May 19.

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 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:janebellward20@gmail.com).

## LETTERS

### A heartless act

Editor, The Bulletin;  
This is to the vandals responsible: In August 2022 our son/brother/grandson/friend decided to leave this world on Hwy 539 east of RR165. A few months ago, our family created a memorial and secured it out there (not on private property).

This morning, a dear friend of his visited the spot as part of her healing and was devastated to find it mostly missing and the rest annihilated. Destroying a tribute to Dylan, whether out of ignorance or spite, reflects a profound lack of empathy and maturity. What a cruel betrayal of

the love he inspired. You've hurt so many who cherished him and Dylan would be disgusted and saddened by your heartless and petty behaviour.

L & P TARRARAN  
AND FAMILY,  
Calgary, Alta.

## Pair of Brooks community football alumni drafted by CFL

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Brooks Community Football players Ajou Ajou and Matthew Peterson were drafted last week by the Canadian Football League.

"It's an exciting day for Brooks Community Football, the pee wees, Roadrunners and Buffalos programs, both Matthew and Ajou. It's a big success story," said coach Jaret Hofer.

The 23-year-old, 5'9", 203 lb. runningback Peterson was drafted in the fourth round, 36th overall to the Hamilton Tiger Cats and 22-year-old wide receiver Ajou was drafted 59th overall in the seventh round to the Saskatchewan Rough Riders.

Peterson played pee wee football in Brooks in 2009, 2010 and 2011. He moved away and returned in Grade 9 to play with the Roadrunners in 2015 season. He played 2016, 2017 and 2018 with the Buffalos and in his grade 12 year was named the Rangeland Football Conference Most Valuable Player.

Peterson spent his amateur football playing for the University of

Alberta Golden Bears and in November the running back was named the 2023 Canada West Football Player of the Year, "After leading a resurgent Golden Bears team back to the playoffs with their best regular season record since 2005," states the Golden Bears website.

Ajou played pee wee football in Brooks from 2010-2012. In Grade 6, because of his ability, he started to play with the Roadrunners and remained there from 2013 to 2016.

In Grade 10 Ajou moved to Edmonton and played at Harry Ainlay High School before moving to Florida to play Grade 11 and 12 at Clear Water Academy.

After Clear Water Ajou played for the Clemson Tigers and in 2022 he transferred to South Florida. In 2023 he played for Kansas' Garden City Community College.

Hofer said while other players have been drafted, it's the first time that two players were drafted in the same year.

Also from the Buffalos roster, defensive backs Tyler Turner and Peyton MS-Obeng helped the 2022 Okanagan Sun Football Club end a 22-year drought to take the Canadian Junior

Football League National Championship.

"They were the same age as Matthew," said Hofer.

"We have had other kids over the years come through the Roadrunners and Buffalos program that moved into professional levels after university or junior ball."

The first draft from the community football program was Mike Hildebrand who was drafted by Edmonton Eskimos as a defensive back in 1989 53rd overall in the seventh round and Mark Shantz, currently a pee wee coach in Brooks, earned a Grey Cup ring from his time with Edmonton.

In the 1990s Shantz went on to help coach the University of Calgary Dinos and he was instrumental in getting Hofer a spot on the team.

Running back Nathan Connor, who was a Roadrunner from 1992-95, and a Buffalo from 1995-1998 moved on to the University of Alberta. From 2005-2007 Connor played with Porvoo Butchers for a season and then with the Helsinki Roosters of the Finnish Professional Football League.

## 120 days CSO for stealing from

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Kevin Wright pleaded guilty to theft under \$5,000 and was remanded to serve custody at home for 120 days.

The court was told on Oct. 6, 2023 Wright and three other individuals were identified through surveillance taking items from Canadian Tire.

Wright stole a \$40 jacket and also acted as the lookout and driver of the getaway car while the others he was with took items worth \$400, \$150 and \$60.

Defence told the court

that Wright has been appearing in court due to addictions however he is clean.

The court accepted the joint submission of the 120-day Conditional Sentence Order, which is essentially an order to be served at home.

Wright was ordered to remain at his home for 24/7 for two months. That will be followed by two months with a curfew between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. seven days a week.

Wright was also prohibited from contacting the three co-accused and he cannot attend Canadian Tire in Brooks.



## Dusty Plains 4-H MULTI-CLUB NEWS

# DONOR STEER update



Mason Curry, Ollie Berg, Brock Griffith, Lucie Berg, Tenley Griffith, Jorja Griffith and Evelyn Rooke striking a pose with Dusty at Dusty Plains 4-H Mock Show Day.

Dusty, our donor steer, has been doing good and is gaining lots. He went to the Brooks Peavey Mart Appreciation Day on April 27th and had a great time. Thanks to Lucie, Ollie, Emmett and Abby for showing him off. The next day he went to our mock show where we clipped him and took a picture. He had a busy weekend!

Our second chosen charity is the Make a Wish Foundation. The foundation grants wishes to critically ill children and creates life-changing experiences. Remember to look on [makeawish.ca](http://makeawish.ca) to see all the wishes. Help us help make wishes come true by supporting the sale of Dusty on Monday, May 27th at the Silver sage. Only one month till the sale!

Written by Evelyn Rooke.

Photo by Melainie Berg 28/4/24

## Aqueduct interpretive centre needs loving, says councillor

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

There is interest by local groups, elected officials and provincial representatives to update the Brooks Aqueduct park area.

Todd Green, the county's agricultural fieldman, said a collaborative type meeting was held at the county building on April 12 with representatives from the city, county, Brooks tourism and the province.

The county maintains the interpretive loop, the EID owns the land and has the history, the province is responsible for the aqueduct structure itself and tourism has an overall interest in the park.

Green said discussions included updating the buildings, signage and have it as a proper self-guided tour site possibly with QR codes that can be scanned to tell about the history.

Green said no one has a current budget to complete the work but there is an opportunity to develop the site.

With the information now shared, he said there were a lot of notes being taken during the meeting.

"Hopefully, each group takes back the information and we can come back together," he said.

County councillor Adena Skanderup, who represents the county on the Brooks Tourism committee, told council of the meeting.

"They're looking at giving it a breath of fresh air, updating some of the signs and tidying things up.

"It looks like the government hasn't put too much into it in the last 25

years. They're going to work on that. It needs a little bit of love."

The Aqueduct was built in 1912 at the cost of \$700,000 and was in use from 1914 until it was decommissioned in 1979.

In 1983 it was designated as a Historic Site and Monument by Canada and in 2000 it was recognized as a Provincial Historical Resource.

In the mid 2000s, funding was provided by Parks Canada's National Cost-Sharing Program for Heritage Places which provided about \$182,000 to Alberta Culture and Tourism which matched the funding to make repairs on

the Aqueduct.

The funding was used for the structural stabilization and repairs of the concrete work, cast-in place concrete, structural steel/metal fabrication work.

The RFP for the program included architectural and engineering services for restoration/conservation of the heritage buildings and non-building structures.

In 2008 Canadian Badlands Tourism, the city, county, EID and province contributed to upgrades at the aqueduct site including picnic tables, trees and a kids park that were installed with funds from the Brooks Kinette Club.



Elected officials are looking to update the Brooks Aqueduct Interpretive Centre. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# Local volleyball player heading to youth nationals

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Luke Gagnon of Duchess has a lot of confidence having gained it through his volleyball prowess.

Gagnon who will graduate from Brooks Composite High School in June, is believed to be one of the first members from the Brooks area in the last 20 years to have made the SEAVC U18 Boys Rattlers volleyball team.

The 17-year-old team setter who has a standing reach of 7'5" and a block jump of 9'9" is a starting setter for the Rattlers.

He said his positivity and confidence comes from his years of playing volleyball and some Tae Kwon Do.

"With it being a team sport you have to have a good attitude," he said.

He also earned a black belt in Tae Kwon Do which he said has helped him develop the mentality of an athlete through his nine years of competitive travel time between the ages of five and 14.

That mentality pushes him to be better.

"It's always been a good motivation for me," he said.

Gagnon was selected to play for Medicine Hat in January 2024 just a few months after he was named a first-string all-star while he was a member of the BCHS club team.

During the last week in April the Rattlers, who were ranked fifth going into the Alberta provincial volleyball championships in Red Deer, finished third in their division and ninth overall out of 31 teams.

The Rattlers defeated the LVC Kodiaks in two sets, lost to the Eagles in two sets, and were defeated by Canada West 2-1

They moved to the playoff



Luke Gagnon sets the ball for a teammate during a recent tournament. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

round and claimed ninth after defeating Edmonton's FOG Black 2-1.

The next major event for Gagnon is the 2024 Youth Nationals Volleyball Championships in Edmonton.

The week long event will see the U18 boys play from May 15 to 26.

"I have no clue how we'll do. I'm hoping we do well because we are a phenomenal team. We don't know how well we'll do yet. We don't know what teams we're playing or the numbers," he said.

The nationals is an opportunity to be scouted by colleges and universities and if Gagnon is offered a scholarship he will take it.

"I can't say no to that especially if it's a bigger school. If I do not get scouted I will play in Medicine Hat next year. If I do, I will go play for whichever team," he said.

Gagnon started to play in 2016 when he was in Grade

### Volleyball player



LUKE GAGNON

5 at Duchess School and then for Rosemary School in Grades 7 and 8.

He continued to play volleyball and in the 2023-24 year he attended Rosemary School for the first semester before moving to BCHS.

"This is my last year senior season. I played for the Brooks Composite's senior varsity starting setter grade 12," he said.

"I realized that my talents should not be in Brooks. It should be in the Hat."

## Duchess Dispatch

LINDA MOREY



DUCHESS - Well, we are just giddy with the forecast this week! We pray the meteorology gurus have got it right with their prediction of lots of rain for a day or so. We can sure use it!

It's heartwarming to see the fields and parks filled with kids and activities again. Spring sports are well under way, however sadly, golf is having trouble getting their league play started due to the spotty weather days. Hopefully this week!

The "Koye Larson Memorial PBR" is happening this Friday May 10th. Corb Lund will provide the music following the bull riding portion. Get your tickets this week!

If you have a child ready for kindergarten, you are invited to come register and meet the teacher, Ms. Bradley, at an open house on May 13th from 3:30~5:30 at Duchess School.

Newell Adult Education has a room at the Duchess Hall where they will run programs out of. Please call Crystal or Kim at 403-641-3444 for information on the available programs and/or programs that you want to

see there.


Duchess Hall is open for special events and you can call 403 378 3836 for information or booking.

Also, Mrs. Barton's Scholastic Book Fair ends at 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 9th. Stop in and shop for

those hard to buy for kids!

Have a great week and please call or text me at 403 793 1630 with any news items you may have.

Quote: "Misery might love company, but so does Joy, and Joy throws much better parties!"

VILLAGE OF DUCHESS

### 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](http://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
- Emailed to [reception@villageofduchess.com](mailto:reception@villageofduchess.com) with the subject line - RPCB Grant

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# Gwyn Morgan: LNG exports offer a wealth-creating way to reduce global emissions

*Stepping up liquefied natural gas exports would help Asia lower emissions by getting off coal and boost Canada's economy at the same time*

**GWYN MORGAN**  
FINANCIAL POST

Pierre Poilievre's Axe the (carbon) Tax campaign is a spectacular success. But the Conservative party needs its own plan to reduce fossil fuel emissions. Paradoxically, it's a fossil fuel that provides the answer.

Canada's rich endowment of natural gas offers us the chance to both reduce global emissions and also rescue a Canadian economy ravaged by the Liberal government. How? By exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) to China, Japan, South Korea and the other coal-dependent Asia Pacific countries. Switching from coal to natural gas reduces CO2 emissions by 50 per cent while also eliminating the toxic compounds and lung-clogging particulates that shorten the lives of millions living in smog-stricken Asian cities.

A November 2022 study by respected consulting firm Wood Mackenzie concluded that:

"Canada is well-positioned geographically: Western Canadian LNG is much closer to Asia relative to U.S. Gulf Coast LNG, which needs to be shipped to Asia through the Panama Canal to get to Asia."

"LNG from Canada would be cost-competitive for northeast Asian importers ... due to its relatively low shipping and liquefaction costs."

"LNG from Canada has lower emissions intensity than LNG coming from many other global LNG exporters."

"Asia will not be able to produce enough natural gas domestically to meet its escalating demand. With its high environmental standards and stewardship, Canada would be a great partner to fill the LNG demand gap in Asia".

"If Canada aggressively ramps up its LNG exports, the emissions displaced would total 5.5 (billion tonnes of carbon dioxide) from 2022 to 2050 ... the

equivalent of removing all Canadian cars from the road."

In 2010, there were more than 20 LNG projects in the works in British Columbia, representing hundreds of billions in total investment. These included Exxon Mobil's \$25-billion West Coast Canada project, Chinese-owned CNOOC's \$36-billion Aurora project, Malaysian firm Petronas's \$36-billion Pacific Northwest project and the Shell-led \$31-billion Kitimat LNG Canada project. After a decade of trying to navigate Canada's byzantine regulatory process, LNG Canada is the only one left standing. And it succeeded only because South African project leader Andy Calitz refused to give up.

After five years of construction, the LNG Canada terminal is nearing completion, with the first ship scheduled to sail to China in mid-2025. The \$31 billion invested in the Kitimat liquefaction plant

is just one component of Canada's first LNG export project. TC Energy Corp's \$15-billion Coastal GasLink will carry natural gas from the northeastern B.C. gas fields to the Kitimat terminal. In addition, hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in natural gas wells and field production systems.

The economic benefits are myriad. B.C. natural gas royalties are forecast to double, from \$700 million in 2024 to \$1.4 billion in 2027. There are significant employment and business opportunities for First Nations, including Haisla Marine's 50 per cent interest in a \$500-million contract.

That's just LNG Canada Phase 1. Construction of another 14 million tonnes per year LNG Canada Phase 2 is scheduled to begin in 2026, with first delivery in 2032. A report from Canada Action estimates that completion of both phases of LNG

Canada alone is equivalent to removing 18 million cars from Canadian roads.

A major barrier for LNG project sponsors has been the fixation of Canadian regulators on the project's domestic emissions, which are minuscule in comparison to the global emissions reductions they make possible. Rather than let the project use on-site natural gas-powered electricity generation, regulators insisted that LNG Canada use zero-emissions hydro power. Having BC Hydro build a new dam and costly new transmission line delayed the project significantly.

Before COP24, the UN Climate Change Conference in Katowice, Poland, in 2018, the federal Conservatives urged the leaders of the Canadian delegation to propose that national emissions reductions include reductions from displacement of coal with exported LNG. Our prime minister and his team of

anti-fossil fuel eco-zealots declined this advice. A new government that encourages LNG projects may well see a return of the Exxon-Mobil, CNOOC and Petronas projects driven off by government intransigence.

As an alternative to the carbon tax, LNG export not only does better in emissions reduction but it also creates tens of billions of dollars in economic benefits for a beleaguered Canadian private sector. Stepped-up LNG export is a vastly superior environmental alternative to the economically destructive and politically divisive carbon tax, and it would help reverse a proud, thriving nation's decline into an indebted, unproductive, government-dominated basket case.

*Gwyn Morgan is a retired business leader who has been a director of five global corporations.*

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## Cassils Clarion

JODI NIZNIK



CASSILS/ANTELOPE CREEK - "Life is better when you surround yourself with people whose kindness isn't a strategy, it's a way of life."

Once again Brooks and the County of Newell were bustling with choices of things to fill your days with this weekend. The Brooks Rotary Club Dinosaur Pump it up Run was Saturday morning with a great sunshine filled day and lots of runner/walkers. The Riley Martin Memorial Ball tournament was at the Elks Diamonds and the Brooks Buffalos secured the tournament win. There was a craft show at the Well, In Sequins Dance Studio year end Recital, the Alberta Highway roadside cleanup, Prairie Rose Hospice hosted a dementia workshop that was well attended, along with many other things I'm sure I wasn't aware of!

The High School rodeo crew were on the road in Nanton this weekend. Hayden Mulvey was finding his groove again and secured the round 2 win. Carter Mulvey was in Medicine Hat playing baseball and although they didn't win they were making a good comeback in the 7th inning.

Baseball season has started and the diamonds are busy every night. The Brooks Bombers will take the field for their home opener on May 29th. Come cheer them and many youth teams on!

Eva Niznik was in Olds on the weekend for 4H Senior Symposium and Selections. This is a leadership conference weekend with opportunities to work towards earning trips to varying destinations for leadership and learning. Eva was fortunate to be awarded a trip to the Yukon and NW Territories for a Ag-tourism trip in August.

A good selection of the Giles, Niznik, and a Harbinson families were in Strathmore Sunday afternoon for a gathering. Jean and Joan's cousins were all together while a sister from Quebec was visiting. They had a great time catching up!

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.

## Scandia Sketch

KARLYN TAKEDA



SCANDIA - 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-jr high students head to Edmonton this week for a skills competition, and the elementary students head to County AG days! There will be SPEC playgroup this Friday from 9:30-11, bring your littles for some fun! 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, extra children \$2 each. 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.



Runners take a break after the Pump It Up Run at Dinosaur Provincial Park. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



**COUNTY OF NEWELL**



# YOU'VE GOT MAIL

## 2024 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAX NOTICES

This is notification from the County of Newell that the **2024 Property Assessment & Tax Notices** have been mailed. If you do not receive your Property Assessment & Tax Notice by May 31, 2024, please contact the County of Newell to obtain a copy.

Council continues to offer a discount on taxes if paid in full by the due date. The Tax Penalties & Incentive Bylaw (2008-21) provides for:

- a discount of **2.5%** applied to all current municipal taxes paid by June 15th
- a penalty of **8%** applied to current year taxes outstanding as of November 15th
- a penalty of **12%** applied to all taxes in arrears as of March 1st of each year.

The discount is applied only to the taxes that are retained by the County of Newell. The School and Newell Foundation taxes are collected by the County, then forwarded on to those respective parties. The 2.5% discount is applied only to the taxes listed under the Tax "Municipal" Category on your tax notice. To take advantage of the discount, payment of your taxes must be made by **4:30 p.m. on June 17th, 2024.**

**Payment options include** (more information can be found on the **Making Payments** page on our website):

- Through your financial institution or online banking
- Etransfer to [eft@newellmail.ca](mailto:eft@newellmail.ca)
- Credit card via Option Pay (additional fees apply)
- Cash/cheque/interac at reception during business hours
- Mail a cheque to Box 130 (183037 Rge Rd 145) Brooks, AB, T1R 1B2

(post-dated cheques payable to the County of Newell are acceptable provided they are dated and received prior to June 17th)

**NOTE: To ensure your payment is applied to the correct account, include the bottom return portion of the Tax Notice referencing the Tax Roll that is being paid with your payment. If you have questions, please visit our website at [www.countyofnewell.ab.ca](http://www.countyofnewell.ab.ca), send an email to [finance@newellmail.ca](mailto:finance@newellmail.ca), or call 403-362-3266.**

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# Man threatens employees; gets four month sentence

SANDRA M STANWAY  
BROOKS BULLETIN

A Brooks man who threatened an employee during a verbal outbreak was sentenced to four months in custody and one year of probation.

After Chol Mayol Ador, 44, pleaded guilty to the charge of uttering a threat the Court was told that while intoxicated last August he was verbally aggressive to

Service Canada employees, pointing at one and threatening to kill her as well as threatening to kill police.

The Crown sought three months in custody and 18 months of probation for uttering threats.

The Crown also sought 30 days consecutive custody for not attending court last November, however, defense told the Court that Ador would be at risk of

being removed from Canada and that he would have no appeal if he has six months of custody or more.

Defence sought four months in custody.

He said Ador's sister believes he may have mental health issues, however, it remains undiagnosed because he does not have a family doctor.

"He is very remorseful. On that day he went to the Service Canada Centre he was trying to access some income benefits but was told it couldn't be found. He believed that someone else was using his name. The agents couldn't help him," said defense counsel Israel Waive.

Ador was in custody for 70 days and was given credit for 105 days of pre-trial custody.

"He's spent more than six months in custody," said Waive.

Justice C. Reiger sentenced him to four months in custody and to serve 12 months of probation for uttering threats. He was sentenced to an additional 15 days for not attending court.

Ador was remanded to custody and is to appear on other assault charges to which he has pleaded not guilty.



Bradyn Baynham hosted a Hip Hop for Hunger in Brooks event Saturday to raise donations for the Brooks Food Bank. The event included fun and games, giveaways and musical performances. The event raised \$450 for the food bank and a full donation bin. The organization thanks everyone who donated bottles or made any contributions of any sort to help make this event happen. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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# NOTICE COUNTY COUNCIL INTENT

## REVISION

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.**

County Administration Offices: 183037 Rge. Rd. 145

403-362-3266

administration@newellmail.ca



# Farm & Ranch

## Plant closure referendum another lesson... anti-meat extremists succeed



An upcoming referendum in Denver, Colorado, if successful, will see the closure of the Superior Farms Ltd (SFL) local lamb processing facility. For over 70 years, its been the largest lamb processor in the USA, with a throughput of 500,000 lambs a year. That closure will have a massive marketing impact on a relatively small livestock industry. The referendum deems to ban the commercial slaughter of all animals within the Denver city limits. However, the only facility it would apply to is the SFL operation. There is opinion that the referendum's obscure (devious?) wording could also apply to further meat processing like sausage, deli meats,

and even butcher shops. Its felt the wording would provide zealous, well-financed animal rights and vegetarian lobby groups a legal loophole to take almost anyone in the meat processing business in Denver to court. Such vexatious legal lawsuits are the core activity of most self-appointed animal rights and green left lobby groups. They are designed to exhaust the defendants emotionally and financially, so they just give up. From far away - that impending event may not seem to have much consequence for us, but it's another ominous long-term development for those in the meat processing business. The point being - if it can happen in a sophisticated urban centre like Denver, it could happen in other cities in North America. If you think it can't happen again, you might want to ponder some past anti-animal agriculture

legal and legislative developments. Most of it has occurred in the US because similar anti-animal agriculture actions are more difficult to pursue in Canada. The problem is that our livestock and meat industries get caught in the crossfire, as noted below. Also worrisome is that American animal rights lobby groups, including anti-horse processing groups, use their financial power to incite their proxy organizations in Canada. The most apparent developments relate to the California legislation on poultry and hog production handling facilities - they were put into place after referendums in that state. That development directly affects Canadian hog and pork exports as California applies its legislation to any meat imports into the state regardless of their origin. It has become a

contentious international trade issue, but that takes years to resolve. Animal rights lobby groups were able to end the commercial slaughter of horses in the USA not by closing local plants with referendums but by getting the US Congress to not authorize USDA funding for meat inspectors in horse processing plants. That approach has emboldened Save-Our-Horses lobby groups in Canada who are pressuring the federal Liberal government to terminate live horse shipments to Japan. If that proves successful, they will undoubtedly try to get the commercial horse slaughter industry shut down. It's a devious incremental approach that works. Clearly, there are different ways to win a war, and that war will continue, particularly when the voting majority is naively gullible about food production. The group behind the

Denver referendum is well-financed and PR savvy, as they were able to collect the 15,000 signatures needed to get the referendum on the next Denver city election ballot. How did they do it - by appealing to the emotional heartstrings of the voters - here is how a demonstration near the plant was reported.

- Lambs came out of the truck, about to be forced to their deaths; citizens held each other in grief and sorrow. Flowers were laid out in memory of the more than 1,000 baby lambs killed at Superior Farms every single day.
- One onlooker proclaimed, "There is the smell of death in the air around the Superior Farms slaughterhouse. When I see the lambs brought in on the transport trucks, it hurts my heart. I hear them cry and see their baby faces sticking out of the transport holes as they

scream for someone to save them." Those are powerful words for gullible consumers. The campaign includes photos of the cutest, fluffiest lambs, barely a few weeks old. For the record, American market lambs are slaughtered at 150 pounds around two years old and are well beyond the cuteness stage. One is reminded of the bogus campaign against the seal hunt, where cute day-old fluffy white seal pups were used as centerpiece propaganda that eventually saw the seal industry collapse. The Denver referendum could succeed, and if the seal hunt ban in Canada is any indication - banning the commercial slaughter of domestic animals has every chance of success. The zealots are cunning, devious and patient. *Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer.*

## Close to 300 people participate in the annual run at Dinosaur Provincial Park



Daniel Whiting of Calgary was the first person to cross the finish line in the 10km (actually it's 10.38km) race at the Pump It Up Run that was held on Saturday at Dinosaur Provincial Park. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

### SANDRA M STANWAY BROOKS BULLETIN

The annual Pump It Up Run that was held at Dinosaur Provincial Park on Saturday attracted 258 people for the 10km (10.38km), 5km and 3km timed events. While the 10km and 5km are somewhat competitive, the much shorter distance is to allow families to enjoy the park in a non-competitive atmosphere. Dan Whiting of Calgary, who competed in the 30-39 age category, led the way for the 10km event and crossed the finish line in 42:09.141 minutes. The 2014 10km record remains untouched at 37:58.90. Blake Balog of Duchess, in the 30-39 age category,

was second with his time of 44:36.424. Sheri Emerson, of Medicine Hat in the 40-49 age category was the first female runner in the 10km event with her time of 53:45.735. Mandi Olsen, also of Medicine Hat, in the 30-39 age category, crossed the finished line in 55:15.137 to take the second place female's title. In the 5km event Tyron Mosing of Foothills, in the in the 40-49 age category, was first with a time of 18:13.146 just ahead of Abe Blackmore of Calgary in the 20-29 age category with his time of 19:32.417. Shevaun McMeeken of Brooks, in the 30-39 age category, was the first

female finisher in the 5km with her time of 24:21.665. Meghan Kearley of Brooks who crossed the

line in 25:00.503 and who competed in the 20-29 age category, was the second place female finisher.



Runners check their times following the Pump It Up Run on Saturday. | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO



Karen and Bryan Nagy installed the mural that had been on the dry cleaning building to Star Tech located on Nesbitt Way (3rd Street East). | SANDRA M STANWAY PHOTO

# Tilley Telegram

ANITA CHAPPELL



TILLEY - 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.

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.

A news reporter asked Michael Jordan if he thought the '90s Bulls could beat LeBron's Lakers. "Yes," he replied, "but probably only by about two or three points." "Why such a close game?" the reporter

inquired. "Well," replied Michael, "Most of us are almost 60 now."

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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 Tuesday May 14, 2024 @ 1:00 P.M.  
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# Sixty days custody for breaching court order

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

Abdirisak Ali Hagi Yusuf pleaded guilty to a couple of breaches after an officer found him during a traffic stop.

The court was told that Yusuf, who resides in Lethbridge, has been on conditions to not attend Brooks except for medical and legal purposes.

An April 17 at about 10:15 p.m. Yusuf was in a vehicle that was stopped by Brooks police.

The officer confirmed that Yusuf was on conditions.

Defence counsel told the court that Yusuf had been on an order for a long time not to be in Brooks but a trial was cancelled and he didn't know the conditions were still in affect.

Yusuf, through his lawyer, apologized and said he never should have agreed to terms that he shouldn't be in Brooks since his life is here.

In a joint submission accepted by the court, Yusuf, who had been in custody for 25 days, received 60 days but was credited 38 days.

The order that Yusuf is not to be in Brooks was revoked earlier in another court.

# Province buys Kinbrook Park's group site property

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Eastern Irrigation District has sold the group camp site at Kinbrook Island Provincial Park to the province.

Ivan Friesen, manager of the EID, said the decision was made at the board's last meeting.

"The motion to accept the province's offer to purchase about 23 acres of land was accepted unanimously," he said.

The sale at about \$2,220 per acre, includes the group site. The district will maintain the causeway.

He said a survey has to be completed to close the sale.

"It was relatively simple. We all want to see that land utilized. It was a unanimous decision."

It has been about four years since the group site has been open.

Last year a sailing event was cancelled because there was no room at the park for all the participants and their boats and although the EID permitted use of the area, the province did not.

County councillor Greg Skriver, who through joint services and provincial meetings has been urging the government to open the site said that he is happy that the province now owns the land but still has some concern that the site will not

open in 2024.

"Are we going to get any more action? I don't think it'll speed things up. It's still controlled by the provincial government.

"We're at the mercy of parks and tourism to get that open. The plan we were told is that it's supposed to open but I'm not confident that it will," he said.

# City council thanks CAO for his time at the helm

**SANDRA M STANWAY**  
BROOKS BULLETIN

On Monday Amanda Peterson, who has served as the city's deputy CAO since 2011, was promoted to interim CAO.

Peterson will remain in the position until a new CAO hired to replace Alan Martens who retired on May 3.

During his final meeting in April, Martens, who has worked as CAO since March 9, 2009, thanked the staff and councils and three mayors during his time.

He said it was unbelievable to see the dedication by each of three mayors.

As for senior staff, he said it was an honour to accept the Dedicated Senior Management Award in 2015 which was co-awarded by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Society of Local Government Managers.

"It was an honour to go

Brooks CAO



ALAN MARTENS

up and accept that award on behalf of the team," he said.

He said it has been a pleasure serving the community and raising his family in Brooks.

"To me, Brooks truly is a community I'm proud to call home."

After listing 14 years of city projects during which time Martens was at the helm, John Petrie thanked Martens for his work.

"We thank you for the time at the city. It's an impressive legacy as you move on to your next phase in life," he said.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> until May 15<sup>th</sup> to apply. All other applicant permits will be issued between May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>. 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><b>CMA 23</b> (Medicine Hat, Brooks, Hilda Elkwater) PH: 403-502-6595</p>	<p><b>CMA 24</b> (Taber, Bow Island, Foremost, Warner) Shop Address: 6203 – 64 Ave. Taber, AB T1G 1Z7</p>
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# 2023 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT



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The County of Newell's 2023 Annual Financial Report contains the audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2023. Read highlights from our Agricultural Services, Municipal Services, and Planning & Development departments, as well as enjoy a message from Reeve Arno Doerksen.

You can access the 2023 Annual Report, as well as complete financial statements, budget documents, and annual reports from previous years on our website at [countyofnewell.ab.ca/financial-reports](http://countyofnewell.ab.ca/financial-reports)

Hard copies of the Audited Financial Statements or Annual Report documents are available upon request.

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# Puzzles

## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to salad.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 17 = T)

- A. 10 12 17 17 18 13 12**  
Clue: Salad leaves
- B. 17 4 25 8 17 4 12 24**  
Clue: Full of lycopene
- C. 13 20 16 24 5**  
Clue: Firm and crunchy
- D. 10 18 23 13 15**  
Clue: Afternoon meal

Answers: A. lettuce B. tomatoes C. crisp D. lunch

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to salad.

TNROCUO

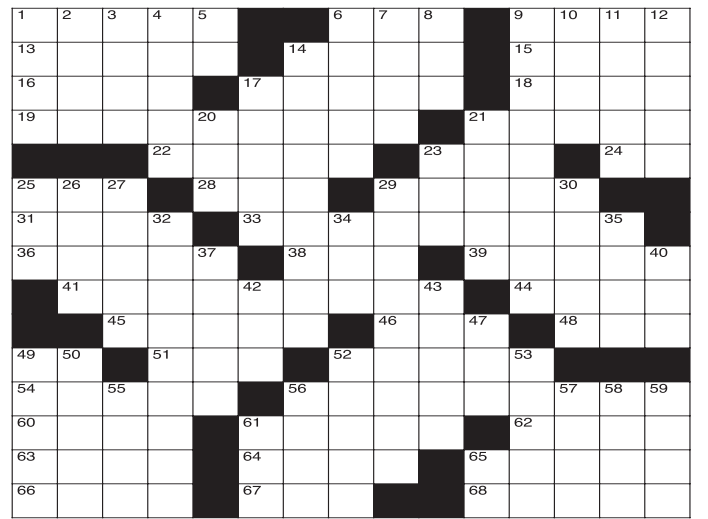
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Answer: Crouton

## Guess Who?

I am a comic actor born on May 10, 1978 in Ohio. I started acting at age 15 while attending a visual and performing arts school. I'm best known for zany roles on Nickelodeon and later for my comic work on "Saturday Night Live."

Answer: Kenan Thompson



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. It wakes you up
- 6. A place to sleep
- 9. Czech village
- 13. Appetizer
- 14. African country
- 15. Dark brown or black
- 16. Parent-teacher groups
- 17. Saturates
- 18. ESPN personality Kimes
- 19. Songs to a lover
- 21. Cavalry-sword
- 22. Begat
- 23. Patriotic women
- 24. Famed Princess
- 25. One who does not conform
- 28. Neither
- 29. Nigerian monetary unit
- 31. Body parts
- 33. Hit Dave Matthews Band song
- 36. Depicts with pencil
- 38. Make into leather without tannin
- 39. Plants grow from them
- 41. Alias
- 44. Fingers do it
- 45. More dried-up
- 46. Clod
- 48. Senior officer
- 49. A way to listen to music
- 51. The bill in a restaurant
- 52. Historic center of Artois region
- 54. Cyprinid fishes
- 56. Poisonous perennial plant
- 60. Scottish Loch
- 61. Heads
- 62. Extra seed-covering
- 63. Wings
- 64. Britpop band
- 65. Forearm bones
- 66. Small immature herring
- 67. Female sibling
- 68. Hymn

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vipers
- 2. Not on time
- 3. Resembling a wing or wings
- 4. Tears down
- 5. Professional designation
- 6. Noise a sheep made
- 7. Type of lodge
- 8. Speak poorly of
- 9. Ties the knot again
- 10. Apron
- 11. Studied intensively
- 12. City in Finland
- 14. One who monitors
- 17. 18-year astronomical period
- 20. Trent Reznor's band
- 21. Takes to the sea
- 23. Split pulses
- 25. Valentine's Day color
- 26. Wyatt
- 27. Type of rail
- 29. One from the Big Apple
- 30. Asteroids
- 32. Made more sugary
- 34. Change in skin pigment
- 35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 37. Koran chapters
- 40. A place to relax
- 42. Young woman ready for society life
- 43. Female horses
- 47. Half of Milli Vanilli
- 49. Icelandic poems
- 50. Indiana town
- 52. Golden peas
- 53. Closes tightly
- 55. It's mined in mountains
- 56. Cliff (Hawaii)
- 57. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 58. Monetary unit
- 59. Primordial matter
- 61. TV station
- 65. Rise



PUZZLE SOLUTION

## TASTY SALAD WORD SEARCH

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 G R D N I D C R U N C H Y M E E D C B P  
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### WORDS

- BAR
- BEETS
- BUTTER
- CAESAR
- CELERY
- CHEESE
- CROUTONS
- CRUNCHY
- DIET
- DRESSING
- GARNISH
- GREENS
- ICEBERG
- OLIVES
- ONIONS
- RADISHES
- REFRESHING
- ROMAINE
- SALAD
- SPINACH
- TOMATOES
- TOPPING
- TOSSED

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

## Sudoku

		5			7			4
						2		
3						1		6
			5					
		9						3
			2	4	3		6	
8						9		
	7		9	2	1			5
		3			8		1	

### ANSWERS

2	8	5	1	6	7	3	9	4
9	6	1	3	5	4	2	7	8
3	4	7	8	9	2	1	5	6
7	3	6	5	8	9	4	2	1
4	2	9	7	1	6	5	8	3
1	5	8	2	4	3	7	6	9
8	1	2	6	3	5	9	4	7
6	7	4	9	2	1	8	3	5
5	9	3	4	7	8	6	1	2

Level: Intermediate

## HOROSCOPES

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
 Aries, it's challenging for you and a romantic partner to get together this week and that may lead to stress. Over time you will be able to reconnect and get things back in sync.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
 Taurus, normally you are very open, but all of your communication channels seem to be blocked of late. Don't be too hard on yourself as things will return to normal soon enough.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**  
 Gemini, if a family member has been in a bad mood or is feeling unwell, it is up to you to get to the root of the situation. Provide whatever assistance you can.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
 Cancer, you may feel like you don't want to get involved if a friend or colleague is in trouble. But this person can really use your help at the moment and you should step up.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
 Don't let your career get sidetracked by gossip and office politics, Leo. You should stand up for yourself if others are speaking poorly about you. Avoid getting involved in gossip.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
 Virgo, what seems to be bad news about your financial situation may not be as bad as it once appeared. Double-check

the details before you become panicked.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
 Libra, you may be inclined to protect loved ones from the truth this week, but they need to hear all of the details in this instance. Break any news to them gently.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
 Scorpio, you are a workaholic by nature, but when fatigue hits you this week, you'll need to step back and give yourself time to rest. There's a lot coming your way soon enough.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
 A person who is no longer in your life may be on your mind a lot these days, Sagittarius. Cherish the fond memories you have of this person and don't worry about being preoccupied.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
 Capricorn, misinformation may be spreading around you and it can be tempting to add your own input to the discussions. Make sure your contributions can be backed up.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
 You are finally putting some of your longstanding plans in motion, Aquarius. However, this week you may receive some information that might delay progress.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
 Someone may try to mislead you with some inaccurate information this week, Pisces. Conduct your own research and you'll get all of the details you need for to draw your own conclusion.

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**obituaries**



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With much love and deep sorrow we mourn the passing of a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and dear friend. Anna Honorata Groele was born on February 4, 1947 to Elizabeth and Frank in their farmhouse near Outram, Saskatchewan. Following a lengthy battle with COPD, Anne passed away, peacefully, with Papa(Ric) by her side, in Bassano Hospital on Monday, April 29, 2024 at the age of 77 years. Mom will be lovingly missed by her husband of 54 years, Ric; children: Scott(Von),

Ryan(Sandra) and Marnie; grandchildren: Jessie, Jace, Jayme(Andrew), Grace, Rachel and Olivia; great grandchildren: Emersyn and Austyn; sister: Stefania Wolfe; brothers-in-law: Charles Kuntz, John Hastings(Maggie); sisters-in-law: Sharon Laudel, Carol Gough(Paul); numerous nieces and nephews, their spouses and children; as well as a great many close friends and other relatives. She was predeceased by her parents: Elizabeth and Frank Groele; infant sister: Katrina; sister: Mary Ann Kuntz; niece: Maureen Kuntz; brothers-in-law: Gerry Beddows and Cliff Wolfe and parents-in-law: Albert and Lou Beddows, Alice Poirier. Mom, a notable presence in the community, was particularly proud of her time as a clinical assistant in Dr. Lewke's office in Calgary, her ventures with Dad in Mr. Pepper's restaurant, the Empty Bottle and Bassano Building Centre and her involvement with Eastern Star. Mom devoted countless efforts to her family's endeavours, her friends, her pets, her home and yard and anyone who required a helping hand. Mom ... we are thankful for the wonderful things you have ingrained in us .... Your wit, Your humour, Your dedication, Your creativity, Your strength, Your compassion, Your generosity, Your stubbornness!, the list goes on. Most of all, we treasure your Love for us all ....

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married in July 1971. Pat lovingly welcomed four children into the world, Krystine, Bradley, Scott, and Jody. Pat and Krystine were happily reunited later in life which made our family finally complete. Pat faced many challenges and made sacrifices to give her family the life they deserved. She worked at the Tilley Hotel, the Brooks Horticultural Centre, and even a manager at McDonald's. Her adventurous spirit took her to Rolling Hills, and she eventually settled in Brooks for several years. In August 2004, Pat found love once more when she married Nick Darago. They embarked on a new chapter together, moving to Calgary and later settling in Medicine Hat, where they shared their lives until her passing. Pat leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. She is survived by her devoted husband, Nick Darago, her daughter Krystine Salmon (Joe), her sons Bradley and Scott (Kim), and her daughter Jody. The joy of her life was her precious grandchildren: Ty, Ethan, Emily, Daniel, and Megan. Additionally, she embraced her stepchildren, Darin and Nicky, along with their grandchildren. Her sister, Jackie (Julian), holds a special place in her heart. Jackie's children, Bobby (Sydney) and Derek (Sheyanne), as well as their children Autumn and Amara, were dear to Pat as well as her sister Judy's children, Paul and Tanya (Paris), and their children Dina and Andreas. Pat's warmth, kindness, and unwavering love will forever echo in our hearts. May she rest in eternal peace. 19P

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CYR - Armand J Cyr
July 23, 1934 - April 23, 2024
Armand passed away on April 23, 2024 at the age of eighty-nine at the Grande Prairie Care Centre where he had resided for the last 2 1/2 years.

He graduated grade 12 and got into various construction jobs throughout the south and eventually in the Peace country. He met Ellen Hellmer on New Years Eve in 1960 at the local dance, three years later they were married.

Armand always wanted to farm but felt the land prices in southern AB were too high and he was not interested in irrigation. He and his dad noticed some advertising about available land in northern AB, so they checked it out.

Armand found work with local construction outfits and also worked with Dika's Construction for the first few years. During the summers he would run out to his land to clear and break as needed. Soon enough he got on with local cat skidders and was brushing and piling in the winters and farming, working and breaking land during the summers.

Armand enjoyed visiting the neighbors on the weekends, traveling south over Easter breaks, seeing the sights of Alberta and some in BC in his later years. He was a part of the local gas co-op, life member of the Knights of Columbus, regular in church attendance no matter where they lived.

Sadly, Lex suddenly passed away in 2018, which was a shock to all. It was hard on Armand and Ellen to lose the youngest child; they had shared a lot of crib games together and with company.

Armand is predeceased by his son Lex Cyr (2018); parents Eugene and Elizabeth Cyr; siblings Louis Cyr, Alice Anderson, and Paul Cyr (infant).

A Celebration of Life will be held on July 4th, 11:00am @ St Joseph Catholic Church, Grande Prairie, AB with presentation and lunch to follow.

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William Buteau
September 7, 1931 - May 2, 2024

BUTEAU, William
September 7, 1931 - May 2, 2024
William "Bill" Joseph Buteau of Calgary, AB, passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the age of 92 years.

Bill was born in Crichton, SK on September 7, 1931. He was the second oldest child born to George and Marie (Mary Deschamps) Buteau. He went to school in Crichton, SK, in his early years, and then when the family moved to Cassils, AB, he continued his education until the age of fourteen.

His working career started at the Circle Ranch near Patricia, AB. Bill then moved to Calgary to continue doing similar work at the Bow Valley Ranch. From there, he got a job working on the railroad. During that period, he met his wife Ann. They were married February 3, 1954 and started their family.

Some of Bill's greatest memories would come from his adventures in the great outdoors; hunting, fishing, camping with the family, golfing, skiing, and much more. His dogs were a big part of his life. He always had one. Bill had hunting dogs in his younger years but as the years went by, his dogs would become very important to him; walking them faithfully everyday without fail.

Bill could fix almost anything and even if he couldn't, he would still try. He had no fear that way. Electrical, mechanical, plumbing, drywall, flooring, and everything in-between. He was quite the handyman and a very good teacher.

Family and friends were very important to Bill. He would do anything for his kids and made an extra effort toward his grandchildren. Many hours were spent at rinks, football fields, and many other activities. While Bill worked at Alpha Dairy, ice cream would become his favourite.

He leaves behind his wife of 70 years, Ann (Kathleen Irwin), and four children, Carol Buteau, Gary (Val) Buteau, Peggy Buteau, and Wade (Tannis) Buteau; six grandchildren, Mike (Claire), Jennifer (Zach), Lindsay, Jason (Elisabeth), Matthew (Priscilla), and Misha (Ethan); seven great-grandchildren, Isabelle, Wilder, William, Wolf, Finn, Ridley, and August. Bill is survived by his sisters, Margaret Parks, Cecile Duncan, and Yvonne Freundl.

The family wishes to send a special and heartfelt thank you to the staff and caregivers at AgeCare Glenmore for their care and compassion.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to The Alzheimer Society of Calgary at www.alzheimercalgary.com.

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# Opinion: Irrigation – when you’re in a dry hole, don’t dig another one

**LORNE FITCH**  
CALGARY HERALD

One definition of a consultant is someone who looks at your watch and tells you what time it is. The recently released consultant’s report — Adaptation Roadmap for the SSRB: Assessment of Strategic Water Management Projects to Support Economic Development in the South Saskatchewan River Basin — is a mirror reflecting back the aspirations of the irrigation lobby.

In fact, it provides the answer — more dams and reservoirs — instead of dealing with some foundational issues.

When facing down drought that experts say may persist, moving from supply side management of water and dealing with water demand seems prudent. The real question is how to adapt to less water when supply diminishes.

Adaptation doesn’t happen by building more reservoirs. If this is viable, we may be the first in history to outrun the effects of a shrinking water supply. No one else has been able to perfect this magic.

Our rivers already have less flow in them and are expected to further decline. Reservoirs don’t create water, they just store what is available but waste much in the process. Evaporation losses are almost a metre of water per year from each. That’s water lost from the rivers.

When stuck in an irrigation growth paradigm, it doesn’t register that there is a limit to such growth. The proposed result of this “study” is a classic case of “running faster and faster to stay in the same place.” There are already 56 reservoirs in southern Alberta dedicated almost wholly to irrigation. Will building eight more be the answer? “Yes,” says the irrigation lobby, because it’s the perennial answer.

No matter how much lobbying is done, how

many new dams and reservoirs are built, climate change cannot be outrun. Even if we bankrupt the province with all the suggested engineering hubris, to the suggested tune of more than \$5 billion taxpayer dollars, this adaptation road map could lead to a dead end.

Instead of more holes that may or may not be filled with water, a different path is required. Reluctance to deal with water demand creates a wicked problem that the sales pitch in the report fails to address. If you always do what you’ve always done (build more dams and reservoirs), you’ll always get what you’ve always got (increased demand and issues of water supply). It’s a cycle in which effort to solve a given problem results in aggravation of the problem or the creation of a worse one.

Proceeding with the exuberance of dam building without a better understanding of the variances of climate change may well create some enormous engineering white elephants. This also ignores where the water comes from. Our future is likely to be more rain but less snow. But it is slow snow melt that keeps our rivers flowing.

Headwater forests capture that snow, retaining some of it in shallow groundwater storage for later release. With our expanding land-use footprint — especially logging — we are changing the way water is trapped, stored and released. This exacerbates floods and drought.

Our forested headwaters is the ultimate “reservoir” for water, yet it merits no attention in this report. Funding upstream watershed restoration and security would seem to be the first thing to consider, not more dams at the downstream end.

The glib and disingenuous statement that more reservoirs would

aid fish through better flows is a whopper of a “fish tale.” This didn’t happen with any past developments and won’t happen with any future ones. There isn’t even enough flow to consistently meet the lowest common denominator, an “administrative” in-stream objective, which does not protect fish and aquatic life.

This breathless endorsement for more dams and reservoirs isn’t adaptation but a blatant cheerleading proposal for irrigation interests with little in the way of benefits for Albertans, other than a hefty price tag.

With this report, the irrigation lobby confirm their “adaptation road map” will mean our rivers are good — to the last drop.

Shifting a dominant culture and narrative of engineering the landscape for irrigation agriculture to a new perspective of learning to do with less water is a tall order. Understanding what level of water use can be sustained while keeping our rivers from drying up are difficult but not insurmountable challenges.

What is urgently required is an independent, objective analysis by qualified professionals on the broader questions of how to adapt to a climate change future — perhaps the driest of perfect storms — not how to expand irrigation.

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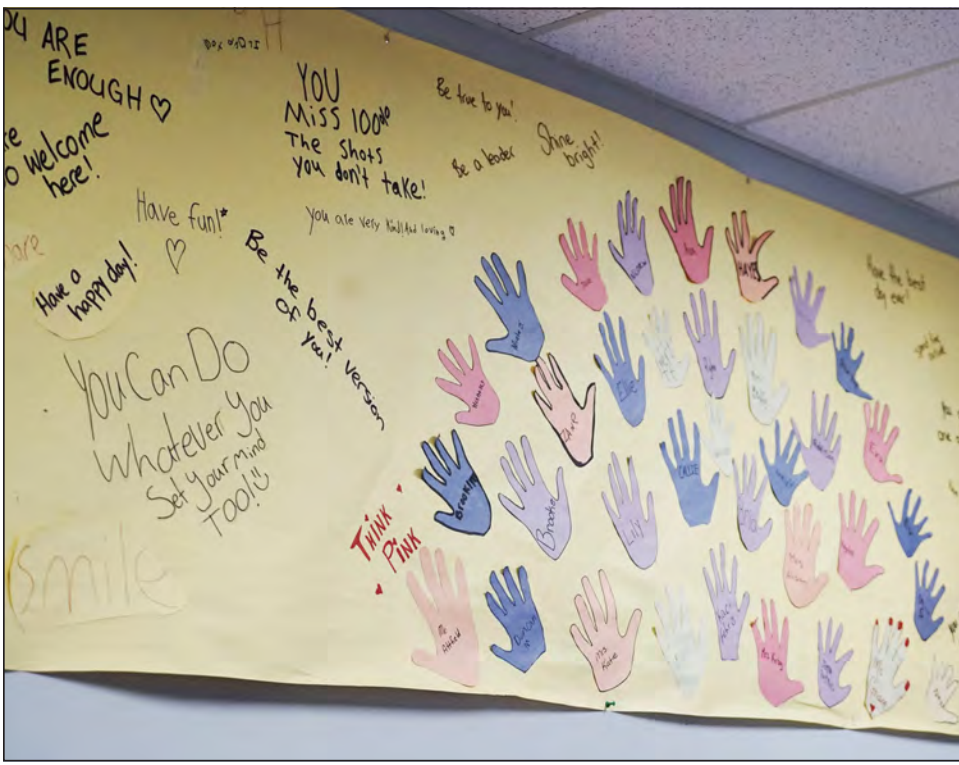
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This banner was a project completed by all students at Jenner School and hangs in the hallway leading to the gymnasium. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Jenner School connecting with community this year

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Jenner School has been focusing on Commitment to Community this year, which will be the theme of their Exhibition of Learning in June.

"The exhibition has turned into a community-centered recognition day that the teachers have now taken part in," explained principal of Jenner School Kirby Stensrud. "We did some Christmas and Easter baskets and delivered those to care homes in Medicine Hat and things have spurred off from there that have been fun."

The young students, K-3, have been interviewing community champions who've come into the school to speak with them. The students have a list of questions they ask each presenter(s): What motivates you? If you had one word to describe Jenner, what would it be? Why did you pick your job or career? Additionally, each visitor will tell the students stories about their life or career. Grade 2 student Huntley Stensrud said her one word for Jenner is amazing and she is motivated by friends, family and all animals.

Grade 4-6 students created two large mural art projects, and the post offices in Jenner and Buffalo will each receive one. "Each student chose a symbol that meant something to them about their community. Some chose a silhouette of a farmer, some chose cattle, others 4-H symbols," stated Stensrud.

Grade 5 student Madison Lessner chose loving as her one word for the school and said, "it was fun (making the murals), it was relaxing to rip the pieces of paper up and glue them onto the page. I ended up doing the Alberta Sweet Potatoes logo because my mom runs that."

Being in Grade 9, Evangeline Johnson is in her final year at Jenner School and somewhat

apprehensive about attending a larger school in Duchess next year for Grade 10. For the Exhibition of Learning, all junior high students at Jenner School wrote a report on the area where they live. Johnson lives in Iddesleigh and she learnt the community used to be bigger and much of what used to be operational when her father was younger is no longer around. In addition, the Grade 7 to 9 students designed a new Welcome to Jenner sign, which is currently being manufactured at a local Hutterite colony.

"I'm excited," said Johnson, "it's nice to know what I put work into is coming to life and is happening (the sign). It will bring life to the town and won't be just a little blink people pass through."

Lily McLaughlin, who is also in Grade 9, has been friends with Johnson since both began attending the school in kindergarten. Luckily, both will be attending high school in Duchess next year, which will provide some continuity as they move on from Jenner

School. Depending on where they live, some Grade 9 students will bus to South Central High School in Oyen for Grade 10 through 12.

Her report was on the Tide Lake area and McLaughlin said she already knew most of the history. The 100-year-old Osborne School is right next to her house along with a 100-year-old church that her family still attends occasionally.

"It's a good community to grow up in, you know everybody so it's awesome and you are close to a lot of people," said McLaughlin. Both she and Johnson said their one word for Jenner School would be either family or community.

"What's really cool for these girls is their parents went to Jenner School. We are at that stage now where parents have gone through and now their children have gone through. The kids are really involved in the history part of the community, so a lot of these places they know of, they've seen them, and the community is really connected to the history," concluded Stensrud.



Grade 2 student Huntley Stensrud is motivated by friends, family and all animals and said her one word for Jenner School is amazing. | SUBMITTED PHOTO



Pat Neufeld snapped a photo of early tulips in bloom in Brooks. | PAT NEUFELD PHOTO

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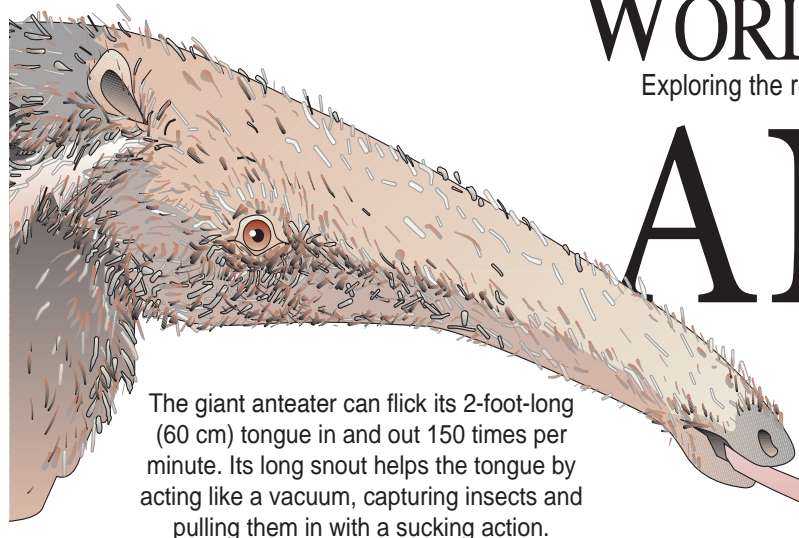
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# ANTEATERS

Anteaters are members of the scientific order Pilosa, which they share with sloths. Their long tongues are covered with small spines and sticky saliva.



The giant anteater can flick its 2-foot-long (60 cm) tongue in and out 150 times per minute. Its long snout helps the tongue by acting like a vacuum, capturing insects and pulling them in with a sucking action.

## The basics

Anteaters share some superficial similarities with animals such as the armadillo, pangolin, echidna and numbat, all of which are sometimes confused with anteaters but are not closely related to them.

Anteaters are generally solitary creatures that sleep up to 15 hours at a time. They sometimes enjoy bathing in cool, shallow water. They generally move at a snail's pace with a slow shuffle. However, if they are afraid or disturbed, they can sprint up to 30 mph (48 kmph). Anteaters may occasionally swim and climb trees.

The giant anteater's long, coarse tail fur helps with balance, serves as an insulator and functions as camouflage for the animal while it sleeps.

## What's for dinner?

Anteaters are **insectivores** and mostly eat insects. As their name suggests, anteaters love to eat ants, but they are also fond of termites and will sometimes eat soft fruit.

Anteaters have long, thin snouts and a great sense of smell that they use to sniff out their food.

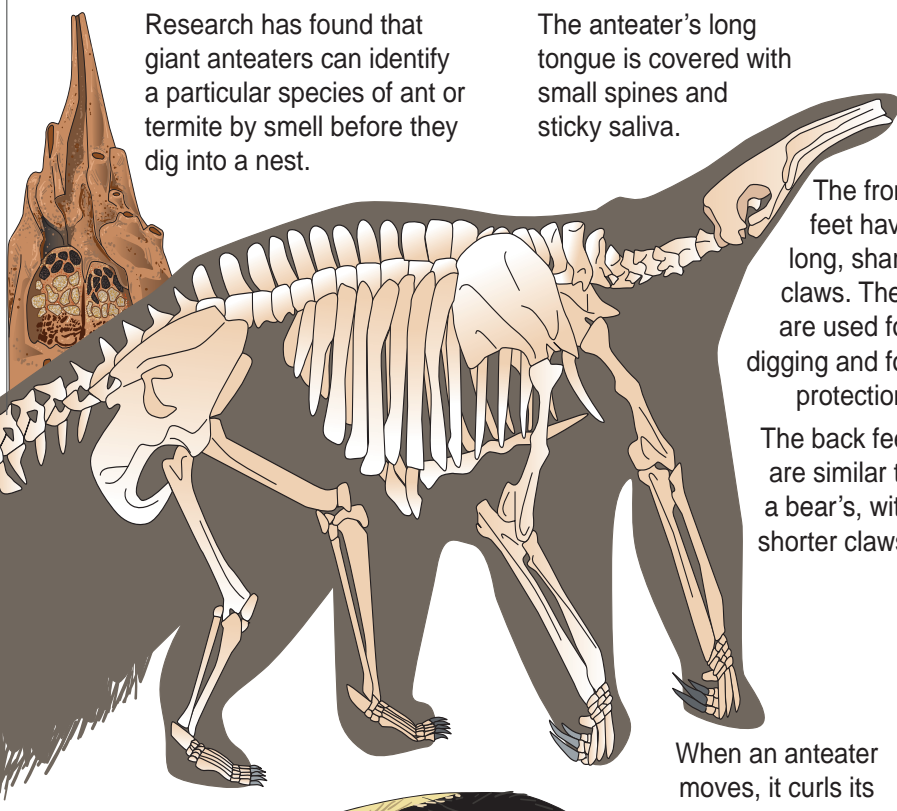
Anteaters hunt for food during the day, using their sticky tongues to lick up the bugs. They use their strong front legs to break into termite and ant nests, but they take care not to destroy a nest that could feed them again later.

An anteater typically eats up to 60,000 ants and termites a day. They may visit up to 200 ant and termite nests throughout the day.

Instead of drinking water from a river or lake, anteaters get their water from licking wet vegetation.

Anteater stomachs generate **formic acid** instead of hydrochloric acid to aid digestion, and they have tough, muscular folds in their stomachs to help grind up dinner.

There are four living species of anteaters: the giant anteater, the silky anteater, the northern tamandua and the southern tamandua. They are native to southern Mexico and northern South America.



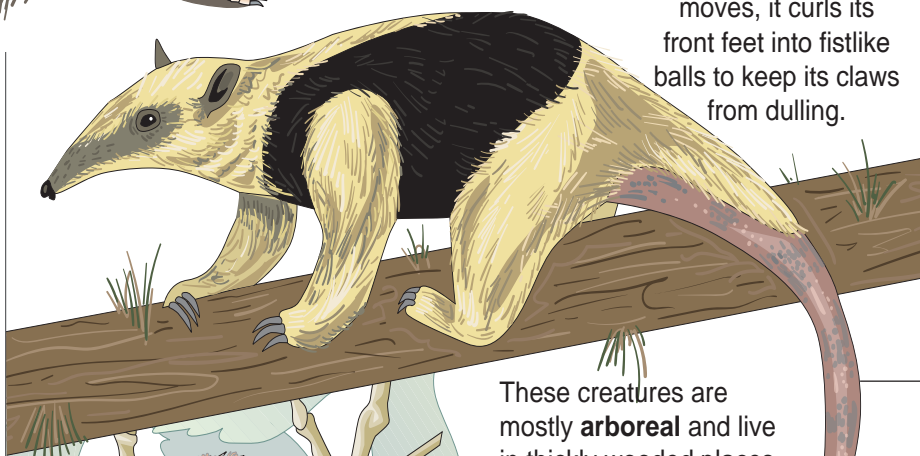
Research has found that giant anteaters can identify a particular species of ant or termite by smell before they dig into a nest.

The anteater's long tongue is covered with small spines and sticky saliva.

The front feet have long, sharp claws. They are used for digging and for protection.

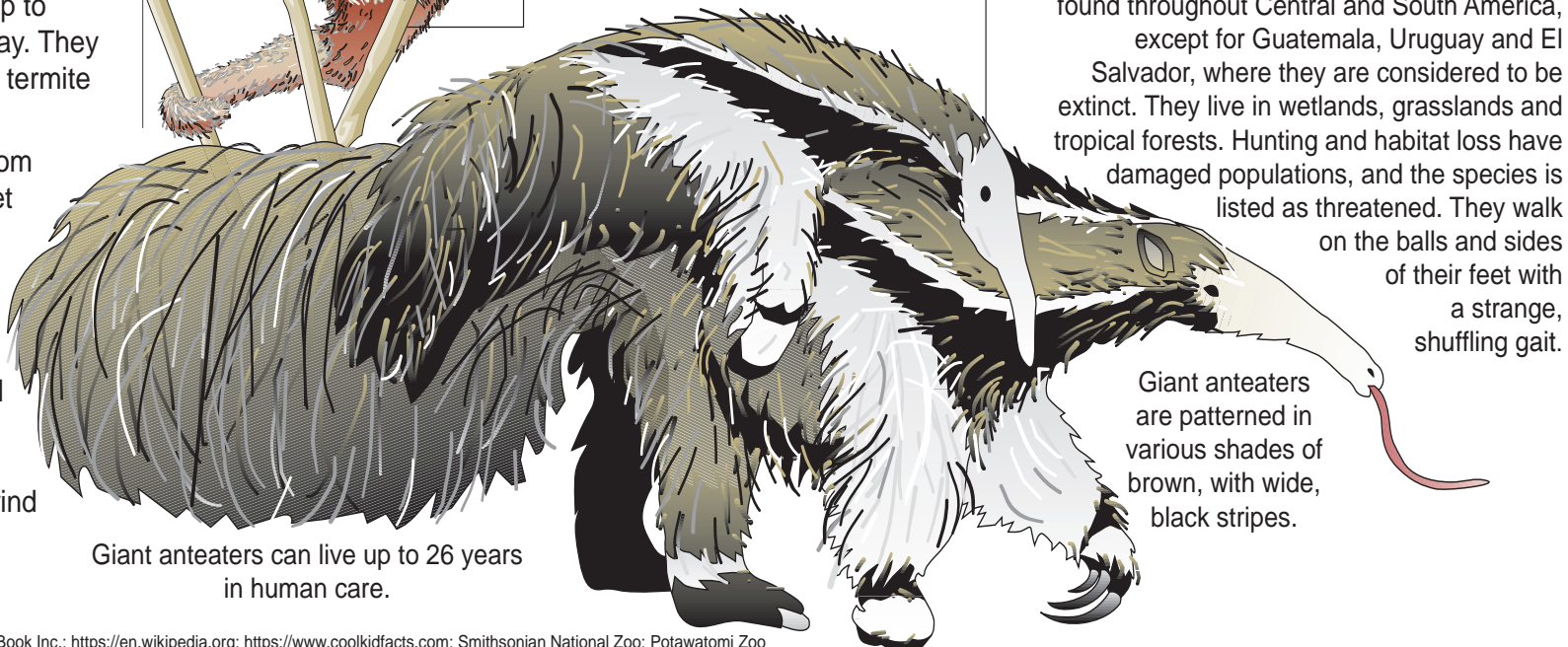
The back feet are similar to a bear's, with shorter claws.

When an anteater moves, it curls its front feet into fistlike balls to keep its claws from dulling.



These creatures are mostly **arboreal** and live in thickly wooded places.

The **silky anteater** is about the size of a squirrel. It spends much of its time in trees and has a **prehensile tail** that can wrap around tree limbs.



Giant anteaters can live up to 26 years in human care.

## Did you know?

The sense of smell of a giant anteater is 40 times stronger than a human's.

Anteaters have the lowest body temperature of any **terrestrial** (land) mammal. Their temperature remains between 91 and 97 degrees Fahrenheit (between 33 and 36 C). This is probably due to the fact that their insect diet, despite the huge quantities consumed, has little nutritional value or calories.

Anteaters are threatened by habitat loss (due to urbanization), motor vehicles, poaching, fires and feral dogs. They are often hunted for food as well as for the illicit pet trade.

The principal predators of anteaters are big cats like pumas and jaguars.

When cornered and unable to flee, anteaters stand on their rear legs and battle with their front claws.

## Bringing up baby

Females mate in the fall and deliver about six months later. They give birth in an upright position, using their tails for support. Baby anteaters are called **pups**. The mother will give birth to one offspring a year. Pups stay with their mother for about a year before going off on their own. Because anteaters have such long, sharp claws, it's impossible for them to pick up their young, so the pup rides on its mother's back.

**Northern tamanduas** live in the tropics of Central America. **Southern tamanduas** are found in Venezuela, Trinidad and Uruguay. Both species have distinctive black markings on the shoulders and torso.

The **giant anteater** (sometimes called the **ant bear**) is the largest and best-known anteater. It can grow to be more than 8 feet (2.5 m) in length, with a tail measuring up to 3 feet (0.9 m) long. Giant anteaters are found throughout Central and South America, except for Guatemala, Uruguay and El Salvador, where they are considered to be extinct. They live in wetlands, grasslands and tropical forests. Hunting and habitat loss have damaged populations, and the species is listed as threatened. They walk on the balls and sides of their feet with a strange, shuffling gait.

Giant anteaters are patterned in various shades of brown, with wide, black stripes.